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Call for Application: Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence **Zermatt: Speed Academy**

Dear Coaches, Dear Athletes

As part of the **FIS Alpine Speed Education Strategy**, the Alpine Performance Series: **Speed Excellence** aims to advance speed disciplines in Alpine skiing by combining athlete development, coach education, and competition opportunities in one program. Rather than separating education from performance, the initiative creates environments where athletes and coaches learn, train, and grow together on the snow. At the heart of the program are the three interconnected pillars of **Coach Speed Clinic**, **Speed Academy**, and **Race Experience**.

FIS and FESA are pleased to invite you to participate in the **Speed Academy in Zermatt (SUI)** as part of the **Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence**.

Arrival Speed Academy: 28.09.2026
Speed Academy: 29.09. – 04.10.2026
Departure Speed Academy: 04.10.2026

The Speed Academy is made for athletes and their coaches to receive mentored speed training that combines practical learning on the snow with interactive educational sessions. Every day you will spend the mornings on the hill training with your own coaches with the support and guidance of **Alan di Feliciano (ITA)**, a dedicated and experienced FIS coach, who accompanies you throughout the entire journey. The afternoons will be reserved for educational content and fun. It will cover different topics including video analysis, safe training, techniques and tactics on the hill as well as athlete development. A detailed agenda will be provided after being accepted to participate.

Conditions of Participation:

We invite athletes and coaches from all nations to participate in the Speed Academy.

Coaches:

Preferably, the learning opportunity should be offered to young emerging and/or developing coaches. It is the discretion of the NSA to nominate suitable coaches. To be accepted to the program a coach must travel with **at least 2 athletes** from their nation¹.

Athletes:

The Speed Academy in Zermatt is targeted at all athletes U21 with a maximum 120 FIS Points in SG or DH.

The athletes` and coaches` NSA needs to expressly declare in the application form that the athletes and coaches participating in the Speed Academy are covered by valid and adequate medical insurance, especially personal accident insurance. Please bring a copy of your insurance policy with you to the camp in case of an emergency. Any liability of FIS and FESA is excluded.

Athletes and coaches must sign the Speed Academy Declaration in advance of the event. The camp coordinator and coach reserve the right to send any athlete who does not meet the necessary level for training home early.

¹ If hotel room capacity allows (e.g., 1 coach coming with >2 athletes), exceptions can be made to this rule

Cost of Participation:

Travel and accommodation is to be covered by the respective participants.

To support the capacity building for developing NSAs, FIS development program covers the cost of full-board accommodation for all participants from FIS developing Nations (1-, and 2-vote NSAs) subject to a CHF 150 contribution per participant.

FIS and FESA cover the costs for the implementation of the Academy (i.e., Academy coaches, education materials, lane fees, safety installations, etc.) as well as the lift passes for all participants.

Accommodation:

Rooms are available and reserved at:

Ari Resort Apartments
Winkelmattenweg 11/15
3920 Zermatt

at a fixed rate of 150 CHF/person/night including lunch, and dinner. Breakfast to be organized at your own discretion in the apartments.

How to apply:

Overall participation is limited to 15 athletes at maximum to ensure meaningful engagement and expert-led guidance. There is no set quota. If the number of applications exceeds the number of available spots, FIS and FESA will select the participants ensuring a balanced between developing and developed NSAs (e.g. 10 developing/5 developed).

NSA can directly nominate their coaches and athletes here before **01 September 2026**:

[Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence Athlete Registration](#)

[Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence Coach Registration](#)

Please complete a separate registration form for each athlete and coach you wish to register. All NSAs that register will be notified of their participation no later than one week after the registration deadline.

Postponement or cancellation of the Camp

In the event of camp postponement or cancellation due to Force Majeure, FIS will promptly notify all registered participants. However, FIS is not liable for any costs incurred by NSAs as a result.

The team of FIS and FESA look forward to your participation and to welcoming you to Zermatt.

Yours sincerely,

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