



Memorial Danilo Re

Meeting and Competition Guide and Rules

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An international sport- and friendship event for Alpine protected areas ranger, staff and manager

MEETING & COMPETITION RULES

ARTICLE 1 Basic principles

1. The official title is "Memorial Danilo Re – a sport- and friendship event for Alpine protected areas' rangers, staff and managers".
2. The Memorial Danilo Re is an event organised in memory of the ranger Danilo Re and commemorates all those protected area staff who died in the course of their work.
3. The Meeting provides an opportunity to bring together Alpine protected area staff. It comprises a sporting competition – The Memorial Danilo Re – and a social event, both of which are intended to honour the shared aims and daily work of 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 Memorial Danilo Re steering committee oversees the smooth organisation of the event.
6. The whole event (competition, seminary, and informal events) is intended to uphold the objectives described in the international treaty of the Alpine Convention and to promote its objectives.

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ARTICLE 2 Steering Committee

1. The Memorial Danilo Re Steering Committee is chaired by a representative of The Alpi Marittime Nature Park. The Committee is composed by:
 - a. a representative from the Alpi Marittime Regional Park (Chair)
 - b. if possible, one representative from each alpine country (I, F, CH, A, D, SI)
 - c. one representative from ALPARC (Alpine Network of Protected Areas)
2. The Steering Committee should not exceed a maximum of 8 persons.

ARTICLE 3 Participating in the Danilo Re Trophy

1. The Memorial Danilo Re must be organised somewhere in the Alps according to the perimeter definition of the Alpine Convention.
2. Participation in the Memorial Danilo Re competition is limited to teams made up of persons coming from different staff categories of protected areas. Team members must come from protected areas situated in:
 - a. the Alps according to the perimeter definition of the Alpine Convention.
 - b. other geographic areas on special invitation and approved by the Steering Committee.
3. Competition participants must appear clearly in the official organisational chart of the concerned protected area or management organisation of the protected area.
4. The steering committee can accept or even propose the participation of:

- 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 (team of ex-colleagues, Alpine Convention, CIPRA, EUROPARC, CNPA...) and special guests.
5. Staff from other organisations (non-protected areas), 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 Memorial Danilo Re discipline for which they have been entered. Professional athletes are forbidden to compete in “their” discipline.

ARTICLE 4 Composition of the teams

1. The teams shall comprise four persons 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, under the condition that the person 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 and the steering committee reserve the right to reject teams if more than 50 teams are registered. At the end of the registration period, lots will be drawn to determine which of the B and C teams from protected areas may have to be excluded to respect the maximum team number fixed by the Steering Committee at every Memorial Danilo Re event.

ARTICLE 5 Event programme

1. The event always starts on a Thursday and ends on a Sunday. The recommended time slot is the second half of January. In very exceptional cases, the MDR can be organised, if the Steering Committee agrees in February or March:
 - a. Thursday: Arrival of teams and delegations. Lots will be drawn during the team leader meeting to allocate team numbers and the numbers will be handed out. In the evening the traditional Alpine Buffet takes place – an opportunity to taste traditional local dishes provided by the participating protected areas.
 - b. Friday: ALPARC General Assembly with the protected area manager and training of the athletes, thematic seminary from 14:00 – 18:00.
 - c. Saturday: Sport competition of all four disciplines. 1) Ski mountaineering 2) Downhill giant slalom 3) Cross-country skiing 4) Shooting.
The last two disciplines can be in a different order according to the best local conditions.
Evening: Gala evening with reward ceremony and party for all participants of the MDR. Furthermore, the presentation of the MDR of the next year and the transmission of the Trophy banner.
 - d. Sunday: Guided excursions (ski tours, cultural visits, other). End by lunchtime, departure of the teams. End of the event.

ARTICLE 6 Sporting disciplines

1. The four Memorial disciplines are cross-country skiing, ski mountaineering (official UIAA definition), giant slalom and target shooting.
2. The host park in coordination with the Steering Committee appoints competition judges to ensure technical compliance with the MDR competition rules and to act as the jury of the competition together with at least one member of the Steering Committee.
3. The Steering Committee inspects the competition sites during the ski season of the year before, if possible, and at the latest before the official competition. Proposals to modify the courses and sites for the various disciplines can be made if needed due to local conditions and to better fit to the competition rules (see below) and the general spirit of the event.
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 300 to 500 m over a course at least 600 m in length, either one or two runs but basically one run.
 - d. target shooting with an air rifle (standard 4.5 mm); biathlon-style, metal targets at 10 m (if possible). Due to local particularities paper indoor targets are allowed in coordination with a decision of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 7 Specific rules for sporting events

1. Ski mountaineering

- a. Compulsory ski mountaineering equipment:
 - skis at least 55 mm wide with metal edges along the full length.
 - ski mountaineering bindings.
 - unmodified high boots (above the ankle) with notched Vibram-style soles.
 - 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 a gate, the clock times will be used to determine their positions at the bottom of the rankings.
- b. Helmets are mandatory.

3. Target shooting

- a. Competitors in the target shooting event should wear the official uniform of the protected area or organisation that they are representing if available.
- b. The rifles will be provided by the host park. At least one rifle should 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

(a missed shot means elimination). The team classification scores will not be affected by the tiebreakers.

- e. Ideally the shooting range should be set up outdoors in a sheltered location protected from wind.

ARTICLE 8 Points and final rankings

1. Teams will be awarded points for their position in each individual competition. 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:

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

4 For 12th to 21st place, two points less than the previous position.

For 22nd to 50th place, one point less than the previous position.

From 51st 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.
6. The ranking and prize ceremony must be organised and based on the following rules:
 - a. Team ranking (male, female, or mixed)
 - b. Individual ranking (male, female)
 - c. Prizes for female and male competitors must be equal.
 - d. Special prizes can be given for several aspects (team having travelled furthest distance, the eldest athletes, the most international team etc.)

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 rangers and staff. The seminar topic changes each year and is elaborated in coordination with ALPARC, the organising park (host) and the MDR Steering Committee.
3. The speakers must prepare a power point presentation or another adequate presentation tool and provide the text of their presentations in advance so that all the alpine ranger and protected area staff can benefit from the exchanges. ALPARC is carrying about the organisation of the seminary.
4. The event is translated in the Alpine languages by a simultaneous translation system.

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. It is recommended to proceed to a long-term planning as the event is booked already for several years. The list of candidates is hosted by ALPARC.
2. It is advisable to organise a meeting between the Steering Committee and the candidate host protected area during the preceding MDR event.
3. The Memorial Danilo Re banner will be given to the candidate protected area for the following year during the award ceremony of the competitions.
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, there should be an actualised inventory. 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 organises the event in close cooperation with ALPARC and the Steering Committee.

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 always preserved.
2. The host park must:
 - a. avoid holding any sporting competitions at night 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 avoided and the competitions sites are left without any pollution.
 - e. encourage the use of organic foodstuffs and local products.

ARTICLE 12 Website and hotel bookings

1. The Danilo Re website is set up by ALPARC for participants to register. The website will also be used to provide information about the event. The website can be found at <http://alparc.org/danilore/en>.
2. ALPARC updates the website regularly before the start of the event.
3. The host park of the preceding event delivers photo material to ALPARC to promote the event.
4. Ideally, the host park or the local tourist office takes the responsibility for managing the 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. A special hotel facility needs to be organised for the directors coming to the ALPARC General Assembly staying often only one or two nights.

ARTICLE 13 Evaluating the event

1. The host park holds an experience exchange with the Steering Committee and ALPARC after the event to improve, if necessary, the following sessions. The host park is asked to deliver information about the budget needed, difficulties which may have appeared and any proposals for a smooth organisation of the event. This to facilitate the organisation work for the next hosting park. Information about the state of the competition material is part of this exchange.

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 proposals of changes to the competition rules by the host park must be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval.