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## **NATIONAL OVERALL TEAM CLUB CRITERIUM M+L**

**International competition “by invitation”**

**– A Series –**

### **RULES AND PARTICIPATION CRITERIA**

**“NON SOLO VADO FORTE MA CORRO PER LA MIA SQUADRA”**

**“Uno per tutti, tutti per uno”**

**“I’M SKIING FAST TO MAKE MY TEAM AS THE BEST”**

**“ALL OF US FOR OUR TEAM”**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Starting from the season 2003/2004 the Executive Board of the Italian Winter Sports Federation (Fisi) has approved a new Formula of Team Events to be included in the National calendar. This proposal, after conforming to the FIS rules, can become an example for other Nations to follow by finding “a place” in the International calendar. Since Bormio 2005, in fact, this formula has already been adopted in the World Ski Championships programme.

#### **AIMS**

##### **- Formula Criterium**

This Criterium aims at increasing the team spirit and the “rebirth” of the Senior Categories. Therefore, priority will be given to entry forms of Club Teams with a maximum of 5 and a minimum of 3 athletes respecting the gender limit (2 ladies and 3 men).

#### **RULES**

**Participation:** the National Overall Team Club Criterium (A Series) is an International competition “by invitation” with the participation of male and female athletes.

Our goal is to give importance to the Clubs which will be able to register teams with the highest number of admissible athletes.

It is a two-day event with 4 competitions, 2 for men and 2 for ladies.

Men’s competition and one for ladies will be scheduled every day. Each competition, according to the International rules, will be held in two runs and with a maximum number of athletes (please, read further) not exceeding 140 athletes per gender.

Athletes compete to gain FIS points.

**Events:** one competition day with a Giant Slalom (M+L) and one competition day with Slalom (M+L).

**Clubs (also foreign Clubs):** the first 29 Clubs among the first 50 Clubs in the Italian National overall Alpine Ski ranking list of the previous year will be admitted. The team of the organising Club has the right to be registered as the 30th Team in the list. Subsequently, in case of withdrawal, Clubs up to the 50th place in the overall Italian Alpine Ski ranking list can ask for registration.

10 foreign Clubs are admitted by invitation or, as an alternative, the first 10 Nations which will be registered with single athletes respecting the maximum number of 30 ladies and 30 men.

In case the foreign Clubs will not participate, teams of Italian Clubs can ask for registration on the condition that they are among the 50 Clubs in the list.

**Team composition (maximum and minimum number) and registration requirements:** the ideal team is composed of 5 athletes: 3 men and 2 ladies belonging to the same Club.

The minimum number of athletes per team is 3. They must be of both genders.

In case a team is composed of more than 5 athletes, their names must be clearly written in the registration form (a registration form is at disposal).

The Italian Clubs can register athletes up to 10 days before the first Teams Captain Meeting ( it usually takes place at 20:00), no later than midnight, so as to have enough time to inform and let the teams listed after the 29th place up to the 50<sup>th</sup> place in the ranking list take part to the competition.

Maximum number of foreign athletes is 60 (30 men + 30 ladies), individual or divided in 10 teams.

Foreign teams can register athletes up to 5 days before the first Teams Captain Meeting (it usually takes place at 20:00), no later than midnight, so as to let the other Italian teams, in addition to the 29+1 mentioned before, take part to the competition in case the foreign quota is not reached.

**Total number of athletes:** in the men's competition a maximum of  $90+30 = 120$  participants and in the ladies' competition a maximum of  $60 + 30 = 90$  participants.

Therefore: 210 athletes per day and 420 athletes for two days.

In addition to the participating teams according to the above mentioned rules, in case of some places still at disposal, **individual athletes** are accepted. They must be member of the first 50 Clubs in the National overall Italian Alpine Ski ranking list and must be registered respecting the total number of participants that is 120 men and 90 ladies, starting from the Clubs that have already registered a team, on the following conditions:

- The Organising Club (2 men and 2 ladies),
- and then, priority should be given to the teams with the maximum quota respecting the ranking list order, with the possibility to register one athlete per gender;
- the teams with no maximum quota will follow, respecting the ranking list order, first those with four athletes and then those with three athletes with the possibility to register an athlete belonging to the gender where the maximum quota has been reached.
- After the first round to be accomplished according to the above mentioned procedures, a second round might start. First giving priority to the teams with more athletes and then by following the ranking list order, the clubs with the maximum quota can register an athlete per gender and the clubs with no maximum quota can register an athlete belonging to the highly represented gender.

In case of some places still at disposal, individual athletes from the first 50 Clubs without a team could be registered; it is important to underline that they will be accepted only if there are no other requests from Club teams to register individual with respect to the above mentioned criteria.

In case they are accepted, the procedure to follow is always the same: first an athlete per gender for each Club and then a second round and following to include Clubs teams with respect to their quotas and ranking list order.

Any individual registration form cannot be considered as useful for the Criterium ranking list for the Club the athlete belongs to.

Entries for the foreign Clubs or individual athletes must be done through the respective National Ski Federations. All athletes must have a valid FIS code.

**Team ranking list:**

The Winner of the National Team Club Criterium M+L "A Series" will be the Team with the highest points (TAB T3-300) gained in the two-day competitions and considering all the athletes in the ranking list. To the best Italian team a special badge to wear on the jacket during the next season will be given. (BEST TEAM).

The sum of the points will be done taking into consideration the men and ladies participation as follows:

- Each Club/Society has the right to register a Team by listing the participating athletes in the registration form.

Any substitution in the team can occur on these conditions:

- on the first competition day during the Teams Captain Meeting (no restrictions)
- on the second competition day during the Teams Captain Meeting, maximum one athlete (both male and female).
- the points to sum up are those gained by each member of the regularly registered team who will cross the finish line.
- Teams are made of a maximum of five athletes (3M + 2L) and a minimum of three athletes of both genders.

The first ten Teams will be awarded by adding up the results of the two-day competitions.

- **Winners of the Individual ranking list:**

After the two-day competitions, the best five athletes (men/ladies) will be awarded by adding up the points of the TAB T3-300. The athlete with the highest points will be the "**Individual Winner**" of the Criterium and, to the best Italian athlete classified; a special badge to wear on the jacket during the whole season (BEST BOY / BEST GIRL) will be given.

A prize will also be awarded to the best foreign Club in the team ranking list.

- **Special prizes:**

At the end of each competition day, a prize will be awarded to the best men's and ladies' Team. This prize will not count for the acquisition of any title.

At the end of each competition day, a prize will be awarded to the best three athletes (men and ladies)

- **Categories:**

With the exclusion of the first two years of the Junior category, the categories that can participate are those allowed by FIS (see page 1 "aims of the Criterium").

- **Registration requirements for the 2008/09 edition:**

invitation and registration requirements will be delivered by the Organizing Club to the first 50 Italian Clubs of the ranking list of the previous year (in this case, the 2007/08 list), a copy will be sent to FIS – CCAA e F office, at least 30 days before the starting of the event together with several reminders (no less than three). All the registration forms of the Italian Clubs, including the registration forms of the reserve teams (placed between the 29th and the 50th) must be filled in no later than 10 days before the first Jury meeting. The registration forms of the foreign Clubs must be filled in no later than five days before the first Jury meeting, by midnight at the latest, in order to let the reserve teams have enough time to arrange themselves.

Individual athletes should be listed in the registration forms.

Seven days before the starting of the competition the organising Club must publish the final list of the Italian Clubs (and possible individual athletes interested in the competition) on the FIS web site and on the web site of the organizing Club.

Three days before the starting of the competition the final list of the teams which have been accepted thanks to the places left at disposal by the foreign Clubs not participating (and the list of individual athletes which are admitted to the competition) must be published.

- **Registration fees**

Foreign Athletes: registration and use of installations free of charge, registration for one accompanying person free of charge, € 10,00 per day for other accompanying persons (only registered ones) for the use of installations.

Italian Athletes: € 20,00 per day for each athlete (registration + use of installations), registration and use of installations free of charge for one team captain, € 10,00 per day for other accompanying persons (only registered ones) for the use of installations.

- **Starting list**

The first run, according to the FIS points, by drawing the first 15 athletes with the best FIS points.

In the second run the best 30 athletes after the first run will start in the reversed order.

Starting order: Ladies competition will start first.

- **Courses:**

see Fis rules.

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- Alpine Ski ranking list (team list) - season 2007/08
- special entry form for criterium

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