



SNOWBOARD WORLD CUP

Team Invitation

Moscow February 23, 2013

Welcome to the **Snowboard FIS World Cup** to be held on February 23, 2013 (Parallel Slalom) at the **All-Russian Exhibition Center**.

Russian Alpine Ski and Snowboard Federation will host the event in accordance with the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR). All athletes who are qualified according to the FIS Rules for the Snowboard World Cup are invited to take part in the competition.

1. PASSPORT and VISA

A foreign visitor traveling to Russia must have a passport **valid for at least next 6 months after the date of departure from Russia**.

The Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow will send special directions to the Russian Consulates throughout the world about a facilitated visa procedure for participants and guests of the **Snowboard FIS World Cup**. According to it the participants are to complete the attached visa template with personal passport information and e-mail to Ms. Svetlana Polyakova: ps@fqssr.ru in good time before the competition.

In compliance with the personal data a scanned formal invitation letter will be issued & e-mailed back to the participant. It is to be taken to the nearest Russian Consulate along with the corresponding personal documents such as passport, the necessary number of pictures, completed application form, etc. We strongly recommend to call the Consulate in question or study its website before taking the documents to the Consulate.

Please be advised that you need to deal with the Consulate directly without applying to any intermediate visa companies. The documents can be submitted by your representative, no personal presence is required.

As the above visa procedure is exceptional, please make sure you mention that you are applying for the Russian visa to attend the **Snowboard FIS World Cup**.

Please be advised that with the formal invitation letter for the **Snowboard FIS World Cup** you can submit your personal documents to any Russian Consulate in the world regardless of your citizenship.

Please note: Russian embassy requires that any foreign visitor traveling to Russia has travel insurance.

2. Entries and important forms

Entries will be accepted in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules. All entries must be done using the FIS Online Registration System, through the FIS Homepage: <http://www.fis-ski.com/> "Member Section". Entries by mail or fax are no longer accepted.

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This information must be received by the Organizing Committee (OC) not later than **January 14, 2013** (announcement of team size).

Definitive registration by name not later than **February 15, 2013**.

3. Registration

Team registration will take place daily starting Wednesday, **February 20, 2013** at the race office. The race office is located at the hotel.

4. Accommodation

As per the FIS Rule on accommodation and half-board, each participant will pay CHF 50 day/person directly to the Organizing Committee FIS World Cup Moscow.

The sum is payable upon registration at the race office.

Please forward the applications for accommodation to Ms. Ekaterina Egorova (Egorova@dszm.ru). Accommodation at FIS rate will be provided from arriving on **February 20, 2013**, until departure on **February 24, 2013**.*

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

The official hotel of the event is Cosmos 4* Hotel, located 5 minutes walk from the venue.

The address of the hotel is: 150, Prospect Mira, Moscow.

More information you can find here: <http://www.hotelcosmos.ru/>

* The OC will provide an accommodation guidance for those who arrive before February 20, 2013.

5. Transportation

The Organizing Committee will organize transport from the airport to the hotel in Moscow and back. Also transportation from the hotel to the venue will be organized by the Organizing Committee.

6. Meals

Breakfast and dinner will be provided, starting with dinner on Wednesday, **February 20, 2013**, and finishing with breakfast on Sunday, **February 24, 2013**.

Breakfast and dinner will be organized at the hotel. During the event the Organizing Committee organizes lunch for the competitors and coaches at the competition venue.

7. Bibs

All competitors must wear bibs during all official trainings, competitions and award ceremonies.

8. Accident Insurance

Each competitor must have his/her own medical insurance. The Organizing Committee, Russian Alpine Ski and Snowboard Federation, sponsors, suppliers, their agents and the FIS decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged or lost equipment and second and third party claims during the event.

9. Liability

All athletes, officials and members of the National Association who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The Organising Committee, Russian Alpine Ski and Snowboard Federation, sponsors, suppliers, their agents, employees and volunteers shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by any athletes, officials or other person in conjunction with the organizing or staging of the event.

10. Official Notice Board

The official Notice Board will be located at the Race Office as well as at the event welcome desk at the hotel.

11. Training

Trainings are to take place according to the schedule of the event.

12. Prize Fund

The prize-winner receives the net prize money.

13. Announcements

An English-speaking announcer will be provided by the OC for the event.