

# THE 2025 HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP: TIME FOR THE BLACK FOREST ULTRA BIKE MARATHON

On Sunday, 13 July, the UCI World Cup's fourth round will take place in Kirchzarten, in Germany. Expectations are high for the Black Forest Ultra Bike Marathon, as alle eyes are on Rosa van Doorn who'll be defending her leader position in the overall ranking, with a fiery Sandra Mairhofer nipping at her heels. The spotlight in the men's category is on Andreas Seewald, who became leader of the ranking after round three, followed by Leon Paez and Wout Alleman.

These are just some of the Elite athletes who've signed up for the 2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup; joined by a good 2,800 amateur cyclists who will join them at the starting grid of the Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon.

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Summer is well underway, and cyclists are waiting with bated breath for the **2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup's** fourth round. The circuit is a showcase for mountain bike marathons, and the next race will take place on Sunday, 13 July, in **Germany**, during the **Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon**. This iconic German race has now reached its 25<sup>th</sup> edition, and its 118 km and over 3,550 hm await our Elite cyclists and countless amateurs. This race is a test of endurance and strategy which will put all cyclists under pressure right from the start. The circuit encompasses Mount Feldberg which with its 1,492 m is the tallest *Mittelgebirge* in Germany. Cyclists will race across the Dreisam valley and the upper Black Forest, participating in a marathon race which every year attracts around 5,000 cycling enthusiasts.

#### THE FAVEOURITES

After the third round in the Dolomites, the fourth and last but one race will shine the spotlight on **Rosa van Doorn**, from team Buff-Megamo. The Dutch cyclists placed eighth in Selva Val Gardena, yet she still retained her leadership in the women's category with her 610 points. The German round's elevation fits her profile more than previous races, with her aim being of putting as much distance between herself and the second place, currently held by **Sandra Mairhofer** from Italy, riding an emotional high after her recent win at the HERO Südtirol Dolomites (590 points). **Lejla Njemcevic**, from Bosnia, is currently third (450 points) and may very well star in a plot twist that will shake the stability of the podium during this fourth round.

In the men's category, the top athletes are once again going to enter a neck and neck race for the leadership. **Andreas Seewald**, from Germany and a well-known name at the Black Forest event, leads the way with his 580 points after his win at the HERO Südtirol Dolomites, which took place a couple of weeks ago. Behind the cyclist of Singer KTM Racing there are two cyclists who are hot on his heels. **Leo Paez**, from Colombia, has 540 points and the 43-year-old athletes is as fresh as his younger counterparts; all eyes are on **Wout Alleman**, from Belgium, representing Buff-Megamo. Indeed, despite placing sixth in the Dolomites, he still scored enough points to have a winning shot at the podium, and shares the second place with the Colombian cyclist.

Overall rankings are available at heroucimarathonworldcup.com

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