



PRESS RELEASE

German riders receive invitation to the Lidl Deutschland Tour

The teams for the Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024 have been announced. In addition to the 17 international teams from the WorldTour and the second division, two German UCI Continental teams have also received an invitation. In addition, the national team will start with Simon Geschke. The Lidl Deutschland Tour begins on August 21 with a prologue in Schweinfurt and leads over five days of racing to Saarbrücken.

This year, the coveted invitation to Germany's most important cycling event was extended to the Bike Aid and Lotto Kern-Haus PSD Bank teams. The Lidl Deutschland Tour is the only German stage race in which the talents of the local UCI Continental teams can compete with the Tour de France teams.

Bike Aid already took part in the Lidl Deutschland Tour last year. The team from Saarbrücken will therefore once again be enjoying a home race. This will be the fourth participation for the team, which has already achieved top placings this season through Leo Bouvier and Dawit Yemane in races of the UCI ProSeries, which also includes the Lidl Deutschland Tour.

Team Lotto Kern-Haus PSD Bank is returning to the Lidl Deutschland Tour after a one-year break and four consecutive participations before that. The team is based in the federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate, which is also taking part in the tour with a stage start in Annweiler am Trifels. Lotto Kern-Haus PSD Bank is one of the strongest teams in the German Cycling League, having already won the season opener in April with Joshua Huppertz.

In addition to the two UCI Continental teams, the German Cycling Federation will have the opportunity to enter a national team in the Lidl Deutschland Tour this year. It gives young riders from other German continental teams the opportunity to ride alongside the world's best professionals. The last time a national team was part of the Tour line-up was in 2022. This year, the riders will be led by Simon Geschke. The 38-year-old Freiburg native from WorldTeam Cofidis will take on the role of road captain and pass on his experience to the up-and-coming talents.



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Teams of Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024 (as of June 27, 2024)

UCI WorldTeams (12)

- Alpecin–Deceuninck
- Astana Qazaqstan Team
- Bahrain Victorious
- Red Bull – BORA – hansgrohe
- EF Education – EasyPost
- Ineos Grenadiers
- Intermarché – Wanty
- Lidl–Trek
- Movistar Team
- Soudal – Quick-Step
- Team dsm-firmenich PostNL
- Visma | Lease a Bike

UCI ProTeams (5)

- Caja Rural – Seguros RGA
- Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team
- TotalEnergies
- Tudor Pro Cycling Team
- Uno-X Mobility

UCI Continental Teams (2)

- Bike Aid
- Lotto Kern-Haus PSD Bank

Nationalteams

- German National Team