



ADAC Cyclassics to Start in Buxtehude for the First Time

On August 17, the Hamburg Metropolitan Region will become the stage for a cycling day full of premieres: for the first time in its history, the ADAC Cyclassics will start in Lower Saxony. Buxtehude and the district of Stade will welcome the UCI WorldTour peloton to kick off one of Germany's most prestigious one-day races.

Ten years after the first start outside Hamburg – then in Kiel – the starting gun will once again be fired beyond the Elbe metropolis. Buxtehude will greet the world elite of cycling. All 147 riders will be presented during an official team presentation on the marketplace in the historic town center. Around midday, the race begins – marking the longest Cyclassics edition in the past five years.

From Hanseatic City to Hanseatic City – 207 kilometers through the Hamburg Metropolitan Region

The peloton will first roll slowly through the streets of Buxtehude in a neutral start – up close to the fans. The route heads south to the district border, then runs approximately 30 kilometers through the district of Harburg before entering the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

A first: from the city limits onward, the professionals will remain continuously within Hamburg. 170 kilometers through the "Active City" – never before has there been so much Hamburg in the Cyclassics.

Cyclassics on a New Classic Route

A special comeback awaits the riders in the Port of Hamburg: after several years, the iconic Köhlbrand Bridge will return as part of the professional course. After crossing the Elbe, the route leads through HafenCity into the city center and on to Hamburg's western districts.

There, another highlight awaits: for the first time, the Waseberg climb will be tackled already in the first half of the race. Back in the city, the top stars will reach Mönckebergstraße for the first finish-line crossing after just 2.5 hours of racing – an early celebration for the fans.

What follows is a true cycling spectacle: four more climbs on the legendary Waseberg – with one return to the finish area in between. Riders who conquer the final ascent still have 15 fast kilometers ahead before the crowd can cheer them on Mönckebergstraße.

Start in Buxtehude, Köhlbrand Bridge, five Waseberg climbs, three finish-line passes – cycling fans will have a wide selection of highlights on August 17. One thing is already clear: the route adjustment will change the character of the race and keep the excitement of the ADAC Cyclassics high until the very end.



"The new route changes the race: the start in Buxtehude brings fresh momentum, the ride across the Köhlbrand Bridge will stick with every pro, and the compact sequence of Waseberg climbs makes it much more selective. Pure sprinters will have a harder time – punchy riders clearly have the edge. At the same time, fans benefit: with the new setting in Buxtehude, more action at Waseberg, and city passages all day long, we've packed in even more experience," says **Fabian Wegmann**, Sports Director of the ADAC Cyclassics.

Amateur Riders Following in the Pros' Tracks

The ADAC Cyclassics have always stood not only for world-class cycling, but also for a lived passion for two wheels. On August 17, more than 10,000 riders will experience their personal race day – side by side with the WorldTour. Two distances are available: 60 or 110 kilometers. Both take place on closed roads through Hamburg and the metropolitan region, thrilling every cycling enthusiast.

The long distance has a professional flair. Those choosing the 110-kilometer route will start in the impressive setting of Hamburg's HafenCity. From there, the course leads across the Köhlbrand Bridge into the Altes Land and on to Buxtehude. Here, participants ride exactly along the professional race route through the districts of Stade and Harburg back into the Hanseatic city. After around 90 kilometers, they cross the Köhlbrand Bridge a second time. Then it's through the city center to an atmospheric finish on Mönckebergstraße – goosebumps included.

The short distance takes riders through familiar terrain. Participants of the 60-kilometer loop start their day, as last year, on the Kennedy Bridge/Alsterglaciis. The route passes the Volkspark, reaches the city border to Schleswig-Holstein, and leads through Schenefeld, Holm, and Wedel in the district of Pinneberg back to Hamburg. With the Kösterberg, a well-known climb in western Hamburg awaits before the final stretch along Elbchaussee – the same road the pros will finish on – leads straight into the city.

Registration for the ADAC Cyclassics 2025 is open – starting places are already available from €99. Those who want to seize the unique opportunity to ride on closed roads through the Hanseatic city and its surroundings can sign up at cyclassics-hamburg.de.