

#### 4.1.13 LAHTI (FIN), 1<sup>ST</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2014

##### Key Facts

- Lahti Ski Games is arranged since 1923 with only cancellations in 1930, 1940 and 1942. *This year's Lahti Ski Games are 89<sup>th</sup> Lahti Ski Games*
- Lahti has organised FIS World Cup competitions since its introduction in year 1982
- Athletes of local Lahti Ski Club have earned together 125 medals in World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games in all Nordic events
- Lahti is a home venue to Aino-Kaisa Saarinen from Finnish national Cross-Country team
- Lahti will host the 2017 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships at the same venue
- Lahti is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest city in Finland with 102,000 inhabitants
- Course for 10/15 km, free (Sunday 2/3) is the same that was used for classic in 2013
- Sprint course will see few modifications at the stadium area in order to make sprint competitions even more interesting. These includes a new mogul, use of Lahti Curve (the other way round) and longer finish lane.

##### Top three 2013

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Sprint Free Ladies	Kikkan Randall USA	Marit Bjoergen NOR	Alena Prochazkova SVK
10 km Classic Ladies	Justyna Koowalczyk POL	Marit Bjoergen NOR	Heidi Weng NOR
Sprint Free Men	Emil Jönsson SWE	Ola Vigen Hattestad NOR	Finn Hagen Krogh NOR
15 km Classic Men	Petter Northug Jr. NOR	Alexey Poltoranin KAZ	Martin Johnsrud Sundby (NOR)

##### Competition Program

Date	Format	Distance	Remarks
Sat 1/3/2014	Sprint (F)	1,5 km	
Sun 2/3/2014	Interval Start (F)	10km / 15km	5 km course

## Event Program

Date	Competition*	Training*	TCM	Other*
<b>Thursday</b> 27/2/2014		<b>10:00 – 14:00</b> Free training (5 km, F) <b>16:00 – 18:00</b> Official training for NC (tracks partly open for CC)		
<b>Friday</b> 28/2/2014		<b>11:00 – 13:00</b> Official training, sprint (F), 5 km (F)	<b>17:30</b> Ski Museum Building (auditorium)	<b>18:00</b> Amateur Relay (local)
<b>Saturday</b> 1/3/2014	<b>11:30</b> Sprint (F) Qualification, ladies and men <b>14:00</b> Sprint (F) Finals, ladies and men		<b>17:30</b> Ski Museum Building (auditorium)	
<b>Sunday</b> 2/3/2014	<b>10:45</b> men 15 km (F) <b>13:35</b> ladies 10 km (F)			

LOC times (CET – 1 hrs) \*Subject to change

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## **Accreditation**

### **Accreditation for Print Media and Photographers:**

FIS season media accreditation will be valid. Please login on your FIS account and **select the respective venues.**

For local media and photographers accreditation requests please visit [www.lahtiskigames.com](http://www.lahtiskigames.com) (media section) or contact Marja Huovila, email: [media@lahtiskigames.com](mailto:media@lahtiskigames.com)

### **Accreditations for TV, Radio and on line Media, etc.:**

**Domestic and International** TV, radio, production and internet companies will be authorized by Infront Italy. They will have to submit their requests to film or commentate on-site directly to Infront Italy's TV & Media Rights Manager: [Filip.Grabowski@infrontsports.com](mailto:Filip.Grabowski@infrontsports.com).

*The deadline for applications is Monday, February 3, 2014.*

All local accreditations can be picked up at:

### **Accreditation office, Grandstand building of Ski Stadium**

#### *Opening times*

Tue 25/2 – Thu 27/2 from 9:00 to 19:00

Fri 28/2 from 8:00 to 19:00

Sat 1/3 from 8:00 to 18:00

Sun 2/3 from 8:00 – 14:00

### **Race Office**

Race office in Grandstand building of Ski Stadium (on field level, entrance no. 2) opening hours daily from 08:30 – 18:30 (subject to change)

### **Media Center**

Main media center is located in Grandstand Building of Cross-Country Stadium, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

#### *Opening times*

Thu 27/2 from 10:00 to 18:00

Fri 28/2 from 10:00 to 21:00

Sat 1/3 from 9:00 to 22:00

Sun 2/3 from 9:00 – 20:00

### **Media Accommodation**

The organizing committee can help you finding accommodation for the event. Inquiries must be sent to Lahti Travel.

Contact person Tiina Kallio, email: [tiina.kallio@lahtiregion.fi](mailto:tiina.kallio@lahtiregion.fi) phone: +358 50 371 0512

### **Transport**

Official airport: Helsinki airport (94 km from Lahti)

The organizing committee can arrange for you transportation between the airport and hotels.

Price for transport service: 50 € / person. Requests (by latest 28 February) and further information by email at [media@lahtiskigames.com](mailto:media@lahtiskigames.com)

### Information to the Shuttle service

City hotels located within 15 minutes walking distance from the venue.

Shuttle buses from official hotels are provided free-of-charge (for accredited person). Further requests for shuttle service email: [media@lahtiskigames.com](mailto:media@lahtiskigames.com)

### Media Events

Event	Location	Date/Time	Remarks
LOC press conference	Main Press Center	Fri 28/2 / time to be announced later	Live Streaming available
Media Evening	To be confirmed	Fri 28/2 at 20:30	Invitations for media via chief of media center

### Regulations of Visa:

Remember that citizens of some countries will need visa for visiting Finland. Please check with your embassy if you need a visa for Finland.

For an official letter of invitation, please send a request to Event Director Jesse Kiuru, [jesse.kiuru@lahtiskigames.com](mailto:jesse.kiuru@lahtiskigames.com)

### Maps and Courses

Sprint course to follow shortly

