

FIS FREESTYLE EUROPA CUP
Rosa Khutor Alpine Resort, SOCHI, RUS
1-7 March 2012

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to attend the FIS Freestyle Europa Cup 2012 competitions held at Rosa Khutor alpine resort, in Sochi, Russia on **Thursday, March 01st – Wednesday, March 07th 2012**

All information about competitions as well as corresponding changes will be posted on the event website <http://www.sochifreestyle.ru/en/> - check it up from time to time for possible updates.

PROGRAM (See Annex 1 for the competition schedule)

- 1.03.2012 – Arrival
- 2.03.2012 – TRA
- 3.03.2012 – TRA
- 4.03.2012 – Ae;
- 5.03.2012 – Mo;
- 6.03.2012 – SX;
- 7.03.2012 – Departure

ORGANISERS

Joint Organizing Committee Members:

- Russian Ministry of Sports
- Russian Ski Association
- Freestyle Federation of Russia
- «Rosa Khutor» Alpine Resort
- OC Sochi 2014

Local organizer: Russian Alpine League

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RULES

1. The competitions are organized at Rosa Khutor alpine resort, Sochi, Russia by the joint Organizing Committee for the FIS Europa Cup Series 2011/2012 and are conducted under the rules and regulations for freestyle skiing competitions of the International Ski Federation (ICF and COC).
2. The dates of the competitions are published in the FIS International Competition Calendar.
3. The program of the competitions comprises three events for both ladies and men: Aerials (Ae), Mogul (Mo), Ski-Cross (SX).
4. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the schedule or the venue of the events from those stated in the program, depending on snow conditions or the decision of the competition Jury.

ENTRIES

Entries are accepted from National Ski Associations in accordance with the FIS quotas and must be submitted to the Organizing Committee by mail, fax or e-mail no later than **Monday, January 16th, 2012**.

For your convenience the on-line application form was created by filling out which, you simultaneously submit *competition entries*, *visa support* and *event accreditation requests* for all team

members. This form if complete provides us with all necessary details. Alternatively you can fill out the enclosed Entry Form (see Annex 2) and e-mail it to race@ngl.ru. Although in this case you would still need to submit all additional data for every participant to request a visa support.

VISA SUPPORT

Most foreign citizens require a valid visa in order to enter Russia.

Please check with your local Russian Embassy or Consulate to determine if you need a visa to travel to Russia and what regulations apply in your case. Contacts of Russian consulates can be found via the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website www.mid.ru (direct link to the [MFA website](#))

To assist you with getting visa invitations the OC should be informed you require such assistance.

Note: if a participant is also planning to attend Moscow events, this needs to be indicated in the application form to ensure the issue of appropriate visa invitation.

Attached you will find our step-by-step 'Russian Visa Application Guide' (see Annex 3) created for your reference. It includes a substantial description of the application process as well as a list of what you need to provide the OC with to request visa support (also see participants' data spreadsheet Annex 4).

All questions regarding visa support are to be addressed to Evgenia Sedelnikova: race@ngl.ru (mob. +7 903 211 9390)

Please note: invitation issue process may take several days. To avoid delays/problems with visas make sure all data is submitted to the OC no later than Monday, January 16th, 2012. We kindly ask you to send us a confirmation upon receiving the invitation and notify the OC once you receive your visa.

ACCREDITATION

By filling out the on-line application form or sending us a completed participants' data spreadsheet (Annex 4) and appropriate image files you automatically submit a request for accreditation. Bearers of FIS seasonal accreditation cards will receive an additional badge from the OC for venue access. All badges will be handed over to team/group representatives upon arrival and are absolutely necessary for entering the venue including team hotels.

TRANSPORTATION

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to the airport of Sochi and back.

Rosa Khutor alpine resort as well as team hotels are located about 45 km away from the airport. The OC organizes airport transfers for competition participants providing they have communicated the following information to the OC in time:

1. Arrival/departure date, time, flight numbers, destination (from/to)
2. Amount of passengers and all names of participants in a group
3. Amount of luggage in pieces and its approximate total weight

Local transportation will not be needed as you will be accommodated by the bottom station of the ski lift. If you would still like to rent a car in Sochi, you can use: www.hertz.ru e-mail: hertzres@sovintel.ru

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Due to temporary restricted accommodation possibilities in the area of Sochi the OC made special arrangements for athletes and officials at 2 new hotels (3*) by the bottom station of the Rosa Khutor main ski lift. Accommodation will be reserved for all team members for the time of the competitions based on submitted entries. Team/group leaders will receive an accommodation voucher upon arrival

at race office. We kindly ask you to specify the date and the time of your departure so we can inform the hotel on the individual check-out times and provide you with a transfer.

COST OF PARTICIPATION

Entry Fees

All entry fees for participation any number of events of the EC competitions in Sochi are covered by Organizing Committee – there are NO extra costs for EC participants in addition to the accommodation-meals-transportation package.

Participant's Package

All team members (according to the official entry) are provided with:

- FB accommodation – DBL or Twin room incl. 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Transportation from the airport of Sochi to the team hotel and back
- Ski lift tickets for training and competition days

Total Cost for any team member is EUR 80 per person per night

Payments are to be made in cash or by bank card upon arrival. Currency exchange services will be available at the airport and in the city of Sochi.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

If your team members are planning to use your radios during the competitions in Sochi, you need to comply with the Russian radio communication regulations which may include (but not be limited to) applying for a radio license, reprogramming your stations, etc. We would like to make our participants' stay in Sochi as convenient as possible. Therefore we kindly ask you to fill out our Radio Communication Questionnaire (see Annex 5) and e-mail it to race@ngl.ru as soon as possible.

Please note, that this is *not* a license application form yet. This is an extra form, completing which you help us to find the best way to assist you with the organization of radio communication during the competitions in Sochi according to the applicable national regulations. After having received and processed the necessary data we will advise you on further actions.

INSURANCE/ LIABILITY

All athletes, officials and other members of the National Associations, who attend and participate in the competitions, shall do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee, the Freestyle Federation of Russia and Rosa Khutor alpine Resort shall not be responsible for any loss or injuries occurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person, in accordance with the organization or standing of the event.

Every competitor must have his/her own medical insurance. The Organizers decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged equipment and second and third party claims during the competitions. All athletes must have previously signed "FIS Athletes Declaration" form, in order to be registered.

OTHER

Race Office

During the competitions race office will be located at Rosa Khutor, exact location will be published later on the event website. Team registration procedure for the European Cup competitions will take place daily, starting from Thursday, 1st of March from 10:00 am at the race office.

First Team Captains Meeting Thursday, 1st of March at 19:00 at the race office.

Bibs

All competitors must wear their bibs during all official trainings, competitions and award ceremonies. Each team captain will be asked for a deposit of EUR 20 per bib upon registration.

Ski Lift Tickets

Provided for competitors and coaches on the days of competitions and official trainings free of charge. Distributed after the first TC meeting according to team entries. Each team captain will be asked for a deposit of 5 EUR per ski lift card upon registration.

Award Ceremonies

Award ceremonies will be held right after each event at the finish area.

INFORMATION

This invitation will be available on the FIS website, at <ftp://ftp.fisSKI.ch> and the event web site <http://www.sochifreestyle.ru/en/>.

In case of any problems and for inquiries please contact the OC by e-mail or phone:

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FIS FREESTYLE EUROPA CUP PROGRAM*

Date	Discipline	Time	Activity	Place
ARRIVAL DAY				
01.03.12 Thursday		10.00-19.00	Race Office open	race office
		15.00-17.00	Course inspection	Ae course
			Course inspection	Mo course
		19.00	Team Captains Meeting, Nomination of kickers shapers	race office
		17.00-18.30	Ae course preparation	
		17.00-18.30	Mo course preparation	
		10.00-18.00	SX course preparation	
02.03.12 Friday	Ae	9.00-12.00	Ae official training	Ae course
	Mo	12.00-14.00	Unofficial Training	Mo course
		19.00	Team Captains Meeting	race office
		12.00-17.00	Ae course preparation	
03.03.12 Saturday	Ae	9.00-12.00	Ae official training	Ae course
	Mo	12.00-14.00	MO Official training	Mo course
		19.00	Team Captains Meeting	race office
	MO	14.00-18.00	Mo course preparation	
	SX	10.00-18.00	SX course preparation	
04.03.12 Sunday		10.15-10.35	Opening ceremony	HAM stadium
	SX	10.35-12.20	SX Official Training	SX course
	Mo	9.00-10.15	Official training	Mo course
	Ae	9.15-10.00	Course prep.	Ae course
		10.35-11.05	Speed check	
		11.05-12.35	Official Training	
		12.45-14.30	Competition	
		14.45	Award ceremony	
		16.00	Team Captains Meeting	race office
	11.00-18.00	Mo course preparation		
	12.00-18.00	SX course preparation		
05.03.11 Monday	Mo	08.45	Course inspection	Mo course
		9.00-10.15	Official training	
		10.15-10.30	Course prep.	
		10.30-12.00	Qualification runs	
		12.30-13.00	Training for finalists	
		13.15-14.00	Finals	
		14.15	Award ceremony	
	SX	10.00-12.00	Official Training	SX course
		12.00-18.00	SX course preparation	
	19.00	Team Captains Meeting	race office	
06.03.12 Tuesday	SX	09.45-09.55	Course inspection	SX course
		09.55-10.15	Course prep.	
		10.00-11.00	Official Training	
		11.00-11.30	Course prep.	
		11.30-13.00	Qualification runs	
		13.00-13.30	Course prep.	
		13.30-15.00	Final runs 16/32	
	15.30	Award Ceremony	Finish area	
07.03.12			DEPARTURE	

