



## 19<sup>th</sup> COOP FIS Tour de Ski Fiemme | 3-5.01.2025 | Val di Fiemme | Trentino

# SPRINT, SKIATHLON AND CERMIS FINAL CLIMB

For the 19th time in 19 years, Val di Fiemme will be once again decisive for the winners and losers of the Coop FIS Tour de Ski Performance by Le Gruyère AOP. The final races of the Tour de Ski are scheduled in Trentino on January 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2025, to ring down the curtains on the most prestigious World Cup stages of the entire season.

After the start in Toblach (December 28, 29, 31 and January 1), the most watched global cross-country event will move to Trentino and making its welcome return to the renovated Cross-Country Stadium tracks of Tesero will be the Sprint race in classic technique that will liven up the day of Friday, January 3. It is an eagerly awaited appointment for the sprinters that could shake up the general ranking of the Tour de Ski.

On Saturday 4th, cross-country skiers will compete in the thrilling 20 km skiathlon (CT and FT), which, after its debut in Val di Fiemme in the 2013 World Championships and its return in the Junior World Championships in 2014, is preparing to be decisive in this Tour de Ski dynamics, the great novelty of the event.

After many years since the last appearance of the Skiathlon race in the Cross-Country Stadium of Lago di Tesero, the best cross-country skiers will have to face the first part of the race in classic technique and the second one in free technique, with the equipment change between one leg and the other.

And for a format that makes its debut in the Tour de Ski programme, there is one that has permanently occupied the conclusive day of every edition for almost twenty years: to decide the fate of the event will once again be the legendary 'Cermis Final Climb' of Sunday, January 5th, in Val di Fiemme. Last on the calendar, but certainly not least, is the Mass Start in free technique starting from the Cross-Country Centre of Lago di Tesero and the legendary ascent on the Alpe Cermis up to the intermediate cable car station at Doss dei Laresi. The famous 'Olimpia III', habitually used and known as an Alpine ski slope will be the theatre of the feats of the athletes who will face it uphill with skis on their feet, amidst vertiginous tears that verge on a 30% gradient. Once again, the Alpe Cermis and its 'Cermis Final Climb' will be the judges of the Tour de Ski, with Val di Fiemme awarding the winners of the 19th edition of the most prestigious and coveted World Cup inner circuit.

Throughout the entire weekend from January 3rd to 5th, there will be no shortage of initiatives to accompany the race, prepared with care by the organising committee, which will involve athletes, amateurs, fans and the new generations, with proposals ranging from the traditional 'Tour del Gusto' along the Alpe Cermis ascent to the Coop Mini World Cup for the youngest, without forgetting the 'Rampa con I Campioni', which offers amateurs and former professional cross-country skiers the chance to compete along the Final Climb course.

The Nordic Ski Val di Fiemme organising committee is taking care of the preparation of the grand finale of the 19th edition of the Tour de Ski. It is important to remember that on this occasion, cross-country skiers will test not only the redesigned routes of the tracks (Sprint and Skiathlon) but will also move inside the new athletes' area equipped with changing rooms and technical rooms of the Cross-Country stadium of Lago di Tesero, which will be inaugurated on the prestigious stage of the Tour. In the last few months, the facility in Val di Fiemme has undergone some renovation and track redefinition works aimed at improving its functionality in view of the great appointment that awaits Val di Fiemme in a little more than 450 days: the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games of Milano Cortina 2026.

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