



THE 2026 HERO SÜDTIROL DOLOMITES: READY FOR THE MEGA CHALLENGE IN THE DOLOMITES

Only four days to go until the HERO Südtirol Dolomites, the 2026 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup's fourth round, scheduled for Saturday, 13 June in Selva Val Gardena. A coveted event, the race is set to deliver top-notch performances, with cyclists flocking from all over the world, guided by the UCI World Cup leader David Valero Serrano from Spain and Anna Weinbeer from Switzerland. The long weekend kicks off on Thursday, 11 June with the HERO Charity Night powered by Generali-Cattolica.

The race will be live streamed globally, cementing the Dolomites' race importance in the international mountain biking calendar.

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Selva Val Gardena is preparing to welcome one of the most coveted events of the international mountain biking season. The **HERO Südtirol Dolomites** is planned for **Saturday, 13 June 2026**, which doubles as the **HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup's fourth round**.

With just four days to go, the expectations keep on growing, and the race is set to be quite demanding. The race's trails – among the most iconic and demanding in the world – will

test the cyclists' preparation, who will have to push the envelope and show us their stamina, skills, and strategy. Unforgiving trails which will deliver a show to remember from the very start.

This edition's start list impresses for the extremely high calibre of cyclists ready to race.

All eyes are on **David Valero Serrano**, representing Klimatiza Orbea Team, new leader of the overall ranking after his victory at the Naturland Andora race. He will have to look behind his back as **Wout Alleman** is only a few points behind him in second position.

His other main rivals boast well-known names in the international mountain biking scene, including **Leonardo Paez** from Colombia (LeeCougan Basso Factory Racing), who truly is a byword for the HERO, having won eight races in Selva, and Italy's **Samuele Porro** (Klimatiza Orbea Team) and **Stefano Gorla**, read to throw their hat in the ring for a chance to step onto the podium.

Turning to the Women's race, expectations are at an all-time high for **Anna Weinbeer** (KTM Spada powered by Brenta Brakes), who tops the overall ranking and has made the first part of the season her own. She will have to defend her title against top-notch athletes such as **Natalia Fischer** (Extremadura Ecopilas) and **Claudia Peretti. Rosa Van Doorn**, from The Netherlands, is back in the game and already competed in the Andorra race two weeks ago after taking some time off to recover from an injury.

Everything will kick off on **Friday, 12 June, at 16:00** during the **HERO Press Meeting** – this event, open to the public, is an opportunity to meet the stars of the UCI World Cup up close. Some of the race's most awaited names will head up to the stage, including **David Valero Serrano, Leonardo Paez, Dario Cherchi, Anna Weinbeer, Natalia Fischer, and Amanda Bohlin**. They will share their experience, expectations, and less-known aspects in terms of training and preparation for races of this calibre.

A key moment to share experiences and best practices during the HERO, bringing the audience and cyclists together in an informal, real context.

The HERO Südtirol Dolomites, like any other stage of the UCI World Cup, will be broadcast globally. **The live TV broadcast will run between 10:00 alle 12:30 (CEST) on SKY SPORT UNO and SKY Sport Max** in Italian, and on the **official UCI YouTube channel** in English. To follow the **live tracking of the top Elite cyclists and the live timing of all participants**, head to **www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com**. A great opportunity for mountain biking fans to follow the event in real time from wherever they are in the world.

The race in the Dolomites represent a key moment for the 2026 season. The overall ranking is still as dynamic as ever, and just a few points separate the first positions from the top podium – the HERO Südtirol Dolomites could be the decisive race for the circuit's final ranking.

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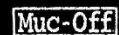
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