

COOP FIS Tour de Ski Toblach | 28-29-31.12.2024 - 1.01.2025 | Toblach (BZ)

STARTING THE NEW YEAR WITH FOUR DAYS OF TOUR DE SKI IN TOBLACH

Dobbiaco is looking forward to the Grand Opening of the Tour de Ski: for the second time in a row, the prestigious tour will open in the Mecca of South Tyrolean cross-country skiing. But FIS counts on this place and its tireless organising committee also in the future: in the 2025/2026 season, the opening stages will again take place in the Nordic Arena of Toblach – because of the high quality standards, the international ski federation reconfirmed Toblach in the Tour for another year.

In the upcoming season 2024/2025, the first 4 stages of the 19th COOP FIS Tour de Ski Performance by Le Gruyère AOP are scheduled to take place from 28 December 2024 to 1 January 2025. The turn of the year in Toblach will therefore be all about cross-country skiing. The best cross-country skiers of the world will compete on the trails of the Nordic Arena, surrounded by the impressive mountain scenery of the Dolomites, the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The opening stage on Saturday, 28 December is a sprint in free technique, a very dynamic race format that always ensures great excitement and has established itself as the opening race in recent years. Something new is planned for Sunday, 29 December: for the first time ever, a mass start will take place in Toblach. The 15 km race in classic technique could already reveal a lot about the possible general classification at the end of the Tour. On the following rest day, it's time to recover and gather power for the remaining two stages in Toblach. The 20 km interval start in free technique on Tuesday, 31 December takes the world's best cross-country skiers into the beautiful surroundings of the Landro Valley. The extremely scenic route leads past Lake Toblach to the Three Peaks View. Impressive pictures of the most famous peaks of the Dolomites will go round the world. After turning back, athletes will follow the route of the former Dolomite railway back to the Nordic Arena. Based on the results of this race day, the starting order for the final 15 km classic-style pursuit on New Year's Day will be created, which will be the end of an intensive start of the Tour in Toblach.

The Tour de Ski caravan then moves directly on to Val di Fiemme for the final three stages, which will decide who takes home the precious trophy. For the first time in history, the entire tour will take place exclusively in Italy. The races in Dobbiaco could already provide a preliminary decision in the overall standings, but will definitely have a lot to say about the possible outcome of the Tour. Exciting competitions and good entertainment are guaranteed thanks to the varied programme.

The organising committee Sport OK Toblach is already working hard with the preparations for the Grand Opening of the Tour de Ski, which will also feature an interesting supporting programme. The big opening ceremony with team presentation in the town centre was a great success last year and will be repeated on 27 December. For the youngest cross country skiers, there will be again the Coop Mini World Cup.

During the up-coming winter months, Toblach will once again be a bright star in the international cross-country skiing world. Shortly after the Tour de Ski, the 49th edition of the 3 Zinnen Ski-Marathon (11-12 January), one of the most traditional cross-country skiing events in the Alps, and the FIS Para-Cross-Country World Championships from 11 to 14 February will follow. Appointment in the South Tyrolean cross-country capital Toblach with a lot of emotions and great sport.

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