

PRESS RELEASE

Ebbser Koasamarsch 2026 – New chapter on proven trails

Jürgen Sevignani hands over responsibility to fellow club member Gerhard Pfluger

The Ebbser Koasamarsch will take place for the 56th time on Saturday, June 13, 2026. After more than 10 years as course director, Jürgen Sevignani is handing over responsibility to fellow club member Gerhard Pfluger. The hiking and trail running event in the Kaisergebirge remains true to its concept: three trail running distances (20/33/55 km) and four hiking routes (4.2/12/20/33 km), combined with a deliberately limited number of participants. This ensures that the nature experience in the “Koasa” remains something truly special in the future.

This year’s edition focuses not only on the extensive program, but also on a generational change within the organizing team: Jürgen Sevignani, who has shaped the course design and marking for many years, has handed over his role to Gerhard Pfluger. Both are active members of WSV Ebbs and have long been part of the Koasamarsch team.

Sevignani sees routes as a promise

Sevignani’s Koasamarsch story began in a very down-to-earth way: “At my first Koasamarsch, I was just looking after the smoker and the meat sizzling inside,” he recalls with a smile. He became deeply involved in course management from 2014 onwards. At that time, with the increasing use of sports watches, more and more participants questioned why their recorded distances were shorter than expected. Back then, the routes had not yet been measured via GPS and were indeed shorter. Sevignani felt a responsibility to offer runners a true marathon and half marathon distance. This motivated him to precisely measure, document, and further develop the routes in collaboration with the Innsbruck-based planning office “max2.” The result: an accurately measured marathon distance of 42.3 km and a half marathon of 21 km. On top of that, the Ebbser Koasamarsch introduced Tyrol’s first officially approved trail running signage.

Of disappearing trails and sawing trees – stories written by the “Koasa”

Over the years, many memorable moments have accumulated. Sevignani recalls, in particular, the first data measurement tour for the 33 km “KOASA-Classic-Run.” Together with two colleagues, he set off towards the Stripsenjoch. “There was still so much snow on the high trail that we couldn’t even find the path. We split up, hoping at least one of us would succeed,” he remembers. The attempt failed that day and required a second effort. Even in the anniversary year 2019, the routes presented

unexpected challenges. For the 50th Ebbser Koasamarsch, a special anniversary trail was created – the KOASA-Jubiläumstrail with 54 km and 3,850 meters of elevation gain. Due to a snow-rich winter, countless fallen trees blocked the route. These had to be cleared: “The saw wasn’t just used for snow,” Sevigani says, recalling the demanding preparations for the unique trail route.

No walk in the park

Anyone familiar with the Koasamarsch routes knows that these are far from easy forest roads or leisurely hiking paths. Sevigani puts it clearly: “In the Kaisergebirge, it’s trails and singletracks that demand concentration, surefootedness, and respect. Roots, uneven steps, and constantly changing terrain challenge participants to their limits.”

This is exactly what defines the Ebbser Koasamarsch. The same applies to the “KOASA-55-Panorama-Trail.” With 55 km and around 4,000 meters of elevation gain, it offers outstanding singletrails, a stream crossing, and demanding downhills. Originally introduced for the 55th anniversary, this ultratrail will once again be part of the 2026 event due to its well-balanced design and overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Handover to Gerhard Pfluger – Sevigani remains part of the team

With Gerhard Pfluger, an experienced and long-time member of the Koasamarsch organization takes over the role. Sevigani will remain part of the team in a supporting capacity. Asked whether he plans to participate himself, he answers honestly: “I’ve treated myself to that ‘Höllennritt’ once as a break, but I finished in the back of the field.”

This year, on June 13, he will be stationed at the refreshment and checkpoint at Stripsenjochhaus. For Sevigani, the Ebbser Koasamarsch has long become more than just a recurring date. He particularly emphasizes the strong and motivating collaboration within the organizing team and the friendships that have grown from it – friendships that would withstand any “Höllennritt.”

Running together – Community Trailrun connects

The Community Trailrun, initiated in advance, has become a fixed date in the regional running calendar. Once again, on April 23, 2026, the Kufsteinerland Tourism Association, together with the Koasamarsch organizers, Alles Laufbar, and Thenex Runclub, invited participants to an evening community run. Jürgen Sevigani also took part.

After a joint warm-up session, around 80 trail running enthusiasts set off together. The evening concluded with a live podcast featuring elite trail runner Sonja Kinna and Benni

Bublak from Alles Laufbar. “The Community Trailrun is a fantastic event and a real enrichment for the Ebbser Koasamarsch,” Sevignani says enthusiastically.

Factbox Ebbser Koasamarsch 2026:

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2026

Organizer: WSV Ebbs (Alpine section)

Trail running: 20 km / 33 km / 55 km

Hiking: 4.2 km / 12 km / 20 km / 33 km

Limited starting places: max. 1,200 – including 155 for the anniversary route “KOASA-55-Panorama-Trail”

More information & registration: <https://www.koasamarsch.at/>

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