



MASTERS ITALIA ANNUAL REPORT 2025 – 2026

The past season unfolded positively, yielding excellent results in terms of both organization and competition. Cross-country skiing has become increasingly difficult and expensive for Italians. A lack of snow forces enthusiasts—especially those living in cities—to undertake long, arduous journeys to train; consequently, people are opting for other sports and activities such as running, trekking, and cycling.

MASTERS WORLD CUP 2026 – SAPPADA FORNI AVOLTRI

The Sappada Forni Avoltri organizing committee worked tirelessly to host an outstanding Masters World Cup. Silvio Fauner, Pietro Piller Cottler, and their team of staff and volunteers prepared a perfect stadium and course, allowing all athletes to compete under optimal conditions. Guests from around the world appreciated the warm welcome, the festivities featuring music, food, and wine, and the award ceremonies attended by prominent Olympic champions.

Italian athletes achieved excellent results, winning 76 medals (30 gold, 22 silver, 24 bronze) and securing second place in the national standings, behind Finland.

117 athletes competed for Italy. The number of participants was limited by the simultaneous scheduling of another major Masters event (the National Championships for retired Alpine troops) and the fact that other military athletes were called up for training ahead of the Milan-Cortina Olympics.

Participation of approximately 25 to 30 Italian athletes is expected for the 2027 Masters World Cup in Tromsø.

PHOTO 1: M1 Relay – ITA-UKR-GER

PHOTO 2: F2 Relay – ITA-FIN-USA

PHOTO 3: M4 Relay – ITA-FIN-GER

PHOTO 4: M8 Relay – ITA-FIN-GER

PHOTO 5: Italian athletes – Mattia Berlese, Jacopo Mezzacasa

PHOTO 6: Final banquet















ITALIAN RACES

All the races scheduled for the Italian Masters Cup were regularly held: 5 roller skiing races and 7 cross-country skiing races, 5 of which were valid for the Italian championships.

The Italian Relay Championship featured a new mixed format: man – woman – man.

Three categories were included:

- Category A: 60–120 years
- Category B: 121–180 years
- Category C: over 180 years

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RACES:

January 18 | Dobbiaco-Cortina (BZ-BL) | 35 km FT

February 8 | Enego (VI) | 10 km CT

February 21 | Lavarone Millegrobbe (TN) | 15–30 km FT

March 8 | Campolongo di Rotzo – Asiago (VI) | 10–15 km FT

March 28 | Saint-Barthélemy – Aosta | 25–50 km CT

March 29 | Saint-Barthélemy – Aosta | 3 x 7.5 km CT relay (mixed M-W-M)

344 athletes participated, divided into 11 categories as indicate in the following table:

CATEGORIES		YEARS	PARTICIPANTS	
			M	F
Amateur	U20 - SEN U30	(2007 - 1996)	70	41
Master	M1 - F1	(1995 - 1981)	34	12
Master	M2 - F2	(1980 - 1971)	45	11
Master	M3 - F3	(1970 - 1961)	62	17
Master	M4	(1960 - 1956)	21	-
Master	F4	(1960 e precedenti)	-	6
Master	M5	(1955 e precedenti)	25	-
TOTAL			257	87

FISI, the Italian federation, awarded the first 3 classified in each of the 11 categories



The race calendar for the 26-27 season is being developed. Currently, the summer races related to roller skiing have been defined, which will be 4:

- 27 September Bobbio Penice (PC) - uphill race | Italian championship
- 4 October Feltre (BL) - Trofeo Sportful - uphill race
- 18 October Monte Bondone (TN) - uphill race
- 25 October Caneva (PN) - uphill race

Looking forward to meeting you all in Tromsø!

Giacomo Camozzini

PHOTO 1: 35 km FT Italian Championship – Dobbiaco Cortina - all winner

PHOTO 2: 15 km FT Italian Championship – Lavarone Millegrobbe – cat. F3

PHOTO 3: 50 km CT Italian Championship – Saint Barthelemy – winner cat. M1-M2-M3-M4

PHOTO 4: 10 – 15 km FT Italian Championship – Campogno di Rotzo - all winner







