General Terms and Conditions and Terms of Participation

§1 General provisions

The following General Terms and Conditions of Participation apply to all participants in the public ski race “Der Weiße Ring – The Race”. The organiser is Lech Zürs Tourismus GmbH (Dorf 164, 6764 Lech, +43 5583 2161-0). The organiser reserves the right to make any changes to these regulations.

1.1 Der Weiße Ring offers a sporting challenge with approximately **22 km of ski descents** and **5,500 metres of elevation change** on easy and intermediate ski runs. The start is at Rüfikopf (2,350 m) and the finish is in Lech am Arlberg (1,450 m). In exceptional conditions, the organiser may unilaterally change the route or cancel the event in whole or in part for safety reasons.

1.2 **Participation** in the race is permitted **from the age of 16**. Participants under the age of 18 require the consent of a legal representative. This legal representative must be present at race bib collection and must co-sign the General Terms and Conditions of Participation.

1.3 Advanced skiing skills are a prerequisite for participation. Participation is suitable only for people who have trained sufficiently for the competition, are physically healthy (particularly with regard to the cardiovascular system), and are familiar with the risks of high alpine terrain (e.g. falling temperatures, precipitation such as heavy snowfall, ice, storms, wind and fog, etc., and the risk of falling from height) and are appropriately equipped. Participation in the race involves typical high alpine risks. There is also, for example, a risk of serious falls, collisions with other skiers or being forced off course (including beyond the race course), etc. Failure to observe the safety rules, FIS rules and instructions, and these notices creates a risk of falls, injury or death. Clothing and belongings brought to the event may become dirty or damaged.

1.4 Participants take part at their own responsibility, with knowledge of these risks. Participants voluntarily take part in a dangerous event. Despite the competitive nature of the event, participants must always ensure that they ski within their range of visibility and at an appropriate speed; risky skiing must be avoided, and in the event of danger, competitive considerations must take second place.

1.5 By participating in the Weiße Ring race, participants accept these General Terms and Conditions of Participation and the supplementary information in full. If an entry is registered by an authorised third party on behalf of a participant, that third party is authorised to accept the General Terms and Conditions on the participant’s behalf.

Participants acknowledge that the race may take place on a partly ungroomed course. Each participant is responsible for their own accident insurance cover. Participants assume sole responsibility for the way they ski and release the organiser from all liability.

1.6 Race mode and race classification apply exclusively within the clearly marked race course sections. Outside these sections, participants are to follow the rules of normal operating conditions on the slopes. In these areas, the applicable conditions of transport, fares and use, as well as the general terms and conditions of the relevant lift, cable car and ski run operators, and the general rules of conduct and safety, shall apply. Race corridors, barriers, crossings, junctions and rejoining points must be used in accordance with the local signage and the instructions of the staff on duty.

§2 Race equipment

2.1 Participants who do not compete on skis or a snowboard will be disqualified.

2.2 **ski helmet** complying with European Standard EN 1077 **must be worn** throughout the entire course, from start to finish. Mountaineering, ice hockey, cycling helmets or similar helmets are not permitted. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

2.3 Wearing a racing suit is prohibited.

§3 Rules of conduct

3.1 The ten **FIS Codes of Conduct** apply and must be observed by every participant. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

3.2 The overall event route is divided into marked race sections and non-race sections. A race section begins only at the sign marked “Beginn Rennstreckenetappe” (Start of race section) on site and ends at the sign marked “Ende Rennstreckenetappe” (End of race section). Racing and race classification apply exclusively within these marked race sections.

All slope, lift and connecting areas outside the marked race sections are non-race sections and form part of regular skiing operations. The Ski Arlberg General Terms and Conditions, including the FIS Rules of Conduct, apply in these areas. Racing in non-race sections is prohibited.

Participants must observe the signs, race corridors, barriers and crossings on site, as well as supplementary notices, announcements and displays. Instructions from race management, course marshals and safety personnel must be followed at all times.

3.3 **Passing through all gates is mandatory**. Missing control gates MAY result in disqualification. Race management will make this decision on safety grounds. Race management reserves the right to set additional gates beyond those shown on the published course if snow, slope and/or weather conditions require it.

3.4 When a course marshal waves a yellow flag and/or sounds a whistle, participants must ski with extreme caution, ready to brake, and follow the instructions of course personnel. Participants must adapt their skiing to the fact that several competitors are using the same course at the same time.

3.5 When a red flag is waved and/or a whistle is sounded, participants must stop immediately and follow the instructions of course personnel. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

§4 Starting order, start intervals and race bib collection

4.1 Race bib numbers are initially allocated by draw on the basis of a participant's best results in recent years (overall classification). Participants who have not achieved a placing in the last three races, or who are competing for the first time, will be allocated numbers towards the back of the start list. These numbers are assigned randomly by an algorithm.

4.2 Participants can improve their race bib number by taking part in the REMUS Team Challenge on Thursday, 14 January 2027. All information is available on the website.

4.3 Participants start in pairs at intervals of 15 seconds.

4.4 **Race bib collection** takes place at the **Lechwelten** (Dorf 100, 6764 Lech). Participants must collect their race bib in person on site and sign the General Terms and Conditions of Participation. Race bibs can be collected on Friday, 15 January 2027, from 11:00 to 19:00, and on Saturday, 16 January 2027, from 07:00 to 08:00.

4.5 The race bib must be worn so that it is clearly visible throughout the race. Any alterations that make the bib number unrecognisable will result in disqualification. Wearing the helmet numbers provided is optional. These enable photographers to match race photographs to individual participants. If the helmet number is not worn, the photo provider cannot offer personalised photographs.

4.6 Already allocated race bib numbers cannot be exchanged between eligible team members. Participation under a false name will result in immediate disqualification.

4.7 A timing transponder with an attachment strap is provided with each race bib. This timing transponder is the property of Datasport AG. Classification is not possible without a race bib and a transponder. Immediately after crossing the finish line, participants must return the transponder and race bib to the designated helpers. If the race is cancelled, these must be returned to the Lech Zürs Tourist Information/Dorfhus; returning them to hotels or restaurants is not permitted. Participants will be charged EUR 70 for lost or unreturned transponders. An additional EUR 50 will be charged for a missing or damaged race bib.

§5 Course inspection

Course inspection takes place exclusively online; no on-site inspection (or training) in the ski area is permitted before the race! The route, including all gates, will be made available in advance exclusively on the website www.derweissering.ski using GPS data. On race day, gates may be positioned slightly differently from the locations previously shown on the website if race management considers this necessary for safety reasons.

§6 Individual classification categories

	Men	Ladies
Ski Class A	1998 - 2011*	1998 - 2011*
Ski Class B	1982 - 1997	1982 - 1997
Ski Class C	1968 - 1981	1968 - 1981
Ski Class D	1952 - 1967	1952 - 1967
Snowboard Class A Ski Class E	All age groups	All age groups

*Eligible participants must be at least 16 years old at the time of the race.

§7 Team classification

In addition to the individual classification, participants may enter the “Bildstein-Trophy” team classification. Entry under a business designation, company name or brand is not permitted (see §8 for further details).

7.1 To qualify for the team classification, at least four participants must register under the same team name. Every team must include both female and male participants; all-female or all-male teams are not eligible for the team classification.

7.2 The four fastest times of a team count towards the team classification, with at least one time achieved by a female participant and at least one time achieved by a male participant included. The two remaining counting times are the fastest remaining times within the team, regardless of gender.

7.3 Each team member is included in the individual classification as well as the team classification.

7.4 he team name must be entered using identical spelling.

§8 Ticketing

8.1 Open ticket
Registration for the individual and team classifications is available online at www.derweissering.ski.
The number of entries is limited. Once registration has been completed successfully and receipt of payment has been verified, you will receive an email confirming your race entry.

8.2 Hotel ticket
A Hotel Ticket guarantees its holder a confirmed entry in the Weiße Ring race on 16 January 2027. Hotel Tickets can only be purchased through accommodation establishments in Lech Zürs. A stay of at least one night at the respective establishment is required.

8.3 Corporate package

A Corporate Package includes the following benefits and can only be booked directly with the organiser.
Contact: dwr@lechzuers.com

- 4 VIP entries in the Weiße Ring race on 16 January 2027
- 4 high-quality participant gifts
- Display of the company logo and, optionally, a short text on the “Der Weiße Ring – The Race” website
- Use of the company’s commercial name or brand as the team name
- The option to start as a group within the specified intervals; the group’s starting position is based on the position of its lowest-ranked participant. Notification by email to dwr@lechzuers.com is required by 6 January.

The team name and a short introduction will be published on the event website. The holder of the Corporate Package must provide the necessary information in good time. All team members must be registered individually.

§9 Cancellation terms

The entry fee cannot be refunded in the event of illness or injury. A **refund** is possible **only through cancellation insurance**, provided that the participant took out this insurance through Datasport AG when registering and a medical certificate is supplied (see https://www.datasport.com/de/fuer-sportler/faq/).
If the race is cancelled for reasons beyond the organiser's control, the entry fee will not be refunded (e.g. force majeure such as weather conditions, etc.).

9.1 Open ticket

A **refund** of the entry fee (50%) and any ski pass booked with it (100%) is possible until 31 December 2026. After 31 December 2026, the entry fee can no longer be refunded.

9.2 Hotel ticket

A refund of the entry fee (100%) is possible until one week before the race, 9 January 2027.

9.3 Corporate package

A Corporate Package may be cancelled until 30 November 2026. For cancellations made by 31 December 2026, 50% of the fee will be refunded. Cancellations after 31 December 2026 cannot be taken into account.

9.4 Merchandise cancellation terms

Binding pre-orders for merchandise may be placed as part of event registration. Pre-ordered items will only be handed out together with the race bib at the event's official race bib collection. Merchandise will not be shipped.

If pre-ordered items are not collected during the announced race bib collection times, there is no entitlement to subsequent handover, storage or shipping. The purchase price of uncollected merchandise will not be refunded unless mandatory statutory provisions require otherwise.

Merchandise that has been duly handed over cannot be exchanged or returned. Exceptions apply where the goods are defective or faulty at the time of handover. In such cases, the organiser will, at its discretion, provide a replacement or, if this is not possible, refund the purchase price.

§10 Data protection

Our approach to data protection is guided by the **European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**. We engage Datasport AG to manage and process data. The privacy policy and contractual terms and terms of use of Datasport AG apply. Datasport AG acts as an intermediary for orders and as the service provider for the registration portal. Your account will be charged by Datasport AG on behalf of and for the account of Lech Zürs Tourismus GmbH. The contract is concluded directly between the individual participant and the organiser, Lech Zürs Tourismus.

By registering, participants consent to the publication of their surname, first name, year of birth, place of residence, race bib number, race time and placing in the event's start lists and results lists. This consent applies to publication on the internet, in print media and on television, as well as to posted lists and announcements by the event announcer. In the case of a combined classification with Der Weiße Rausch, the organiser may pass personal data to the simetime timing team in St. Anton for evaluation.

§11 Image, audio and video rights

By participating in the event, the participant grants the organiser exclusive exploitation rights, unlimited in time, territory and scope, to photographs, film recordings and interviews made during and after the event, in whole or in part, for repeated use in all current and future technical processes.

These rights include, among others, reproduction, distribution, adaptation, publication, making available to the public, broadcasting (e.g. radio and television), screening, storage and archiving in databases of any kind, secondary use (such as special documentaries), advertising (for the organiser or third parties), and distribution on social media platforms. Photographs and film recordings made in connection with our event may be used without any entitlement to remuneration.

The participant irrevocably grants the organiser rights in respect of their likeness under §78 of the Austrian Copyright Act (UrhG), as well as rights relating to their voice. The grant of rights also applies to the use of the participant's data, such as name, gender, year of birth and place of residence, for reporting in any media. The organiser may transfer its rights in whole or in part to third parties. The participant has no entitlement to remuneration. The participant fully indemnifies and holds the organiser harmless against any claims arising out of or in connection with participation in the event and the transfer of rights; this also includes legal fees and court costs.

§12 Insurance / liability

12.1 **Participation at one's own risk:** The participant acknowledges and accepts the risks and conditions described above (see clauses 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5). The participant is aware of these risks and therefore acts at their own risk. Claims for damages are therefore excluded.

12.2 **Exclusion of liability:** In all other respects, the race organiser is liable for personal injury only within the scope of statutory provisions; liability for property damage and financial loss is limited to intent or gross negligence.

12.3 Austrian law shall apply to any legal disputes arising from participation in the event or acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions of Participation. For any related legal disputes, the court having subject-matter jurisdiction for 6764 Lech shall have exclusive jurisdiction, unless mandatory statutory provisions provide otherwise.

12.4 Each participant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions arising from these General Terms and Conditions of Participation. In particular, participants acknowledge that, throughout the entire event, no insurance cover is provided for them by the organiser, its agents, the lift/cableway and slope/route operators, or the sponsors of "Der Weiße Ring – The Race". Each participant must arrange their own insurance cover in this respect. This also applies to personal liability for damages. Each participant is therefore personally liable for damage for which they are responsible.

12.5 Each participant is aware that the ski runs will neither be specially groomed nor provided with special safety measures. Due to the length of the course and the difference in altitude, snow conditions may vary and the physical demands are considerable. Skiing style and speed must therefore always be adapted to the situation. The participant declares that they are aware of and accept the dangers associated with participation. Each participant declares that they have trained sufficiently for the race and are in good physical condition.

12.6 The participant expressly and irrevocably waives the right to assert claims of any kind against the organiser, its agents, the lift/cableway and slope/route operators, or the sponsors of "Der Weiße Ring – The Race". If this exclusion of liability is not possible or is found to be unlawful or contrary to public morals, the liability of the organiser, its agents, the lift/cableway and slope/route operators, and the sponsors of "Der Weiße Ring – The Race" shall be limited to gross negligence.

§13 Miscellaneous

13.1 **Any breach of the General Terms and Conditions of Participation** by a participant will result in immediate **disqualification**. Breaches of any safety measures imposed by the organiser or the mountain lift operator will also result in disqualification. The same applies to failure to comply with the conditions of carriage of the respective lift or cableway. Instructions from the lift/cableway operator must be followed immediately.

13.2 If weather, snow and/or slope conditions require it, race management reserves the right to shorten or cancel the race. Information will be posted at the race offices and in the Dorfhus, and published on the website and social media.

13.3 Current schedules, any changes and similar information will be announced online www.derweissering.ski, by email or by SMS. The organiser reserves the right to make programme changes of any kind. No liability claims against the organiser may arise from such changes.

13.4 Every participant must report back at the finish, even if they do not complete the race. The classification cut-off is 1.5 hours after the last start. A protest period of 15 minutes begins after this cut-off. Any protest must be submitted in writing to race management in the finish area. Decisions made by the organiser are binding and cannot be challenged.

13.5 Race mode and race classification apply exclusively within the clearly marked race course sections. Outside these sections, participants are to follow the rules of normal operating conditions on the slopes. In these areas, the applicable conditions of transport, fares and use, as well as the general terms and conditions of the relevant lift, cable car and ski run operators, and the general rules of conduct and safety, shall apply. Race corridors, barriers, crossings, junctions and rejoining points must be used in accordance with the local signage and the instructions of the staff on duty.