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/ Welcome

On behalf of the Organizing Committee I want to welcome all nations, athletes and team officials who will be protagonists of the Race in the city FIS Cross-Country World Cup presented by Viessmann, on 14th and 15th January 2012 in Milan. I take this opportunity to thank the International Ski Federation, rewarding the work of the Organizing Committee by assigning the race to the city of Milan. We are proud to host a sporting event of this magnitude, and therefore we aim to give the utmost attention to all needs in order to host an unforgettable competition for all participants. We are pleased to join the tradition of important ski resorts and cities such as Düsseldorf, Moscow, Oslo and Stockholm.

The 2011/2012 calendar is intended to become a great show: The FIS Cross-Country World Cup will stop 20 times in 11 countries. Of all Men's and Ladies' competitions being scheduled 28 will be sprint races. Sprint is the discipline which, more than any other, conveys the spirit of pure competition. Milan is the ideal place with a unique setting: the particular location in the Sempione park, in the historical centre, near the Duomo and Sforzesco Castle; those are wonderful monuments among the most famous in the world and authentic symbols of the city. The Sempione Park is a reference point for the community, and it is the setting for major sporting events such as Giro D'Italia and many others. It is the hub of city life, and the people of Milan will be enthusiastic spectators and followers of the competition.

Milan is a metropolis full of life, tourist and cultural attractions, the capital of fashion and design, this is the ideal context to promote the event in the best possible way, and transform the Race in the city in a great sports festival. We are working to engage children, young people, schools and local ski clubs to get involved in the nordic village, the point of greatest attraction for the time of FIS Cross-Country World Cup in the city. Renewing my greetings to the teams and athletes, I wish them luck for the competitions and hope that they will achieve significant results. I want to add a special thanks to the Italian Ski Federation, national and international sponsors and all the partners for their important contribution. Their precious support will allow us to make the most of this unique event for Milan, Italy and the entire world of wintersports.



Maurizio Dallochio

*Chairman of the FIS Cross-Country World Cup
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/ The preliminary programme Race in the City

Friday 13th January, 2012

14:00 h	<i>Opening ski waxing tent</i>
16:00 h	<i>Submission of registrations</i>
18:00 h	<i>Team Captains' Meeting at teams' hotel</i>
19:00-22:00 h	<i>Travel costs for red group at teams' hotel</i>

No official training is scheduled.

Saturday 14th January, 2012

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INDIVIDUAL SPRINT

12:00 h	<i>Qualification round (block-start) Ladies/Men</i>
14:45 h	<i>Finals Ladies/Men</i>
Immediately after the race:	<i>Winners' Presentation at finish line</i>
After competition:	<i>Press Conference, Sala Viscontea, Castello Sforzesco</i>
18:00 h	<i>Award Ceremony, Piazza del Duomo, in front of the Dome of Milan</i>
19:00 h	<i>Team Captains' Meeting at teams' hotel</i>

Sunday 15th January, 2012

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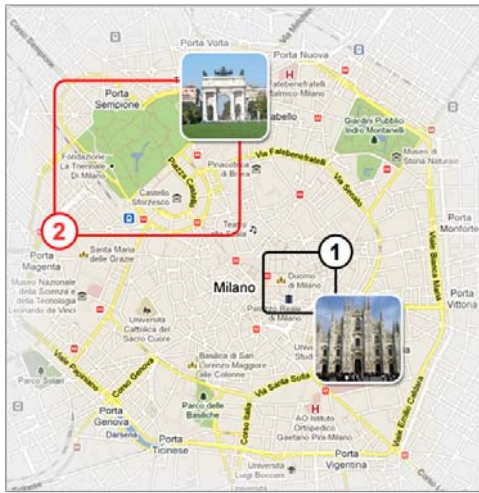
TEAM SPRINT

09:45 h	<i>Semi-Finals Ladies / Men</i>
12:15 h	<i>Finals Ladies/Men</i>
Immediately after the race:	<i>Award Ceremony at finish line</i>
After prize-giving:	<i>Press Conference, Sala Viscontea, Castello Sforzesco</i>



/ The competition area

The competition area for the FIS Cross-Country sprint races on the 14th and 15th January is situated close-by to the heart of the city of Milan. Only 1,5km from the Dome of Milan (1) and in medieval times between the inner and the outer wall, nowadays still part of the main city-centre, Sempione Park (2) will be the setting for the Ladies', Men's and Teams' competition.

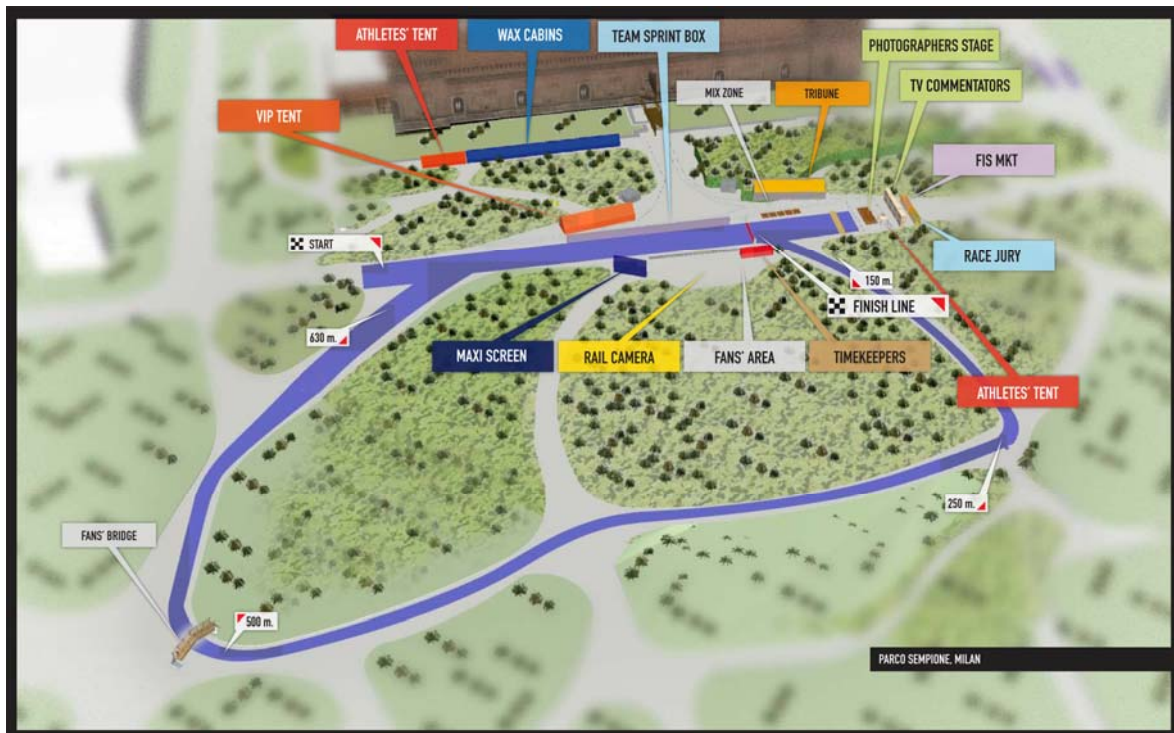


The Sempione Park (Parco Sempione)

With its 380,000 square meters, this is the largest area of greenery in the historic centre of the city and it is located immediately to the North West of the Sforza Castle. It was the second park to be created in Milan and it takes its name from its position on the old Route du Simplon, which was planned by Napoleon and led from the Duomo, past the Sforza Castle, through the Arch of Peace (Arco della Pace) along Corso Sempione and eventually to the Simplon Pass in the Swiss Alps and thence to France. The park was designed in 1893 by Emilio Alemagna to further embellish and complement the Castello Sforzesco. A number of important public buildings stand inside the park: the Aquarium, built in 1906 for the International Exhibition, the Civic Arena (the site of several sports clubs), the Palazzo della Triennale, which hosts important exhibitions, particularly those concerning architecture and design, and the 108.6 m high steel-built Branca Tower, designed by Giò Ponti and inaugurated in 1933.

The competition course

The competition course of the Race in the city will in the form of a ring of 620 mt., with start and finish line at Piazza del Cannone, in front of the complex of Castello Sforzesco Castle. The course is laid out through the park and will be completely flat: there are no substantial differences in height. The competition will include two laps with the competitors passing the cross-country stadium in front of the castle three times. The course has features that make it suitable for both ladies and men and will provide a real technical, tactical and physical test of each of the competitors qualification.



An appropriate snow surface will be designed with the use of natural and artificial snow. The snow will be transported from a nearby mountain resort on a daily basis to ensure the perfect maintenance of the course.

/ Team facilities

Athletes' lockers, teams' waxing rooms, toilets and wash rooms and race office will be hosted in the Arena Civica, located in the Sempione Park, 100mt. from the cross-country stadium. The athletes' tent with hospitality and warm-up as well as the ski waxing tent will be located in the stadium area.

Wax cabins

Waxing space will be arranged according to FIS World Cup Rules. The waxing tent will be situated in the cross-country stadium in front of the Sforzesco Castle, open from Friday, January 13th, from 14.00 to the end of the Team Sprint competition. Security service will be provided from Friday night until late Sunday afternoon.

Race Offices

The Main Race Office will be located at the Arena Civica in the Parco Sempione, ground floor, while the Sub Race office is situated at the teams' Atahotel Quark Milano.

Opening times:

	Fri, Jan 13 th	Sat, Jan 14 th	Sun, Jan 15 th
Sub Race Office	13:00 - 21:00	06:00 - 21:00	closed
Main Race Office	closed	8:00 - 17:00	8:00 - 16:00

Chief of competition: Marco Mapelli

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Visa

Foreign citizens (from some countries) will need a visa to travel to Italy. For more information for arranging a visa, they can contact the Italian embassy in their country. For an official invitation for Milan, please send an e-mail to OC at raceoffice@raceinthecity.it.

/ Media Centre at Sforza Castle (Castello Sforzesco)

The Castello Sforzesco is the largest civil monument in Milan of the Renaissance period and it dominates the square of the same name, from which the street of Via Dante connects it directly to the central Piazza del Duomo.

It is a grand and imposing building including architectural features dating to various different historical periods. Its 800 meter-long brick-built perimeter walls, the moat that surrounds them, the corner towers, the three courtyards, the battlements, the dungeons and the precious masterpieces that it houses all make the Castello Sforzesco an essential part of any itinerary of the visitor to Milan.

The castle houses the Civic Collections of Ancient Art (an art gallery with fine sculptures, paintings and drawings), the Civic Collections of Applied Art and Engravings, the Civic Archaeological and Numismatic Collections, and the Egyptian Museum. Within its halls historical and artistic treasures of immeasurable value are preserved, including Leonardo da Vinci's precious manuscript, known as the Codex Trivulzianus and Michelangelo's Pieta Rondanini, the last surviving work of the great master.

The Viscontea Hall (Sala Viscontea) will host the media centre with work stations for up to 200 journalists. The opening press-conference as well as the two press-conferences after the individual and team sprint competitions will be held as well in this historic setting.

Opening times:

Fri, Jan 13 th	Sat, Jan 14 th	Sun, Jan 15 th
11:00 - 22:00	8:00 - 22:00	8:00 - 18:00

/ Accommodation

The official teams' hotel is the Atahotel Quark****. Your accommodation requests (team size) must be done through the FIS Online Registration System six week before the event (December 2nd, 2011 at midnight). The final number of the team members and rooming list must be communicated before January 3rd, 2012. To delete or change reservation after January 3rd, 2012, see please the indications of the point 13.1 (FIS World Cup Rules). For any further information about financial conditions please check the FIS World Cup Rules (point 13.3).

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Atahotel Quark**** Milano

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www.atahotels.it/quark

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45° 26' 09.33" N - 9° 11' 26.88" E

We are happy that we can offer the Atahotel Quark Milano as the official hotel for all teams participating at the Race in the city. It is a 4 star congress hotel in Milan, in a strategic location, with optimum connections to the main routes of the city and it is only 8km from the competition area. The hotel has 283 rooms, the largest in the city. The Hotel is a well known congress centre and appreciated for its excellent cuisine. It offers spacious rooms with minibar and satellite LCD TV, as well as laundry service. A bar and fitness room complete the facilities.

Breakfast: from 6:30 - **Dinner:** from 18:00 to 21:00

Distances:

- Milan Central railway station: 7 km
- Linate airport: 10 km
- Malpensa airport: 53 km
- Orio al Serio airport: 57 km
- Milano City fair grounds: 7 km
- Rho Pero Fair grounds: 20 km
- Competition area Parco Sempione: 8 km

/ The registration

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 www.fis-ski.com. No paper or e-mail entries will be accepted. The number of participants per National Ski Association must comply with the FIS Rules and other FIS regulations.

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

Registration deadlines

Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Request

December 2nd, 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).

Following receipt of Preliminary Entry in the FIS Online Registration System, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

Note: Due to FIS rules, if your registration is not received by December 2nd, you will not be able to participate.

Final Accommodation Request

January 3rd, 2012

Final number of rooms (10 days cancellation rule) and names of athletes in rooming list.

/ Finances

Team Reimbursement

Due to FIS rules all applicable costs (e.g. accommodation and travel) will be reimbursed to the team captains on January 13th, 2012 in Milan. The finance office will be located at the teams' hotel Atahotel Quark. All calculations will be based on official entries. Travel and accommodation payments to the Red Group members, as detailed above, will be made in cash. The payment of the actual hotel bills has to be made by each team directly locally.

Prize Money

Prize money will be paid to the winners personal bank account. Every athlete has to give this information to FIS (mignerey@fisski.com). The OC will use FIS database. In order to assure correct payment we kindly ask a copy of the athlete's passport and bank account details before arrival. Italian tax laws will be applied.

/ Accreditation for Athletes, Teams and their Vehicles

Athletes

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

Team officials

The FIS Cross-Country Season Accreditation is valid for the entire FIS 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 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 submitted to FIS.

/ Shuttle Service

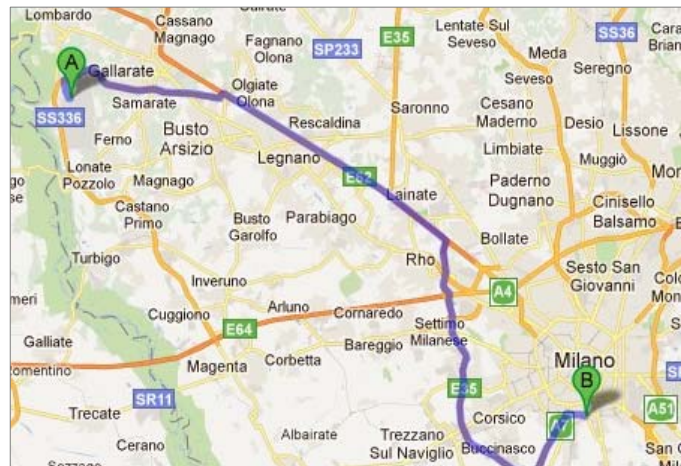
Official airports are Milano – Malpensa (MXP) and Milano-Linate (LIN). Transfers can be arranged from both airports to the teams' hotel Atahotel Quark, but you are kindly asked to send your request prior to arrival with exact arrival and departure times as well as flight numbers and persons travelling via FIS Online Registration System to the OC. The OC guarantees one transfer (airport to the teams' hotel Atahotel Quark / teams' hotel Atahotel Quark to the airport) for each team free of charge. Extra arrivals and further transfers will be offered as a subscription service on request. transport@raceinthecity.it

Milano-Malpensa (MXP), International Airport (point A)

Located in Ferno (VA)

Distance to the Atahotel Quark
(point B): 60 km

Travel time: 60-75 minutes



Milano-Linate (LIN), City Airport (point A)

Located in Peschiera Borromeo (MI)

Distance to the Atahotel Quark
(point B): 10 km

Travel time: 25-50 minutes





Free transport service will be offered during your stay between the teams' hotel and the FIS World Cup area on the competition days. Time and place according to agreements. For other destinations, private transport must be individually organized at own costs.

No free-of-charge transfer service will be provided at the Orio al Serio Airport (BGY) Bergamo. Please contact transport@raceinthecity.it for an individual offer.
