



Piolets d'Or 2024

An International Celebration of Grand Alpinism

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Piolets d'Or 2024 will take place for the first time in the Dolomites, in San Martino di Castrozza (Trentino) from December 8th - 11th.

We are delighted to announce the composition of the jury for the 2024 Piolets d'Or, taking place in San Martino di Castrozza (Trentino-Dolomites) and are publishing a list of significant ascents during 2023 - the "big list" - on which the jury's selection will be based.

We are also particularly proud to announce that, starting this year, there will be a systematic Special Mention to promote female alpinism.

Unfortunately, in the last year there has been a series of tragic accidents concerning five Piolets d'Or recipients. We wish to take the opportunity in this press release of paying tribute to them.

2024 Piolets d'Or Jury

This year our international technical jury will be composed of Lise Billon (Fr), Jack Tackle (US), Mikel Zabalza (Spain), Genki Narumi (Jap), Toni Gutsch (Ger), Aleš Česen (Slo), and Enrico Rosso (Ita).

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2023 Significant ascents

The year 2023 has been notable for alpinism worldwide. Below, you will find the list of significant ascents, compiled in partnership with the American Alpine Journal.

[LINK TO THE 2023 SIGNIFICANT ASCENTS](#)

The development of San Martino di Castrozza as a tourist destination is closely linked to the story of alpinism, and the area still remains devoted to outdoor activities that promote authentic mountain experiences.



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Promotion of Female Alpinism

Following many formal and informal debates, and several years of indecision, the Piolets d'Or technical committee will be introducing a systematic Special Mention for female achievements. This is intended specifically to promote female alpinism and will recognise a remarkable all-female ascent from the previous year, or a female alpinist for several achievements in the previous year(s), or a female alpinist's career. It is intended to be a first step: the format will evolve and be revised from feedback gained over the next few years.



Tributes to former Piolets d'Or recipients

Sadly five Piolet d'Or recipients have left us during the last year due to tragic mountain accidents:



Kazuya Hiraide (45y) and **Kenro Nakajima** (39y) were killed in a fall from high on K2 in late July, 2024, while attempting a new route on the west face.



Dmitry Golovchenko (40y) was killed on Aug 31, 2023, while attempting a new route on the southeast ridge of Gasherbrum IV.

Sergey Nilov (47y), his partner on GIV and other major ascents, was killed by a serac fall on Aug 17, 2024, during an expedition to recover Golovchenko's body.



Archil Badriashvili (34y) was killed during a thunderstorm on Aug 10, 2024, on the descent of Shkhelda in the Caucasus.

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The event is supported by Trentino Marketing, the Municipality of Primiero San Martino di Castrozza, the Community of Primiero, FPB Cassa di Fassa Primiero and Belluno, ACSM group, the group of the mountain guides "the Eagles" of San Martino di Castrozza and the tourist operators of San Martino di Castrozza, Primiero and Vanoi.

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