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**Press release – Swiss Armed Forces  
Patrouille des Glaciers 2026: Z1 and A1 races postponed**

*Sion (VS), 13 April 2026* – The Commander of the Patrouille des Glaciers, Brigadier Yves Charrière, has decided to postpone the starts of races Z1 and A1 by 24 hours.

**This decision follows the weather conditions observed over the past 24 hours, which have led to a significant deterioration in safety conditions on the course. The current state of the terrain presents, in particular, an increased avalanche risk as well as overall instability that does not allow a satisfactory level of safety to be guaranteed. Under these conditions, no start can take place until the course has been fully secured. Preparatory work on the route is continuing in order to ensure the safety of the patrol members, the military personnel and the civilian staff deployed. Safety remains our absolute priority.**

As a consequence, the starts and all Z1/A1 ceremonies are officially postponed by 24 hours, at the times originally scheduled. From a technical point of view, no change to personal equipment is required at this stage, and it remains compliant with the regulations. Bibs already collected, as well as SBB transport tickets, remain valid for the revised schedule. Equipment checks will continue to be systematically carried out before each start in order to ensure patrol compliance.

The starts and ceremonies for races Z2/A2 remain scheduled.

All detailed organizational information, as well as live updates regarding the official ceremonies in Zermatt and Verbier, are available in real time on the race's official portal. The Patrouille des Glaciers command invites each participant to stay informed via [www.pdg.ch](http://www.pdg.ch).

Brigadier Yves Charrière thanks the patrols for their understanding and looks forward to seeing them again in 24 hours.

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