











CORTINA D'AMPEZZO 23 - 26 LUGLIO 2020

PRESS RELEASE

Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti 2020

Today the technical scrutineering, tomorrow the start

Cortina, 23 July 2020 - The games are officially open in Cortina d'Ampezzo, with the 78 crews registered who, right now, are taking turns at the Miramonti Majestic Grand Hotel for administrative and technical scrutineering. An extraordinary participation, even greater than in 2019, which repays the constant organizational work of AC Belluno and ACI Sport, ACI Storico, carried out in compliance with safety standards, even despite the challenges posed by the extraordinary conditions of this difficult historical period. Alongside the organizers also the municipalities of Belluno and Cortina and the Province of Belluno, patrons of the event, and the official partners of ACI Global Servizi, which will intervene to guarantee the road safety, and Sara Assicurazioni, with a dedicated line of insurance coverage to historic cars and to ACI Storico members. In support of this event that marks an effective restart not only of motorsport related to classic regularity with the Campionato Italiano Grandi Eventi ACI Sport, of which it constitutes an important stage, but also of a concept of Italian tourism made of meeting, participation and growth in the most beautiful places that our country has to offer, the sponsors UBI Banca, OMR Automotive, Tiemme, Camozzi and Rangers will also be present; the official timekeeper of the competition will be Allemano, while Fiuggi and Santa Margherita will be the suppliers of water and wine respectively.

Despite the still persistent limitations for inconveniences and difficulties in different parts of the world, foreign crews will also be present this year, 8 of the cars that we will be able to admire starting tomorrow morning will be driven by foreign drivers. Among these are also the 1927 Porsche 911S 2.4 and the 1984 Carrera 3200 Targa, respectively of the Mueller and Jannuzzi crews, competing for the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti Legend ranking, dedicated to cars produced from 1972 to 1990.

The challenge for the head of the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti absolute ranking seems instead to be all Italian, with the beautiful 1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750SS Zagato of the Aliverti-Valente crew among the favorites. Also in the running for victory are the two Lancia Aprilia, 1937 and 1939, of the Sisti-Gualandi and Fontanella-Covelli crews; the 1947 Volvo PV444 driven by the Margiotta-Bertieri crew; the 1960 Porsche 356B brought to the Dolomite trails by the Nobis-Mambrini crew and the 1966 model 911, driven by the Bottini-Di Giusto crew representing Ruote Classiche, another duo in the race for the first place; as well as the 1969 Innocenti Mini Cooper of the Lafortezza-Carturan crew. Obviously impossible not to include in the review of the favorites the current ACI Sport Champion, also winner of the last edition, the duo composed of Giovanni Moceri and his wife Valeria Dicembre who, also this year, will compete for the victory with the 1939 Fiat 508C.

There are also several crews that could reserve surprises during the event, among them the Gazza-Nocco couple, with the **1934 Bentley 3.5 Tourer**, a remarkable prodigy of foreign production, as well













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as the various **Porsche Speedster** that will parade through the Dolomites under the expert guide of the Virdis-Giordo, Mazzoleni-Gotti and Delpiano-Gatto crews.

Among the almost 80 cars that we will have the pleasure of admiring, all unique pieces of enviable rarity and beauty, also the enchanting **Alfa Romeo 6C 1750** and **1970SS** of Patro-Scapolo and Gamberini-Cavalli and the **Lancia Lambda 223 VIII Series** of Deserti-Demarco, all produced in **1929**.

2020 will then be the debut year in the classic regularity competitions for the **Fondazione Gino Macaluso** per **I'Auto Storica**, which will participate with the **1963 Aston Martin DB5**, driven by the **President of the Foundation Monica Mailander Macaluso**, flanked by **Maria Leitner**, pilot, journalist and presenter of Tg2 Motori. With the DB5, James Bond's Aston Martin, the cars of an iconic collection of motorsport history begin a new chapter of races and competitions. The Foundation, among the most important collections in the world of cars that have made the history of the rally, intends to enhance the car as a cult object through a rich cultural activity, also including participation in dynamic events, in Italy and abroad. The context offered by **the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti** and the values it represents for car's heritage have been chosen to inaugurate this new competitive season in the magnificent setting offered by rock walls and wide valleys recognized as a UNESCO heritage site.

The start

The actual start of the race will be tomorrow morning, Friday 24 July, with the caravan of historic cars that will parade through the central Corso Italia, Cortina d'Ampezzo, at 9:00 am and then take the mountain road through the Giau Pass heading for Belluno. Here, the passage in Piazza dei Martiri is scheduled for 12:10 am, then the lunch break in Padavena and the comeback journey with the return to Cortina at the Stadio del Ghiaccio in the evening, before passing again through Corso Italia and concluding the first stage. Same starting procedure for Saturday 25 July, with the route going north from Cortina through the Tre Croci Pass, to then return via Falzarego Pass, closing the competition pending the award ceremony the following day. The further competitive event outside the ranking, the Tour dei Sestieri of Cortina, on the morning of Sunday 26 July, will be the final act of this event dedicated to the excellence of vintage motorist culture, for the revival of motorsport and the restart of the touristic sector in safety in an Italy that shows, also and especially in these events of international importance, its desire for redemption and recovery after the period of suffering due to COVID-19.

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