

## **THE DAY OF THE PALIO – PROGRAM**

### **Sunday 2 September 2018**

10:00 am in each of the Parishes of the city: ceremony for the benediction of the horse and rider

11:00 am Piazza San Secondo: exhibition of the A.S.T.A. flag-wavers

2:00 pm Piazza Cattedrale: Start of historical procession with 1200 participants dressed in medieval costume, representing 21 Quarters of Asti and some Province's towns taking part in the Palio. The last to file past will be San Lazzaro quarter, winner of the 2017 Palio. The procession opens with the Team of the Captain of the Palio and the Flag – wavers of A.S.T.A., and closes with the Carroccio escorted by Warriors.

Route of the Historical Procession:

Piazza Cattedrale, Via Caracciolo, Piazza Cairoli, Corso Alfieri, Via Gobetti,

Piazza San Secondo, Via Garibaldi, Via Gardini, Piazza Alfieri

4:00 pm Piazza Alfieri: Palio race with horses ridden bareback;

three heats each with seven horses, final with nine contestants

5:00 pm Exhibition by the flag-wavers

6:00 pm Final and award of the Palio

### **...and the days before**

### **Thursday 30 th August 2018**

**Palio Market** San Secondo Square -10 AM to 11 PM

**Jockeys official presentation** San Secondo Square - 11 PM

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

**Palio Market** San Secondo Square -10 AM to 11 PM

**General trials of the horse race** from 9 to 10.30 AM and from 4 to 6.30 PM Piazza Alfieri – Free entrance

**“Monelli” parade** - Corso Dante, Corso Alfieri , Via Rossini from 6 PM

From 1.30 AM to 7.30 PM : Piazza Alfieri – Trials of the horse race. Free entrance

**Banquets in the town to propitiate the victory** – from 8.30 pm

### **Saturday 1 st September 2018**

**Palio Market** San Secondo Square -10 AM to 11 PM

**Children Parade** Piazza Cairoli from 2.45 PM

**General trials of the horse race** from 4.30 PM Piazza Alfieri – Free entrance

**Banquets in the town to propitiate the victory** – from 8.30 pm