

January 20, 2010

Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey

Press Release

Change of Date in the 46th Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey Organization will be held on April 11-18, 2010!

The dates of the 46th Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey which has been upgraded to 2.HC (Hors Category) have been changed as April 11-18, 2010.

International Cycling Union (UCI) and Turkish Cycling Federation changed the dates of the 46th Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey as April 11-18, 2010. Due to the decision taken because of the heavy calendar of international cycling and sport, teams will be able to participate in the organization more easily. Moreover with the new date arrangement, it is believed that the media visibility of the Tour will be more effective. Turkish Cycling Federation announced the date of organization as April 21-28, 2010 before.

On the other hand, no other change has been made in the stages of the race or other details regarding the Tour. According to this, the Tour will be run in 1.252 km long track in 8 stages. 46th Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey where the most prestigious professional teams of the world and Turkish Cycling National Team will have a chance to race, will start on April 11 in Istanbul with the Prolog stage and after the transference of the teams from Istanbul to Izmir via airline at the same day, will continue with the Kuşadası-Bodrum stage on April 12 and will end on April 18 with the completion of Bodrum-Marmaris, Marmaris-Pamukkale, Pamukkale-Fethiye, Fethiye-Finike, Finike-Antalya, Antalya-Alanya stages.

For the first time in 2010, for the aim of increasing the degree of difficulty of the Tour, the roads which connect Pamukkale to Marmaris and Fethiye and where there are long climbings have been included to the Tour route.

While in the final stage, the sportsman who has the total best time will win the title and uniform (Turquoise Jersey) of the Leader of the General Classification, sportsmen who will score points by reaching first to the premium gates in every stage will win the titles and uniforms of the Best Climber (Red Jersey) and the Best Sprinter (Green Jersey).

Sportsmen will also compete for the private award of Turkish Beauties according to their scores they gained at the premium gates placed on the course to emphasise our historical, cultural and natural heritage such as Ephesus, Bafa Lake, Pamukkale, Ölüdeniz, Dalyan, Demre and Aspendos. Within the scope of the Tour, total 160.000 Euro prize money will also find its owners.

It is also stated that the 46th Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey which has become a "trademark event" by being upgraded to 2.HC (Hors Category) category that is considered as the Champions League of world cycling, will make a huge contribution to the tourism and promotion of Turkey.