

N°	Name of the checkpoint (Transit point)	Altitude	Time limits
1	ZERMATT (Start)	1605 m	
	FURI (crossing point only if the historic route is not possible)	1862 m	
	OBER STAFEL (crossing point: pump station)	2182 m	
2	SCHÖNBIEL (checkpoint)	2437 m	Start time + 3 h
	STÖCKJI (crossing point)	3109 m	
3	TÊTE BLANCHE (checkpoint)	3646 m	
	GLACIER DU MONT MINÉ (crossing point)	3167 m	
4	COL DE BERTOL (checkpoint)	3264 m	
5	PLAN BERTOL (checkpoint)	2664 m	
6	AROLLA (Checkpoint Z, ski lift Fontanesses / checkpoint / refreshment point)	1990 m	06:30 *
7	COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES (route fork, crossing point)	2741 m	
7-Z	Checkpoint race Z	2772 m	08:15
	COL DE RIEDMATTEN (crossing point)	2918 m	
7-A	Checkpoint race A	2750 m	
	COL DE TENSÂ RÉFIEN (crossing point)	2951 m	
8	LES DIX (checkpoint)	2685 m	
	PAS DU CHAT (crossing point)	2370 m	
9	LA BARME (checkpoint and refreshment point)	2458 m	10:30
	LES ECOULAIES (crossing point)	2520 m	
10	LA ROSABLANCHE (checkpoint)	3192 m	13:00
	COL DE MOMIN (crossing point)	3000 m	
	LAC DU PETIT MONT FORT (crossing point)	2763 m	
11	COL DE LA CHAUX (checkpoint)	2939 m	
12	LES RUINETTES (checkpoint)	2176 m	

N°	Name of the checkpoint (Transit point)	Altitude	Time limits
	TÉLÉCABINE (crossing point)	1526 m	
13	VERBIER (Finish)	1472 m	17:00

*) except start Z2 for elite patrols from 02:00 and 03:00

The time limits and the finish in VERBIER are defined independently the start time.

All patrols that have not passed the checkpoints and crossing points within the allotted time will be stopped and considered to have abandoned. They will have to follow the instructions given by PdG command. The PdG commander reserves the right to adapt the time limits according to the prevailing weather conditions and situation.

4. Specific instructions for race Z

1. The patrol must report in full, in accordance with the published start list (3 participants) in ZERMATT and take the start.
2. All patrols must reach the checkpoint SCHÖNBIEL in full.
3. During the ascent from ZERMATT to SCHÖNBIEL, the crossing point OBER STAFEL must be passed. At this point, the PdG command can check the participants' equipment.
4. The SCHÖNBIEL checkpoint must be reached within 3 hours after the start in ZERMATT. Patrols that exceed this time limit, will be stopped and be considered to have abandoned. They will have to follow the instructions of the checkpoint chief and will have to announce themselves at the start in ZERMATT.
5. The SCHÖNBIEL checkpoint opens at 23:30 (unless otherwise specified by the race director). Patrols arriving before this time, must wait until it opens. The race time is not neutralised during this time.
6. Patrols must rope up from the SCHÖNBIEL checkpoint to the COL DE BERTOL checkpoint. The distance between each patroller must be at least 10 meters. The PdG command may also order rope teams or the use of fixed ropes at other points along the route if necessary.
7. For the descent from the LES RUINETTES checkpoint to VERBIER, it is compulsory to take the ski slope to the right of the cable car. Descending under the cable car is forbidden. The TÉLÉCABINE crossing point (MÉDRAN station) is compulsory.
8. Until the finish, it is imperative that the entire course be completed in full.

5. Timetable / starting time

Table used to estimate duration and choose the starting time.

Starting time Estimated time:	22:00	22:45	23:30	00:15	01:30 ¹	02:00 ²	03:00 ³
18 hours	X						
17 hours	X	X					
16 hours		X	X				
15 hours			X				
14 hours			X				
13 hours			X	X			
12 hours			X	X			
11 hours				X	X		
10 hours				X	X		
9 hours					X		
8 hours					X		
7 hours						X	X
6 hours						X	X

¹ Compulsory start-time for elite (M/F/mixed categories) Z1

² Start-time exclusively for Z2 female patrols

³ Start-time exclusively for elite patrols (M/mixed) Z2

Section 2 Agenda for the races Z1/Z2

Tuesday 14 April 2026 (Z1) and Friday 17 April 2026 (Z2)

The timetable below remains valid even if a race is brought forward or postponed.

From 08:30 to 17:00	Participants report at the Triftbachhalle in ZERMATT.
From 08:30 to 17:00	Preparations: – a medical check may be conducted on request; – after the identity check, bibs are handed over on presentation of the collection voucher sent by the timekeeper, together with the wristband; – complete check of material and equipment; – accommodations available from 14:00.
At 16:30 or 18:00	Opening ceremony of the Patrouille des Glaciers in the church in ZERMATT. Final briefing for participants by the Commander of the PdG. The opening ceremony will be screened at specified locations and will also be broadcasted live on www.pdg.ch and social media.

From 18:00 or from 19:15 onwards	Lunch and then rest.
From 21:00	Equipment checks for the 1 st start at the square outside the station. For the other starts, the patrols must be on site at latest 45 minutes before the start. Handover and functional check of technical equipment such as GPS, mobile phone and avalanche transceiver.
From 22:00	Starts at the square outside station.

Wednesday, 15 April 2026 (Z1) and Saturday, 18 April 2026 (Z2)

Further starts	Starts from the square outside station in accordance with point 2 of appendix 2.
From 07:00	Patrols arrive in VERBIER. As soon as they arrive, the equipment will be checked, random anti-doping controls and recovery.
At 14:30	Results and prizegiving ceremony in the PdG-Village. Depending on the race day conditions, the time and location can be changed.
After	Distribution of medals and souvenir-price.
At 17:00	End of timekeeping.

Remarks in the event race is brought forward or postponed

In all cases, it is imperative to follow instructions given by PdG command on race days and otherwise. This is particularly the case if a race is brought forward or postponed. For safety reasons, travel in the mountains may be prohibited due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Remarks concerning accommodations

The name of the hotel where the patrol will be staying will be communicated to the patrol leader in December 2025. The patrol leader is responsible for informing the hotel directly of any changes within the patrol.

Depending on circumstances, the PdG command reserves the right to provide accommodation for patrols.

Additional nights (excluding travel) must be booked directly with the accommodation provider assigned to the patrol.
