

# **Rules and regulations of the Patrouille des Glaciers 2024**

## **Special Swiss map edition 1:50 000, (edition 2024)**

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*Based on the decree by the Swiss federal council on military sports on October 29th, 2003, the Command of the Patrouille des Glaciers establishes following rules and regulations:*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> section: General terms and conditions**

##### **Art. 1** Basics

<sup>1</sup> The Patrouille des Glaciers (PdG) is a major international military sport event in the meaning of the Ordinance on military sport<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The PdG is a historical military competition with national and international competitors, that is open for civilian competitors as well for elite and large public participants.

<sup>3</sup> The track Z leads from ZERMATT to VERBIER, the track A from AROLLA to VERBIER. Each race takes place twice during the competition week and the participants compete in patrols of three competitors.

<sup>4</sup> The edition 2024 of the Patrouille des Glaciers will take place in the week from the 15<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The planned race days are Tuesday and Wednesday (races Z1 and A1) and Friday and Saturday (races Z2 and A2).

<sup>5</sup> Based on uncertain weather and snow conditions, as well as extraordinary incidents, the races can be postponed, neutralized, interrupted or cancelled.

<sup>6</sup> The race director is the Commander of the PdG.

##### **Art. 2** Purpose

<sup>1</sup> The present rules and regulations describe the particularities of the registration process, deadlines, general information of the race as well as special regulations.

<sup>2</sup> Because of the specifics of the PdG, registering for the race requires following:

<sup>1</sup> Ordinance on military sports as of October the 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Art. 9 ff.

- a. very good knowledge of the high mountains, which defines the premise to master unexpected and potentially extreme situations in the Alps;
- b. a personal commitment to a physical, mental and technical preparation for this competition;
- c. integrating and living the mindset of "*esprit de cordée*", to be expressed towards own patrol members as well towards further competitors with friendship, solidarity, precaution, awareness about your own limits and respect towards nature and mountains.

<sup>3</sup> Participation on the PdG does not require a medical certificate. However, the PdG command recommends that participants, if necessary, consult a doctor, to confirm their ability to take part on it.

### **Art. 3**            Scope of application

<sup>1</sup> In these present rules and regulations and appendices, the denomination of a person or function is applicable for males and females.

<sup>2</sup> Each registered patrol is bound to respect and adhere to these rules and regulations, its appendices and comply to either written or oral directives by the PdG Command.

<sup>3</sup> These rules and regulations apply to athlete support personnel. It is the duty of all patrol to brief their support personnel on relevant regulations in this document.

### **Art. 4**            Context and Background

<sup>1</sup> Events beyond the control of the PdG Command authorize it to take appropriate measures, which may also deviate from the normal course of events. The following events are considered as consecutive. The list being non- exhaustive:

- a. events which alter the services of members of the armed forces for higher priority missions, whether or not they coincide with the implementation of the PdG;
- b. decisions taken by political or official institutions, military or civilian, which have a decisive effect on the implementation of the PdG;
- c. measures taken as a result of pandemics or epidemics that would jeopardize the implementation of the PdG at any time after the opening of registration.

<sup>2</sup> The measures that the PdG Command is authorized to take include the following:

- a. the restriction of participants or the geographical restriction of participants;
- b. issuing directives in collaboration with the local and cantonal authorities which go beyond the circle of participants, in particular directives concerning spectators or suppliers;
- c. the complete or partial cancellation of sporting events.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Registration and categories**

### **Art. 5** Registration

<sup>1</sup> In all categories it is mandatory that the patrol leader registers four patrol members, one of whom is only the substitute in the patrol.

<sup>2</sup> Following rules applies for the registration:

- a. military and civilian patrol (female, male or mixed) may compete;
- b. mixed patrol (women and men) is treated and ranked as if they were men's patrols.

<sup>3</sup> The minimum age for competitors is as follows:

- a. 20 years in the current year for the race from ZERMATT to VERBIER (Z1 and Z2);
- b. 18 years by the day of the competition for the race AROLLA to VERBIER (A1 and A2).

<sup>4</sup> Each patrol member may:

- a. participate in only one race;
- b. start only once;
- c. only be registered for and be part of one single patrol.

### **Art. 6** Definition of categories

<sup>1</sup> The following definitions apply to all races. Patrols are divided into 5 categories, which are defined in art.7 et seq.

<sup>2</sup> International military patrols participate solely in race Z1.

### **Art. 7** Category P1: Swiss Military patrols - female, male or mixed (including similar organizations such as the Federal Office of Customs and Border Protection and the various police forces)

<sup>1</sup> The patrols consist of four members of the Swiss armed forces or similar organizations as defined in paragraph 5 below.

<sup>2</sup> The PdG Command may order an official uniform to be worn for the current edition or another distinctive sign (e.g. a PdG shirt) for the race or the award ceremony. In this case, the price of the official clothing is included in the registration fee (see art. 19).

<sup>3</sup> Eligible for the category P1 are competitors having completed their basic training/recruit school and have not reached 65 years at the time of the competition.

<sup>4</sup> Military members who complete their recruit school during the registration phase are admitted under condition that they have successfully completed their recruit school.

<sup>5</sup> Members of equivalent forces as described in Art. 18 of the ArmA (Federal Act on the Armed Forces and the Military Administration).

<sup>6</sup> Citizens who have done Civilian Service or Protection & Support Service (P&S) instead of the mandatory Military Service are not eligible for this category.

**Art. 8**            Category P1: Control, Verification of the registration data's

<sup>1</sup> Upon request, active military personnel or those released from duty (e.g. single term conscripts who have concluded their service duty) must send in their military service booklet (or an equivalent document proving they have completed their military service) in an envelope to the PdG Command, Rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 St-Maurice (VS), by registered mail.

<sup>2</sup> Duplicates or certificates are in the responsibility of the patrol member. The PdG Command does not provide any certificate or duplicates.

<sup>3</sup> If valid documents cannot be provided, the registration of their patrol in the Swiss military category will not be considered and the patrol will be considered as a category P4 patrol.

<sup>4</sup> Patrols comprising four members of a similar organization as defined in art. 18 of the ArmA (including police officers or customs and border security specialists) must provide a certificate from their superiors confirming their incorporation into an official corps. The confirmation has to be sent to the PdG Command.

<sup>5</sup> Members of Swiss military indicate one of their patrol members incorporations (old military service book page 8 / new book page 6).

<sup>6</sup> Each patrol defines their patrol name based on their military incorporation. If needed, PdG Command will determine the patrol name.

**Art. 9**            Category P2: International military patrols

<sup>1</sup> These patrols consist of four military personnel from the ranks of foreign armed forces who compete exclusively on the Z1 race in the official uniform of their country of origin.

<sup>2</sup> Registration is coordinated with the official representative of their country and the International Relations Officer of the PdG Command. The enrolment process takes place only through the military diplomatic service channel (a registration link will be sent to them by the International Relations Officer after confirmation).

**Art. 10**           Category P3: Civilian patrols with a mountain guide

<sup>1</sup> Civilian patrols with a mountain guide must be led by a certified IFMGA<sup>2</sup> mountain guide.

<sup>2</sup> The patrol defines its "patrol name" on its own, which should not be offensive. If needed, PdG Command will amend the patrol name.

<sup>3</sup> The certified IFMGA mountain guide is imperatively the patrol leader for category P3 patrols.

<sup>2</sup> International Federation of Mountain Guide Association, registered seat in Zürich.

<sup>4</sup> Register with your valid IFMGA certificate number and send a copy of your certificate (both sides of their license card) to PdG Command, Rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 St-Maurice (VS).

<sup>5</sup> If valid documents cannot be provided, the patrols registration in category P3 will be disregarded and the patrol will automatically be transferred to category P4 (civilian patrols).

<sup>6</sup> Candidate for certified mountain guide are not legitimized to act as certified IFMGA mountain guide.

<sup>7</sup> The ranking of category P3 will be joined with the competitors of category P4. (see Art. 36).

**Art. 11**            Category P4: Civilian patrols (female, males, mixed)

<sup>1</sup> Civilian patrols compete in category P4.

<sup>2</sup> The patrol defines its "patrol name" on its own and should not be offensive. If needed, PdG Command will amend the patrol name.

**Art. 12**            Competitors for CAS Swiss Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championships

<sup>1</sup> The Patrouille des Glaciers is part of the Swiss SAC Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championships.

<sup>2</sup> Patrols of the Swiss SAC Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championships shall participate exclusively in the Z2 if they want to earn points for the general ranking.

<sup>3</sup> The patrol shall register in the desired category P1-P4. Only the points obtained in the Z2 race will be counted towards the general classification.

<sup>4</sup> During the registration procedure, in addition to the required information, participants must also indicate their valid CAS license number.

**Art. 13**            Category P5: Competitors for the ISMF World Championships Long Distance

<sup>1</sup> The edition 2024 of the Patrouille des Glaciers is a part of the ISMF World Championships Long Distance.

<sup>2</sup> Patrols which compete for the ISMF World Championship Long Distance compete exclusively in the Z2 race.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph: Participation**

**Art. 14**            Allocation of a starting slot

<sup>1</sup> Patrols of the categories P1, P2, P3 and P5 are priority for a starting slot.

<sup>2</sup> The Commander of the PdG owns a number of starting slots for his own discretion.

<sup>3</sup> The remaining slots are subject to a draw for the patrols in category P4.

**Art. 15** Registration request

<sup>1</sup> The patrol registers on the official PdG website with the name of all four members and define the patrol leader.

<sup>2</sup> The patrol chooses the intended track: ZERMATT - VERBIER or AROLLA - VERBIER. Further, the patrol defines the intended race date (first or second occurrence of the race).

<sup>3</sup> Patrols belonging to category P1, P3 and P4 indicate if participating at the alternative occurrence date is an option.

<sup>4</sup> The patrol estimates their race time under normal race conditions.

<sup>5</sup> The patrols use the table in appendix 2 or 3 as a job aid for registering. The patrols must also consider the opening time of checkpoint SCHÖNBIEL for the Z1/Z2 races (see appendix 2) and the opening time of checkpoint COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES for the A1/A2 races (see appendix 3).

<sup>6</sup> At time of registration, individual patrol members can indicate their interest for a preparation training. Upon positive draw completion, these competitors will receive all necessary information to register for the preparation training performed by a third party.

**Art. 16** Drawing of lots and participation confirmation

<sup>1</sup> After the draw, the PdG Command will confirm to the patrols their participation as well as the assigned day and starting time. Those cannot be changed under any circumstances by the competitors.

<sup>2</sup> If one or other starts are postponed, there is no possibility to change the assigned date or starting time.

<sup>3</sup> PdG Command reserves the right to require a credit card to guarantee the payment of the registration fees.

<sup>4</sup> There is not waiting list being held for patrols that have not been allocated to a racing slot.

**Art. 17** Patrol registration: Process and deadline

Process and deadlines for the registration process are outlined in appendix 1 of these rules and regulations.

**Art. 18** Modification and change of the start time

<sup>1</sup> A modification is defined as a change in the composition of the patrol. All patrols have to make changes to their patrols within the deadlines indicated on the official registration website.

<sup>2</sup> At the deadline, (see appendix 1), the following order is applied:

- a. Patrol member 1 = patrol leader;
- b. Patrol member 2 = patrol member;
- c. Patrol member 3 = patrol member;
- d. Patrol member 4 = not starting (substitute).

<sup>3</sup> Licensed IFMGA mountain guides can only be replaced by another licensed mountain guide.

<sup>4</sup> As a general rule, requests for transfers after the deadline will not be accepted. Only duly justified and valid exceptions may be submitted. Requests should be sent in writing formal letter to the PdG Command, Rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 St-Maurice (VS).

<sup>5</sup> If a change is made after the deadline and without announcement, the patrol may lose its rights to take part in the race and the registration fees will not be refunded. Any changes made after the deadline and approved by the PdG Command may also be subject to a financial contribution to the timekeeper's expenses.

<sup>6</sup> Patrols which, without any authorization from the PdG Command, present themselves at the start in a modified or incomplete configuration will not be allowed to start and the registration fees will not be refunded.

<sup>7</sup> Out-of-time changes or after the deadline concerning the start time, are submitted duly justified in writing formal letter to the PdG Command for approval, Notification deadlines are the same as for transfers. Patrols which, failed to arrive at the start on time will not be allowed to start and the registration fees will not be refunded.

<sup>8</sup> For all correspondence with the timekeeper or the PdG Command, the identification number supplied by the timekeeper must be used. The timekeeper's identification number is unique and corresponds to the participant number registered on the timekeeper's site.

**Art. 19** Registration fees

<sup>1</sup> By registering, the patrol registers formally – the registration fee is due.

<sup>2</sup> The registration fees for the races Z1 and Z2 are:

- a. CHF 1'680.- for patrols in category P1<sup>3</sup>; and
- b. CHF 1'680.- for patrols in category P3,P4 and for the patrols (category P5) taking part on the ISMF World Championship Long Distance

<sup>3</sup>Military Commanders' credits or credits of professional military organizations are not allowed to be used for registration fees.

<sup>3</sup> The registration fees for the races A1 and A2 are:

- a. CHF 1'470.- for patrols in category P1<sup>4</sup>; and
- b. CHF 1'470.- for patrols in category P3 and P4.

<sup>4</sup> The amount is due per patrol, exclusive transfer costs (costs for post, bank and online payment). Any payment costs are on charge of the patrol.

<sup>5</sup> The payment by bank transfer in Switzerland must be made before the deadline specified in Appendix 1.

<sup>6</sup> In case of an unconfirmed participation after the draw result, only the registration fee will be reimbursed.

<sup>7</sup> Only a confirmation email will be provided. Additional receipts, as invoices or receipts will not be issued.

**Art. 20** Included services in the registration fee

<sup>1</sup> The registration fee entitles the participants to following services:

- a. overnight stay (only Z1 and Z2), subsistence and logistics according art. 22, transport by bus from SION to AROLLA (only A1 and A2);
- b. 3x three starting numbers;
- c. 1x Swiss map special edition 1:50 000;
- d. three souvenir-prizes;
- e. three commemorative medals;
- f. if ordered and only provided to the patrol members of category P1, four race dress. They are sent in advance to the patrol leader;
- g. a public transport ticket (2<sup>nd</sup> class) for the trip from your RESIDENCE in Switzerland to SION or ZERMATT and return by cable car from VERBIER to your RESIDENCE in Switzerland by the usual route within the validity of GA Travelcard aera.

<sup>2</sup> In case of cancellation or interruption of the race, the patrollers may collect their medals and souvenir presents at the location indicated on the official PdG website. There will be no further correspondence or distribution by mail.

**Art. 21** Refund of registration fees

<sup>1</sup> The registration fee will not be refunded by the PdG Command, with the following exceptions of paragraph 19 all. 6 and paragraph 21 all. 2.

<sup>2</sup> If a patrol for whatever reasons withdraws before the deadline set out in Appendix 1, only the sum of CHF 400 will be refunded. This act will be irrevocable. The notice of withdrawal must be sent by registered post (no email) to PdG Command, Rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 St-Maurice (VS).

<sup>3</sup> The refund amount will be paid after the current edition.

<sup>4</sup> Military Commanders' credits or credits of professional military organizations are not allowed to be used for registration fees.



**Art. 22** Races Z1 and Z2, accommodation, sustenance, transport and supply

<sup>1</sup> The PdG Command provides an accommodation for competitors for the hours preceding the races Z1 and Z2.

<sup>2</sup> If the race is anticipated or postponed by one day, the additional overnight is included in the registration fee.

<sup>3</sup> There is not reduction of the registration fee if the accommodations are not being used.

<sup>4</sup> Any additional nights not related to the race must be paid by the competitor. The organization, accommodation and sustenance are under the responsibility of the participant.

<sup>5</sup> The PdG Command provides the following sustenance:

- a. a meal in a designated Restaurant in ZERMATT on the evening before the race;
- b. a sustenance at the AROLLA and LA BARME stations;
- c. a meal on arrival in VERBIER under the big tent.

<sup>6</sup> The participant bears the costs for additional meals and beverages if the race will be postponed.

<sup>7</sup> Each patrol can bring its own sustenance for the race.

<sup>8</sup> Travelling to ZERMATT is preferably done by public transports.

**Art. 23** Races A1 and A2, accommodation, sustenance, transport and supply

<sup>1</sup> For the races A1 and A2, no accommodation is provided by the PdG Command.

<sup>2</sup> The PdG Command provides the following sustenance:

- a. a snack in SION before the race;
- b. an intermediate sustenance in the big tent of AROLLA before the start;
- c. a sustenance at the LA BARME station;
- d. a meal on arrival in VERBIER under the big tent.

<sup>3</sup> Each patrol can bring its own sustenance for the race.

<sup>4</sup> The participants for A1 and A2 race are required to use the meeting and control point SION.

<sup>5</sup> Travelling to SION is preferably done by public transports. A shuttle service will be organized between the Railway station and the meeting point SION from 8:00 PM.

<sup>6</sup> A limited number of parking places are available at the meeting point SION for people which arriving with their own car. A loading and unloading area on site are also provided for the people which are not coming by car.

**Art. 24** Medical care

<sup>1</sup> Medical care posts are available at the start in ZERMATT, AROLLA and in VERBIER.

<sup>2</sup> Each point is manned by medical staff.

**4<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Races****Art. 25** Race ZERMATT – VERBIER (Z)

<sup>1</sup> The PdG Command organizes two races (Z1 and Z2) between ZERMATT and VERBIER.

<sup>2</sup> All the specific information concerning this race-track and these races can be found in Appendix 2.

**Art. 26** Race AROLLA–VERBIER (A)

<sup>1</sup> The PdG Command organizes two races (A1 and A2) between AROLLA and VERBIER.

<sup>2</sup> All the specific information concerning this race-track and these races can be found in Appendix 3.

**Art. 27** Competencies

<sup>1</sup> In general, the Commander of the PdG is competent for all decisions relating to the race that are not assigned to another authority. He decides on:

- a. registration of participants;
- b. allocation of the patrol's starting places;
- c. changes and modification of the patrols data;
- d. disqualification of any patrol;
- e. modification of the track (e.g: reduction, track modification);
- f. interruption, reduction or cancellation of the event if the conditions require it;
- g. neutralization of a race and/or patrols with or without time counting;
- h. anticipation, postponement of the race or cancellation of individual or all starts;
- i. changes regarding the start time and time limits;
- j. further needed decisions not mentioned in these rules and regulations imposed by circumstances.

<sup>2</sup> The Commander of the PdG can delegate his power of decision.

<sup>3</sup> Decisions which have an impact on the competitors for CAS Swiss Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championships and also for the ISMF World Championships Long Distance, will be communicated by the Commander of the PdG to the jury of the concerned races before he makes his decision. The Commander is not

bound by the opinion of the jury.

<sup>4</sup> The decisions taken by the Commander of the PdG are final and not subject to any appeal.

#### **Art. 28** Bibs and race numbers

<sup>1</sup> Each patrol must pass all checkpoints as a group with their bibs / race number clearly visible – one fixed to the backpack, one at the helmet and one to the right thigh.

<sup>2</sup> All participants must carry a valid identification (passport or identity card) at all time. Double-sided copies are accepted. Pictures saved on the smartphone are not accepted. Documents must be presented every time. For taking the bibs / race number the participant present the withdrawal form issued by the timekeeper.

<sup>3</sup> At the end of the race, the competitors can keep their bibs / race numbers.

#### **Art. 29** Clothing

The relevant details for the clothing are provided in Appendix 4.

#### **Art. 30** Material and equipment

The relevant details for the material and equipment are provided in Appendix 5.

#### **Art. 31** Code of behavior on the race

<sup>1</sup> The patrols behave according the recommendations and rules of the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC)<sup>5</sup> as well as the Swiss Competence and Coordination Centre for Accident Prevention (BfU)<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> In particular, participants will be technically and tactically capable of assessing the dangers in the mountains, finding their way around, moving safely in the mountains on skis, roped up, by day and by night, using alpine equipment correctly, assessing avalanche situations and snow conditions and behaving safely and independently, and, in the event of an incident, applying rescue techniques.

<sup>3</sup> The participants shall comply in all circumstances and without any exceptions the instructions of military and civilian members of the organization

### **5<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Rankings**

#### **Art. 32** Guidelines for the ranking

<sup>1</sup> The race time is taken when the last patrol member passes.

<sup>2</sup> Only registered patrol members and competitors are allowed to pass the finish line.

<sup>3</sup> For each track, separate ranking lists for races A and Z will be published.

<sup>5</sup> E.g.: Alpine sport winter technology / tactic / safety ISBN978-3-85902-429-8

<sup>6</sup> "Skitouren: Mehr Sicherheit beim Aufsteigen und Abfahren", "Skitouren: Mehr Sicherheit beim Aufsteigen und Abfahren", "Caution - Avalanches!" (available at slf; [www.slf.ch](http://www.slf.ch)), etc.

**Art. 33** Swiss military patrols

A ranking list will be compiled for each of the tree age categories:

- a. **Military I** Total age of the 3 patrol members is less than 102 years;
- b. **Military II** Total age of the 3 patrol members is between 103 and 150 years;
- c. **Military III** Total age of the 3 patrol members is between 151 years and more.

**Art. 34** International military patrols

International military patrols competing in the race Z1 will be ranked together with the Swiss military patrols and the age categories according to art. 33.

**Art. 35** Civilian female patrols

There will be only one ranking list for each race, without consideration of any age categories.

**Art. 36** Civilian male and mixed patrols

A ranking list will be compiled for each of the tree age categories:

- a. **Civilian I** Total age of the 3 patrol members is less than 102 years;
- b. **Civilian II** Total age of the 3 patrol members is between 103 and 150 years;
- c. **Civilian III** Total age of the 3 patrol members is between 151 years and more.

**Art. 37** CAS Swiss Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championships

In addition to the rankings in their respective categories, the competitors taking part in the "CAS Swiss Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championships" category will also be included in an overall "CAS Swiss Cup and CAS Swiss Ski Mountaineering Championship" ranking. The award ceremony will take place after the PdG award ceremony in accordance with the "CAS Swiss Cup Ski Touring Races and CAS Swiss Championships" regulations.

**Art. 38** (ISMF) World Championships Long Distance – WCH LD

In addition to the ranking in their respective categories, the patrols taking part in the "WCH LD" will be included in a general "WCH LD" ranking. The award ceremony will take place after the PdG award ceremony in accordance with the specific ISMF regulations.

**Art. 39** Award ceremony

<sup>1</sup> The ranking list will be available to download from the [www.pdg.ch](http://www.pdg.ch) website as soon as each race is officially over.

<sup>2</sup> The award ceremony takes place in VERBIER at 14:30 on the race day.

<sup>3</sup> The participation to the award ceremony in VERBIER is mandatory for all patrol members who arrives before 13:30.

**Art. 40** Out-of-time patrols

<sup>1</sup> Patrols that fail to reach a checkpoint within the defined time deadlines are stopped by PdG Command and are regarded as out-of-time patrols.

<sup>2</sup> Those patrols must follow the instructions as per Art. 41.

<sup>3</sup> A patrol, complete or incomplete, arriving in VERBIER after 17:00 will be also considered as an out-of-time patrol.

**Art. 41** Give-up

<sup>1</sup> All patrols giving-up the race must report their decision to the next checkpoint.

<sup>2</sup> Two patrol members can decide to pursue the race without any ranking possibility. They may only leave the checkpoint with the agreement of the checkpoint supervisor. The two patrol members must take all the common patrol equipment with them.

<sup>3</sup> Exception to the above rule is the first race segment for each track which must be performed by the entire patrol. This is applicable for the segment ZERMATT – SCHÖNBIEL for the race Z and for the segment AROLLA - COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRE for the race A.

<sup>4</sup> Individual patrol members can in no circumstances finish the race alone or be left alone on the track, with the exception of the checkpoints.

<sup>5</sup> Patrols that give-up the race, are not allowed to leave the track, remove race numbers, switch off the mobile phone or avalanche transceiver, or stop in an alpine hut or elsewhere, unless instructed to do so by the PdG Command.

<sup>6</sup> The staff at the checkpoint where the give-up was reported, will take care of the quitting patrol which must in all cases comply with the instructions received from the staff.

<sup>7</sup> Non-compliant patrols will be disqualified.

**Art. 42** Disqualification

<sup>1</sup> Any infraction or behavior contrary to the rules may result in disqualification. The PdG Command reserves the right to refuse any future participation to disqualified patrollers.

<sup>2</sup> A disqualified patrol is no longer authorized to continue the race and must comply with the indications of the PdG Command.

<sup>3</sup> The disqualified patrol is not entitled to any souvenir prizes or medals, or to any reimbursement, even partial, of the registration fee.

<sup>4</sup> This also applies to supply and escort personnel.

## 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph: Special commands

### Art. 43 Individual assistance

<sup>1</sup> Individual assistance by support staff is allowed on the following track segments:

- a. **SCHÖNBIEL:** in the clearly marked sector by the checkpoint;
- b. **TÊTE BLANCHE:** in the clearly marked sector by the checkpoint;
- c. **COL DE BERTOL:** in the clearly marked sector by the checkpoint;
- d. **AROLLA** (Skilift Fontanesses): after the checkpoint for the track Z;
- e. **Z: COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES** (eastern starting point of the lane): at COL DE RIEDMATTEN in the clearly marked sector;
- f. **A: COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES** (eastern starting point of the lane): at COL DE TSENÁ RÉFIEN in the clearly marked sector;
- g. **LA BARME:** in the clearly marked sector by the checkpoint (not permitted on the ascent to LA BARME and on the base of the pass);
- h. **LA ROSABLANCHE:** in the clearly marked sector by the checkpoint (not permitted on top of the pass);
- i. **LAC DU PETIT MONT FORT:** in the clearly marked sector LAC DU PETIT MONT FORT (not allows on the pass COL DE LA CHAUX).

<sup>2</sup> Support staff must follow all instructions and orders given by PdG Command.

<sup>3</sup> The PdG Command may limit or restrict access to specific support areas.

### Art. 44 Technical assistance

<sup>1</sup> It is absolutely forbidden for third parties, other than die PdG-Staff, to help put on and/or take off the non-slip skins, the rope or the skis.

<sup>2</sup> Engaging "scouts" to free up or to light up the track is forbidden as well.

### Art. 45 Notification of accidents or special events

<sup>1</sup> In the event of danger or accident, patrols assist each other and carry out rescue operations, either spontaneously or at the request of checkpoint or medical staff.

<sup>2</sup> All accidents and events that could seriously damage the body and human life of a participant must be reported immediately by provided mobile phone (the number is saved in the provided cell phone).

<sup>3</sup> The following information must be provided:

- a. Bib / race number of the concerned patrol;
- b. location;
- c. number and name(s) of the casualty(ies);
- d. type of injury or the problem occurred;
- e. undertaken actions.

**Art. 46** Exclusion from the competition due to medical reasons

<sup>1</sup> The medical staff of the PdG Command may decide, for medical reasons, to temporarily or permanently stop a patrol or a participant.

<sup>2</sup> Definitively withdrawn patrols, resp. patrol members must comply to the instructions / orders given by the checkpoints chief or medical personnel to reach of the of 4 checkpoints ZERMATT, AROLLA, LA BARME or VERBIER.

**Art. 47** Environmental protection

<sup>1</sup> All patrol members are committed to respecting the mountains and protecting the environment.

<sup>2</sup> The PdG Command encourage the patrol members and their support staff the use of public transport.

<sup>3</sup> Waste must never be left on the track. Otherwise, the patrol will be disqualified. The waste can be left at the checkpoints.

<sup>4</sup> Running sneakers that are left behind are not allowed to be collected by the competitors. They will be collected by the PdG Command and will either be recycled or given to a charity.

**Art. 48** Insurances

<sup>1</sup> Each patroller is insured in accordance with the legal regime applicable to him. No supplementary insurance is taken out by the PdG Command. It is the responsibility of each patrol member to decide whether to take out additional insurance or not.

<sup>2</sup> According art. 26 of the decree of military sports of October 29th, 2003 are all current and former Swiss army members who participate at the PdG, regardless of the category, insured by the military insurance – based on the federal bill of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1992. Other participants, including members of the Federal Office of Customs and Border Protection, police forces and foreign military staff, are not covered by the military insurance.

<sup>3</sup> If any health problems arise immediately before, during or after the race, participants must contact a medical officer before the official end of the event in order to obtain a medical certificate attesting to their state of health. This medical certificate must be presented to the attending civilian doctor.

<sup>4</sup> In all cases, the participant must be in possession of an accident and civil liability insurance covering personal injury and property damage on the Swiss territory excepted patrols starting in category P2.

<sup>5</sup> The PdG Command declines all responsibility for theft, loss or damage to the participants personal property. It is on the participants responsibility to carry out an appropriate insurance.

**Art. 49** International military patrols

<sup>1</sup> Members of international military patrols who are a part of the armed forces of a State with which the Swiss Confederation has concluded an agreement on cooperation in military training are covered in accordance with the arrangements set out in the said agreement.

<sup>2</sup> For international military patrols forming a part of the armed forces of a State with which the Swiss Confederation has not concluded a cooperation agreement on military training, each patrol member must have the necessary personal insurance. However, insofar as the sending State is a signatory of the PPP SOFA, the rules set out in that agreement are applicable.

**Art. 50** Anti-doping tests

<sup>1</sup> The PdG is subject to the doping rules of Swiss Olympic. Therefore, the PdG is subject to the valid doping provisions of Swiss Olympic and the valid enforcements provisions of Antidoping Switzerland.

<sup>2</sup> Patrol members and further persons are self-responsible to know what a breach against anti-doping provisions is and which substances and methods currently are registered on the doping list.

<sup>3</sup> Doping tests may be conducted by Swiss Olympic. All participants recognize the sole competence of the disciplinary board of Swiss Olympic.

<sup>4</sup> Competitors for the ISMF World Championships Long Distance are subject to the rules laid down by the ISMF.

**Art. 51** Claim

<sup>1</sup> Claims must be submitted to the PdG Command upon arrival in VERBIER by the patrol leader, no later than two hours after the patrol's arrival. It must be written on the official PdG form and duly justified (see Appendix 6).

<sup>2</sup> When submitting a claim, a deposit of CHF 150.- must be paid.

<sup>3</sup> The deposit of CHF 150.- is only reimbursed if the protest is successful.

<sup>4</sup> The PdG Command will inform the concerned parties about the final decision in written form.

<sup>5</sup> Any recourse to courts of law is not possible.

<sup>6</sup> Claims will only be valid if the official PdG form is used.

**Art. 52** Transport / days on duty / pay

<sup>1</sup> All other transport is the responsibility of the participants.

<sup>2</sup> The use of the SBB railway network for the outward trip from your RESIDENCE in Switzerland to SION or RESIDENCE to ZERMATT and the return journey from VERBIER to RESIDENCE are included in the registration fees on the day of the race. Participants will receive a personalized voucher or ticket in advance.

<sup>3</sup> Participation in the PdG does not entitle military competitors to a loss of earnings compensation card or military pay.



**Art. 53** Data Protection

<sup>1</sup> The Operations Command is the responsible department for data processing.

<sup>2</sup> The following data is collected at the time of registration:

- Social Security Number;
- Surname(s) and first name(s);
- Gender;
- Date of birth;
- Your address;
- E-mail address;
- Telephone number;
- Surname(s), first name(s), telephone number and e-mail address of the person to be contacted in the event of an emergency, as well as their relationship to the participant;
- Name(s) of accident and liability insurance, with policy number(s);
- Last military service;
- Previous participation in the Patrouille des Glaciers (if so, years);
- Grande Course Card number (if applicable);
- Swiss Cup CAS license number, if any;
- ISMF license number, if any.

<sup>3</sup> During the race, the following data's are collected:

- Geolocation using trackers supplied by the PdG Command.

<sup>4</sup> The data's collected at registration and during the race are processed for the following purposes:

- Organization of the race;
- Timekeeping;
- Rankings (including those drawn up by third parties);
- Rescue;
- Accommodation;
- Geolocation of participants.

<sup>5</sup> In addition, during the race (including the start, support and finish phases), pictures and videos of the participants will be taken. The collected data's on this occasion will be processed for the purposes of communicating about the PdG, including on the internet and on social networks.

<sup>6</sup> The Operations Command will give access to the collected data's as follows:

- To the PdG Command, for all collected data's;
- To the civil emergency services, which receive the personal and geolocation data's required for the immediate performance of their mission;
- To the organization responsible for telematics: surname(s), first name(s), telephone number and geolocation;
- To the organization in charge of timekeeping: the geolocation and ID of the participants;
- To the organizations in charge of accommodation: the usual personal details insofar as they are required by the hotel industry in the canton of Valais;

- To the Foundation Patrouille des Glaciers: pictures and video recordings made in the public space for the Patrouille des Glaciers, as well as the e-mail address of participants who gave their consent when registering;
- To the organizations establishing the rankings (Amicale La Grande Course, Swiss Alpine Club, International Ski Mountaineering Federation): surname(s), first name(s), date of birth, entry category and time achieved.

<sup>7</sup>In addition to art. 9 Federal Law on Armed Forces Information Systems, the PdG Command is authorized to transmit statistical and anonymized data, provided that no personal data is involved.

<sup>8</sup>The collected data's at the time of registration are kept for 3 years after the end of the edition of the PdG in which the participant has registered. Pictures and videos may be kept for longer by the PdG Command and the Foundation Patrouille des Glaciers for historical purposes. The Foundation decides independently.

#### **Art. 54**            UAV's

By law, the Patrouille des Glaciers represents a crowd that must not be overflown.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> paragraph:** Final clauses

#### **Art. 55**            Interpretation of the rules and regulations

These rules have been translated into French, German, and English. In the event of any discrepancy, the French version shall prevail.

## PATROUILLE DES GLACIERS

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