

**TOR des GEANTS® 2015**  
**13-20 September 2015**

**An extraordinary challenge in the heart of the four Giants of the Alps!**  
**One of the highest peak of ENDURANCE – TRAIL in the WORLD!**

**330 km and 24.000 of altitude gain**  
**up on the Alte Vie of Aosta Valley**

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### **Collé: “ My heart will be with Tor”**

Success often impose to take difficult decision, even when it comes to sport. This is something Franco Collé, athlete from the Aosta Valley, experimented in these days: Collé, one of the favorite to win this 2015 Tor des Géants, decided a few hours ago not to be at the starting line.

Collé just finished an important agonistic tournée in the USA and he just won the Ru-t50K, an important race that took place in Montana. Thanks to that win, he is now in the first place on the Skyrunner World Series.

The point is that the final race of the Series is the ultra Pirineu, race of 110km, that will take place on September 19th, when Tor is still on.

Here is the problem Collé had to deal with: is it better to run Tor and enjoy my valley and the love of my fans or is it better to race in Ultra Pirineu and try to win the World Series?

He decided, difficultly, to go for the second option. With full right, we have to say: being in the first place in a series that is as worthy as a world tour is not something that happens every day. On the other hand, Tor will still be here on the next year, happy to have an even more successful athlete at the starting list.

So, we temporarily loose a great athlete and a great character, but, therefore, the claim for the first place is even more fascinating and open.

Franco Collé will be joining Tor in life basis and during the race to cheer his friends until he has to leave Aosta Valley for Spain.

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