



**VISSMANN FIS
WORLD CUP CROSS-COUNTRY
Presented by RAUCH**

**January 22 to 26, 2008
Canmore, Alberta, CANADA**

RACE INVITATION



Jointly hosted by the Foothills Nordic Ski Club and the Canmore Nordic Ski Club





WELCOME TO CANMORE...

The Organizing Committee for the Canmore World Cup extends our warmest invitation to participate in the “Viessmann” FIS WORLD CUP, Cross-country, CANMORE January 22 to 26, 2008, sanctioned by the International Ski Federation (FIS).

The Canmore Nordic Centre is located in the heart of the stunning Canadian Rockies. Developed for the 1988 Winter Olympics, the government of Alberta has recently completed a \$26 million upgrade to the Canmore Nordic Centre.

The Centre features more than 70 kilometres of world-class cross-country racing trails at an average elevation of 1425 metres. The race facilities include 24 new team wax rooms, and the new Olympic and Centennial race courses.

TRAVEL INFORMATION



Airport information
Calgary International Airport is easily accessible and is a 1.5-hour 110km drive to Canmore.

[Calgary International Airport](#)

Directions:

[Calgary to Canmore Map.](#)

Transfers:

See page 7 for OC transfer information.



USEFUL INFORMATION

Climate

Updated weather can be found on the Internet site:

www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/forecast/city_e.html?ab-3

Passport and Visa requirements

For all citizens from other countries a valid passport is necessary. Please check with the following Canadian website as to whether your country needs a visa:

www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar and its use is recommended.

Canmore services

Available on the website: www.canmorealberta.com

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Contact the Canmore World Cup website for course maps and technical course information: www.albertaworldcup.com

OFFICIAL HOTELS

The official hotels for all Competitors, Team Leaders, Coaches and Team Medical Personnel are the **Canmore Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre, and the Chateau Canmore**, both located a short walk from downtown Canmore.

Toll free customer reservations worldwide can be found by following the web links to:

Canmore Radisson Hotel:

www.radisson.com/canmoreca

511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore

+1 403-678-3625

Chateau Canmore:

www.chateaucanmore.com

1720 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore

+1 403 678-6699

Accommodation will be available from Saturday January 19 until Saturday January. 26, inclusive. Bookings before and after are also possible, based on hotel availability.

- **Hotel reservations must be booked through the Organizing Committee with the accommodation form provided.**
- **Direct payment must be made to the Canmore Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre or to the Chateau Canmore**



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The accommodation form must be sent back no later than January 4, 2008.

Payment:

- Teams are required to prepay 50% of their team package to the hotel by January 4, 2008.
- Preferred method of payment is credit card or bank transfers. Cheques will not be accepted for payment.
- The hotel will require a credit card pre-approved for the remaining 50% at check in for the duration of the stay.
- Remaining payment will be required in full on departure, through credit card or bank transfers.

The team package will include:

- a. Accommodation and meal package as per FIS guidelines.
- b. Additional single rooms outside of FIS guidelines are available @ \$130.50 (Canadian) single occupancy at Chateau Canmore, and \$155.90 at the Radisson. Double rooms before Jan. 19 or after Jan. 26 are available at the standard rate of CHF 125, (\$Canadian equivalent).
- c. Three buffet meals daily at the hotel or nearby; the hours of service will recognize race schedules
- d. Teams may make additional meal requests with the hotel at their own costs.



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EVENT SCHEDULE (Subject to changes)

Date	Time	Event
January 16-19	All day	Teams arrive in Canmore to train at the Canmore Nordic Centre and surrounding facilities
Sunday Jan.20	5:00 pm	Team Information meeting, Bill Warren Training Centre (BWTC)
Monday Jan.21	11- 2:00 pm	First day of official training
	5:00 pm	Team Captains meeting, BWTC
Tuesday Jan. 22	11:00 am	Ladies Pursuit – 15 km Flower ceremony, ladies
	12:30 pm	Mens Pursuit – 30 km Flower ceremony, men
	5:00 pm	Canmore Winter Games, Pond (downtown Canmore)
	5:00 pm	Team Captains meeting, BWTC
	7:00 pm	Medal Presentations, Pond
Wednesday Jan. 23	10:00 am	Ladies & Mens sprint qualifying (classic)
	12:30 pm	Ladies & Mens sprint finals (classic) Flower ceremony, ladies and men
	5:00 pm	Canmore Winter Games, Pond
	6:00 pm	Canmore Nordic Centre Official Opening Government of Alberta Reception
	7:00 pm	Medal presentations, Pond
Thursday Jan. 24	11- 2:00 pm	Official training day
	5:00 pm	Team Captains meeting, BWTC
Friday Jan. 25	11:00 am	Ladies free, interval start – 10 km Flower ceremony, ladies
	12:30 pm	Mens free, interval start – 15 km Flower ceremony, men
	4:30 pm	Team Captains meeting, BWTC
	6:00 pm	Athletes dinner, Silvertip Resort
	6:30 pm	VIP and Sponsor's gala, Silvertip Resort
	7:00 pm	Medal presentations, Silvertip Resort
Saturday Jan. 26	10:00 am	Ladies and Mens sprint qualifying (free)
	12:30 pm	Ladies and Mens sprint finals (free) Flower ceremony, ladies and men
	Noon	Taste of Canmore, Canmore Civic Centre, (downtown)
	4:00 pm	Medal presentations, Pond
	5:00 pm	Street party, downtown Canmore
Sunday Jan. 27		Teams depart from Canmore



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RACE OFFICE

Located in the Bill Warren Training Centre at the race venue

E-mail: competitionsecretary@albertaworldcup.com

Hours of operation:

January 17 to 19: Noon to 4:00 pm

January 20 to 26: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

All Team Members (competitors, coaches, team leaders/assistant team leaders, and team medical staff) and FIS representatives must be accredited.

Forms: Three forms are requested from teams: (Please go to event website).

1. **Official Entry Form** –
2. **Accommodation Form** –
3. **Transportation Form** -

These are in “.doc” format, to be filled out and **e-mailed** to competition secretary. This is the fastest and most convenient method. However, fax is also acceptable.

The **Official Entry form** must be returned to the Organizing Committee at the latest January 4, 2008.

Please send all your requests regarding the event to the Organizing Committee via e-mail. You will receive a confirmation.

Send Entry Forms to:

E-mail: competitionsecretary@albertaworldcup.com

Fax +1 403-678-3644

www.albertaworldcup.com

Upon arriving in Canmore each team will receive a detailed package of local information.



OFFICIAL TRANSPORT

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) can provide one arrival/departure transfer from the airport (Calgary) per team according to FIS regulations. Please use the **Transportation form** for your transport requests.

This form must be received by the LOC by January 4, 2008.

A shuttle service will be provided between the official accommodations and the venue from January 19 to 26.

Further details on the timelines will be communicated upon arrival and registration.

RACE COMMITTEE

Technical Delegate	Pierre Gay-Perret
FIS Race Director	Jurg Capol
Assistant TD	Jussi Prykari
National Assistant TD	Janet Gates
Chief of Competition	Robert Hogg

FACILITY INFORMATION

Team Waxing Cabins: are located opposite the ski test area behind the Bill Warren Training Centre.

Parking Passes: can be requested at the race office, and on the transportation form.

Canmore Nordic Centre – venue map – is available on the Event Website .



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PAYMENT

The organizing committee's payment of costs for athletes will be according to FIS rules. All payment will take place following the Team captain's meeting on January 21.

PRIZE MONEY

According to FIS agreement, all prize money will be paid to the prize winner's personal bank account. To ensure this transfer, bank account and personal details for each athlete including a copy of the athlete's passport, must be received by the organizer prior to or upon arrival. Please use the **Prize Money Form**, which will be available at the first Team Information meeting, on January 20, 2007. Potential winners should be aware of what information their bank requires to have money transferred to their personal account.

Please submit by January 4, 2008:

- **Entry form**
- **Accommodation form**
- **Transportation form**

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