

Date: March 9th 2006. First start at 1330 hours. Venue: City center of Drammen. The course starts at the Market place, rises up the lawns around the Bragernes Cathedral, descends between the historic Town Hall and the old Fire Station, through the Market place, around the fountain and statue commemorating Saint Hallvard, where it climbs to the finish line in front of the Cathedral stairway. See pictures, profile and map that are available on our web site. Elevation 3 - 28 meter above sea level. Training Our ski-stadium at Konnerud, approx 180 meter above sea level, 7 km from the city-centre, is open for training beginning Monday. Lighted courses can be used at night. Your attaché will help with transport and road directions. **Drammen:** The city of Drammen has 58 000 inhabitants and is the regional centre for Buskerud with 230000 inhabitants. The city is only 42 kilometres west of Oslo and offers good motorway and rail connections to Oslo and Oslo airport Gardermoen. For more information see: http://www.drammen.kommune.no (in Norwegian, German and English) Konnerud Sportsclub, Main organizer, see: www.konnerud.no/worldcup (In Norwegian, English, and German) www.konnerud.no/worldcup Konnerud Sports Club is 79 years old and is the largest and most active ski-club in the Buskerud Snow: We will produce excellent artificial snow at Konnerud and will truck in and cover the tracks, starting on the Tuesday before the event. **Competition Program** Thursday 9th March 1330 - 1500 hours Prologue Thursday 9th March 1530 - 1700 hours Finals Other events • Entertainment from the open air stage at the market place before and after the race. • A children sprint race after the prize giving ceremony. Registration We must receive from you: • The FIS standard entry form for competitors • The FIS standard entry form for officials · Hotel accommodation form. You will find the form for request of accommodation on our web-site: www.konnerud.no/worldcup Please fill in the correct FIS-number, name and year of birth of all athletes and officials on the competitor entry form. Deadline for entrance and The registration forms have to be returned to the organizer no later than February 15th. accommodation: Late changes of entry should be confirmed by fax or telephone. Press / media invitation A press and media invitation will be mailed separately. If you want to receive the media invitation, contact our Chief of Press at the following mail-address: worldcup@konnerud.no or look it up at our web site. **Participitation** The number of participitants in all World Cup competitions according to the FIS Rules. **Prizes** According to FIS-rules. **Economy** The organizer pays for the accommodation in Drammen for the athletes and their officials according to the FIS Rules. **Transport service** Bus transport from Borlänge and Falun will be offered in cooperation with respectively organisers. For athletes travel costs will be paid according to FIS regulations for the Cross-Country Worldcup - and after taxreduction - in EURO by the OC. We will also offer transportation after the competition from Drammen back to the Oslo airport Gardermoen. For those participating in Holmenkollen transport to Oslo will be available. **Accommodation:** The First Hotel Ambassadeur is an excellent hotel near the city-center. It is across the river from the market place, in walking-distance to the event. Parking and waxing facilities are available in the hotel basement. The OC will take care of lodging costs for the men and women, according to FIS regulations, from the

6th of March to the 10th of March.

In case the number of competitors and officials is less than entered, no-show will still need to be paid. Please fill in the accommodation form and return it before February 15th 2006. All athletes have to be insured through their national ski federation. **Insurance** The organizer is not responsible for any injury to a person or any damage to property. All attendants have to be covered by an adequate insurance policy which insures for accidents, illness and civil liability. **Competition Rules** The competitions will be held in compliance with FIS Competition Rules. **Doping Control** Anti - Doping testing may take place during the event. **Local Transport service** We offer free transport service from First Hotel Ambassadeur to the training arena at Konnerud. Approx 10 min. with car. Attaché service There will be a service desk staffed with attaches at the First Hotel Ambassadeur. Team captains will be provided with all necessary information concerning competitions, team captains meetings, weather reports, social events etc. **Team Captains meetings:** Will be held at the First Hotel Ambassadeur, Tentative schedule: • Thursday 9th March at 1000 hours • Thursday 9th March at approx. 1500 hours. (race-office) **Observers** We will prepare a special program and an observation site near the start/finish for officials from other nations and World Cup organizers, please mail a request to The Chief Secretary for a special accreditation, worldcup@konnerud.no TV-coverage Norwegian national television and several European channels will directly transmit the Sprint races. Mr Geirr Kihle **Konnerud Sports Club** President Mr Arne Madsen **Organizing Committee** Vice President Mr Pål Eskerud Chief of Competition Contact to the City of Drammen Mr Torstein Busland Chief of Marketing Mr Per Øyvind Mørk Chief of Logistics Mr Anker Weierud Chief of Press Chief of Course Mr Svein Ask-Henriksen Mr. Bjørn Jonassen Chief Accountant/Economics Chief Secretary Mr Arild Moen **FIS/NSF Representatives** FIS Representative Mr Jürg Capol NSF Representative Mr Terje Lund **Technical Delegates** FIS has nominated the following: Mr. Karel Pütsep, SWE Mr. Marco Mapelli, ITA Mr Joha Kolu, FIN (TD Subst.) www.konnerud.no/worldcup

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