



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

VISSMANN FIS TOUR DE SKI PERFORMANCE BY CRAFT SPORTSWEAR 2011/2012

organized as part of the FIS Cross Country World Cup in Oberhof (GER), Oberstdorf (GER), Toblach (ITA) & Val di Fiemme (ITA) from December 29th 2011 to January 8th 2012.

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WELCOME


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

FIS Tour de Ski will be the season highlight – all athletes have it in their focus and looking forward to tackle the challenge of the Tour 2011/12. It came a prestige to win the Tour – you need to have it in your list of top results like Olympic – and World Championships titles – this development within six year's is impressive.

This season the racers will compete for the first time over nine races in two countries. It will be a challenge for all but I am sure it will be a great challenge!

Every year we see the development and adaptations of the teams to make the Tour as “easy” as possible for their athletes – we have since several years now waxing trucks, mobiles homes and last year for the first time we saw the “Tour”- Bus of the Canadian team, I am already exciting about what we will see this year.

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



Vegard Ulvang
Chairman of the FIS Cross-Country Committee



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ENTRY

Only an entry to all FIS Tour de Ski Stages is possible. Abandonment in one race will lead to exclusion from the rest of the FIS TOUR DE SKI. This also includes ICR 340.1.5 (overlapping).

To register your participation and to register your competitors, you must use the FIS Online Update (FOU) system username and password (same as last year and as well same like the biography update) to log onto the FIS Online Registration System at <http://www.fis-ski.com>. No paper or e-mail entries will be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the FIS Online Registration System please contact Sandra Spitz (spitz@fisski.com).

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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

September 30th, 2011 Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request through the FIS Online Registration System (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 September 30th, you will not be able to participate!!

December 19th, 2011 Final number of rooms (10 days cancellation rules) and names of athletes

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.

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 20th December 2011.

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 7th, 2012 in Val di Fiemme (except the cost for accommodation in Val di Fiemme for the red group & coaches within the quota – this will be paid from the OC directly to the hotels). 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 Rogla (SLO).

FUEL MONEY FOR TEAMS

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

Number of Athletes in the team (at the start of the Tour)

10 and more	2'000CHF
7 to 9	1'500CHF
4 to 6	1'000CHF
3 and less	500CHF

The fuel money will also be paid out in Val di Fiemme on January 8th, 2011.

PRIZE MONEY

The overall FIS Tour de Ski prize money will be paid out after the last Stage of the Tour de Ski 2011/12 on Sunday, January 8th 2012. 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 will be paid out using bank transfer. To ensure such transfer, FIS (mignerey@fisski.com) must receive detailed bank account details per athlete. For signing and getting the tax confirmation paper please visit the account manager of Val di Fiemme on the 8th of January from 14.00h to 18.00h in Tesero (TCM Room).

ACCREDITATION FOR ATHLETES, TEAMS AND THEIR VEHICLES

Athletes

For the athletes, the athletes bib will replace the accreditation.

Staff

The FIS Season Accreditation is valid for the entire World Cup season 2011/2012 (valid for your team staff from the start of the season through to the end).

Please make sure that all your team staff have the FIS season accreditation 2011/2012! Requests for FIS season Accreditation must be submit to FIS by the 30th of September through your National Ski Federation.

Vehicles

FIS Season Parking Access Stickers will be provided to the teams at the beginning of the season. Requests must be submit to FIS by the 30th of September. For local cars/rental cars that are only in use during Tour de Ski you can apply on the online registration for Tour car stickers

Note: Special restrictions apply for access to the top of the Final Climb on January 8th 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.

Check and notice the WC rules art. 3.6 (staff quotas and number of bib distributed).

TRANSPORTATION

For Stage-to-Stage transportation, the teams must have their own vehicles and are independent. There will be no transportation organized by the Organizing Committees from venue to venue.

The teams have right for one free transport from the first airport (before the first stage) and to the final airport (after the last stage). For Oberhof please contact Christopher Gellert (info@weltcup-oberhof.de or + 49 36842 5220). For Val di Fiemme please contact Cristina Bellante (cristina@fiemme2013.com or +39 329 9532255).

Teams travelling with trucks will need a special permission to be able to drive in Germany on Sunday. Please fill out the registration form and submit it to s.huber@erdinger-arena.de by 2nd of December 2011. You will get then the permission by email.

Please refer to the Tour Manual with route book and course information, which will be online available on fiscrosscountry.com for travel directions from a Tour Stage to another. Alternatively, you may consult www.viamichelin.com.

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ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation requests (team size) must be done through the FIS Online Registration System before the 30th of September. The final size of the team and number of rooms must be given before December 19th.

For room cancellation after December 19th, 2011, the FIS World Cup Rules point 13.1 applies. This means that the respective National Ski Association has to pay the difference between effective and reserved rooms (tolerance 10%).

Due to the critical period for hotels' booking, please note that:

- some hotels will not 100% match the World Cup rules requirements (distance to the stadium) in Oberstdorf,
- all teams will stay in Oberstdorf until the 2nd of January (no accommodation available in Toblach before the 2nd of January).

Teams wishing to take care of their own accommodation arrangements are welcome to do so but will take over full responsibility for all details and cannot expect receiving the above-mentioned rates.

Financial conditions apply as stated in the FIS World Cup Rules (point 13.3).

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:

Oberhof:	directly at the hotel
Oberstdorf:	Oberstdorf Haus, 01.01.2012, 17.00 – 20.00 CET
Toblach:	directly at the hotel
Val di Fiemme:	directly at the hotel (the Red Group athletes as well the coaches within the quota will be paid by the OC directly.)

WAXING FACILITIES

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

Oberhof:	Christopher Gellert, Tel: +49 (0)36842 5220 (facilities open on 26 th December at 09:00)
Oberstdorf:	Dominik Fritz, Tel: +49 (0)8322 8090-317 (facilities open on 30 th December at 14:00)
Toblach:	Gert Fischer, Tel: +39 335 6159506 (facilities open on 2 nd January at 09:00)
Val di Fiemme:	Cristina Bellante, Tel: +39 3299532255 (facilities open on 5 th January at 17:00)

Teams arriving with waxing trucks: teams are requested to contact the LOC latest 6 weeks prior the event (specific requirements, length of electricity cables...).

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VISA

Remember that citizens of some countries will need visa for visiting Germany 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 gerhard.koehler@weltcup-oberhof.de (Mr. Gerhard Köhler)

For an official letter of invitation for Oberstdorf, please send an e-mail request to OC Oberstdorf at s.huber@erdinger-arena.de (Mr. Stefan Huber).

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

RADIO

Use of radio transmission equipment in Germany and Italy is regulated by national law. Permits for the use of radio transmission equipment must be requested according to national specifications.

For Germany fill in the attached form and send it until **December 10th** to:

Bundesnetzagentur Dresden
Fax 0049 351 4736 181

Following frequencies are free of Charge :

1. Canal-Number Centre frequency / MHz

446,00625 446,01875 446,03125 446,04375 446,05625 446,06875
446,08125 446,09375 Broadcasting achievement 500 mW

2. frequency response 446,1 – 446,2 MHz, Broadcasting achievement 500 mW, canal range 6,25 – 12,5 kHz

Other frequencies will be charged 130 Euro per one frequency. Each frequency requested in addition will cost 50 Euro. For Oberhof and Oberstdorf you will be charged only once. Payment will be done upon arrival in Oberhof.

For questions please contact OC Oberhof Gerhard.koehler@weltcup-oberhof.de

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 www.fiscrosscountry.com.

TEAM PRESENTATION AND OFFICIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

The OC Oberhof will organize on 28th December 2011 at 17:00 CET an official Team Presentation. This Team Presentation is mandatory for all competitors including the head coach. If athletes do not show up at this Team Presentation, the team will be sanctioned in accordance to the Tour de Ski rules. Shuttle service will be provided.

In order to tighten up the schedule for the athletes we will organize the official press conference right before the team presentation in backstage. Tour winners and favorites have to be present and will get an invitation. Media representatives from all nations can take part at the Press Conference and if teams want to invite them for individual interviews entrance for the media representatives is guaranteed.

THE TOUR DE SKI PROGRAM

Date	Day	Location	Race	Distance	Starting Times	Start
29.12.11	THU	Oberhof	Prologue	Ladies: 2.5 km Free Men: 3.75 km Free	14:15 15:15	Individual
30.12.11	FRI	Oberhof	Pursuit	Ladies: 10 km Classic Men: 15 km Classic	14:15 15:15	Handicap
31.12.11	SAT	Oberstdorf	Sprint	Ladies: 1,2 km Classic Men: 1,2 km Classic	Qual.: 13:30 Finals: 14:30	Mass
01.01.11	SUN	Oberstdorf	Skiathlon	Ladies: 5+5 km Men: 10+10 km	15:45 13:00	Mass
02.01.11	MON	Rest Day				
03.01.11	TUE	Toblach	Distance	Ladies: 3 km Classic Men: 5 km Classic	15:45 12:45	Individual
04.01.11	WED	Toblach	Sprint	Ladies: 1.2 km Free Men: 1.2 km Free	Qual.: 10:45 Finals: 12:15	Mass
05.01.11	THU	Cortina-Toblach	Distance	Ladies: 15 km Free Men: 35 km Free	15:30 13:00	Handicap
06.01.11	FRI	Rest Day				
07.01.11	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Distance	Ladies: 10 km Classic Men: 20 km Classic	15:45 12:30	Mass
08.01.11	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Pursuit Final Climb	Ladies: 9 km Free Men: 9 km Free	12:30 14:30	Handicap

(Subject to change)