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DES GLACIERS

PATROLLER'S GUIDE

Practical information regarding equipment checks, from race bib collection to the start of your race and arrival in Verbier



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General Information

- Weekend races (A2 & Z2) are sold out.
- The Organizer no longer accepts changes to race categories (switching from A1/Z1 to A2/Z2).
- The 22:00 and 22:45 start times for Z1 & Z2 are full.
- The 04:00 and 04:30 start times for A1 & A2 are full.
- Patrols may modify their composition until March 31, 2026, in accordance with [Annex 1](#) of the Patrouille des Glaciers regulations.
- Requests for changes (patrol composition) after this date will not be processed, except in duly justified exceptional cases (e.g., medical certificate).
- Reactivation of the 4th patrol member is possible.
- Once the patrol has received their bibs and registration is complete, the patrol configuration is final. No further modifications will be accepted.
- Participants' names no longer appear on the bibs. Only the Patrol Name is displayed.
- The discount voucher, which allows the three members of the patrol to travel free of charge on the partner public transport network to and from the race, will be sent by the timekeeper to the patrol leaders during the week leading up to the races.
- The activation procedure will be included in the same communication.
- The 50% discount coupon for three of the patrol officer's family members will be sent at the same time.
- Participation certificates will be sent to patrol leaders by the timekeeper at the conclusion of the races.
- A satisfaction survey will be sent to patrol leaders during the week following the races.

Equipment Check – Checklist

- **New for PdG 2026:**

From now on, patrols attending the **Advanced Equipment Check** can collect their race **bibs** immediately after registration (ID check), upon presentation of the collection voucher issued by the timekeeper.

- Bring a **valid ID** (ID card or passport) for identity verification at the timekeeper's race office.
- Bring the **collection voucher** sent by the timekeeper (mandatory for bib collection).
- **A single** patroller may have the entire patrol's equipment checked. Bib collection is possible provided that all identity documents for the patrol members are presented.
- **Verify** your equipment before the check → [see Annex 5 of the Patrouille des Glaciers regulations](#).
- Two patrols not competing on the same day may share equipment, provided the equipment check has been completed.



Advanced Equipment Check

| Activity | Date | Hours | Location | Map Link |
|--|------------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Advanced Equipment Check Bib collection available upon completion of the advanced equipment check and registration Presentation of the collection voucher sent by the timekeeper is mandatory | Saturday 11.04.2026 | 09:00 - 17:00 | Army Recruitment Center, Route de Grandcour 59, 1530 PAYERNE |  |
| | Sunday 12.04.2026 | 09:00 - 18:00 | SION Military Base (Place d'armes), Rue des Casernes 40, 1950 SION |  |
| | Monday 13.04.2026 | 15:00 - 20:00 | | |

Main Equipment Check

| Category | Date | Hours | Location | Map Link |
|---|--|---------------|---|--|
| Races Z1 - ZERMATT Equipment Check | Tuesday 14.04.2026 | 08:30 - 17:00 | ZERMATT, Triftbachhalle Triftbachstrasse 7 3920 ZERMATT |  |
| Races Z2 - ZERMATT Equipment Check | Friday 17.04.2026 | 08:30 - 17:00 | | |
| Races A1 - AROLLA Equipment Check | Tuesday - Wednesday 14.04.2026 - 15.04.2026 | 14:00 - 03:00 | SION Military Base (Place d'armes), Rue des Casernes 40, 1950 SION |  |
| Races A2 - AROLLA Equipment Check | Friday - Saturday 17.04.2026 - 18.04.2026 | 14:00 - 03:00 | | |



Race Start Zermatt

- Accommodation check-in is available from 14:00 or as per agreement with the host.
- Opening Ceremony: 16:30 / 18:00 at Zermatt Church on Tuesday, 14.04.2026, and Friday, 17.04.2026.
- Equipment check starts at 21:00 for the 1st departure at Zermatt Railway Station Square (Place de la Gare). For subsequent starts, patrols must be on-site at least 45 minutes before departure.
- Train Schedule (Subject to changes) :

| TÄSCH – Departure | ZERMATT - Arrival | TÄSCH – Departure | ZERMATT - Arrival |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 20:35 | 20:47 | 22:30 | 22:42 |
| 20:55 | 21:07 | 23:00 | 23:12 |
| 21:15 | 21:27 | 23:30 | 23:42 |
| 21:35 | 21:47 | 00:00 | 00:12 |
| 21:55 | 22:07 | 01:00 | 01:12 |

Race Start Arolla

With equipment check at Sion Military Base

- Shuttle buses are available from Sion CFF railway station to the military base starting at 20:00.
- Patrols having completed the equipment check in SION and collected their bibs on race day (Tuesday 14.04 → Wednesday 15.04 and Friday 17.04 → Saturday 18.04.2026) will then be directed to the shuttle boarding area within the Sion military base, according to their departure time.
- Refreshments are available for Patrollers at Halle BARBARA from 23:30.
- The shuttle departure schedule from the Sion military base toward AROLLA is as follows:

01:00

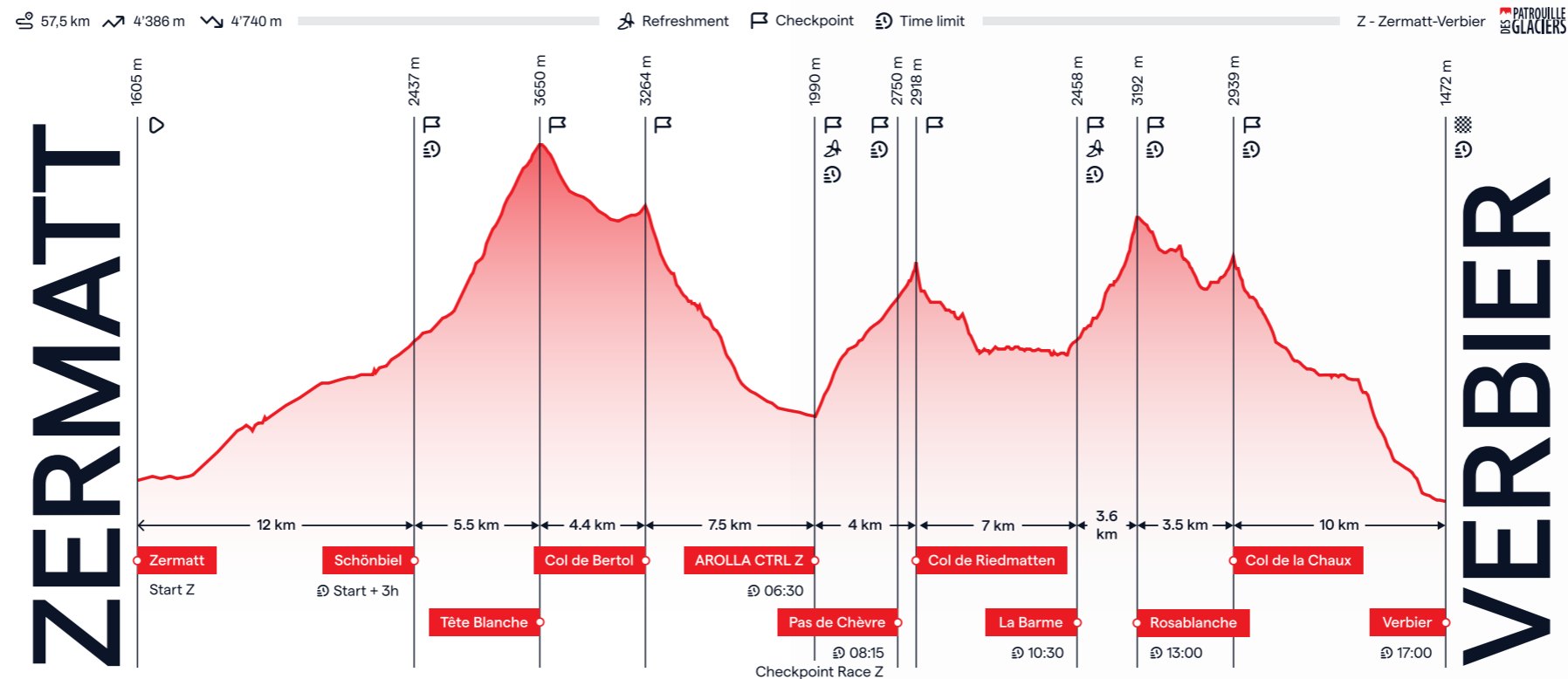
01:30

02:00

02:30

03:30

04:00



FR Les informations relatives aux distances et aux dénivelés sont données à titre indicatif. Elles peuvent légèrement varier en fonction du parcours défini le jour de la course (p. ex. modification du parcours pour des raisons de sécurité).
 EN Information regarding distances and elevation are provided for informational purposes only. It may vary slightly depending on the route defined on the day of the race (e.g., route changes for safety reasons).

Race Start Arolla

With equipment check already completed (Advanced)

- Patrols who have already collected their bibs during the advanced equipment check can travel either directly to the start in AROLLA by their own means or by using the shuttle service from the SION military base.
- Shuttle buses will run **from 23:45 (one shuttle every 30 minutes) from:**
 - EVOLÈNE (stop near the roundabout next to the Coop store)
 - LES HAUDÈRES (stop near the bridge at the exit of the village) to transport participants to the AROLLA start.
 - It is not possible to reserve seats on the shuttles.
- Depending on their departure and according to the regulations, patrols must be present **50 minutes** before their departure time under the AROLLA tent with their bibs.
- Refreshments and tea will be served to Patrollers under the AROLLA tent from 02:30.

Temporary traffic restrictions on the LES HAUDÈRES - AROLLA road

Road traffic will be temporarily restricted and closed during the following times:

Race A1 :

Closure: Tuesday 14.04.2026 – 12:00, at the latest 16:00

Opening: Wednesday 15.04.2026 – 12:00, or as soon as possible

Race A2 :

Closure: Friday 17.04.2026 – 12:00, at the latest 16:00

Opening: Saturday 18.04.2026 – 12:00, or as soon as possible

In the event of a race postponement, the schedule will be adapted accordingly. We invite participants to use the shuttle service to travel to the AROLLA start.

There are no parking spaces provided for Patrollers / spectators in Arolla.

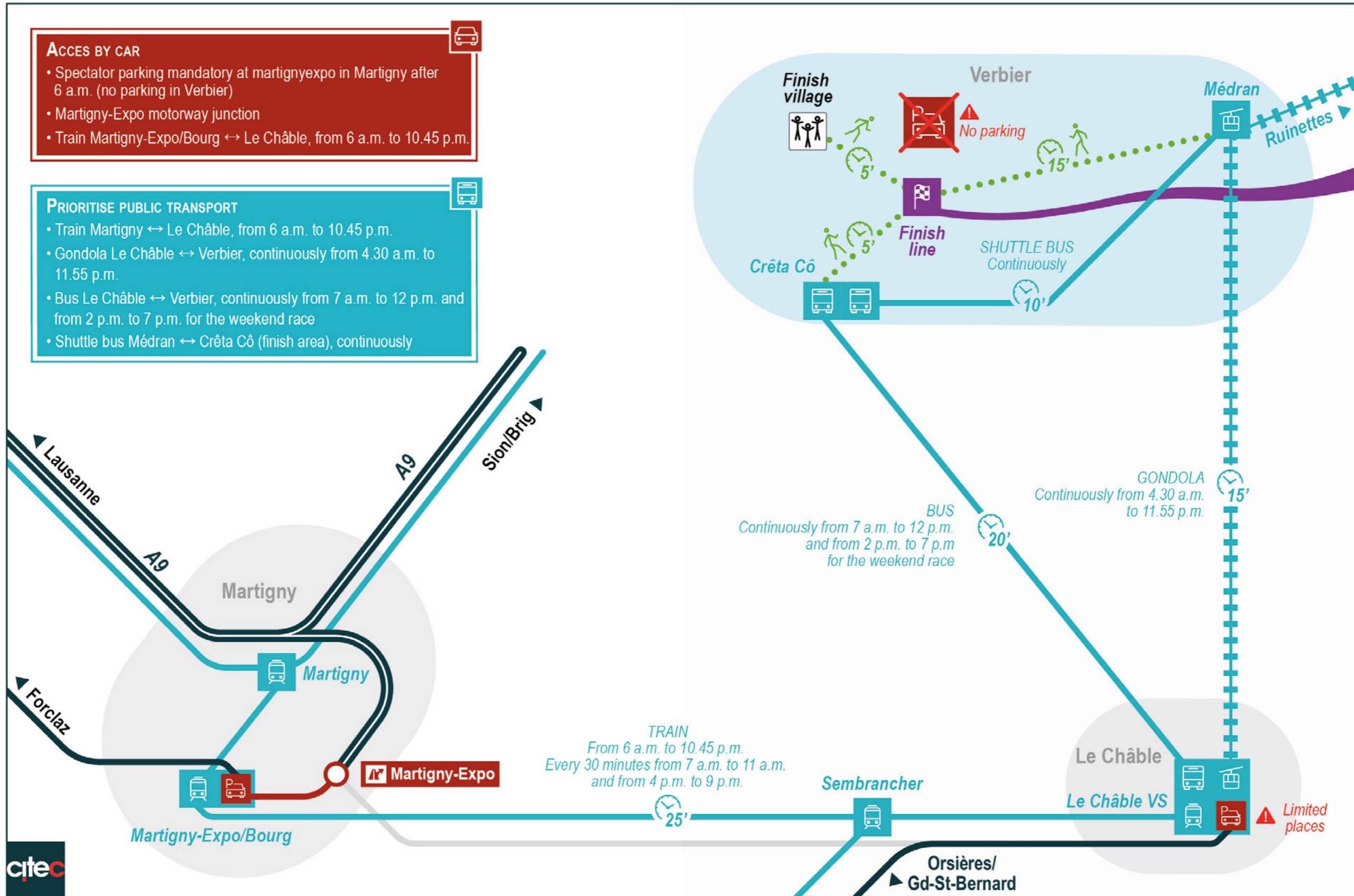
Formal Ceremony

The ceremony is conducted by the Chaplain of Rescue Battalion 1, Captain Sophie Maillefer.

| | 1st Ceremony | 2nd Ceremony |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Start | 02:40 | 04:10 |
| Message from political authorities | 02:40 | 04:10 |
| Message from the Base Commander | 02:43 | 04:13 |
| Military Chaplain, Rescue Bat 1 | 02:46 | 04:16 |
| National Anthem | 02:48 | 04:18 |
| End | 02:50 | 04:20 |



Mobility



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To fully enjoy the event, we recommend **planning your arrival in advance**.

We encourage you to use **public transport** to reach Verbier (**no public parking in Verbier**). Trains and regional connections offer a reliable, comfortable, and environmentally friendly solution. Additional services are scheduled.

By planning your journey and prioritizing public transport, you choose simplicity, efficiency, and a concrete commitment to the environment. We look forward to welcoming you to Verbier!

Public Transport Access:

- All participants are entitled to a free journey on public transport from their home in Switzerland to Sion or Zermatt, and back from Verbier, in 2nd class via the usual route within the AG travel zone (discount vouchers and further details will be sent to patrol leaders one week before the race).
- A 50% discount on the purchase price of public transport tickets for a return journey from a place of residence in Switzerland to ZERMATT, AROLLA or VERBIER (including the VERBIER-LE CHÂBLE route) for three members of the patrol leader's entourage, on the dates of the event (limited offer – discount voucher and details sent to patrol leaders).
- Travel time of approximately 40 minutes between Martigny and Verbier.
- Consult the dedicated page on the SBB website: sbb.ch/en/pdg

Car Access:

- **No public parking in Verbier for spectators.**
- **Free parking** for spectators at Martigny-Expo: Martigny-Expo motorway exit. Trains every 30 minutes from 07:00 to 11:00 to Le Châble and from 16:00 to 21:00 to Martigny.
- Gondola capacity reinforced with buses to/from the finish line from 07:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 19:00 over the weekend.
- Parking at Le Châble before 06:00. After 06:00, spaces at Le Châble are not guaranteed; please park further down the valley (Martigny, or Sembrancher for those coming from Entremont/Grand-Saint-Bernard).

In-resort :

- The finish line is a 15-minute walk from the gondola station.
- Free shuttle bus running continuously between the finish line and the gondola.
- Resort buses available according to the online schedule.
- Téléréverbier for Wednesday, April 15 & Saturday, April 18, 2026:
 - Le Châble-Verbier continuously from 04:30 to 23:55.
 - Médran: from 04:30.
 - Funitel (Funispace): from 04:45.
 - Jumbo: from 05:00.
- Ticket offices at Le Châble and Médran open at 04:30.
- La Chaux ticket office opens at 05:00.
- Parking controls will be carried out by the police.

| Winter 25-26 Rates | Standard | | | Super-Indigène | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Adult | Youth | Child | Adult | Youth | Child |
| | 1949 - 2000 | 2001 - 2010 | 2011 - 2018 | 1949 - 2000 | 2001 - 2010 | 2011 - 2018 |
| From Le Châble | | | | | | |
| 1-day ski touring 4V | 55 | 47 | 28 | 44 | 37 | 22 |
| Return Le Châble - Ruinettes | 38 | 34 | 19 | 38 | 34 | 19 |
| From Verbier | | | | | | |
| 1-day ski touring 4V | 55 | 47 | 28 | 44 | 37 | 22 |
| Return Verbier - Ruinettes | 25 | 21 | 13 | 25 | 21 | 13 |

Arrival in Verbier

- Upon arrival in VERBIER, Patrollers are taken in charge by military personnel.
- Following this, there will be equipment checks, random anti-doping tests, and a recovery phase.
- Patrollers can collect their luggage in the sports center hall.
- 14:30: Announcement of results and prize-giving ceremony at the PdG Village.
- 17:00: End of official timing.

The SBB ticket is valid from VERBIER to the Patroller's place of residence in Switzerland. The journey via the VERBIER – LE CHÂBLE gondola is included in the offer.

The municipality of Val de Bagnes has implemented a new mobility concept for the 2026 PdG edition.

New features:

- The PdG Village is now a cashless zone.
- Upon arrival in VERBIER, personnel will provide you with a rechargeable cashless wristband. This wristband contains a 10 CHF credit, which, once activated, will allow you to obtain your «Patroller's meal» or other refreshments within the PdG Village.
- Information stands are available to top up your wristband using cash, TWINT, or credit card.
- Any remaining balance will be refunded at the end of the event either to your TWINT account or credit card. Patrollers who loaded their wristband with cash are kindly requested to visit the information desk, which will process the refund of the remaining balance.

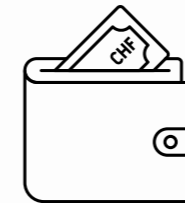
Payment System in Verbier

This event is entirely cashless. Here is how to pay for your purchases:



Via TWINT and card

Pay for your purchases using **TWINT** or a **bank card** at all points of sale, or opt for a cashless wristband available at the cash desks.



Via cash

Cash is not accepted at the stands. Please go to the cash desks to **obtain a rechargeable cashless wristband** using cash.



Wristband balance refund

If you topped up via TWINT or card: The balance is automatically refunded to your account in the days following the event.

If you topped up with cash: Scan the QR code below (or copy the web link) and complete the refund form.



jmco.ch/refund

Refunds are processed within 15 days following the event.



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