

Dear Journalists,

The 77th Tour de Pologne, from 5 to 9 August 2020, will be raced in exceptional conditions. The coronavirus pandemic stopped the whole world, not just sports, for several months. Therefore, our national race could not take place on July, as planned, and we postpone it to August. It will be the first stage race of the UCI World Tour after the resumption of the season.

The organization of the largest sports event in Poland is a huge challenge for us, under these special circumstances. For the sake of safety and health, and in the face of a number of restrictions and requirements related to the pandemic, we have changed some rules in organizing the race. This year Tour de Pologne will take place without spectators at the start and finish, there will be no race town with attractions, and finally no publicity caravan.

Following the strict guidelines of the Union Cycliste Internationale, we must exceptionally change the rules regarding the media representatives this year to guarantee the security. Therefore, we do not put in place any accreditation process, and only a few employees of our major media partners will be able to cover the race on the route. It was painful to make this decision, because we know that for many of you Tour de Pologne is an awaited event all year long. In this period of time, however, security is of the utmost importance.

At the same time, to facilitate you covering the race for your followers and media, we will expand the media section on the website www.tourdepologne.pl, so that you will be able to find all the materials needed: logos, graphics, maps, routes, animations and more. Also, during the race there will be press releases, high-resolution photo galleries, audio files for use on the radio, as well as video materials. We are also considering creating a direct chat to satisfy all the media requests throughout the entire race.

We hope that this solution will also enable you to be as close as possible to Tour de Pologne in this special year, and we strongly believe that next year we will meet again on the route and shake hands with smiling faces.



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