

PRESS RELEASE

Newcomer Tour 2022: Race weekend in Baden-Württemberg for junior girls

The Newcomer Race of the Deutschland Tour is an integral part of the concept to promote cycling in Germany. This year, the Newcomer Tour will be held entirely in Baden-Württemberg on two race days. The race is organised exclusively for young female cyclists - the juniors in the U17 category race for the prestigious victory.

On 27 August, the talents will complete the entire ascent to the Schauinsland. At 3 p.m., the female riders will line up for the start on the Schauinslandstraße in Horben-Bohrer. Two hours before the best male pros conquer the ascent, the junior women will already climb the 12 kilometres up Freiburg's local mountain. 1000 metres of altitude are covered in this challenge to the cheers of the spectators.

On Sunday, 28 August, the young female riders will ring in the Deutschland Tour finale in Stuttgart and the Stuttgart region. The 40-kilometre race will start at around 09:30 in Stuttgart-Untertürkheim. This is followed by a technically demanding course over undulating terrain to Kernen im Remstal and Remseck am Neckar. After crossing the Neckar, the juniors will take on the course, which will also be ridden by the pros in the afternoon. They will ride over the Killesberg into the city of Stuttgart for the finale on the Theodor-Heuss-Straße.

Nadine Gill becomes ambassador for young talent

She is already a diplomat, now Nadine Gill will also become an ambassador. The 31-year-old is now supporting the Newcomer Tour and wants to pass on her passion for cycling to the juniors. Nadine Gill works for the German Foreign Office, has only been cycling for a few years and just finished third at the German Championships.

Particularly in the U17 category, the balance between time-consuming training and racing, demands at school and free time for friends is enormously important for personal development. As a career changer with an unusual curriculum vitae, Nadine Gill is inspiring for the young female cyclists. She will accompany the Newcomer Tour and the young cyclists on 27 and 28 August.

Newcomer Tour is a sighting race

The Newcomer Tour is held in cooperation with the Bund Deutscher Radfahrer (German Cyclists' Federation) as an U17 national qualifying race. After three editions, the race has established itself as a springboard for young talent. In 2018, Linda Riedmann won the premiere in Merzig. German Championship gold, European Championship gold, World Championship bronze and a contract in the WorldTour followed. The following year, Jette Simon won in Eisenach as only a 15-year-old. Later she became German runner-up in both the time trial and the road race. Last year, an Italian national team beat the German talents in Franconia.

For the Newcomer Tour 2022, 50 female starters are expected. The announcement is published on the BDR registration portal (www.rad-net.de). Entries are made via the national associations.