



## THE BEST-LOVED RACE OF CYCLISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

The theme of the 31st edition of the Maratona dles Dolomites - Enel is love: the record number of applications received (over 33,500) is proof once again of how this race across the passes of the Dolomites is one of the most loved of its kind by cyclists across the globe. The names of the cyclists selected for the next edition are now online.

Alta Badia (Bz). Never-ending, uncontrollable, passionate love. A dream for so many. Yet the Maratona dles Dolomites - Enel can accept only 9,000 cyclists of the 33,500 who would like - or better put - would love to take part. Requests to join at the starting line on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 come from 89 different countries, over 4000 the applications come from women.

The Draw. It may seem harsh, but a draw is the only system which allows organisers to deal with such dizzying numbers. After all, even love can be harsh at times and all the less fortunate can do, is try again and hope for better luck next time around. The names of those fortunate enough to be drawn out of the hat can be seen here: <a href="https://www.maratona.it">www.maratona.it</a>.

An opportunity for 193 cyclists. Anyone whose name hasn't been extracted but would like to secure a place at the Maratona should go to our website www.maratona.it on  $23^{rd}$  November 2016 from 6 p.m. (GMT+1). 193 registrations will be available for a higher price and the proceeds, after deducting the participation fee of € 112, will go to charity. The registrations in detail are as follows: 175 GOLD registrations at the price of € 250; 15 PLATINUM registrations at the price of € 500; and 3 CRYSTAL registrations at the price of € 1500.

Charity is an act of pure *love*. The additional money is destined to the three organisations which have travelled alongside the Maratona dles Dolomites - Enel for many years: the Association of Groups "Insieme si può" Onlus/NGO (www.365giorni.org), Assisport Alto Adige (www.sporthilfe.it) and the Alex Zanardi BIMBINGAMBA Association (www.bimbingamba.com). Commitment and solidarity towards the weak and less fortunate are authentic forms of love that many marathon cyclists shows every year and to whom we extend our gratitude on behalf of all the organisers.

Save the date  $-23^{rd}$  March 2017, last chance to secure a place at the starting line of the Marathon of Love. On our website, www.maratona.it another 193 subscriptions will also be available at a higher fee: 175 GOLD passes, 15 PLATINUM passes and 3 CRYSTAL passes. The same conditions as above apply and, even on this occasion, the profit will be given to three associations we support.

Peace and Love.

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