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## **The European Youth MTB Championship is 'full house' in Pila (Vd'A)**

There are just a few hours left to the start of the European Youth Mountainbike Championships in Pila (Aosta Valley), scheduled from 28 June to 3 July. Starting from Monday morning athletes from all over Europe, with their teams and their companions, will animate the village upstream of Aosta with their enthusiasm and their preparation. Considering the large influx of professionals and the car parks used as a 'team' and 'camper' area, it is recommended right now to plan to reach the competition site - the regulated "bubble" to prevent any risk of contagion from Covid- 19 - via the cable car. The usual car parks in the area will not be available.

The program has been defined in detail: the competition will begin to take place from Monday at 9, with the verification of the cards and the delivery of the bibs. One day, that of Monday, the afternoon of which will be dedicated to the technical meeting for all the competitions, scheduled from 5 to 6 pm. The competition begins - which will see 524 athletes competing on the paths of Pila, representing 23 nations - Tuesday morning, with the Time Trial (TT) and free practice of the route with the Esordienti race, scheduled at 9.30 and, from 14, the Allievi race, in both cases both male and female and without European titles up for grabs , but only to define the starting grids for all the races of the following days. The Team Relay XCR Allievi bibs will be delivered from 2 to 4 pm, while the next morning, from 9 to 11, they will be delivered to the Allievi. The official tests of the route will start at 9, then the protagonists of the day will be the two Relays Esordienti (M / F; 13-14 years) and Allievi (M / F; 15-16 years). The protocol ceremonies will be at 11 am and 1 pm. The Xc Eliminator Esordienti bibs will be delivered at 4 pm. The students will be given on Thursday 1 July starting from 9 and until 10.30 there will be the official tests of the course. The first race is at 11, with the challenge between the Beginners (at 11) first and the Allievi then (at 13.30).

Full of competitions on Friday. It starts at 8.30 with the official tests, then a very tight program: first to leave, at 10, the male Esordienti of the 2nd year, followed, at 12, by the Esordienti Women of the 2nd year and at 14 by the Women of the 1st ° year. At 4 pm the male Beginners of the 1st year. Protocol ceremonies will be held at the end of each rehearsal. Same schedule for the students the next day, Saturday 3 July, with the exception of the inversion between the 1st and 2nd year boys (1st year male students will leave at 10 am).

The European Championship is organized by the European Cycling Union in collaboration with the Pila Bike Planet and the Italian Cycling Federation and the substantial contribution of the Department of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, Sport and Commerce of the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta, of the Regional Council of the Aosta Valley, the Municipalities of Gressan and Aosta and the Pila spa.

