

Tre Valli Varesine: Excellence and Safety, a Successful Organizational Machine

VARESE – Tuesday, October 7th, the city of Varese and its province will once again host one of the most anticipated cycling events of the year: the **Tre Valli Varesine**, which in 2025 will once more welcome some of the greatest stars of international professional cycling. The day will open with the start from the Textile Museum in Busto Arsizio of the **5th edition of the Tre Valli Varesine Women's Race | e-work**, further confirming the increasingly broad and inclusive spirit of the event.



The event is organized, as always, by the **Società Ciclistica Alfredo Binda**, which over the years has established the Tre Valli Varesine as one of the most appreciated and best-organized races on the world calendar. Their work stands out for attention to detail, innovative capacity, and a constant focus on safety – values that have always guided president **Renzo Oldani** and the entire S.C. Binda.

A fundamental element is the strong collaboration with local institutions. **Regione Lombardia, the Province of Varese, the Camera di Commercio di Varese, and the Municipality of Varese** with Mayor **Davide Galimberti** have never failed to provide their support.

A Machine That Never Stops

“It’s an organization that works tirelessly,” explains Oldani. “Preparing materials and logistics, liaising with invited teams, attending meetings, being present at other international events—there is enormous work behind the scenes. As a member of **AIOCC**, I often take part in top-level competitions to observe and learn from the best organizational models.”

Just a few days ago, Oldani followed closely the Italian start of the Vuelta: “The biggest challenge for us organizers is to always stay at the highest level. There is constant technical evolution, needs change, and we cannot afford to stand still. We must constantly update ourselves and improve in every aspect—from sponsor management to safety, to participation in tenders and projects.”

Safety First

Safety remains a cornerstone for S.C. Binda.

“This year,” continues Oldani, “we will install two kilometers of barriers with a system that guarantees greater protection for riders and increased visibility for our sponsors. We have invested heavily in this area, following the latest UCI guidelines and relying on the professionalism of our Safety Managers. Every detail of the course is monitored and secured, from corners to roundabouts.”

This work is made possible thanks also to the cooperation with the **Prefecture of Varese**, which every year convenes a multi-agency meeting involving all law enforcement.

“It’s a rare added value in Italy,” emphasizes Oldani. “Together we plan safety, traffic management, and even the movements of the teams. On race day, roads are closed for four hours, ensuring maximum protection for athletes and the public.”

Not Just a Race, But Three Days of International Events

The professional Tre Valli Varesine is only the grand finale of three days of international cycling celebration in Varese.

On Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th, the 9th edition of the Gran Fondo Tre Valli Varesine – UCI Gran Fondo World Series will take place, an international competition valid as a qualifier for the 2026 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

An Army of Professionals and Volunteers

The success of the Tre Valli is the result of the contribution of hundreds of people. “I must thank our vice president Roberto Casnati, with whom I’ve been working for 25 years,” adds Oldani, “as well as those managing economic matters and team relations, Pier Gino; administrative aspects, Roberto Bistoletti; marketing and communication, Benedetta Frattini; logistics, Vittorio Ballerio and his staff; our Safety Managers, Paolo Cortelezzi (men’s race) and Michele Castelletti (women’s race); healthcare, Claudio Bernasconi; legal advice, lawyer Alberto Caleffi; institutional relations, Igor Giaron; and our member Alessandro Cottini, the driving force behind the idea of bringing the 2025–2026 UCI Masters Cyclocross World Championships to Varese.”

Between the men’s race, women’s race, and granfondo, about 600 staff members and volunteers are involved. Valuable support comes from the National Association of Retired Carabinieri, Simona Bernasconi for volunteer management at S.C. Binda, the race directors coordinated by Raffaele Babini, race doctors Carlo Guardascione and Giulio Clerici, as well as Dr. Sabina Campi, head of the emergency medical service (118). “We may be the only race in Italy,” recalls Oldani, “to have a fixed medical station in Piazza Monte Grappa, near the finish area, directly connected with the air ambulance service and law enforcement: a true command center for safety, linked to all service vehicles on the course.”

A Heritage to Preserve

Finally, Oldani wanted to share a broader reflection on the Italian race calendar: “The intelligent organization of the calendar remains one of the most delicate challenges,” concludes Oldani. “This year the postponement of the European Championships to October will inevitably penalize some Italian races at the end of the season. It is essential that the Italian Cycling Federation, the Lega, the UEC, and the UCI sit down to discuss this, because safeguarding the heritage of Italian races must be a priority. I also say this as a member of AIOCC: we need to protect these events, which have tradition, history, and organizational standards carried forward for decades. Major events and the expansion into emerging countries bring



visibility and growth to our sport, and that is welcome—but we must not forget our roots, the work, sacrifices, and passion of our organizers.”

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