



26. GHD Petrol IB 2020:  
training and competition on Sunday, 30.t.m.

Ljubljana, 26 August - The organizers of the international 26th GHD Petrol Ilirska Bistrica 2020, after closing applications due to the epidemiological situation and the manageable number of performers, decided to include the entire competition schedule, including official training, which was usually the turn on Saturday, conducted on Sunday, August 30th. AK Olimpija registered around a hundred racers from 9 countries - Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Croatia, Italy, Hungary, Germany, Slovakia and Slovenia. The official list of registered competitors and other notices are published on the websites [as2005.si](http://as2005.si) and [ghd-ilirskabistrica.com](http://ghd-ilirskabistrica.com).

Slovenian representation will be the most numerous, as around half of the competitors will be from Slovenia, with almost all of our best, led by Milan Boubnič, Aleksandar and Patrik Zajelšnik and other established drivers. More than 20 racers come from Austria, followed by the ever-strong Italians.

The EHC 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 epidemic, but the organizers from AK Olimpija found it worthwhile to insist on continuing the 25-year tradition of hill climb racing on Šembije (5010 m), our largest annual international car event. The race will of course be considered for Hill Climb championship of Slovenia, and perfect domestic competition in almost all individual classes promises very tense fights.

Special attention will be drawn to the performances of the favorites, who will compete for the laurels of this year's absolute winner of the international race GHD Petrol IB 2020. It is expected that the best Slovenians will also intervene in this fight. Frenchman Sebastien Petit would be named the number 1 favorite after the previous successes in the races for the European Hill Climb Championship in previous seasons. The Italians Fausto Bormolini and Federico Liber in particular will try to mix him up, and if all goes well, our Patrik Zajelšnik will also get involved in the fight for victory.

Despite the fact that 26.GHD Petrol IB 2020 will not be considered an EHC, a considerable number (around 20) of foreign journalists have been accredited by the organizers, which is also a preliminary recognition to the organizers for their extraordinary organizational effort in exceptional circumstances. Due to epidemiological reasons, the organizers were forced to limit the invitation mainly to the central and specialized Slovenian media, but Slovenian sports motoring fans should not be deprived of news and comments about the events at the event.

In addition, both journalists and motoring enthusiasts will be able to follow the events or the course of Sunday's official training and both races at the event in real time also on the website [results.omikronplus.si](http://results.omikronplus.si). Accredited journalists, who will not have access to the competitors' boxes due to all the above-mentioned circumstances, will have their accreditation cards (and deposit-based plastrons) available in front of the press service office in the former TIB area (in the immediate vicinity of the usual press center). Saturday, Aug. 29, from 6 to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 30, from 8 to 12 p.m.

**Due to the epidemiological situation, the organizers did not prepare pre-sale and classic ticket sales this year. As is generally known, the number of participants and spectators at sports and other events of**

**this kind is limited. For this reason, the event will consistently limit the total number of accreditations and permits for access to the start and route towards Šembije (at the first chicane or roundabout, at the classic stands along the route and at the final section of the route with the target area). Officials (competitors and accompanying teams) will receive accreditations and bracelets, and spectators who will be attracted to the race will receive permits with NIJZ safety instructions, for which they will contribute 15 euros each. Due to exceptional circumstances, the financial circumstances of the event with all the restrictions are all the more demanding.**

Head of the press service  
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**Sunday schedule of the 26th GHD Petrol IB 2020 - Sunday, August 30:**

**8.00 - start of the first test for training on the II. Bistrica - Šembije; the other  
a workout run about 30 minutes after the end of the first.**

**12.30 - grand opening of the GHD Petrol IB 2020 event**

**13.00 - I. race**

**15.00 - II. Dirka**

**Prize Giving ceremony 1 hour after the end of the competition**