



25 teams set to compete in the 2025 ORLEN Nations Grand Prix

With less than a month to go, anticipation is building for the 2025 edition of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix—one of the most prestigious stage races on the U23 calendar. A cornerstone of the UCI Nations Cup, the race will once again bring together the brightest young talents in international cycling, with 25 teams, including the Polish national team and three local squads, confirmed on the start list.

Over the past six years, the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix has earned a reputation as an important stepping stone for riders looking to break into the professional ranks. As one of only three UCI Nations Cup races, it consistently attracts thousands of fans — and the attention of WorldTour scouts on the lookout for cycling's next stars.

Many young talents who have impressed at the race have gone on to sign WorldTour or ProTeam contracts. Among them are Dutch riders Olav Kooij and Marijn van den Berg— both now stage winners at the **Tour de Pologne** — got their early exposure here. In 2024, **Mathys Rondel** of France claimed the overall win before signing with **Tudor Pro Cycling**, where he now rides alongside former world champion **Julian Alaphilippe**.

This year's edition, which kicks off in Łańcut, will once again feature elite national teams from cycling powerhouses such as Belgium, Italy, Great Britain, France, Denmark, and Slovenia. They'll be joined by the Polish national team and three domestic squads — KK Tarnovia, GKS Cartusia, and Mostostal Puławy — known for their commitment to developing home-grown talent.

Organised by Lang Team, the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is not only a showcase for future stars — it's also a learning ground. The race follows a no-radio format, meaning riders must make strategic decisions independently, honing the instincts they'll need at the sport's highest level.

"The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix plays an important role in the development of the next generation of riders. It teaches young athletes how to race intelligently in an international peloton. Often, it's not about the wins — it's about learning from the tough days," said **Sven Vanthourenhout**, former Belgian national coach and mentor to champions such as Remco Evenepoel and Wout van Aert.

"This race is about much more than the competition. It's about giving young cyclists a platform to grow, experience international racing, and take a step towards the WorldTour," added **Czesław Lang**, General Director of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix. *"It is also a fantastic way to showcase the beauty of the Podkarpackie region to the world. The course will be challenging but spectacular — especially with the iconic finish at the Hotel Arłamów".*

This year's four-day race will cut across south-eastern Poland, with a challenging and scenic route that highlights the region's varied terrain. The event will take place from 14th to 17th May 2025, with stages passing through towns such as Jasło, Jarosław, Ustrzyki Dolne and Lesko before finishing at the mountain resort of Hotel Arłamów.

2025 ORLEN Nations Grand Prix – Stage Overview

- May 14 – **Stage 1:** Łańcut → Jasło (155.8 km)
- May 15 – **Stage 2:** Jarosław → Hotel Arłamów (143.3 km)
- May 16 – **Stage 3:** Ustrzyki Dolne → Hotel Arłamów (138.6 km)
- May 17 – **Stage 4:** Lesko, Lesko County → Hotel Arłamów (146.9 km)