

# **DANILO RE MEET & TROPHY**

## ***A sporting event for the Alpine protected areas***

### **MEET & COMPETITION RULES**

#### **ARTICLE 1 *Basic principles***

1. The official title is "Danilo Re Meet & Trophy – a sporting event for the Alpine protected areas".
2. The Danilo Re Meet is an event held in memory of Danilo Re and commemorates all those protected area staff who have been killed in the course of their work.
3. The Meet provides an opportunity to bring together Alpine protected area staff. It comprises a sporting competition – the Danilo Re Trophy – and a social event, both of which are intended to honour the shared aims and hard work put in by protected area staff throughout the Alps.
4. The sporting competition should not divert attention away from the other important elements of the event.
5. The Alta Valle Pesio and Tanaro Natural Park is the custodian of the Danilo Re Meet rules and is responsible for ensuring that the event runs smoothly in accordance with its founding spirit.
6. The whole event (competition, seminar and informal events) is intended to uphold the objectives enshrined in the Alpine Convention.

#### **ARTICLE 2 *Steering Committee***

1. The Danilo Re Meet Steering Committee is chaired by a representative of the Alta Valle Pesio and Tanaro Natural Park, the founder of the Meet. The Committee is made up of the following members:
  - a. a representative from the Alpi Marittime Regional Park, who functions as a spokesperson for all Piedmont regional parks;
  - b. a representative from the Gran Paradiso National Park, who functions as a spokesperson for all the Italian national parks in the Alps;
  - c. a representative from the Mercantour National Park, who functions as a spokesperson for all the non-Italian national parks in the Alps;
  - d. a representative from the Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC);
  - e. a representative from the Province of Turin, who functions as a spokesperson for parks in the province.
2. The Steering Committee has its headquarters in the Alta Valle Pesio and Tanaro Natural Park (Piedmont, Italy) – more information is available at [www.vallepesio.it](http://www.vallepesio.it)

#### **ARTICLE 3 *Participating in the Danilo Re Trophy***

1. The Trophy competition may be organised anywhere in the Alps as defined by the Alpine Network of Protected Areas and the Alpine Convention.
2. Participation in the Trophy competition is limited to teams made up of all categories of protected area staff. Team members must come from:
  - a. the Alps, as defined in the Alpine Convention;
  - b. the Piedmont region;
  - c. other geographic areas approved by the Steering Committee.
3. Competition participants must appear clearly in the official organisational chart for the protected area or body that they are representing.
4. The host park may also, subject to approval by the Steering Committee, invite any of the following to take part in the Meet:
  - a. teams of volunteer environmental wardens who work for the protected areas;

- b. teams from other organisations and institutions that are involved in conservation and research activities within the protected areas.
5. Staff from other organisations, bodies or associations (national, regional or provincial) which are involved in conservation and monitoring activities in regions containing a protected area are not automatically entitled to take part in the event.
6. The athletes must not be professionals in the Trophy discipline for which they have been entered. Professional athletes are forbidden to compete in their particular discipline.

#### **ARTICLE 4 *Composition of the teams***

1. The teams shall comprise four individuals and may be all-male, all-female or mixed. Teams may include staff from more than one protected area and/or staff on pre-retirement leave, provided that the individual works for or has worked for one of the eligible protected areas.
2. Each athlete may compete in one discipline only.
3. The protected areas may be represented by more than one team, in which case the teams should be entered as Team A, Team B, Team C, etc.
4. The host protected area reserves the right to reject teams if more than 40 teams are entered. At the end of the registration period, lots will be drawn to determine which of the B and C teams from protected areas that have entered at least two teams will be excluded.

#### **ARTICLE 5 *Event programme***

1. The event should be held over four consecutive days, preferably including a Saturday and Sunday, and must reflect any local considerations and constraints. The Steering Committee proposes the following programme:
  - a. First day: teams and their supporters arrive. Lots will be drawn at a meeting of the team captains to allocate team numbers and the numbers will be handed out. In the evening there will be a buffet of Alpine food – an opportunity to taste traditional local dishes provided by the participating protected areas.
  - b. Second day: training, inspection of the competition sites and thematic seminar.
  - c. Third day: sporting competition. In the evening, there will be a party for all participants which will include the prize-giving ceremony, the presentation of the official Trophy banner and an announcement of which park will be hosting the event in the following year.
  - d. Fourth day: participants can choose to go on the (optional) guided tour of the host protected area; teams travel home.
2. The prize-giving ceremony must be organised as an informal social event, with small surprises for each of the participating teams.

#### **ARTICLE 6 *Sporting disciplines***

1. The four Trophy disciplines are cross-country skiing, ski mountaineering (official UIAA definition), giant slalom and target shooting.
2. The host park must appoint a steward to ensure technical compliance with these rules; the steward will also act as the competition judge.
3. The Steering Committee will inspect the competition sites after which the proposed courses for the various disciplines may be altered to better reflect the Meet's aims.
4. The individual competition events will comprise:
  - a. cross-country skiing over a course of 5 to 8 km; free technique, mass start;
  - b. ski mountaineering with total height gain of 600 to 800 m, mass start;

- c. giant slalom, total descent of 200 to 500 m over a course at least 600 m in length, either one or two runs;
- d. target shooting with an air rifle (standard 4.5 mm); biathlon-style metal targets at 10 m.

### **ARTICLE 7 *Specific rules for sporting events***

1. Ski mountaineering
  - a. Compulsory ski mountaineering equipment:
    - I. skis at least 55 mm wide with metal edges along the full length;
    - II. ski mountaineering bindings;
    - III. unmodified high boots (above the ankle) with notched Vibram-style soles;
    - IV. self-adhesive climbing skins attached to the underside of the skis.
2. Giant slalom
  - a. If a competitor omits or misses a gate, he/she must return and go through the gate or be ranked last. If several competitors fail to pass through all the gates, the clock times will be used to determine their positions at the bottom of the rankings.
  - b. The host park or national legislation may require competitors to wear helmets.
3. Target shooting
  - a. Competitors in the target shooting event must wear the official uniform of the protected area or organisation that they are representing.
  - b. The rifles will be provided by the host park. At least one rifle must be available for left-handed marksmen/women.
  - c. The event will comprise four rounds of five shots in: standing position, unsupported, at the agreed shooting range. Each round will last a maximum of three minutes: once the three minutes are up, all shooting will be halted. If a competitor fails to fire a shot, it will be counted as void.
  - d. In the event of a tie for the first three places, a further round of five shots will take place. If competitors are still tied at the end of that round, the tied competitors will go head-to-head (missed shot means elimination). The team classification scores will not be affected by the tie-breakers.
  - e. Ideally the shooting range should be set up outdoors in a sheltered location.

### **ARTICLE 8 *Points and final rankings***

1. Teams will be awarded points for their position in each individual event. The final ranking will be determined by the combined team score.
2. If two teams have identical scores, the total time for the three ski disciplines will determine their ranking.
3. Points for each discipline will be as awarded as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	100 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	95 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	90 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	85 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	80 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	75 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	70 points
8 <sup>th</sup>	65 points
9 <sup>th</sup>	60 points
10 <sup>th</sup>	55 points
11 <sup>th</sup>	50 points

For 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> place, two points less than the previous position.

For 22<sup>nd</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> place, one point less than the previous position.  
From 51<sup>st</sup> to last, one point.

4. In the event of a tie for any given position, individual points will be awarded as follows: the competitor ranked after the tied athletes will be  $n$  positions lower, where  $n$  is equal to the number of tied competitors.

*Example: Two competitors tie for first place and both score 100 points. The next competitor is ranked third and receives 90 points.*

5. In the individual rankings for each discipline, male and female competitors will be classified separately. However, the total team points will be calculated as described above.

#### **ARTICLE 9 Thematic seminar**

1. The half-day thematic seminar is an integral part of the event; both competitors and supporters should attend.
2. The seminar covers subjects that are relevant to the work of protected area staff. The seminar topics change each year and are proposed by the International Steering Committee of the Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC) to the Danilo Re Steering Committee at least six months before the event.
3. The speakers must provide the text of their presentations in good time to the ALPARC International Steering Committee so that the simultaneous interpreters can provide a high-quality service for participants from the different countries and thereby ensure that the audience can understand the complexities of the subjects covered.

#### **ARTICLE 10 Candidates to host the next event**

1. Any protected area wishing to host the next Danilo Re Meet and Trophy must indicate its interest to the Steering Committee before the current year's event. If several candidates come forward, the final selection will be made by the Steering Committee.
2. At some point during the first two days of the event, a meeting must be convened between the host protected area, the Steering Committee and the candidate host protected area.
3. The Danilo Re Meet & Trophy banner will be given to the candidate protected area for the following year during the prize-giving ceremony for the Trophy competition.
4. The host park will ensure that all items required for the event (equipment, competitor numbers, flags, banners, etc.) are handed over to the next host park.
5. When the equipment is handed over, an inventory will be compiled. The incoming host protected area will be responsible for treating the equipment with care, and where appropriate, for replacing any lost or damaged items.
6. The host park must inform the Steering Committee about the planned programme and organisation of the next Meet & Trophy event at least six months before the proposed start date.

#### **ARTICLE 11 Respecting the environment**

1. The whole event must be organised in such a way as to ensure that the environment is protected and preserved at all times.
2. The host park must:
  - a. avoid holding any sporting competitions at night so as to limit electricity consumption;
  - b. avoid lead pellets being left lying around after the competition and shooting events;
  - c. limit the amount of travel between the various competition sites, and where possible use public transport;

- d. wherever possible, use recyclable materials and ensure that rubbish is sorted;
- e. encourage the use of organic foodstuffs and local produce.

### **ARTICLE 12 Website and hotel bookings**

1. A Danilo Re website has been set up by ALPARC for participants to submit their registrations; the website will also be used to provide information about the event. The website can be found at <http://alparc.org/danilore/en>
2. The host park must update the website at least four times before the start of the event.
3. The host park from the previous year will undertake to provide all the technical tools and facilities required to update the Meet website.
4. Ideally, the host park should take responsibility for managing all hotel bookings. If this is not possible, the website should provide a list of hotels in the locality with which the organiser has agreed special rates.

### **ARTICLE 13 Evaluating the event**

1. The host park must provide, no later than three months after the end date, a record of the event including a summary of the high points and scope for improvement. The Steering Committee will note the advice contained in the report and incorporate the recommendations in the next set of rules.

### **ARTICLE 14 Other rules**

1. Ideally the host park should do its utmost to ensure that Danilo Re's family is able to attend the event. The family's presence serves as a reminder of the event's traditions and ethos.
2. Any changes to the competition rules by the host park must be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval.

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