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WORLD PARA ALPINE SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS TARVISIO 2017

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### WELCOME

Paolo Tavian, President of the Tarvisio 2017 Local Organising Committee (LOC)

For the LOC, the path towards the organisation of the 2017 World Championships started many years ago and has ripened over time.

The international events that took place in Friuli Venezia Giulia were a test for this important event.. They were a chance to prove the technical capabilities of the staff, the suitability of the facilities and the slopes, and the medical coverage of the event. This will guarantee the highest level of safety during all races, above all those where high speed will be reached.

In consideration of my Paralympic experience as a guide athlete and a coach, I believe I can perfectly combine the technical side of this event, with the aspects related to the management of human resources and the availability of financial means.

For its central position in Europe, the diversity of the unique landscapes that coexist in such a small area, and the proximity to historically and culturally rich cities (among which Trieste, Venice, and Verona are the most famous), our territory offers its guests a great opportunity for tourism. I am confident the national teams will feel the homely atmosphere





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of these World Championships, also thanks to the welcoming attitude of our people. I should really thank our private sponsors for supporting us again on this occasion. A special mention should be made of the region, which is always receptive to initiatives that, apart from their sporting significance, have an important educational value and promote social awareness. I should also like to thank all the volunteers, coaches, professionals and sports officials that have worked very hard to make this event a success. Finally, I would like to wish the very best to all athletes competing for the world titles, and above all to those who will not reach the podium, but who, having gone beyond their limits, will have won anyway.

Renato Carlantoni, Mayor of Tarvisio

It is with great pride that I greet the sporting community at the World Para Alpine Skiing Championships that will take place in Tarvisio.

A pride that stems from the fact that this town was chosen to host an event which is important not only for its sporting significance, but above all for its high ethical and educational value.

We have already had the good fortune to host these athletes before and appreciate their fortitude, their determination not to surrender to the obstacles that life has thrown at them.

This has commanded our profound respect, teaching us an important life lesson while inspiring our admiration for the sporting ability of the competitors.

Tarvisio embraces you with gratitude, while being aware that we can rely on technically competitive ski slopes and a large number of professionals and volunteers, without whom these events would not be possible.

Ten days of races and solidarity, with athletes from all over the world that here, in this Tarvisio “without borders”, will find the ideal place for an event which combines its sporting nature with a high cultural value.





## DISCIPLINES

Alpine skiing is practiced worldwide and features five disciplines: downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super-G and super combined. Athletes combine speed and agility while racing down slopes at speeds of around 100km/h.

Competition accommodates male and female athletes with a physical impairment such as spinal injury, cerebral palsy, amputation, blindness/visual impairment and other conditions.

Athletes compete in three categories (sitting, standing and visually impaired) based on their functional ability, and a factored timing system allows athletes with different impairments within these categories to compete against each other.

Skiers with blindness/visual impairment are guided through the course by sighted guides using signals to indicate the course to follow. Some athletes use equipment that is adapted to their needs including single ski, sit-ski or orthopaedic aids.

World Para Alpine Skiing acts as the International Federation for the sport which is co-ordinated by the World Para Alpine Skiing Technical Committee.

### *Competition description*

#### **Downhill**

Each athlete competes one run down the course with their finish time determining the final order based on ascending time. Athletes ski down a long, steep course and must pass through a relatively few number of gates. If an athlete misses a gate they are disqualified. For weather, safety and other reasons, the jury can decide to have two-run downhill if the vertical drop does not comply.

#### **Super-G**



A speed event where each athlete completes one run down the course with their finish time determining the final order based on ascending time. The course is generally shorter than downhill but longer than slalom and giant slalom.

### **Super-combined**

A combined competition which represents the final result of two disciplines - usually one of either a downhill or super-G and a single run of slalom. Each athlete competes two runs on the same day on different courses. Times from the two runs are added together to determine the final order based on ascending total time.

### **Giant slalom**

Each athlete completes two runs on the same day on different courses. Times from the two runs are added together to determine the final order based on ascending total time. It is a technical event with a longer course and fewer gates than the slalom. The number of gates is determined by the vertical drop of the course. If an athlete misses a gate they are disqualified.

### **Slalom**

Each athlete competes two runs on the same day on different courses. Times from the two runs are added together to determine the final order based on ascending total time. It is a technical event over a shorter course than other events but with a high number of gates that the athlete must negotiate. If an athlete misses a gate they are disqualified.

### ***Speed events (18) at the 2017 World Para Alpine Skiing Championships***

<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
Downhill	Downhill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visually impaired</li><li>• Standing</li><li>• Sitting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visually impaired</li><li>• Standing</li><li>• Sitting</li></ul>
Super-G	Super-G





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>
Super Combined	Super Combined
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>

*Technical Events (12) at the 2017 World Para Alpine Skiing Championships*

Men	Women
Giant Slalom	Giant Slalom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>
Slalom	Slalom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired</li> <li>• Standing</li> <li>• Sitting</li> </ul>

*Competition format and classification*

To ensure competition is fair and equal, all Paralympic sports have a system in place which ensures that winning is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus, the same factors that account for success in sport for able bodied athletes.

Classification is sport-specific because impairment affects the ability to perform in different sports to a different extent. As a consequence, an athlete may meet the criteria in one sport, but may not meet the criteria in another sport.





## Alpine Skiing Classification

### Sport Classes:

Standing skiers

Skiers with leg impairments

It is possible for skiers in sport classes LW1-4 to also compete as sit-skiers in sport class LW12. These athletes choose if they want to compete sitting or standing at the beginning of their career.

1. LW1

This sport class is allocated to athletes with an impairment that strongly affects both legs. Athletes may have a double above knee amputation or significant muscle weakness in both legs. These skiers use two skis and two poles/outriggers; they may have their skis tied together.

2. LW2:

This sport class is allocated to athletes who have a significant impairment in one leg. These skiers use only one ski.

3. LW3:

This sport class is for athletes who have a moderate impairment in both legs. They will use two skis, two poles/outriggers and prosthesis if they have amputations. Some skiers in the LW3 sport class have mild co-ordination problems or muscle weakness in both legs; others may have a below-knee amputation in both legs.

4. LW4:

This sport class is for athletes who have an impairment in one leg, similar to the LW2 sport class, but with less activity limitation. A typical example of the LW4 sport class is an athlete with a single leg below-knee amputation. Athletes in this sport class will use two skis during the race.

Skiers with arm impairments:

1. LW5/7

Athletes in this sport class have an impairment in both arms. Some athletes have amputations and others have limited muscle power or co-ordination problems. They will





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race down the slopes without ski poles.

2. LW6/8

Athletes in this sport class have an impairment in one arm. Skiers will compete with only one ski pole.

Skiers with combined arm and leg impairments:

1. LW9

Athletes in this sport class have an impairment that affects their arms and legs. Some skiers in this class have co-ordination problems, such as spasticity or some loss of control over one side of their body. Depending on their abilities, they will use one or two skis with one or two poles or outriggers.

Sit-skiers

All sit-skiers have an impairment affecting their legs. They are allocated different sport classes based on impairment in their trunk. Trunk control is very important for acceleration and balance during racing.

1. LW10

Athletes in this sport class have no or minimal trunk stability, for example, due to spinal cord injury or spina bifida. Skiers in this sport class rely mainly on their arms to manoeuvre the sit-ski.

2. LW11

Athletes in this sport class have good stability in their upper trunk, but very limited control in their lower trunk and hips. The LW11 sport class includes those skiers with lower level spinal cord injuries.

3. LW12

Athletes in this sport class have no trunk impairment or slightly decreased trunk and leg impairments. Skiers with leg impairments in sport classes LW1-4 may also fit this sport class. Skiers are eligible to compete in standing or sitting and must choose to compete in which to compete at the beginning of their career.

Skiers with a visual impairment

Athletes with visual impairment competing in IPC alpine skiing all have varying degrees of visual impairment, ranging from the B1-B3 sport classes as described in Section 4.





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Athletes in B1 sport class are required to use eye shades.

In IPC alpine skiing, all athletes with a visual impairment (B1, B2 and B3) ski with a sighted guide. The guide skis in front of the athlete and gives verbal directions to the athlete.

### ABOUT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Para Alpine Skiing Championships are held every two years. The last edition took place in Panorama, Canada, in 2015.

Over 120 athletes from 30 countries gathered in Panorama to test themselves over eight days of competition.

For a full history of the World Para Alpine Skiing Championships, including historical results, visit <http://www.paralympic.org/tarvisio-2017>.

For sport enquires, please email [alberto.dolfin@fisip.it](mailto:alberto.dolfin@fisip.it).

### ABOUT TARVISIO

The Village Tarvisio, a real attraction for tourists in Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy.

This border area is really different from the others: here culture, customs and habits and also traditions have been influenced by the bordering countries of Austria and Slovenia. Tarvisio has an indisputable bond with skiing and during the course of time has been able to show increasing talent, also at the professional level. Thanks to the high quality of its slopes it has hosted and still does today, numerous international sport events.

Di Prampero slope (the official one of Tarvisio 2017) is 4km long. Departing from Monte Lussari (location of the Mother Mary's Sanctuary, which attracts thousands of modern pilgrims), you are suddenly in Tarvisio. In this case the difference in altitude is nearly 1,000 mt.

Let us go back to the wonderful landscape of this area. Here cross-country skiing lovers can find their ideal environment: 60km of trails are there for them. An enchanting arena has been





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dedicated to Gabriella Paruzzi, the Olympic and world champion. The arena has been officially recognised as suitable for international competitions, because of the specific preparation it requires from athletes. It demands constant training and high-level skills, but offers great satisfaction. In the area the slopes totaling 40km in Val Saisera; with rings for cross-country skiing are deeply rooted in a breathtaking natural environment. All this is there to enchant you!

The excellent cuisine which groups together the traditional food of three areas can be tasted in the restaurants around the area or if you prefer, why not try the lodges on Monte Lussari. You will breath fresh air and enjoy the typical atmosphere of lodges, in this specific case an enchanted atmosphere. Tarvisio, a town of charm, but also tourist-friendly!

The resort offers its guests:

Min. slope altitude: 754 mt.

Max. slope altitude: 1,756 mt.

Difference in altitude: 1,002 mt.

Planned snow cover for downhill skiing: 100 %

### MEDIA CENTRE INFORMATION

The Media Centre is located in the centre of Tarvisio, in the city theatre in front of the church, and will be open from 21 January - 1 February 2017. It is wheelchair accessible and the Chief of Media will be available throughout the competition. Daily press clippings from national and international media will be posted, along with start list and results on a daily basis.

#### Hours of Operation & Details

The Media Centre will be open from 08:00 to 17:00 on competition days, 09:00 to 16:00 on non-competition days. See Race Schedule of Events for more information. The Chief of Media will provide accreditation cards with lift tickets if required.

#### Accreditation

Media can apply for an accreditation by completing the form below at the following link:

<https://www.paralympic.org/tarvisio-2017/media>

Media that have already been accredited can collect their passes from the Tarvisio 2017 info point located in the city theatre located in front of the church, at the competition venue between the hours of 08:00 to 17:00 each day from 21 January.





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The accreditation is strictly personal. It may not be transferred to another person. If you lose your accreditation, all access will be denied in accredited areas. Lost accreditation cards must be reported immediately.

Please note that if you do not respect the rules, your accreditation could be removed at any time by the Organising Committee.

For any questions or assistance on accreditation please contact the Chief of Media Klementina Koren (klementina@steckleykorenpr.com; mobile +39 339 380 1354).

#### Accreditation categories

- Host Broadcaster
- The Championships Broadcasting Organisation (CBO) created and managed by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in cooperation with World Para Alpine Skiing, will produce multilateral feeds of the competition consisting of live web feeds and taped television coverage using the best professional production practices and broadcast equipment in a competent and professional manner with knowledgeable and qualified personnel.
- The Host Broadcasting staff will wear media armbands.
- Rights Holder  
Rights holders obtaining access to the Field of Play (FOP) must wear official armbands at all times. Access not given by the LOC will be denied.
- Non Rights Holder
- Unless you are an approved Rights Holder or a Non-Rights Holder with approval to film in the mixed zone only (Non-Rights Holder/written press area) you will not be authorised to film in the venue. Non rights holding broadcasters will have to abide by the news access rules. If non-rights holders wish to obtain video footage of the event, they can purchase them from World Para Alpine Skiing. Non-Rights Holders will be indicated as such on their accreditation.
- Written Press
- Accredited members of the written press will have access to the media centre, media tribune and the mixed zone.
- Web media and related written journalists are to be considered as written media in terms of rights of accesses.
- Photographers
- In addition to their accreditations, photographers are required to wear armbands in order to be allowed on to the photo positions and the positions on the slope. Only a certain number of photographers will get access to the slope during each session. The LOC and World Para Alpine



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Skiing will determine the photographers to get access to the slope each session.

Each accredited photographer has to sign the Photographers Undertaking and has to abide by the “IPC On Course Photography Policy” at all times.

**Media Areas**

Mixed Zone

Accreditation will be necessary to access the mixed zone in the finish area, which will be divided into the following areas:

- 1) Rights Holders (host broadcaster, rights holding broadcasters)
- 2) Written Press (written press, non-rights holders)

**Media Centre**

The finish area is located five minutes drive from the Media Centre. The centre will have twenty or more workstations with wireless and cabled internet. Fax and copy facilities will be available in addition to power outlets. Daily refreshments, food and water will be available. The Chief of Media will provide start lists and printed results on a daily basis.

A on-demand shuttle will be available to transport media between the finish area and the Media Centre.

A small media workroom will also be available at the finish area, with Wifi internet only.

**Accommodation and transportation**

Tarvisio is pleased to offer a variety of different room options (condos, rooms). The media hotel for Tarvisio 2017 is Hotel Haberl. They also offer an airport shuttle.

Media should book their rooms to Roberta Marra, accommodation manager (roberta.marra@sportxall.com; mobile +39 339 871 7458) as soon as possible.

**ON COURSE SET UP TIMES**

The Photo Chief, Andrea Carloni (mobile +39 339 431 7880), will assign each media position (pre-approved by the Race Director) every day and provide a media armband along with a course map.

Photographers and camera men will have to abide by the “IPC On-Course Photography Policy”.





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Opening Ceremony: 22.01.2017  
Training Period: 22.01.2017 to 31.01.2017  
Competition period: 25.01.2017 to 31.01.2017  
Closing Ceremony: 31.01.2017

The Opening Ceremony will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in the main Square of Tarvisio between 15.30 and 18.00 local time. The LOC will provide transportation for all accredited media. The Closing Ceremony will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Finish Area/Parterre during the final banquet.

Medals and victory diplomas will be awarded at Victory Ceremonies to the first three placed skiers at the end of each race.

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE - TARVISIO 2017 WORLD PARA ALPINE SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, 23 January	10:00	Downhill training
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Tuesday, 24 January	10:00	Downhill training
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Wednesday, 25 January	10:00	Downhill
.	12:30	Victory Ceremony
Thursday, 26 January	10:00	Super-G
.	12:30	Victory Ceremony
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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday, 27 January	14:30	Day off
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Saturday, 28 January	10:00	Super combined first run
.	12:30	Super combined second run
.	14:30	Victory Ceremony
Sunday, 29 January	14:30	Day off
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Monday, 30 January	10:00	Giant slalom first run
.	12:30	Giant slalom second run
.	14:30	Victory Ceremony
Tuesday, 31 January	10:00	Slalom first run
.	12:30	Slalom second run
.	14:30	Victory Ceremony





## ABOUT FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Friuli Venezia Giulia is Italy's most North-Eastern region. It covers an area of 7,858 km<sup>2</sup> and is the fifth smallest region of the country. It borders Austria to the north and Slovenia to the east. To the south it faces the Adriatic Sea and to the west its internal border is with the Veneto region.

The region spans a wide variety of climates and landscapes from the mild Oceanic in the south to Alpine continental in the north. The total area is subdivided into a 42.5 per cent mountainous-alpine terrain in the north, 19.3 per cent is hilly, mostly to the south-east, while the remaining 38.2 per cent comprises the central and coastal plains.

Morphologically the region can be subdivided into four main areas. The mountainous area in the north: this part of the region includes Carnia and the ending section of the Alps (Carnic Alps and Julian Alps), of which the highest peaks exceed 2,700 m above sea level (Jôf di Montasio 2,754 m). Its landscapes are characterised by vast pine forests and pastures, mountain lakes (e.g. Sauris, Fusine and Barcis) and numerous streams and small rivers descending from the mountains. The area is also known for its tourist destinations, especially during the winter season (Monte Zoncolan, Tarvisio, Sella Nevea, Forni di Sopra and Piancavallo). The hilly area, situated to the south of the mountains and along the central section of the border with Slovenia. The main product of agriculture in this area is wine, whose quality, especially the white, is known worldwide. The easternmost part of the hilly area is also known as Slavia Friulana, as it is mostly inhabited by ethnic Slovenes. The central plains are characterised by poor, arid and permeable soil. The soil has been made fertile with an extensive irrigation system and through the adoption of modern intensive farming techniques. In this part of the region most of the agricultural activities are concentrated. The coastal area can be further subdivided in two, western-eastern, subsections separated by the river Isonzo's estuary. To the west, the coast is shallow and sandy, with numerous tourist resorts and the lagoons of Grado and Marano Lagunare. To the east, the coastline rises into cliffs, where the Kras plateau meets the Adriatic, all the way to Trieste and Muggia on the border with Slovenia. The Carso has geological features and phenomena such as hollows, cave networks and underground rivers, which extend inland in the provinces of Trieste and Gorizia, with an altitude ranging between 300m and 600m.





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The rivers of the region flow from the North and from Slovenia into the Adriatic. The two main rivers are the Tagliamento, which flows west-east in its upper part in the Carnic Alps and then bends into a north-south flow that separates the Julian Alps from Alpine foothills and the Isonzo (Soča slo.) which flows from Slovenia into Italy. The Timavo is an underground river that flows for 38 km from Slovenia and resurfaces near its mouth north-west of Duino.

The region Friuli Venezia Giulia has a temperate climate. However, due to the terrain's diversity, it varies considerably from one area to another. Walled by the Alps on its northern flank, the region is exposed to air masses from the East and the West. The region receives also the southerly Sirocco from the Adriatic sea, which brings in heavy rainfall. Along the coast the climate is mild and pleasant. Trieste records the smallest temperature differences between winter and summer and between day and night. The climate is Alpine-continental in the mountainous areas, where, in some locations, the coldest winter temperatures in Italy can often be found. The Kras plateau has its own weather and climate, influenced, mostly during autumn and winter, by masses of cold air coming from the North-East. These generate a very special feature of the local climate: the north-easterly wind Bora, which blows over the Gulf of Trieste with gusts occasionally exceeding speeds of 150 km/h.

The following information will assist your stay in Tarvisio.

***Emergency call***

118 is the emergency telephone number for Italy. The emergency patrol telephone number is 112.

***Hospital***

The nearest hospital is located in Tolmezzo (Udine), Via Morgagni 18. Their phone number is +39 04334881 (Telephone Exchange); +39 0433488418 (Emergency Department).

***Currency***

Euro is the official currency used throughout Italy. Exchange bureaus are available in Tarvisio downtown.

For the current exchange rates, please see: <http://www.x-rates.com/>





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***Banks***

Automatic bank machines are available in Tarvisio.

***Credit Cards***

Credit Cards are accepted in most places. Normally, shops have written advice at the front door and next to the cash desk as to which credit cards are accepted.

***Time Zone***

Tarvisio is in the Central European Time Zone (CET).

***Smoking***

Smoking is not allowed in public buildings anywhere in Italy, this includes airports, railway stations, hotel lobbies, shops and the competition venues. Some public area dedicated smoking zones may be provided. Smoking is also prohibited in restaurants and bars.

***Phone Calls***

To make a phone call to a location in the city, it is necessary to dial the [city] area code before the telephone number.

***International calls***

To make an international call from Italy you must first dial the country code and second the city code followed by the direct number.

***Postal Service***

The Post office can be found in Tarvisio (Via Vittorio Veneto, 18 - phone +39 0428 2159) and is open from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 13:30h on Saturdays from 08:00 to 12:30h.

***Tap water***

Tap water in Tarvisio is safe and clean and is therefore perfectly drinkable everywhere in the city.

***Shopping***

Tarvisio has a few shopping stores with the latest ski apparel and accessories. Tarvisio has great dining, shopping and local stores too.

***Restaurants and bars***

The opening hours of restaurants and bars vary. For any information, please ask the Info point.

