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RACE PRESENTATION



LA GRANDE ODYSSÉE SAVOIE MONT BLANC

La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc is one of the last playgrounds for this white seas navigators in search of the absolute. La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc, is also the history of a dream. A dream of a great adventure that crosses our alpine massifs while the standard of this sport, for decades, is to run on frozen areas with little relief.

La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc is back to adventure and advocates a certain vision of sport, nature and respect of the environment. Sensitized by these same values, it's a whole mountain territory between Savoie and Haute-Savoie which is mobilized for the success of this extraordinary race, under the banner of «Savoie Mont Blanc».



It's more than 50 000 spectators who live every year a unique experience, in 20 ski resorts decorated for the occasion, by attending La Grande Odyssee Savoie Mont Blanc.

The 18th edition of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc will take place from January 8th to 19th 2022. The public will be able to also follow the race through a digital monitoring system and daily appointments in the French media with more than 15 hours of TV broadcasting (TF1, TMC, France 3, BFM TV etc.), 13 hours of radio (France Bleu, France Inter etc.) and 250 articles in the written press.

All medias appointments are available by clicking here.





La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc

La Grande Odyssee Savoie Mont Blanc is since its first edition in January 2005, the annual event of the dog sled race in Europe. It is the most demanding stage race in a unique alpine setting in the world.

This year, 66 mushers and their 600 athletic dogs, from all over Europe, will compete, in the stunning landscapes of Savoie Mont Blanc.

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Two categories are offered to mushers:

- The OPEN (pool of 12 dogs, 6 to 10 dogs at the start)
- The LIMITED (pool of 8 to 9 dogs, 5 to 6 dogs at the start)

The Trophies

FROM 9 to 11 JANUARY



FROM 12 TO 14
JANUARY



FROM 17 to 19
JANUARY



The Mushers of Trophies will run on the same tracks as mushers of the main race La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc, for 2 or 3 days.

10 additional mushers are added to the race during each trophy. Pool of 8 dogs (5 to 6 dogs at the start).



THE INTERNATIONAL RACE... **OF ALL THE CHALLENGES**

- 10 stages with a total effort of 400km
- 1 opening ceremony
- 10 stages time-trialed
- 1 Mass Start
- 12 000m of positive elevation
- 40km per day (average)
- 600 dogs of exception, elite athletes



AN EXTRAORDINARY COMPETITION

- A ranking at each stage
- A race won in 14h18 in the general classification of 2021
- At over an average of 20 km/h and with a gap of 1h05 between the winner and the second
- Surprises at every stage



A HUGE FESTIVE CONTEXTE

- 20 ski resorts decorated for the occasion
- Departures and arrivals in the city centre
- Access points along the routes
- Countless animations



OUTSTANDING COMPETITORS

- 66 high-level mushers in the world.
- A lot of nations represented



SPECTACULAR RUNS

- Portions of tracks designed specifically for the race out of ski areas, in the middle of nature
- 35% during night time
- 1 bivouac in the mountains
- A beautiful variety of tracks: Nordic, alpine, forest roads...



A MAJOR MEDIA COVERAGE (Figures of 2021)

- More than 355 press articles in print and digital
- 96 accredited journalists
- More than 30 million TV viewers impacted through 17h24 of TV diffusion
- 10h23 of radio diffusion
- More than 1 500 guests
- 171 646 visits a year on www.grandeodyssee.com
- More than 36 000 fans on Facebook @ lagrandeodyssee
- More than 11 300 fans on Instagram @ lagrandeodyssee

OFFICIALS OF LA GRANDE ODYSSÉE SAVOIE MONT BLANC

ANNABEL LASCAR-KAM

Chairwoman

She was in charge of the communication and press relationships since 2011. Following the death of her father, Henry Kam (founder of the event) in November 2017, she organizes and manages La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont





CAMILLE GENIEUX
Opérations Manager

He is in charge to «making real during the race» everything that has been thinking and prepared before the event.

CLAUDE BORGEY

Referee

Official referee of the Sledding Sports French Federation. He ensures the application of the race rules during the event.



SANDRINE PEZARD-VAN PARIJS

Veterinary Manager

Veterinary doctor, she manages the Vet Team in charge of dogs health during the race.



THIBAUT BRANQUART

Sports Manager

Specialist and passionate about mushing, Sports Manager guarantees the sporting aspect of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc.



KEY CONCEPTS OF THE RULES

General Rules

La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc proposes 2 different categories: OPEN (pool of 12 dogs) and LIMITED (pool of 8 to 9 dogs). Each dog is identified by a microchip injected under the skin and identifiable by one of the 9 veterinarians present throughout the race.

The musher has the same pool for all La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc. For each stage, a maximum number of dogs allowed for departure and a minimum number on arrival may be indicated by the race direction according to the difficulties of the track. The musher has the possibility to drop its tired dogs at some specific checkpoints and he must carry in the sled a tired or injured dog if there is no allowed area to drop the dog.

A dropped dog or a dog in a sled must be examined as soon as possible by an official veterinarian.

Dog health is a concern of all times. A veterinarian has the power to punish or exclude a musher who didn't take care of its dogs properly.

Anti-doping politic

Anti-doping controls will be conducted on dogs by veterinarians of the race and by authorized organizations. The rules describes precisely the list of approved products and those which are not allowed. Anti-doping controls can also be conducted on mushers by random urine sample collection.

Compulsory equipment

The musher must have in its sled or on him specific required equipment either in respect of its security or its survival and the survival of its dogs (Arva, GPS signal, sleeping bag for low temperatures). This equipment is checked before the start of each stage, on all teams.

EARNINGS AND PRICES

La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc offers 25 750€ of prize money for the race but also dotations and special awards, check next page.



The rule

All the rules for La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc and the trophies, can be downloaded from : www. grandeodyssee.com/en/mushers-area-rules

PODIUMS, BIBS AND SPECIAL PRIZES

Podiums stages

Following the ranking of the stage, the first 3 mushers in each category climb on the podium and are rewarded by the daily station of the day and the stage partner.

Daily racing bibs



The Red Bib (Leader)

The "Leader" bib is given by category to the first of the general classification.



The Bib « Best Nordic La Région Auvergne Rhône-Alpes »

The "Best Nordic La Région Auvergne Rhône-Alpes" bib is given by category to the team composed entirely of pure-bred

Nordic dogs (often Siberian Huskies) best ranked in the



The prize « Wamine Dog Care »

The "Dog Care" bib is given to the musher whose behavior towards his dogs is most in the direction of animal health, on the

stage, with significant actions (abandonment of the stage to preserve a dog, clear progress of the team's animal health management ...).



The final podium and the special prizes

The general ranks determine the final podium and reward the finishers of the race by category. Various prizes are offered to the mushers by the various partners of the event.

Many prizes are also given to mushers to reward the next special prizes:



The prize Henry Kam

This prize is given to the winner of all categories of the Val Cenis stage (a two-day race including a night in a bivouac), as

a tribute to the race organizer.



The prize Golden Harness

Prize awarded by category to the most impressive dog of the winning team, chosen by the musher.



The prize Rookie of the Year

The prize awarded by category to the musher who finishes the race in the best position among those who participate in

the competition for the 1st time or who never finished it.



The prize Red Lantern

The prize is awarded by category to the last musher in the general classification among those who took part and finished

all the stages of the race in their totality.

This is a tradition in the world of mushing that goes back to the gold rush. At that time, as long as a musher stayed on the track, the lantern would stay lit, it would only be turned off on his return.



The prize Fair Play

Prize awarded to the musher of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc who has shown the most Fair Play and sporting spirit towards the other racers. This prize

is awarded by the mushers.



The prize « Wamine Best Dog Care »

The prize « Wamine Best Dog Care » is awarded to the team who proved the most application, mastery and efficiency to the care of the dogs in the team at the end of

the race. Prize awarded by the vet team.

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2022

La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc, a round in the IFSS world cup

The stages from 12 to 14 January are candidates for be a round of the IFSS world cup (valid for participants in La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc and trophy 2)





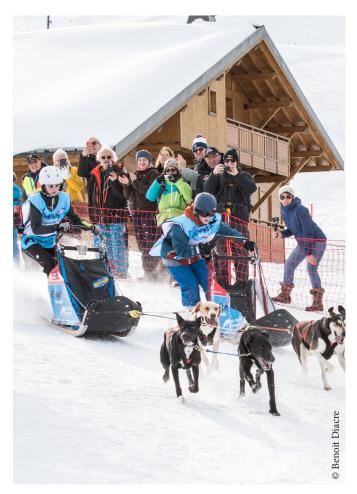




Odyssée des Espoirs Savoie Mont Blanc

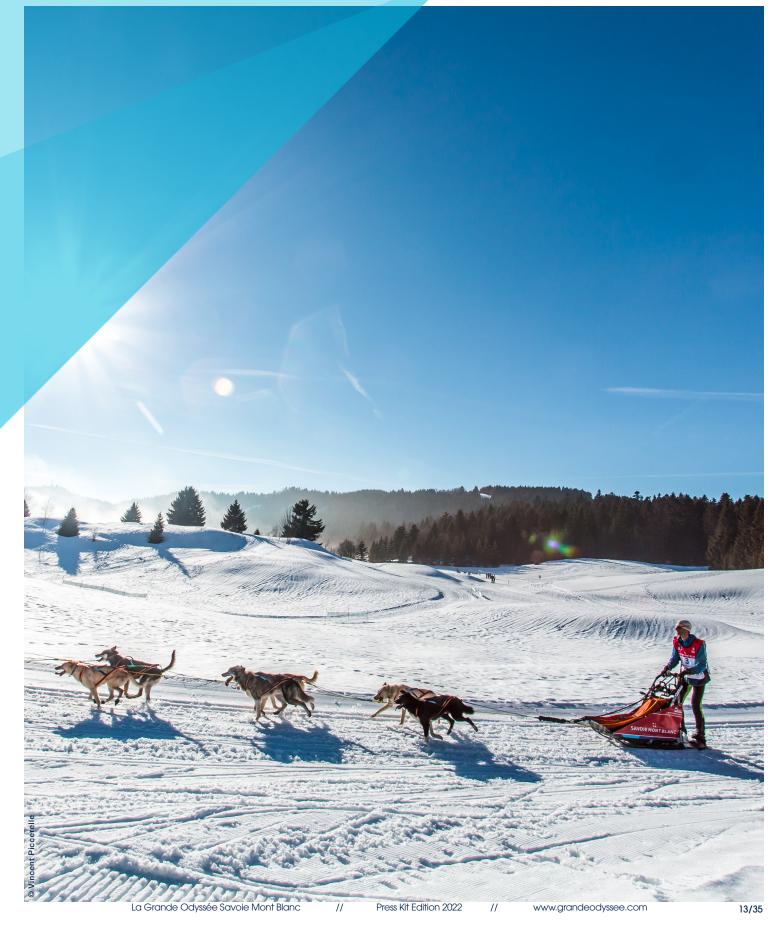


A new race has been created for mushers aged from 12 to 17 years old attached to the "FSST pôle espoir". The start will be a mass start on Sunday 16th January at 9.30am in Bessans, Bonneval-sur-Arc. Our young mushers will travel 15km through the beautiful landscapes of the mountain. A pool of 4 to 6 dogs is allowed for the race (each musher is independent for equipment and dogs). At the end of the race, the first 3 mushers will be rewarded.





MUSHERS



Mushers of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc

It takes place over 11 days in 10 stages, from Saturday 8 to Wednesday 19 January 2022.



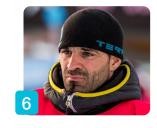
Rémy Coste

France

46 years

Veteran

OPEN



Iker Ozkoidi

Spain

42 ans years Veteran

OPEN



Ulrich Sylvia

Germany

53 years Veteran

OPEN



Heinrich Winter

Germany

68 years

Veteran

OPEN



Jean Combazard

■ France

61 years

Veteran

OPEN



Deltef Oyen

Germany

65 years

Veteran

OPEN



Romain Da Fonseca

France

31 years

Veteran

OPEN



Francesc Vallespí de la Cruz

Spain

51 years

Veteran

OPEN



Sissel Wolf mølmen

Norway

35 years

Veteran

OPEN



Stéphane Lépine

France

49 years

Rookie

OPEN

Rookie: Musher who has never participated or finished a race. Veteran: Musher who has participated or finished a race.

OPEN Pool of 12 dogs (from 6 to 10 dogs at the strat) **LIMITED** Pool of 8 dogs (from 5 to 6 dogs at the strat)

Mushers of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc



Pierryck Métier

■ France 25 years Rookie

OPEN



Calico Carlos

Spain 50 years Veteran

OPEN



Winfried Kriegler

Germany

71 years

Veteran

OPEN



Kenzo Dijksterhuis

Netherlands

28 years

Rookie

OPEN



Ullrich Kuhn

Germany

64 years

Rookie

OPEN



Christof Diehl

Germany

53 years

Rookie

OPEN



Ulrich Alfred

Germany

60 years

Veteran

OPEN



Mushers of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc



Cindy Duport

France
27 years
Veteran

LIMITED



Frank Bonnet-Gonnet

France
52 years
Veteran

LIMITED



Christian Perlwitz

France
43 years
Veteran

LIMITED



Rodolphe Lardet

■ France

53 years *Rookie*

LIMITED



Grégory Coffre

France 28 years

Veteran

LIMITED



Thibault Cayroche

■ France

29 years Rookie

LIMITED



Aurélie Delattre

■ France

32 years

Veteran

LIMITED



Elsa Borgey

France

38 years

Rookie

LIMITED



Stéphane Pla-nou

■ France

44 years

Veteran

LIMITED



Ambroise Evéquoz

Switzerland

48 years

Veteran

LIMITED



Jérémy Ferrand

■ France

28 years

Rookie

LIMITED



Julien Lafargue

France

29 years Rookie

LIMITED

Flexadin Trophy

It takes place over 3 days in 3 stages, from Sunday 9 to Tuesday 11 January 2022. Pool of 8 dogs (from 5 to 6 dogs to the start)



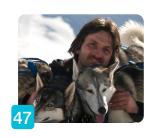
Olivier Deffontaine
France
45 years



Josquin Constant
France
44 years



David Riché
■ France
39 years



Donato Egli
Switzerland
53 years



Thibault Boutin
France
32 years



Christian Moser

Switzerland

77 years



Pierryck Coffre

☐ France

21 years



Harkaitz Aizpurua Ibanez
Spain
41 years



Matteo Fossati

■ Italy

36 years



Emanuele Scarioni

■ Italie

34 years



Claudio De Ferrari
Italy
53 years



Alexandre Camberlein
France
34 years

Eukanuba Trophy

It takes place over 3 days in 3 stages, from Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 January 2022. Pool of 8 dogs (from 5 to 6 dogs to the start)



Jocelyne Combazard

France

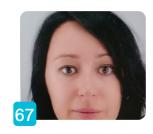
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Roberto Mattasoglio
Italy
66 years



Pierre Chaplain
France
46 years



Jessica Perez
France
29 years



Gérard Guimet

☐ France

53 years



Benjamin Faure
France
29 years



Dominique Grange

■ France
63 years



Carlos Franch
Spain
43 years



Julien Chatelain

☐ France

42 years



Luzi Berhard
Switzerland
years



Guillaume Gervais
France
47 years



Daniel Chomette

☐ France

56 years

Aésio Trophy

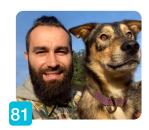
It takes place over 3 days in 3 stages, from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 January 2022. Pool of 8 dogs (from 5 to 6 dogs to the start)



Stéphanie Courtois
France
42 years



Fabrice Armand
France
45 years



François Richard
France
35 years



Marion Joly
France
33 years



Jérôme Serres

☐ France

44 years



Lisa Bonato
Italy
29 years



Philipp NehrenheimSwitzerland53 years



Richard Perron
France
51 years



Tommy Cerf

☐ France

40 years



Daniel Chomette
France
56 years



Julien Tillier

France

36 years



Rémy Courtin
France
34 years

NUMBERS

GREATER NUMBER

OF WINS	
Rémy Coste (FRA)	5
Radek Havdra (CZE)	3
Jiri Vondak (CZE)	2
OF VICE-CHAMPION TITLES	
Milos Gonda (SLO)	3
OF FINAL PODIUM	
Rémy Coste (FRA)	8
Radek Havrda (CZE)	5
Jean-Philippe Pontier (FRA)	5
• Milos Gonda (SLO)	4
Jiri Vondrak (CZE)	3
• Jacques Philip (USA)	2
• Emil Inauen (SWI)	2
Daniel Juillaguet (FR)	2
OF VICTOIRIES BY NATION	
• France	6
République Tchèque	5
• États-Unis	2
• Suède	1
Slovaquie	1
+ Suisse	1

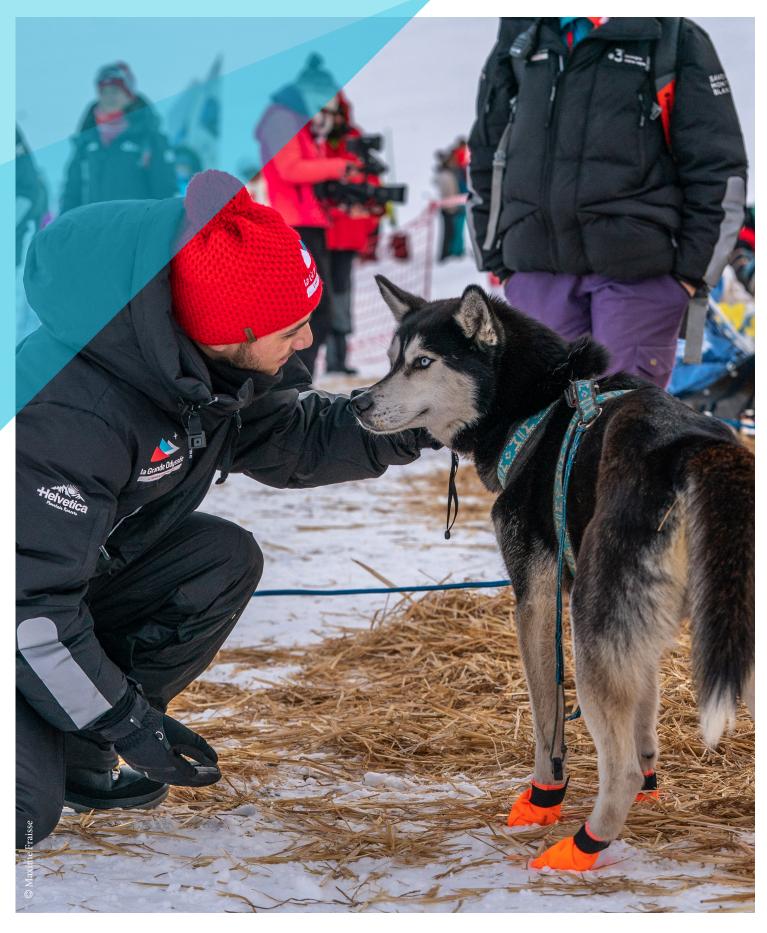
... OF PARTICIPATIONS

Daniel Juillaguet14			
• Jean Combazard11			
Jean-Philippe Pontier9			
Radek Havdra7			
Jack-Gerard Gaspard6			
• Isabelle Travadon5			
OF BEST DOG CARE AWARDS			
• Rémy Coste3			
Jimmy Pettersson2			
WINNERS			
2005	Jessie Royer (USA)		
2006	Jacques Philip (USA)		
2007 conditions	Race shortened because of snow		
2008	Petter Karlsson (SWE)		
2009	. ,		
+ 2010	, ,		
# 2011	Milos Gonda (SLO)		
2012			
	Jiri Vondrak (CZE)		
2014			
2015	Radek Havrda (CZE)		
2016	Rémy Coste (FR)		
2017	Jiri Vondrak (CZE)		
2018	Rémy Coste (FR)		
2019	Rémy Coste (FR)		
2020	Rémy Coste (FR)		
2021	Rémy Coste (FR)		





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THE VET TEAM

Role of the Vet TEAM

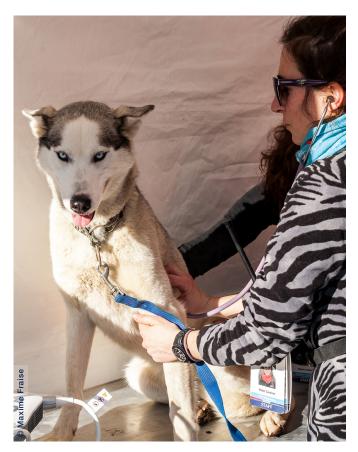
The Vet Team will ensure the well-being and good health of dogs in competition for the duration of the race.

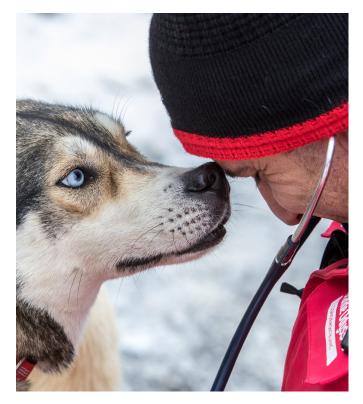
Confirm their participation before each stage, monitor their health during the race, intervene in emergencies, make recommendations and possible care from the finish line ... The main problems encountered are related conditions High Performance Sport: musculoskeletal injuries (sprains, tendonitis, digestive disorders, injuries pads ...).

Besides the health regulatory controls before the race, the Vets validate, after a thorough and specific clinical examination, the participation of all the dogs presented (the «vet check» before the race).

They are then «to the task» 24/7 throughout the duration of the race, each dog being monitored daily several times (before and after each stage, but also via the veterinary checks on the trail and during the night bivouac in altitude). It is also possible, under la Grande Odyssee Savoie Mont Blanc's rules to temporarily exclude a dog from a team to put it back in shape and, with respect for its welfare, its health and regulation.

Every year the French Agency for the Fight against Doping just carry out spot samples from the canine athletes and certify ethics of the competitors and the race.





A field hospital

Since many years, the equipment of the highest technical level is used by the Vet Team: a real field hospital.

La Grande Odyssee Savoie Mont Blanc is the only race in the world to benefit from this type of equipment on the field.

Teams which run the race have a high level of performance. It is essential for them to be followed by vets and having when necessary, the most accurate and fastest diagnosis possible.

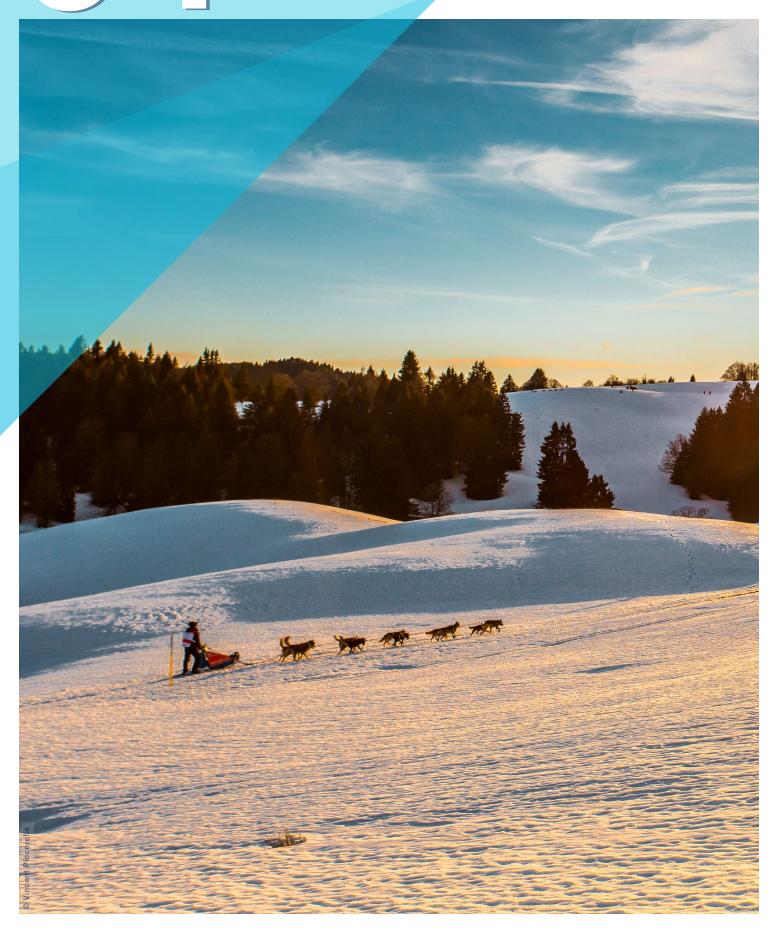
Thanks to the laboratory SCIL (official supplier), it is possible to achieve in the mountains and in extreme conditions, digital x-rays on a map sensor, ultrasounds, blood tests.

The experience of the 2015 edition showed all the reliability and precision of machines in extreme conditions: at an altitude of 2 500m and -15°C.

The Vet Team will be equipped this year with a real field hospital: digital radiography sensor plane autonomous, automated hematology, biochemistry, ultrasound.

It may also be assayed blood gases directly through the use of an autonomous compact machine transportable directly on the trail when required.

GENERAL PROGRAM





	SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH	SAMOËNS
	OPENING CEREMONY	
	SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH	PRAZ DE LYS SOMMAND MONTAGNES DU GIFFRE
	stage 1	
	MONDAY, JANUARY 11 [™]	GRAND MASSIF MONTAGNES DU GIFFRE
TROPHY 1 FLEXADIN	STAGE 2	
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	TUESDAY, JANUARY 12™ STAGE 3	LES GETS
	SIAGE S	
	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13™	MEGÈVE
	stage 4	
Y 2	THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 [™]	PEISEY-VALLANDRY
TROPHY 2 EUKANUBA	STAGE 5	
F 및	FRIDAY, JANUARY 15™	PRALOGNAN-LA-VANOISE
	STAGE 6	TRALOGIAN EX VANOISE
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 [™]	VALMOREL
	STAGE 7	
	SUNDAY JANUARY 17 TH	BESSANS - BONNEVAL-SUR-ARC
	STAGE 8	
	MONDAY, JANUARY 18 [™]	AUSSOIS
_	STAGE 9	
TROPHY 3 AÉSIO	TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH	VAL CENIS - BASE POLAIRE
	STAGE 10A	
	<u> </u>	
	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20™	LAC DU MONT CENIS - VAL CENIS
	stage 10B	
	FINAL FINISH & AWARD CEREMONY	VAL CENIS LANSLEBOURG

ACTIVITIES - EVENTS

A spectacular prologue, start and finish

The prologue (Samoëns) will start on Saturday 8 January 2022 with an afternoon full of activities, with a fireworks display and an opening ceremony.

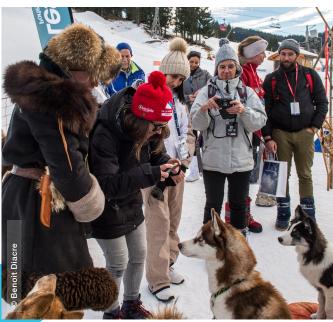
The start of the 18th edition will be given in the Montagnes du Giffre on Sunday 9 January 2022 in front of a very large audience. The finish is scheduled for Wednesday 19 January 2022 in Haute Maurienne Vanoise, in Val Cenis Lanslebourg.

This 18th edition will end with a grand closing ceremony.

Polar Base Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc

A real camp set up at an altitude of 2,000m in front of the frozen lake of Mont-Cenis, it's in the Polar Base that the mushers and their dogs live during the bivouac of the final stage in Haute Maurienne Vanoise.







A show the most accessible for the public

Access points are provided to watch the race in the open air, accessible on foot, snowshoes, cross-country skis, downhill skis or ski touring.

The public can follow the evolution of the mushers in real time via the official website of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc: www.grandeodyssee.com

More than fifty activities during the two weeks of the event

Under the aegis of the Tourism Office, hot wine, campfires, themed weeks, film screenings, themed exhibitions will enliven the 20 resorts, towns and villages of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc. Initiation to dog sledding, igloo building are proposed for holiday makers and school children of the region.





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WORKING WITH MEDIAS



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The Press Team will be glad to study your project and help you to achieve them. Please find below media files available:

Pictures Images

Pictures of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc are available all year long online:

www.grandeodyssee.com

During the race, pictures will be classified by day.

To access the Media area, click on the top right corner of the screen.

■ Dans la ligne en bas, sélectionnez votre choix.

To access to HD pictures:

- Click on « HD PHOTOS » with the password : smb2011
- Download the pictures by clicking on the stage of your choice.

Picture credits are indicated on each picture name.



Videos images

La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc has its own video production team. These images are shot by a team of professionals. These images are made available to television channels, in digital format and will be accessible by FTP server.

Images are delivered free of rights exclusively for televisions, for reports or documentaries relating to the race.



Receiving images

All year long, are available on FTP server:

- Archive footage without year (cutting plans, landscapes, etc.)
- The **teaser** of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc 2022
- Compilation of best 2021 images

During the race, are available in addition of previous

- A 1min-PAD (ready to broadcast) with best images of the day, produced each day
- **A 2min-Summary** in video, available the following day of each stage

Contact our Press team to receive the FTP server password.

Subjects ideas

The communication team of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc is at your disposal to help you in the choice and the realization of your subjects. A document « Topic Ideas » is available. This document lists the different angles from which La Grande Odyssée Savoie can be approached. Do not hesitate to ask.

Accreditation and press reception

Media's work on this kind of race is not an easy task. More than 80% of the routes travelled by mushers are in the mountains out of any accessible area. Snowmobiles used to follow mushers and their dogs are very limited whether by regulation or out of respect of the environment.

Our material, human and financial means are limited. We wish to optimize their use by providing the best service to media. That is the reason why we have enacted since 2013, in total transparency, the rules which prevail over the accrediations. The rules are available in the press area of the website.

Application process for accreditation

All request must be made through the website by fill out an application form :

www.grandeodyssee.com/accreditation-medias

The Press Team of La Grande Odyssée Savoie Mont Blanc will then contact you in order **to better know your project**. A list of questions may be sent to the journalist. After **that dialog**, an answer is given to the journalist.

Stage information

The stage information is a document given to journalists who want to move on the race. This document lists for each stage : the program, the map and the best spots.

Press release

Press releases are sent out all year long.

During the race, **daily press releases are sent**. These press releases contain information about the day and stage: results, pictures, race report.

If you would like to receive these press releases, please contact our Press Team: presse@grandeodyssee.com



OUR PARTNERS



TITLE PARTNER

SAVOIE MONT BLANC

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TROPHY PARTNERS







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