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Südtirol Gardenissima
The big ski appointment in Val Gardena on April 5th
declining the end of a great winter ski season 2009

The giant slalom ski race takes place for the 13th time in Val Gardena on Sunday, April 5th, 2009. This is the longest and most original ski race of the world. The race circuit of 6 km starts on the peak of Seceda at 2.518m altitude and ends at the bottom of Col Raiser cable car (1485m) with a difference in altitude of 1033m.

An amazing race in one of the most beautiful ski areas of the Dolomites. At this race can participate skiers of every national ski team, athletes with and without FIS points (or equivalent of every state) at the minimum age of 14 years. The competitors start in pairs on parallel giant slalom that after the first km is transformed in a unique trace.

The race starts at 8.30 a.m. with gates of departure as for parallel slalom. The athletes of the ski national teams "A" will start singly every 20 seconds, the men on trace A and the women on trace B. The participants get classified in: athletes FIS, juniors, seniors, Master A and Master B for men, Master C for women. For the non punctuated participants there will be separate categories. The registrations must reach to the organisation committee within Monday, 30.03.2009, accompanied by the registration quota of Euro 35,00 (thirtyfive), the photocopy of the FIS-card (or foreign equivalent) and medical certificate of good healthiness. The registration gives right to the recognition of the trace (only once), out of the gates, the day of competition from 7.00 to 8.00 a.m. The race bib will be distributed Saturday, April 4th, 2009 among 4 and 7 p.m. at the Center Iman in S. Cristina. This year it's possible to enrol for the combination „Südtirol Gardenissima-Lussarissimo“, the combined race will be held on March 14th, 2009 on the „Monte Lussari“ near Tarvisio in Friuli (region of Italy).

The use of the helmet is obligatory and it can be rented at different ski rentals in Val Gardena.

The results list will be exposed in the afternoon of Sunday, April 5th, 2009 at the Center Iman, where the prize-giving ceremony will take place at 3.30 p.m. You can check the registration list, the starting list and the results list also on www.valgardena.it/gardenissima or www.gardenissima.eu .

A „realtime-webcam“ which is located at the start, enables to observe the race course and the start of any competitor on the official side of Val Gardena Marketing: www.valgardena.it .

In case of bad snow conditions the competition can be moved or cancelled.

The prizes of the competition are of approx. Euro 45.000,00 and will be divided among the different categories according to the rules.

Among all the participants which are present at the prize-giving ceremony are being raffled some free stays and weekends.

For all who wants to come and follow the ski race at the finish area, there is a fresh fish, wine and some other products tasting, waiting for you.

Val Gardena Marketing invites you all to enjoy the longest ski race of the world!

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