

Regulations regarding the Patrouille des Glaciers 2026

**Special Swiss map edition 1:50 000, (2026 edition)
(Reg. PdG 2026)**

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Based on the ordinance of the Swiss Federal Council on military sports of 29 October 2003, the commandant of the Patrouille des Glaciers decrees:

Section 1: General Provisions

Art. 1 Principles

¹ The Patrouille des Glaciers (PdG) is a major international military sporting event within the meaning of the Ordinance on Military Sport¹.

² The PdG is a historic military competition with national and international participants, which is open to civilian competitors as well as elite and amateur participants.

³ Route Z leads from ZERMATT to VERBIER via AROLLA, and route A leads from AROLLA to VERBIER. Each race takes place twice during the competition week and is contested in patrols of three competitors.

⁴ The 2026 edition of the Patrouille des Glaciers will take place in the week of 13–19 April 2026. The planned race days are Tuesday and Wednesday (races Z1 and A1) and Friday and Saturday (races Z2 and A2).

⁵ In the event of uncertain weather or snow conditions, or extraordinary and unexpected incidents, the races may be postponed, neutralised, interrupted or cancelled.

⁶ The race director is the commander of the PdG.

Art. 2 Purpose

¹ These regulations set out the details of the registration procedure as well as the deadlines to be observed, general information on the race and special provisions.

² Due to the special nature of the PdG, participation requires the following prerequisites:

¹ Ordinance on Military Sports of 29 October 2003, Art. 9 ff.

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- a. very good knowledge of the high mountains as an indispensable prerequisite for being able master unexpected and potentially extreme situations in the Alps;
 - b. a personal commitment to physical, mental and technical training in preparation for this competition;
 - c. an '*esprit de cordée*', which is characterised by friendship, solidarity, precaution, awareness of one's own limits and respect for the mountains and nature, both towards the comrades in one's own patrol and towards other participants.

³ No medical certificate is required to participate in the Patrouille des Glaciers. However, the PdG Command recommends that participants consult a doctor if necessary to confirm their ability to take part in such an event.

⁴ The PdG command recommends that participants take part in similar events during the winter season.

Art. 3 Scope of application

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

² All patrol members, providers of provisions and third parties in contact with the PdG are subject to these regulations, their annexes and any orders issued by the PdG commander or his assistants at the start, during the race and at the finish. The patrol is responsible for passing on information relating to these regulations to supply boats and third parties.

³ Each patrol member registered for the PdG is also subject to these rules, their annexes and all other written or verbal instructions issued by the PdG commander or his assistants at the start, finish and along the route.

Art. 4 Context regarding the conduct of the PdG

¹ Events beyond the control of PdG command authorise it to take appropriate measures, which may also deviate from the normal course of events. These may include the following situations in particular:

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

² The measures that the PdG command is authorised to take include the following:

- a. the restriction of participants or the geographical restriction of participants, in particular the possibility of excluding foreign patrols from participation;

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

Section 2: Registration and categories

Art. 5 Registration

¹ In all categories it is mandatory that the patrol leader registers four patrol members, one of whom acts as a substitute.

² 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.

³ The minimum age for competitors is as follows:

- a. 20 years of age 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).

⁴ 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

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

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

¹ The patrols consist of four members of the Swiss armed forces or similar organisations as defined in paragraph 5 below.

² 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).

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

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

⁵ Members of equivalent forces as described in Art. 18 of the Armed Forces Act (ArmA)².

⁶ Individuals who have performed civilian service or civil protection instead of compulsory military service are not eligible for this category.

⁷ Swiss military personnel who are still active and eligible for call-up can claim their participation (as shown in the rankings) in six military competitions over a period of at least two years for the military sports competition distinction. Completion of a competition is recorded in the Military Performance Record (MPR) by the competition organiser.

Swiss military personnel are not permitted to enter this information in the MPR themselves.

Military personnel wishing to have their participation in the Patrouille des Glaciers recorded must send their MPR by registered post with a covering letter to PdG command, Rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 Saint-Maurice (VS).

Art. 8 Category P1: Control, verification of registration

¹ During the registration process, the patrol leader uploads to the event timekeeper's platform copies of the service record booklet or any other document proving the registration of patrol members in the military category.

² 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 PdG Command, Rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 St-Maurice (VS), by registered mail.

³ Duplicates or certificates are in the responsibility of the patrol member. The PdG command does not provide any certificate or duplicates.

⁴ 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 civilian patrol.

⁵ Patrols comprising four members of a similar organisation 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.

⁶ Members of Swiss military indicate one of their patrol members' incorporations (old military service book (grey) page 8 / new book (blue) page 6).

⁷ Each patrol defines their patrol name based on their military incorporation. If needed, PdG Command will determine the patrol name.

² Federal Act on the Army and Military Administration of February 3, 1995 (Army Act, RS 510.10)

Art. 9 Category P2: International military patrols

¹ 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.

² Registration is coordinated with the official representative of their country and the International Relations Officer of the PdG Command. The registration 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).

³ International military patrols cannot claim to have obtained the Swiss military sports distinction.

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

¹ Civilian patrols with a mountain guide must be led by a certified IFMGA³ mountain guide.

² During the registration process, the patrol leader uploads a copy of their IFMGA card to the event timekeeper's platform.

³ The patrol defines its 'patrol name' on its own, which should not be offensive. If needed, PdG command will amend the patrol name.

⁴ The certified IFMGA mountain guide must be the patrol leader for category P3 patrols and their licence number must be valid at the time of registration and for the year of the race.

⁵ 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).

⁶ Trainee guides are not considered as certified IFMGA mountain guides.

⁷ The ranking of category P3 is included in category P4. (see Art. 35).

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

¹ Civilian patrols compete in category P4.

² The patrol defines its 'patrol name' on its own, which should not be offensive. If necessary, PdG command will amend the patrol name.

Art. 12 Category 5: Competitors for the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup and possible SAC Swiss Championships

¹ The Patrouille des Glaciers is part of the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup and possible SAC Swiss Championships.

² SAC Swiss Skimo Cup patrols participate in the Z1/Z2 or A1/A2 races. Patrols that are part of the Swiss national team may only register for the Z2 and A2 races.

³ Patrols register in category P5. Only points earned in the Z2 or A2 race count towards the overall ranking.

³ International Federation of Mountain Guide Association, registered seat in Martigny.

Section 3: Participation

Art. 13 Allocation of a starting slot

- ¹ Patrols in categories P1, P2, P3 and P5 are priority for a starting slot.
- ² The PdG commander holds a number of starting slots at his discretion.
- ³ The remaining slots are subject to a draw for patrols in category P4.
- ⁴ An appeal is excluded in accordance with Art. 26 para. 2 and 4.

Art. 14 Participation request

- ¹ The patrol registers on the official PdG website with the name of all four members and defines the patrol leader.
- ² The patrol chooses the intended route: ZERMATT – VERBIER or AROLLA – VERBIER. Further, the patrol defines the intended race date (first or second occurrence of the race).
- ³ Patrols belonging to category P1, P3 and P4 indicate if participating at the alternative occurrence date is an option.
- ⁴ The patrol estimates the time needed to complete the course and chooses the start time during registration based on availability.
- ⁵ Patrols must comply with the table (race times/start times) in the registration process (*see* annexes 2 or 3) when making their selection. Patrols must observe the opening hours of the SCHÖNBIEL checkpoint for races Z1 and Z2 (*see* annex 2) and the COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES checkpoint for races A1 and A2 (*see* annex 3).

Art. 15 Drawing of lots and participation confirmation

- ¹ 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.
- ² If one or other starts are postponed, there is no possibility to change the assigned date or starting time.
- ³ PdG command reserves the right to require a credit card to guarantee payment of the registration fee.
- ⁴ There is no waiting list for patrols that have not been allocated a starting slot.

Art. 16 Patrol registration: Process and deadline

Process and deadlines for the registration process are outlined in annex 1 of the regulations.

Art. 17 Modification and change of start time

¹ A modification is defined as a change in the composition of the patrol. All patrols have the right to make changes within their patrol within the deadlines indicated on the official registration website or in accordance with annex 1 of these rules.

² At the deadline, (see annex 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).

³ Licensed IFMGA mountain guides can only be replaced by another licensed mountain guide.

⁴ As a general rule, requests for modifications after the deadline will not be accepted. Only duly justified and valid exceptions (e.g. medical certificate) may be considered. The request must be sent in writing to PdG command, rue du Catogne 7, CH-1890 Saint-Maurice (VS).

⁵ If a change is made after the deadline and without notice, the team may lose the right to participate in the race and no registration fees will be refunded. Any change made after the deadline and approved by the PdG command may also be subject to a financial contribution towards the costs incurred by the timekeeper.

⁶ Patrols which, without any authorisation from 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.

⁷ Changes to departure times outside the deadline, duly justified in writing, shall be submitted to the PdG command for approval. The notification deadlines are the same as those for modifications. Patrols that do not show up at the start at the specified time will not be allowed to start and no registration fees will be refunded.

⁸ In all correspondence with the timekeeper or PdG command, the identification number provided by the timekeeper must be mentioned. This timekeeper identification number is unique and corresponds to the patrol number registered on the timekeeper's website. The identification number (PDG-ID) is composed as follows: PDG-XXXXX.

Art. 18 Registration fees

¹ By registering, the patrol makes a definitive commitment and the registration fee is due.

² The registration fees for races Z1 and Z2 are:

- a. CHF 1,680 for patrols in category P1⁴ and
- b. CHF 1,680 for patrols in category P3, P4 and for patrols taking part in the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup and any SAC Swiss championships;
- c. P2 patrols are subject to special rules as decided by the commander.

⁴ Military Commanders' credits or credits of professional military organisations are not allowed to be used for registration fees.

³ The registration fees for races A1 and A2 are:

- a. CHF 1,470 for patrols in category P1⁴; and
- b. CHF 1,470 for patrols in category P3 and P4 and for patrols taking part in the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup and any SAC Swiss championships.

⁴ The amounts are per patrol, excluding credit/debit card payment fees. Any payment fees are the responsibility of the participants.

⁵ The payment by bank transfer in Switzerland must be made before the deadline specified in Annex 1.

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

⁷ Apart from a confirmation of payment of the registration fee by email, no invoice or receipt will be issued to competitors or institutions.

Art. 19 Services included in the registration fee

¹ The registration fee entitles the participants to the following services:

- a. overnight stay (only Z1 and Z2), provisions and logistics according to art. 22, transport by bus from SION to AROLLA (only A1 and A2);
- b. 3 sets of 3 three start numbers;
- c. 1x special national map excerpt 1:50 000;
- d. three souvenir prizes;
- e. three commemorative medals;
- f. if so required for patrols in the military category CH (P1): four official race uniforms (depending on availability and sizes) will be sent to the patrol leader before the race;
- g. Outward journey from a place of residence in Switzerland to ZERMATT or SION and return journey from VERBIER (including the Verbier–Le Châble cable car journey) via the usual route within the GA travelcard's zone of validity, travelling 2nd class;
- h. A 50% discount on the price of a public transport ticket for the return journey from a place of residence in Switzerland to ZERMATT, AROLLA or VERBIER and back (including the VERBIER – LE CHÂBLE cable car journey), for the entourage of the participating patrol, on the dates of the event.

² In case of cancellation or interruption of the race, patrollers may collect their medals and souvenir prizes at the location indicated on the official PdG website. They will not be sent by post.

³ With regard to international military patrols, the distribution of medals and souvenir prizes is decided on a case-by-case basis.

Art. 20 Refund of registration fees

¹ The registration fee will not be refunded by the PdG Command apart from in cases listed under art. 18, para. 6 and art.20, para. 2.

² If a patrol withdraws for whatever reason before the deadline set out in annex 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).

³ The refund will be paid after the event has taken place.

Art. 21 Races Z1 and Z2, accommodation, provisions, transport and refreshment

¹ The PdG Command provides accommodation for competitors for the hours preceding races Z1 and Z2.

² If the race is brought forward or postponed by one day, the additional overnight stay is included in the registration fee.

³ There is no reduction of the registration fee if the accommodation is not used.

⁴ Any additional nights not related to the race must be paid for by the competitor. The organisation, accommodation and refreshment are the responsibility of the participant.

⁵ The PdG Command provides the following provisions:

- a. a meal at a designated restaurant in ZERMATT on the evening before the race;
- b. snacks at the AROLLA and LA BARME checkpoints;
- c. a meal on arrival in VERBIER in the marquee.

⁶ The participant bears the costs for additional meals and beverages if the race is postponed.

⁷ Each patrol can bring its own provisions for the race.

⁸ Public transport is the recommended means for travel to ZERMATT.

Art. 22 Races A1 and A2, accommodation, refreshment, transport and supply

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

² PdG Command provides the following provisions:

- a. a snack in SION before the race;
- b. an intermediate refreshment in the marquee at AROLLA before the start;
- c. a refreshment at the LA BARME station;
- d. a meal or a voucher for a meal on arrival in VERBIER in the marquee.

³ Each patrol can bring its own provisions for the race.

⁴ Public transport is the recommended means for travel to SION. A shuttle bus service will be organised from the railway station to the SION meeting point from 20:00.

⁵ A limited number of parking spaces are available at the SION meeting point for people arriving with their own car. A loading and unloading area on site is also provided for people not leaving their car at the barracks in SION.

Art. 23 Medical care

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

² Each point is manned by medical staff.

Section 4: Races

Art. 24 Race ZERMATT – VERBIER (Z)

¹ PdG Command organises two races (Z1 and Z2) between ZERMATT and VERBIER.

² All the specific information concerning the route and these races can be found in annex 2.

Art. 25 Race AROLLA – VERBIER (A)

¹ PdG command organises two races (A1 and A2) between AROLLA and VERBIER.

² All the specific information concerning this route and these races can be found in annex 3.

Art. 26 Competencies

¹ In general, the PdG commander is responsible for all decisions relating to the race that are not assigned to another authority. In particular 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 route (e.g.: shortening, route modification);
- f. interruption, shortening or cancellation of the event if the conditions require it;
- g. neutralisation of a race and/or patrols with or without recorded times.
- h. bringing forward, postponing or cancelling individual or all race starts;
- i. changes regarding the start time and time limits;
- j. further decisions not specified in these rules and regulations imposed by circumstances.

² The PdG commander can delegate his power of decision.

³ Decisions affecting participants in the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup and any SAC Swiss championships will be communicated by the PdG commander to the race jury concerned

before the decision is made. The PdG commander is not bound by the jury's opinion.

⁴ Decisions taken by the PdG commander are final and not subject to appeal.

Art. 27 Bibs and race numbers

¹ Each patrol must pass all checkpoints as a group with their bibs / race numbers clearly visible – one on the backpack, one on the helmet and one on the right thigh. The patrol name is marked on the thigh race number.

² All participants must carry a valid form of identification (passport or identity card) at all times. Double-sided copies are accepted. Images saved on a smartphone are not accepted. Documents must be presented on request when collecting race numbers, along with the collection voucher issued by the timekeeper or on the course.

³ Competitors may keep their bibs / race numbers at the end of the race.

Art. 28 Clothing

The relevant details regarding clothing are provided in Annex 4.

Art. 29 Material and equipment

The relevant details regarding material and equipment are provided in Annex 5.

Art. 30 Conduct on the course

¹ Patrols act in accordance with regulations, guidelines and recommendations of the Swiss Alpine Club (SAC)⁵ as well as the Swiss Council for Accident Prevention (BfU)⁶.

² In particular, participants will be technically and tactically capable of assessing 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.

³ Participants shall comply in all circumstances and without any exceptions the instructions of military and civilian members of the organisation.

Section 5: Rankings

Art. 31 Guidelines for rankings

¹ The race time is taken when the last patrol member crosses the line.

² Only registered patrol members and competitors are allowed to cross the finish line.

³ Separate ranking lists will be published for routes A and Z and for each race.

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

⁶ "Skitouren: Mehr Sicherheit beim Aufsteigen und Abfahren", "Skitouren: Mehr Sicherheit beim Aufsteigen und Abfahren", "Caution - Avalanches!" (available at slf; www.slf.ch), etc.

Art. 32 Swiss military patrols

A ranking list will be compiled for each of the three 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 over.

Male, female and mixed military patrols are classified according to their age group in the CH military patrol category ranking.

Art. 33 International military patrols

International military patrols competing in race Z1 will be ranked together with the Swiss military patrols and the age categories according to art. 32.

Art. 34 Civilian female patrols

For each race, a ranking is established according to the three age categories below:

- 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 over.

Art. 35 Civilian male and mixed patrols

For each race, a ranking is established according to the three age categories below:

- 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 over.

Art. 36 SAC Swiss Skimo Cup and possible SAC Swiss championships

In addition to being ranked in their respective categories, patrols participating in the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup will be included in an overall SAC Swiss Skimo Cup ranking. The award ceremony will take place after the PdG awards ceremony in accordance with the SAC Swiss Skimo Cup, SAC Youth Skimo Cup and SAC Swiss Championships regulations.

Art. 37 Award ceremony

- ¹ The ranking list will be available to download from the www.pdg.ch website as soon as each race is officially over. The link to download the certificate of participation for patrols that crossed the finish line will be sent by the race timekeeper to patrol leaders in the days following the race.
- ² The award ceremony takes place in VERBIER at 14:30 on the race day.
- ³ The participation to the award ceremony in VERBIER is mandatory for all patrols members who arrives before 13:30.
- ⁴ The medal and souvenir prize may be collected immediately after the award ceremony.
- ⁵ The dress code for the award ceremony is set out in annex 4.
- ⁶ The award ceremony may be rescheduled or modified by the PdG command for organisational or weather-related reasons.

Art. 38 Failure to meet cut-off time

- ¹ Any patrol that fails to reach a checkpoint within the allotted time will be classed along with patrols that have abandoned the race and will be stopped by PdG command.
- ² Those patrols must follow instructions in accordance with Art. 40.
- ³ A patrol, complete or incomplete, arriving in VERBIER after 17:00 will also be considered to have abandoned the race.

Art. 39 Abandonment of one's own accord or medical decision

- ¹ A patrol member who abandons the race must report to the nearest checkpoint.
- ² 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 shared patrol equipment with them.
- ³ This rule does not apply to the first section of the Z ZERMATT - SCHÖNBIEL route or the first section of the A AROLLA – checkpoint route A, which must be completed in the composition specified on the start list.
- ⁴ A patrol member may not under any circumstances finish the event alone, nor be left alone on the course outside of a checkpoint.
- ⁵ Patrols that abandon the race, are not allowed to leave the course, 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 PdG Command.
- ⁶ The staff at the checkpoint where the decision to abandon was reported, will take care of the patrol. The patrol must follow the instructions received from the staff.
- ⁷ Failure to comply with instructions will result in disqualification.
- ⁸ Patrols that abandons the race can collect their souvenir prize on arrival in VERBIER.

Art. 40 Disqualification for breach of regulations

¹ Any violation or behaviour contrary to the rules may result in disqualification. The PdG command reserves the right to refuse future participation to disqualified patrol members.

² If a patrol is disqualified it is no longer authorised to continue the race and must comply with instructions given by PdG Command. If disqualification is announced after the finish (e.g. in the event of a positive doping test), the ranking will be adjusted accordingly.

³ The disqualified patrol for behaviour contrary to the rules, is not entitled to any souvenir prizes or medals, or to any reimbursement, even partial, of the registration fee.

⁴ Any action taken by a patrol's support team and accompanying personnel that affects the race may result in the disqualification of the patrol.

Section 6: Special provisions

Art. 41 Assistance during food stops

¹ Assistance by support staff is allowed on the following sectors:

- 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** (at the foot of the couloir): at cross point COL DE RIEDMATTEN crossing point in the clearly marked sector;
- f. **A: COMBE DU PAS DE CHÈVRES** (at the foot of the couloir): at cross point COL DE TSENÂ RÉFIEN crossing point 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).

² Support staff must follow all instructions and orders given by PdG Command.

³ The PdG Command may limit or restrict access to specific support areas.

Art. 42 Technical assistance

¹ It is absolutely forbidden for third parties, other than PdG staff, to help put on and/or take off the non-slip skins, the rope or the skis. It is strictly forbidden for third parties, other than PdG staff, to assist in putting on and/or removing the anti-slip skins, ropes and skis.

² It is prohibited use scouts to clear the course or to light up a section of the descent at night.

Art. 43 Notification of accidents or incidents

¹ 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.

² Any accident or dangerous situation that could seriously harm a participant or endanger their life must be reported immediately by telephone (the number is programmed into the mobile phone provided).

³ The following information must be provided:

- a. Bib / race number of the relevant patrol;
- b. location;
- c. number and name(s) of the casualty/casualties;
- d. type of accident or incident encountered;
- e. action undertaken.

Art. 44 Exclusion from the competition for medical reasons

¹ The medical staff of the PdG Command may decide, for medical reasons, to temporarily or permanently stop a patrol or patrol member.

² Patrols or patrol members who are stopped definitely must follow the instructions of the medical staff and the checkpoint supervisor to return to one of the following four sites and report there: ZERMATT, AROLLA, LA BARME or VERBIER.

Art. 45 Environmental protection

¹ All patrol members are committed to respecting the mountains and protecting the environment.

² The PdG Command encourages patrol members and their entourage to use public transport.

³ Waste must never be left on the course, otherwise, the patrol will be disqualified. Any waste can be deposited at the checkpoints.

⁴ Sports shoes left at the start cannot be retrieved by patrol members. They will be collected by PdG command and donated to charity or recycled.

Art. 46 Insurance

¹ Each patroller is insured in accordance with the applicable legal provisions. No additional insurance is taken out by PdG command. The decision to take out additional insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of each patroller.

² Under Art. 26 of the Ordinance on Military Sports of 29 October 2003 (as amended on 1 January 2023), anyone participating in the PdG as a member of the Swiss armed forces or former member of the Swiss armed forces under the age of 65 is insured within the limits of the Federal Act of 19 June 1992 on Military Insurance. Other participants, including members of the Federal Office for Customs and Border Security, the police force and foreign military personnel, are not covered by military insurance.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ The PdG Command declines all responsibility for theft, loss or damage to the participants personal property. It is the responsibility of event participants to take out appropriate insurance.

Art. 47 International military patrols

¹ Members of international military patrols belonging to the armed forces of a State with which the Swiss Confederation has concluded a cooperation agreement on military training are covered by the provisions of that agreement.

² For international military patrols that are 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, if the sending State is a signatory to the PPP SOFA, the rules laid down in that agreement shall apply.

Art. 48 Anti-doping tests

¹ The PdG applies the current Swiss Olympic anti-doping regulations and the applicable implementation regulations adopted by Swiss Sport Integrity.

² Patrol members and other persons are responsible for knowing what constitutes a violation of anti-doping rules and for being familiar with the substances and methods included in the current list of prohibited substances.

³ Anti-doping controls may be conducted. Participants acknowledge the exclusive jurisdiction of the ISMF, Swiss Sport Integrity, the Swiss Sports Tribunal and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to decide on doping cases.

Art. 49 Protests

¹ Protests 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 submitted using the official PdG form and duly justified (see Annex 6).

² When submitting a protest, a deposit of CHF 150.- must be paid.

³ The deposit of CHF 150.- is only reimbursed if the protest is successful.

⁴ The PdG command will notify the parties concerned of its final decision in writing.

⁵ There is no recourse to a court of law.

⁶ Protests will only be valid if the official PdG form is used.

Art. 50 Transport, service days and pay

¹ Use of public transport for the journey from HOME to SION or ZERMATT and the return journey from VERBIER to HOME is included in the registration fee on race days. An individual ticket will be sent to the patrol members.

² Any other means of transport is at the expense of the participant.

³ Participation in the PdG does not entitle military competitors to loss of earnings compensation or military pay. No marching orders will be issued.

Art. 51 Data Protection

¹ The Operations Command is the body responsible for data processing.

² The following data is collected at the time of registration:

- Social security number;
- Surname(s) and first name(s);
- Sex;
- Date of birth;
- Address;
- Email address;
- Telephone number;
- Surname(s), first name(s), telephone number and email 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);
- Clothing sizes for category 1 race dress

³ During the race, the following data are collected:

- Geolocation

⁴ The data collected at registration and during the race are processed for the following purposes:

- Race organisation;
- Timekeeping;
- Rankings (including those drawn up by third parties);
- Rescue;
- Accommodation;
- Provisions

⁵ In addition, during the race (including the start, refreshment and finish phases), images and videos of participants will be taken. The data collected on this occasion will be processed for communication purposes relating to the PdG, including on the internet and social media, unless the participant refuses to give their consent and indicates this immediately when the image and/or video is taken.

⁶ The Operations Command will give access to the data collected as follows:

- To PdG Command, for all data collected;
- To the organisation responsible for managing the website www.pdg.ch, for all data collected;
- To the civil emergency services (police, ambulance services, etc.), for all data collected;
- To the organisation responsible for telematics: surname(s), first name(s), telephone number and geolocation;
- To the organisation responsible for timing, for the surname(s), first name(s), date of birth, geolocation and identification of participants;
- To the organisations responsible for accommodation, for the surname(s), first name(s), sex, date of birth, address, email address and telephone number;
- To the organisations responsible for promoting the PdG and sponsorship, for photos and videos taken in public spaces for the Patrouille des Glaciers, as well as the email addresses of participants who have given their consent on the registration form;
- To the organisation responsible for archiving, for images and videos;
- To organisations establishing rankings (Swiss Alpine Club, International Ski Mountaineering Federation) for surname(s), first name(s), date of birth, entry category and time achieved.

⁷ In addition to Article 9 MISA, the PdG Command is authorised to transmit statistical and anonymised data, provided that this does not involve personal data.

⁸ The data collected 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 Patrouille des Glaciers Foundation for historical purposes. The Foundation decides independently on their deletion.

Art. 52 Drones

¹ The Patrouille des Glaciers constitutes, within the meaning of the law, a crowd over which flying is prohibited.

² Details of the flight ban can be found on the website of the Federal Office of Civil Aviation:

<https://www.bazl.admin.ch/bazl/fr/home/drohnen/general/drone-maps.html>.

Section 7: Final clauses

Art. 53 Interpretation of the regulations

These regulations are provided in French, German, and English. In the event of any discrepancy, the French version shall prevail.

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Annexes

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Support staff

Timekeeper

Military and civilian personnel involved in the PdG

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