



# COUPE DU MONDE DE SKI KANDAHAR

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### DESCENTES ET SLALOM

### CHAMONIX-MONT-BLANC / LES HOUCHES / SAINT-GERVAIS







# Chamonix Mont-Blanc

## THE BIRTHPLACE OF WORLD SKIING

**100 years of skiing history!**

**100 years since the first Winter Olympic Games  
which took place in Chamonix, France in 1924!**

**100 years since the FIS was created in the heart  
of Chamonix at the Majestic!**

**Established on the 2nd February 1924 with 14  
founding members (today there are 135).**

In addition to being known as the **world capital of mountaineering**, the last 100 years have also seen Chamonix establish itself as the beating heart of winter sports and **alpine skiing**. Indeed, this is where it all started.

**After the first Winter Olympics in 1924**, Chamonix has hosted the Alpine World Championships on two separate occasions. Winners have included the legendary Emile Allais, the first Frenchman to become World Champion in 1937. Charles Bozon and Marielle Goitschel were also victorious in 1962 whilst Guy Périllat placed second in the World Championship slalom race.

**Since 1948 the famous Kandahar** race has seen Chamonix crown some of the world's greatest skiers. It has been an iconic race and a key event in the racing calendar long before the creation of the Alpine World Cup in 1966. And since then, it has always known how to retain its position as one of the unmissable events on the international circuit.

# OVER 100 YEARS

## SKI RACING



This year is a particularly special year when the centenary of the first Winter Olympic Games coincides with the Olympic Games in Paris. It is also almost one hundred years to the day since the creation of French Ski Federation, which took place here in Chamonix in the very same place that we hold the race committee meetings today. The 100-year anniversary of the FFS also takes place in 2024.



**FRÉDÉRIC COMTE**

Director of the  
Chamonix Club des Sports

“We are all very aware of the importance of this historic moment and we are very proud of the trust that the FIS has placed in us at this key time. This is the reward for many years of working closely together, a relationship which has been strengthened over the last few seasons and which this year sees us hosting three days of ski-racing on the legendary ski slope called La Verte des Houches.

**With no World Championships or Winter Olympics this year, we know that Chamonix will be THE highlight of this year’s ski-racing calendar.** The technical teams are in place and already at work to make sure that this Kandahar will be an exceptional one.

This year will again see the Chamoniard, Blaise Giezendanner, in the starting gate on La Verte. Whilst this will most certainly be a highly symbolic moment for him; **it will also significant for all the other downhill racers who have been deprived of this most “traditional” of courses since 2016. It’s a course which ranks alongside the Streiff in Kitzbühel and Lauberhorn in Wengen** as one of the classics. To complete the festivities, there is also a slalom event on the programme this year; just like in the old days when the Kandahar crowned the overall winner of both the Downhill and Slalom.

**It’s a course which has been kind to the French racers of late. Clément Noël won the slalom here in 2020 and 2021 and Alexis Pinturault took the combined event in 2016,** leaving the spectators with an unforgettable memory of the most euphoric atmosphere at the foot of Mont Blanc. In this special anniversary year the 2024 edition looks set to add yet another beautiful story to the pages of Kandahar history. Make sure you don’t miss it.



# AN EXCEPTIONAL SLOPE LEGENDARY WINNERS

Four sons of the Chamonix valley have shone on the piste Verte des Houches: James Couttet and François Bonlieu won the Kandahar Combined event in 1948 and 1963. Charles Bozon and Guy Périllat won World Championships in Chamonix.

<b>James Couttet</b> France	<b>Jean-Claude Killy</b> France	<b>Karl Schranz</b> Austria	<b>Adrien Duvillard</b> France
<b>Guy Périllat</b> France	<b>Ingemar Stenmark</b> Sweden	<b>Hermann Maier</b> Austria	<b>Pirmin Zurbriggen</b> Switzerland
<b>Kjetil-André Aamodt</b> Norway	<b>Marc Girardelli</b> Luxemburg	<b>Alberto Tomba</b> Italy	<b>Stefan Eberharter</b> Austria
<b>Bode Miller</b> United States	<b>Didier Cuche</b> Switzerland	<b>Alexis Pinturault</b> France	<b>Clément Noël</b> France

**Emile Allais**  
Français

**1937**

## Why the Kandahar?

Prizes for the first alpine ski races, held at the start of the 20th century, were awarded by Lord Roberts of Kandahar. The title was bestowed upon Frederick Sleigh Roberts in recognition of his actions during the Anglo-Afghan war in 1880. After marching his troops from Kabul to Kandahar he took the city and liberated a British battalion which had been under siege.

After this victory he was promoted to Major General by Queen Victoria and became one of the most popular officers in the British Army. Later he was appointed vice-president of the Public Schools Alpine Sports Club.

Arnold Lunn founded the Kandahar Ski Club in his honour in 1924. In 1928 Lunn joined with Hannes Schneider (himself from Arlberg in Austria) forming the Arlberg-Kandahar Club. They created a new type of race, the Combined event, featuring slalom and downhill.

To this day it remains the Holy Grail of skiing trophies.



# The Kandahar

## A unique atmosphere

Before the creation of the World Cup in 1966, L'Arlberg Kandahar was the crown jewel of world alpine ski races; rewarding the versatility required to compete in both downhill and slalom events. The race venue alternated between St Anton (Austria) and Mürren (Switzerland).

In 1940 political tensions worked in Chamonix's favour, admitting the town to the closed circle of resorts who would host the event.

In 1947 all three ski resorts returned to organising the race, adding Sestrières, in Italy, Garmische-Partenkirchen in Germany and Sugarloaf in the USA to the list of hosts.

Holding aloft the trophy with the magical letters "AK" was the equivalent of winning alpine ski racing's highest title (almost as prestigious as being named World Champion).

Today the 'Verte' is one of the world's classic courses and has managed to move with the times whilst retaining its original spirit. It continues to make history, rivalling the Streiff and the Lauberhorn, alongside some of the smaller new races in La Rock in China or l'Eclipse in Courchevel. This is all part of the magic of the World Cup tour.



**Johan Eliasch**

President of the International  
Ski and Snowboard Federation

"From the 2nd to the 4th of February the Chamonix valley will welcome the Audi FIS Alpine World Cup on the Verte in Les Houches for two races; a descent and a slalom. But the weekend is much more than a stage on the World Cup circuit, it's an event where alpine skiing's past and present will merge, whilst providing a tantalising glimpse into the future.

It was in February, exactly 100 years ago that Chamonix played host to history's first ever winter Olympic games, and at the very same time, the International Ski Federation was formed. There is no better place to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the FIS than where it all began - the iconic slopes of Chamonix. The event will be the ideal opportunity to pay homage to the competitors of yesteryear whilst presenting three truly thrilling races featuring the stars of today."

# PROGRAMME

**31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**  
January

**Downhill training**  
La Verte, Les Houches

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**  
February

**12:00 Downhill**  
La Verte, Les Houches

**18:00 Downhill bib draw**  
Chamonix

**18:00 Prize giving Chamonix**  
Chamonix

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
February

**09:30 1<sup>st</sup> Slalom run**  
Piste verte des Houches

**12:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Slalom run**  
Piste verte des Houches

**Prize giving**  
in the finish area

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
February

**Downhill training**  
La Verte, Les Houches

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**  
February

**12:15 Downhill**  
La Verte, Les Houches

**Prize giving**  
in the finish area

**18:00 Slalom bib draw**  
Chamonix







## Eric Fournier

Mayor of the Commune of Chamonix Mont-Blanc  
President of the Communauté des Communes of  
the Chamonix Mont-Blanc Valley  
Special Advisor for the  
Auvergne Rhône-Alpes region

“Chamonix has a unique place in the history of winter sports. It is not only the location for the hundred-year anniversary of the founding of the FIS and FFS (here in the rooms of the Majestic), but it has also played a pivotal role in shaping the face of snow sports.

Our forebears were able to see the potential of those first winter Olympics in 1924 and they were already looking towards the future. The valley will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the games with that same pioneering spirit and with its typical unbridled passion for sport. Our organisers have inherited a strong tradition of hospitality and it is thanks to their commitment, enthusiasm and high-quality work that we are proud to host an additional World Cup event.

I will see you on the Kandahar course at the beginning of February to witness the best skiers on the planet lining up for the start of the two downhill races and the slalom.

Happy centenary and enjoy the race!”



## Ghislaine Bossonney

Mayor of the commune of Les Houches  
8th Vice President of the Communauté des  
Communes of the Chamonix Mont-Blanc Valley in  
charge of finance

“Les Houches is once again honoured to welcome the jewel in the crown of the alpine skiing World Cup, the Kandahar, to its famous slope, the Verte des Houches.

This year is particularly important, marked by the presence of an Olympic spirit which flows through the whole Chamonix Mont-Blanc valley. From the World Championships back in 1937 to today, ski racing has shaped our very landscape, inscribing our home with its own enduring mark. The “Verte” has been the site of major metamorphoses; on both a sporting level, evolving as the sport has evolved; but also, on a physical level with the permanent works undertaken to upgrade the site.

Our village is delighted to host the two downhill races and the slalom, demonstrating our longstanding commitment to ski racing. The Kandahar transcends borders, bringing together ski enthusiasts from across the alpine regions.

I invite you all to join us for the festivities at the beginning of February.”



## Jean-Marc Peillex

Mayor of Saint-Gervais  
Departmental Advisor of the Canton of Mont-Blanc

“It is with immense pride that the municipality of Saint-Gervais welcomes the two World Cup downhills of the legendary Kandahar to its slopes. Here the world’s bests skiers will challenge the Cassure with its dizzying jump and the Rocher Blanc, one of the most technical aspects of this legendary downhill course. It is a run which is green (Verte) in name only. Saint-Gervais shares the same dedication to excellence as the Kandahar and it is a town where high-level sport plays an important role. Having hosted and organised great sporting events such as the Tour De France, Saint-Gervais has sport in its DNA and is delighted to share this passion during events such as the Kandahar.”



## Fabien Saguez

President of the French Ski Federation

“Awarding a slalom and two downhills to Chamonix proves that it is both a trusted organiser and a major player on the world cup circuit. The choice of venue obviously makes sense given the historic 100-year anniversaries of the Olympic Games (we must remember that we are talking about the first ever winter games and that these have cemented Chamonix’s place in both ski culture and competition for a century) but also of the FIS and our federation.

These three events will really allow alpine skiing to shine. Not only through the races but also through all the other events that surround them, including the bib draw and prize givings which help to grow the whole event into one big celebration across the valley.”





100  
km/h

Average speed

140  
km/h

Top speed

3 km

Course length

1871m

Altitude at  
start line

1001m

Altitude at  
finish line

870m

Vertical drop

**L**a Verte (The Green) is a legendary run in the Mont-Blanc mountain range in the communes of Les Houches and Saint-Gervais. Its name derives from the fact that the direction of the sun often results in an icy slope which seems to shine with different green hues reflected from the pine trees that border the slope.

It is in fact a black run, with a drop of 870m over a distance of 3343m. The best skiers in the world speed down it in 2 minutes. Its series of technical passages and jumps, which includes la Cassure and le Goulet, make this downhill one of the most beautiful in the world



**FRÉDÉRIC COMTE**

Director of the  
Chamonix Sports Club

## THE CHALLENGE

“It is a real technical challenge as the requirements for preparing a downhill and slalom course are quite different! We have to guarantee the optimum conditions for each separate discipline. For the slalom it requires water-injected snow, i.e. very icy; and for the downhill the snow must be very hard and compact over the whole 3km of the course.

**There is a 200m stretch of the course (including the finish line!) which is used by both the slalom and downhill races.**

It is the only FIS approved men’s World Cup downhill in Haute-Savoie.

It is a course that combines several different elements; a very busy upper section with the Rocher Blanc turn positioned between two 60m jumps; making it one of the most technical on the tour.

Its more undulating lower section requires real gliding skills before plunging into the ever- spectacular final schuss.

**When we were planning the courses this summer, we designed a route to ensure that the slalom course only crossed that of the downhill once. Bear in mind that preparing the slope for each different race is not the same. In the slalom it is injected with water to make it very hard (icy), this is not the case for the downhill.**

For maximum speed on the downhill the objective is to have a uniform run with snow at an optimal density along the entire course (for jumps, compressions, long sweeping corners, banked sections). It would be out of the question to surprise a downhill racer with water-injected snow right at the end of his 2-minute run.”



**T**he ultimate technical test, the slalom requires speed and agility as the gates are very close together (4 – 15 meters apart with a total of 40 - 75 gates).

A slalom takes place with two runs and the times of the two runs are added together. Only the first 30 fastest skiers from the first run go through to the second run. For the second run the starting order is reversed, with that the skier who came 30th being the first to start and the fastest skier of the first run going 30th.

It's always a nail-biting event as skiers can easily make mistakes in this discipline. The slalom takes places at the bottom of the “Verte”, a stunning setting for both athletes and spectators alike who can see practically all of the course from the stands. Whilst it might not be the most technically difficult course on the World Cup circuit, there is still no room for error. The time differences between skiers are so small that the slightest mistake can cost them dearly. Tactics and precision are therefore the order of the day for slalom racers.



**Guy Périllat**

Winner of the Alpine combined  
1961 and 1968

## LEGENDARY

“For me the Kandahar and the Verte is THE downhill. This piste is legendary. It’s been the ultimate playground for the most talented downhill skiers since 1948 and if the feedback from the athletes and excitement of the crowds last year is anything to go by, it’s also become a pretty good venue for the slalom!

We are all really looking forward to these three events this winter. I can’t wait to see these champions of speed on this amazing run which has had new life breathed into it thanks to the investment and considerable works undertaken by the local community.

# THE SLALOM



**1169m**

Altitude at start

**985m**

Altitude at finish

**184m**

Drop

**624m**

Course length

**10%**

Minimum  
gradient

**31%**

Average gradient

**45%**

Steepest gradient



# A breakdown of the course by Chamonix local Blaise Giezendanner.

## A VERY SPECIAL YEAR

I know the Verte very, very well. I grew up in Les Houches so it's like my own back garden. This race is symbolic for me, very symbolic. **This particular ski run or 'piste' is at the origins of downhill racing and has a real history.** It's marked with a red cross on my calendar; not only because it's in France and it's not often that we French downhillers have a race on home turf, but also because of everything that it represents this year in the valley.

It's the 100 years of the games that everyone is talking about, 100 years of the FIS and also the return of a Kandahar with both its historical disciplines. I think that once they are here the other nationals will realise just quite how passionate we are about this year's event. It's going to be THE big event of the season.

## A LEGENDARY COURSE

For me, aside from the history, **it's the view at the start line that is iconic. You have a 360-degree vista of the Mont-Blanc range and the whole valley** spread out before you. The setting is breathtaking and only Wengen can rival it with its view of the Eiger. The course is not the most complicated on the circuit, but when I speak with other racers, they are really looking forward to competing on it.

You can generally divide the course into two parts, a technical section at the top and a gliding section towards the bottom. After the spectacular start you arrive at **la Cassure where the length of the jump can be pretty intimidating.** Then next it's the Rocher Blanc which you need to negotiate very technically and which gives you a lot of speed for the Goulet. This doesn't look like anything special at first glance, but you come into it very quickly and it creates a kind of compression with an almost 90-degree turn, which not only imposes real physical constraints on the skier, but also on his equipment as this area is often very icy!

You then arrive at the most famous jump of the whole downhill, the Goulet. It has certainly been toned down a bit due to the increasing race speeds, but it's still as impressive for the spectators as it is for the racers. **The narrowness of this section has a real psychological impact on the skier.** It's also a place where you must make the most of the available acceleration. Next up are the two compressions, leading into the Pessy S and the flat section of the FIS. At this point you can lose the race if you aren't carrying enough speed. Cuche was a master at negotiating this section.

Next comes the road jump, straight into the final two corners, with a quick hard push on the right ski before coming into the finish area in the village of Les Houches. **Finishing in the heart of the resort is also something that I really love.**

**Blaise Giezendanner**

Speed specialist  
(Downhill and Super G)

## HIS DATE WITH DESTINY?

The Chamoniard who took everyone by surprise in 2016 when he came in the top 10, has earned his place in skiing history. His 9th place was a little overshadowed by that of the other Chamoniard, Guillermo Fayed, who had just missed out on a podium spot by coming in 4th, but Blaise also won the combined downhill.

It would be a great story if he could make this race his own in the year when all eyes converge on Chamonix. It would be a well-deserved achievement for this skier who has come so close, so many times. You can rest assured that the whole of the Chamonix valley will be behind him.





Ericksen

Goulet

Passage de la FIS

Bosse de la Rupe

Vernet

Saut de la Route

Cassure

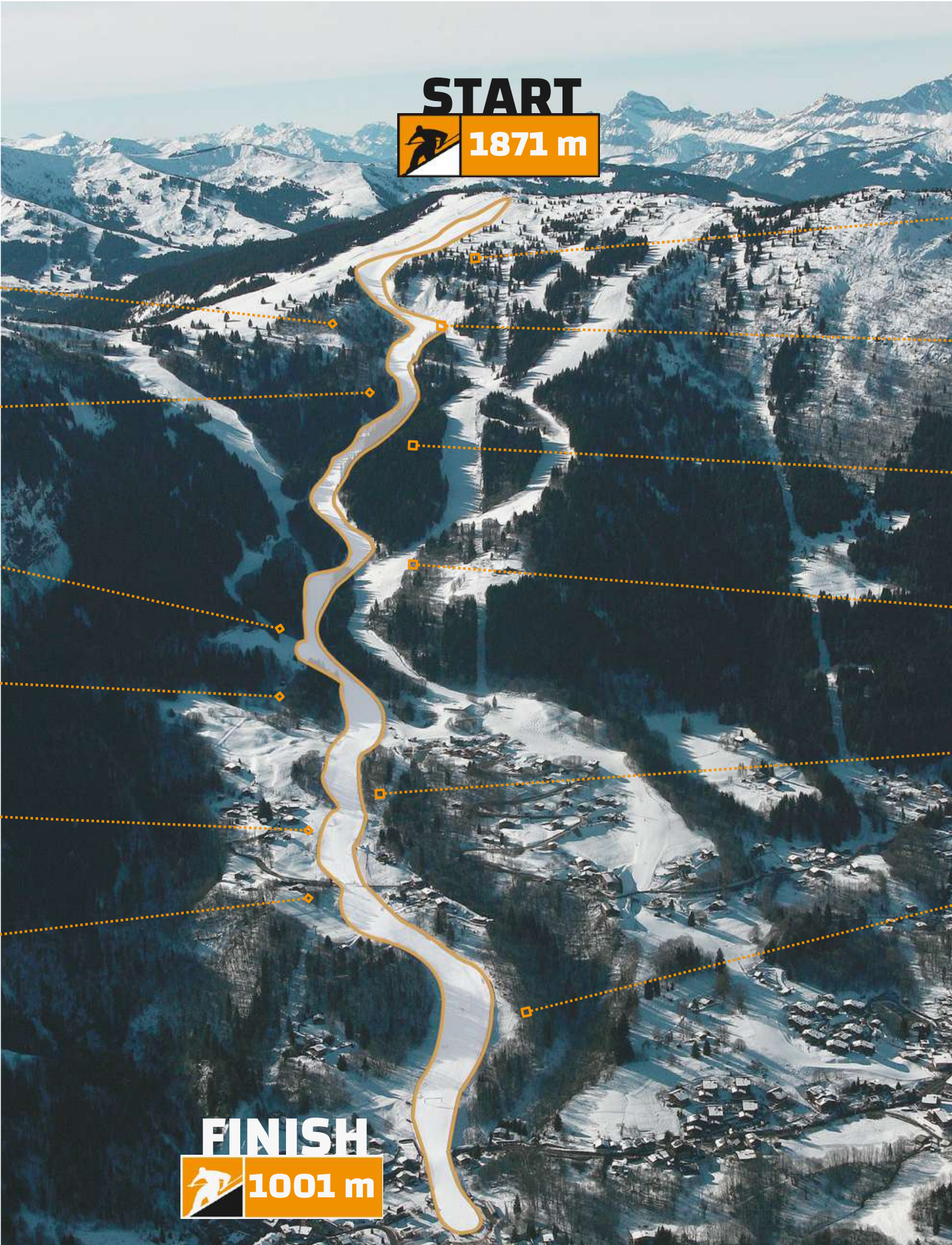
Rocher Blanc

Bosse à Perrot

"S" à Pessi

Bosse du Covagnet

Schuss Battendier





# Every one is involved

**You won't necessarily see them on the day itself, but there are more than 150 people working on and around the piste. Among those who work behind-the-scenes are:**

- 100 'groomers', students from the Roger Frison-Roche high school who are on a special course to become mountain professionals.
- Approximately twenty French ski school (ESF) instructors who have a range of different jobs: putting up the nets, injecting water into the snow, setting up the start and finish areas, gate keeping
- About 30 trainees studying at the National Ski and Mountaineering School in Chamonix (ENSA) who will help with smoothing out the runs and training areas.
- 30 ski instructors from neighbouring clubs, who will help with maintaining the slopes and looking after the gates.



## **FOCUS: The youngsters studying to become mountain professionals**

Since 2002 the Roger Frison-Roche high school in Chamonix Mont-Blanc has offered its students the option of taking two diplomas simultaneously. The first is the general or professional baccalaureate exam, the second is one of three diplomas related to skiing or mountaineering.

Of these the first option is the national ski diploma known as the DES (Diplôme d'Etat de Ski) which allows them to become an alpine or cross-country ski instructor. The second is the national mountaineering diploma or DEA (Diplôme d'Etat d'Alpinisme) with which they can become a mid-mountain guide (AMM - Accompagnateur/trice en Moyenne Montagne) or a fully-fledged mountain guide (GHM - Guide de Haute Montagne). They also have the third possibility of the national ski patrol and first aid certificate (BNPS – Brevet National Pisteur Secouriste).

Of the 180 students who are part of this dual qualification scheme, 96 are following a ski-related curriculum. As part of an agreement between Chamonix's Club des Sports and the high school, these students have the opportunity to join the Kandahar team, helping to groom the piste for the competitors.

"It's a great experience. We are all are passionate about skiing and most of us have competed. We are really lucky to have the opportunity to get up close to the skiers that we would usually only see on television. We watch them warm up, prepare mentally for the race and then they race right in front of us. There is a bit of pressure too. Even if we are good skiers, we are all a little afraid of falling when smoothing out such an icy run. You just have to go at the right time and stop at the right place. Nevertheless, it's a real pleasure for me to be involved again this year!

**Matéo, aged 17, who will be helping to prepare the run this year.**



# THE PISTEMASTER'S CHECKLIST

by Tony Angiboust

Work on the downhill course started back in September, laying safety cables and anchor points. This was followed by the time-consuming installation of 1.8km "Grade-A" safety netting. Each net is 50m long and 4m high, delivered to the site by 4-wheel drive vehicles, quad bikes and even a traditional sledge. The exhausting job of hanging and stitching the nets together was carried out by just three workers, throughout the autumn.

The next job is to install 15km of "Grade-B" netting, which will support the 2 metre high crash mats placed in key areas, to catch fallen racers. In the last few days before the race, there is 5km of "Grade-C" netting to set up. This guarantees a safe distance between spectators and certain sections of the course.

In addition, the timing system needs to be installed, platforms built, TV cables laid and a giant screen for spectators at the Cassure. Lastly but most importantly, managing the natural and artificial snow from early November to ensure perfect quality and slope for a World Cup downhill race.



At the end of October when the timing system has been tested and decisions made on camera emplacements, preparation of the piste can begin. This careful and painstaking work will hopefully be approved by the renown (and feared) FIS "snow control" who monitor progress, from 10 days before race-day, right up to the morning of the competition.

Artificial snow is absolutely essential for slalom events and will be produced as soon as temperatures allow it. In order for the snow to be as hard as possible, it is injected with water, aerated and then spread on the slope with a piste-groomer. Then the whole process starts again, the aim being to create a 'mille-feuille' of hard snow. (4 or 5 layers is ideal) The snow then needs to be perfected and maintained regardless of atmospheric conditions (warming, fresh snow etc) all the way to race-day. In the meantime, netting is installed, the training run prepared, start and finish zones constructed as well as briefing the ground teams. When the snow and safety have finally been approved, the show can begin!

## THE VOLUNTEERS

In addition to all the professionals involved, there are hundreds of other people making sure that the race runs smoothly and that everyone is safe. These include hundreds of volunteers, about fifty gendarmes, dozens of CRS the National Alpine Training Centre, the National Alpine Training Centre, the firefighters, military personnel and volunteers from the Red Cross and the Chamoniarde.

## THE SPECTATORS

In 2020 26% of the 35,000 spectators were local residents from the Chamonix Mont-Blanc valley whilst 43% came from neighbouring areas in Haute-Savoie. For 40% it was their first World Cup experience and more 95% said they intended to repeat the experience.





# A mythical valley at the crossroads of 3 different countries

Like many other sporting and cultural events, the Kandahar's key highlights take place at a number of different sites in the valley, allowing it to extend the excitement of the race with a buzz that resonates across the whole area.

But this isn't a new phenomenon. From right when tourism first started in the 18th century the Chamonix Mont-Blanc valley has always been the place where history was written. It's here that mountaineering began, tourism first came to the mountains and the Winter Olympics were born. It's here that new technical advances allowed people to reach new heights, mountain sports were invented and where the great literary works that have inspired generations throughout the world were written.



## Chamonix-Mont-Blanc

World capital of skiing and mountaineering, a charming little town that has managed to preserve a unique architectural heritage, witness to a long and rich history, which gives it an authentic atmosphere.



## Servoz

An authentic mountain village, with its typical rural architecture which is the gate way to the whole valley.



## Les Houches

A village and family ski resort which offers an unforgettable view of the Aiguilles de Chamonix.



## Argentière

Its ski area of Grands Montets makes it a favourite spot for freeride fans and ski enthusiasts throughout the world.



## Vallorcine

The most 'natural' of the valley's villages, it is located at the Swiss border and is the ideal place for a holiday that is both sporty and contemplative.



# The playground for all winter sports

The birthplace of alpine skiing, Chamonix is also considered the Mecca for freeride skiing and ski-mountaineering (all of these disciplines are intrinsically linked in the valley!) due in part to its exceptional mountain scenery but also to the legendary lifts that gave people access them.

In 1929 the Brévent Téléphérique was inaugurated, followed in 1936 by the Bellevue Téléphérique, which made Chamonix the go-to destination for skiing before the war. Chamonix Mont-Blanc's appeal was further enhanced when the Aiguille du Midi cable car opened in the 1954-55 season, making it the highest lift-accessible peak in Europe.

As well as the more traditional alpine skiing; cross-country skiing, biathlon and ski-jumping have always been a part of Chamonix's sporting culture; providing a steady stream of champions to the French ski teams.

All of France's ski instructors and mountain guides are also trained in Chamonix at ENSA. (the National Ski and Mountaineering School) which was established in 1945.

These days, tourists from all over the world enjoy high-altitude skiing with 360-degree views of Mont-Blanc. This enormous and beautiful playground is filled with endless possibilities such as enjoying the 20km off-piste itinerary of the Vallée Blanche, skiing and snowboarding the spectacular vertical drops available at Grands-Montets, taking in the awesome view from Brévent-Flégère or relaxing on the gentler family slopes in the resorts of Les Houches and Le Tour.



KAN DA HAR 2024

# This summer:



## The Climbing World Cup

On the eve of the Paris Olympic Games of 2024, Chamonix Mont-Blanc celebrates 20 years of hosting speed and difficulty events of the Climbing World Cup. Breath-taking entertainment guaranteed! 12-14th July 2024



## Mont-Blanc Marathon

This legendary race was first held in July 1979 with 450 participants. Over the years, the Mont-Blanc marathon has grown and become more professional, now featuring on the Golden Trail Series tour. From 27-30th June 2024 nature-loving runners will be reunited on Chamonix's trails



# Team Chamonix

## The Valley's leading sports ambassadors

Team Chamonix brings together the elite athletes of the different communes of the Chamonix Mont-Blanc valley, showcasing the diversity of sports in the area.

All the valley's major sports are represented; whether it be Laurine Lugon-Moulin and Blaise Giezendanner from alpine skiing, (who we hope to be cheering on slopeside in les Houches this winter), Merlin Surget and Achille Leleu in snowboard cross, Mégane Betend and Léo Slemett in ski freeride, Baptiste Ellmenreich in ski mountaineering, Iloée Ravanel in Telemark, Coralie Bentz in cross-country skiing, Betty Jouanny in ice hockey, Grégoire Curmer in trail running, Rémi Bourdelle in paragliding or Emma Chervet in ski jumping.

These are the young men and women who have all grown out of our local clubs and who are testament to the investment made by our coaches. These talented individuals are all proud to represent the Chamonix Mont-Blanc valley, competing all year round at the highest levels in the world, everywhere in the world. Keep an eye on them; they are well worth following.



**Merlin Surget**

Snowboard cross



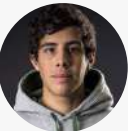
**Achille Leleu**

Snowboard cross



**Mégane Betend**

Ski Freeride



**Léo Slemett**

Ski Freeride



**Baptiste Ellmenreich**

Ski mountaineering



**Iloée Ravanel**

Telemark



**Coralie Bentz**

Cross-country



**Betty Jouanny**

Ice hockey



**Grégoire Curmer**

Trail running



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