



INVITATION

The International Ski Federation (FIS), together with the National Ski Associations of the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy, takes pleasure in inviting all FIS Member Associations to participate in the

VISSMANN FIS TOUR DE SKI PERFORMANCE BY CRAFT SPORTSWEAR

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

in Nove Mesto (CZE), Prague (CZE), Oberstdorf (GER), Asiago (ITA) & Val di Fiemme (ITA) from December 28th 2007 to January 6th 2008





WELCOME

On behalf of the FIS Cross-Country Committee, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2nd edition of the Viessmann FIS Tour de Ski performance by Craft Sportswear.

What was totally new for us all last year is now about to become a tradition. Without a title event on the calendar, the Tour is bound to be the event of the year for the athletes. And, with the experience of the first Tour under their belt, we can be sure that they will be well-prepared. The same applies to the media, the spectators, TV viewers and, most importantly, the Tour organizers. I know that the five Organizing Committees have been working hard together with the Tour Board to refine many details and close the gaps unveiled by last year's premiere. I am confident that the second Tour will be even better than the first one.

I wish you all much success on the Tour and look forward to seeing you on top of Alpe Cermis!

Vegard Ulvang
Chairman of the FIS Cross-Country Committee





ORGANIZERS OF THE FIS TOUR DE SKI

Nové Mesto, 28-29th December 2007

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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 username and password sent to your National Ski Association/Company in a separate e-mail message to log onto the FIS Online Registration System at <http://www.tour-de-ski.com/fr/team.html> and follow further instructions. **No paper or e-mail entries will be accepted.** If you have any questions regarding the FIS Online Registration System please contact Riikka Rakic on +41 79 64 34 281 or on tourdeski@fisski.ch.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

October 31st, 2007 Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request through the Tour de Ski Online Registration System
Estimated team size including number of athletes and team staff and estimated number of vehicles.

Note: If your registration is not received by October 31st, you will not be able to participate!

Car Rental Request using the Car Rental Form (enclosed)

November 30th, 2007 Official Entry through the FIS Tour de Ski Online Registration System
Names of athletes and team staff

LETTERS OF CONFIRMATION

Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request: Following receipt of Preliminary Entry in the Tour de Ski Online Registration System, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

Car Rental: Teams ordering a car using the Car Rental Form will receive an e-mail confirmation.

Official Entry: Following receipt of Official Entry in the Tour de Ski Online Registration System, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. A detailed list of your Tour de Ski accommodation arrangements will also be provided by e-mail by mid-December, 2007.

RESTRICTIONS

FIS Rules will apply. The number of participants per National Ski Association must comply with the FIS Tour de Ski Rules and other FIS regulations.

LIABILITY

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





FINANCES AND TEAM REIMBURSEMENT

Financial conditions apply as stated in the FIS Tour de Ski Rules (point 8). **All applicable costs (e.g. accommodation & travel) will be reimbursed to the Team Captain on January 5th, 2008 in Val di Fiemme.** The finance office will be located at the Cross-Country Stadium. All calculations will be based on official entries and the Red Group list available after the races in Rybinsk (RUS).

FUEL MONEY FOR TEAMS

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

Number of Athletes in Team (at start of Tour)	CHF
10 and more	2'000
7 to 9	1'500
4 to 6	1'000
3 and less	500

The fuel money will also be paid out in Val di Fiemme on January 5th, 2008.

PRIZE MONEY

The overall FIS Tour de Ski prize money will be paid out after the last Stage of the Tour de Ski 2007/08 on Sunday, January 6th 2008. Overall and sprint ranking prize money will only be paid out to those who finish the last Stage. For receipt of overall and sprint ranking prize money the regular FIS World Cup Rules apply.

Daily prize money will be paid on site after each Stage. It will also be paid out to those who may have withdrawn from the event later on.

Tour de Ski prize money exceeding € 5'000 per athlete 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 5th, 2008 (form to be provided on arrival in Val di Fiemme).

ACCREDITATION FOR ATHLETES, TEAMS AND THEIR VEHICLES

Everyone accompanying the FIS Tour de Ski from Nove Mesto to Val di Fiemme, the so-called Tour-Must Group, will be accredited once for the entire FIS Tour de Ski. The Tour de Ski Accreditation Cards will be available at the accreditation office in Nove Mesto.

Everyone receiving the special Tour de Ski accreditation card is responsible for carrying it all the way to Val di Fiemme. There will be a charge of € 50 for each replacement card issued!

Accredited team vehicles will be provided Tour de Ski Parking Access Cards in Nove Mesto. These are also 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 6th in Val di Fiemme. Access cards to Alpe Cermis will be distributed at the Team Captains' Meeting there.

TEAM BIG BIBS

The big bibs for athletes, coaches, service and industry distributed at the beginning of the season also apply to the Tour de Ski and must be worn.





TRANSPORTATION

For 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 Organizing Committees.**

Teams arriving by plane (Prague International Airport):

If you do not have a team vehicle or need additional vehicles, please consider the enclosed rental offer and submit your request on the Car Rental Form by October 31, 2007. For questions, please contact Michal Lamplot on +420 774 82 82 81.

Please refer to the **Tour Route Book** (enclosed) for travel directions from a Tour Stage to another. Alternatively, you may consult www.viamichelin.com.

VISA

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 www.mzv.cz (in English) and contact the Czech embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation for Nove Mesto and Prague, please send an e-mail request to OC Nove Mesto at office@zlatalyze.cz.

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

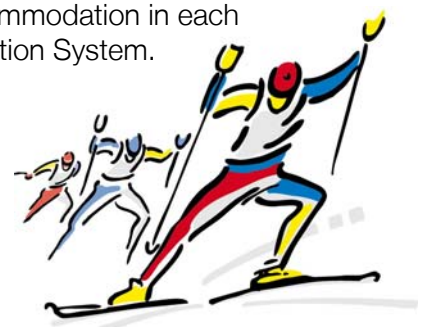
Italy: Please contact the Italian embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation for Asiago and Val di Fiemme, please send an e-mail request to OC Val di Fiemme at info@fiemme2013.com.

ACCOMMODATION

Following receipt of the Official Entry in the Tour de Ski Online Registration System by November 30th, 2007, a detailed confirmation of all hotel reservations will be provided to each Team latest in mid-December, 2007.

As per current rules, all persons outside the Seeded Group and their qualified coaches will be charged CHF 100 (ca. €60) in standard category (** and less) or CHF 125 (ca. €76) in superior category (***) and more) per night per person for a quality room with full board in 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 prices specified in the Tour de Ski Online Registration System for each venue. For room cancellation after December 18th, 2007, the FIS World Cup Rules point 8.6 applies. This means that the respective National Ski Association has to pay the difference between effective and reserved rooms (tolerance 10%). To guarantee the best possible accommodation arrangements for your team, submit your request for accommodation in each Tour venue together with your Preliminary Entry through the Online Registration System.

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





Please note that all teams must check out from the hotels before the competition in Prague on December 30th, 2007 and travel to Oberstdorf after the race (arrival in Oberstdorf scheduled from 20-24:00 CET). Shower facilities are provided in the sports complex Strahov located near the competition venue at Hradcanské náměstí (refer to the enclosed Tour Route Book for more information). Also note that there is no accommodation in Asiago as teams will stay in Val di Fiemme from 2nd January, travelling to Asiago for the competition only. And don't forget the **big Tour de Ski Party** after the official prize ceremony in Cavalese on Sunday evening, January 6th!

The teams are requested to pay all their hotel expenses for all team members - including Red Group athletes and eligible coaches – at each venue as follows (credit cards accepted):

Nove Mesto: at the finance office at the ski stadium

Prague: at the race office at the venue

Oberstdorf: at the Organizing Committee office (Oberstdorf Haus)

Val di Fiemme: directly at the hotel

WAXING FACILITIES

Waxing space will be arranged according to FIS World Cup Rules/FIS Tour de Ski Rules. For additional questions, please contact the following individuals per Tour venue:

Nove Mesto: Michal Lamplot, +420 774 828 281 (facilities open on 26th December at 14:00)

Prague: Petr Manich, Tel: +420 603 323 292 (facilities open on 29th December at 17:00)

Oberstdorf: Ralf Schmid, Tel: +49 8322 80 90 300 (facilities open on 31st December at 7:00)

Asiago: Demetrio Rela, Tel: +39 349 55 39 561 (facilities open on 3rd January at 9:00)

Val di Fiemme: Giacomo Boninsegna, Tel: +39 339 61 93 145 (facilities open on 3rd Jan at 8:00)

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. For more information for the national regulations in the Czech Republic, please consult www.ctu.cz (in English). There is no permit required in the Czech Republic and in Italy.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE TEAM

John Aalberg (USA)

Bruno Heinzer (SUI)

Karl-Heinz Lickert (GER)

Dietmar Miklautsch (AUT)

Uros Ponikvar (SLO)

Bente Skari (NOR)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course plans with track profiles will be provided by the end of October. They will also be available on the Tour de Ski web site at www.tour-de-ski.com.

OTHER MATTERS

All other matters are regulated in FIS Tour de Ski Rules 2007/08 or FIS World Cup Rules 2007/08 (enclosed).



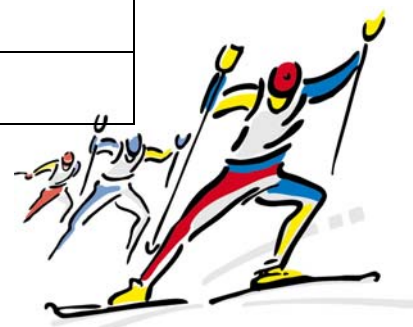
THE TOUR DE SKI PROGRAM

Competition Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Race	Distance	Technique	Start	
28.12.07	FRI	Nove Mesto	Prologue	3K W 4.5K M	Classic	Individual	
29.12.07	SAT	Nove Mesto	Pursuit	10K W 15K M	Free	'Handicap Start'	
30.12.07	SUN	Prague	Sprint	1K W 1K M	Free	Mass	
31.12.07	MON	Rest Day					
01.01.08	TUE	Oberstdorf	Pursuit	5+5K W 10+10K M	Classic/ Free	Mass	
02.01.08	WED	Oberstdorf	Distance	10K W 15K M	Classic	Individual	
03.01.08	THU	Rest Day					
04.01.08	FRI	Asiago	Sprint	1.2K W 1.2K M	Free	Mass	
05.01.08	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Distance	10K W 20K M	Classic	Mass	
06.01.08	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Pursuit (Final Climb)	9K W 10K M	Free	'Handicap Start'	

Starting Times Schedule (subject to change)

Date	Day	Location	Proposed Starting Times (competition time)
28.12.07	FRI	Nove Mesto	Women: 12:00 CET (45') Men: 14:00 CET (50')
29.12.07	SAT	Nove Mesto	Women: 14:00 CET (35') Men: 15:00 CET (45')
30.12.07	SUN	Prague	Qualification: 11:45 CET Women/Men: 14:00 CET (85')
31.12.07	MON	Rest day	
01.01.08	TUE	Oberstdorf	Women: 15:30 CET (40') Men: 12:30 CET (60')
02.01.08	WED	Oberstdorf	Women: 12:00 CET (70') Men: 14:00 CET (90')
03.01.08	THU	Rest day	
04.01.08	FRI	Asiago	Qualification: 10:45 CET Women/Men: 12:30 CET (85')
05.01.08	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Women: 11:45 CET (30') Men: 14:00 CET (50')
06.01.08	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Women: 12:00 CET (40') Men: 14:00 CET (45')

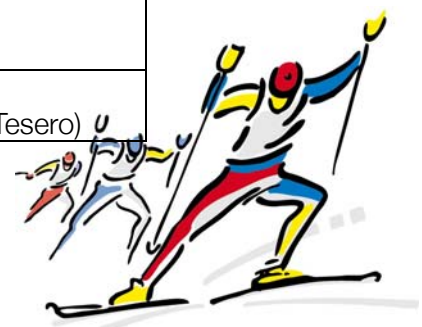


Team Captains' Meeting (TCM) Schedule and/or Team Information

Date	Day	Location	TCM Starting Time / Team Info
27.12.07	THU	Nove Mesto	16:00 CET TCM for Stage 1 in Nove Mesto and General Tour Information
28.12.07	FRI	Nove Mesto	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 2 in Nove Mesto and Stage 3 in Prague
29.12.07	SAT	Nove Mesto	Information for Stage 3 in Prague provided in writing in Nove Mesto. Additional information to be available on arrival at the hotel in Prague.
30.12.07	SUN	Prague	10:00 CET Short info session for Team Captains; also between Qualification & Finals
31.12.07	MON	Oberstdorf	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 4 in Oberstdorf
01.01.08	TUE	Oberstdorf	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 5 in Oberstdorf
03.01.08	THU	Val di Fiemme	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 6 in Asiago and Stage 7 in Val di Fiemme
04.01.08	FRI	Asiago	No TCM before race - Short info session for Team Captains in Asiago between Qualification and Finals. Information for Stage 7 in Val di Fiemme provided in writing.
05.01.08	SAT	Val di Fiemme	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 8 in Val di Fiemme

Official Training Schedule (subject to change)

Date	Day	Location	Official Training
27.12.07	THU	Nove Mesto	10:30 to 15:00 CET
28.12.07	FRI	Nove Mesto	10:00 to 11:50 CET 12:45 to 13:50 CET
29.12.07	SAT	Nove Mesto	10:30 to 12:20 CET 13:00 to 13:50 CET
30.12.07	SUN	Prague	10:15 to 11:20 CET 13:20 to 13:50 CET
31.12.07	MON	Oberstdorf	10:00 to 14:00 CET
01.01.08	TUE	Oberstdorf	10:30 to 12:20 CET 13:45 to 15:20 CET
02.01.08	WED	Oberstdorf	10:00 to 11:50 CET 13:00 to 13:50 CET
03.01.08	THU	Asiago Val di Fiemme	10:00 to 14:00 CET 10:00 to 14:00 CET (no uphill)
04.01.08	FRI	Asiago	9:30 to 10:30 CET 11:45 to 12:20 CET
05.01.08	SAT	Val di Fiemme	10:00 to 11:30 CET 12:30 to 13:45 CET
06.01.08	SUN	Val di Fiemme	10:00 to 11:45 CET 12:30 to 13:45 CET (2.5 km in Tesero)



Official Ceremonies

Date	Day	Location	Event
28.12	FRI	Nove Mesto	Opening Ceremony, Nove Mesto, 19:00 CET
01.01.	THU	Oberstdorf	Official Stage Prize Ceremony, Oberstdorf Nordic Village, 18:30 CET
06.01	SUN	Cavalese/Val di Fiemme	Official Prize Ceremony, Cavalese, 18:00 CET
06.01	SUN	Cavalese/Val di Fiemme	Tour de Ski Party for Teams/Service, immediately after Official Prize Ceremony

Race Office Opening Hours

Date	Day	Location	Opening Hours
26.12.	WED	Nove Mesto	12 – 22:00 CET
27.12.	THU	Nove Mesto	08 – 22:00 CET
28.12.	FRI	Nove Mesto	08 – 19:00 CET
29.12.	SAT	Nove Mesto Prague	07 – 16:00 CET 12 – 22:30 CET
30.12.	SUN	Prague Oberstdorf	06 – 17:30 CET 14 – 22:00 CET
31.01.	MON	Oberstdorf	10 – 20:00 CET
01.01.	TUE	Oberstdorf	10 – 20:00 CET
02.01.	WED	Oberstdorf Val di Fiemme	07 – 16:00 CET 16 – 22:00 CET
03.01.	THU	Val di Fiemme	08 – 22:00 CET
04.01.	FRI	Asiago Val di Fiemme	08 – 18:00 CET 08 – 22:00 CET
05.01.	SAT	Val di Fiemme	08 – 20:00 CET
06.01.	SUN	Val di Fiemme	08 – 15:00 CET

ENCLOSURES

Car Rental Form

Tour de Ski Rules 2007/2008

Request for radio transmission equipment permit in Germany

Tour Route Book





THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

Nove Mesto

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Petr Honzl

Members:

Accommodation: Martina Honzlová
Guests: Martina Honzlová, Ladislava Sustackova
Accreditation: Martina Honzlová
Finances: Vladimír Jelínek Jun.
Transportation: Dušan Horvath
Communications/Media: Jirí Pošvár
TV communications: Vladimír Drbohlav

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová
Competition Secretary: Michal Lamplot
Chief of Stadium: Lubomír Buchta
Chief of Course: Stanislav Buchta
Course Security: Stanislav Kopriva

Jury

FIS Technical Delegate: Karl-Heinz Lickert
FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Uros Ponikvar
FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol
National Assistant TD: Petra Skalicka
Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová

Prague

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Katerina Neumannová

Members:

General Secretary: Marek Rejman
Accommodation: Tereza Rákosníková
Guests: Martina Dvoráková, Tereza Rákosníková
Transportation: Petr Manich
Accreditation: Tereza Rákosníková
Finances: Karolina Losova
Communications/Media: Michaela Drobná
TV communications: Vladimír Drbohlav

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: TBC
Competition Secretary: Tereza Rákosníková
Chief of Stadium: Petr Manich
Chief of Course: Petr Manich
Course Security: Mr. Nikolajev





Jury

FIS Technical Delegate: Dietmar Miklautsch
FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Bruno Heinzer
FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol
National Assistant TD: TBC
Chief of Competition: TBC

Oberstdorf

Organizing Committee

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General Secretary: Stefan Huber
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Competition Committee

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

Jury

FIS Technical Delegate: John Aalberg
FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Bente Skari
FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol
National Assistant TD: Andrea Kaiser
Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel

Asiago

Organizing Committee

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Guests: Anna Maria Rasotto – IAT Asiago
Accreditation and finances: Anna Maria Rasotto
Transportation: Anna Maria Rasotto
Media: Mario Facchini
TV Communication: Sergio Vellar

Competition Committee

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





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FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol
National Assistant TD: Francesco de Stefani
Chief of Competition: Guido Carli

Val di Fiemme

Organizing Committee

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General Secretary: Angelo Corradini
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Accommodation: Ursula Guadagnini
Guests: Federica Cerri
Transportation: Camillo Bessone
Accreditation: Marco Gilardi
Finances: Carlo Bologna
Communications/Media: Mario Facchini
TV communications: Bruno Felicetti & Matteo Giacomuzzi

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Chief of Competition: Marco Mapelli
Competition Secretary: Silvia Vaia
Chief of Stadium: Tomasi Ciro
Chief of Course: Giuseppe Brigadoi
Course Security: Giuliano Vaia

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FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Karl-Heinz Lickert
FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol
National Assistant TD:
Chief of Competition: Marco Mapelli

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