

INVITATION

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

VIESSMANN FIS TOUR DE SKI PERFORMANCE BY CRAFT SPORTSWEAR 2008/09

organized as part of the Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country in Oberhof (GER), Prague (CZE), Nove Mesto (CZE) & Val di Fiemme (ITA) from December 27th 2008 to January 4th 2009.





WELCOME

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

The FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Liberec and the FIS Tour de Ski will be the main Cross-Country events this season. The Tour has, in just three years, developed into one of the athletes' and media's highlights.

It is a special pleasure to welcome Oberhof with its huge Cross-Country interested audience onboard as a new organizer. Together with Prague, Nove Mesto and Val di Fiemme we will have an even more compact and attractive program.

The Tour will always develop together with all its stakeholders, especially the athletes, ski industry and media. Based on feedback, details in both sport program and logistics will be improved from year to year. I know that the four Organizing Committees have been working hard together with the Tour Board to refine many details and close the gaps unveiled by the two first editions.

I am confident that even better prepared athletes and organizers will bring this third edition of the FIS Tour de Ski to an even higher level.

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

Oberhof, 27th-28th December 2008
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Nove Mesto, 31st December 2008/1st January 2009
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Web: www.zlatalyze.cz

Val di Fiemme, 3rd-4th January, 2009
Nordic Ski Val di Fiemme
Via Rossini, 1, I-38033 Cavalese TN, Italy
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E-Mail: tourdeski@fisski.ch
Web: www.tour-de-ski.com





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 and to register your competitors, please use the FIS Online Update (FOU) system username and password to log onto the FIS Online Registration System at <http://www.tour-de-ski.com/fr/team/all-participants.html>. **No paper or e-mail entries will be accepted.** If you have any questions regarding the FIS Online Registration System please contact tourdeski@fisski.ch.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

October 31st, 2008 **Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request through the FIS Online Registration System**

Estimated team size including number of athletes and team staff, estimated number of rooms 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)

December 3rd, 2008 **Official Entry through the FIS Online Registration System**
Names of athletes and team staff

Vehicle accreditation

LETTERS OF CONFIRMATION

Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request: Following receipt of Preliminary Entry in the FIS 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 FIS Online Registration System, you will receive a detailed list of your Tour de Ski accommodation arrangements from each Tour OC by e-mail by 10th December, 2008.

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 3rd, 2009 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 Düsseldorf (GER).

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 3rd, 2009.

PRIZE MONEY

The overall FIS Tour de Ski prize money will be paid out after the last Stage of the Tour de Ski 2008/09 on Sunday, January 4th 2009. 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 withdraw 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 3rd, 2009 (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 Oberhof 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 Oberhof.

Accredited team vehicles will be provided Tour de Ski Parking Access Cards in Oberhof. These are also valid at all Stages from Oberhof to Val di Fiemme.

Note: Special restrictions apply for access to the top of the Final Climb on January 4th 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 (Frankfurt International Airport or Munich):

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, 2008.

For questions, please contact on christopher.gellert@weltcup-oberhof.de or on + 49 36842 52215

Please refer to the **Tour Route Book, which will be distributed to the participating Teams during the World Cup in Davos** 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 Germany, the Czech Republic, and Italy. For more information for arranging a visa, see below:

Germany: Please contact the German embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation for Oberhof, please send an e-mail request to OC Oberhof at ok-post@weltcup-oberhof.de.

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.

Italy: Please contact the Italian embassy in your home country. For an official letter of invitation for 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 by December 3rd, 2008, a detailed confirmation of all hotel reservations will be provided to each Team latest by 10th December, 2008.

As per current rules, all persons outside the Seeded Group and their qualified coaches will be charged CHF 125 (ca. €76) in hotels (***) 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 Preliminary Entry for each venue. For room cancellation after December 17th, 2008, 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 latest by 31st of October.





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 29th, 2008 and travel to Nove Mesto after the race. Shower facilities are provided in the sports complex located near the competition venue. Accommodation from 1st-2nd January 2009 will be arranged for reasonable price half-way to Val di Fiemme in a Mövenpick Hotel at Airport Munich. The pre-payment must be done by credit card and the terms and conditions are according to Hotel Mövenpick.

Please note that the rooms in Val di Fiemme are pre-reserved until 4th January. The VdF O.C. would be able to provide accommodation also for the night of 5th January if needed, but please inform Ursula Guadagnini latest by **31st October** when you plan to stay until 5th January.

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):

Oberhof: directly at the hotel

Nove Mesto: directly at the hotel

Prague: at the race office at the venue

Val di Fiemme: directly at the hotel

Social team events

The OC Nove Mesto will organize on **31st December 2008** at 8:00pm a New Year's Eve Party with snacks and music in the city of Nove Mesto. Shuttle service will be provided from the hotels to the party hall and back (also before 24.00h).

In addition, the OC Val di Fiemme will provide a pasta party for all team members who will stay from 4th to 5th January in the valley.

During the Team Captains meetings in Kuusamo we will hand over a form where you can indicate how many persons will take part in the social program in Nove Mesto and Val di Fiemme.

WAXING FACILITIES

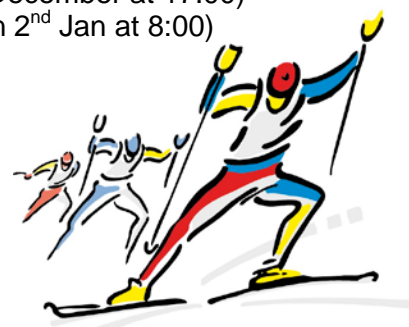
Waxing space will be arranged according to FIS World Cup Rules/FIS Tour de Ski Rules. For additional questions, please contact the following individuals per Tour venue:

Oberhof: Christopher Gellert, Tel: +49 (0)36842 522 15
(facilities open on 25th December at 15:00)

Prague: Petr Manich, Tel: +420 603 323 292 (facilities open on 28th December at 19:00)

Nove Mesto: Michal Lamplot, +420 774 828 281 (facilities open on 29th December at 17:00)

Val di Fiemme: Cristina Bellante, Tel: +39 3299532255 (facilities open on 2nd Jan at 8:00)





RADIO

Use of radio transmission equipment in Germany, the Czech Republic and Italy is regulated by national law. Permits for the use of radio transmission equipment must be requested according to national specifications. For Oberhof, please fill out the attached registration form for radio frequencies and send it back latest by 1st December 2008 to

Bundesnetzagentur Außenstelle Leipzig
Max-Liebermann-Str. 81
D-04157 Leipzig
Fax 0049 341 999 61 80
The payment for frequencies will be on-site.

For more information for the national regulations in the Czech Republic, please consult www.ctu.cz (in English).

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 2008/09 or FIS World Cup Rules 2008/09 (enclosed).





THE TOUR DE SKI PROGRAM

Competition Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Race	Distance	Technique	Start	
27.12.08	SAT	Oberhof	Prologue	2.8 K W 3.6 K M	Free	Individual	
28.12.08	SUN	Oberhof	Pursuit	10K W 15K M	Classic	'Handicap Start'	
29.12.08	MON	Prague	Sprint	1K W 1,5K M	Free	Mass	
30.12.08	TUE	Rest Day					
31.12.08	WED	Nove Mesto	Distance	10K W 15K M	Classic	Individual	
01.01.09	THU	Nove Mesto	Sprint	1,2 K W 1,2 K W	Free		
02.01.09	FRI	Rest Day					
03.01.09	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Distance	10K W 20K M	Classic	Mass	
04.01.09	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Pursuit (Final Climb)	9K W 10K M	Free	'Handicap Start'	

(subject to change)

Starting Times Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Proposed Starting Times (competition time)
27.12.08	SAT	Oberhof	Women: 12:30 CET (45') Men: 13:45 CET (50')
28.12.08	SUN	Oberhof	Women: 12:30 CET (35') Men: 13:45 CET (45')
29.12.08	MON	Prague	Qualification: 13:15 CET Women/Men: 14:45 CET (90')
30.12.08	TUE	Rest day	
31.12.09	WED	Nove Mesto	Women: 14:45 CET (60') Men: 12:00 CET (75')
01.01.09	THU	Nove Mesto	Qualification: 13:30 CET Women/Men: 15:30 CET (90')
02.01.09	FRI	Rest day	
03.01.09	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Women: 12:00 CET (30') Men: 15:30 CET (50')
04.01.09	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Women: 13:00 CET (45') Men: 15:30 CET (45')

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

Date	Day	Location	TCM Starting Time / Team Info
26.12.08	FRI	Oberhof	16:00 CET TCM for Stage 1 in Oberhof and General Tour Information
27.12.08	SAT	Oberhof	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 2 in Oberhof and Stage 3 in Prague
28.12.08	SUN	Oberhof	Information for Stage 3 in Prague provided in writing in Oberhof. Additional information to be available on arrival at the hotel in Prague.
29.12.08	MON	Prague	10:00 CET Short info session for Team Captains; also between Qualification & Finals
30.12.08	TUE	Nove Mesto	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 4 in Nove Mesto
31.12.08	TUE	Nove Mesto	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 5 in Nove Mesto
02.01.09	THU	Val di Fiemme	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 6 in Val di Fiemme
03.01.09	SAT	Val di Fiemme	17:00 CET TCM for Stage 7 in Val di Fiemme

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Official Training Schedule

Date	Day	Location	Official Training
26.12.08	FRI	Oberhof	11:00 to 15:00 CET
27.12.08	SAT	Oberhof	11:00 to 12:20 CET 13:30 to 13:40 CET
28.12.08	SUN	Oberhof	11:00 to 12:20 CET 13:00 to 13:40 CET
29.12.08	MON	Prague	12:00 to 13:00 CET 14:15 to 14:40 CET
30.12.08	TUE	Nove Mesto	12:00 to 16:00 CET
31.12.08	WED	Nove Mesto	10:00 to 11: 50 CET 13:30 to 14:40 CET
01.01.09	THU	Nove Mesto	12:00 to 13:20 CET 14:30 to 15:20 CET
02.01.09	FRI	Val di Fiemme	12:00 – 16:30 CET (no uphill)
03.01.09	SAT	Val di Fiemme	10:00 to 11:50 CET 12:45 to 15:20 CET
06.01.09	SUN	Val di Fiemme	11:00 to 12:45 CET 13:45 to 15:15 CET

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Official Ceremonies

Date	Day	Location	Event
26.12	FRI	Oberhof	Opening ceremony in town (incl. handing over of the bibs)
27.12	SAT	Oberhof	Prize Giving Ceremony in town
31.01.	THU	Nove Mesto	Prize Giving Ceremony & Fireworks at Sports Club area/Hotel Ski
04.01	SUN	Cavalese/Val di Fiemme	Tour de Ski Pasta Party

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Race Office Opening Hours

Date	Day	Location	Opening Hours
25.12.	THU	Oberhof	15 – 22:00 CET
26.12.	FRI	Oberhof	09 – 22:00 CET
27.12.	SAT	Oberhof	09 – 19:00 CET
28.12.	SUN	Oberhof	08 – 17:00 CET
		Prague	18 – 24:00 CET
29.12.	MON	Prague	07 – 18:30 CET
		Nove Mesto	16 – 22:00 CET
30.01.	TUE	Nove Mesto	10 – 20:00 CET
31.01.	WED	Nove Mesto	10 – 20:00 CET
01.01.	THU	Nove Mesto	08 – 18:00 CET
02.01.	FRI	Val di Fiemme	08 – 22:00 CET
03.01.	SAT	Val di Fiemme	08 – 20:00 CET
04.01.	SUN	Val di Fiemme	08 – 15:00 CET

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ENCLOSURES

Car Rental Form

Europcar general rental terms and conditions

Tour de Ski Rules 2008/2009

Request for radio transmission equipment permit in Germany





THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

Oberhof

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Arnd Krause

Members:

Accommodation: Gerhard Köhler

Finances: Sabine Wolff / Michael Herbach

Transportation: Christopher Gellert

Accreditation: Ines Leining

Communications/Media: Michaela Widder/Claudia Götze

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel

Competition Secretary: Frank Böhm

Chief of Stadium: Bernd Braband

Chief of Course: Jens Weigel

Course Security: Helmut Schlott

Jury

FIS Technical Delegate: Dietmar Miklantsch (AUT)

FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Jussi Prykäri (FIN)

National Assistant TD: TBC

Chief of Competition: Georg Zipfel

FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol

Prague

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Katerina Neumannová

Members:

General Secretary: Tereza Rakosnikova

Accommodation: Karolina Losova

Guests: Miroslava Solanska

Transportation: Petr Manich

Accreditation: Tereza Rákosníková

Finances: Ludek Saska

Communications/Media: Krystof Sabacky

TV communications: Jaromir Bauer

Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Petr Mach (Ladislav Slonek)

Competition Secretary: Tereza Rákosníková

Chief of Stadium: Ludek Saska

Chief of Course: Petr Manich

Course Security: Jaroslav Chab





Jury

FIS Technical Delegate: Karl-Heinz Lickert (GER)
FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Georgy Kadykov (RUS)
National Assistant TD: Petra Skalicka
Chief of Competition: Petr Mach (Ladislav Slonek)

FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol

Nove Mesto

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Petr Honzl

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Competition Committee

Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová
Competition Secretary: Petra Skalicka
Chief of Stadium: Lubomír Buchta
Chief of Course: Stanislav Buchta
Course Security: Stanislav Kopriva

Jury

FIS Technical Delegate: Zofia Kielpinska, POL
FIS Assistant Technical Delegate: Uros Ponikvar, SLO
National Assistant TD: Petr Mach
Chief of Competition: Zora Honzlová

FIS Race Director: Jürg Capol

Val di Fiemme

Organizing Committee

Chairman: Pietro Degodenz

Members:

General Secretary: Angelo Corradini
Sports Secretary: Cristina Bellante
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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