



FIS Freestyle World Championships INAWASHIRO 2009

MARCH 2-8, 2009



Team Invitation

We are pleased to invite all freestyle nations to attend the FIS Freestyle World Championships INAWASHIRO 2009. The Organizing Committee will host the event in accordance with the International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) and the Rules for the Organization of the FIS World Championships.

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/majorevents/majorevents/wsc.html>

All national associations affiliated with the FIS are invited to compete.

1. ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted from the Ski Association of each country in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules. Please complete the enclosed Team Entry / Traveling Information Form and send it to the Organizing Committee with FAX, mail or E-mail by the time-limits.

The Organizing Committee for the FIS Freestyle World Championships INAWASHIRO 2009

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E-mail: entry@inawashiro2009.jp

* Please note that this E-mail address is different from the one used for the World Cup in 2007 and 2008.

2. NATIONAL SKI ASSOCIATION TEAM QUOTAS

2.1 The Maximum Team Size: (art. 9.1.4.)

- Maximum 32 participants with a maximum 18 of either gender plus the competitors

according to art. 9.3. (Past or reigning 2007 Champion)

- Maximum 4 per event for each gender. According to Art. 9.2.

2.2 Number of Team Officials Art. 9.2;

Up to 3 competitors: 3 trainers, 2 doctors*, 2 technicians

4 or 5 competitors: 4 trainers, 2 doctors*, 3 technicians

6 to 14 competitors: 5 trainers, 2 doctors*, 4 technicians

*) Medical personnel includes doctors, physiotherapists, first aid people. The figure of up to 18 competitors per gender applies to all nations. These quotas include the national team officials (team captains, etc.).

2.3 Time-limits for Each Entry

Entry	Time-limits	Art
Preliminary Team Entry	October 30 th , 2008	13.2
Provisional Team Selection Entry Form (ICR Art.217) Traveling Information	18 days before beginning of respective FIS world Championships	13.3.1
Final Team Selection Entry Form (ICR Art.217) Traveling Information	24 hrs after the last FIS world cup event before the respective Championships	13.3.3
Definite Entries Entry Form (ICR Art.217)	1 hour before the draw	13.4

You can also download the invitation and entry form from the following

URL; <http://www.inawashiro2009.jp/english/competitor/invitation.html>

3. REGISTRATION

The details will be as follows:

3.1 Ski Cross, Aerials Teams

Place: At the Listel Race Office on 2F of the Wing Tower, the Hotel Listel Inawashiro

Address: 2414 Tennouzaka, Kawageta, Inawashiro-machi, Yama-gun, Fukushima-ken, 969-2696, Japan

Date: From Thursday February 26th, 2009

Time: From 8:00 to 23:00

3.2 Moguls Teams

Place: At the Listel Race Office on 2F of the Wing Tower, the Hotel Listel Inawashiro,
Address: 2414 Tennouzaka, Kawageta, Inawashiro-machi, Yama-gun, Fukushima-ken,
969-2696, Japan

Date: From Saturday February 28th, 2009

Time: From 8:00 to 23:00

3.3 Halfpipe Teams

Place: At the Alts Race Office on 2F of Bandaisan Onsen Hotel

Address: 6838-68 Shimizudaira, Sarashina, Bandai-machi, Yama-gun, Fukushima-ken,
969-3396, Japan

Date: From Saturday February 28th, 2009

Time: From 8:00 to 23:00

3.4 Entry Confirmed with Passport

To be eligible for entry in the FIS Freestyle World Championships INAWASHIRO 2009 the competitor must be a citizen of the country of which the National Ski Association he or she has a license and prove this with a valid passport (art 8.).

Therefore, athletes are kindly requested to send a copy of their passports in advance to the Organizing Committee as below.

In addition, please note that you will be asked to show your passport and take a copy of it at the registration day and need to wait until the confirmation completes if the copy of your passport has not been sent in advance.

*** Notice ***

- Send it by: February 12th, 2009

- Required page on your passport:

The page has your name, nationality and your photo on.

- When sending by Email:

Please scan the required page on your passport and send it with PDF or JPEG to the following address;

entry@inawashiro2009.jp

- When sending by FAX:

In case you are not able to send it by Email, please send it by FAX to the Organizing Committee;

FAX number: +81-242-72-1559

4. PHOTO DATA FOR ID

In this Championships, in order to secure the safety at venues, a photo will be affixed on the ID card and access to the venues will be strictly controlled.

For this reason, we would like team officials and athletes to send photo data for ID by February 12th, 2009 with e-mail (To: entry@inawashiro2009.jp).

The ID card will be sorted by each national team and given to the teams on the registration day.

Please note that if the photo has not been sent in advance you will be requested to be taken a photo at the time of registration and it will take time to issue the card.

Notice: * The file name of the electronic data file must be his or her own name.

* The photo must be full-faced, no cap, no glasses, no background.

* The size of the data must be 320×240 pixels or more with a portrait format. If you are not able to send electronic photo data, please send a photo in size 4×3 or more to the Organizing Committee by mail.

5. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

For your accommodations, the organizing committee will provide a room with double occupancy (twin room) with breakfast and dinner and it will cost 100CHF per person / per night. (Art. 17.5.2)

Each team can stay at the following hotels, with the above price, from the check-in day until the day you leave the accommodations.

However, if you need to stay one more night due to the schedule of your return flight, you can stay at a hotel near the Narita International Airport with the above price (only 1 night, with breakfast).

The accommodations will be provided as follows:

5.1 Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross Teams

We will provide a room at the Wing Tower of Hotel Listel Inawashiro.

2414 Tennouzaka, Kawageta, Inawashiro-machi

Yama-gun, Fukushima-ken, 969-2696, Japan

Phone: +81-242-66-2233 Fax: +81-242-66-2633

URL: <http://www.listel-inawashiro.jp/english/index.html>

5.2 Halfpipe Teams

We will provide a room at Bandaisan Onsen Hotel.
6838-68 Shimizudaira, Sarashina, Bandai-machi
Yama-gun, Fukushima-ken, 969-3396, Japan
Phone: +81-242-74-5100 Fax: +81-242-74-5139
URL: <http://www.alts.co.jp/english/html/hotel.html>

Each team will be held responsible for any damage may be incurred during your stay.

The breakfast and dinner will be provided during the Championships (from the dinner on your arriving day until the breakfast on your leaving day from the hotels.) (Art. 17.5.6).

Each team is kindly requested to prepare for lunch.Meals are available with approx 1,000—1,500JPY (approximately 10—15CHF) at each Ski resort for competitions.

If you wish an additional single room more than quotas based on the rules (Art. 17.5.4), you need to pay an extra additional fee (8,000JPY per night / approximately 80CHF).

The organizers will make an exception for a single room, due to the room allocation for men and ladies of each team.

6. TRANSPORTATION

The Organizing Committee will charter buses to transport your team and officials from the Narita International Airport to Inawashiro (from Thursday February 26th). It takes about 5 hours from the airport to Inawashiro.

We will also provide transportation from Inawashiro to the Narita International Airport (or hotels around the airport).

Round Trip Fare: 14,000JPY (approximately 140CHF) per person, One Way Fare: 7,000JPY (approximately 70CHF) per person.

The bus schedule will be as follows:

6.1 Narita Airport to Inawashiro

Departing from the Narita International Airport (From Thu. Feb. 26th to Tue. Mar. 3rd))

Departure Time (approx.)	
13:00	18:00

6.2 Inawashiro to Narita Airport

Departing from Inawashiro (From Tue. Mar. 3rd to Mon. Mar. 9th)

Departure Time (approx.)	
9:00	21:00

6.3 Other Transportation Options

If you don't use the chartered bus, the best way to reach Inawashiro is;

1. The Narita International Airport → Tokyo Station By Narita Express
2. Tokyo Station → Koriyama Station By Tohoku Shinkansen
3. Koriyama Station → Inawashiro Station By the Ban-etsu Saisen Line
4. Inawashiro Station → Hotels where the registration will be conducted By Taxi

If you use the above transportation the total cost will be about 27,000JPY (approximately 270 CHF) for the round trip (including a taxi fee).

6.4 Visa Requirements

Many countries have "Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangements" see the following URL:

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/visa.html> with Japan which enables the nationals from those countries to enter Japan without a visa. Depending on the country, you are allowed to stay in Japan for a certain period of time provided you have a valid passport for the duration of your stay.

Here are some official web sites that have the correct information.

A Guide to Japanese Visas

<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/visa.html>

http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

6.5 Local Transportation between Venues

Transportation fees in Inawashiro and Bandai area will be as follows.

(E.g.; Estimated cost when you use a taxi)

Inawashiro St.	<->	Hotel Listel Inawashiro	:5km, 15min, 2,000JPY
Inawashiro St.	<->	Snow Paradise Inawashiro	:5km, 15min, 2,000JPY
Inawashiro St.	<->	Alts Bandai	:15km, 30min, 5,500JPY
Hotel Listel Inawashiro	<->	Alts Bandai	:20km, 45min, 8,000JPY
Hotel Listel Inawashiro	<->	Snow Paradise Inawashiro	:9km, 20min, 4,000JPY
Alts Bandai	<->	Snow Paradise Inawashiro	:15km, 35min, 6,000JPY

7. ANTI-DOPING

The Anti-Doping Control will be conducted for each event by gender. (Art. 14)

8. ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Each competitor must have his/her own medical insurance (ICR 204.2). The Organizing Committee, Fukushima prefecture, Inawashiro town, the FIS, the Ski Association of Japan and the Ski Association of Fukushima, sponsors, suppliers and agents will not take any responsibility for accidents, damage, lost equipments and the secondary or third damage may happen during the competition.

9. RESPONSIBILITY

All athletes, officials and other members of each national association who will participate in and attend the Championships shall take part at their own risk. The Organizing Committee, Fukushima prefecture, Inawashiro town, the Ski Association of Japan, the Ski Association of Fukushima, sponsors and suppliers, agents, employers and volunteers shall not be responsible for any losses, injuries and troubles incurred by athletes, officials or others for anything related to the organizing or staging.

All participants must take care of their personal belongings at all times without negligence.

The aforementioned parties cannot be held responsible for lost belongings.

10. MONEY EXCHANGE

We would like you to exchange money for Japanese yen at the Narita International Airport for your stay in Japan.

11. RADIOS

Due to Japanese domestic law, all overseas radio systems cannot use in Japan without the authority's permission.

To get the permission, you need to submit the specified application form by November 15th, 2008. After you get the approval, you need to send the radios itself, which you want to use,

to the Organizing Committee by January 15th, 2009.

As an alternative to this, the Organizing Committee will provide rental radios to each team for free. (The deposit will be 10,000JPY(approximately 100CHF) per unit.)

Note: For the detail procedure, please see the Official Website.

URL: <http://www.inawashiro2009.jp/english/competitor/musen.html>

FIS Freestyle World Championships Inawashiro 2009 Competition Schedule

The details of Competition Schedule are also available on the Official Website.

URL; <http://www.inawashiro2009.jp/english/competitor/schedule.html>

Date	Schedule				
	Common	Ski Cross	Aerials	Halfpipe	Moguls & Dual Moguls
Thursday 26th February		Registration	Registration		
Friday 27th February		Registration	Registration		
Saturday 28th February		Official Training	Official Training	Registration	Registration
Sunday 1st March		Official Training Team Captain's Meeting (Draw)	Official Training	Registration	Registration
Monday 2nd March	Opening Ceremony Welcome Party	Qualifications Finals	Official Training Team Captain's Meeting (Draw)	Registration	Registration
Tuesday 3rd March			Qualifications	Official Training	Registration
Wednesday 4th March			Finals	Official Training Team Captain's Meeting (Draw)	Official Training
Thursday 5th March				Qualifications Finals	Official Training
Friday 6th March					Official Training Team Captain's Meeting (MO Draw)
Saturday 7th March					MO Qualifications MO Finals Team Captain's Meeting (DM Draw)
Sunday 8th March	Closing Ceremony				DM Qualifications DM Finals

Annex. Quoted from Rules for the Organization of FIS World Championships

The details of the Rules for the Organization of FIS World Championships are also available on the FIS Website.

URL; <http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/wme-2006-clean1.pdf>

9. Number of Participants and Officials

9.1 The maximum number of participants from each country shall be:

9.1.4 Freestyle events

Maximum 32 participants with a maximum 18 of either gender plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.

9.2 Number of participants in each single event

In each single event no more than 4 competitors per National Ski Association plus the competitors according to art. 9.3, are entitled to start.

9.3 The reigning FIS World Champions have the right to participate in addition to the quota in the event they won at the next FIS World Championships, if they are entered by the same National Association (this is valid only for the individual competitions and not for the team competitions). If however the World Champion is also entered for other events, he/she must be included within the quota.

9.4 The maximum number of team officials, medical and technical personnel per national team shall be:

9.4.2.1 Number of officials

- up to 3 competitors:

3 trainers 2 doctors* 2 technicians

- 4 or 5 competitors:

4 trainers 2 doctors* 3 technicians

- 6 to 14 competitors:

5 trainers 2 doctors* 4 technicians

*) Medical personnel includes doctors, physiotherapists, first aid people

The figures of up to 14 competitors per gender applies to all nations. These quotas include the national team officials (team captains, etc.).

9.4.2.2 Should a National Ski Association apply for accreditation for more officials than allowed in the rules, the Organising Committee, in agreement with the National Ski Association concerned, is required to make the necessary reasonable additions. The Organising Committee does not assume any responsibility for organising accommodation or meals for these additional officials.

9.4.3 Freestyle and Snowboard World Championships
see Art. 9.4.2 Alpine

13. Time-limits for Entry

Overview

Art.	When	What	Who
13.1	July 1 st	Official Invitation to All National Ski Associations	Organizing Committee
13.2	3 months	Preliminary team entry	Each National Ski Association
13.3.1	18 days before beginning of respective FIS World Championships	Provisional Team selection	Each National Ski Association
9,13.3.2,	24 hrs after the last FIS World Cup event before the respective Championships	Final team selection	National Ski Association
13.4	1 hr before the draw	Freestyle	

13.1 Provisional announcement

In due time before the FIS Congress preceding the competitions, the Organizing Association, in co-operation with the FIS Committees concerned, shall submit to the FIS a provisional announcement of the time-limits for entries, as below. This announcement is not valid until confirmed by the FIS Council. The time of the time-limits as stated in art. 13.2 and art. 13.3 is 24.00 on the days concerned.

13.2 Preliminary team entry for each nation

National entry, using the entry form supplied by the Organising Committee and stating the preliminary total number of the national team, also giving details of

the number of officials and the approximate number of competitors in each of the following groups of events. In principle this is 30th October of the preceding year:

13.3 Team Selection

13.3.1 Provisional Team Selection

18 days before the beginning of the competitions or the Opening Ceremony. Entry of the participants, with the names of the officials and registered competitors with a valid FIS licence under groups of events as for art. 13.2, and at the same time the preliminary number of participants in each single event.

13.3.3 Final Team Selection

The final team selection with numbers according to art. 9 are to be made at latest 24 hours after the final World Cup event preceding the respective FIS Championships.

13.4 Time-limit for definite entries

Definite entries per event, stating names and group classification of competitors according to the International Competition Rules.

Freestyle and Snowboard Events

- 1 hour before the draw

For these definite entries the entry forms are to be used, which are established by the Organizing Committee.

13.6 Place and Time for the Draw

The place and time for the draw of each competition are decided by the Race Committee in co-operation with the Technical Delegate / FIS Race Director / FIS Coordinator and well in advance of the competitions.