
Annex 3

Information for patrols starting from AROLLA

18 August 2025

Section 1 Presentation of route A

1. Dates

Race A1:	Wednesday 15 April 2026
Race A2:	Saturday 18 April 2026

All races may be brought forward or postponed as specified in Article 1 of the 2026 Patrouille des Glaciers regulations.

2. Start times race A

Races A1/A2: 03:30 – 04:00 – 04:30 – 05:00 – 06:00 – 06:30

3. Race A (altitudes / checkpoints)

Length:	29,6 km / elevation difference: +2200 m, -2728 m ¹ .
Checkpoint:	Timekeeping (possibly refreshments and medical service)
Crossing points:	Not necessarily occupied (e.g. safety, withdrawal, neutralization, refreshment, change/transition zone, disqualification, abandoned for exceeding the time limit etc.)

¹ Federal Office of Topography swisstopo, based on geo-data from the PdG 2018 edition

N°	Name of the checkpoint (Transit point)	Altitude	Time limits
6	AROLLA (Start)	2000 m	
7	COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES (Route fork towards COL DE TSENÂ RÉFIEN)	2741 m	
7-A	Checkpoint race A	2750 m	Start + 1h45
	COL DE TSENÂ 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	
	TÉLÉCABINE (crossing point)	1526 m	
13	VERBIER (Finish)	1472 m	17:00

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 the PdG command. The PdG commander reserves the right to adapt the time limits according to the prevailing weather conditions and situation.

4. Specif instructions for race A

1. Patrols gather at the SION barracks for the material check and the handover of bibs on presentation of the collection voucher sent by the timekeeper before being taken by bus to AROLLA. A snack will be served in SION. The SION site opens at 14:00 the day before the race. The road to LES HAUDÈRES – AROLLA will be closed to traffic

during the race period. Private vehicles may park at the SION barracks site in the designated parking area for up to one day after the race.

2. The patrol must report in full, in accordance with the published start list (3 participants) in AROLLA and take the start. Prior to this, the avalanche transceiver will be checked and the tracker will be handed over in AROLLA.
3. All patrols must reach the COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES checkpoint in full.
4. The COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES checkpoint must be reached within 1 hour 45 mins after the start in AROLLA. Patrols that exceed this time limit will be stopped and considered to have abandoned. They will have to follow the instructions of the checkpoint chief and will have to report at the start in AROLLA.
5. The COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES checkpoint opens at 04:00. Patrols arriving before this time will have to wait for it to open. The race time is not neutralised during this time.
6. For the descent from the checkpoint LES RUINETTES 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 checkpoint (MÉDRAN station) is compulsory.
7. Until the finish, it is imperative that the course be completed in full.

5. Timetable / starting time

Table used to estimate and choose the starting time.

Starting time Estimated time	03:30	04:00	04:30	05:00	06:00	06:30¹⁾
12 hours	X					
11 hours	X	X				
10 hours		X	X			
9 hours		X	X			
8 hours		X	X	X		
7 hours				X	X	
6 hours				X	X	
5 hours					X	X
4 hours						X
3 hours						X

¹⁾ Compulsory start time for elite

Section 2 Agenda for races A1/A2

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 (A1) and Friday, 17 April 2026 (A2)

From 14:00	<p>Preparations for the material check in SION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Registration of the patrols on site. Routes are signposted; – A medical check can 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 review of material and equipment; – Shuttles are available from the SBB railway station to the barracks in SION from 20:00.
At 16:30 or 18:00	Live broadcast of the opening ceremony of the Patrouille des Glaciers race by PdG commander from the church in ZERMATT.
From 23:00	Snack for all participants assembled in SION at the multi-purpose hall BARBARA.

Wednesday, 15 April 2026 (A1) and Saturday, 18 April 2026 (A2)

From 01:30	Assigned coaches in SION ready to depart according to the timetable.
From 02:30	<p>The patrols must be on site at latest 45 minutes before the start.</p> <p>Tea and snack in the AROLLA tent.</p> <p>Announcements to prepare for start.</p> <p>Handover and functional check of the technical equipment such as GPS, mobile phone and avalanche transceiver.</p>
From 03:30	<p>Starts</p> <p>Each start is preceded by a moment of reflection.</p>
At 07:00	<p>The patrols arrive in VERBIER.</p> <p>As soon as they arrive, the equipment will be checked, random anti-doping controls and recovery.</p>

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 the medals and souvenir-price. Return by public transport to your residence or to the vehicle parking in SION.
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.

Remark: if you have booked your own accommodation, please contact the hotel / accommodation directly.