



PRESS SERVICES AND FACILITIES GUIDE

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Greetings

Dear media representative,

Another big welcome from the Press Operations team for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games of Milano Cortina 2026 (herein after referred to as the Games), which will start in less than six months' time.

Since the first version of the Press Services and Facilities Guide was published in October 2024, Press Operations has grown to become an international planning team consisting of 18 experienced and professional staff from seven countries. To meet the challenge of a widespread Games, we are working hard to ensure that you have the smoothest possible experience in preparing for your arrival in Italy and fulfilling your coverage duties for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For this purpose, we are pleased to share the second and final version of the Press Services and Facilities Guide for the Games with you. This guide will provide you with information on the services we are planning to offer all accredited press organisations, including key dates, deadlines and our Games Venue Masterplan that covers more than 22,000 square kilometres.

Please note that parts marked with the Agitos will indicate when the information provided for the Paralympic Games differs notably from that provided for the Olympic Games.

The Media Handbook for the Olympic Games will be published in December 2025 and will also cover Photo Operations. A separate Media Handbook, with a similar structure, will be published for the Paralympic Games in January 2026.

In addition, over the past months we have published the following documents on the [Press Operations Extranet](#) to help you plan for Milano Cortina 2026:

- The Press Accreditation Manual ([OLY](#) and [PLY](#)), which provides a comprehensive overview on the Press by Name process and timeline for the written and photographic press and non-media rights holders to obtain their accreditation.
- The Press Accommodation Guide V2 ([OLY](#) and [PLY](#)), which gives information on the accommodation options available for press organisations and how to book them. Version 2 has been released to include the resale programme.
- The Press Rate Card Catalogue ([OLY](#) and [PLY](#)), which lists some of the products and services available to rent and purchase to cover the Games.
- The Media Transport Guide ([OLY](#) and [PLY](#)), to help plan your movements during the Games.
- The [Customs and Freight Forwarding Guide V2](#) which gives instructions on customs regulations to arrange freight shipment to and from Italy.
- The [Value Added Tax \(VAT\) Guide](#), which provides support to non-resident stakeholders.
- The [Spectrum Availability Plan](#) V2, providing comprehensive guidelines and conditions for the use of wireless equipment during the Games.

The [Press Operations Extranet](#) contains all the relevant information regarding our services; we will refer to it very often in this guide, so make sure you have registered to access it. The Extranet will continue to be updated in the lead-up to the Games. During the Games, the extranet will remain online, but the latest information will be published as media communications on MediaZone.

If you have further queries, please contact us at pressoperations@milanocortina2026.org and we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to working with you over the next months and to welcoming you to the Games in Milano and Cortina, and also in Bormio, Livigno, Tesero, Predazzo, Anterselva/Antholz and Verona.

Valentina Comoretto

Head of Press Operations

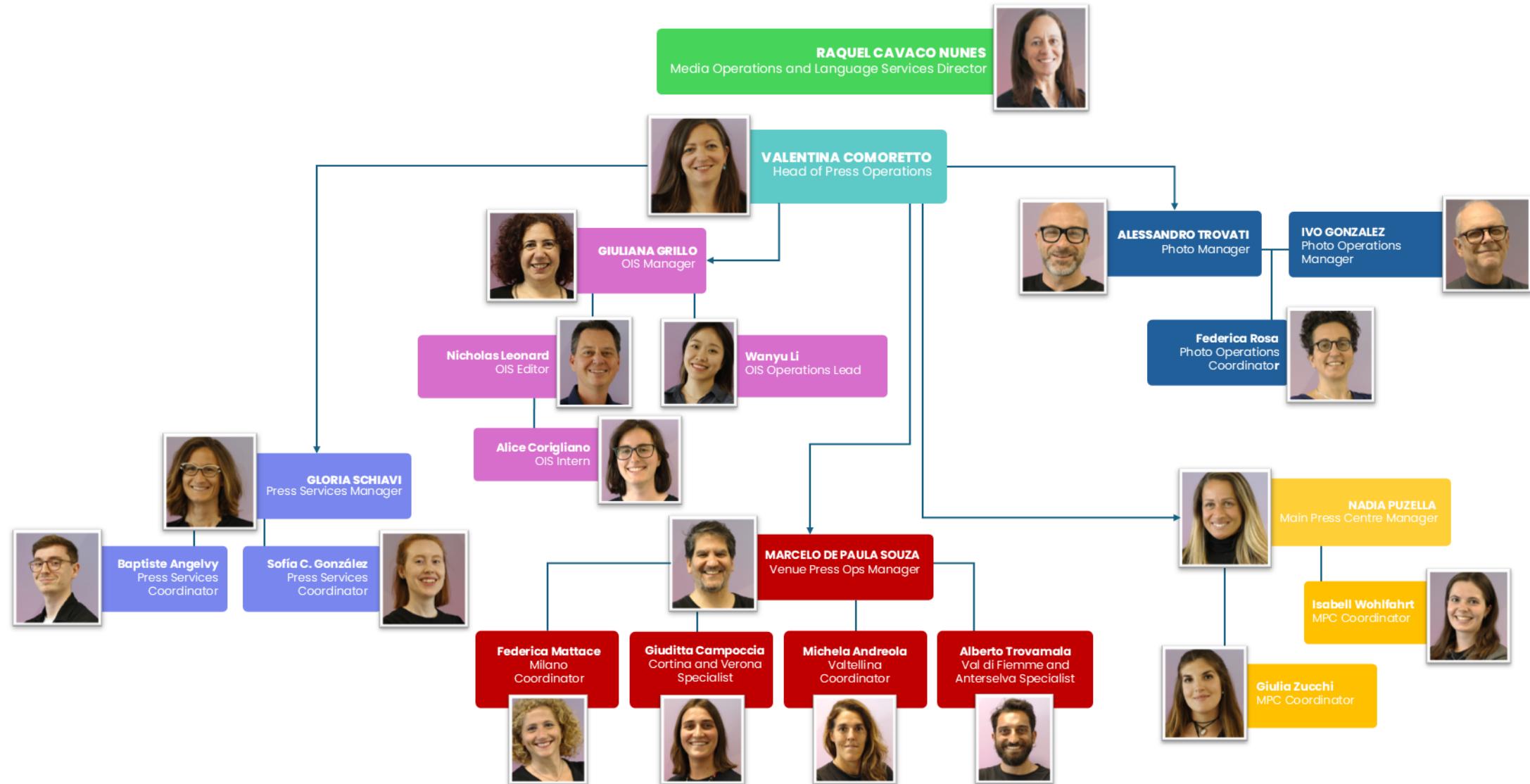
Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026

1. PRESS OPERATIONS TEAM

Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026 is the Organising Committee (OCOG) responsible for the planning, organisation, financing and staging of this edition of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Sitting within the Department of Media Operations and Language Services, the Press Operations team is responsible for the planning, delivery and management of all Games-time press services and facilities for accredited written and photographic press and non-Media Rights-Holders (non-MRHs).

The Press Operations team is structured around five pillars: Press Services, Main Press Centre, Venue Press Operations, Photo Operations and the Olympic Information Service. Below you can find the team as it is structured at the time of this guide being published, in September 2025.



2. ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym	
AAA	Accommodation Allocation Agreement
ADS	Arrivals and Departures System
AMS	Accommodation Management System
DVMM	Deputy Venue Media Manager
DVPM	Deputy Venue Photo Manager
EVMC	Enhanced Venue Media Centre
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
IOPP	International Olympic Photo Pool
IPPP	International Paralympic Photo Pool
MAC	Media Accreditation Centre (at the Main Press Centre)
MZ	Mixed Zone
NAR	News Access Rules
NOC/NPC	National Olympic Committee/National Paralympic Committee
OBS	Olympic Broadcasting Services
OCOG	Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026
OIAC/PIAC	Olympic/Paralympic Identity and Accreditation Card
OIS	Olympic Information Service
OLY/PLY	Olympic/Paralympic
POE	Port of Entry / Exit (for arrivals and departures)
PSA	Pedestrian Screening Area

Acronym	
PVC	Pre-Valid Card, an OIAC/PIAC that has not been validated or laminated yet
SP	Service Point (for arrivals and departures)
TC	Transport Connect
TP	Public Transport
VAPP	Vehicle Access and/or Parking Permit
VMC	Venue Media Centre
VMM	Venue Media Manager
VPM	Venue Photo Manager
VSA	Vehicle Screening Area

Acronym	Functional Area (FA) within the OCOG
ACM	Accommodation
ACR	Accreditation
AND	Arrivals and Departures
BRS	Broadcast Services
COM	Communications
LAN	Language Services
LOG	Logistics
PRS	Press Operations
RTC	Rate Card
TRA	Transport

Venue Code	Competition Venue	Games	Cluster
MH1	Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena	 	Milano
MH2	Milano Rho Ice Hockey Arena	 	Milano
MSK	Milano Ice Skating Arena	 	Milano
MSS	Milano Speed Skating Stadium	 	Milano
MIP	Milano Ice Park (MH2 + MSS)	 	Milano
CCU	Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium	 	Cortina
CSC	Cortina Sliding Centre	 	Cortina
CAL	Tofane Alpine Skiing Centre	 	Cortina

Venue Code	Competition Venue	Games	Cluster
CSB	Cortina Para Snowboard Park		Cortina
ABA	Anterselva Biathlon Arena		Cortina
SSC	Stelvio Ski Centre		Valtellina
LSP	Livigno Snow Park		Valtellina
LAM	Livigno Aerials & Moguls Park		Valtellina
TCC	Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium	 	Val di Fiemme
PSJ	Predazzo Ski Jumping Stadium		Val di Fiemme

Venue Code	Non-Competition Venue	Games	Clusters
MMC	Main Media Centre (MPC + IBC)		Milano
IBC	International Broadcast Centre	 	Milano
MPC	Main Press Centre		Milano
MOS	Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium		Milano
VOA	Verona Olympic Arena	 	Verona

Venue Code	Olympic and Paralympic Village	Games	Clusters
OVM / PVM	Milano Olympic and Paralympic Village	 	Milano
OVC / PVC	Cortina Olympic and Paralympic Village	 	Cortina
OVA	Anterselva Olympic Village		Cortina
OVB	Bormio Olympic Village		Valtellina
OVL	Livigno Olympic Village		Valtellina
OVP / PVP	Predazzo Olympic and Paralympic Village	 	Val di Fiemme

Venue Code	Official Port of Entry / Exit (POE)	Games	Clusters
MXP	Milano Malpensa Airport	 	Milano
VCE	Venezia Marco Polo Airport	 	Venezia

3. MILANO CORTINA 2026 OVERVIEW

3.1. General Information

The Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 will take place from 6 to 22 February 2026 and the Paralympic Winter Games from 6 to 15 March 2026.

These are widespread Winter Games, spanning two regions, Lombardy and Veneto, and the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano/Bozen.



The Olympic competition venues will be hosted in four clusters: the city cluster of Milano, with its vibrant international flair; and the mountain clusters of Cortina, Valtellina and Val di Fiemme, with their stunning peaks and landscapes.



For the Paralympic Winter Games, competitions will take place in three clusters: Milano, Cortina and Val di Fiemme.

The specific geography of Milano Cortina 2026 has triggered innovation in many fields.

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies will take place in different cities: Milano will see the Olympic Opening Ceremony, while Verona will host both the Olympic Closing Ceremony and the Paralympic Opening Ceremony. Cortina d'Ampezzo will bear witness to the Paralympic Closing Ceremony.

Milano Cortina 2026 will introduce a new approach to two traditional rituals: the lighting and extinguishing of the Olympic and Paralympic cauldron. These symbolic moments – celebrating unity, peace and global sporting spirit – will be multiplied. For the first time, two Olympic and Paralympic cauldrons will be installed. One at Arco della Pace in Milano, an iconic city landmark. Another in Piazza Dibona in Cortina d'Ampezzo, the heart of the Alpine town.

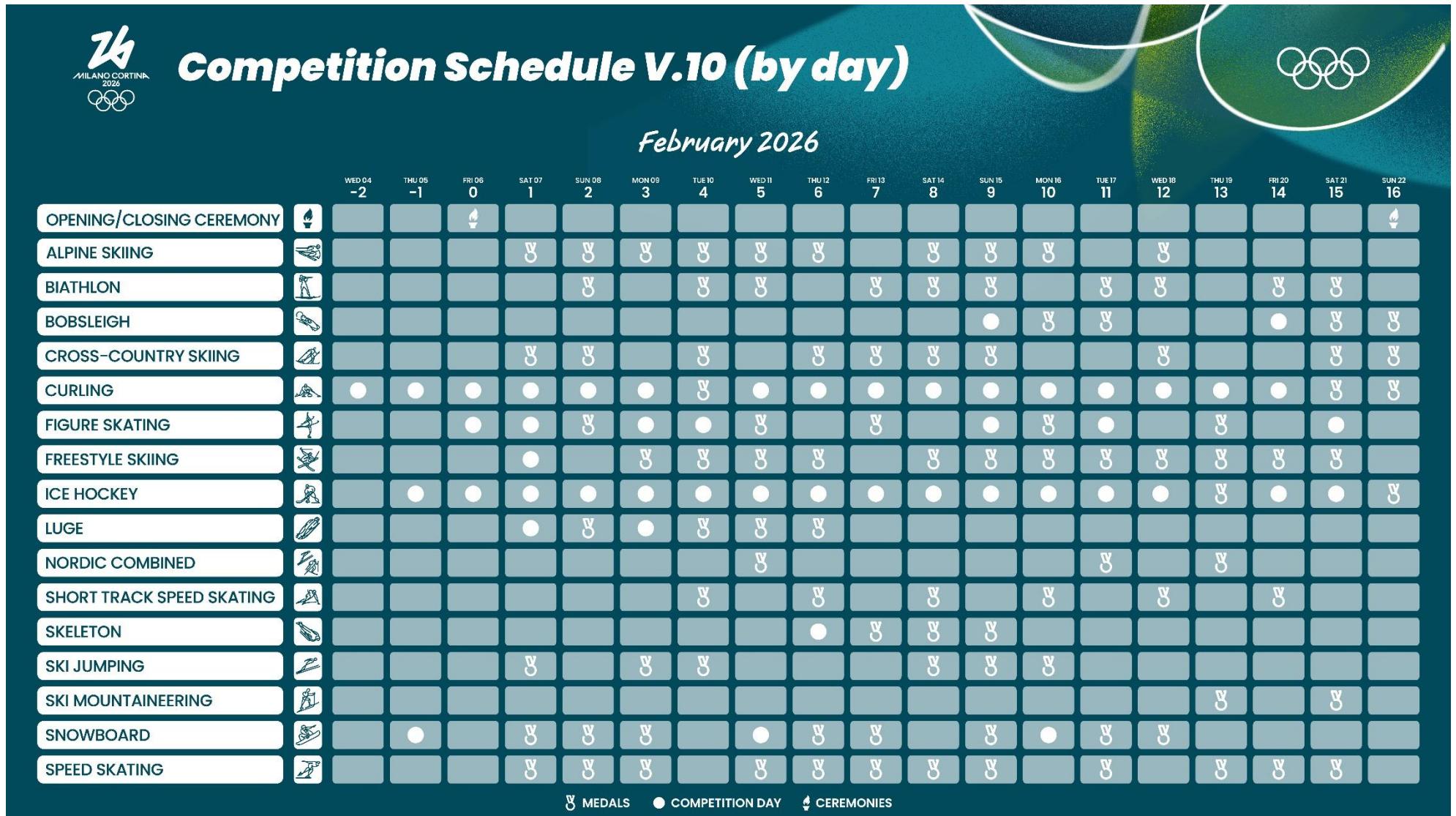
The tradition of establishing the Mountain Media Centre to serve the mountain venues was set aside, and instead the services and facilities provided in key mountain Venue Media Centres will be enhanced.

Milano Cortina 2026 has introduced the concept of Enhanced Venue Media Centre (EVMC) with longer opening hours and additional services. The EVMCs will be located in Cortina, Livigno and Tesero for the Olympic Winter Games, and in Milano, Cortina and Tesero for the Paralympic Winter Games.

The Main Press Centre in Milano will not be operational during the Paralympic Games and the Enhanced Venue Media Centre (EVMC) will be set up at the Para ice hockey venue, the Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena.

Last but not least, two news related to sports. Ski mountaineering will be introduced as an Olympic sport for the first time. The event will take place in Bormio-Valdisotto and will feature three medal events: men's and women's sprint and a mixed relay. Moreover, Olympic Alpine skiing will be taking place in two different venues: the women's competition at Tofane Alpine Skiing Centre (Cortina cluster) and the men's competition at Stelvio Ski Centre (Valtellina Cluster).

3.2. Competition Schedules





Competition Schedule V.7 (by day)

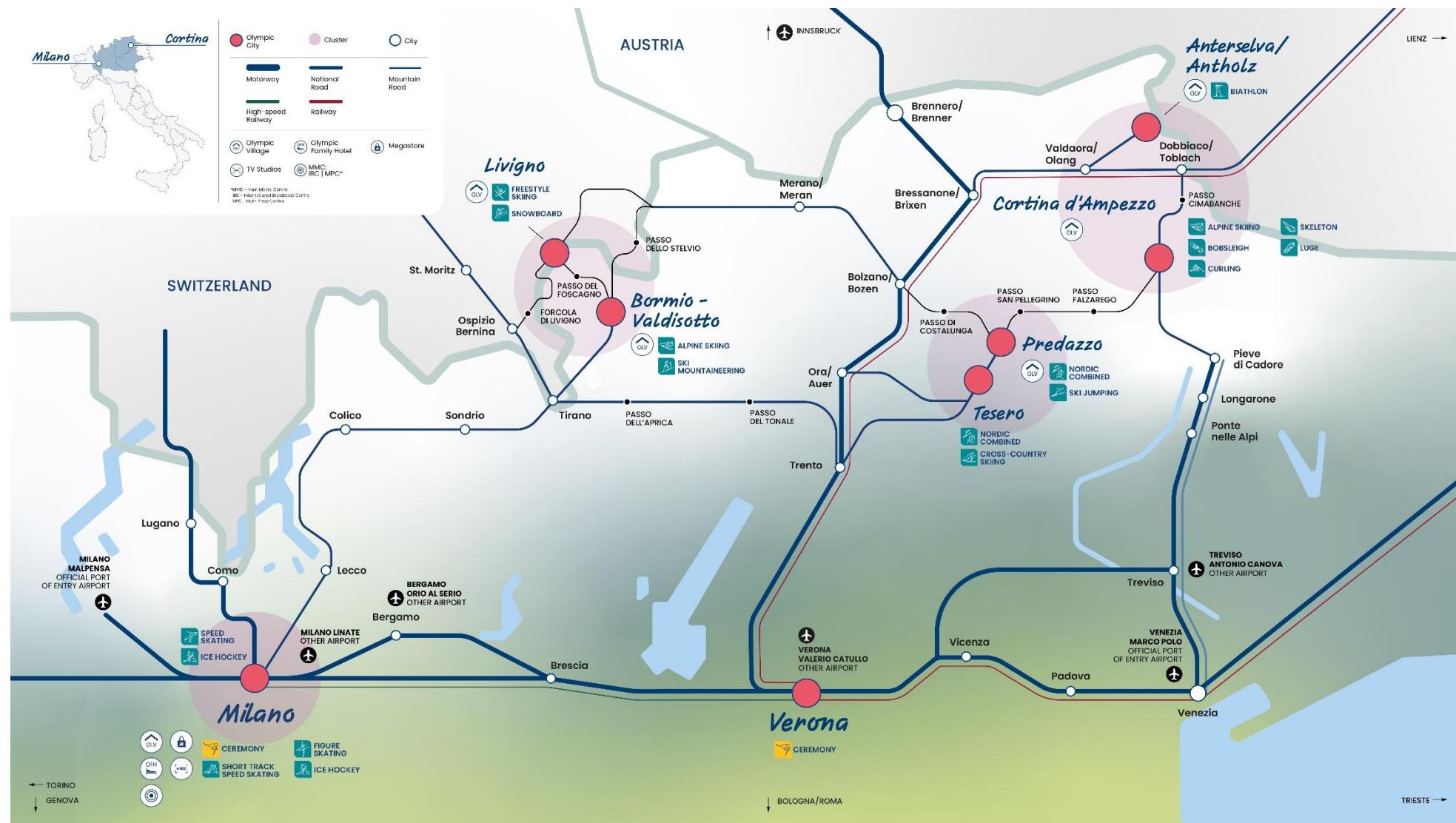
March 2026

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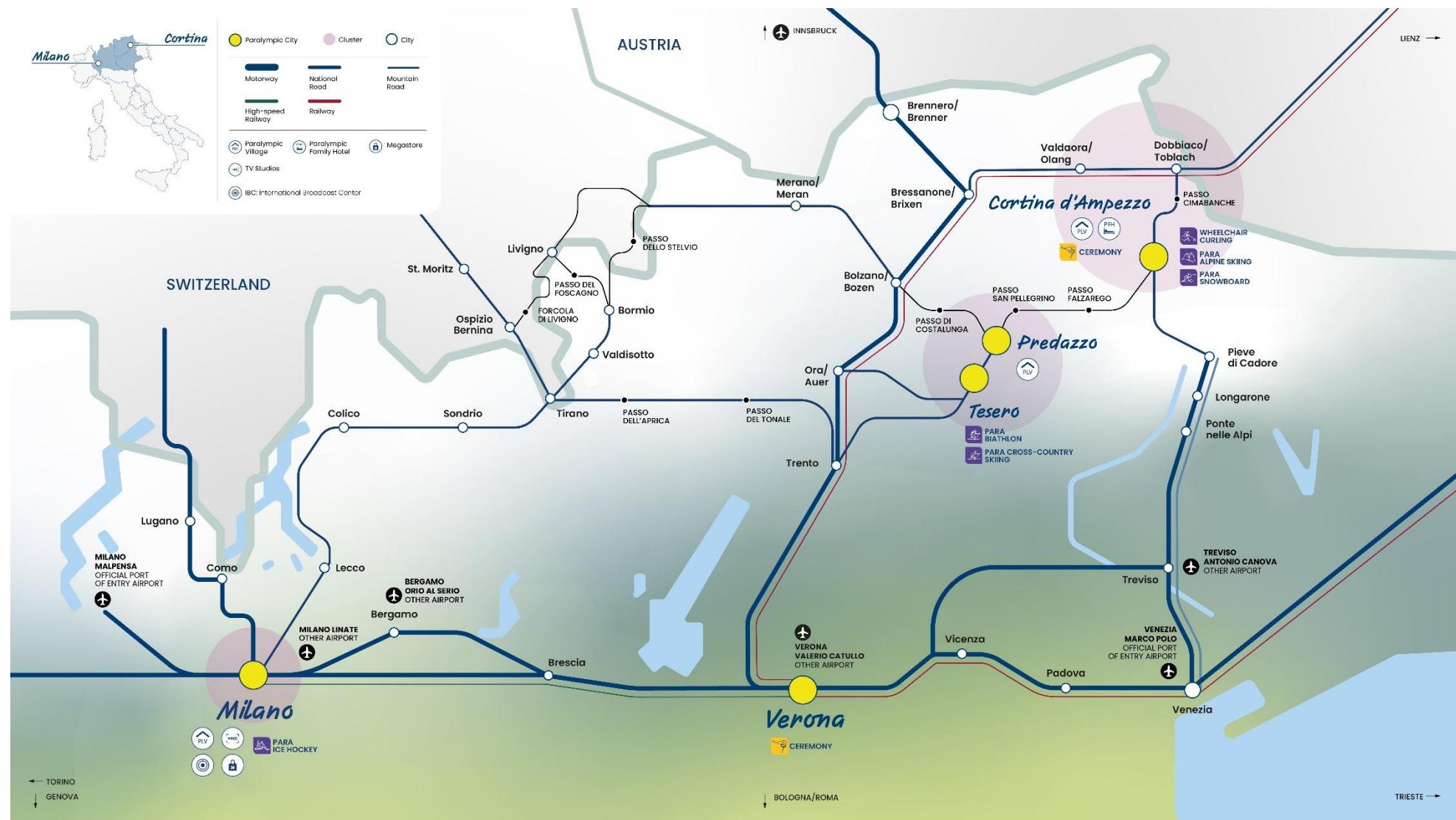
OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONY														
PARA ALPINE SKIING														
PARA BIATHLON														
PARA CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING														
PARA ICE HOCKEY														
PARA SNOWBOARD														
WHEELCHAIR CURLING														

MEDALS COMPETITION DAY CEREMONIES

3.3. Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 Master Plan

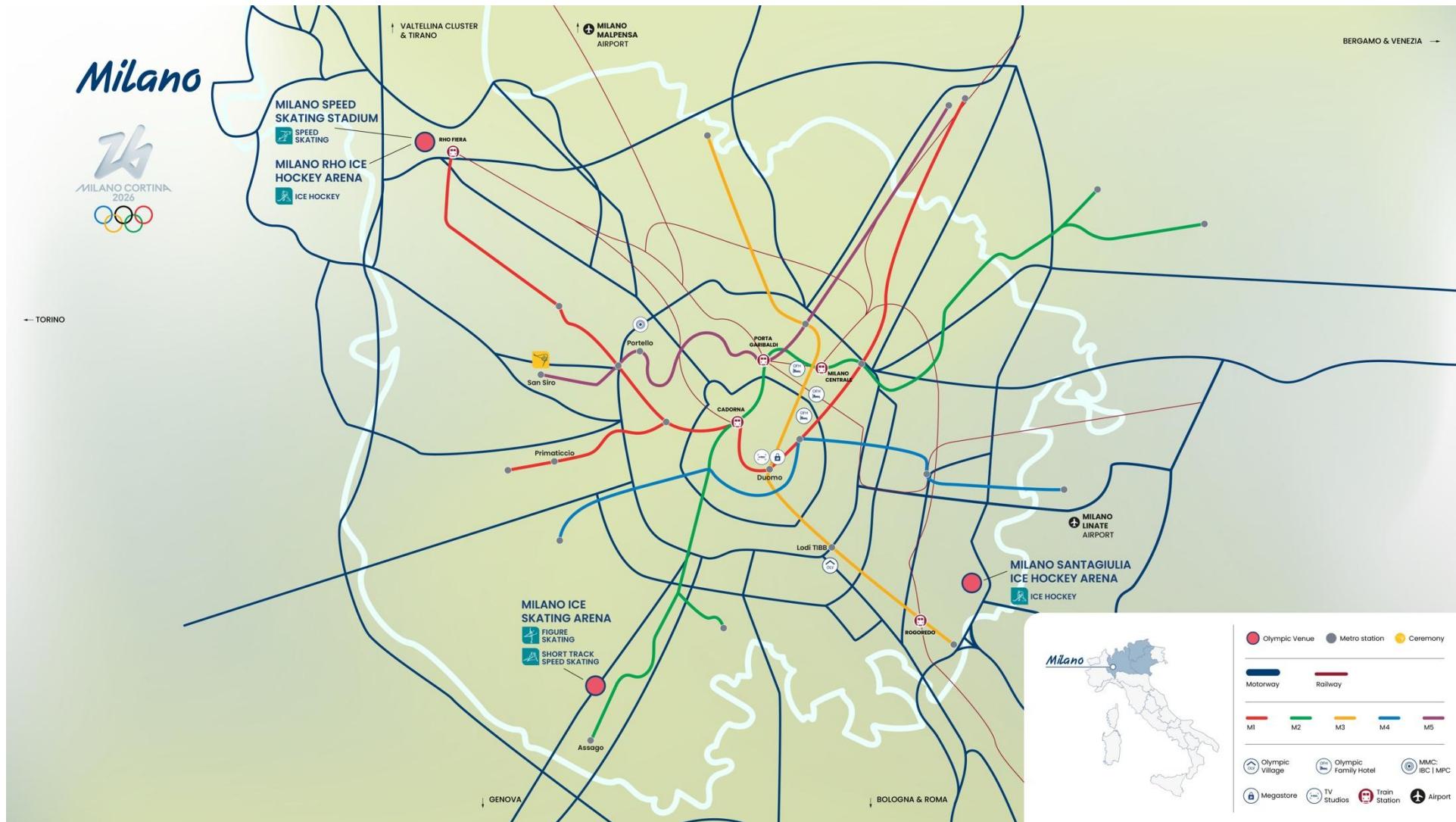


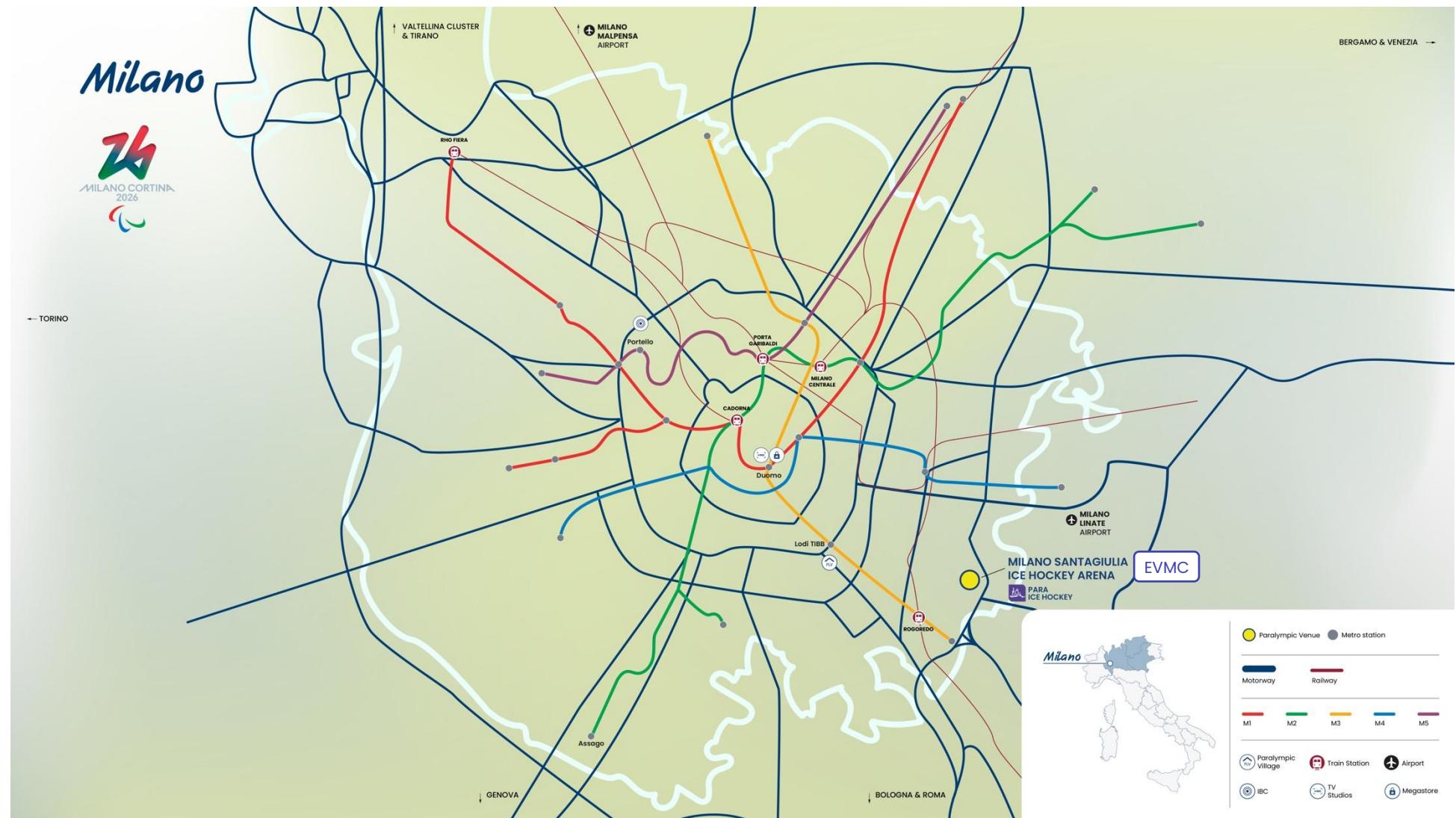
3.4. Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 Master Plan



3.5. Clusters and Competition Venues

3.5.1. Milano





**Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium (MOS)****CEREMONY**

Olympic Opening Ceremony

ADDRESSPiazzale Angelo Moratti,
20151 Milano (MI). Gate 8**Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena (MHI)****Paralympic EVMC****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Ice hockey

PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Para ice hockey

ADDRESSVia Romualdo Bonfadini,
148, 20138 Milano (MI)**Milano Ice Skating Arena (MSK)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**Figure skating,
Short track speed skating**ADDRESS**Via Giuseppe di Vittorio,
6, 20090 Assago MI**Milano Rho Ice Hockey Arena (MH2)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Ice hockey

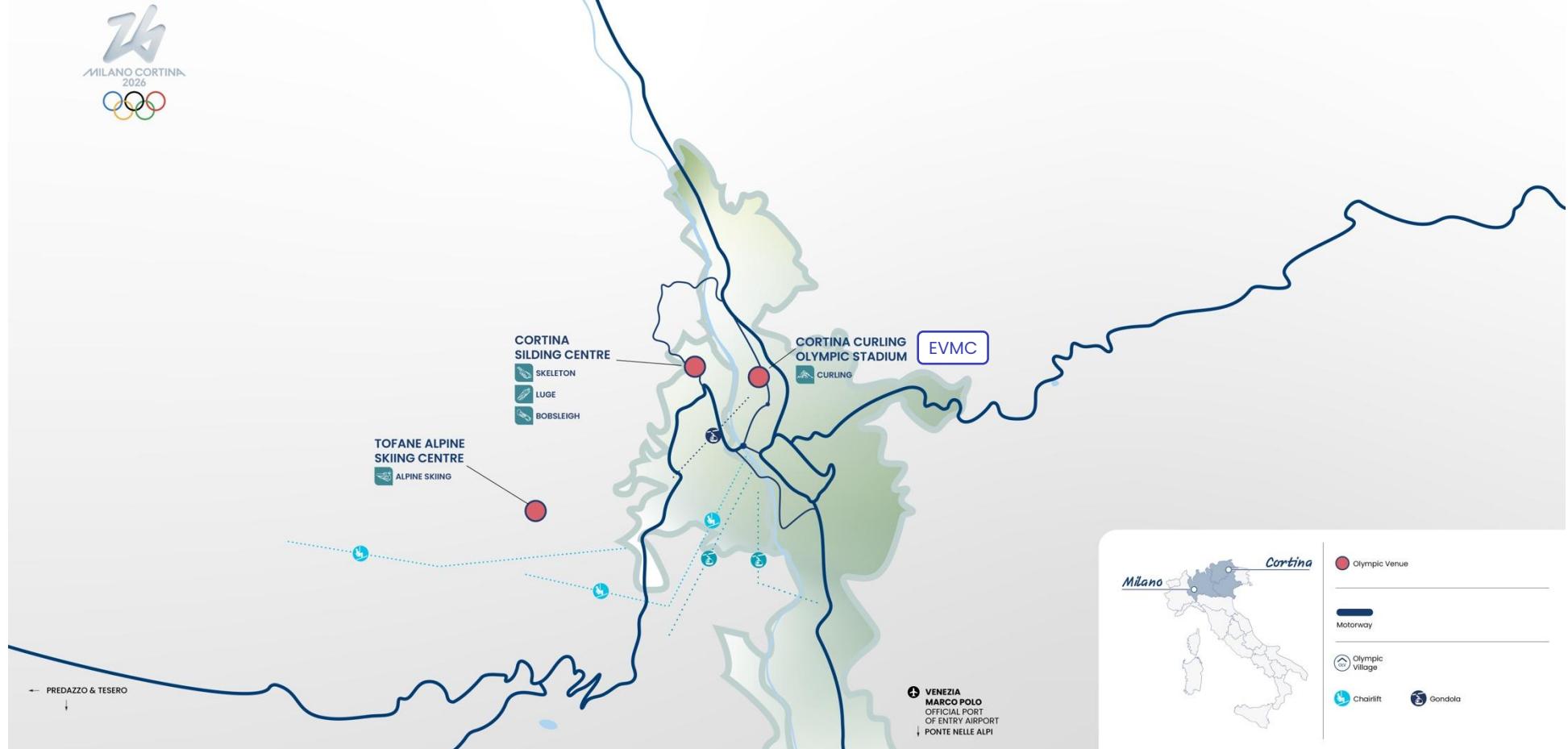
**Milano Speed Skating Stadium (MSS)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

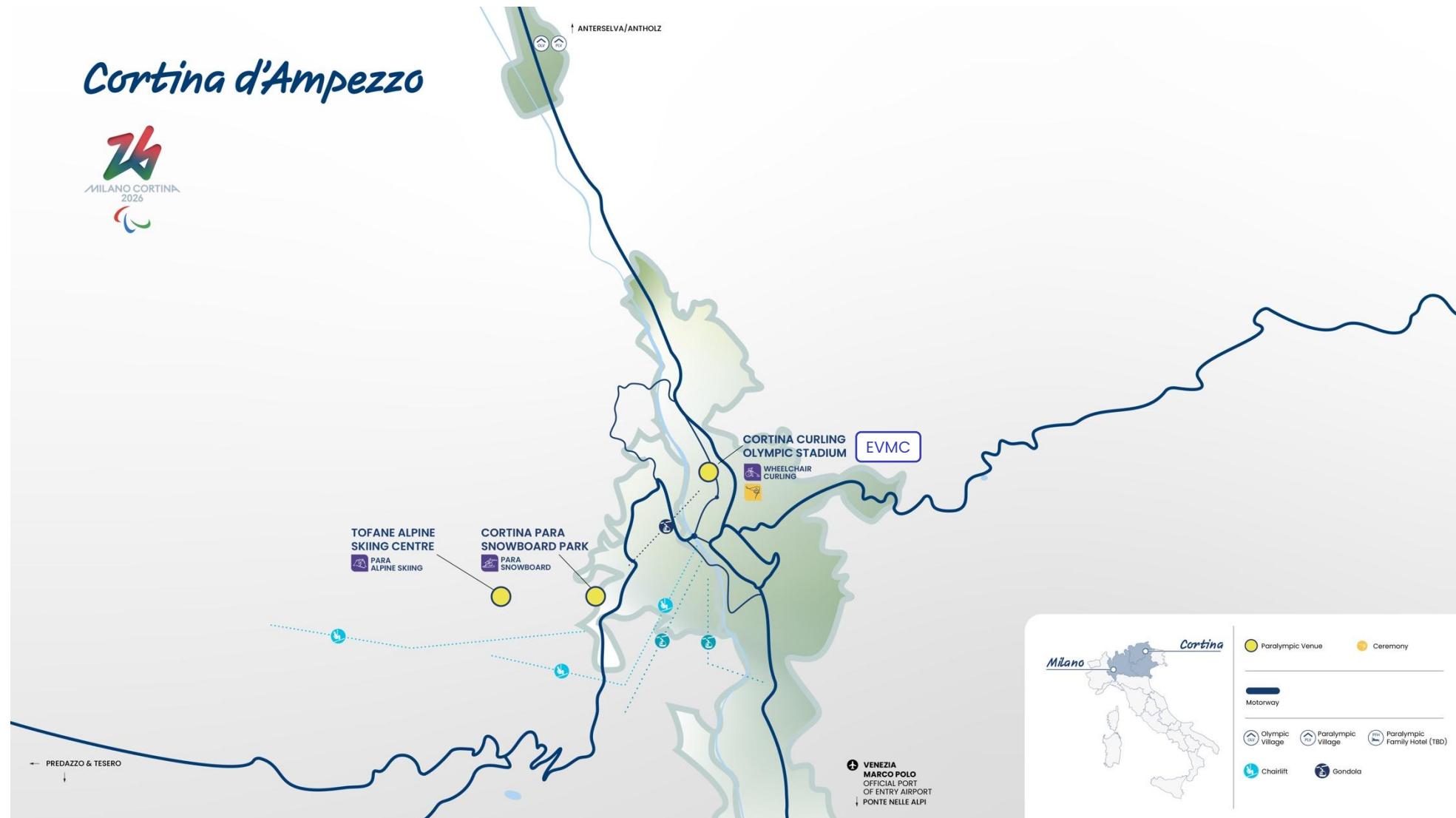
Speed skating

ADDRESSStrada Statale 33 del
Sempione 28, 20017 Rho (MI)
(approximate address)

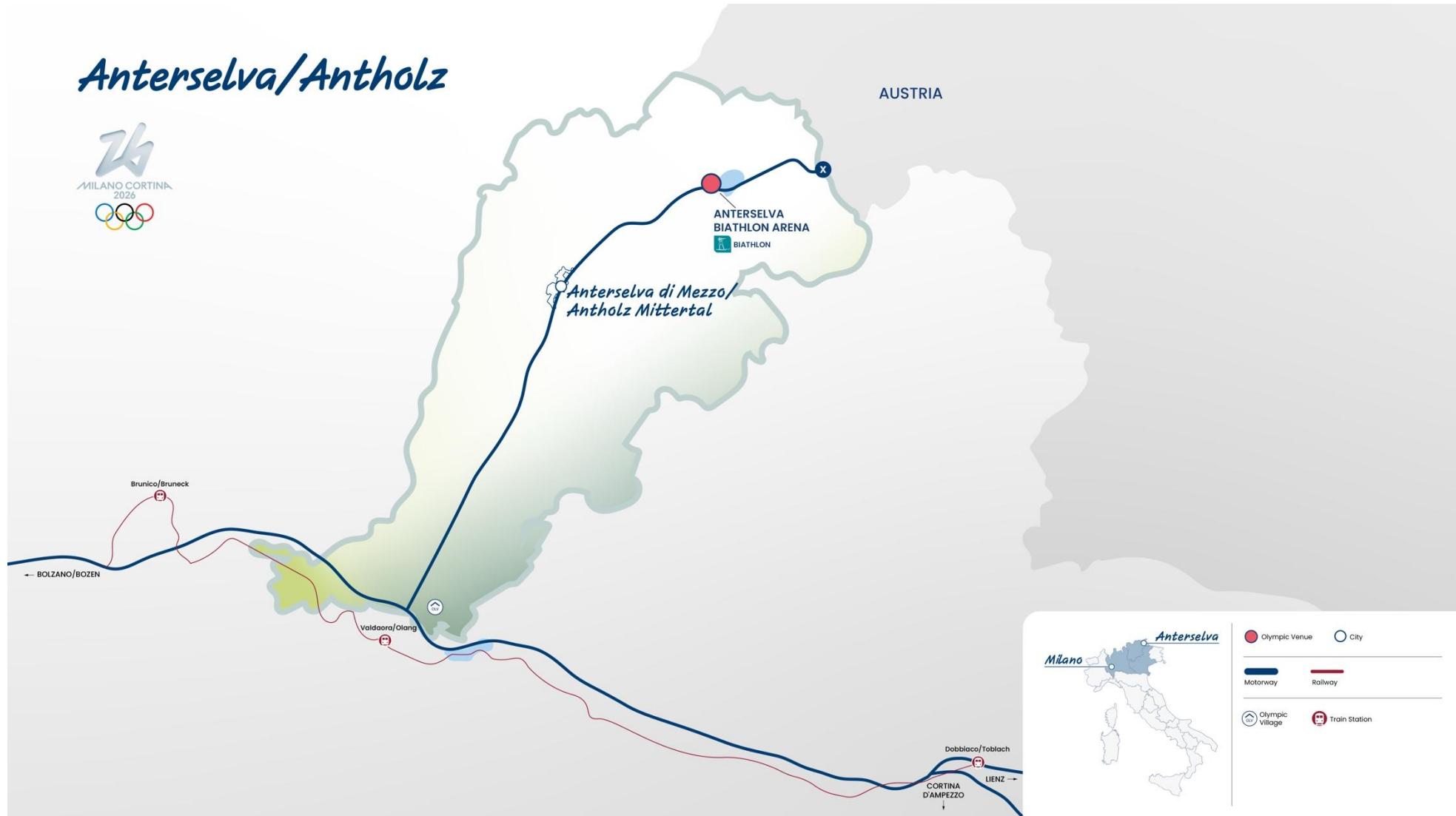
3.5.2. Cortina

Cortina d'Ampezzo





Anterselva/Antholz



**Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium (CCU)****Olympic and Paralympic EVMC****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Curling

PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Wheelchair curling

CEREMONY

Paralympic

Closing Ceremony

ADDRESSVia Alberto Bonacossa, 1,
32043 Cortina d'Ampezzo
(BL)**Cortina Sliding Centre (csc)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Bobsleigh, luge, skeleton

**Tofane Alpine Skiing Centre (CAL)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Alpine skiing (W)

PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Para Alpine skiing

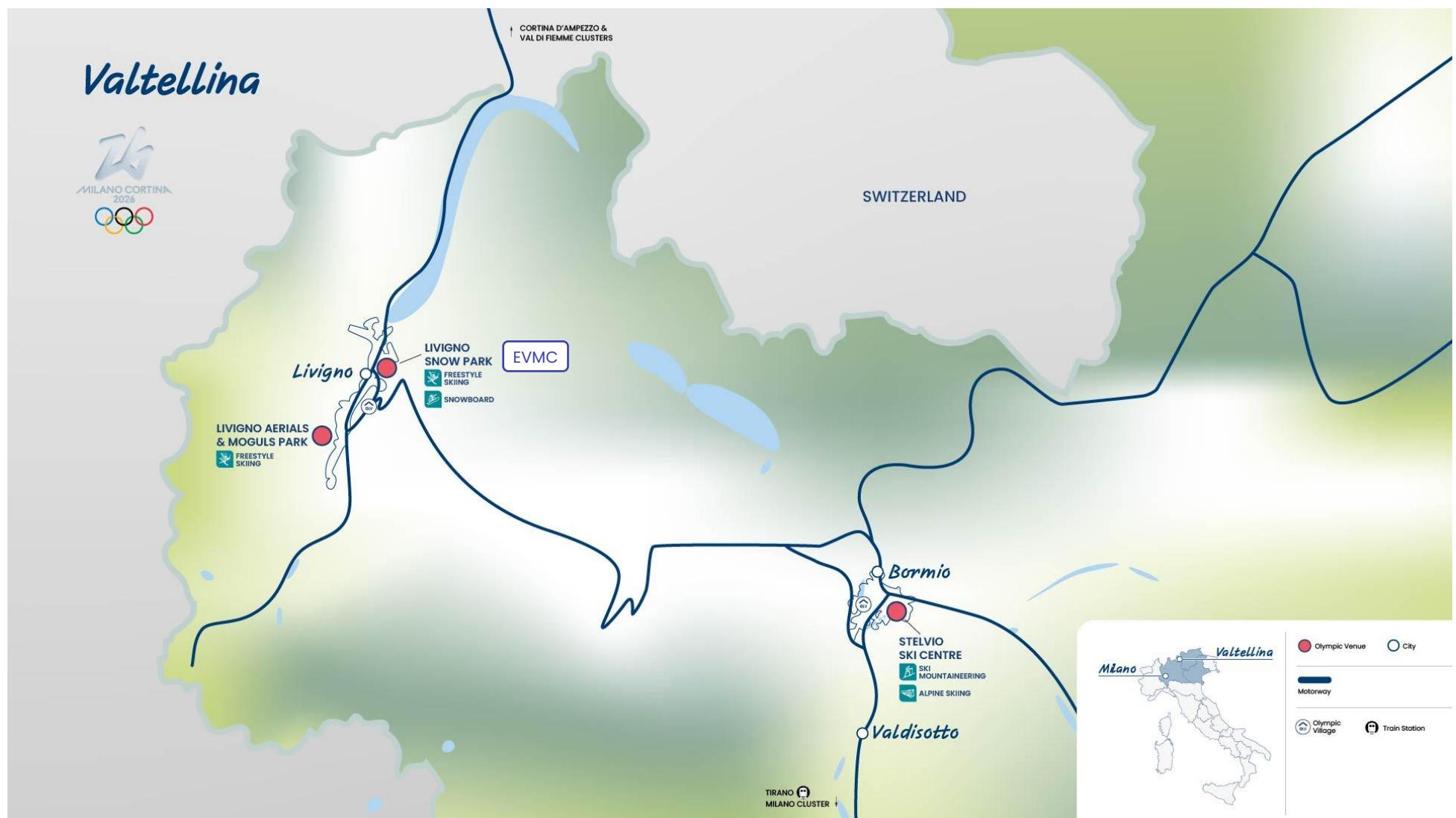
**Cortina Para Snowboard Park (CSB)****PARALYMPIC SPORTS**

Para snowboard

**Anterselva Biathlon Arena (ABA)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Biathlon

3.5.3. Valtellina





Livigno Snow Park (LSP)

Olympic EVMC

OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES

Freestyle skiing, Snowboard

CEREMONY

Olympic Opening Ceremony
Capsule Event

ADDRESS

Via Parè, 23041 Livigno (SO)



Livigno Aerials & Moguls Park (LAM)

OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES

Freestyle skiing



Stelvio Ski Centre (SSC)

OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES

Alpine skiing (M),
Ski mountaineering

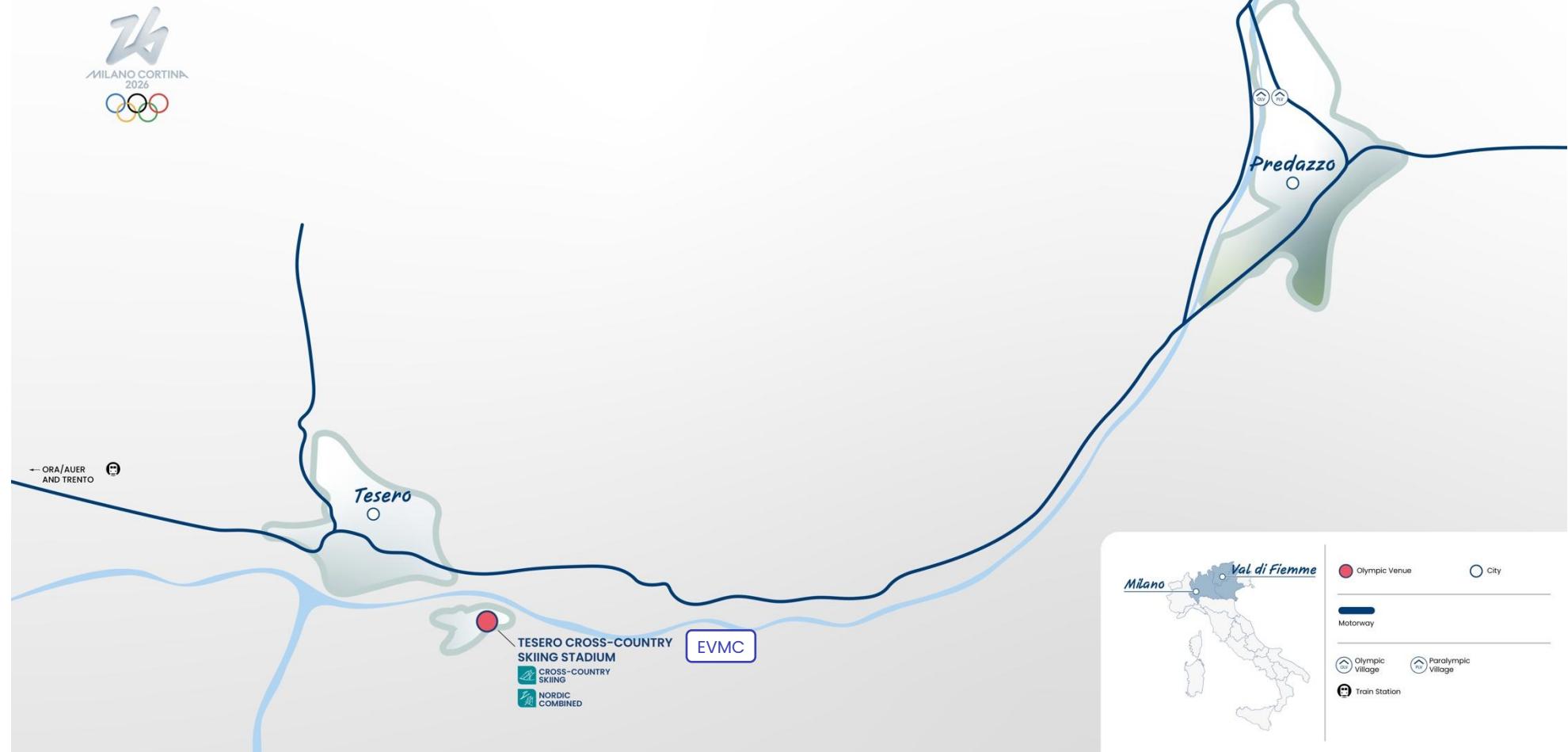
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Via Teal dal Pel, 23041
Livigno (SO)

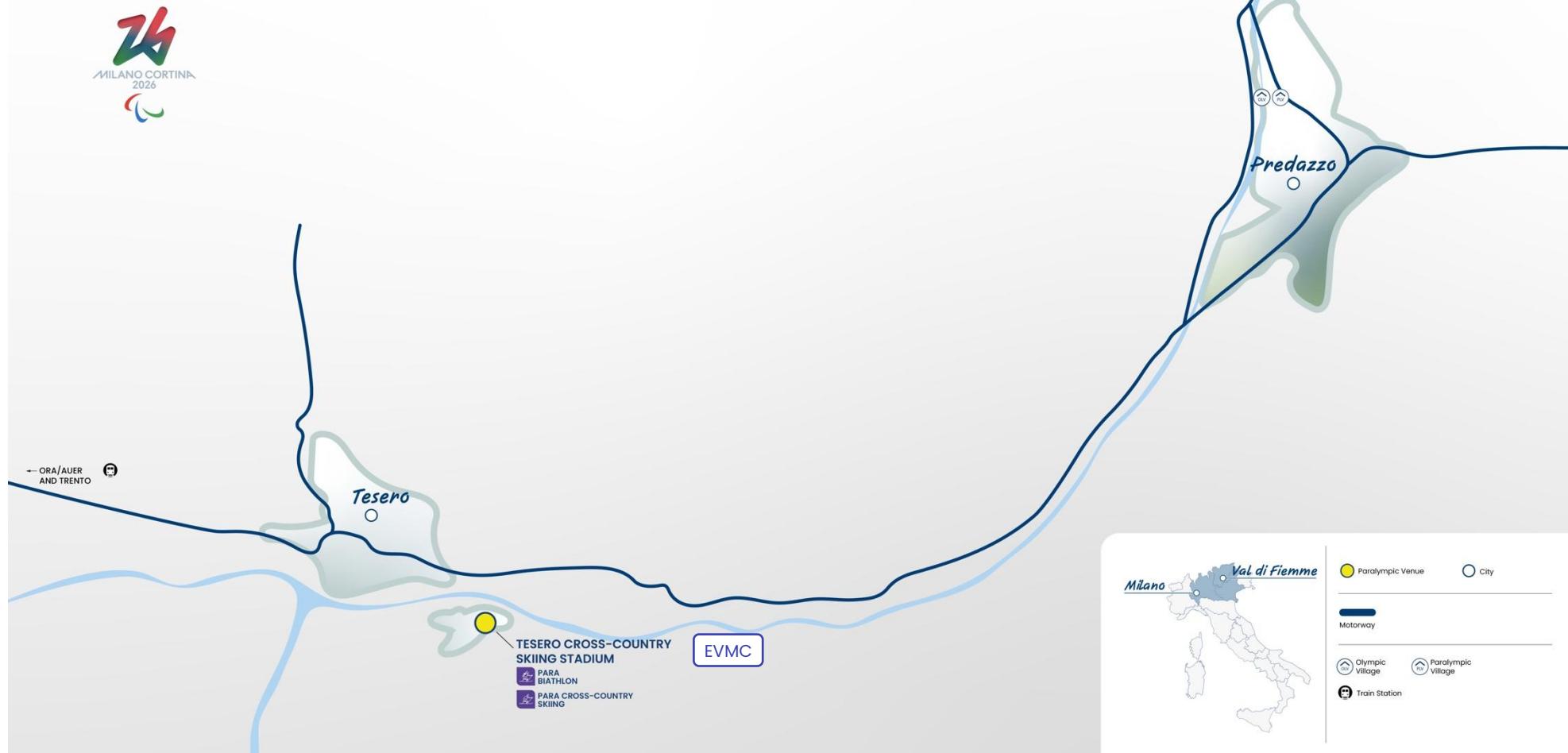


3.5.4. Val di Fiemme

Val di Fiemme



Val di Fiemme



**Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium (TCC)****Olympic and Paralympic EVMC****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

Cross-country skiing,
Nordic combined

PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Para biathlon,
Para cross-country skiing

ADDRESS

Via Stazione, 4 – Lago di
Tesero, 38038 (TN)

**Predazzo Ski Jumping Stadium (PSJ)****OLYMPIC DISCIPLINES**

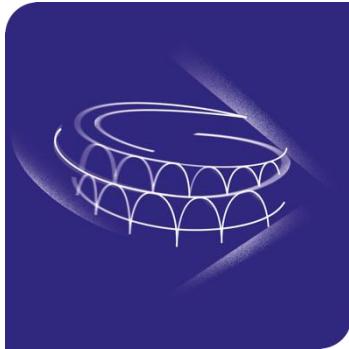
Ski jumping,
Nordic combined

CEREMONY

Olympic Opening
Ceremony
Capsule Event

ADDRESS

Località Stalimen, 4,
38037 Predazzo (TN)

**3.5.5. Verona****Verona Olympic Arena (VOA)****CEREMONIES**

Olympic Closing Ceremony
Paralympic
Opening Ceremony

ADDRESS

P.zza Bra, 1, 37121 Verona (VR)



4. PRESS SERVICES

The Press Services team is the main point of contact within the Organising Committee (OCOG) for press organisations. It works closely with other departments of the OCOG to ensure the smooth implementation of the services, such as accreditation, accommodation, transportation, rate card, that will be provided to the press as they attend, or prepare to attend, the Games.

4.1. Key Dates

Olympic Games	Paralympic Games
6 – 22 February 2026	6 – 15 March 2026

With a few months to go before the start of the Games, there are some key dates to be aware of, as well as some processes which are still ongoing.

Press Accreditation	Olympic	Paralympic
Deadline for NOCs/NPCs, IFs and all directly accredited press organisations to submit the applications for accreditation (Press by Name) on the online system. *	12 September 2025	22 October 2025
OCOG dispatches the Pre-Valid Cards (PVCs) to NOCs/NPCs, IFs and directly accredited press organisations for further distribution.	November 2025	December 2025 – January 2026
Validity period of the PVC for travel purposes begins.	6 January 2026	6 February 2026

**Please note that individual NOCs/NPCs, IFs and directly accredited press organisations may establish earlier deadlines. For more information about accreditation allocation and deadlines, press representatives are encouraged to get in touch with the press organisation granting them accreditation.*

Press Accommodation	Olympic	Paralympic
Deadline to release free of charge 30% of total room nights per property.	29 August 2025	15 September 2025
Deadline to release free of charge 10% of total room nights per property.	10 October 2025	3 November 2025
All rooms changes are subject to penalty.	From 11 October 2025	From 4 November 2025
Deadline for payment of remaining balance.	9 November 2025	6 December 2025
Room Resale Programme	From November 2025*	From December 2025
Accommodation booking period (refers to when the accommodation is provided)		
	From 23 January to 24 February 2026 (checkout on 25 February). A total of 33 nights.	From 25 February to 17 March 2026 (checkout on 18 March). A total of 21 nights.

* Entitled press organisations can access the programme from October, as soon as they settle their remaining balance.

Press Rate Card	Olympic	Paralympic
Order Period (refers to when an order is submitted)		
Normal Order Period	Ends 30 September 2025	Ends 30 September 2025
Late Order Period	From 1 October to 30 November 2025	From 1 October to 31 December 2025
Cut-Off Period (no new orders, cancellations or amendments)	From 1 to 31 December 2025	From 1 to 31 January 2026
Games-Time Order Period	From 1 January to 23 February 2026	From 1 February to 18 March 2026
Standard Rental Period* (refers to when a product or service is provided)		
	From 21 January to 23 February 2026	From 27 February to 18 March 2026

* For certain items, the Standard Rental Period may be extended for incremental seven-day periods and will be charged accordingly. Please refer to the Rate Card Catalogue for details.

4.2. Press Accreditation

The International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee set the quota of press accreditations, identified as “E-category”, for the Olympic and the Paralympic Games, respectively.

4.2.1. Quotas



The press accreditation quota set by the IOC for the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games is 3,000.

The largest contingent is allocated to National Olympic Committees (NOCs), and each NOC is responsible for managing the allocation and application process for press within its territory.

The IOC-recognised world news agencies, Agence France-Presse (AFP), The Associated Press (AP), Reuters and Xinhua, as well as the official photographic agency of the IOC, Getty Images, are directly accredited by the IOC. Additionally, sport specialists, representatives of non-Media Rights Holders, local press and photographers have also been accredited for the Games.

The same process applies for the Paralympic Games.



The press accreditation quota set by the IPC for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games is 900.

With respect to allocation of accreditations for the Paralympic Games, the majority were allocated to the National Paralympic Committees, each NPC handling the process within its territory.

As for the IPC-recognised press agencies – AFP, AP, Reuters and Kyodo News –, they are accredited directly by the IPC, as is Getty Images, the official photographic agency of the IPC.

4.2.2. Application Process

The accreditation application for press organisations is a two-stage process; the first being the “Press by Number” stage, and the second the “Press by Name” stage.

The press accreditation process for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 officially began in 2024 when the IOC and the IPC notified each NOC and NPC, respectively, of their press accreditation allocation. NOCs and NPCs were asked to designate the press organisations and number of representatives selected for press accreditation by completing and returning the Press by Number form to Milano Cortina 2026.

After completing the first stage of the accreditation application process, each NOC/NPC, as well as the organisations directly accredited by the IOC/IPC, would have received the Press by Name Accreditation package and, after submitting the Responsible Organisation Undertaking and the User Account Request Form, would have been granted access to the accreditation system.

In most cases, it is the NOC/NPC's responsibility to collect the personal data of the participants for whom it acts as the Responsible Organisation, in order to submit each application for accreditation in the system provided for this purpose.

The IOC and the IPC are responsible for accrediting non-Media Rights-Holders (non-MRHS), in consultation with NOCs and NPCs, respectively. The accreditation process for non-MRHS has changed slightly for Milano Cortina 2026. To grant a better, more transparent and efficient selection, NOCs and NPCs have been involved in the process, but the IOC and IPC ultimately remain responsible for approval.

With regards to the Press by Name process, NOCs and NPCs are in charge of submitting accreditation applications for the selected ENR-category press members.

For all Press by Name accreditation applications received by the deadline, Milano Cortina 2026 will dispatch the corresponding Pre-Valid Cards (PVCs) to NOC/NPCs, IFs and directly accredited organisations, for further distribution to their organisations and/or members. The PVCs will then need to be validated at a Milano Cortina 2026 Accreditation Facility to become an official Olympic/Paralympic Identity Accreditation Card (OIAC/PIAC) that allows access to the Games venues.

For all applications received after the deadline, the OCOG will issue the OIAC/PIAC to the individuals on site. Consequently, the visa assistance process provided by Milano Cortina 2026 may prove unsuccessful in view of the strict deadlines established in this regard. If necessary, participants will have to apply for a visa themselves in order to collect their accreditation on site.

4.2.3. Entry and Visa Requirements for Italy



The OIAC in the form of a Pre-Valid Card (PVC) will serve as the individual's visa for entry into Italy, when accompanied by a valid passport or travel document, between 6 January 2026 and 22 March 2026 for a maximum stay of 90 days within a 180-day period.



For the Paralympic Games, the same process applies in the period between 6 February and 15 April 2026.

Accredited members of the press coming to Italy via another country that might require a visa, are responsible for obtaining the necessary documentation for entry into that country.

Any press representative who has not received their OIAC/PIAC due to late submission will be responsible for obtaining their own visa, if required, to enter Italy through the normal entry process.

More information can be found in the [Entry Procedures Guide](#).

4.2.4. Accreditation Validation

The OIAC/PIAC will only grant access to Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic or Paralympic venues once it has been validated. Press arriving at Milano Malpensa (MXP) and Venezia Marco Polo (VCE) will be able to validate their accreditation at the airport, upon presentation of a valid identification document as proof of identity. Types of identification documents accepted are outlined in the Press by Name Manual.



OIAC validation at the airports will be available from **23 January 2026**.



PIAC validation at the airports will be available from **26 February 2026**.

Press entering Italy via Milano Malpensa and Venezia Marco Polo airports prior to the opening of the accreditation validation facilities, press arriving in any other locations or locally based press, must go to the Media Accreditation Centre (MAC), located by the entrance of the Main Press Centre, or to the Venue Accreditation Offices (VAOs) at the competition venues. The operational times of these accreditation facilities will be communicated on the Press Operations Extranet and in the Media Handbook, which will be published prior to the Games.

Accreditation Facility	Validation	Card Production	Photo Capture	Issue Resolution
Milano Malpensa Airport - MXP	YES	NO	NO	NO
Venezia Marco Polo Airport - VCE				
Media Accreditation Centre - MAC (Olympic Games only)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Venue Accreditation Office - VAO	YES	NO*	NO	LIMITED

*Due to the geographical configuration of the Games, OIAC production will be made available at the VAOs in the Mountain Clusters. However, there will be no dedicated line for Media stakeholders and queues can be expected. The recommended procedure remains PVC validation.



The preferred accreditation facility for OIAC production or for issue resolution will be the Media Accreditation Centre (MAC), located by the entrance of the Main Press Centre in Milano.

The MAC will be operational from 6 January to 22 February 2026.



For the Paralympic Games, the Venue Accreditation Offices (VAOs) in each competition venue – with the addition of the facilities at Verona – will provide card production services and limited issue resolution, during their respective operational periods. Moreover, the MAC will remain operational during the transition phase and the Paralympic Games, **from 23 February to 15 March 2026**.

The IOC and the IPC are responsible for accrediting non-Media Rights-Holders (non-MRHs), in consultation with NOCs and NPCs, respectively. The accreditation process for non-MRHs has changed slightly for Milano Cortina 2026. To grant a better, more transparent and efficient selection, NOCs and NPCs have been involved in the process, but the IOC and IPC ultimately remain responsible for approval.

With regards to the Press by Name process, NOCs and NPCs are in charge of submitting accreditation applications for the selected ENR-category press members.

4.2.5. Eligible Persons and Accreditation Entitlements

E-category accreditations are allocated to press representatives who meet professional standards and grant their bearer the entitlements shown in the table below. Please note that Es (sport-specific journalist) and EPs (sport-specific photographer) accreditation categories will not be allocated for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Instead, sport-specific journalists and photographers will be accredited as E and EP respectively.

Olympic Winter Games

	Category	Venue Access	Zone Access	Seating Access	Transport
	E Journalist	ALL, MPC, OLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	Seating in "E" Stand	TC
	EP Photographer	ALL, MPC, OLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	Access to photo positions with photo sleeve	TC
	ET Technician	ALL, MPC, OLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	No seating access. Access to photo positions with technician sleeve and for technical reasons.	TC
	Ec Support Staff	MPC	N/A	N/A	TC
	ENR Non-Media Rights Holders	MPC, ALL without recording equipment, OLV with guest pass & without recording equipment	4 WHITE	Seating in "E" Stand	TC

	Category	Venue Access	Zone Access	Seating Access	Transport
	Ex Local Journalist	Relevant local venues, OLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	Seating in "E" Stand	TC
	EPx Local Photographer	Relevant local venues, OLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	Access to photo positions with photo sleeve	TC
	NOC E Press Attachés	ALL, MPC, OLV with guest pass	4 BLUE	Seating in "E" Stand	TC
			MZ (athlete's side of the Press Mixed Zone) - Optional		

Paralympic Winter Games

	Category	Venue Access	Zone Access	Seating Access	Transport
	E Journalist	ALL PLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	Seating in "E" Stand	TC
	EP Photographer	ALL PLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	Access to photo positions with photo sleeve	TC
	ET Technician	ALL PLV with guest pass	4 WHITE	No seating access. Access to photo positions with technician sleeve and for technical reasons.	TC
	ENR Non-Media Rights-Holders	ALL without recording equipment, except for Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium EVMC (CCU). PLV with guest pass & without recording equipment	4 WHITE	Seating in "E" Stand	TC
	NPC E NPC Media Staff	ALL PLV with guest pass	4 WHITE MZ (athlete's side of the Press Mixed Zone)	Seating in "E" Stand	TC



For the Paralympic Games, certain accreditation categories, such as "Ec", "Ex", or "EPx", will not be available. Moreover, the "MPC" code will only apply to the Olympic Games. The above table shows the difference between the NOC E and NPC E categories.

4.2.6. Access Entitlements

Zone-access entitlements are assigned to each accredited category in accordance with the IOC and IPC rules based on the minimum requirements needed to perform that role.

Zone	Access entitlement
4	Press areas (excluding press tribunes)
E	Press tribunes (E stand)
ALL	All competition venues
MZ	Mixed Zone (athlete's side of the Press Mixed Zone)
OLV/PLV	Olympic Village / Paralympic Village
BLUE	Field of Play (FOP), operational areas (Back of House – BOH)/general circulation areas (Front of House – FOH, BOH)
WHITE	General circulation areas (FOH, BOH)

As seen in the table above, within the competition venues, Zone 4 identifies press areas and includes access to the following areas for accredited press:

- Venue Media Centre
- Press Mixed Zone
- Press Conference Room
- Photo Positions (with photo sleeve only)
- Media Lounge

4.2.7. NOC E and NPC E Accreditation Categories

From Paris 2024 onwards, the NOC E and NPC E categories have been specifically created for NOCs/NPCs Press Attachés and media staff producing written (not video and/or audio) content for their website and publications. This decision has been taken so that the entirety of the "E" accreditation allocations could be reserved for professional journalists from news organisations whose role is to ensure maximum coverage of the Games and the promotion of the Olympic and Paralympic movement. The NOCs/NPCs may still use the team-official accreditations (Ao category) for Press Attachés captured via the delegation registration process.

The NOC E /NPC E Press Attaché quota will be issued under the NOC/NPC category (OIAC/PIAC with green category background).

4.2.8. ENR Accreditation Category (non-Media Rights Holders)



During the Olympic Games, members of the press holding an ENR-category accreditation (non-MRHS) are allowed to bring in recording equipment to the MPC only, with the right to film any press conferences taking place within its spaces. However, non-MRHS are not permitted to take their recording equipment into any of the competition venues – including training areas or EVMCs – nor the Ceremonies venues or Olympic Villages.

Find [here](#) the Olympic Winter Games News Access Rules, published in February 2025.

Reminder: All accredited non-MRHS must sign the ENR Undertaking and return it IOC Media Operations for their accreditation to be validated.



During the Paralympic Games, members of the press holding an ENR-category accreditation are only allowed to bring recording equipment into the EVMC of Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium, where the IPC Media Briefing/Press Conferences will take place. As in the case of the Olympic Games, during the Paralympic Games, non-MRHS are not permitted to take their recording equipment into any of the competition venues – including training areas or other EVMCs – nor the Ceremonies venues or Paralympic Villages.

To read and sign the ENR Undertaking, as well as for a full explanation on news access and filming rights, please refer to the News Access Rules (NARs) available at the following links below:

Paralympic Winter Games' Media Information	
<u>News Access Rules</u>	This document contains the terms and conditions governing the use by non-Media Rights Holders (non-MRHS) of Paralympic Content for the purpose of reporting on the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games during the Games Period.
<u>ENR Undertaking</u>	Each organisation seeking ENR-category accreditation must sign and return this document to the International Paralympic Committee for their accreditation to be validated. Deadline: 30 November 2025 Return to: media.accreditation@paralympic.org

These documents can also be found at this link: [Press Operations Extranet – Press Publications](#).

4.2.9. High-Demand Events

At certain events or sessions, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the number of press and photographers interested in accessing the venue may exceed the number of spaces

available in the press tribunes and photo positions. For these events, that are categorised as "High-Demand Events", a complimentary ticket will be required in addition to the accreditation in order to enter the venue.



High-Demand Events' tickets for the Olympic Winter Games will be distributed electronically by IOC Media Operations via a dedicated ticketing platform known as Stakeholder Access and Seating Tool (SEAT).

Following the same process as in previous Games, NOCs and directly accredited press organisations will be responsible for the distribution of High-Demand Events' tickets to their accredited organisations/individuals. The person in charge of managing digital tickets for High-Demand Events must be nominated within each NOC, directly accredited or affiliated press organisation and non-MRH. All details about how to communicate this information will be shared directly with the NOCs and directly accredited press organisations in October 2025. Please note that, if this information is not provided, the IOC will not be able to distribute the High-Demand Events' tickets.

More information about the distribution process will be provided in the Media Handbook, which will be released in December 2025.

For the Olympic Games, High-Demand Events will be determined by the IOC closer to the start of the Games and communicated on MediaZone (see chapter 9 for further details).

Individuals accredited with "Ec" (MPC support staff) accreditation category are not eligible for High-Demand Events' tickets.



The distribution procedure for High-Demand Events' tickets during the Paralympic Games will be communicated in the Paralympic Games Media Handbook.

4.3. Press Accommodation

Milano Cortina 2026 has grouped accommodation solutions into the geographical zones where the competitions or ceremonies will take place. Press Accommodation will be based in four clusters - Milano, Cortina (which includes Anterselva/Antholz), Valtellina, Val di Fiemme; as well as in the standalone city of Verona.



For the Paralympic Winter Games, there will be no competitions and therefore no accommodation in the Valtellina cluster nor in Anterselva/Antholz.

Detailed information can be found in the Press Accommodation Guide available at this link: [Accommodation](#).

4.3.1. Press Accommodation Timeline

The Accommodation Management System (AMS) is now closed to new accommodation requests, both for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The remaining timeline of the Accommodation process continues to be particularly tight and we kindly ask stakeholders to meet the deadlines with regards to room release and payment. For outstanding dates and processes, please refer to the tables available above in section 4.1 and to the Press Accommodation Guide v2, available on the [Press Operations Extranet](#).



The accommodation booking period for Milano Cortina 2026 comprises 33 nights **from 23 January to 24 February 2026 (checkout on 25 February)**.



The accommodation booking period for the Paralympic Games comprises 21 nights **from 25 February to 17 March 2026 (checkout on 18 March)**.

4.3.2. Accommodation Resale Programme

The Accommodation Resale Programme enables any organisation with contracted accommodation through Milano Cortina 2026 to make available for sale all or part of their inventory to another organisation. The dedicated functionality is also accessible to organisations looking to buy – even if they do not have contracted units – as long as they are AMS users.

The right to participate as a seller in this programme requires that 100% of the respective allocation has already been paid in full and that organisations comply with the fiscal requirements and specifications as detailed in the Press Accommodation Guide v2.

It should be noted that Milano Cortina 2026 does not participate in any way in the resale transactions; its role is limited solely to facilitate the listing and to provide the contact information of the organisation that is reselling the rooms.

Please note that, after the programme opens, rooms will not become available in the system all at once or on specific dates; instead, they will be made available in different phases, depending on the specific circumstances of the individual resellers offering them.

For further details, please refer to the Press Accommodation Guide v2 available on the [Press Operations Extranet](#).

4.4. Arrivals and Departures Services for Press

The operational plan developed by the Transport and Arrivals and Departures teams for the Olympic and Paralympic Games plays a pivotal role in ensuring coordination and mobility for all stakeholders involved.

Transport services from/to Ports of Entry/Exit (POE) and Service Points (SP) served by transport, including airports, train stations and other transit hubs to official accommodation will be provided in the period indicated below. Arrivals and Departures transport services may be adjusted depending on the expected demands and resources available in this timeframe.

Arrivals and Departures Service Period		
	Olympic Games	23 January – 24 February 2026
	Paralympic Games	27 February – 17 March 2026

Due to the widespread nature of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, arrivals and departures operations will be divided into two distinct zones:

- **West Zone**, comprising the Milano and Valtellina clusters,
- **East Zone**, comprising the Cortina and Val di Fiemme clusters.

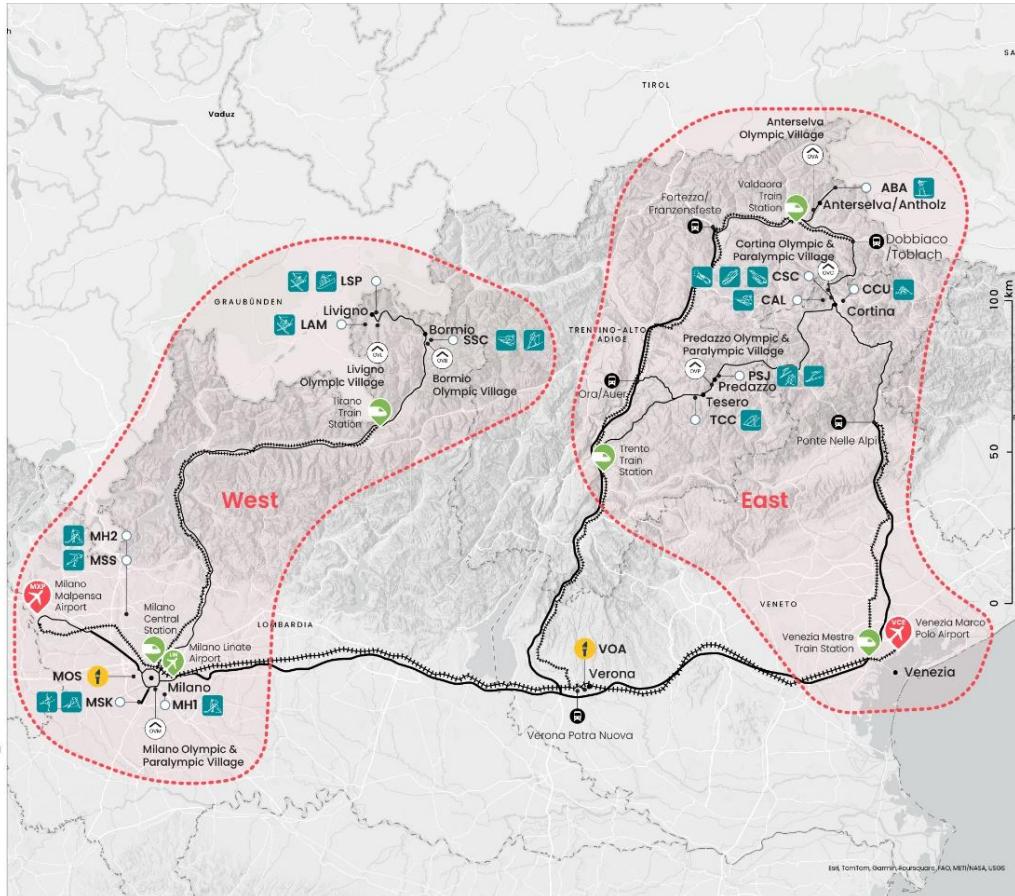
Arrivals and departures services will be provided in the designated airports and train stations in both zones. Therefore, it is suggested that stakeholders arrange connecting flights or other means of transport to arrive or depart from either Milano Malpensa Airport (MXP) or Venezia Marco Polo Airport (VCE) according to their destination cluster.

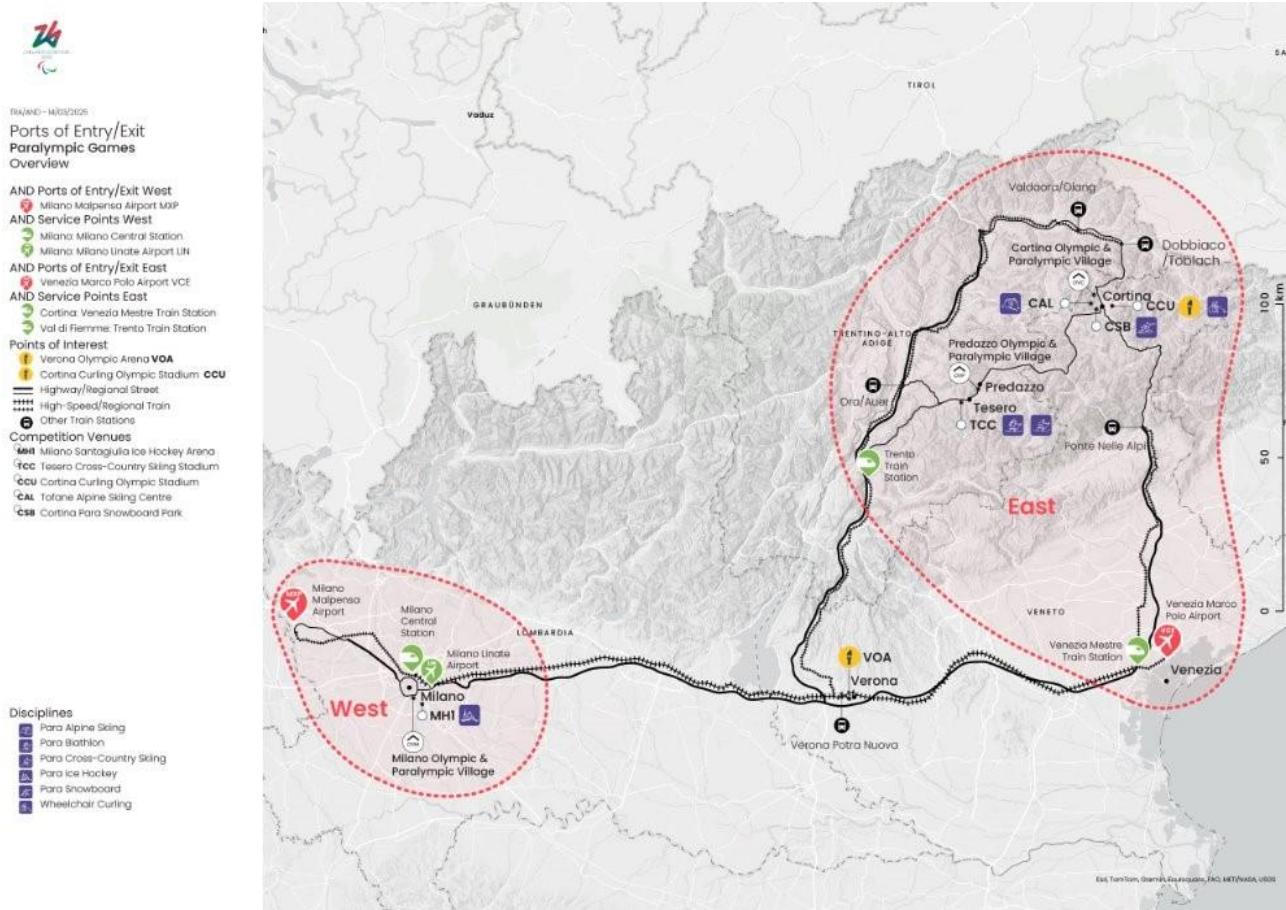
MXP (AND hub will be in Terminal 1) is the recommended Port of Entry for the Milano and Valtellina clusters, while VCE is recommended for the Cortina and Val di Fiemme clusters.

Alongside POEs, Service Points will also be available. These are designated transport access locations that provide limited arrivals and departures services for accredited stakeholders.

They are composed of one airport and five railway stations to facilitate access to the respective clusters and Villages, as shown below.

Zone	Recommended Port of Entry	Service Point Location	Games
WEST	Milano Malpensa Airport (MXP) – Terminal 1	Milano Centrale Railway Station Milano Linate Airport	 
		Valtellina Tirano Railway Station	 
EAST	Venezia Marco Polo Airport (VCE)	Cortina Venezia Mestre Railway Station	 
		Anterselva Valdaora Railway Station	 
		Val di Fiemme Trento Railway Station	 



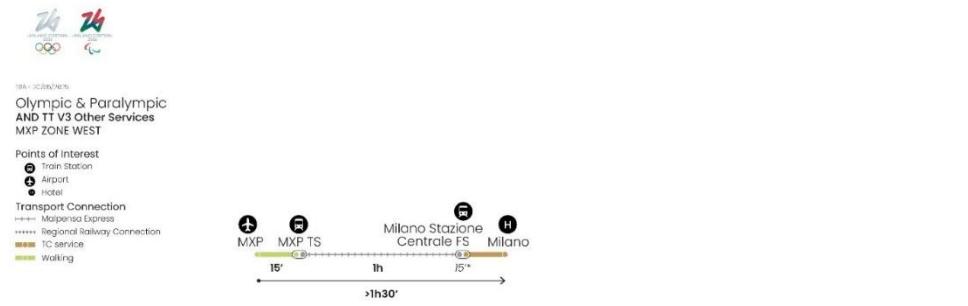


Arrival Services at Ports of Entry/Exit and at Service Points

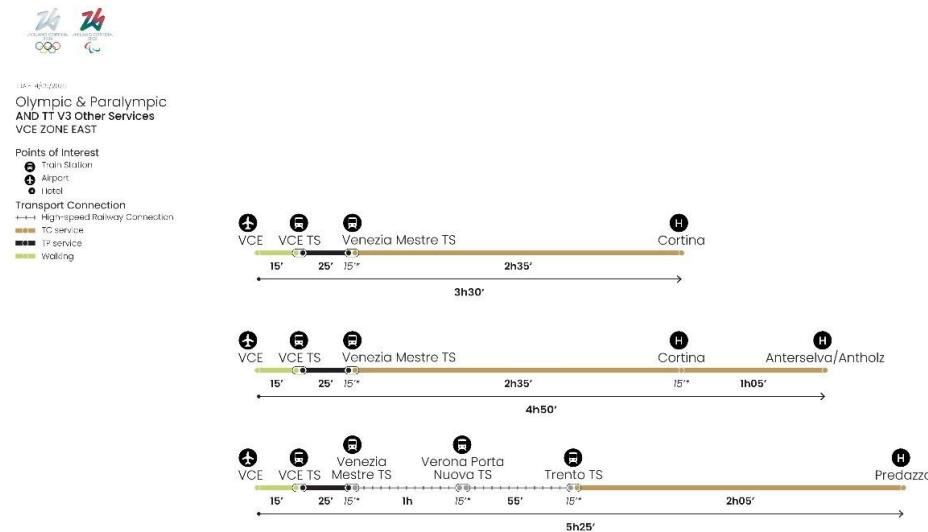
Services provided	Service description	Available at POE	Available at SP
Preferential immigration lane	Preferential lanes at immigration control will be available, along with orientation and assistance to ensure compliance with Italian regulations. A PVC will be required to access this procedure.	YES	NO
Accreditation	Accreditation Validation Desk.	YES	NO
Luggage	Assistance in dealing with lost, damaged or delayed luggage, including communication with airlines and airport operators.	YES	NO
Customs	Facilitation of customs procedures.	YES	NO
Games Connection Desk	Desk providing stakeholders with game-related information on arrivals, departures and transport.	YES	YES
Accessibility Services	Available following the standard accessibility procedures set by airlines and train operators.	YES	YES
Transport Services and Related Access	Access to multimodal shared transport services (e.g. combined transport network shared among all accredited stakeholders TP/TC).	YES	YES
Ticket reservation	Upon identification from AND staff and verification against ADS data, a valid travel ticket will be issued to reach the final destination.	YES	YES

4.4.1. From Ports of Entry (POEs) to Accommodation

Recommended journeys from POEs to accommodation:



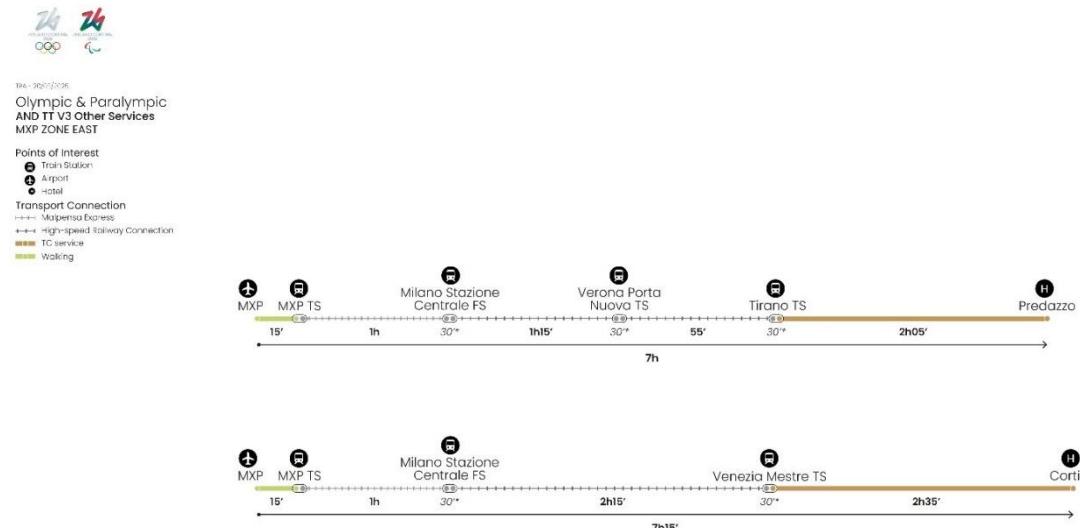
*allow a minimum transfer time of 15 minutes - passengers' lounge is available in case of longer waiting time



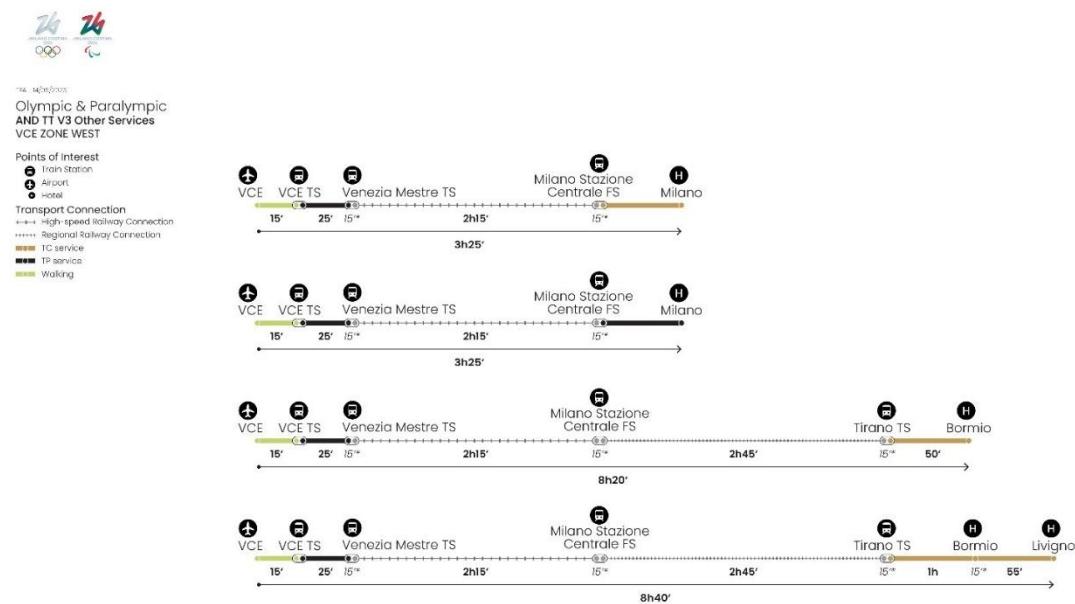
*allow a minimum transfer time of 15 minutes - passengers' lounge is available in case of longer waiting time

Please be aware that the total duration of your trip will vary depending on the location of your allocated accommodation.

Non-recommended journeys from POEs to accommodation:



*allow a minimum transfer time of 30 minutes - passengers' lounge is available in case of longer waiting time



*allow a minimum transfer time of 15 minutes - passengers' lounge is available in case of longer waiting time

4.4.2. AND Extra Lines on peak days

For the Olympic Winter Games, to support both arrivals and departures of media stakeholders during peak days, three AND Extra Lines will be activated between Ports of Entry (POE) and the mountain clusters:

- Line AND-VCE-01, between Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) and the Cortina main hub.
- Line AND-VCE-02, between Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) and the Val di Fiemme cluster main hub.
- Line AND-MXP-03, between Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) to the Valtellina cluster main Hub.

Further details regarding these service concepts will be provided in the Media Transport Guide.

4.4.3. Arrivals and Departures System (ADS)

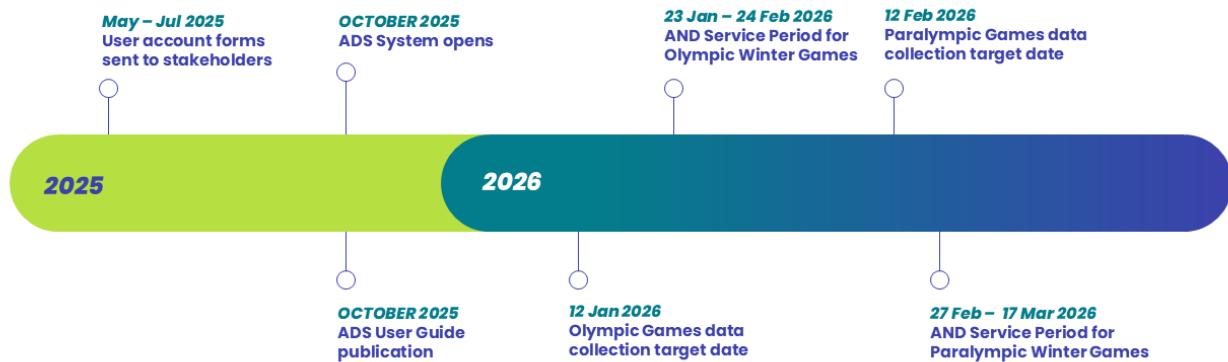
Milano Cortina 2026 will offer a web-based Arrivals and Departures System (ADS) to support the efficient planning and delivery of transport services. The system is designed to anticipate travel demand and enable smooth operations across all Games-time transport functions.

All stakeholders are strongly encouraged to submit detailed arrival and departure information for individuals and groups through the ADS. This includes travel modalities, accommodation details, number of bags, type and quantity of equipment and any accessibility needs or special requirements.

Data entered into the ADS will be immediately reflected in the system and used by Milano Cortina 2026 Arrivals and Departures team to plan services. If travel data is not submitted, stakeholders may experience longer waiting times, as service cannot be guaranteed due to available resources.

The ADS will import data from the accreditation system, eliminating the need for stakeholders to repeatedly input basic participant information. The system will be available in English only. Press organisations will be responsible to upload arrival and departure information for all the individuals accredited through them, either individually or via a bulk upload template, which will be accessible through the system.

A comprehensive ADS Guide, with detailed instructions on how to access and use the ADS, will be provided before the system's launch in October 2025.



During the Games, the ADS system will remain open to accommodate updates. Any changes to arrivals and departures planned services made after the data collection target dates **must be updated at least 48 hours in advance to ensure the requested service can be provided.*

4.4.4. Drive Arrive

When Drive Arrive is selected as the arrival method on ADS, the user is provided with a link to a form in order to request the Drive Arrive Letter. This form can be sent to the actual person travelling or a nominated representative in case of group travel.

Based on the responses entered in the form, a letter will be sent to the email address provided, 24-48 hours before the designated arrival date. The letter will consist of a Pass (to be printed and placed in the windscreen) to go through any Traffic Control Filters and/or Permit checkpoints, as well as instructions for the specific town (including Traffic Filter activation dates and times).

4.4.5. Departure Services

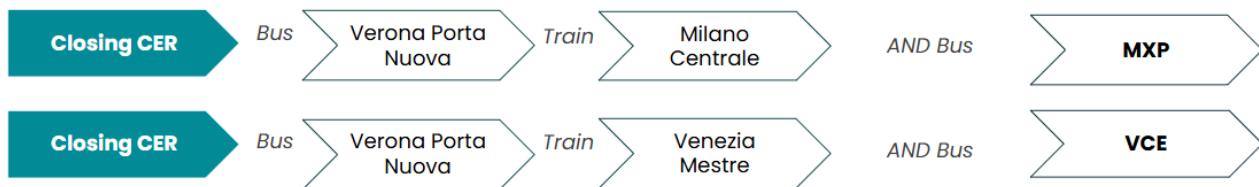
Departure Services	
ADS	<p>Departure Data Reconfirmation Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular days: submit reconfirmation up to 48 hours before departure. Peak days*: submit reconfirmation up to 72 hours before departure.
Departure Service	<p>To POEs and to SPs: Multimodal shared transport services (TC+TP) from official accommodation to POEs and SPs</p>
TC Lines	<p>Stakeholders will be able to view the frequency and operational hours of the Cluster TC that serve the Service Points in the Client App. Additionally, detailed information about the operation of the TC lines will be available in the Media Transport Guide.</p>

* Peak departures are on 22-23-24 February 2026.

4.4.6. Departures after the Closing Ceremonies



Charter train connections will be available to POEs for those choosing to depart following the Ceremony (arrangements for personal luggage are still under evaluation).



- To reach MXP from Verona, there will be a train from Verona Porta Nuova FS to Milano Centrale FS where stakeholders need to change to the bus connection to reach the airport.
- To reach VCE from Verona, there will be a train from Verona Porta Nuova FS to Venezia Mestre FS where a bus connection will be available to reach the airport.



Information detailing transport solutions for stakeholder's transport to and from the Paralympic Closing Ceremony will be provided at a later date.



All accredited participants travelling outside of the service periods stated in the Arrivals and Departures sub-chapter must make their own travel arrangements.

4.5. Transport

The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Games will be wide-spread and multi-regional, covering an area in the north of Italy of 22.000 square kilometres. Because of this, transport solutions will differ from what has been delivered in previous Games, offering a combination of different transport options. Each accredited member of the press will have access to:

- Public transport (TP)
- Transport Connect system (TC)
- Transport Group (TG), "clean to clean" shared regular service connecting the secure perimeters of two or more venues; active only in Cortina and Anterselva.



TP – TC – TG services will be available **from 23 January to 25 February 2026**. Exceptionally, the TP services in Milano will be available to Press stakeholders, free of charge, from **6 January 2025**.



TP – TC services will be available **from 26 February to 18 March 2026**.



All accredited participants arriving prior to the dates stated above should find their own travel arrangements.

Additional information can be found on the dedicated section of this guide on Arrivals and Departure services (see section 4.4 above) and transport for opening and closing ceremonies (see chapter 10. Ceremonies).

4.5.1. Transport Concept

For all details not specified in this guide, please refer to the latest version of the Media Transport Guide, available on the [Transport page](#) of the Press Operations Extranet.



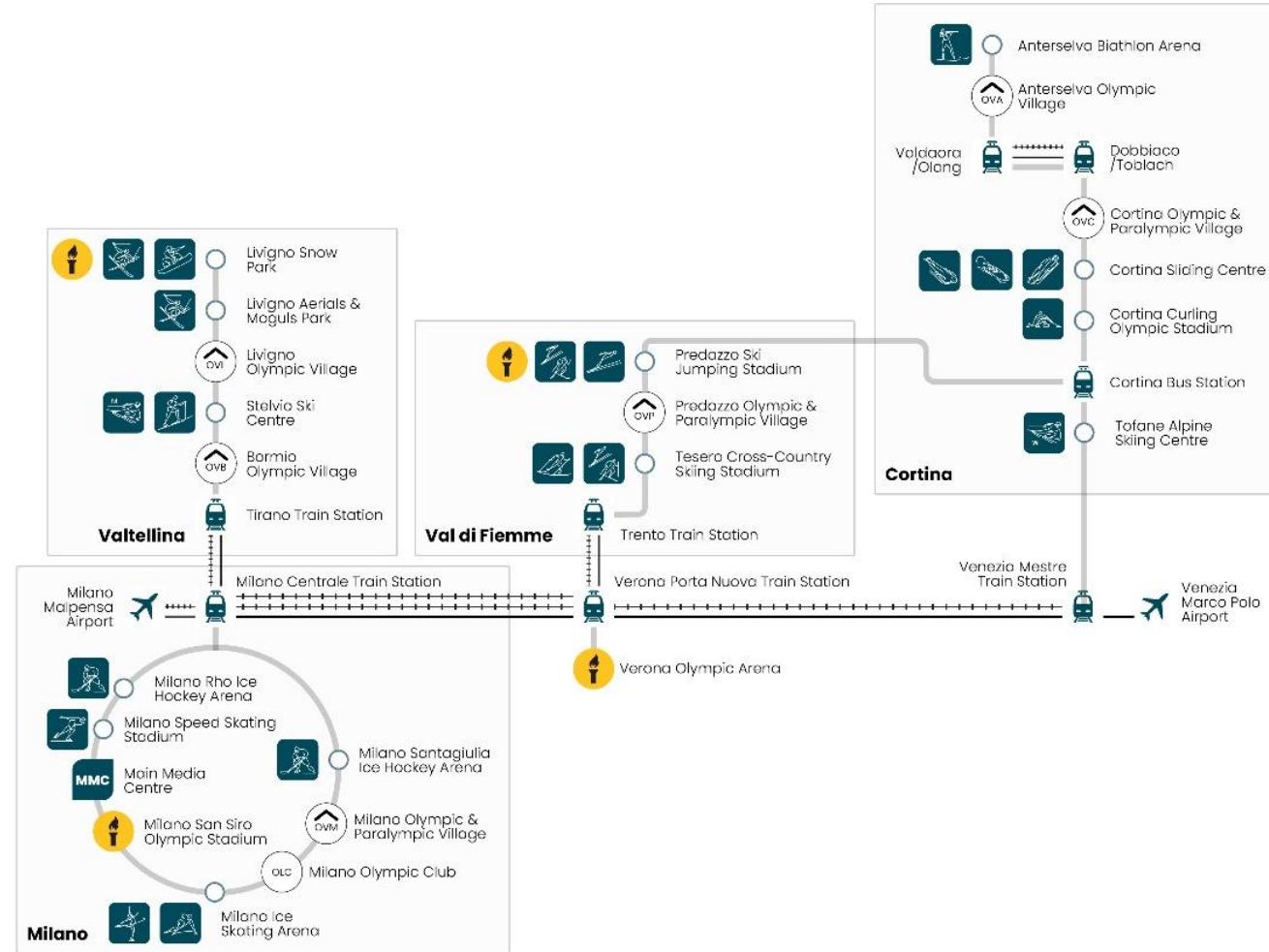
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Olympic Transport Concept

Points of Interest

- 💡 Ceremony Venue
- 🏡 Olympic & Paralympic Village
- 💻 Main Media Centre (IBC + MPC)
- 🛣 Motorway
- 🛣 National Road
- 🛤 High-speed Railway Connection
- 🛤 Regional Railway Connection
- 🛤 Complementary Transport Service
- ✈️ Airport
- 🚉 Train Station
- Competition Venue
- Non Competition Venue

- 🎿 Alpine Skiing
- 🔫 Biathlon
- 🏂 Bobsliegh
- 🎿 Cross-Country Skiing
- 🏒 Curling
- ⛸ Figure Skating
- 🎿 Freestyle Skiing
- 🏒 Ice Hockey
- 🏂 Luge
- 🎿 Nordic Combined
- ⛸ Short Track Speed Skating
- 🏂 Skeleton
- 🧗 Ski Mountaineering
- 🎿 Ski Jumping
- 🏂 Snowboard
- ⛸ Speed Skating





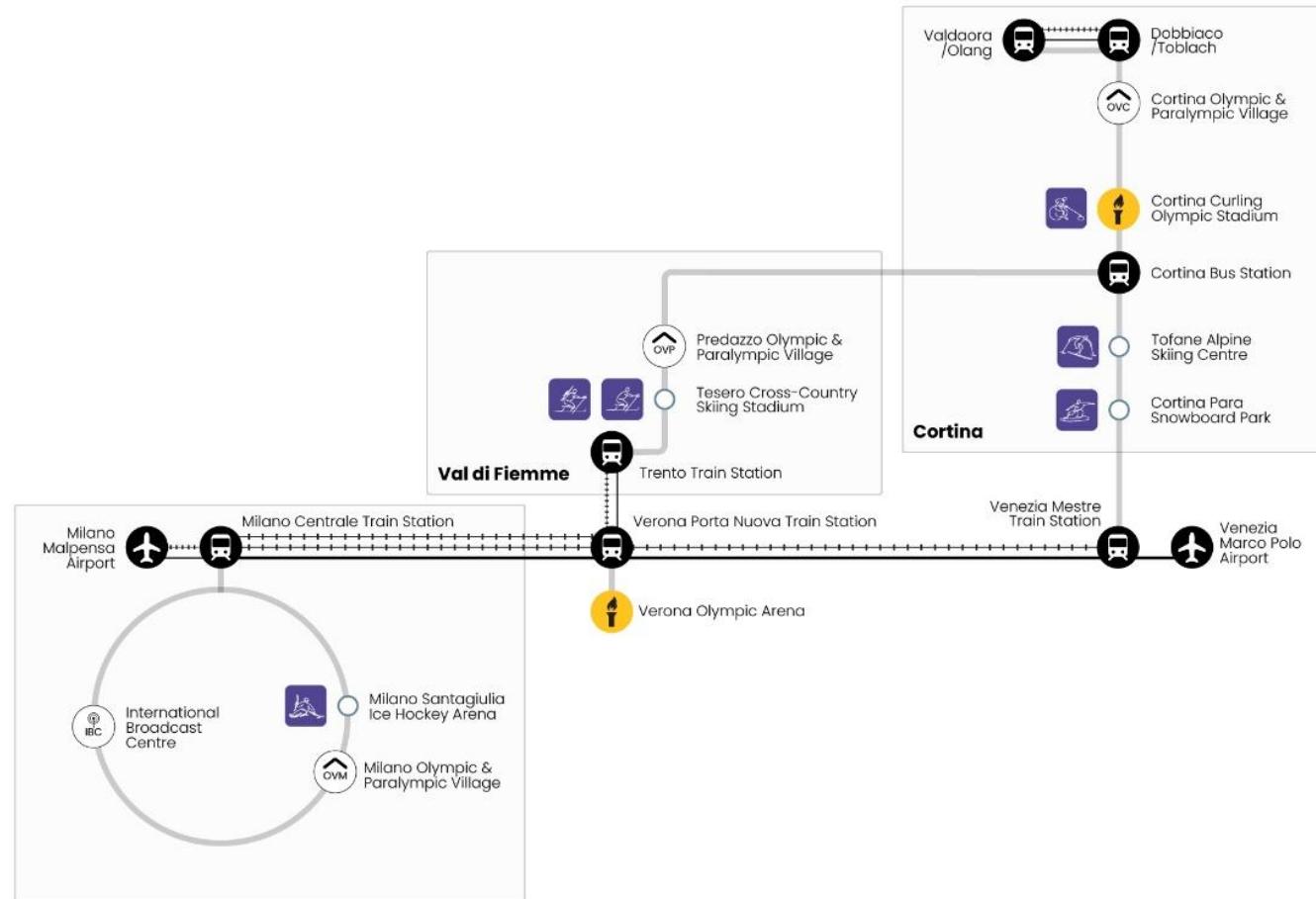
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Paralympic Transport Concept

Points of Interest

- Ceremony Venue
- Olympic & Paralympic Village
- International Broadcast Centre
- Motorway
- National Road
- High-speed Railway Connection
- Regional Railway Connection
- Complementary Transport Service
- Airport
- Train Station
- Competition Venue

- Para Alpine Skiing
- Para Biathlon
- Para Cross-Country Skiing
- Para Ice Hockey
- Para Snowboard
- Wheelchair Curling

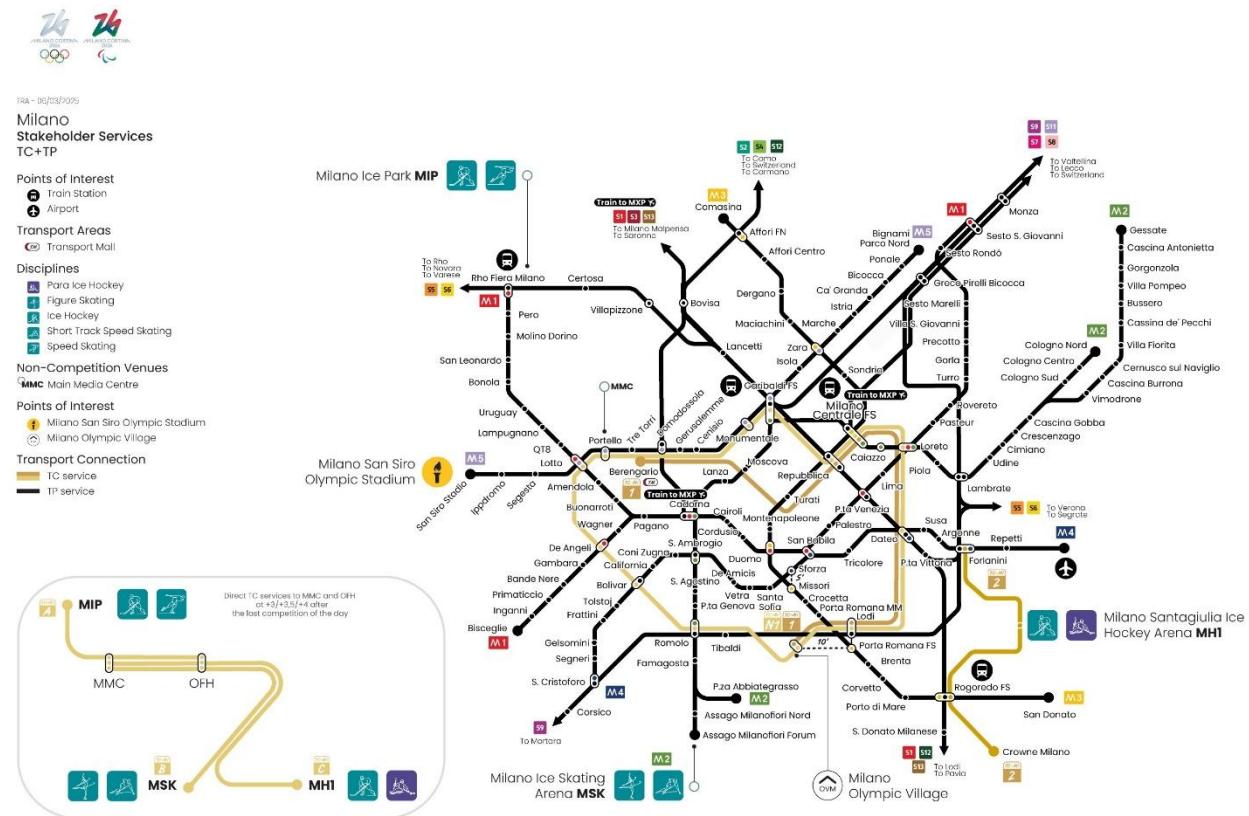


4.5.2. Milano Cluster

Public Transport

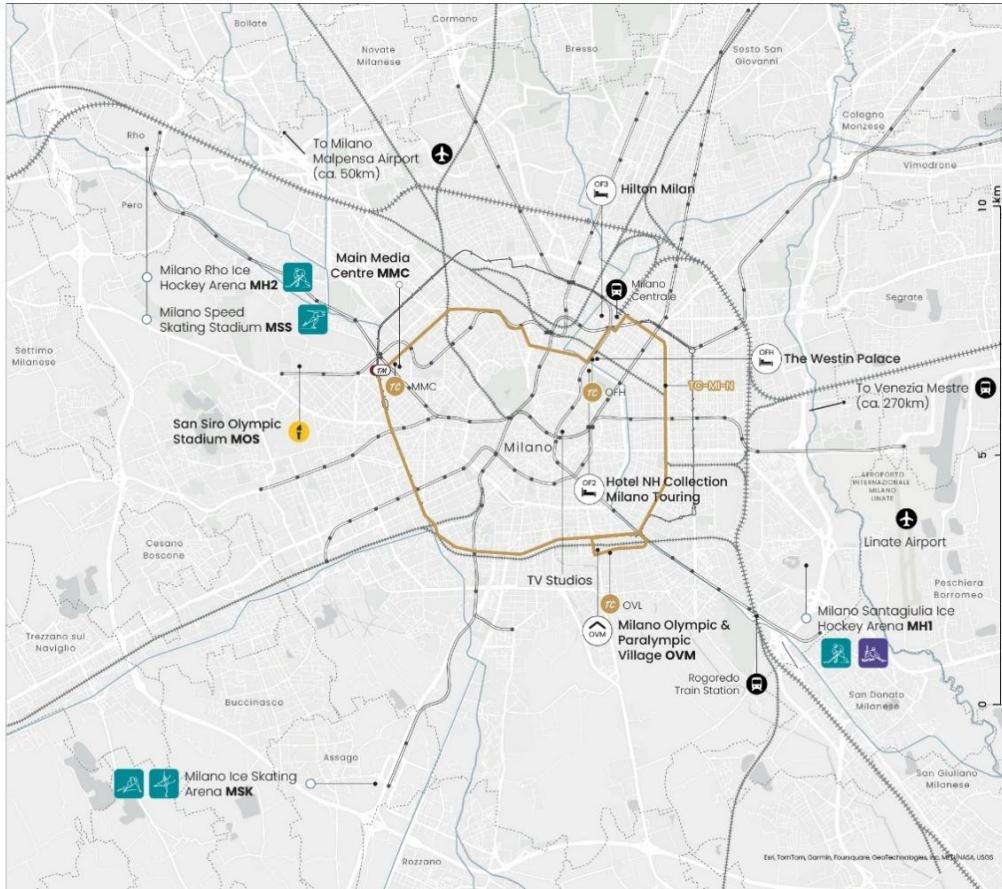
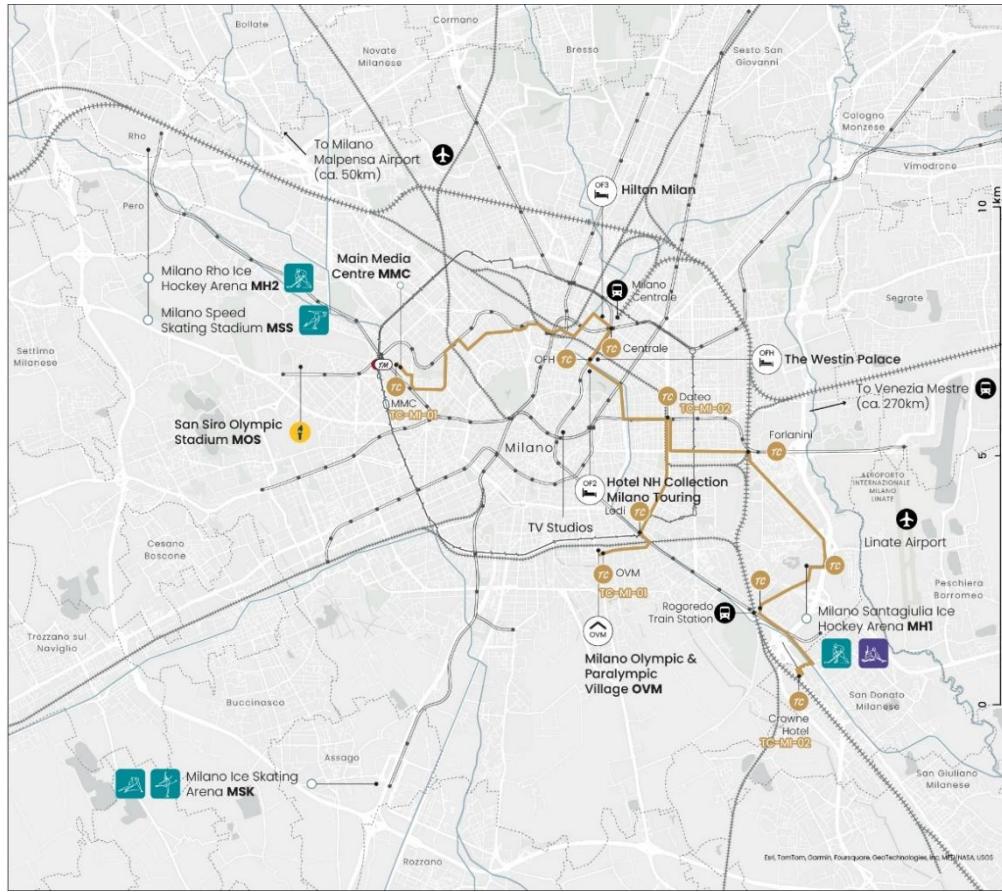
In Milano, the public transport network (TP) will be used extensively to provide the core service to connect all competition and non-competition venues with accommodation locations.

Accredited press will be able to travel within [zones Mi1–Mi3](#) free of charge from 1 January 2026.



Transport Connect

Milano Cortina 2026 will provide additional services via TC to ensure key connections – such as reaching the Main Press Centre – and out-of-hours connections, when public transport will not be operational, and to integrate last-mile connections between metro stations and specific venues (e.g. Rogoredo M3 and Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena).



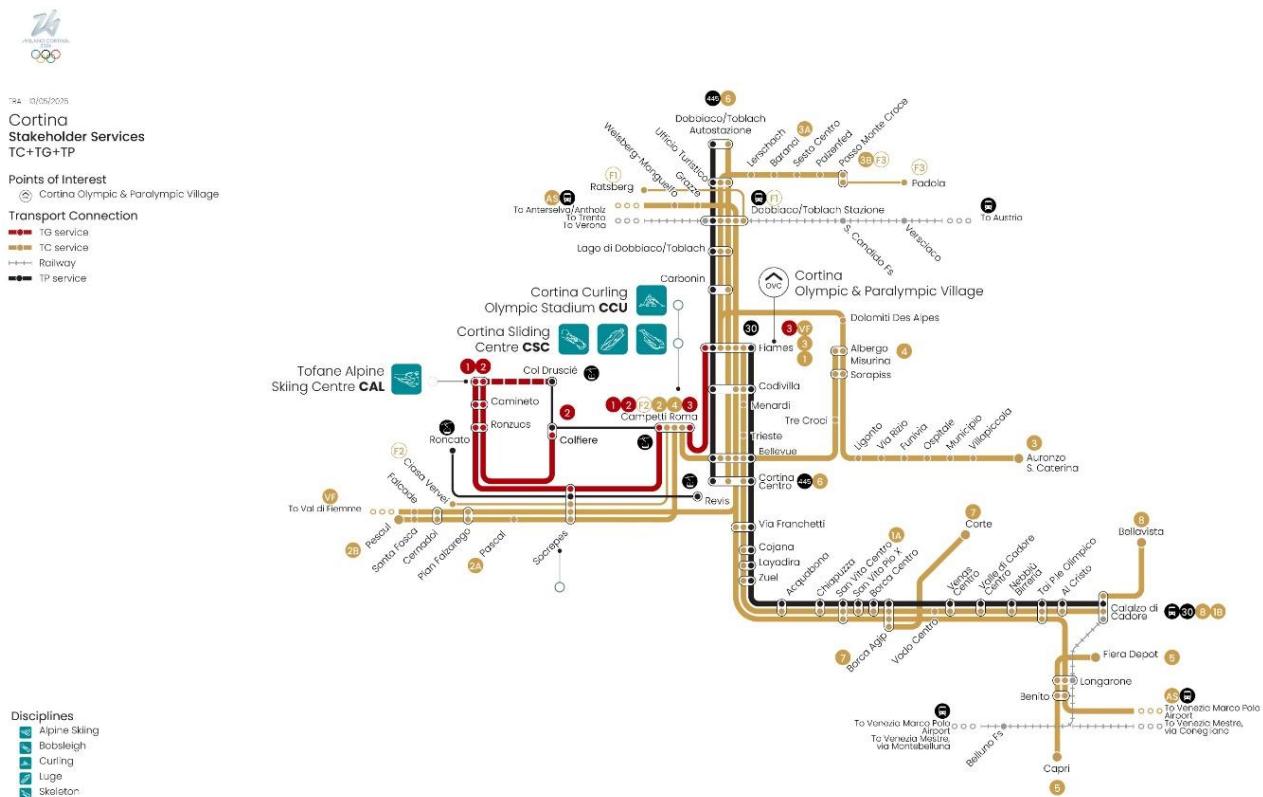
4.5.3. Mountain Clusters

The Milano Cortina 2026 transport system in the mountain clusters is based on a combination of TP, TC and TG in order to connect official accommodation, competition venues and non-competition venues.

General service hours will be between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. However, the schedules will be based on the opening hours of the Venue Media Centres and Enhanced Venue Media Centres. Please refer to chapter 7. Venue Press Operations (sections 7.1. and 7.2.) for operational hours of these press facilities.

Accommodation Services

Milano Cortina 2026 has grouped accommodation solutions into the geographical zones where the competitions or ceremonies will take place. Some of the accommodation solutions are dispersed in mountain cluster territories. To provide a better service for all stakeholders, shuttles are planned to accommodate transport demands around the different zones and connect dispersed accommodation areas to TC lines.





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Anterselva/Antholz Stakeholder Services
TC+TG+TP

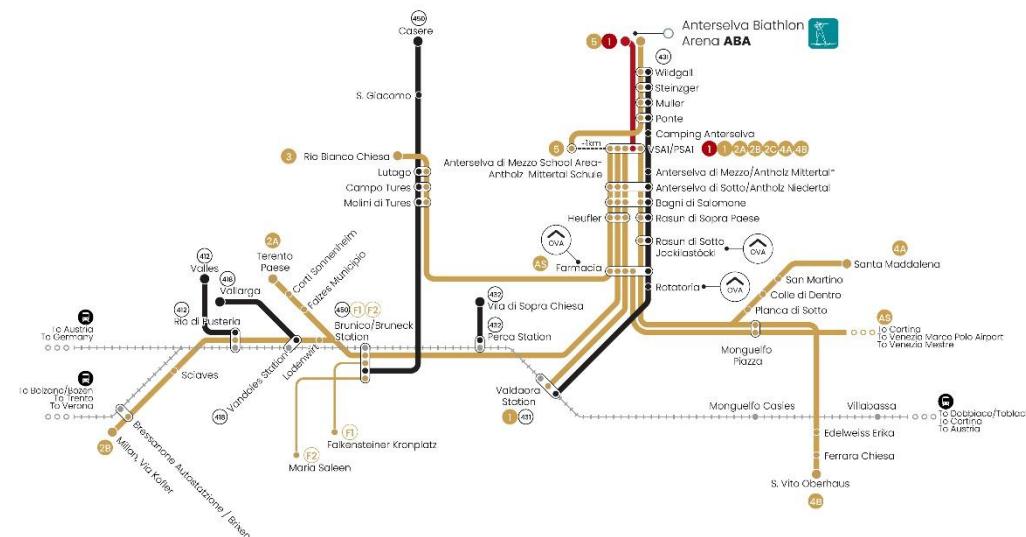
Points of Interest

Anterselva/Antholz Olympic Village

Transport Connection

- TG service
- TC service
- ↔↔↔ Railway
- TP service

*Last TP stop served in competition days


Disciplines


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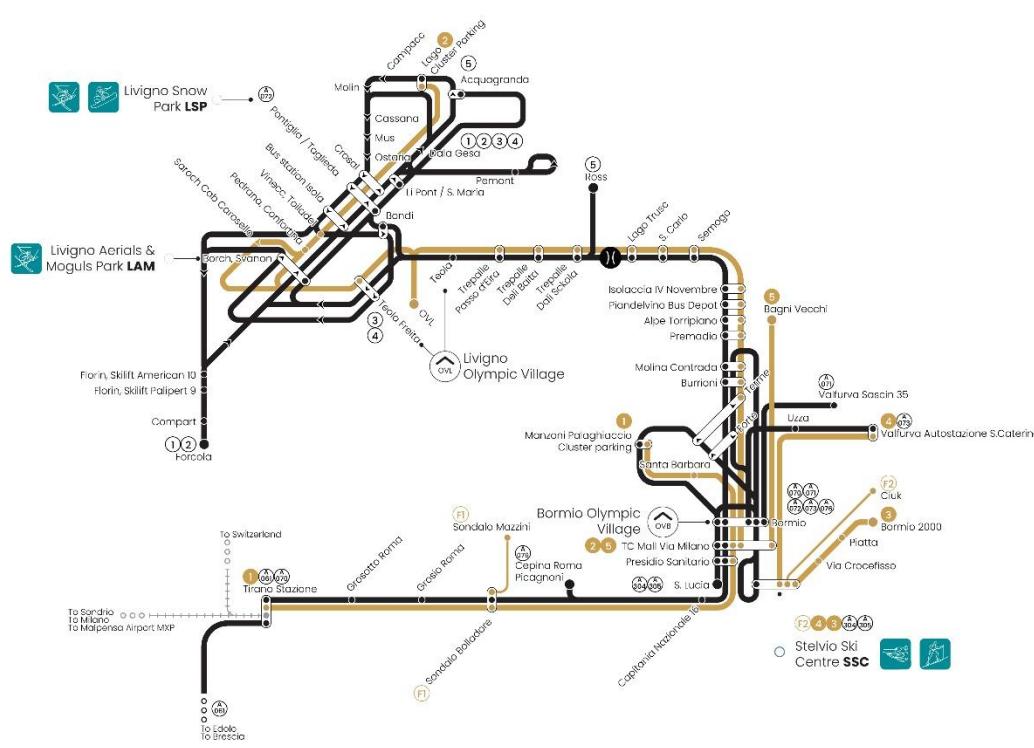
Valtellina Stakeholder Services
TC+TP

Points of Interest

- Livigno Olympic Village
- Bormio Olympic Village
- Mountain Pass

Transport Connection

- TC service
- ↔↔↔ Railway
- TP service


Disciplines



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Val di Fiemme
Stakeholder Services
TC+TP

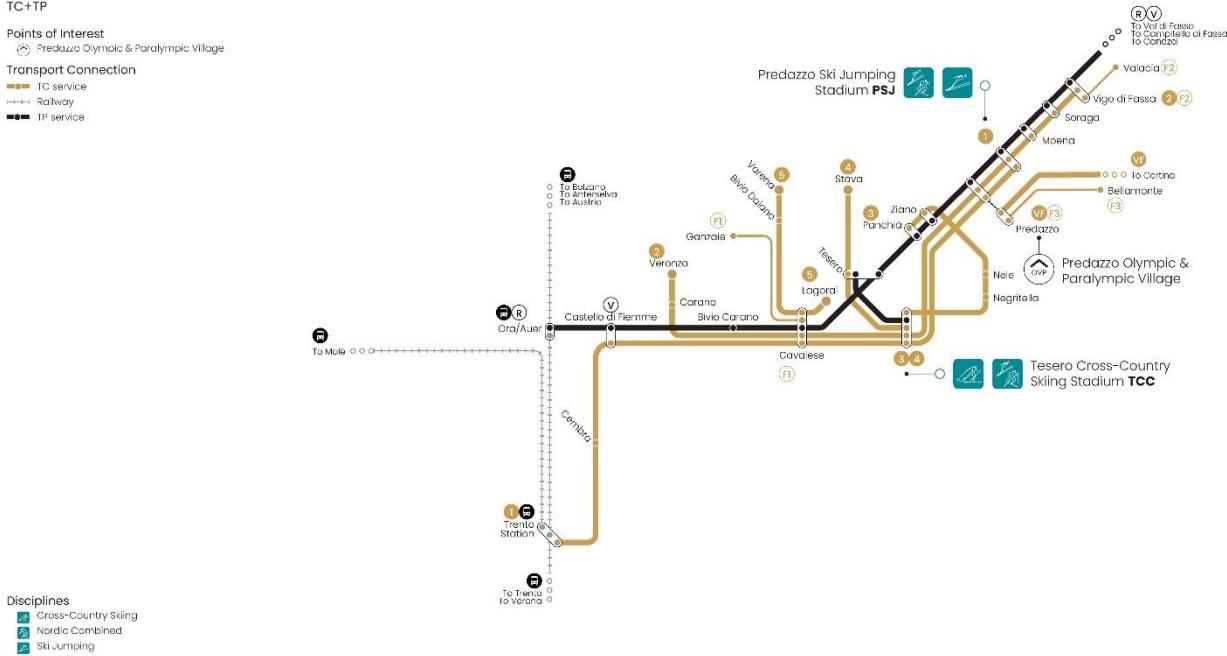
Points of Interest

Points of Interest

Transport Connection

TC service

----- Railway



4.5.4. Cross-Cluster Transport Services



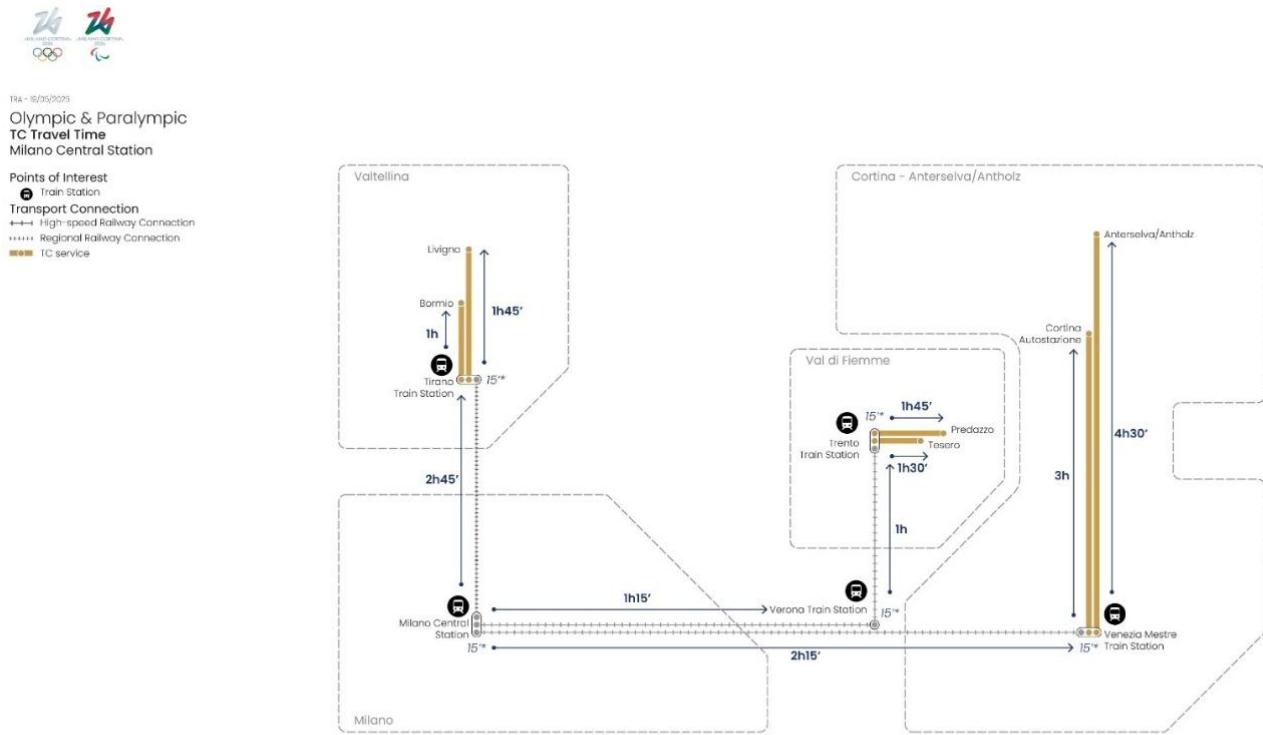
During the Olympic Winter Games, cross-Cluster transport services will be provided by free-of-charge trains (with prior reservation) between designated cross-cluster transit hubs: **Milano Centrale, Tirano, Trento and Venezia Mestre**. A direct service between Cortina and Val di Fiemme will be provided by TC (bus).



During the Paralympic Winter Games, cross-Cluster transport services will be provided by free-of-charge trains (with prior reservation) between designated cross-cluster transit hubs: **Milano Centrale, Trento and Venezia Mestre**. A direct service between Cortina and Val di Fiemme will be provided by TC (bus).

From the transit hubs, stakeholders can use the available cluster transport services (TC) to reach venues and official accommodation. All details are available in the Media Transport Guide on the [Press Operations Extranet](#).

The diagram below shows the available high-speed and regional train services.



The table below lists cross-cluster travel times, showing both OCOG services and "self-driving" travel times. Please note that travel times can be longer than what is shown in the charts. Travel times have been calculated to include a short connection time to move from one means of transportation to another, but do not consider exact timetables or waiting times.

	Milano MPC			Milano Milano Centrale train station			Valtellina Bormio			Valtellina Livigno			Cortina			Val di Fiemme Predazzo			Anterselva/Antholz		
	km	OCOG services	Self-drive	km	OCOG services	Self-drive	km	OCOG services	Self-drive	km	OCOG services	Self-drive	km	OCOG services	Self-drive	km	OCOG services	Self-drive	km	OCOG services	Self-drive
	Milano MPC			5km	20 min	20 min	205km	3 hr 50 min	3 hr 15 min	245km	4 hr 50 min	4 hr	415km	5 hr 20 min	5 hr 30 min	310km	4 hr 50 min	4 hr	385km	6 hr 35 min	5 hr
Milano Milano Centrale train station	5km	20 min	20 min				200km	3 hr 35 min	3 hr 15 min	240km	4 hr 40 min	4 hr	410km	5 hr 05 min	5 hr 30 min	305km	4 hr 25 min	4 hr	380km	6 hr 25 min	5 hr
Valtellina Bormio	205km	3 hr 50 min	3 hr 15 min	200km	3 hr 35 min	3 hr 15 min				40km	55 min	50 min	305km	9 hr	5 hr 45 min	205km	8 hr 20 min	4 hr 30 min	270km	10 hr 20 min	5 hr
Valtellina Livigno	245km	4 hr 50 min	4 hr	240km	4 hr 40 min	4 hr	40km	55 min	50 min				270km	10 hr 05 min	5 hr	190km	9 hr 25 min	5 hr 15 min	235km	11 hr 30 min	5 hr 30 min
Cortina	415km	5 hr 20 min	5 hr 30 min	410km	5 hr 05 min	5 hr 30 min	305km	9 hr	5 hr 45 min	270km	10 hr 05 min	5 hr				85km	2 hr 45 min	2 hr 15 min	60km	1 hr 05 min	1 hr 15 min
Val di Fiemme Predazzo	310km	4 hr 50 min	4 hr	305km	4 hr 25 min	4 hr	205km	8 hr 20 min	4 hr 30 min	190km	9 hr 25 min	5 hr 15 min	85km	2 hr 45 min	2 hr 15 min				140km	3 hr 50 min	2 hr 30 min
Anterselva/Antholz	385km	6 hr 35 min	5 hr	380km	6 hr 25 min	5h	270km	10 hr 20 min	5 hr	235km	11 hr 30 min	4 hr	60km	1 hr 05 min	1 hr 15 min	140km	3 hr 50 min	2 hr 30 min			

OCOG Services >TP/train + TC/bus

Self-drive > vehicles without a driver provided by the OCOG

4.5.5. Vehicle Access and Parking Permits (VAPPs) and Cluster Parking

A VAPP is a security device that will be implemented during the Games to allow OCOG to control and regulate access and traffic in and around the Olympic and Paralympic sites as well as parking access.

Press VAPPs, giving access to **P6** parking at competition venues and the Main Press Centre, are available for purchase through the [Rate Card Portal | Milano Cortina 2026](#).

Cluster Parking VAPPs can also be purchased on the Rate Card Portal. They provide access to off-venue Cluster Parking spaces connected to the TC network. The purpose of these areas is to:

- Act as an overflow parking for any venue,
- Act as a car park for any stakeholder travelling cross-cluster that may not have venue-specific access,
- Act as a base for vehicles for stakeholders who are driving to Italy with their own cars and may not have parking at their own accommodation.

Please be aware that VAPPs and vehicle rental are two different products and consequently must be ordered separately through the Rate Card Portal.

4.5.6. Transport Desks

The Transport Functional Area will have dedicated Client Services Transport Desks during Games time, at the specific venues listed below, to help media with local and last-minute occurrences on the ground (e.g. support for onward travel, including booking trains and providing information about bus services, maps or timetables; or assisting with the app or lost-and-found queries, etc):

Client Services Transport Desks will be located at the following venues:	Games
Milano Malpensa Airport	 
Venezia Marco Polo Airport	 
Milano Centrale train station	 
Tirano train station	
Venezia Mestre train station	 
Trento train station	 
Main Press Centre (MPC)	

4.5.7. Client APP

The Client App is one of the key digital tools designed to support accredited stakeholders in navigating the transport services during the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The App integrates official Milano Cortina 2026 transport services with public transportation, offering seamless and efficient travel experience.

The App is scheduled to be launched in December 2025, and will be available to all accredited stakeholders, with the following features:

- **Journey Planner**
Generates optimal itineraries based on user preferences and eligibility, enabling travel across all host cities and clusters.
- **Multimodal Routing**
Combines public transport options (e.g. trains, metros) with dedicated Milano Cortina 2026 services (e.g. shuttle or scheduled buses).
- **Train Booking**
Allows users to reserve complimentary seats on regional trains (Trenord) and high-speed trains operating between clusters.
- **Bus, Tram and Metro**
Provides access to bus, tram, and metro services operated by ATM Milano, enabling eligible stakeholders to travel seamlessly within the Milan cluster.

4.6. Rate Card

The Press Rate Card Catalogue contains a list of products and services that can be ordered via the Press Rate Card Portal. Available categories include private office space at the Main Press Centre, technology equipment and VAPPs.

The latest version of the Press Rate Card Catalogue is available on the Press Operations Extranet at the following link: [Rate Card \(sharepoint.com\)](https://fo.gpm.milanocortina2026.org/app/src/).

The Rate Card Portal is available at the following link:

<https://fo.gpm.milanocortina2026.org/app/src/>



The Standard Rental Period for the Olympic Winter Games is **from 21 January to 23 February 2026**, a total of 33 consecutive days.



The Standard Rental Period for the Paralympic Winter Games is **from 27 February to 18 March 2026**, a total of 19 consecutive days.

Should an item be used for less than the Standard Rental Period, no discounts will be applied.

For certain items, the Standard Rental Period may be extended for incremental seven-day periods and will be charged accordingly. These additional charges are defined as an "Extension Charge" in the Rate Card Catalogue. Any rental request for use before 6 January 2026 should be discussed with the Rate Card team as a Non-Standard Request.

To ensure availability of products, organisations are advised to place their orders as soon as possible.

All prices in the Press Rate Card Catalogue are quoted in euros (€) and exclude VAT.



No private office space will be available for the Paralympic Winter Games.

4.6.1. Vehicle Access and Parking Permit (VAPP)

VAPP options have been included in the latest version of the [Rate Card Catalogue](#). Please refer to section 4.4.3. (Transport) for more information.

4.7. Press Technology

4.7.1. Internet Connection

Milano Cortina 2026 will provide secure wireless and wired shared internet services free of charge in dedicated press and photo areas, as described below.

Wired internet:

- Main Press Centre: in press and photo workrooms.
- Competition venues: in all press and photo workrooms, tabled press tribunes and prime photo positions.

Wi-Fi:

- Main Press Centre: in press and photo workrooms, press conference rooms, private office spaces and all common areas (main lobby, lounges, food court).
- Competition venues: Venue Media Centre, tabled and non-tabled press tribunes, mixed zone, press conference room, media lounge, as well as some of the prime photo positions.
- Olympic Village: within the Village Plaza and workstations, when these are available at the Village.

4.7.2. MediaZone

MediaZone is the primary source of all Games-related information, including news, media communications, results, competition and non-competition schedules as well as background reports, biographies and extended start lists. MediaZone digital platform allows accredited press to access all Games-related restricted information.

Each press representative will be entitled to a Media Zone account which will give them access to the platform through a web browser on any device with internet connectivity, allowing them to perform their work during the Games, either from within the Venues or remotely. The performance and reliability of MediaZone depends on the users' internet connectivity and may vary outside of Milano Cortina 2026 control.

Please refer to Chapter 9. Olympic Information Service (OIS) for additional information on MediaZone.

4.7.3. Host Broadcast Content Distribution Service

The Host Broadcast Content Distribution (HBCD) service, previously known as Cable Television service (CATV), will make live audio and video content available to accredited stakeholders.

It will distribute selected OBS channels and/or additional audiovisual content (such as commercial channels) from the IBC to all competition and selected non-competition venues for viewing by accredited stakeholders.

HBCD will be aired in the VMCs and in common areas at the MPC.

Press organisations will be able to order these feeds to air in their private office space at the MPC through the Press Rate Card Catalogue.

4.7.4. Warner Bros. Discovery Streaming Platform



Milano Cortina 2026 will offer complimentary access to HBO Max to all participants with Press accreditation to the Olympic Winter Games.

Please be aware that this service will be a key tool to support the work of the accredited press on site, particularly because of the spread nature of these Games. Being able to view live streaming on personal devices will mean that each member of the press will be able to follow the competitions from any location, allowing more flexibility in covering the Games.

The service is being designed with the following characteristics:

- Access to the feed from all venues, live and on-demand in up to 20 languages.
- Access to the streaming platform on personal devices (desktop and/or app).
- Possibility of viewing two different streams simultaneously.
- Access from 30 January 2026 until 28 February 2026.
- Vouchers will be sent directly to each press organisation's point of contact, who must then distribute them to their accredited individuals.
- The service will be available only once the user is on Italian ground.
- This offer is single use only and cannot be used if the user already has an active subscription with HBO Max. In this case, they must use a different email address to register in order to still benefit from this service.
- Depending on the user's country of residence, and if they want to access HBO Max through the mobile app as well as through desktop, they may be requested to provide some additional information. Further information will be provided closer to date.
- Warner Bros. Discovery will provide a helpline to manage all technical issues.

Detailed instructions on the process to redeem the offer will be provided when the vouchers are distributed in January 2026.



This service will not be available during the Paralympic Winter Games.

4.7.5. Radio Frequency Coordination

During the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, all users planning to use wireless equipment must submit their requirements to Milano Cortina 2026 to obtain authorisation for radio frequency use. This authorisation must be requested via the Spectrum Booking Portal (SBP) that is accessible at this link:

<https://fo.gpm.milanocortina2026.org/app/sbp/dashboard>.

This table provides the planned application periods:

Application Periods	Requests Submission	Notifications
Normal Spectrum Booking Period	6 Feb – 31 May 2025	From 30 Sep 2025
Late Spectrum Booking Period	1 Sept – 25 Oct 2025*	From 15 Dec 2025
Extraordinary Spectrum Booking Period	1 Jan – 22 Mar 2026	Ad Hoc

*Deadline postponed, it was previously 15 October 2025.

The Spectrum Availability Plan V2 has been published on the Press Operations Extranet at this link: [Press Technology \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Individuals using mobile phones or laptops are not required to register their equipment through this process. However, they must be aware that the use of smartphones in hotspot mode and MiFi devices is strictly prohibited inside the venues, as they may cause interference. Similarly, Starlink gateways may only be used with Wi-Fi disabled (LAN cable only) and in any case must be registered on the Spectrum portal.

Please refer to the latest Spectrum Availability Plan for more details and all information on frequencies, wireless devices and a variety of circumstances where Spectrum may be required. Any violations will be identified and reported. For photographers, additional information is available in Chapter 8 – Photo Operations.

4.8. Customs and Freight Forwarding

Press organisations may choose to ship, or bring in their luggage, equipment or other goods to Italy for the purpose of their media coverage of Milano Cortina 2026. To help organisations with their preparations, the Customs and Freight Forwarding Guide contains the necessary information on current customs regulations, as well as details about the procedures to be followed for the import and export of goods required and the official Logistics Services Provider (LSP).

Clients can choose to engage with Poste Italiane, Milano Cortina 2026 Logistics Services Provider, or with an independent contractor.

The Customs and Freight Forwarding Guide V2 is now available to download from the Press Operations Extranet at this link: [Customs & Freight](#).

4.9. Security

Milano Cortina 2026 aims to provide a safe and secure environment for the peaceful and successful celebration of the Games. For this reason, Olympic and Paralympic venues undergo a security sweep, which is a walk-through search conducted to visually inspect the venue in order to identify unattended items, unauthorised persons or other security breaches, as well as to determine that all restricted areas are secure and safe for Games Operations. After the sweep the venue enters the phase of lockdown.

At venues, this translates into the implementation of a security control zone which includes:

- A secure perimeter.
- Access control points with security screening:
 - Pedestrian Screening Areas (PSAs).
 - Vehicle Screening Areas (VSAs).
- Operational areas.

People and vehicles are subject to a two-fold access control and authorisation for entry:

- Pedestrians:
 - Accreditation check.
 - Compliance with security requirements, control on bags and screening.
- Vehicle access:
 - Vehicle Access and/or Parking Permit (VAPP) check.
 - Screening of the vehicle and its contents.
 - Drivers and passengers to go through the PSA.

4.9.1. Prohibited and Restricted Items

Below are the lists of prohibited and restricted items, tools-of-trade regulations and food-and-beverage restrictions as determined by security policies. Procedures are currently being developed to cater to the operational needs of the press.

Please follow this legend box to better understand the tables below:

Symbol	Meaning
	Authorised
	Restricted
	Prohibited
	Tools of the trade

Category	Objects	Press - Competition Venues		Press - Villages		Press - MPC		Press Guests - MPC		
Firearms, weapons, and ammunition of all types	Firearms, weapons, and ammunition of all types.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Replica weapons	Airsoft firearms, replica weapons and/or reproductions that could cast doubt on the owner's intention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Objects that can malevolently be used as a weapon to inflict harm	All kinds of tools such as hammers, wrenches, saws, screwdrivers, etc	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Selfie Pole	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	All forms of knives, scissors and other items with blades (ie : razors)	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Rod-like objects of 90cm or more that can be used as weapons: walking sticks, baseball bats, golf clubs...	R	Only walking aids are authorized	R	Only walking aids are authorized	R	Only walking aids are authorized	R	Only walking aids are authorized	
Explosives, flammable substances and pyrotechnic devices	Explosive devices, improvised explosive devices, gunpowder, smoke bombs, smoke, flares, fireworks, objects resembling explosive devices, ignition devices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Gas cylinders for medical use, Fire extinguishers and other compressed gas cylinders	R	Portable oxygen cylinders for medical use	R	Portable oxygen cylinders for medical use	R	Portable oxygen cylinders for medical use	R	Portable oxygen cylinders for medical use	
		TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media			
Doping products illegal narcotics	Any product prohibited by international anti-doping regulations. Illegal narcotics in Italy, Europe and the rest of the world	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dangerous substances, corrosive chemicals and flammable substances	Freon, specialised cleaning substances...	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Non Alcoholic beverages	All kind of non alcoholic beverages	R	1L per person	R	1L per person	R	1L per person	R	1L per person	
Alcoholic beverages	All kind of alcoholic beverages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		R	1L per person	R	1L per person	
Containers	Glass containers, cans, and tins	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Plastic or metallic flasks/gourd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Plastic bottles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Food		R	Allowed to bring reasonable food quantities for personal consumption only. Exceptions: specific baby food and milk + duly certified medical needs	R	Allowed to bring reasonable food quantities for personal consumption only. Exceptions: specific baby food and milk + duly certified medical needs	R	Allowed to bring reasonable food quantities for personal consumption only. Exceptions: specific baby food and milk + duly certified medical needs	R	Allowed to bring into the venue only 1 food item of non-perishable and sealed packaged snack for personal consumption only + baby food and duly certified medical needs	
Animals	Animals, pets, service dogs	R	Service Dogs	R	Service Dogs	R	Service Dogs	R	Service Dogs	
Sprays & Aerosols	Deodorant spray, mister, spray paint...	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wireless Devices	Radios, microphones, broadcasting cameras, drones, satellite links, wireless 4G routers, jamming or scanning equipment, radio scanner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the use of unauthorized wireless routers is prohibited		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the use of unauthorized wireless routers is prohibited		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the use of unauthorized wireless routers is prohibited		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Flags	Flags of countries and territories participating in the Games are allowed, without rigid flagpoles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Flags (current and historical) of, and other items that may be associated with, countries whose athletes are allowed to participate exclusively as individual neutral athletes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Flags of more than 1x2m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Political, religious, vulgar messaging, or trademarks	Advertising materials, signs, banners, etc. that include a religious, political, vulgar or trademark message, or are deemed contrary to public order. Ropes, carboards, posters, and other items that can be used for demonstrations in the venues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personal mobility devices, whether electric or not	Bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, skates, gyropods, hoverboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Accessories for personal mobility devices	Mobility aids for people with reduced mobility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Luggage and bags	6-10 liter backpacks 10-30 liter backpacks 30-50 liter backpacks 50-liter and + hiking bag All suitcase sizes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R Bogs with a maximum capacity of 35 liters are allowed
Large items	Large items unable to be screened (over 50x50x50 in size)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R	Except for items that can be searched manually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R	Except for items that can be searched manually	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R
Umbrella	Folding umbrellas Straight umbrellas Large golf umbrellas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R	Small folding umbrellas only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R	Small folding umbrellas only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R
Objects producing excessive noise	Megaphones, vuvuzelas, air horns, or loudspeakers or musical instruments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sporting Equipment and Required Accessories for competition and training	Skis, Snowboards, crampons, specific helmets...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT
Outdoor/Camping equipment and recreational sport equipment	Folding chairs, mats, tents, frisbee...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laser pointers	Laser pointers to be used in meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Photographic devices & Equipment	- Camera lenses 20cm or larger - Tripods and monopods for cameras - Escabards of 30 cm or more	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT
Cameras & Equipment	Professional camcorders and cameras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT	See Tools of the Trade for Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TT
Personal Medicine	Small personal household medicine, in reasonable quantity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional Medical Equipment	Syringes, scissors, prescription medical products...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prohibited unless medically justified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prohibited unless medically justified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

4.9.2. Tools of the Trade for Press

Category	Objects		Press - All Venues
Objects that can malevolently be used as a weapon to inflict harm,	All kinds of tools such as hammers, wrenches, saws, screwdrivers, etc	TT	Paper cutters/blades, scissors, screwdrivers, adjustable/socket/hex wrenches, pliers, electric hand drills, safety belts/cable, maintenance tool kit and tools (paper cutters, saws, safety hammers, electric soldering irons, solder suckers, solder wires, ratchet handles, claw hammers, angle grinders, angle grinder handles, 32-piece tool set), pliers, coaxial cable crimpers, metal stakes, hammers, nails, screwdriver sets, pliers, battery drills with bits, tool kits (including cable knives), laser measures, scales, cables, cable hooks, yellow jackets, tape, permanent markers, cable warning flags, rope, plastic jacket, cable protectors.
	All forms of knives, scissors and other items with blades (ie : razors)	TT	Cable knives, wire stripper, pliers, coaxial cable crimpers and other bladed tools for the Media operations
	Rod-like objects of 90cm or more that can be used as weapons: walking sticks, baseball bats, golf clubs...	R	Only walking aids are authorized
Explosives, flammable substances and pyrotechnic devices	Gas cylinders for medical use, Fire extinguishers and other compressed gas cylinders	TT	Small bottles of propane and butane, acetylene and oxygen destined for soldering, welding, folding metallic structures
Dangerous substances, corrosive chemicals and flammable substances	Freon, specialised cleaning substances...	TT	Canned freon, optical fiber cleaning kits, rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries (including NiCad, Ni-MH and Alkaline, chargers, memory cards, cables). Cleaning fluids, necessary for the maintenance and repair of mechanical, electromechanical, electrical, mechanical heating and other equipment, including various other lubricants and electrical insulating oils.
Sprays & Aerosols	Deodorant spray, mister, spray paint...	TT	Paint, paint thinners, lacquer and other solvents
Wireless Devices	Radios, microphones, broadcasting cameras, drones, satellite links, wireless 4G routers, jamming or scanning equipment, radio scanner	TT	Radios, microphones, control panels, converters, switches, EVS and HD terminal servers, recorders, mobile recorders, electricity meter, oscilloscope, stabiliser, wireless measurement system
Sporting Equipment and Required Accessories for competition and training	Skis, Snowboards, skeletons, crampons...	TT	All winter sport equipment necessary for the realisation of Media operation on the venue
Photographic devices & Equipment	Camera lenses 20cm or larger Tripods and monopods for cameras Escabards of 30 cm or more	TT	Digital single lens reflex, 35mm SLR, large format, medium format, panoramic, compact, action camera, lenses, lenses hoods, cases, bags, camera and lens covers, magic arms, heavy duty clamps, scaffold or pipe clamps, ground camera mounting platforms, robotic camera head mounting accessories, underwater camera housing and "domes", radio control camera triggers (Pocket Wizard).
Cameras & Equipment	Professional camcorders and cameras	TT	Little cameras, robotic cameras, compact cameras, lenses, bodies, batteries, chargers, connectors, cables, battery pack, adhesive tape, remote controllers, studio lighting unit (light, lighting stand, reflector), microphones, transmitters, amplifiers, speakers, headsets, intercom panels, monitoring kits, audio receivers It is strictly prohibited for Press to broadcast images
Professional Medical Equipment	Syringes, scissors, prescription medical products...	☒	Prohibited unless medically justified

5. PUBLICATIONS

5.1. Extranet

All publications, guides, manuals and forms aimed at the accredited press are being made available on the Press Operations Extranet, an online platform which provides the latest updates from Milano Cortina 2026 Press Operations and gathers important planning documents.

To request a login for the Extranet, please visit

<https://milanocortina2026.olympics.com/it/press-operations-extranet>, select the option

“I don’t have an account yet” and follow the instructions. After the account has been approved and created, the user will receive a notification.

If you do not receive the email in your inbox, be sure to check that it has not been redirected to your spam folder.

Every person registered to the Extranet will also receive the Press Operations Newsletter via email, with updates on press services and facilities. Press can subscribe to this newsletter, or unsubscribe from it, by emailing pressoperations@milanocortina2026.org.

Besides all the documents and guides published by other functional areas, and uploaded on the Extranet, Press Operations will produce the following documents:

- Media Handbook: a single document to cover Press and Photo Operations during Games time with a focus on the venues. The document for the Olympic Winter Games will be published in December 2025 and the one for the Paralympic Winter Games will be issued in January 2026.
- MediaZone User Guide: for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be published mid-December 2025.

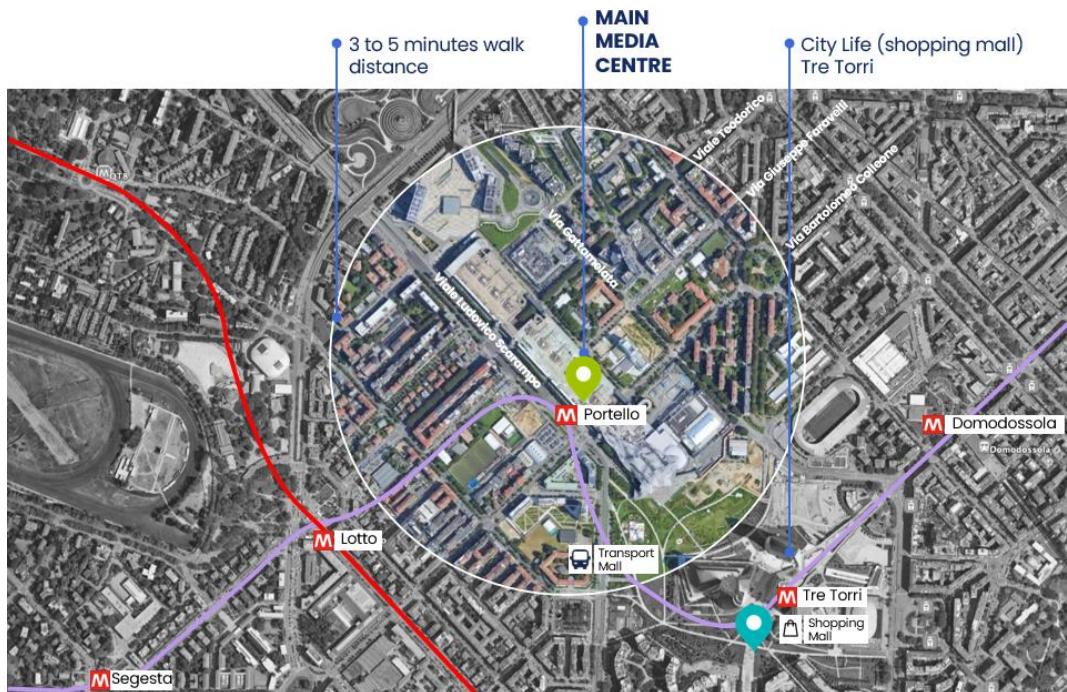
6. MAIN PRESS CENTRE (MPC)

6.1. Location

The Main Media Centre (MMC), housing both the Main Press Centre (MPC) and the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC), is hosted in a historic exhibition centre, the **Milano Convention Centre**, located in **Piazzale Carlo Magno, 1, 20149 Milano**, in the north-west area of the city of Milano, in a central and well-connected neighbourhood.

With approximately 15.000 square metres of operational space available across three floors, the MPC provides all the essential facilities and services for accredited press to perform their duties efficiently and effectively. It also offers shared services such as catering and retail facilities.

Being located only 200mt away from one of the biggest shopping centres in Milan, the City Life Shopping District (open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.), it provides easy access to an additional variety of services such as restaurants and bars, shops, supermarket, electronics shop, as well as a hairdresser, barbershop and spa, pharmacy, medical clinic and cinema.



6.2. Operational Period

The services and facilities at the Main Press Centre (MPC) will be activated gradually in the lead-up to the Games, expanding to full capacity by 30 January, when the MPC starts to operate on a 24-hour basis. Prior to the Games period, the MPC will follow limited opening hours to accommodate private offices bump in and set up. Selected services and operational areas within the MPC, such as catering, workroom and press conference rooms, will open in stages, with their availability increasing progressively as the Games approach. The detailed schedule for each service is outlined in the table below. MPC operations will officially conclude on 23 February 2026 at 12 p.m., after which the venue will enter the bump-out phase.



The MPC will not be operational during the Paralympic Games period.

Security Sweep on 25 January Lockdown starts on 26 January						
MPC	PRIVATE OFFICES BUMP-IN	SOFT OPENING	OLYMPIC OPERATIONS			MOVE-OUT / BUMP-OUT
	6 Jan 2026	13 Jan 2026	26 Jan 2026	30 Jan 2026	23 Feb 2026	23 Feb 2026
	12 Jan 2026	24 Jan 2026	29 Jan 2026	22 Feb 2026		28 Feb 2026
	8 a.m.–8 p.m.	8 a.m.–8 p.m.	8 a.m.–10 p.m.	24h	12 p.m.	8 a.m.–8 p.m.
AREAS	L0 Private Offices L1 Main Lobby L1 Help Desks	L0, L2 Private Offices L1 Main Lobby L1 Help Desks L1 Spectrum Desk L2 Workroom L2 Press & Photo Help Desk L2 Restaurant (soft opening)	L0, L2 Private Offices L1 Main Lobby L1 Help Desks L1 Spectrum Desk L2 Workroom L2 Press & Photo Help Desk L2 Restaurant (soft opening)	ALL AREAS Press Conference Rooms & Booking Office Interview Rooms Quiet Rooms Photo Service Centre	L0 Private Offices L1 Main Lobby L1 Help Desks L2 Photo Service Centre	L0, L2 Private Offices L1 Main Lobby L1 Help Desks L2 Photo Service Centre

6.3. Access

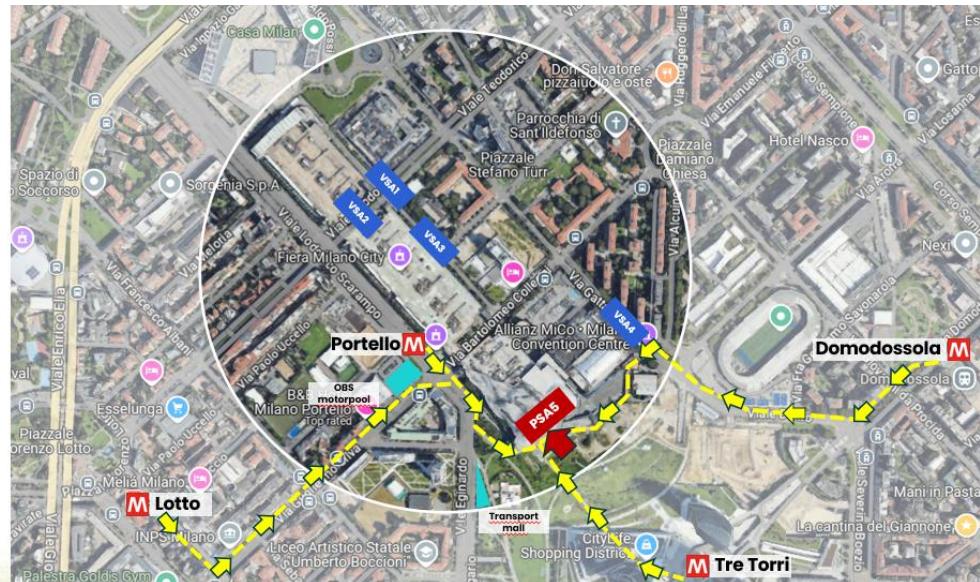
Starting from MPC Soft Opening on 6 January 2026 and during the entire period of operations, an accreditation will be required to enter the venue. Any accredited individual with the "MPC" code on their accreditation is entitled to access the Main Press Centre. Both press and broadcasters will have access to the venue, with the exception of local journalists (Ex) and local photographers (EPx). Please note that, despite the MPC and the IBC being located within the same perimeter, press is not entitled to access the IBC and there will be access controls between MPC and IBC.

Accreditation can be collected at the Media Accreditation Centre (MAC). Details about the opening hours can be found in chapter 4.1 Press Accreditation.

ACCESS POINTS from public transport to PSAs

M Portello
PSA5 – MAIN ENTRANCE MPC+IBC
distance: 250m | 4 min

M Tre Torri
PSA5 – MAIN ENTRANCE MPC+IBC
distance: 500m | 7 min



6.4. Guest Passes

Only individuals accredited for the MPC can request guest passes for visitors who are not accredited for the Games or do not have the MPC access code on their accreditation.

Guest passes will be distributed at the MPC Guest Pass Office, located outside the MMC Main Entrance, and can be requested either online or directly from the Guest Pass Office at least one day in advance. Guest passes will be available during Games Time (from 6 January to 23 February 2026) and will be valid for one day only.

Each guest may receive up to 5 single-day, non-transferable passes. Passes allow multi-entry for the specific day of issue.

The detailed procedure for requesting guest passes will be shared in the Media Handbook.

6.5. Transport and Parking

The MPC benefits from multiple public transport options: Metro line 5 (lilac) from Portello station and Metro line 2 (red) from Lotto station, urban bus lines and regional trains from Milano Domodossola Fiera station.

From the Media Transport Mall, located just outside the MPC secure perimeter, additional transport services will be provided to ensure key connections and out-of-hours connections, when public transport is not operational. One TC line service will connect the MPC with other key locations in Milano (such as Milano Stazione Centrale).

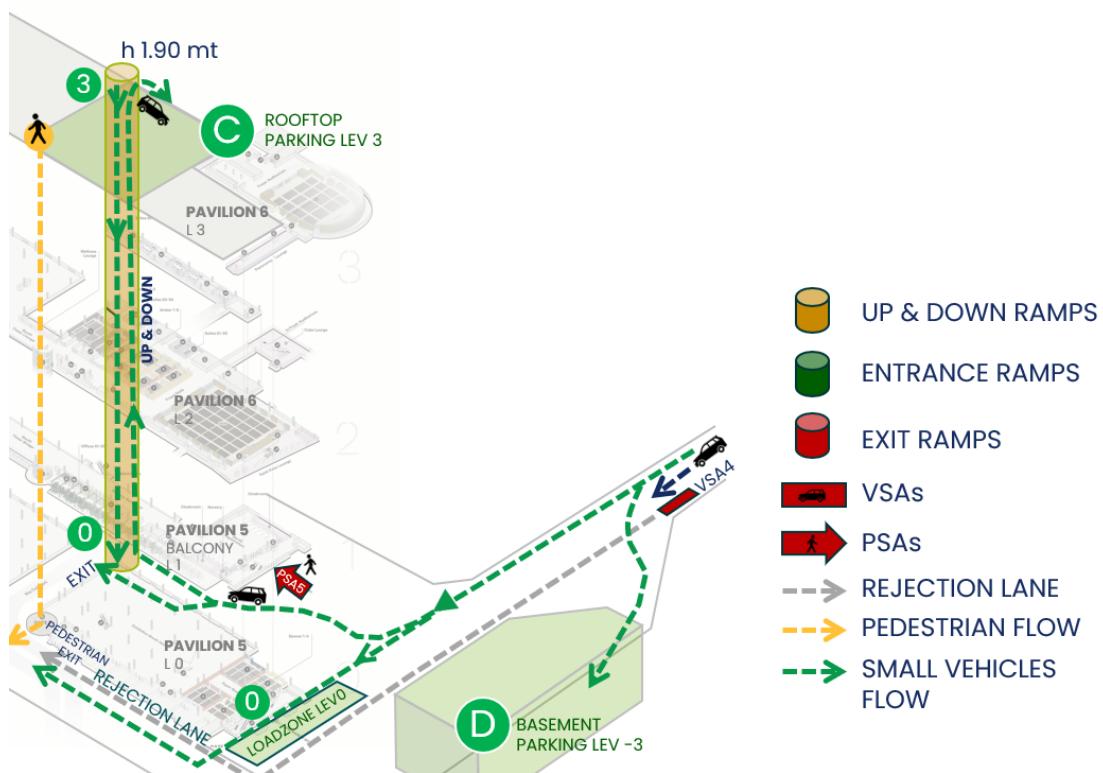
Further information is available in chapter 4.4. Transport. For all other details please refer to the Media Transport Guide available on the Extranet.

Approximately 75 parking spaces will be available inside the perimeter of the MPC, with parking areas both on the rooftop and in the basement. The rooftop parking will be accessible through a ramp with a 1,90mt height limit.

A Vehicle Access and/or Parking Permit (VAPP), which can be purchased via the Press Rate Card Portal, will be required for access and parking at the MPC.

6.5.1. Vehicle Access and Exit Points

Starting from lockdown on 26 January, all vehicles entering the clean area of the venue need to go through the vehicle screening area VSA 4, located in Via Gattamelata.

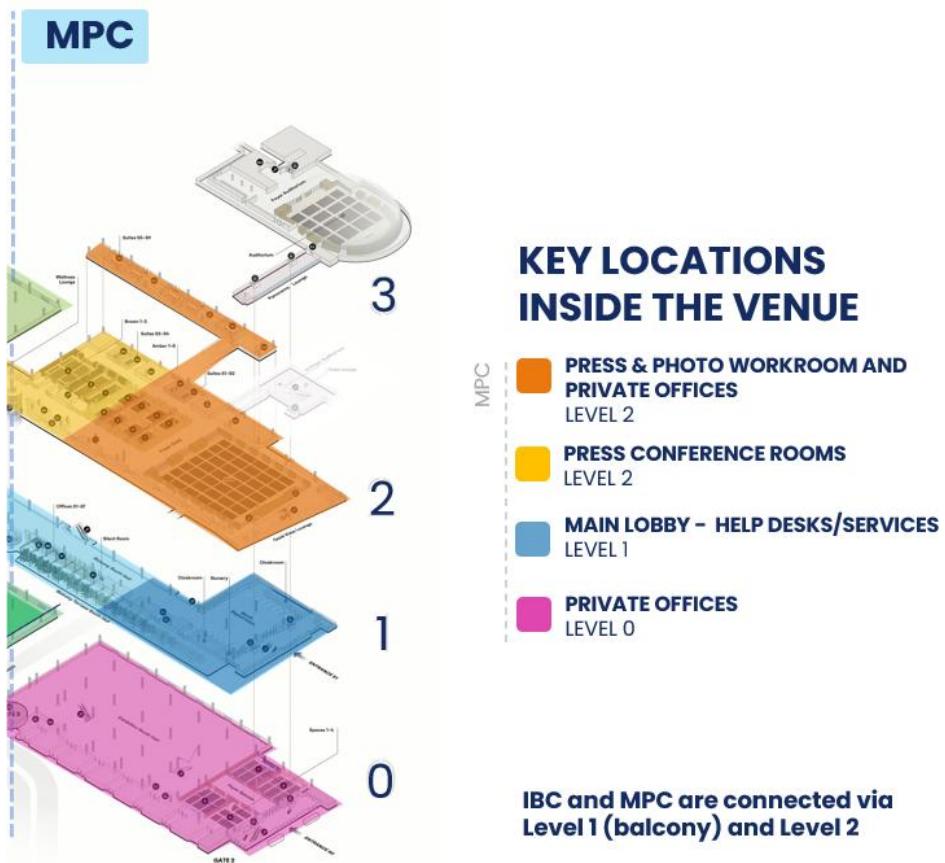


6.6. Key Spaces and Services

The MPC and its services are distributed and organised on four floors:

- Level 0- Private offices
- Level 1 - Main lobby, Merchandise shop, Partner showcases
- Level 2- Press and Photo workroom, Photo Services Centres, Press and Photo Help Desk, Tech Help Desk, Press Conference Rooms and Press Conference Room Booking Office, Green Rooms, IOC and OCOG media relations and operational offices, private offices, Food concession & lounge bar, Video-wall area, Press & Photo lockers and Medical Ambulatory.
- Level 2– Quiet rooms and Interview rooms

Level 3(Rooftop) - Parking



6.7. Main Lobby

The Main Lobby of the MPC, located on the first floor near the main entrance, includes the following central services:

- Main Help Desk
- Accommodation Desk
- Transport Desk
- Arrivals and Departures Desk
- Rate Card Desk
- Logistics Service Desk
- Cleaning and Waste Desk
- City Information Desk
- Sustainability Desk
- Legacy Desk
- Lost and Found

6.8. Press and Photo Workroom

The MPC's second floor will have an integrated work area with dedicated press and photo workspaces – approximately 300 workstations. Both workspaces will be equipped with wireless and cabled broadband internet and power outlets, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workroom will feature TV screens airing the live feed of all competitions, as well as printers. The Press and Photo Help Desk and the Tech Help Desk will provide general assistance.

Dedicated press and photo lockers will be available, with keys having to be obtained at the Press and Photo Help Desk.

The Photo Service Centre by Canon, Nikon and Sony, adjacent to the photo workroom, will offer support to accredited photographers, including a loaning service of professional cameras and lenses, as well as a repair service.

A videowall with live stream of competitions will be located in the Lounge Area next to the workroom.

6.9. Press Conference Rooms

The MPC will feature two Press Conference Rooms and the Press Conference Booking Office; all located on Level 2.

- Press Conference Room - Milo | 200 seats | 10 speakers – simultaneous interpretation service available.
- Press Conference Room - Tina | 200 seats | 8 speakers – simultaneous interpretation service available.

The IOC Daily Briefing will be held in Press Conference Room - Milo.

Additionally, two Interview Rooms, located on Level 2 Mezzanine, can be booked upon request via the Press Conference Booking Office.

Each room can accommodate up to 20 people and includes both a lounge area with sofas and armchairs as well as a meeting area setup.

6.9.1. Language and Interpretation Services at the MPC

Remote simultaneous interpretation via the Milano Cortina 2026 Interpreting App will be available in both Press Conference Rooms. Each participant will need to download the app and use his/her own phone and earphones to listen to the interpretation.

Languages offered (up to six per event):

- Italian
- English
- French
- German
- Russian
- Korean
- Japanese
- Chinese (Mandarin)

6.10. Private Office Spaces

Through the Intent to Rent process, which was open between 2 December 2024 and 28 March 2025, accredited press organisations and NOCs have had the chance to request private office spaces through the Rate Card Portal.

IOPP private offices will be located at Level 0, while the remaining private offices will be at Level 2, adjacent to the Press & Photo Workroom.

6.11. Support Services

In addition to the above-mentioned services, accredited media will have access to the following:

The Milano Cortina 2026 News Desk

Located in the Main Lobby on Level 1, it will be available to facilitate communication between the press and the OCOG. The News Desk will provide information and press releases about Milano Cortina 2026 and will manage interview requests with its spokespersons.

The IOC Communications Office

Placed on Level 2, it will handle all communications between the IOC and accredited press, including comments on Games related matters, press releases, the IOC Daily Briefing and requests for interviews with IOC members and staff.

The IOC Media Operations Office

This office, located on Level 2, will assist press, photographers, non-MRHS, NOCs and IFs in their activities during the Olympic Winter Games. IOC Media Operations will also manage the allocation of high-demand events' tickets via the digital platform and will serve as a liaison to NOCs press attachés and IFs press representatives.

6.12. Catering

Food concessions at the MPC will be available according to the table below:

SERVICE	LOCATION	CAPACITY	SOFT OPENING	GAMES TIME	GAMES TIME
			06/01 - 24/01/26	26/01 - 29/01/26	30/01 - 22/02/26
Milano Bar	Level 2	250	/	9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Only Grab&Go	8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Lounge Bar	Level 2	80	/	/	6 p.m. – 12 a.m.
Refreshment Station FREE	Level 2	/	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	24h
Vending machine	Level 2	/	24 h	24h	24h

The Milano Bar, the main food concession at the MPC, is located on Level 2 near the Press & Photo Workroom and the Press Conference Rooms. From 26 January 2026 onwards, its services will be gradually implemented – initially offering Grab & Go options and becoming fully operational after 30 January. Please be aware that this is a paid service.

The Lounge Bar is situated next to the video-wall area on Level 2 and will be open starting 30 January. Please be aware that this is a paid service.

From 30 January to 22 February 2026, the Press & Photo Workroom will be fully operational and, during this period, a Refreshment Station offering coffee, tea and hot water will be continuously available.

Starting with the Soft Opening on 6 January and throughout the Games, vending machines will be available 24/7 selling hot and cold beverages, as well as snacks.



As described above, the MPC will only be operational during the Olympic Games.



For the Paralympic Games, there will be three Enhanced Venue Media Centres (EVMCs) in the following venues:

- Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena (Para ice hockey);
- Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium (Wheelchair curling); and
- Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium (Para cross-country skiing and Para biathlon).

6.13. Opening times of spaces and services

SERVICE	PRIVATE OFFICES BUMP-IN 06/01 – 12/01/26	SOFT OPENING 13/01 – 24/01/26	SECURITY SWEEP 25/01/26	OLY OPERATIONS 26/01 – 29/01/26	OLY OPERATIONS 30/01 – 22/02/26
LEVEL 0					
Private Offices	/	8 a.m.-8 p.m.		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	24 hours
LEVEL 1					
MPC Guest Pass Office	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	9 a.m.-6 p.m.		8 a.m.-8 p.m.	8 a.m.-8 p.m. **
Main Help Desk	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	8 a.m.-8 p.m.		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Accommodation Desk	/	9 a.m.-7 p.m.		9 a.m.-9 p.m.	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Transport Desk	/	9 a.m.-6 p.m.		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Arrivals and Departures Desk	/	9 a.m.-7 p.m.		9 a.m.-9 p.m.	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Rate Card Desk	8.30 a.m.-8.30 p.m.	8.30 a.m.-8.30 p.m.		7.30 a.m.-8.00 p.m.	7.30 a.m.-8.00 p.m.
Cleaning and Waste Desk	Timing TBC	Timing TBC		8 a.m.-8 p.m.	8 a.m.-8 p.m.
City Information Desk	/	/		Timing TBC	Timing TBC
Sustainability Desk	/	/		9 a.m.-7 p.m.	9 p.m.-7 p.m.
Legacy Desk	/	/		8 a.m.-7 p.m.	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Lost and Found Desk	/	/		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
ATM	24 hours	24 hours		24 hours	24 hours
LEVEL 2					
Press and Photo Workroom	/	/		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	24 hours
Press Help Desk	/	/		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Technology Help Desk	/	/		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	24 hours
Photo Service Centre	/	/		8 a.m.-6 p.m.	8 a.m.-11 p.m.

SERVICE	PRIVATE OFFICES BUMP-IN 06/01 – 12/01/26	SOFT OPENING 13/01 – 24/01/26	SECURITY SWEEP 25/01/26	OLY OPERATIONS 26/01 – 29/01/26	OLY OPERATIONS 30/01 – 22/02/26
Milano Cortina 2026 News Desk	/	/		9 a.m.-6 p.m.	6 a.m.-2 a.m.
Press Conference Rooms	/	/		/	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Press Conference Booking Office	/	/		9 a.m.-7 p.m.	7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Interview Rooms	/	/		/	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Private Offices	/	8 a.m.-8 p.m.		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	24 hours
Quiet Room	/	/		8 a.m.-10 p.m.	24 hours
Medical Station	/	From 16/01 (timing TBC)		Timing TBC	Timing TBC
Ambulance	/	From 16/01 (timing TBC)		Timing TBC	Timing TBC
FNB SERVICES					
Refreshment Station	/	/		/	24 hours
Milano Bar	/	/		9 a.m. – 9 p.m. *Only Grab & Go	8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Lounge Bar	/	/		/	6 p.m.-12 a.m.
Vending Machines	24 hours	24 hours		24 hours	24 hours

* The timings are subject to change. The confirmed schedule will be finalised closer to the Games.

**On 23 February the MPC Guest Pass Office will close at 12 p.m.

7. VENUE PRESS OPERATIONS

At each competition venue there will be similar services and facilities for media representatives. They will be in place to ensure the needs of the accredited media are met, from access to mixed zones and press conferences to provision of technology and any information related to the Games. Also, at each competition venue as well as ceremony venues and Milano and Cortina Olympic Villages, there will be Press Operations team members to support the accredited media.

7.1. Venue Media Centres (VMCs)

There will be a dedicated Venue Media Centre (VMC) in almost all competition venues. Some of the services offered at the VMCs will include:

- information desk for general and venue specific information
- desks equipped with cabled internet and power outlets, available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Wi-Fi
- HBCD (formerly known as CATV) with live feed
- lockers for photographers
- printers
- refreshment stations with free coffee, tea and water
- media lounge with food and beverages available for purchase

The following competition venues will have a shared VMC:



The VMC at Milano Rho Ice Hockey Arena (MH2) will also serve Milano Speed Skating Stadium (MSS).

The EVMC at Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium (CCU) will also serve the Cortina Sliding Centre (CSC).

The VMC at Tofane Alpine Skiing Centre (CAL) will also serve the Cortina Para Snowboard Park (CSB) during the Paralympic Games

Venue Media Centres' Operational Period for Olympic Games

Phases	Days/Hours
First day of operations	-3 days prior to the first competition day or first day of official training
Non-competition days	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Official training days	- 1 hour prior to the start of training + 1 hour after the end of training
Olympic competition days	- 3 hours prior to the start of competition + 4 hours after the end of competition
Last day of operations	Last day of competition

Venue Media Centres' Operational Period for Paralympic Games

Phases	Days/Hours
First day of operations	- 1 day prior to the first competition day or first day of official training
Non-competition days	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Official training days	- 1 hour prior to the start of training + 1 hour after the end of training
Paralympic competition days	- 2 hours prior to the start of competition + 2 hours after the end of competition
Last day of operations	Last day of competition

Important note: VMCs will be closed at night between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., regardless of the competition schedule.

7.2. Enhanced Venue Media Centres (EVMCs)

Due to the specific configuration of the Milano Cortina 2026 clusters, there will be no Mountain Media Centre, but instead services and facilities provided in key VMCs have been enhanced, such as longer opening hours, photo sleeves distribution and photo service centres by Canon, Nikon and Sony.



EVMCs for OLYMPIC GAMES:

- Cortina > Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium (CCU)
- Valtellina > Livigno Snow Park (LSP)
- Val di Fiemme > Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium (TCC)



EVMCs for PARALYMPIC GAMES:

- Milano > Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena (MHI)
- Cortina > Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium (CCU)
- Val di Fiemme > Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium (TCC)

Please note that no private office spaces are available in EVMCs. Therefore, it will not be possible to rent private offices during the Paralympic Winter Games, since the Main Press Centre will not be operational after the Olympics.

EVMCs' Operational Period	Olympic Games	Paralympic Games
First day of operations	Opening day of Olympic Villages (30 Jan 2026)	Opening day of Paralympic Villages (28 Feb 2026)
Extended operational hours	30 Jan – 5 Feb 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Milano (MHI)/Val di Fiemme (TCC) 28 Feb – 5 Mar: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
		Cortina (CCU) 28 Feb – 3 Mar: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. 4 – 5 Mar: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Games-Time Operational Hours	6 – 22 Feb From 7 a.m. to 00.30 a.m. or from -3 hours prior to the start until +4 hours after the end of competition, if this exceeds the above operational hours	6 – 15 Mar Milano (MHI)/Val di Fiemme (TCC) <u>Non-competition days</u> : 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. <u>Training days</u> : -1 hour prior to the start / +1 hour after end of training. <u>Competition days</u> : -2 hours prior to the start / +2 hours after the end of competition

EVMCs' Operational Period	Olympic Games	Paralympic Games
		<p>6 – 15 Mar Cortina (CCU) From 7 a.m. to 00.00 a.m. or from -1 hour prior to the start until +1 hour after end of training; or from -2 hours prior to the start until +2 hours after the end of competition, if this exceeds the above operational hours</p>
Last day of operations	Day of the Closing Ceremony (22 Feb)	Day of the Closing Ceremony (15 Mar)

Important note

EVMCs, like VMCs, will be closed at night between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., regardless of the competition schedule.

7.3. Press Tribunes

In almost all competition venues, press tribunes will be available with tabled and/or non-tabled positions. These will be occupied on a first-come, first-served basis, except for certain positions reserved for IOC/IPC-recognised agencies.

For the competition venues where tabled or non-tabled seats are not available, a dedicated Viewing Area for journalists and non-media right holders with view to the field of play will be provided.

In indoor venues:

- Tabled positions will be equipped with shared monitors (for Figure Skating and Short Track only), cabled internet, power sockets and Wi-Fi coverage.
- Non-tabled positions will be located in close proximity to the tabled positions and will be served with Wi-Fi coverage.

In outdoor venues, one of two possibilities will be available:

- Non-tabled positions in the tribunes with Wi-Fi coverage.
- Viewing Area dedicated to journalists and non-media right holders close to the field of play and with Wi-Fi coverage.

7.4. Mixed Zones

At each competition venue, a dedicated area will be set up near the field of play to provide journalists with the opportunity to conduct brief interviews with the athletes immediately after they have competed. All athletes will pass through the mixed zone after all competitions.

The press mixed zone will follow the broadcast mixed zone, and space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. A dedicated space will be reserved for IOC/IPC-recognised agencies and the Olympic Information Service (OIS).

NOC press attachés with the MZ access code on their NOC E or Ao press attaché accreditation will be able to access the athletes' side of the press Mixed Zone via a dedicated entrance in order to facilitate journalists' interviews with their athletes.

Services offered in mixed zones include:

- screen with in-venue OBS and Olympic Channel feeds,
- microphones and speakers,
- Language Services volunteers to facilitate communication with the athletes.

Mixed zones will be operational during all open training sessions in the competition venues, but in this case, athletes are not obliged to go through the mixed zone after leaving the Field of Play.

7.5. Press Conferences

During the Olympic Games, medallists' press conferences will be organised following each medal competition.

For team sports, press conferences will also take place after semi-final and final matches.

All press conferences will be livestreamed on MediaZone.

No medallists' press conferences will be organised during Paralympic Games.



NOC and IF press conferences will take place at the Main Press Centre in Milano and at the Enhanced Venue Media Centres (EVMCs) in the mountain clusters during Olympic Games. No press conference facilities are available at the Villages.



The IPC Briefing will take place at the EVMC in Cortina. NPC and IF press conferences organised during the Paralympic Games will take place at the EVMCs.

7.5.1. Press Conference Facilities



Each Olympic competition venue will have a press conference facility, either as a separate room or as a hybrid set-up inside the Venue Media Centre. All press conference facilities will offer Wi-Fi connectivity.

Milano Cortina 2026 has planned dedicated press conference rooms in seven competition venues:

- Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium / EVMC
- Livigno Snow Park / EVMC
- Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium / EVMC
- Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena
- Milano Ice Skating Arena
- Milano Speed Skating Stadium
- Predazzo Ski Jumping Stadium

In the remaining five venues, a combined space for a workroom and press conference area has been set up (hybrid press conference room):

- Milano Rho Ice Hockey Arena
- Tofane Alpine Skiing Centre
- Anterselva Biathlon Arena
- Stelvio Ski Centre
- Livigno Aerials & Moguls Park

Press conferences for the Cortina Sliding Centre will be held in a facility joint with the Photo File Centre, close to the Mixed zone.

7.5.2. Language Services

Professional simultaneous interpretation services will be provided during all Olympic Games press conferences. Simultaneous interpretation will be delivered through an interpretation app. Each participant should use their own personal mobile phones and earphones. Languages offered (up to six per event): Italian, English, French, German, Russian, Korean, Japanese, Chinese (Mandarin).



During the Paralympic Winter Games, simultaneous interpretation will only be available during the IPC Briefing, which will be held at Cortina EVMC. Languages provided will be English, French and Italian.

7.6. Photo Positions

The best possible photo positions will be secured in each competition venue. Please refer to chapter 8. Photo Operations of this guide for more information.

All details will be published in December 2025 in the Media Handbook for the Olympic Games that will cover photo and press operations with a focus on the venues. A separate Media Handbook will be published for the Paralympic Games in January 2026.

7.7. Non-Competition Venues

Olympic and Paralympic Villages

Due to the particular configuration of the Milano Cortina 2026 masterplan, Olympic and Paralympic Villages have been scoped in six locations: three traditional villages in Milano, Cortina and Predazzo, and three villages in existing hotels in Anterselva/Antholz, Bormio and Livigno.

A temporary Village Guest Pass will allow accredited media to access specific spaces in all villages where media facilities exist. These will differ from Village to Village:

- **Milano** Olympic and Paralympic Village > access to the Village Plaza and limited number of workstations. Quota of press Guest Passes available: 100
- **Cortina** Olympic and Paralympic Village > access to the Village Plaza only; no workstations available. Quota of press Guest Passes available: 100
- **Bormio** Olympic Village > access for interviews granted in a specific location; no workstations available. Quota of press Guest Passes available: 15
- **Livigno** Olympic Village > access for interviews granted in a specific location; no workstations available. Quota of press Guest Passes available: 30
- **Predazzo** Olympic and Paralympic Village and **Anterselva** Olympic Village > no media facilities hence no access.

The Press Operations team in each Village will manage the distribution of Village Guest Passes for press from the Guest Pass Help Desk. Individuals will swap their official Games accreditation for the Guest Pass, then return it at the end of the visit to recover their accreditation. The Guest Pass distribution will operate on a “one in, one out” system. No prior booking is required.



All four Villages in Milano, Cortina, Bormio and Livigno will be open from 30 January until 22 February 2026. Access to press will be enabled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. except for the days of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies when no access is allowed.



The Villages in Milano and Cortina will be open from 28 February until 15 March 2026. Access to press will be enabled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except on the days of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies when no access is allowed.

Please note that no press conference facilities will be provided in any Village and press conferences will instead take place at the Main Press Centre in Milano or at the EVMCs in the mountain clusters during Olympic Games. During Paralympic Games, press conferences will be organised at the EVMCs.

For villages where no workstations are available, the recommended working area is the EVMC in the specific cluster.

Village Media Days

Media Days will be organised for both Olympic and Paralympic Games, during which access will be exceptionally granted to areas normally restricted to the media, such as the residential area, the gym, the dining facilities, etc.

Prior registration for press who want to join the media days will be required through a link that will be published on the Media Handbook and on the Press Operations Extranet, as well as on MediaZone; access will be managed on a first-come first-served basis via guest passes.



The Village Media Days will be organised at the Olympic Villages in Milano and Cortina on 3 and 5 February 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (both dates in both locations).



The Media Days for the Paralympic Villages are scheduled to take place on 3 and 5 March 2026. More details will be available on the Extranet, in the Media Handbook, published in January, and, closer to the date, on MediaZone.

8. PHOTO OPERATIONS

A variety of services for photographers will be available at the Main Press Centre (MPC) as well as in competition venues. Each VMC will have a work area and lockers dedicated to photographers.

Moreover, Photo Service Centres by Canon, Nikon and Sony, for loan, cleaning and repair of technical equipment, will be available during the Olympic Games at the MPC and at the Enhanced Venue Media Centres in Cortina, Livigno and Tesero.



During the Paralympic Games, the Photo Service Centres will be located at the EVMCs in Milano, Cortina and Tesero.

8.1. Photo Positions

The best possible photo positions will be secured in each competition venue. In general, photo positions will be operated on a first-come, first-served basis. However, positions may be allocated to photo pool photographers or on a session-by-session basis where necessary.

In all prime photo positions, internet ports as well as power outlets will be available. Wi-Fi will be made available in some of the prime photo positions.

The photo positions plan will be published in the Media Handbook.

Differently from previous Winter Games, there will be no Medal Plaza in the Milano Cortina 2026 Games. All medal ceremonies will be held in the venues.

8.2. Photo Sleeves and Armbands

Accredited photographers will be issued with appropriate photo sleeves. These will allow access to photo positions and other working areas. The photo sleeve must be worn at all times whilst at a venue. They are individually numbered and are not transferable.

Please note that, due to the widespread nature of Milano Cortina 2026, photo sleeves' distribution will take place in different locations:



Main Press Centre in Milano

Enhanced Venue Media Centre at:

- Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium
- Livigno Snow Park
- Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium



For the Paralympic Games, photo sleeve distribution will take place in Enhanced Venue Media Centres at:

- Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena
- Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium
- Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium
- Verona Olympic Arena (subject to prior arrangement)

The OCOG will distribute an email to all points of contact for press organisations to request information as to where their accredited photographers plan to pick up their photo sleeves. This will be done through a dedicated form.

Access to Photo Positions

In addition to a valid accreditation, Supplementary Access Control Devices (SACDs), such as photo sleeves or armbands, will be required to access the Field of Play (FOP), dedicated photo positions, Ceremony areas and High-Demand Events (HDEs).

Access to restricted photo positions, with particularly limited capacity, will be managed at venue level by the Venue Photo Manager.

8.3. Photographers' Undertaking

In order to collect their photo sleeve, photographers are required to sign the Photographers' Undertaking form, which can be downloaded by clicking below:



[Olympic Winter Games
Photographer's Undertaking](#)



[Paralympic Winter Games
Photographer's Undertaking](#)

The Undertaking stipulates that images taken at the Olympic or Paralympic Games can be used for "still photographic editorial purposes only", and that the use of photographs for advertising or any other commercial purpose, in any medium or in any manner whatsoever, is expressly prohibited by the IOC and the IPC. The IOC and the IPC reserve the right to change or alter the Photographers' Undertaking from Games to Games.

8.4. Remote Cameras

The use of remote cameras is a fundamental part of sports photography and Milano Cortina 2026 is working to facilitate the deployment of such equipment in a safe and orderly manner. All remote cameras will be subject to Photo Operations' approval and must abide by the strict conditions stated in the OCOG's policies and procedures as well as health and safety regulations. More details will be provided at a later stage.

For safety reasons, remote cameras (including lenses and Pocket Wizards) fixed to the protective railings in the venue seating bowl must be securely attached with proper clamps and tied with safety cables. Flexible mini tripods coiled in the railings are not allowed.

All remote cameras to be used near the field of play in outdoor venues must be covered in white. This cover must be well fixed to avoid being detached from the camera.

Pocket Wizards can be used without being tagged by Spectrum Office. However, please bear in mind that, at the time of publication, only CE frequencies are approved and pocket Wizards with FCC frequencies are not allowed for Milano Cortina 2026. The OCOG is finalising discussions with Italian authorities, and any updates will be communicated on the Press Operations Extranet and through Photo Operations staff. All photographers must communicate the camera trigger frequency to the Venue Photo Manager when requesting to install the remote camera.

Photo Operations' planning follows the same approach and rationale for both the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, but please remember that the MPC in Milano will not be operational for the Paralympics.

8.5. Photographers' briefings

The following briefings will take place in Milano at the Main Press Centre:

Photographers' briefing: 4 February 2026 from 9 to 11 a.m.; streamed live for photographers located in other clusters

Opening Ceremony photo briefing: 6 February 2026 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

9. OLYMPIC INFORMATION SERVICE (OIS)

The Olympic Information Service (OIS) is a sports reporting and information service designed to assist the media with their coverage of the Olympic Games through a dedicated platform called MediaZone. The service, which is delivered by the IOC and OBS in collaboration with Milano Cortina 2026, is free of charge for all accredited media and includes coverage from all sports, from the Olympic and Paralympic opening and closing ceremonies and most of the official events taking place during the Games.

The OIS serves the media by providing content – flash quotes from the mixed zone, press conference highlights and videos, facts and figures, historical data, schedules, biographies, news stories and much more – that they can use for their own reporting. The OIS output is produced with constant commitment to accurate, unbiased and factual reporting.

During the Games, the OIS has reporters in all venues, covering every medal event to ensure the media can rely on the OIS to gather content when they are not able to attend. In addition, each IOC/Milano Cortina 2026 Daily Briefing, all medal event press conferences and other press conferences will be streamed live and on-demand on MediaZone. OIS reporters will attend these press conferences to write highlights and will be available to ask questions in real time on behalf of journalists working remotely through the Ask OIS chat function on MediaZone.

9.1. MediaZone Access and Operational Dates

MediaZone will be live from 30 January to 25 February for the Olympic Winter Games and from 4 March to 16 March for the Paralympic Winter Games.

The service can be accessed via a login and password using an accreditation number and it is available on different devices (laptops, tablets or smartphones). Through a personal login, the system offers customisation, including notifications, based on the user's preferences and interests. Journalists working remotely for an accredited media organisation can access MediaZone through a dedicated token login, which can be ordered free of charge through the Rate Card and is subject to approval and availability.

Please note that members of the accredited media with MediaZone access for the Olympic Winter Games can use the same log-in details to access MediaZone during the Paralympic Winter Games, whether they are accredited or not.

9.2. MediaZone Content

The content available on MediaZone for accredited media includes, but is not limited to:

News – sport previews and reviews, flash quotes, press conference highlights, news articles, statistical data, media communications and IOC news.

Schedules and results – Competition schedules by sport, date and NOC, non-competition schedules (press conferences, draws, training sessions, ceremonies, cultural programmes and IOC activities) and activity list.

Athlete biographies – athlete biographies, team profiles, coach profiles, judge/official profiles, and NOC profiles.

Medals – overall medal standings, medals by day/sport, NOC and gender, multi-medallists.

Sports – schedules, recent results, latest news, flash quotes, medal standings by sport, facts and stats, historical data, background information by sport (competition format and rules, terminology, history, qualification system, facility description, media information and course maps), official communications and participants.

Records – initial records, new records, world records and Olympic records.

Ceremonies – information on the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and medal ceremonies, schedules, news (medal presenters, flag bearers), facts (Opening/Closing Ceremonies media guides).

General – Facts on the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 and the Olympic Movement. Q&A interviews with representatives from the IOC and the Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee will be available.

Press Conference Streaming – Each IOC/Milano Cortina 2026 Daily Briefing, all medal event press conferences and other press conferences will be streamed live on MediaZone and will subsequently be available as Video-on-Demand (VOD) and as a downloadable file. Remote interpretation will be provided in eight languages for the IOC/Milano Cortina 2026 Daily Briefing, and up to six languages for other press conferences.

9.3. The OIS at the Paralympic Games



The Olympic Information Service stays operational during the Paralympic Games, with the mission to deliver a similar scope of service to the accredited media as for the Olympic Games. In addition, during the Paralympic Games, the OIS also provides a free-of-charge photo service through <https://oisphotos.com/>.

The OIS Photo team will support media coverage of the Paralympic Games.

For the first time at a Winter Games, OIS will run the OIS Student Photography training programme, a legacy programme for Milano Cortina 2026 in which student photographers will be involved in covering the Games for OIS.

The photos, taken by the OIS Photo team and student photographers, will be provided free of charge for immediate editorial usage and archive via a dedicated webpage (www.oisphotos.com).

As during the Olympic Games, OIS content will be accessible on MediaZone by using an accreditation number as a login and will be available from any device (laptops, tablets, or smartphones). Accredited media with MediaZone access during the Olympic Games will be able to use the same log-in details to access the platform during the Paralympic Games.

Journalists and collaborators working remotely for an accredited media organisation can also access MediaZone through a dedicated token login, which can be ordered free of charge, subject to approval and availability, through the Rate Card.

Milano Cortina 2026 and OIS are currently developing the scope for the Paralympic Games and further information about the Paralympic OIS coverage will be provided in due course.

10. CEREMONIES

10.1. Venues

Given the widespread nature of these Games, Milano Cortina 2026 created an innovative concept for the Opening Ceremony: it will take place in San Siro Olympic Stadium as well as in the Mountain clusters with the Capsule Events, whereby athletes and flagbearers will parade in their respective clusters simultaneously.

The Olympic Opening Ceremony will take place on **6 February 2026**. It will start at **8 p.m.** and occur simultaneously at four different locations:



- MOS – San Siro Olympic Stadium (Milano Cluster)
- Venue TBC (Cortina Cluster)
- LSP – Livigno Snow Park (Valtellina Cluster)
- PSJ – Predazzo Ski Jumping Stadium (Val di Fiemme Cluster)

The Olympic Closing Ceremony will take place on **22 February 2026** at the Verona Olympic Arena. It will start at **8:30 p.m.**



The Paralympic Opening Ceremony will take place on **6 March 2026** at the Verona Olympic Arena. It will start at **8 p.m.**

The Paralympic Closing Ceremony will take place at the Cortina Curling Olympic Stadium on **15 March 2026**. It will start at **8:30 p.m.**

10.2. Press Operations

Ceremony venues will offer the following facilities and services for press:

- Tabled positions will be equipped with shared monitors, cabled internet, power sockets and Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Non-tabled positions will be in close proximity of the tabled positions and will be served with Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Media lounge with Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Photo Workroom, for photographers only, with similar VMC services as in competition venues.

In each venue where the Olympic Opening Ceremony Capsule Events will take place, a viewing area of the Athletes' parade with Wi-Fi connectivity will be provided in addition to the VMC.

Local journalists (Ex) and local photographers (EPx) will be allowed to access the Capsule Event within their respective cluster, following the high demand events' ticketing procedure that will be established closer to the Games.

10.3. Transport

Given the distances and travel times between the ceremonies' venues and the other clusters, dedicated transport services are being put in place for all accredited stakeholders. They would enable them to reach the Opening and Closing ceremonies for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games from the different clusters and return.

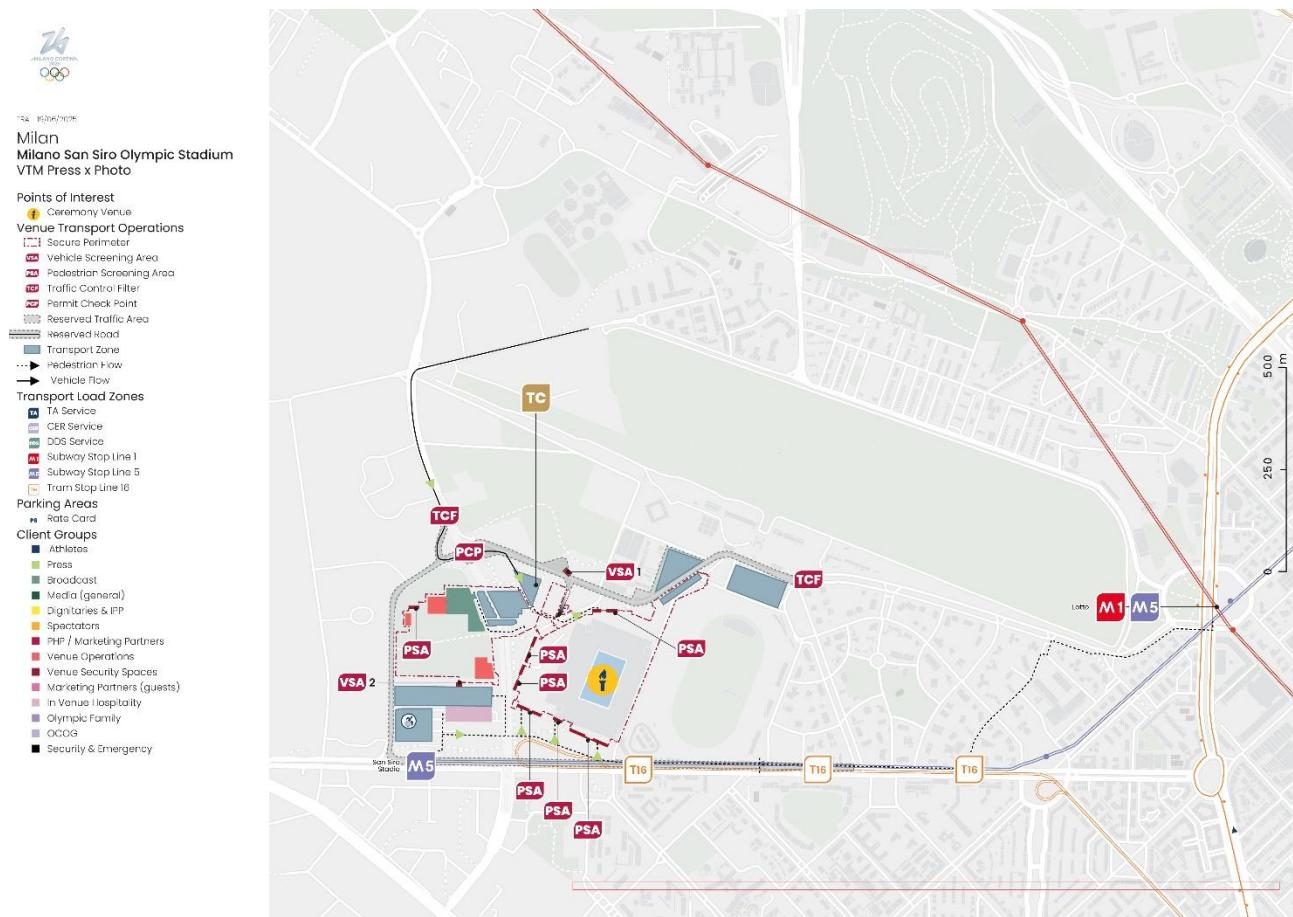
Please refer to the Arrivals and Departure section 4.5 for more information about departing Italy directly after the Closing Ceremonies.

Specific transport plans are being elaborated for each Ceremony Venue, but this chapter will focus on the main ceremony locations: Milano, Verona and Cortina. All details will be provided in the final version of the Media Transport Guide.

10.3.1. Olympic Opening Ceremony

On the day of the Olympic Opening Ceremony, most TC lines in Milano will be suspended starting from 2 p.m. (last departure to be defined). Only one TC line will be running throughout the entire Ceremony (CER-MI-02) between the MMC and Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium (MOS).





Media Stakeholders will have two transportation options:

Transport Connect

Between the MMC and MOS, the line CER-MI-02 is scheduled on working as a shuttle bus with a departure every 10 minutes by urban bus. Travelling time is expected to be 12 to 15 minutes.

For the egress, the TC will be departing from the stadium and will drop-off press at the MMC within 15mins.

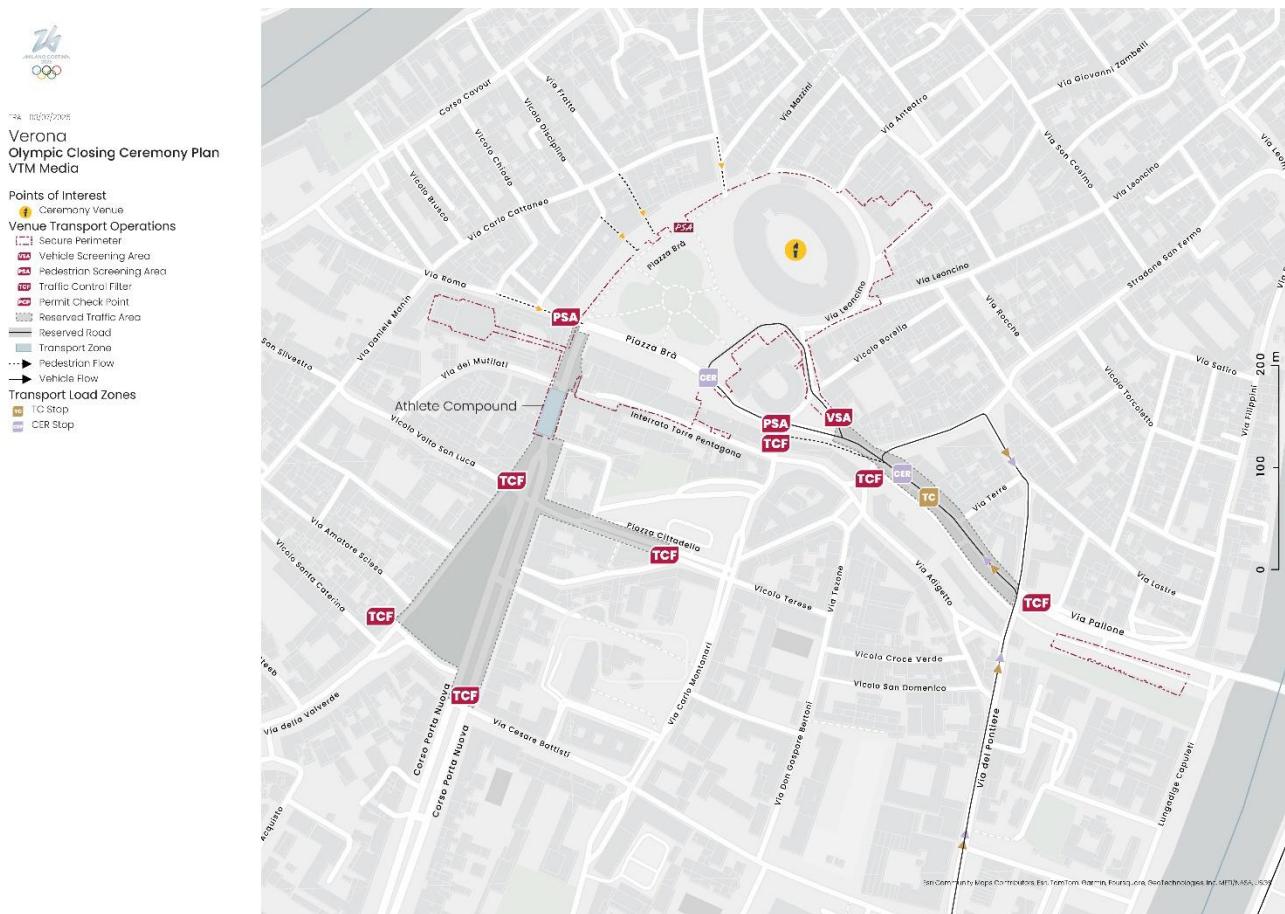
Public Transport

The MMC is situated on M5 Metro line (Portello stop) and only four metro stops away from the San Siro Stadio Metro stop (approximately 15 mins of travelling time). The metro line will operate until 2:30 a.m.

Press returning to the clusters after the ceremony will have to reach Milano Centrale station by TP.

10.3.2. Olympic Closing Ceremony

Press will be able to reach the Verona Olympic Arena by Public Transport.



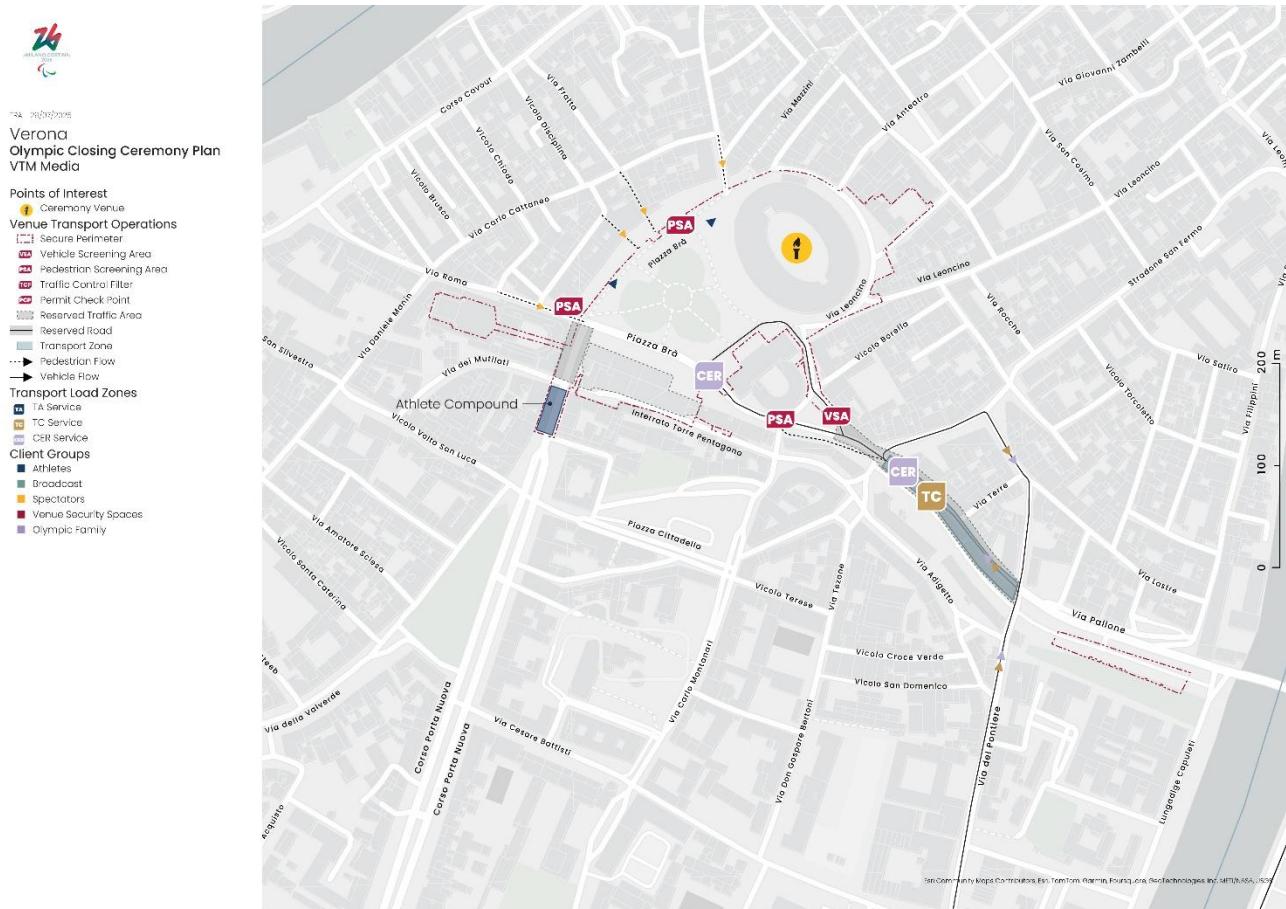
Press staying in other clusters and willing to travel to Verona for the Olympic Closing Ceremony will be able to:

- Travel by train – Arrive at Verona Porta Nuova Train Station, from which a continuous shuttle TC service will be provided to the venue (estimated 10mins bus ride). Please note that the OCOG will reserve seats on regular train services and implement charter trains to facilitate the movement of all stakeholders.
- Travel by car – Arrive at the Verona Park & Ride (located at Viale del Lavoro, exact location TBC), from which a continuous shuttle service will bring the stakeholders directly to the venue.

For the egress: the same services will be provided to the other clusters and to the official accommodations within.

10.3.3. Paralympic Opening Ceremony

The same configuration of transport services foreseen for the Olympic Closing Ceremony will be in place for the Paralympic Opening Ceremony in Verona.



10.3.4. Paralympic Closing Ceremony

More details on Transport services for the Paralympic Closing Ceremony will be provided closer to the Games.

11. USEFUL INFORMATION

The following information may be useful for those arriving in Italy from another country to cover the Games.

11.1. Time Zone

As most European countries, Italy observes Central European Time (CET), sometimes also shown as UTC+01:00.

11.2. Weather

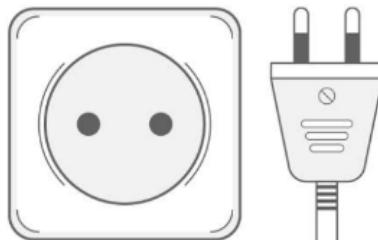
The Organising Committee is collaborating with four official regional weather agencies to support Olympic and Paralympic weather forecasting. These agencies will collect and share weather data through their official channels:

AGENCY	OFICIAL WEBSITE
ARPA Lombardia	ARPA Lombardia Home Page - ARPA Lombardia
ARPA Veneto	Home - Agenzia Regionale per la Prevenzione e Protezione Ambientale del Veneto
Alto Adige	Alto Adige Meteo Provincia autonoma di Bolzano - Alto Adige
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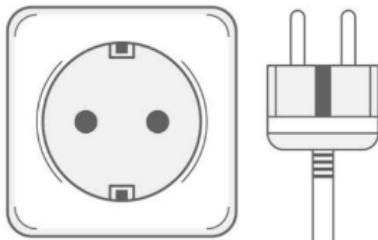
11.3. Electricity

Users wishing to bring their own appliances to Italy may need a travel adapter to convert it to fit the Italian sockets. In Italy, the most common power socket types are:

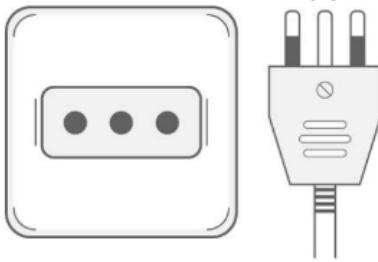
Type C
(Two round pins)



Type F
(Two round pins with earth pins)



Type L
(Three round pins)



The Standard power outlets are either 230V single-phase or 400V three-phase, 50Hz.

11.4. Currency and Tipping

The currency in Italy is the euro (€) with banknotes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and coins of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents and 1 and 2 euros. The 500 euro note also exists but is not widely accepted and is no longer being issued by the European Bank.

Credit and debit cards are widely accepted. Tipping is not compulsory, nor is it expected in fast-food restaurants. However, when ordering food to eat-in, an extra service tax or "coperto" will be charged in most restaurants.

11.5. Telephone Services

Italy uses the GSM/LTE/3GPP 5G networks, as opposed to the CDMA network. Smartphones should not have problems connecting to the local network, even if coming from a country that uses the CDMA network.

- International code for Italy is +39.
- Landline numbers start with a zero that must be kept even when the international code is added. For example, a number from Milano will start with +39 02.
- Mobile numbers do not have a zero at the beginning, so nothing changes when the international code +39 is added. For example, a mobile number will start with +39 3.

11.6. Emergency and Medical Services

In case of emergency, **dial 112**, the unique number that will connect to the police, the fire brigade or the medical service accordingly. This European emergency number allows the caller to talk to an English-speaking operator.

112 Where Are U is the official app that allows the user to contact the emergency services, offering geolocation and the option to ask for help when the user is unable to talk.

Regione Veneto

At the time of publishing, the **112 Where Are U** APP is not available in this territory.

The emergency services can be reached on the following numbers:

- **112 - Carabinieri (National Gendarmerie of Italy)**
- **113 - Police**
- **115 - Fire Brigade**
- **118 - Medical Emergency Services**

11.7. Measurements

Italy uses the metric system. Distance is measured in kilometres, with speed signs in kilometres per hour. Weight is measured in kilograms and petrol is sold by the litre. Temperature is measured on the Celsius scale.

11.8. Driving

Driving Licenses from EU countries are fully accepted in Italy. Please find useful information on driving in Italy [here](#); below are some quick tips:

- Make sure you have the right documents, such as a valid driver's license, an international driving permit, and insurance.
- Watch out for ZTL (*Zona a Traffico Limitato*), which are restricted traffic zones in city centres.
- Have cash for parking and never leave valuables in the car.

For more information about driving in Italy, including speed limits by road type, alcohol limits or how to pay tolls, [click on this link](#).

11.9. Waste Management

All stakeholders are requested to carry out correct separation for waste collections, separating the compostable, glass, plastic, metal/aluminium, paper and non-recyclable portions.

11.10. Environment

With the aim of reducing the Games' carbon footprint and expanding opportunities in the circular economy, Milano Cortina 2026 invites all stakeholders to reconsider their planning and travel in a more sustainable way. Stakeholders will be asked to provide data about their carbon footprint in order to calculate the overall impact of the Games.

The OCOG has put together "The Sustainability, Impact and Legacy Strategy of Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026" document with guidelines to promote good practices and to assist stakeholders in minimising their impact on the environment and the natural ecosystems while they perform their activities at the Games.

You can access this document by [clicking here](#).

11.11. Human Rights

Milano Cortina 2026 is committed to upholding human rights, ensuring a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment free from discrimination, violence, harassment and exploitation. It is also committed to avoid cases of abuse and to manage such cases properly should they arise. Milano Cortina 2026 is calling all stakeholders to contribute to a more gender-equal, inclusive and fair representation of sportspeople in all their diversity in all forms of media and communication across the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and the Olympic Movement. The aim is to ensure sports content and communications are more inclusive, balanced and representative of the world we live in today.



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