



MASTERS ITALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2017 – 2018

After 2 years of poor snow, we finally have it since December, and this has provided skiers enthusiasm and satisfaction.

All scheduled seasonal races were regular with a good presence of athletes, despite the chronic competition of long distance races, both national and international, almost in all winter weekends.

Number of participants in The National Championships:

date	location	distance	male	female
10 February	Folgaria	10 - 15 TL	105	20
11 February	Folgaria	10 - 10 TC	95	20
24 February	Monte Bondone	15 - 30 TC	115	25
17 March	Folgaria	15 - 30 TL	110	15
18 March	Folgaria	staff 3 X 7,5 - 3 X 5 mix	31	5

Due to the early date and expensive trip, the Italian participation in Minneapolis MWC was only 23 athletes. The team still got a good result by winning 6 gold, 9 silver, 8 bronze medals.

Last April, the Italian Federation renewed the Council and all the Commissions. The undersigned was confirmed as manager of the national master commission.

The new Board and the new Presidency welcomed my proposal to create a new tour for master skiers (Italian Cup Master) with the patronage of the federation and supported by private sponsors. The competition calendar includes 9 races, including the Italian championships. The races will take place as follows:

date	location	race	distance
19 January	Asiago	Italian Championship	10 - 10 TC
20 January	Asiago	Italian Championship	10 - 15 TL
3 February	Cogne	Marcia Gran Paradiso	30 - 45 TC
9 February	Folgaria	Trofeo del Barba	10 - 15 TL
10 February	Folgaria	Trofeo Euganeo	10 - 15 TL
23 February	Monte Bondone	Italian Championship	15 - 30 TC
24 February	Monte Bondone	Viote Nordic Ski Maraton	15 - 30 TL
3 March	Folgaria	Italian Championship	15 - 30 TL
24 March	Barzio - Piani di Bobbio	Coppa Lombardia	10 - 10 TL

The "open" race in Cogne, Marcia Gran Paradiso, will allow all athletes to test the MWC2020 tracks.

In addition, we will have the relay of the Italian Championships (3 X 7.5) scheduled in Folgaria, March 4, 2019.

For each category, the final ranking of the Italian Cup will be made using the World Cup points table. At the end of the tour, during a dedicated event, the first 3 athletes of each category will be awarded.



In agreement with the new FIS Board, we have defined the new categories of master skiers that will be applied with the ski season 2018/2019.

male		female	
M 1	1988 - 1974	F 1	1988 - 1974
M 2	1973 - 1964	F 2	1973 - 1964
M 3	1963 - 1954	F 3	1963 - 1954
M 4	1953 - 1944	F 4	1953 - older
M 5	1943 - older		

About 40/50 Italian athletes are expected to participate in Beitostolen MWC

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