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# MARCIAGRANPARADISO 2026: 43RD EDITION OF THE CLASSIC TECHNIQUE GRANFONDO

*Cogne stays true to tradition: the new edition of the cross-country ski marathon is planned and ready at the starting line. Registrations open on August 1st.*

Start and finish on Sunday, **February 1st, 2026**, as tradition dictates, on the enchanting **Sant'Orso Meadows** in **Cogne**, in the heart of the **Aosta Valley**. The race unfolds along one of the most spectacular and beloved trails in the entire cross-country skiing panorama: a **40 km Gran Fondo** in **classic technique**, accompanied by a "light" 25 km version, designed for those who want to experience the thrill of competition in a more accessible format. The course winds entirely through the **Gran Paradiso National Park**, among snow-covered forests, wide valleys, and breathtaking views, offering participants a sporting experience immersed in one of the most stunning protected areas in the Alps.

August marks the **official opening of registrations** for a race that, over the years, has written unforgettable pages in the history of cross-country skiing, welcoming some of **the greatest names** in the discipline: Maurilio De Zolt, Guidina Dal Sasso, Marco Albarello, Giorgio Vanzetta, Odd Bjørn Hjeltnes, Johann Mühlegg, Giorgio Di Centa, Gabriella Paruzzi, and Elisa Brocard, to name just a few.

**Registrations** are already available online through the official event portal by following the instructions at the following link: <https://www.marciagranparadiso.it/pagina.php?id=2>.

As tradition dictates, all registered participants will receive a **generous race pack**—but only those who register by **December 30, 2025**, will be eligible for it: one more reason to secure your spot in advance.

The 2026 edition also confirms the partnership with the prestigious international circuit **Ski Classics Challengers**, where the **Marciagranparadiso** represents the official **Italian stage**—further proof of the event's importance and prestige within the international cross-country ski marathon calendar.

On Saturday, **January 31, 2026**, the event will kick off with the **19th edition** of the **MiniMarciaGranParadiso**, dedicated to young cross-country skiers. The event is affiliated with the **Skiri Trophy** (formerly known as the Trofeo Topolino), scheduled for January 18–19, 2026, in **Lago di Tesero** (Trento), and reserved for youth categories. It's a valuable opportunity to introduce the next generation to Nordic skiing in an atmosphere of celebration, sport, and shared growth.





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**, **#MGP2025** 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**, **#MiniMGP2025** and **#SkiriMini**.

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