



Gianfranco Paglia new FISIP Ambassador of Paralympic Winter Sports. And on December 20th the assault on the record in the “2 Ore No Limits”

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The **FISIP** has chosen Gianfranco Paglia as the new Ambassador of Paralympic Winter Sports. **Paratrooper Officer and Gold Medal for Military Valor**, Lieutenant Colonel Paglia is not only a symbol of resilience: he is a credible, concrete voice, capable of transforming sport into a social message. And his appointment comes at the right time, as Italy is already looking towards **Milano Cortina 2026** and the growth of the Paralympic movement in the territory.

It is not a “representative” position placed there for prestige. The Federation relies on Paglia because, for years, his commitment has moved on a broader plane than competition: it is a commitment that **speaks of accessibility, real opportunities, and a culture of inclusion**,

with initiatives that focus on a simple but decisive question: **what tools do we provide people to truly overcome barriers?**

Among the most recognizable activities is the skiing challenge **“2 Ore No Limits”**, which Paglia faces together with the **Italian Paralympic Nordic Skiing Team**. It is a tough test, yes, but above all clear in its meaning: **to demonstrate that limits do not coincide with disability, and that willpower truly works when it meets support, method, and adequate conditions.**

On December 20th a new assault on the record in Armentarola

The calendar now marks another key appointment: in two days, this **December 20th, in Armentarola (Val Badia)**, Paglia will return to the track for a new edition of the “2 Ore No Limits”, with a precise goal: **to improve his own record.**

Last **January 31st** he set a personal record of **11.680 km in two hours** in Paralympic Nordic skiing. Now he aims higher, with the same approach: **to transform the sports performance into a direct message** — and impossible to ignore — **for society and institutions.**

Because here it is not just about the “athlete's challenge”. Here it is about citizenship: **equal opportunities, dignity, respect.** And the still current need to reiterate that people with disabilities **cannot and must not be treated as second-class citizens.**

Beyond the race: a role that speaks to the country

The scope of the initiative is also measured by the presences that accompany and support it: from **Manuela Di Centa**, icon of Nordic skiing, to **Mara Navarria**, up to **Isabella Rauti**, Undersecretary of Defense. An important signal: when such diverse figures converge on a project, it means that the project is not just sporting. **It is cultural.**

And it is precisely here that the FISIP appointment gains weight. As an Ambassador, **Paglia becomes a point of reference in the narrative of Paralympic winter sports:** a spokesperson for resilience and equal opportunities, but also a multiplier of attention and awareness, in a journey that from today to **Milano Cortina 2026** will not be made only of races and organization, but also — and above all — of mentality.

In other words: this appointment does not only celebrate what Paglia has already done. **It strengthens what he will continue to do: bringing sport where it really matters, that is, into society.**

From our side, a heartfelt thank you for the contribution that Commander Paglia continues to offer to the country with his daily commitment.

Thank you!

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