

THE GRANDS PRIX CYCLISTES DE QUÉBEC ET DE MONTRÉAL ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCE THE CANCELLATION OF THE 2021 RACES

Montréal, Québec, Canada, Thursday, June 10, 2021 – Following a thorough analysis of the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, both in Canada and internationally, Événements GPCQM has come to the conclusion that the public-health and operational requirements in effect will not permit the holding of the [Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal](#) on September 10 and 12. Together with its public and private partners, the organizers regret to announce that they must cancel the 2021 races.

However, Événements GPCQM confirms the return of the world’s cycling elite to the one and only UCI WorldTour events presented in the Americas on September 9 and 11, 2022, as announced in the [UCI Road International calendar](#) made official on June 3.

“Over the last few months, we have been considering different scenarios in constant liaison with the governments involved and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), in the hope that we could organize our races in compliance with health protocols and ensuring everyone’s safety. As of today, the organizers of major Canadian events still have no guarantees that the public health regulations needed to hold the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal will be in effect at the end of the summer. There are still too many uncertainties regarding the opening of borders, mandatory quarantine and conditions for large gatherings,” says **Sébastien Arsenault, President and CEO, Événements GPCQM**. “This is a difficult decision to make for a second year in a row, but it would not have been responsible or respectful of the racers, teams and spectators to postpone this decision any further. We look forward to seeing them next year and promise a memorable return of the UCI WorldTour to Canadian soil.”

The [Critérium National de Montréal](#), also organized by Événements GPCQM in conjunction with its UCI WorldTour races, will not be held as planned on September 11.

Événements GPCQM wishes to thank the UCI, the cities of Québec and Montréal, the governments of Québec and Canada, its public and private partners, and all those who collaborate to the development and success of its races for their unwavering support over the past months and in the coming year.

ABOUT THE GRAND PRIX CYCLISTES DE QUÉBEC ET DE MONTRÉAL

The Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal, the only UCI WorldTour events held in the Americas, contribute significantly to the achievement of one of UCI priority objectives: the globalization of the WorldTour circuit. These events join those already certified in Europe, Asia and Oceania. Since 2010, Événements GPCQM has been responsible for the planning and staging of the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal and relies on the indispensable support of public and private partners: the Government of Canada, the Government of Québec, the City of Québec, the City of Montréal, the National Battlefields Commission, the Québec City Tourism Office, Tourisme Montréal, Québecor, Air Transat and TVA Sports as the official broadcaster of the races.

ABOUT ÉVÉNEMENTS GPCQM

Événements GPCQM is the promoter of the [Marathon Beneva de Montréal](#), the first major international marathon to be held in Canada, and of the [Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal](#). It also produces the [Critérium national de Montréal](#) for elite Canadian and North American men and women athletes. The group has recognized expertise in television production. It produces content that meets the most demanding standards for sports events and delivers television signals to the largest sports broadcasters in the country and the world. Its mission is to generate emotion through sports, bringing together sports fans, the elite and spectators with the desire to make Quebec and Canada shine beyond its borders.

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