

SPORTS

The UCI MTB World Championships expect to sell up to 25,000 tickets

The initial forecast by the organization is to welcome approximately 80,000 spectators

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The different authorities of the organization of the MTB World Championships.

ARNAU OJEDA GARCIA
LA MASSANA

The UCI MTB World Cup Championships officially started last Monday. From this Monday, August 26th to Sunday, September 1st, La Massana will host the most important event in the country in this 2024. The general director of Pal Arinsal and the championships, Josep Marticella, reported that «the objective is to sell between 20,000 and 25,000 tickets. Currently, nearly 8,000 have been sold.» Last Mon-

day there were already 3,000 people in the Pal area, including all the runners, 711, and their teams.

In this sense, the consul major of the parish and president of the Committee of Honor of the UCI MTB World Championships, Eva Sansa, defined the event as a «key moment» and it is expected to welcome around 80,000 spectators. For this reason, «hotels and shops have been involved in the project for some time», detailed Sansa. So, due to the large turnout that

will be in the entire parish, but more specifically in the sector where the competition takes place, Sansa recommended the use of public transport, as the road will be closed from Erts.

A key factor for the good development of the competition will be the weather conditions, a fact for which Marticella clarified that «we will be ready to adapt», although he acknowledges that «there will be complicated days». With regard to the economic objective of the championships, the main one is to «achieve budgetary balance», detailed the director of the UCI MTB World Championships, recalling that the budget is four million euros.

On the other hand, the director general of Andorra Turisme, Betim Budzaku, focused his statements on weighing the importance of promoting the country as an ideal style for cycle tourism: «We want to position ourselves as an international brand», he said. In addition, Budzaku emphasized that the more than 400 participants and their different nationalities «indirectly promote Andorra».

Finally, the UCI Mountain Bike consultant, Simon Burney, added that «a World Championships is the biggest event possible and we are at one of the most important mountain headquarters». ●



EVA SANSA

CONSUL MAJOR OF LA MASSANA

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The open Window

MARTA
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Durov arrested in Europe: A blow to freedom of expression

The arrest of Pavel Durov, founder and CEO of Telegram, has shaken the world of messaging platforms. This case has resumed the debate on the regulation of the-

se platforms and has called into question Telegram's commitment to privacy and freedom of expression.

Pavel Durov has been a key figure in the defense of the crypto ecosystem and online privacy for years. Telegram, under his leadership, has become a popular platform among activists, journalists and users who value the security of their communications.

Durov's arrest has been interpreted by many as a direct attack on these values. So far, the exact reasons for Durov's arrest have not been officially revealed.

Speculations point to a possible relationship with Tele-

gram's refusal to cooperate with the authorities in various investigations and different crimes that fall on him as Durov is responsible for the platform.

Durov's arrest could have serious consequences for Telegram and its users. First, it could mark the beginning of a campaign of repression against the platform, with possible blocking or restrictions on its activity in several countries.

Second, it could undermine users' trust in the platform, which until now had been considered one of the safest places to communicate online. To overcome this crisis, Telegram will have to demonstrate that

it is able to cooperate with the authorities without altering the privacy of its users.

This could involve implementing technical measures to identify and report illegal activities without compromising the security of legitimate communications. The arrest of Pavel Durov opens a new chapter in the history of Telegram and raises questions about the future of instant messaging platforms.

It is necessary to find a balance between freedom of expression and security, but this balance cannot be achieved at the expense of users' privacy. ●

President and founder of And-blockchain

KARTING

The young Andorran driver, Tony Cachafeiro, finishes among the top 20 in the IAME Euro Series

CACHAFEIRO COMUNICACIÓN

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The Andorran pilot Tony Cachafeiro, only 11 years old, continues his progression in karting in a 2024 full of successes, in which he added one more at international level, finishing among the top 20 of 86 in the prestigious IAME Euro series Cachafeiro competed head-to-head with more experienced drivers on circuits new to



Andorran pilot Tony Cachafeiro during the race.

him, and closed this weekend at the Genk circuit. An intense weekend full of learning how to adapt

to new conditions for the Andorran and which ended by qualifying for the grand final, in which

he finished in 18th place. And with no time to rest, Tony Cachafeiro will contest from this Saturday in Xiva (Valencia) the third round of the Valencian Karting Championship (CKCV), which brings together most of the participants of the Spanish Karting Championship (CEK). In both, the Andorran is in contention to be the champion in what is now his last season in the 'Mini' category. ●

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