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## Modified Cycling Tour routes with even more professional kilometers

**In exactly one month, the Lidl Deutschland Tour ends on August 25 in Saarbrücken. It's the grand finale for the professionals and the day for amateur athletes. Because before the elite crowns the winner of the Lidl Deutschland Tour in the Saarland capital, the Cycling Tour participants can let off steam on two different routes and then celebrate in front of a large audience when they reach the finish line shortly before Mads Pedersen, Simon Geschke, Georg Zimmermann & Co. The adapted route now ensures even more kilometers in the footsteps of the pros.**

Final changes were necessary after severe storms in Saarland made some roads impassable for a long time. The Cycling Tour participants are now warming up the last 35 kilometers of their routes for the pros, who will also reach Saarbrücken from the south-east, but unlike the Cycling Tour, will do a short finishing lap through the city.

For the **"Tälerrunde"**, which is now 56 kilometers long, this means more than half of the total length on the professional course. For the last two thirds, the shorter Cycling Tour route is on the Lidl Deutschland Tour route. The two courses come together at Niederwürzbach. While the "Tälerrunde" comes from the north from Rohrbach and Hassel, the professional field makes its way via Lautzkirchen. The route leads via Assweiler, Ormesheim and Bliesransbach to the Saar and then into the city center to the finish line on Heuduckstraße. The split section of the route also presents the greatest topographical difficulties and most of the 600 meters of elevation gain. The Seelbacher Berg, the Heidenkopf and the Auberg have to be conquered in quick succession.

At 386 meters above sea level, the middle of the three climbs is the highest point of the loop. This also applies to the **"Bliesgau Loop"**, which has an elevation gain of around 1000 meters over 100 kilometers. Like the "Tälerrunde", it also leads participants to St. Ingbert, but then in a wide arc via Spiesen - where the Spieser Hohl is an almost 1000-metre-long and on average nine percent steep climb - Neunkirchen/Saar, Bexbach and the outskirts of Homburg to Schwarzenacker. There, the first few kilometers are completed on the professional route until Lautzkirchen, before the course makes another small detour to Rohrbach, where it meets the "Tälerrunde" and then resumes the professional route a short time later.

The third and final guided track test on 3 August gives all those interested another opportunity to familiarize themselves with the course. Several groups will set off on Saturday at different speeds to get to know the course. This time, a group especially for women, accompanied by a female guide, will also be offered for the short loop. This route is particularly recommended for beginners. Participation is free, places are limited. Registration is possible [via the Lidl Deutschland Tour website](#). The last places for the Cycling Tour itself are available via [this link](#).