



7 January 2005, St.PETERSBURG



OFFICIAL INVITATION

WELCOME!

Welcome to the NOKIA Snowboard FIS World Cup held on January 7 2005 in Tytyari-Park Ski resort (Saint Petersburg).

Such unique event will be held in Russia for the first time in its history. The growing popularity of snowboarding in Russia will ensure the public attention and success of the event. Packed tribunes are guaranteed.

Visit the city of bridges and palaces – Saint Petersburg in January. You will not be left untouched by the views of its streets in winter, its magnificent heritage buildings. You will be convinced that it is rightfully named the cultural capital of Russia, the country of great heritage.

Advanced modern city infrastructure will accommodate your every need and allow you to feel at home in Saint Petersburg.

The Organizing Committee and The Russian Ski & Snowboard Federation will host the event in accordance with the International Ski Competition Rules (I.C.R.) of the FIS. All athletes who are qualified according the FIS rules for the Snowboard World Cup are invited to participate.

Chief of Competition

Vaitkous Dmitri

EVENT SCHEDULE * (see detailed Schedule)

Friday, January 7th Parallel Slalom

PASSPORT AND VISA

A foreign visitor traveling to Russia must have a passport **valid for at least next 6 months** after the date of departure from Russia. To apply for a tourist visa, a letter of invitation and voucher issued by Intourist-SPb must accompany your application form submitted to Russian Embassy or Consulate in your country. Also an applicant must enclose two of his/her photos. In order for us to assist participants and their accompanying person(s) with obtaining required documents for Russian visa application please supply the following information for each visa applicant to Intourist by fax: 7-812-140-78-01 (attention: Olga Fominova) or e-mail Fominova@intourist.spb.ru no later than **December 1 2004**.

Family name (Surname)	First name (names)	Date of birth	Citizenship	Date of planned arrival to Russia	Date of planned departure from Russia	Contact fax number
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Please note: a letter of invitation and a voucher need to be sent to each applicant by fax, as these documents must have an official Intourist SPb seal. So please make sure you provided your **contact fax** number with supplied information.

Please note: Russian embassy requires any foreign visitors traveling to Russia to have travel insurance to enter Russia.

1, Pobedy sq., St.Petersburg,
196240, Russia.
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ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms will be accepted from national snowboard associations in accordance with qualification rules for the Snowboard World Cup.

Hotel «Pulkovskaya»

Attention: Nokia FIS World Cup Organizing Committee

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Last day for entry forms and Accommodation reservations is **December 1 2004**.

- Notification of Team Size: **01.12.2004**

- Final Registration deadline: **29.12.2004**

ACCOMMODATION

Please complete the accommodation form for all athletes & officials who will be taking advantage of the accommodation program and submit it by **December 1 2004 by fax to +7 (812) 140-78-01** or email: Fominova@intourist.spb.ru and OC will coordinate all bookings. Information must be received from the teams by the set deadline **December 1 2004** to guarantee suites availability and FIS rate.

Accommodation is offered by hotel Pulkovskaya and will be provided to athletes and coaches according to FIS rules for NOKIA FIS World Cup and to FIS Rule on accommodation and half board. Each participant will pay the Organizing Committee CHF 50/ day/ person. Accommodation at FIS rate will be provided for the nights beginning from January 4st to January 8th, 2005.

Each National Association (Team) will be held responsible for any damage during their stay.

All payments must be in USD in cash, money order and/or Visa. Payments must be made in full for the whole team upon team leader check-in (competition/training bibs and lift tickets will not be issued to team members whose accommodation has not been paid in full).

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner will be provided, starting Tuesday January 4st (dinner) to breakfast on Saturday 8th 2005. All meals will be served at hotel Pulkovskaya unless otherwise is posted on the Official Notice Board.

Accommodation/Transportation/Visa Contact:

Intourist-SPb, Olga Fominova

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BOARD STORAGE

Participants, coaches and officials must store their boards and grooming equipment in places assigned by the Organizing Committee. Boards will not be allowed in suites.

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TRANSPORTATION

Ground transportation, at the expense of the OC, will be arranged from Pulkovo international airport, St.-Petersburg. Transportation will be arranged on the basis of the form received from each team. The transportation form must be sent to the OC **via fax to +7 (812) 140-78-01** or email: Fominova@intourist.spb.ru before **December 20th, 2004**.

PRIZE MONEY **Total = 40,000 Euro**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Parallel Giant Slalom	20,000 Euro	20,000 Euro

All prize money will be paid in cash in Euro.

FIRST TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING

There will be an orientation meeting for all team captains to attend on Tuesday, January 4nd 2005 at 18:00. The first Team Captain's meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5nd at 18:00. All Team Captain's Meetings will take place in the hotel Pulkovskaya, conference hall.

OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official Notice Board will be located at the race office. All information will be posted there.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Every participant must have his/her own medical insurance. The Organizing Committee, Sponsors, Suppliers, Tyytari-Park, NOKIA FIS and Russian Ski & Snowboard Federation waive any responsibility for accidents, damaged equipment, and second and third party claims during the event.

LIABILITY

All athletes, officials and other members of national associations who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by an athlete, official or other person in connection with organizing or staging of the event. In order to register all athletes must sign the "FIS Athletes Declaration" form first.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE / EVENT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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We look forward to seeing you & your team in St.-Petersburg January!
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