

INVITATION

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FIS Tour de Ski

organized as part of the Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country

in

Nove Mesto, CZE Munich, GER Oberstdorf, GER Asiago, ITA & Val di Fiemme, ITA

from December 29th 2006 to January 7th 2007







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ORGANIZERS OF THE FIS TOUR DE SKI

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FIS Tour de Ski

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ENTRY

Only entry for all FIS Tour de Ski Stages is possible. Please note that withdrawal in one race will lead to exclusion from the rest of the FIS Tour de Ski.

To register your participation, please use the enclosed Form A (Preliminary Entry). For official entry, please use the enclosed Form D (Official Entry). Please also specify information on all the accompanying coaches and assistants/other staff. All entries are to be sent to the Organizing Committee in Nove Mesto (address above and on Forms).

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

October 31st 2006 Form A: Preliminary Entry (both athletes and officials) indicating the estimated team size. Note: If the Organizing Committee at Nove Mesto (CZE) does not receive your Form A by October 31st, you will not be able to participate in the FIS Tour de Ski - No Exceptions!

Form B: Accommodation

Form C: Bus Rental

November 30th 2006 Form D: Official Entry

Form E: Vehicle Accreditation and Material Transport

RESTRICTIONS

FIS Rules will apply. The number of participants must comply with the FIS Tour de Ski Rules (as part of the World Cup Rules) and other FIS regulations.

LIABILITY

Each competitor must be insured by her/his National Ski Association and must have signed the FIS Athlete's Declaration. The Organizers will provide insurance coverage for their third party liability only.

FINANCES AND REIMBURSEMENT

Financial conditions apply as stated in the FIS Tour de Ski Rules (point 8). All travel and accommodation cost reimbursements will be paid in cash to the Team Captain on December 28th, 2006 in Nove Mesto. The finance office will be located at the ski stadium.

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FUEL MONEY FOR TEAMS

The organizers will contribute to the cost of fuel per team as follows:

Number of Athletes in Team

2'000.—
1'500.—
1'000.—
500.—

The fuel money will also be paid out in Nove Mesto on December 28th, 2006.



PRIZE MONEY

All FIS Tour de Ski prize money, also for the daily Stages, will be paid out after the last Stage of the Tour de Ski 2006/07 on Sunday, January 7th 2007. Overall and sprint ranking prize money will only be paid out to those who finish the last Stage. Daily prize money will also be paid out to those who may have later withdrawn from the race and it can be received by someone other than the athlete him/herself. For receipt of overall and sprint ranking prize money the regular FIS World Cup Rules apply.

Prize money exceeding Euro 5'000 per athlete for the entire Tour will be paid out using bank transfer. To ensure such transfer, detailed bank account details per athlete must be received by OC Val di Fiemme by January 6th, 2006 (form to be provided on arrival in Val di Fiemme).

WAXING FACILITIES AND TRUCKS

Waxing space will be arranged according to FIS World Cup Rules/FIS Tour de Ski Rules.

If a team is planning to furnish its own waxing truck(s), it must submit **Form E: Vehicle** Accreditation and Material Transport by November 30th, 2006.

For questions and opening schedules of waxing facilities, please contact the following individuals per Tour venue:

Nove Mesto: Michal Lamplot, + 420 774 828 281 Munich: Christian Maiwald, + 49 176 26 53 5224 Oberstdorf: Ralf Schmid, Tel: +49 8322 80 90 300 Asiago: Demetrio Rela, Tel: +39 349 55 39 561 Val di Fiemme: Giacomo Boninsegna, Tel: +39 339 61 93 145

ACCREDITATION FOR CARS/BUSES

All team vehicles must be accredited by submitting **Form E: Vehicle Accreditation and Material Transport by November 30th, 2006.**

Accredited team vehicles will be awarded Tour de Ski Parking Access Cards in Nove Mesto. These are valid at all Stages from Nove Mesto to Val di Fiemme. Note: Special restrictions apply for access to the top of the Final Climb on January 7th in Val di Fiemme. Access cards to Alpe Cermis will be distributed at the Team Captains' Meeting in Val di Fiemme.

ACCREDITATION FOR ATHLETES AND TEAM STAFF

Everyone accompanying the FIS Tour de Ski from Nove Mesto to Val di Fiemme, known as the Tour-Must Group, will be accredited only once for the entire FIS Tour de Ski. These Tour de Ski Accreditation Cards will be issued at Nove Mesto. Detailed information on how to submit the required information for the Tour accreditations will be provided to the NSAs in the letter of confirmation following the receipt of the Official Entry Form, Form D.

Please note that the everyone receiving the special Tour de Ski accreditation card is responsible for carrying it from Nove Mesto to Val di Fiemme.

There will be a charge of Euro 50 for each replacement card issued to the Tour-Must Group members!



TRANSPORTATION

For FIS Tour de Ski Stage-to-Stage transportation, the teams are required to have their own vehicles and are independent in their choice of means of travel. There will be no transportation organized by the FIS Tour de Ski Organizing Committees.

Teams arriving by plane (Prague International Airport): If you do not have an existing team vehicle or need additional vehicles, please consider the attached rental offer and submit your request on **Form C: Bus Rental by October 31, 2006**.

Please note: You will receive recommended route descriptions for travel from a Tour Stage to another with the letter of confirmation following receipt of official entries. Alternatively, you can consult <u>www.viamichelin.com</u>

LUGGAGE TRANSPORTION

Special FIS Tour de Ski trucks will transport team luggage and material from the Prague International Airport to Nove Mesto, throughout the Tour and from Val di Fiemme to the departure airport (Munich and/or Prague) after the event. The teams are requested to confirm their material transportation needs on the enclosed **Form E: Vehicle Accreditation and Material Transport by November 30th, 2006.**

VISA

Please remember that citizens of some countries will need visa for visiting the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy. For more information for arranging a visa, see below:

The Czech Republic: Please consult <u>www.mzv.cz</u> (in English) and contact the Czech embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation, please send an email request to OC Nove Mesto at <u>office@zlatalyze.cz</u>.

Germany: Please contact the German embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation for Munich and Oberstdorf, please send an email request to OC Oberstdorf at info@erdinger-arena.de.

Italy: Please contact the Italian embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation for Asiago and Val di Fiemme, please send an email request to OC Val di Fiemme at <u>info@fiemme2013.com</u>.

ACCOMMODATION

Following receipt of the official entries by November 30th, 2006, a detailed written confirmation of hotel reservations per team will be provided by OC Nove Mesto by mid-December, 2006. For questions regarding the accommodation plan as of and after December 15th, please contact Toni Reiter by e-mail at <u>tonireiter@t-online.de</u> or by phone at +49 172 641 6887.

All persons outside the Seeded Group and their qualified coaches will be charged

EUR 65 (per night per person for a quality room with full board - double rooms). According to the FIS World Cup Rules/FIS Tour de Ski Rules each team (female and/or male) has the right to a single room at no additional cost. Additional single rooms with full board per night will be available at the price specified on Form B. For room cancellation after November 30th 2006, the FIS



World Cup Rules point 8.6 applies (i.e. the respective National Ski Association has to pay the difference between effective and reserved rooms). To guarantee the best possible accommodation arrangements for your team, please submit **Form B: Accommodation by October 30**th, **2006**.

The teams are requested to settle their accommodation bills as follows (credit cards accepted at each venue):

Nove Mesto: at the finance office at the ski stadium Munich: directly at the hotel Oberstdorf: at the Organizing Committee office Val di Fiemme (also for Asiago): directly at the hotel

Teams wishing to take care of their own accommodation arrangements are welcome to do so but will assume full responsibility for all the associated details and cannot expect to receive the above mentioned rates.

RADIO

Use of radio transmission equipment in the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy is regulated by national law. Permits for the use of radio transmission equipment must be requested according to national specifications. Please find the request form for the permit in Germany enclosed (only one form required for Munich and Oberstdorf). For more information for the national regulations in the Czech Republic, please consult <u>www.ctu.cz</u> (in English). There is no permit required in the Czech Republic and in Italy.

LETTERS OF CONFIRMATION

Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request: Following receipt of Forms A and B, you will receive a letter of confirmation by e-mail or fax by mid-November, 2006.

Vehicle Rental: The teams ordering a car (Form C) will also receive a confirmation by e-mail or fax by mid-November, 2006.

Official Entry: Following receipt of Form D (Official Entry), you will receive a letter of confirmation including information on requesting Tour de Ski Accreditations and a detailed list of your accommodation arrangements by e-mail or fax by mid-December, 2006.

Vehicle Accreditation and Material Transport: Accredited vehicles (Form E) will receive parking stickers upon arrival in Nove Mesto that are valid for the entire Tour de Ski (except Alpe Cermis). You will also receive recommended route descriptions for travel from a Tour Stage to another.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE TEAM

Vegard Ulvang (NOR) Karl-Heinz Lickert (GER) Bruno Heinzer (SUI) Dietmar Miklautsch (AUT) Uros Ponikvar (SLO)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course plans with track profiles will be distributed by e-mail prior to the Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country event in Düsseldorf (GER).





OTHER MATTERS

All other matters are regulated in FIS Tour de Ski Rules 2006/07.

THE FIS TOUR DE SKI PROGRAM

Competition Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Race	Distance	Technique	Start
29.12.06	FRI	Nove Mesto	Prologue	3K W 4.5K M	Classic	Individual
30.12.06	SAT	Nove Mesto	Pursuit	10K W 15K M	Free	'Handicap Start'
31.12.06	SUN	Munich	Sprint	1K W 1.2K M	Free	Mass
01.01.07	MON		Rest Day			
02.01.07	TUE	Oberstdorf	Pursuit	5+5K W 10+10K M	Classic/ Free	Mass
03.01.07	WED	Oberstdorf	Distance	10K W 15K M	Classic	Individual
04.01.07	THU		Rest Day			
05.01.07	FRI	Asiago	Sprint	1K W 1.2K M	Free	Mass
06.01.07	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Distance	15K W 30K M	Classic	Mass
07.01.07	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Pursuit (Final Climb)	10K W 15K M	Free	'Handicap Start'

Starting Times Schedule (Subject to change)

Date	Day	Location	Proposed Starting Times (competition time)	
29.12.06	FRI	Nove Mesto	Women: 13:00h (45') Men: 14:00h (50')	
30.12.06	SAT	Nove Mesto	Women: 11:00h (35') Men: 12:00h (45')	
31.12.06	SUN	Munich	Qualification: 9:00h Women/Men: 10:30h (85')	
01.01.07	MON		Rest day	
02.01.07	TUE	Oberstdorf	Women: 12:00h (40') Men: 13:00h (60')]
03.01.07	WED	Oberstdorf	Women: 10:30h (70') Men: 12:00h (90')	Ka M
04.01.07	THU		Rest day	
05.01.07	FRI	Asiago	Qualification: 11:30h (not for TV)	
06.01.07	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Women: 11:30h (50') Men: 14:30h (85')	
07.01.07	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Women: 14:15h (40') Men: 15:15h (50')	



Team Captains Meeting (TCM) Schedule and/or Team information				
Date	Day	Location	TCM Starting Time / Team Info	
28.12.	THU	Nove Mesto	16:00h TCM Nove Mesto - Stage 1 and	
			General Tour Information	
29.12.	FRI	Nove Mesto	17:00h TCM Nove Mesto - Stage 2 and	
			Munich - Stage 3	
30.12.	SAT	Nove Mesto	9:00 h Latest information for Munich – Stage	
			3 provided in writing in Nove Mesto.	
		Munich	Additional information will be available on	
			arrival at the hotel in Munich.	
31.12.	SUN	Munich	7:30h Short info session for Team Captains;	
			also between Qualification and Finals	
01.01.	MON	Oberstdorf	17:00h TCM Oberstdorf - Stage 4	
02.01.	TUE	Oberstdorf	17:00h TCM Oberstdorf – Stage 5	
03.01.	WED			
04.01.	THU	Val di Fiemme (all	17:00h TCM – Stage 6 and Stage 7	
		teams stay in VdF)		
05.01.	FRI		Additional information provided in writing for	
			Stage 7; Short info session for Team	
			Captains between Qualification and Finals	
06.01.	SAT	Val di Fiemme	17:00h TCM – Stage 8	

Team Captains' Meeting (TCM) Schedule and/or Team Information

Official Training Schedule (Subject to change)

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Day	Location	Official Training		
THU	Nove Mesto	10:30 to 14:30 h		
FRI	Nove Mesto 10:30 to 13:10 h			
C A T	Nove Mesto	9:90 to 10:50 h		
SAT		11:30 to 11:50 h		
QUINI	Munich	08:00 to 08:55 h		
301	Munich	10:10 to 10:25 h		
MON Oberstdorf 10:00 to 14:00 h		10:00 to 14:00 h		
	IF Oberetderf	10:00 to 11:50 h		
IUE	Oberstuori	12:30 to 12:50 h		
01. WED Oberstdorf	Oborstdorf	09:15 to 10:20 h		
VVED	Oberstuuri	11:30 to 11:50 h		
тнн	Asiago	10:00 to 14:00 h		
THO	Val di Fiemme	10:00 to 14:00 h (no uphill)		
. FRI	Asiago	9:30 to 11:20 h		
	Asiayu	12:30 to 12:50 h		
SAT	Val di Fiemme	10:00 to 11:20 h		
	vai ui Flemine	12:30 to 14:20 h		
1. SUN Val di Fiemme		11:00 to 14:00 h		
301		14:30 to 15:00 h (2.5 km in Tesero)		
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Official Ceremonies (Times are subject to change)

Date	Day	Location	Event
29.12	FRI	Nove Mesto	Opening Ceremony, Nove Mesto, 19:00 h
07.01	SUN	Val di Fiemme	Official Prize Ceremony, Cavalese, 18:30 h



Date	Day	Location	Opening Hours
27.12.	WED	Nove Mesto	12 – 22:00h
28.12.	THU	Nove Mesto	08 – 22:00h
29.12.	FRI	Nove Mesto	08 – 19:00h
30.12.	SAT	Nove Mesto	07 – 16:00h
		Munich	12 – 22:30h
31.12.	SUN	Munich	06 – 14:00h
		Oberstdorf	14 – 22:00h
01.01.	MON	Oberstdorf	10 – 22:00h
02.01.	TUE	Oberstdorf	08 – 22:00h
03.01.	WED	Oberstdorf	07 – 16:00h
		Val di Fiemme	16 - 22:00h
04.01.	THU	Val di Fiemme	08 – 22:00h
05.01.	FRI	Asiago	08 – 18:00h
		Val di Fiemme	08 - 22:00h
06.01.	SAT	Val di Fiemme	08 – 20:00h
07.01.	SUN	Val di Fiemme	08 - 15:00h

RACE OFFICE OPENING HOURS

ENCLOSURES

Form A: Preliminary Entry Form B: Accommodation Form C: Bus Rental Form D: Official Entry Form E: Vehicle Accreditation and Material Transport Tour de Ski Rules 2006/2007 Permit request for radio transmission equipment in Germany





THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

Nove Mesto

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Petr Honzl

Members: Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová Accommodation: Martina Honzlová Guests: Martina Honzlová, Ladislava Sustackova Accreditation: Martina Honzlová Finances: Vladimír Jelínek Sen. Transportation: Dušan Horvath Communications/Media: Jiří Pošvář TV communications: Vladimir Drbohlav TV production: CTV

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová Competition Secretary: Michal Lamplot Chief of Stadium: Lubomír Buchta Chief of Timekeeping: Luděk Staněk Chief of Course: Stanislav Buchta Course Security: Stanislav Kopřiva

<u>Jury</u>

FIS Technical Delegate: Vegard Ulvang (NOR) FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Karl-Heinz Lickert (GER) FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol National Assistant TD: Jakub Vodrazka Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová

Munich

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Stephan Braun Members: Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel General Secretary: Arwed Raab Accommodation: Anna Bauer Guests: Anna Bauer. Transportation: Arwed Raab Accreditation: Arwed Raab Finances: Arwed Raab Communications/Media: Arno Hartung TV communications: Arno Hartung TV production: ARD/BR

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel Competition Secretary: Bernhard Linder Chief of Stadium: Bernd Stark Chief of Timekeeping: Xaver Renn Chief of Course: Wolfgang Körper Course Security: Christian Maiwald



<u>Jury</u>

FIS Technical Delegate: Dietmar Miklausch (AUT)



FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Uros Ponikvar (SLO) FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol National Assistant Technical Delegate: Rainer Kuchler Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel

Oberstdorf

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Claus-Peter Horle Members: Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel General Secretary: Stefan Huber Accommodation: Petra Genster Finances: Stefan Huber Transportation: Max Lingg Accreditation: Miriam Baldauf Communications/Media: Thomas Weiß TV production: ZDF

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel Competition Secretary: Bernhard Linder Chief of Stadium: Hans Lohr Chief of Timekeeping: Stefan Betz Chief of Course: Thadde Thannheimer Course Security: Christoph von Linstow

<u>Jury</u>

FIS Technical Delegate: Vegard Ulvang (NOR) FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Dietmar Miklausch (AUT) FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol National Assistant TD: Peter Kösel Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel

Asiago

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Andrea Gios

Members: Chief of Competition: Guido Carli General Secretary: Anna Maria Rasotto Accommodation: In Val di Fiemme, local contact Anna Maria Rasotto Guests: Anna Maria Rasotto – IAT Asiago Accreditation and finances: Anna Maria Rasotto Transportation: Anna Maria Rasotto Media: Mario Facchini TV Communication: Sergio Vellar TV Production: Media Partners

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Guido Carli Competition Secretary: Michele Paganin Chief of Stadium: Ivano Costa Chief of Timekeeping: Aldo Plai Chief of Course: Demetrio Rela Course Security: Gianni Stella





<u>Jury</u>

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Val di Fiemme

Organizing Committee

- Chairman: Pietro Degodenz
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Tour de Ski Board

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