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1 Organiser & regulations

The Diavolezza Glacier Race (DGR) is organised by Diavolezza Lagalb AG, Bergsteigerschule Pontresina GmbH and Pontresina Tourism. The organiser (OC) reserves the right to make changes to the General Rules and Regulations (this document).

2 Race route

The DGR is an open ski and snowboard race held entirely or in part on Switzerland's longest glacier run (8 km). The race starts at the Diavolezza mountain station (2978 m ASL) and ends in Morteratsch (1896 m ASL). Part of the route runs along the Pers and Morteratsch glacier and it also includes steep and challenging passages, slight inclines and long flat sections (Plan A). If the snow and/or weather conditions make plan A impossible, plan B will be implemented. In any case, the race organisers exclusively reserve the right to shorten, postpone, discontinue or cancel the race for safety reasons.

2.1 Plan A (glacier run)

All or part of the route is identical to the existing run (no. 31, [Diavolezza glacier run](#)). It is protected against the dangers of the mountains (e.g. avalanches, crevasses), is marked out on both sides (see point 2.4), but has not been mechanically prepared. There may be rocks on the route, depending on the snow conditions. The DGR glacier run/race route is not graded according to difficulty. Only experienced snowboarders and skiers may use the race route. For safety reasons, plan A can only be implemented if there is enough snow cover on the glaciers and good weather conditions (flyable weather).

2.2 Plan B (descent)

Should plan A not be possible due to poor snow and/or weather conditions, plan B will be implemented. Plan B also starts at the Diavolezza mountain station (2978 m ASL). However, the racers will take the descent from the mountain station to the Diavolezza valley station and negotiate 885 metres on the prepared pistes 2a Diavolezza glacier and 2b Diavolezza (red).

2.3 Viewing the route

Plan A

Access to the glacier run is permitted – if open – during normal opening hours for descent and viewing of the race route. However, parts of the race route may differ from the glacier run (run no. 31). The race route cannot be viewed on the day of the race.

Plan B

If plan B needs to be implemented, the route may be viewed during normal business hours of the Diavolezza cable car by travelling to pistes 2a Diavolezza glacier and 2b Diavolezza. **The race route cannot be viewed on the day of the race.**

2.4 Marking & rules

Red double control gates (left and right) will be in place. For safety reasons, participants must pass through (i.e. bet-

ween) the red gates. Parts that are difficult to see will also be monitored by race marshals. If the race marshals wave the yellow flag, participants must proceed with extreme caution and follow any instructions given. Participants must ski or snowboard in such a way that allows several racers to use the same stretch at the same time. Participants must always remain within the marked route (red gates). There is a risk of crevasses outside the markings. The DGR Organising Committee expressly declines all liability for accidents of any kind outside of the marked race route. Participants must adjust their speed to their own ability and the conditions and must descend with a clear view of their path. The ten rules of the [FIS code of conduct](#) are also binding for all participants.

2.4 Withdrawal from the race

If participants want or have to withdraw from the race for any reason, for safety reasons they must continue to the next marshal on the race route (plan A & plan B) and must not leave the race route. The participants shall report to the marshal and follow the instructions given.

3 Eligibility

Anyone over the age of 18 who feels up for this challenge is eligible. Only skis or snowboards are permitted. The routes (plan A and B) are long and challenging, therefore a good command of skiing or snowboarding as well as good physical health are required for participation.

Minors may only register/enter with a [declaration of consent](#) from a parent or legal guardian. By signing the declaration of consent, the parent or legal guardian confirms, amongst other things, that they are aware of the risks associated with participation in this event and that the child is capable of taking part in the race.

4 Categories

Each participant is only eligible to enter one category. There are no age categories. The following categories are available:

Individual

- Men's skiing
- Women's skiing
- Men's snowboarding
- Women's snowboarding

Teams/family

Each team/family must have at least 2 and a maximum of 6 participants. All-female and all-male as well as mixed teams are permitted. Teams may be made up of all skiers, all snowboarders or a combination of skiers and snowboarders. The average time of all team members shall determine the ranking. All teams and families, whether skiers and/or snowboarders, men, women's or mixed, shall be rated in the same "Team/Family" category. The team/family members shall not be listed individually in the results, but only as part of their team. This means that individual team/family members cannot compete for the title of "glacier devil" (see point 8).

5 Costume/fancy dress

Any participants who take part in costume/fancy dress will receive a gift at the finish line. Costumes/fancy dress are encouraged, although there is no separate ranking for participants in fancy dress.

6 Alternative date & award ceremony

There is no alternative date! The race will take place on the set date and will not be postponed (see point 2). The award ceremony will take place on the same day as part of the "Viva la Via glacier edition" at Piazza Bellavita in Pontresina, where the charity auction for selected glacier maintenance projects will also be held. For more information, please visit the website.

7 Registration & maximum number of participants

By registering for the DGR, participants accept these General Rules and Regulations in their entirety. Online registration is open until the Friday (11.59 p.m.) before the event or until the maximum number of participants has been reached. Late entries (online) will be accepted on the event day up to 9.00 a.m. subject to a surcharge of CHF 15, unless the maximum number of participants has been reached. Registration shall become definitive upon receipt of payment (entry fee). Entry is limited to 500 people. The organiser has the right to limit the number of participants to a smaller number if necessary. If the number of participants needs to be limited due to official requirements, places shall be allocated in order of registration.

7.1 Entry fees

One quarter of the entry fee shall be allocated to glacier maintenance projects. Thus, by entering, participants are automatically helping to protect the glacier and contributing to the mission.

Individual

The entry fee for the individual categories is CHF 70.

Teams/family

The entry fee per team/family is CHF 140. There is a surcharge of CHF 35 per person for the third, fourth, fifth & sixth participants.

Day pass

All participants have the opportunity to purchase a discounted day pass for CHF 30 upon registration.

8 Format

The starting order shall reflect the order in which registrations were received. However, an exception shall apply for participants in the "Teams/Family" category. For safety reasons, teams/families shall start last. The start interval shall be determined by the race organisers. There shall be no qualification rounds and only one race shall take place.

A ranking list shall be drawn up based on the time taken to complete the race. The male and female participants with the best times on the day will be crowned glacier devils at the award ceremony and their names will be engraved on the challenge cup. Participants in the "Teams/Family" category shall not be ranked individually, but only as a team/family. This means that no team/family member may be crowned glacier devil.

9 Start numbers

9.1 Allocation of start numbers

Start numbers shall be allocated according to the order in which registrations were received (payment). Information about the allocation of start numbers can be found on the website under [Racing information](#). The start number may be obtained upon presentation of the confirmation mail or an identity document.

9.2 Start numbers and transponders

The start number must be worn so that it is clearly visible during the race. A transponder shall be attached to the leg, between the ski or snowboard boot and knee, in order to record the time. After crossing the finishing line, the transponder and start number must be handed back to the dedicated auxiliary staff immediately. Participants shall be charged CHF 80 each for lost or unreturned transponders and start numbers.

10 Equipment/protective gear

A helmet that conforms to European Standard EN 1077 must be worn in every category and along the entire route (start to finish). Mountain climbing, ice hockey, cycling helmets etc. are not permitted. Violations will result in disqualification. Back protectors are recommended. Race suits are permitted but are not obligatory. Participants must wear weather-appropriate clothing. Costumes and fancy dress must be worn in such a way that they do not present a safety risk to the participants themselves or others.

11 Special regulations

Poles for snowboarders

The Diavolezza Glacier Race includes slight inclines as well as long flat sections, some of which lead over the glacier. For safety reasons, participants are recommended not to undo bindings on the glacier. Snowboarders are therefore advised to carry ski poles by hand or telescopic poles in a rucksack.

Fluoro wax:

Skiers apply fluoro wax to the contact surfaces of skis to improve the gliding properties. These waxes contain fluorine compounds that reduce the friction between the ski and the snow and thus improve performance, especially in wet and warm conditions. However, there are several reasons why the use of fluoro waxes is increasingly being prohibited:

- **Environmental pollution:** fluoro compounds are harmful to the environment as they do not naturally decompose and can accumulate in water and in the ground. This leads to long-term environmental issues.
- **Health risks:** the manufacture, application and removal of fluoro waxes pose health risks.
- **Fairness:** fluoro waxes are expensive and can lead to inequalities in sport, as not all participants can afford them. This results in unfair competition.

In a spirit of environmental protection, health and fairness, all participants shall voluntarily refrain from using fluoro wax.

Doping

doping violates the principles of fairness and equal opportunity and poses health risks, and accordingly all participants shall voluntarily refrain from doping.

12 Disqualification

The race organisers reserve the right to exclude participants from the race if they behave in an unsporting/unfair way or breach the rules, or due to any other compelling reason. Failure to abide by the General Rules and Regulations will result in disqualification by the OC.

Reasons for disqualification can include

- intentionally bumping into other participants
- not following the instructions of the marshals
- leaving the official route
- starting under a false name
- not going to the start line with skis or a snowboard
- registering in the wrong category

This list is not exhaustive.

13 Disputes

Disputes must be submitted to the race organisers in the finishing area (finishing manager) in writing as quickly as possible, however no later than 15 minutes after the last participant crosses the finishing line and subject to payment of a deposit of CHF 100. The race organisers will deal with the dispute and reach a binding and incontestable decision. There is no right of appeal.

14 Refunds

The entry fee is only refundable in the event of illness or accident upon presentation of a medical certificate. The entry fee shall not be refunded in the event of non-attendance, delayed arrival, the exclusion of the participant from the event or a breach of these Rules and Regulations. Should all or part of the event be cancelled due to poor weather, a technical fault or power cut, safety reasons or force majeure (e.g. risk of avalanche, pandemic) or the like, the customer shall not be entitled to a refund. However, upon presentation of confirmation of registration (payment), all participants shall receive a day pass for the Diavolezza/Lagalb or Corvatsch winter sports area for the current or following winter season at the ticket office.

15 Insurance & liability

The OC of the DGR declines all liability towards any participant or spectator for any damages caused by participants or auxiliary staff. The OC of the DGR likewise declines liability for any fault. Each individual participant is responsible for arranging insurance cover against accidents (including rescue and transport cost insurance) as well as liability insurance. Participants or parents/legal guardians accept sole responsibility and release the organiser (OC) from any liability.

15.1 Rescue service/rescue costs

In the event of accidents on the race route (plan A and B) for which the emergency rescue services or air ambulance (e.g. Rega) must be called, the participant shall be charged for any costs incurred as a result (staff, equipment and third party costs). Third-party costs (e.g. doctor) must be settled directly by the participant. Any claims for a refund must be made by the participant with their insurance company.

16 Privacy policy

Data is protected in accordance with the Swiss Data Protection Act (DSG)/Data Protection Ordinance (DSV), September 2023. Datasport AG (official timekeeping and data processing) is responsible for managing and processing data. The privacy policy as well as the contractual terms and conditions of use of Datasport AG apply (<https://www.datasport.com/de/datenschutzerklaerung>). By registering, participants consent to their surname, first name, year of birth, place of residence, start number, competition time and ranking being published in the event's start and ranking lists. This consent shall apply both to publication on the internet, in print media and on TV as well as for posting lists and speaker announcements. The photographs taken and videos recorded in connection with this event may be used without restriction and without any right to remuneration, insofar as this occurs within the scope of the DGR event. Personal data of participants can be used by the organiser for marketing purposes, although may not be shared with third parties. The names, photographs and rankings of the winners shall remain on our website indefinitely. Any person who does not consent to their personal data being used should notify this in writing to info@glacier-race.ch.

17 Applicable law

Swiss law shall be exclusively applicable and the exclusive place of jurisdiction shall be Maloja.

18 Information

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