



SKIING ► WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

# Women's skiing is back

Andorrans Carla Mijares and Iria Medina will compete for Andorra in slalom and giant, respectively

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Andorra will host for the third time one of the most important snow sports competitions, the Women's Ski World Cup, which will be held on February 10th and 11th in Soldeu. The presentation, which took place last Tuesday at the Sport Hotel Village in Soldeu, was attended by the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, the Consul Major of Canillo and general director of the Andorra 2029 Bid, Jordi Alcobé, the CEO of Crèdit Andorra, Xavier Cornella, the director of Grandvalira, David Hidalgo, the spokeswoman for the Andorran Ski Federation, Meritxell Santuré and the FIS member, Patrick Toussaint. Likewise, the Avet track will be the meeting point for the most international and most renowned skiers currently for their high level, such as Petra Vlhová and Mikaela Shiffrin, as well as the Andorrans Carla Mijares and Iria Medina, who will compete in what will be the third World Cup held in the Principality, a competition that will add to the country in view of the Andorra 2029 proposal.

The event will have «230 volunteers, less than last year due to the number of competitors we hosted, of which 126 will be in the race and 104 off the tracks», said Hidalgo. In addition, the schedule includes a Giant Slalom (SG) on Saturday, February 10th at 10.30am and a Slalom (S) on Sunday, February 11th at the same time. The SG competitors will run from 2,265 meters, the start of the track, and will descend to 1,837 meters, where the finish line is located. However, the S participants will take a route from 2,047 meters to the same goal as the Giant Slalom, at 1,837 meters.

Among the activities scheduled for the competition days is the Ski Festival, an opportunity for the competitors to enjoy a relaxed and joyful time with music from 4.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. A workshop room will also be made available to the participants to prepare all the equipment necessary for the competition, as well as to carry out repairs, known as the Ski Room, which will be found near to the tracks, on the -4 floor from the Avet car park (Carretera General, 2. AD100).

For his part, Hidalgo also added that, in addition to taking this competition as «partial training for the 2029 Candidacy», the competition has «an organizing committee, volunteers and a whole team that works to offer a good show, in addition to learning little by little». On the other hand, in a short intervention through a video, the spor-



► The presentation of the Women's Ski World Cup at the Sport Hotel Village in Soldeu last Tuesday.

ting director of Grandvalira, Santi Lopez, explained that «the track is in good condition, and we have put in the maximum effort to make it as good as possible». On the other hand, the director of Grandvalira assured that «5% of the tickets will go to solidarity campaigns, in this way we expect a lot of participation and to fill the stands, which is the best guarantee of success».

The key to the competition is also the «closeness and service of an entire town, because Soldeu has



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► The Avet track with the marked Slalom and Giant routes.

## the schedule

<b>Saturday February 10th</b>	
Giant Slalom	10.30am
<b>Sunday February 11th</b>	
Slalom	10.30 hours

been a pioneer in these types of events», explained Alcobé. In addition, the senior consul of Canillo stated that the «Avet track was one of the first, now 60 years ago». Also, «an event like this makes it possible to put Andorra back on the international ski showcase», stated Cornella.

The FAE spokeswoman explained the guarantee of the competition, because «the work of the professionals involved in the competition will ensure that it can take place in optimal conditions, as they work to make this possible». Also, Santuré emphasized «the responsibility we have as a federation to accompany our runners, this year they will compete in the slalom, Carla Mijares and in the Giant category, Iria Medina».

Finally, Espot also took advantage of the event to highlight «the support we are providing and the work of all of us in order to tilt the balance towards Andorra to win the 2029 Candidature in the June elections».

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# Lawyers from Spain and the USA are preparing to sue Grifols

Bureaus in both countries contact shareholders affected by the fall in the stock market

The pharmaceutical company intends to take legal action against Gotham City

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►► The headquarters of Grifols in Barcelona.

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After the report published by Gotham City against Grifols, several law firms in the United States and Spain are preparing a whole series of lawsuits against the pharmaceutical with the aim of defending all those shareholders who have been able to be affected by the fall in the company's stock market. In this way, as reported by other Spanish media, law firms such as Levi & Korsinsky, Glancy Prongay, Zunzunegui or Cremades aim for those affected by pharmaceuticals to take a step forward and claim the recovery of monetary losses, motivated by the possible violations of the law carried out by Grifols. How-

ever, the different offices also want to collect as much information as possible to demonstrate the violation of this law.

Even so, it must be emphasized that the processes carried out by the American side and the Spanish side are certainly different. According to what has been learned, the American law firms are looking for a minimum of forty affected, since a figure lower than this could not be sufficient to be able to go to trial. In Spain, on the other hand, the law firms will act on behalf of the association of minority shareholders of Aemec, which would act not only against the company, but also against its board of directors, the auditor and any person or entity that is linked to Grifols and is considered responsible for the

events reported.

Within all this maelstrom, the Catalan pharmaceutical company is currently focused on taking legal action against Gotham City for the report in which its accounting was questioned and which, as they indicated, «has created signi-

**Grifols has requested** to advance the presentation of the results for this 2023 to clarify all kinds of doubts

ficant damage to all our stakeholders, also causing great concern in their patients and donors». In addition, Grifols has also requested the National Stock Market Commission (CNMV) to bring forward the presentation of the results for this 2023, which was scheduled for next February 29th, with the intention of clarifying any kind of doubt and slow down the latest comments released about the company.

Banco Sabadell's experts, in the usual daily report published last Tuesday, pointed out that, regardless of whether the CNMV accepts the request or not, «this request by Grifols confirms that the company's foundations are still intact», noting, however, that «the various law firms in the United Sta-

tes and Spain would still be analyzing whether there is any illegal act or legal basis that justifies the filing of a lawsuit, a fact that we do not see as obvious considering that the financial information presented is audited.»

As for the current situation of the Catalan pharmaceutical stock market, it remains in a stable situation after leading a flat day last Monday in the Ibex-35. It should be remembered that the Catalan company lost more than 30% following the various information published by Gotham City and the subsequent explanations by themselves, which did not finish convincing the market and led to a great fall in the stock market and an affectation towards the various shareholders. ≡

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