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PRESS RELEASE

Coppa D'Oro delle Dolomiti 2019 – from the 18th to the 21st of July

The 2019 Coppa d'Oro is even more fascinating and exciting, with 4 events in a single competition: the news of this year's edition and the new intriguing route through the Dolomites

Rome, May 9th 2019 - Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti, now at the 72nd edition, is set for the start, taking place from the **18th to the 21st of July** in Cortina. The classic regularity race is the first appointment of the **Italian Grandi Eventi Championship by ACI Sport**, and will evolve inside the beautiful frame of the Dolomites, Unesco World Heritage Site. Once again, the collaboration between ACI and Automobile Club Belluno for the organization of the event is confirmed, already appreciated by the participants and the audience in last year's edition.

The competition traditionally admits vehicles produced until 1971, although, this year, two additional classifications have been introduced: the **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti Legend**, for cars produced from 1972 to 1990, and the **Tributo Coppa d'Oro**, for drivers of Grand Tourism cars produced from 1991.

Another novelty of this edition is the **Contest of Elegance** for the vehicles participating to Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti. A jury of experts, presided by famous names such as collector **Corrado Lo Presto**, will be called to evaluate the competing cars. At the end of the examination 3 winning cars will be chosen and an award will be assigned to them during the prize giving ceremony on Sunday.

Route and program

The **Pearl of the Dolomites, Cortina d'Ampezzo**, is confirmed as the start and arrival location of the competition. From here, **Friday 19th of July**, after the day dedicated to the registration of the competitors and technical checks, all the participants will start from Corso Italia, going towards Alto Adige, through Falzarego. After that, the route will cover the Sella Group tour, between the valleys

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Gardena and Badia, on to the passes Pordoi, Sella and Gardena. Then the group will move to Valle Isarco, going through Passo delle Erbe and Rodella. Then the journey will go through Val Pusteria, pointing towards Misurina and Passo Tre Croci, coming to its end in Cortina.

Equally rich is the program of **Saturday 20th of July**, with 21 locations touched. This time in the territory of Belluno, with Pocol, Passo Giau, Selva di Cadore and Forcella Staulanza, which are the first points on the map. Then, Passo Duran, going through the valleys Agordina and Mis, until reaching Belluno, to get then back to Cadore. The comeback and the conclusion of the race are again in Corso Italia, Cortina, reached this time through the Alpine pass Cimabianche, between the massifs Croda Rossa d'Ampezzo and Cristallo.

An additional innovation of this edition will await the competitors on Sunday morning, in the hours before the award ceremony. In this occasion, all the crews who wish to will have the chance to challenge themselves on Sestieri of Cortina, in the **Tour of Sestieri**, a competitive event set up with pressure switches, out of the overall classification.

On the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti website, this year with a renewed graphic design, it is possible to collect all the detailed information about the route and the news about the 2019 edition, as well as images and information about previous editions.

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PROGRAM

Thursday 18 July | Cortina D'Ampezzo

Participants arrival

10.00/18.00 Accreditation and technical checks

19.00 Brief of race director

Dinner at Grand Hotel Savoia

Friday 19 July | Cortina D'Ampezzo first stage

10.00 Departure of the first car from Corso Italia

Lunch during the journey

16.30 Arrival of the first car at Corso Italia

Dinner at Hotel Ancora

Saturday 20 July | Cortina D'Ampezzo second stage

09.00 Departure of the first car from Corso Italia

Lunch during the journey

16.30 Arrival of the first car at the Ice Stadium

16.45 Arrival of the first car at Corso Italia

Gala Dinner at Grand Hotel Savoia

Sunday 21 July | Cortina D'Ampezzo

9.00 Tour of Sestieri

11.00 Award ceremony at Piazza A. Dibona (Conchiglia)

Lunch at Hotel Ancora

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