



FIS CROSS-COUNTRY • 2009 WORLD CUP  
WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK

## RACE INVITATION



## VISSMAN CROSS-COUNTRY FIS WORLD CUP

JANUARY 15 -18, 2009  
CALLAGHAN VALLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA



Canada

# Welcome to Whistler Olympic Park

Cross Country Canada, the Organizing Committee, and the hundreds of volunteers who have committed themselves to this event, would like to welcome you to the 2009 FIS Viessman Cross Country World Cup to be held at Whistler Olympic Park, British Columbia, Canada. Whistler Olympic Park is the Nordic venue for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. We are pleased to provide you with this event registration and information package.

*Bienvenue*   *Willkommen*   □□   *Benvenuto*   Добро пожаловать   □□□□  
*Bienvenida*   Υποδοχή   *Velkommen*   □□   **Welcome!**

## Registration

To indicate your plans for participation, please complete **Form A** (Accommodation Form). Final entries can be made by using the FIS Entry form, **Form C**, which must be filled out in full, specifying all required information. Forms can be sent by mail to the address below. Forms can also be faxed to the same office (01-778-328-6305) or emailed to [sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com](mailto:sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com). All forms can be found on the event web site

### Mailing Address for forms:

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**Fax:** 01-778-328-6305  
**email:** [sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com](mailto:sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com)  
**Website:** [www.crosscountry-vancouver.com](http://www.crosscountry-vancouver.com)

## Deadlines

Visa requests (for teams requiring personal invitations to obtain VISAs to enter Canada)  
 Form A (Accommodation form)  
   -exact number of competitors, coaches and others travelling with the team  
   with arrival and departure dates required by this time  
 Form B (Team transportation information)  
 Form C (Official Entry Form) or online entry

**November 1, 2008**  
**December 1, 2008**

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**January 1, 2009**

## Race Entry Restrictions

FIS Rules (2008/2009) limiting eligibility will apply. The number of participants and participating countries is governed by Section 3 of the FIS World Cup rules.

## Technical Information

### Organizing Committee

Event Director	John Aalberg
Sport Manager	Rob Bernhardt
Cross Country Canada	Al Maddox
	Dave Dyer
Canadian Ski and Snowboard Assoc.	David Pym
Resort Municipality of Whistler	John Rae
Town of Squamish representative	Denise Imbeau

### Competition Committee

Chief of Competition	Rob Bernhardt
Assistant Chief of Competition	Jim McCarthy
Competition Secretary	Nancy Flood
Chief of Course	Mike Edwards
Chief of Stadium	Mark Blayney
Chief of Timing	Denis Brown
Chief of Competition Control	Ian Sibbald

### Race Jury

FIS TD	Urös Ponikvar
FIS Assistant TD	Georgy Kadykov
FIS Race Director	Jürg Capol
National TD	TBA
Chief of Competition	Rob Bernhardt

### Waxing Facilities

Waxing facilities are provided at Whistler Olympic Park in accordance with World Cup Rules (2008/2009), Section 8.5.

### Course Descriptions

Maps of the venue, stadium, and courses, including profile descriptions are enclosed with this invitation and are available on the website: [www.crosscountry-vancouver.com](http://www.crosscountry-vancouver.com).

### Race Office Hours

The Race Office at Whistler Olympic Park will be open Wednesday, 14 January 2008 to Sunday 18 January, 2008 from 08:00 to 17:00 (Hours subject to change)  
In addition, an information desk will be located at the Executive Suites, Garibaldi Springs Resort.

## Races & Dates

- **Friday 16 January, 2008**

- Cross Country

- Individual Sprints, Classic Technique
    - Qualification Round (09:30 PST); Finals (11:15)
      - Women - 1.3 km
      - Men - 1.6 km

- **Saturday 17 January, 2008**

- Cross Country

- Pursuit
    - Men - 15 km + 15 km (4 X 3.75 C + 4 X 3.75 F)
    - Women - 7.5 Km + 7.5 km (2 X 3.75 C + 3 X 2.5 F)

- **Sunday 18 January, 2008**

- Cross Country

- Team Sprints, Free Technique
    - Semi Finals (10:00 PST); (Finals 12:00 PST)
      - Women - 1.3 km
      - Men - 1.6 km

## Event Schedule (subject to change)

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location (at WOP)
Wednesday	14/01/2008	16:00	Team Info meeting	Cross-Country Competition Centre
Thursday	15/01/2008	10:00-16:00 13:00-16:00 16:00	Cross Country Training Nordic Combined Training Cross Country Team Captains' meeting	All Cross country trails/courses 2.5 km Blue course Cross-Country Competition Centre
Friday	16/01/2008	09:30  10:00 11:15 13:15 14:15-16:00  16:00	Cross Country Sprint Qualification Round, Classic technique, Men & Women  NC Jumping Competition Cross Country Sprint finals Nordic Combined competition Nordic Combined and Cross Country training Cross Country Team Captains' meeting	Sprint courses (men - 1.6 km, women - 1.3 km)  Sprint courses 2.5 km Blue course Competition courses  Cross-Country Competition Centre
Saturday	17/01/2008	09:15  11:15 12:30  13:45 14:45-16:00 16:00	Cross Country Pursuit--Men  NC Jumping Competition Cross Country Pursuit--Women  Nordic Combined competition Cross Country Training Cross Country Team Captains' meeting	Competition Courses (4 x 3.75 km blue + 4 x 3.75 km red)  Competition Courses (3 x 2.5 km blue + 3 x 2.5 km red) 2.5 km Blue course Sprint courses Cross-Country Competition Centre
Sunday	18/01/2008	10:00  12:00	Cross Country Team Sprints, semi-finals—Women & Men Team Sprint finals—Women & Men	Sprint Courses Sprint Courses

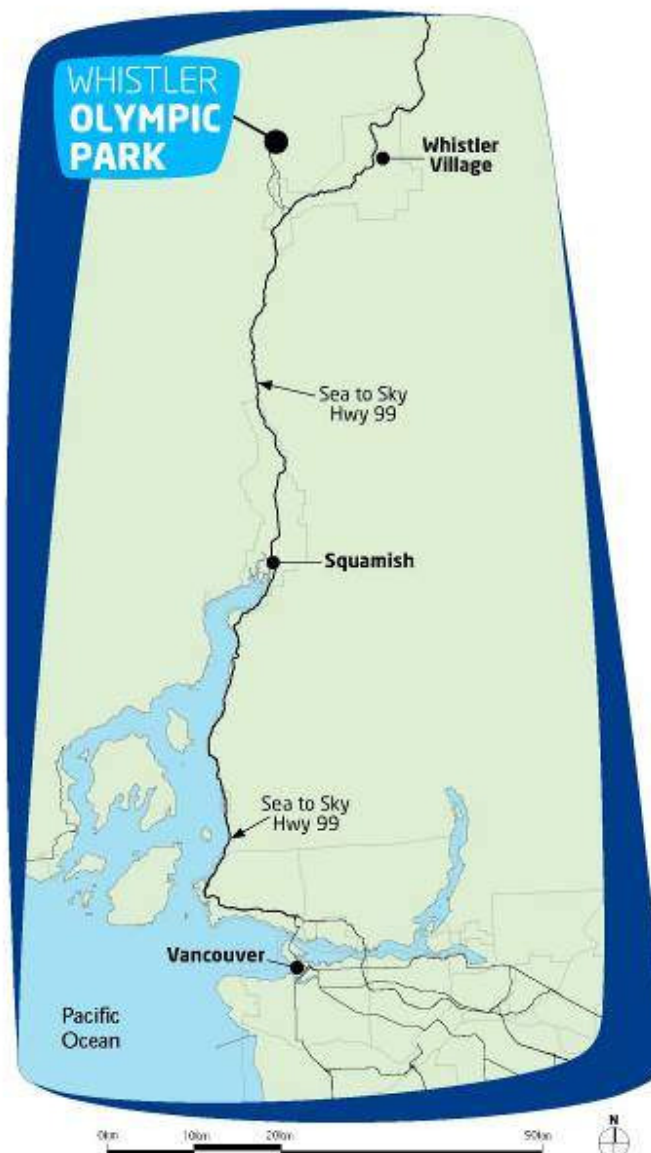
## Travel & Visitor Information

Whistler Olympic Park (WOP), the venue for Nordic Events of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, is located in the Callaghan Valley, in southwest British Columbia. Lying at an elevation of 840-930 m, the amount of snow on the ground in February has averaged 191 centimetres over the last few years; average temperatures at this time range from a daily high of +3.3°C to a daily low of -4.0°C, with a daily mean of -0.4°C. The cities of Whistler (16 km northeast of WOP) and Squamish (50 km south of WOP) both offer a full range of accommodation and services. The closest International Airport is in Vancouver, B.C., 115 kilometres to the south.

### Distances

#### From Whistler Olympic Park:

- to Sea to Sky Highway: 10 km (10 minutes)
- to Squamish Sea to Sky Highway: 45 km (35 minutes)
- to Whistler, along Sea to Sky Highway: 10 km (15 minutes)



## Transportation

Please fill out Form B by DECEMBER 1 to enable us to assist with your transportation plans

### Transportation Provided by the Organizing Committee

1. To and From Airport: Teams arriving by air at Vancouver International Airport are entitled (according to FIS World Cup rules, Section 8.4) to transport to the event hotel in Squamish. Please be aware of the regulations concerning one free transfer per team and the requirement to notify the Organizing committee of transport needs by December 1 **Form C**.

2. To and From Whistler Olympic Park: Shuttle buses will run on a regular schedule between Squamish and Whistler Olympic Park (about a 35 minute drive by car) from 15-18 January, 2009.

### Airport Shuttle Service

There are several shuttle services offering bus and van service between Vancouver International Airport, Squamish and Whistler. Contact details for these services can be found at:

<http://www.perimeterbus.com/>

<http://www.pacificcoach.com/whistler>

### Team Van Rental

The companies listed below are some of those that offer vehicle rental out of Vancouver International Airport or nearby (for more information, see: [http://www.yvr.ca/guide/toandfrom/car\\_rentals.asp](http://www.yvr.ca/guide/toandfrom/car_rentals.asp)). As shown on Form C, the Organizing Committee would be grateful to be made aware of each team's plans with respect to using this type of independent transport.

Company	Vancouver/Airport	Toll free Worldwide	Website
Budget	Ground floor of parkade, near terminal	800-314-5885	<a href="http://www.budget.com/budgetWeb/home/home.ex">http://www.budget.com/budgetWeb/home/home.ex</a>
Enterprise	Pick up location, Economy parking lot	800-736-8222	<a href="http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/home.do">www.enterprise.com/car_rental/home.do</a>
Avis	Ground floor of parkade, near terminal	800-879-2847	<a href="http://www.avis.com/AvisWeb/home/AvisHome">www.avis.com/AvisWeb/home/AvisHome</a>
Hertz	Ground floor of parkade, near terminal	800-654-3131	<a href="http://www.hertz.com">www.hertz.com</a>
Alamo	Ground floor of parkade, near terminal	800-844-9041	<a href="http://www.alamo.ca/">www.alamo.ca/</a>
National	Ground floor of parkade, near terminal	800-227-7368	<a href="http://www.nationalcar.ca/">www.nationalcar.ca/</a>

### Drivers Licence Requirements for Tourists

Non-resident drivers who hold a valid driver's licence from their home jurisdiction may drive in B.C. with their out-of-province driver's licence for a maximum of six months. This applies regardless of whether they hold a valid international driving permit. A special class of licence is required to drive vehicles with a seating capacity of over 10 people (including the driver). For more information contact the Driver Licensing Information line at 1-800-950-1498 (<http://www.icbc.com/help/contact.asp#7>)

### Liability / Insurance

The organizer cannot be held liable for any damages done to persons or material/ equipment. All participants must be covered by a sufficient health, accident and liability insurance.

### Radio Communication Equipment

Industry Canada is responsible for allocating frequency requests across Canada. Please fill out the Radio Equipment Registration form by January 1, 2009. There is a fee of \$10.00 Canadian for each radio.

## General Visitor Information

### Border Crossings

All persons entering Canada as visitors, other than American citizens, must possess a valid passport or other recognized travel documents. U.S. residents should carry proof of citizenship, preferably a passport. Officials at points of entry will issue any permits required for vehicles. Vehicles that are not registered to the driver require a letter of authorization from the owner.

### Visa Information for Entering Canada:

#### Nations requiring a visa to enter Canada:

**BLR** [http://geo.international.gc.ca/canada-europa/poland/pdf/b\\_trv\\_appl\\_guide\\_en.pdf](http://geo.international.gc.ca/canada-europa/poland/pdf/b_trv_appl_guide_en.pdf)

**CHN** <http://geo.international.gc.ca/asia/china/immigration/default-en.asp>

**MON** <http://geo.international.gc.ca/asia/china/immigration/default-en.asp>

**RUS** <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/missions/russia-russie/visas/visas-2-eng.asp>

**UKR** <http://dfait-maeci.gc.ca/canada-europa/ukraine/cometocanada-en.asp>

#### *Procedure:*

Please fill out the Registration by Name for Visa Application form. A list of names of the teams requiring a letter from the organizing committee for the visa invitation to be submitted to the embassies must be sent to the Organizing Committee by **November 1, 2008**.

We have also included the Canadian Visa Application you will need to submit with the invitation letter to apply for your visa.

The requests must be submitted to the Canadian embassies in time. **Please be aware that processing time at Canadian Embassies differ from country to country and may take several months.** Check with the relevant embassy for more information.

### Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar and its use is recommended. Canadian banks, trust companies or foreign currency exchange outlets offer the prevailing rate of exchange. Electronic banking machines are widely available.

## Accommodation

Reservations for athletes and other team members at the organizing committees host hotels (listed below) can be made using **Form A**. Please use this form to book accommodation and/or inform the office of your bookings at those hotels. Information about other accommodation available is provided on the website ([www.crosscountry-vancouver.com](http://www.crosscountry-vancouver.com)) and below. **Please note the organizers are providing accommodation at FIS rates in Squamish at the host hotels. No accommodation or transportation in Whistler is being provided by the organizers.**

### Squamish Accommodation

#### Host Hotels:



Mountain Retreat Hotel  
38922 Progress Way  
Squamish, British Columbia  
V0N 3G0

Tel: 01-604-815-0883

[www.mountainretreathotel.bc-accommodations.com](http://www.mountainretreathotel.bc-accommodations.com)



Executive Suites Garibaldi Springs Golf Resort  
40900 Tantalus Road  
Garibaldi Highlands, Squamish, British Columbia  
V8B 0R3

Tel: 01-604-815-0048

[www.executivesuitesgaribaldi.com](http://www.executivesuitesgaribaldi.com)

#### Other:

[www.tourismsquamish.com/lodging-squamish](http://www.tourismsquamish.com/lodging-squamish)

[www.mysquamish.com](http://www.mysquamish.com)

### Whistler Accommodation

[www.tourismwhistler.com](http://www.tourismwhistler.com)

[www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com)

[www.whistler.com](http://www.whistler.com)

[www.alluradirect.com](http://www.alluradirect.com)





## FORM A

### VISSMAN FIS WORLD CUP CROSS-COUNTRY

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### Hotel Booking Form

Kindly fill out this form and send it back to the organizing committee by  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008:

**Attention: Nicola Kilfoy, Coordinator Cross-Country Skiing**

**Fax: 01 778 328-6305**

**E-mail: [sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com](mailto:sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com)**

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Requested Rooms

Double:

Single:

Total Number of Rooms:

**Accommodation expenses will be covered by the organizer according to the FIS World Cup Rules. If blocked rooms are not used full price will be charged.**

**FORM B****VISSMAN FIS WORLD CUP CROSS-COUNTRY****WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK  
15-18 JANUARY, 2009****Transportation Booking Form**

Kindly fill out this form and send it back to the organizing committee by  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008:

**Attention: Nicola Kilfoy, Coordinator Cross-Country Skiing**

**Fax: +1 778 328-6305**

**E-mail: [sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com](mailto:sport@crosscountry-vancouver.com)**

Team/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you travel to Vancouver/Whistler? (Please complete the applicable options).  
All teams must complete section C.

**A. We will use our own transport**                      **Yes**                      **No**

**If yes:** number of team vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

**If no:** continue with B

**B. We will arrive by airplane to Vancouver**

**We will then use our own transport**                      **Yes**                      **No**

**If yes:** number of team vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

**If no:** number of travellers \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the information table on the following page (Mandatory!)**

**C. Arrival Information**

<b>Number of Travellers</b>	
<b>Date and Time of Arrival</b>	<b>Flight Number/Airline</b>
<b>Number of general bags (luggage)</b>	<b>Number of Ski bags</b>
<b>Contact person</b>	<b>Mobile Number</b>

**D. Departure Information**

<b>Date and Time of Departure</b>	<b>Flight Number/Airline</b>
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**Please note: Only 1 arrival/departure transport will be organized per team.**