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# THE COUNTDOWN TO THE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING MAJOR WEEKEND HAS STARTED. COGNE IS READY FOR THE 41ST MARCIAGRANPARADISO

*There are really just a few days left until the race weekend starts! Maximum commitment on the part of the Organizing Committee to finalize the details. Program confirmed, some big stars are expected on the starting line.*

France, Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, Great Britain and Denmark and obviously Italy: scrolling through the **list of participants** makes it clear how multilingual this year's **Marcia** will be. The **organizing committee** is clearly very happy to witness this wave of **internationality**, also driven by collaboration with the **Ski Classics Challengers** circuit. A very fundamental aspect because it is clearly one of the goals of the event to make the name of the town of Cogne known and spread around the world. Skiing inside the **Gran Paradiso National Park** will be something spectacular and exciting, which will go beyond a simple sporting experience.

The **conditions of the track** are clearly improving, thanks above all to the endless and fruitful work of the **many volunteers** who have committed themselves to finishing the most critical sections. Although the snowfall was much desired, the course is magical as always, full of incredible colours, between the pure white of the snow, the blue of the sky, and the green of the **Gran Paradiso National Park**.

If on a **landscape level** the Marcia offers unforgettable satisfaction every year, on the **competitive level** it is certainly no different. There is therefore great anticipation for some stars who have written the recent history of world cross-country skiing: in fact, one of the most important transalpine athletes will also appear at the starting line, **Clément Parisse**. Some rumors indicate the possibility that **Maurice Manificat** will also join his compatriot.

**Program confirmed:** the narrow skis weekend begins as always on Saturday, when the 17th edition of the **MiniMarcia** will come to life.

From midday, the Baby Sprint, Baby and Cuccioli categories will light up the Cogne cross-country stadium, together with the colorful cheering of their parents. The awards ceremony will be held in Piazza del Municipio starting from 2.30 pm.

The **cross-country Sunday par excellence** will begin at 10:00, when the **41st MarciaGranParadiso** will start for the "bisons", as always on the Prati di Sant'Orso. The Ragazzi and Allievi categories will also start together with the adults for the MiniMarcia. The awards ceremony will take place at the municipal gym at 3:00 pm.

**Registrations** for the weekend's events are obviously more than open.

All the instructions for registering for **Marciagranparadiso 2024** can be found at this web address: <https://www.marciagranparadiso.it/pagina.php?id=2>, similarly for the **MiniMarcia** you can register here: <https://www.marciagranparadiso.it/pagina.php?id=10>. Please remember that although registrations for the





combined are closed, those who have participated in both the Lago di Tesero race (SkiriTrophy) and the Cogne race (MiniMarcia) will be included in the final ranking of the **SkiriMini** combined.

You can follow the event dedicated to adults on the **Facebook** page @Marcia Gran Paradiso, on the **Twitter** profile @MGranparadiso and on the **Instagram** profile @marciagranparadiso. Three are the official hashtag for the event: **#marciagranparadiso**, **#MGP2024** and **#SkiClassicsChallengers**.

You can follow the event dedicated to youngsters on the **Facebook** page @MiniMarciagranparadiso, on the **Twitter** profile @MGranparadiso and on the **Instagram** profile @marciagranparadiso. Three are the official hashtag for the event: **#MiniMarcia**, **#MiniMGP2024** and **#SkiriMini**.

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