

VAL DI FIEMME: THE CRADLE OF NORDIC SKIING THE 21st TOUR DE SKI, NORDIC COMBINED AND SKI JUMPING

Hosting the final stage of the Tour de Ski is a special tradition for Val di Fiemme. For over twenty years, the Italian valley, nestled in the Trentino Dolomites, has been crowning the winners of the iconic World Cup event, culminating in the epic "Cermis Final Climb". Next year, the Tour de Ski will conclude from January 8 to 10 with three days that promise, as always, fireworks. The 21st edition will take place over ten days, kicking off on the French tracks of Les Rousses, then moving to Oberstdorf, Germany, on January 5 and 6, a stage that will precede the grand finale in Trentino, where the outcome of this prestigious event, which awards crucial points for the overall World Cup standings, will be decided.

On Friday, January 8, the competition will kick off with the 30 km Skiathlon (15 km CT + 15 km FT) on the tracks of the Cross-Country Stadium at Lago di Tesero, which last February served as the venue for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. On Saturday, January 9, the freestyle sprint will take centre stage at the Lago di Tesero Stadium, currently the only venue in the world to have hosted three editions of the World Championships (1991, 2003, 2013), an edition of the Winter World University Games (2013), and the Olympics and Paralympics, to which the upcoming YOG (Dolomiti Valtellina Winter Youth Olympic Games) will be added in 2028.

Once again, the only legendary "Cermis Final Climb," scheduled for Sunday, January 10, will decide the fate of the event. A 10 km Mass Start in free technique will take cross-country skiers up the gruelling ascent to Alpe Cermis, reaching an elevation of 1,275 meters. The athletes will be put to the test by the climb up the "Olimpia III," typically used and known as an alpine skiing slope, with heart-stopping gradients nearing 30%. As always, the Nordic Ski Val di Fiemme committee is in charge of organising the Tour de Ski in Val di Fiemme, always playing a leading role in staging major events in the region.

From December 11 to 13, the Nordic Combined World Cup will take place between the Ski Jumping Stadium of Predazzo and the Cross-Country Stadium of Lago di Tesero, marking the third of eleven stops in the 2026/27 season. Following the exclusion of Nordic Combined from the Olympic program, Val di Fiemme has strongly reaffirmed its commitment to this historic discipline. The event will kick off on Friday, December 11 with the Individual Compact, while on Saturday, December 12 it will be time for the Individual Gundersen. The program will conclude on Sunday, December 13, with the Mixed Team event, featuring two men and two women per nation.

The following weekend, December 19 and 20 will be entirely dedicated to Ski Jumping, with a stage of the Continental Cup, scheduled on the Olympic Large Hill HS 141 of the Ski Jumping Stadium of Predazzo.

After the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Val di Fiemme does not slow down and remain the cradle of Nordic skiing, with its sights set on the upcoming 2028 YOG.

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