



TEAM INVITATION



Audi FIS Ski Cross
World Cup



Sunny Valley, RUS
March 2-4, 2018

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to take part in the AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup competitions held at Sunny Valley ski resort in Miass, Russia on **February 27 – March 5, 2018**

PROGRAM (See Annex 1 for the competition schedule)

Tuesday	February 27	Arrival
Wednesday	February 28	1 st Training
Thursday	March 1	2 nd Training
Friday	March 2	Qualifications for Races 1&2
Saturday	March 3	Finals Race 1
Sunday	March 4	Finals Race 2
Monday	March 5	Departure

ORGANISERS AND OFFICIALS

Joint Organizing Committee Members

- Chelyabinsk reg. Ministry of Sports
- Russian Ministry of Sports
- Russian Ski Association
- Freestyle Federation of Russia
- Sunny Valley Alpine Resort
- Russian Alpine Ski League

Competition Officials

Race Director	Martin Fiala	FIS
Technical Delegate	Phill Gilanfarr	USA
Referee	Chris Moore	CAN
Assistant Referee	Klaus Waldner	AUT
Chief of Competition	Evgeniy Vorona	RUS
Chief of Course	Ivan Znamensky	RUS
Course Designer	Alexey Ivanov	RUS

RULES

1. The competitions are organized at Sunny Valley alpine resort, Miass, Russia by the joint Organizing Committee for the FIS World Cup Series 2017/2018 and are conducted under the rules and regulations for freestyle skiing competitions of the International Ski Federation (ICR and WCR).
2. The dates of the competitions are published in the FIS International Competition Calendar. Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of the event from the one stated in the program, depending on snow conditions or the decision of the competition Jury.
3. The program includes two events for both ladies and men.

ENTRIES

Entries are accepted from National Ski Associations via FIS on-line entry system in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules. Deadlines:

Preliminary entries – **January 21, 2018**

Confirmed entries – **February 20, 2018**



VISA SUPPORT

Most foreign citizens require a visa to enter Russia. Please, check with your local Russian Embassy or Consulate if you need a visa, and what regulations apply in your case. Contacts of Russian consulates are posted on the website of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.mid.ru (direct link to the [MFA website](#))

Please inform the OC, if you require a visa invitation. Invitation issue process may take several days. To avoid delays with visas, make sure all data is submitted to the OC before February 5, 2017.

Attached you will find our step-by-step 'Visa Application Guide' (see Annex 2). It explains both invitation request and visa application process. All questions regarding visa support are to be addressed to Evgenia Sedelnikova: race@rsaski.ru.

ACCREDITATION

By filling out and sending us the visa invitation request form and passport type photos of every participant, you automatically submit a request for accreditation. Bearers of FIS seasonal accreditations will receive an additional badge from the OC for venue access. All badges will be handed over to team representatives upon arrival and are necessary for entering the venue and the team hotels.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Sunny Valley alpine resort is located 120 km away from the airport of Chelyabinsk, 250 km away from the airport of Ekaterinburg and 14 km away from the Miass train station of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The OC offers transfers between the airport of Chelyabinsk and the resort (busses for teams and trucks for equipment). Transfer requests are to be sent to race@rsaski.ru and should include the following information:

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 or provided with local transfers from the OC.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is offered on the first come first served basis in 6x-apartments/cottages (3 double rooms per apartment) located by the bottom station of the ski lift. Further accommodation possibilities include a lake resort hotel 40 km away from the ski area (accessible with the LOC transfer).

FIS rules and rates apply (CHF50 per person per day HB). Upgrade to FB is offered at CHF15 per person per day, lunch will be served in the restaurant by the bottom station of the ski lift 200 m away from the finish area.

Official Arrival Day: February 27; official Departure Day: March 5.

Same conditions cannot be guaranteed outside of these dates (earlier arrivals or later departures).

One single room per team will be provided. An odd number resulting in a 2nd single room will be charged at the equivalent of CHF 100. Additional single room requests are subject to availability at market rates.

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

Cancellations after February 20 and no-shows will be charged individually by the hotel.

Accommodation requests are to be sent to race@rsaski.ru.

PACKAGES & PAYMENTS

The OC offers special packages for teams, which include **6 lunches and 2 airport transfers (to and from the venue) at a total of CHF 90 per person**, regardless of the size of the team and amount of luggage.



All payments will be accepted from team captains on the arrival day.

Please note: all payments on site are to be made in local currency (Russian rubles) in cash or by bank card upon arrival. Currency exchange services will be available at the airport of arrival (Moscow) and in the city of Miass. ATM is available on site.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Please be advised that starting from 2016 you need to apply for a temporary permit to use radio frequencies during sporting events in Russia (*Russian State Committee for Radio Frequencies Resolution No. 16-39-01 dated November 07, 2016*). The permit may be issued (or refused) for a particular area that has to be certified by Electromagnetic Compatibility Expert Board. Application review can take up to 45 calendar days.

As the procedure is lengthy and complex, and considering the experience of the past event the OC will offer the same service as last year: provide radio stations working on legal frequencies during the competition for rent. The OC will cover the corresponding costs, and radio rental will be free of charge for you. While collecting your radios at the race office on the arrival day, you will be asked for a fully refundable deposit. The deposit will be returned to you on the departure day, provided all equipment is turned back in order.

To place a reservation, please e-mail us at race@rsaski.ru and inform us on the number of radios, number and type of headsets (subject to availability) your team will require for the competition week.

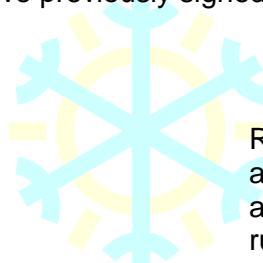
INSURANCE/ LIABILITY

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 Sunny Valley alpine resort shall not be responsible for any loss or injuries occurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person, in connection with 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



Race office will be located at Sunny Valley resort, about 500 m away from the finish area and about 700 m away from team accommodation. During the competitions shuttle busses will be running on the territory of the resort on a regular basis. Team registration and accreditation procedure will start on Tuesday, February 27, from 14:00 am at the race office.

First Team Captains Meeting

Tuesday, February 27 at 20:00 at the race office.

Official Notice Board location

Race Office

Award Ceremony

Award ceremony will be held right after the race in the finish area.

Additional Information

This invitation will be available on the [FIS website](#).

All questions for the OC, please, address to:

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PROGRAM*

Sunny Valley, Miass, RUS February 27 – March 5, 2018

Tuesday 27.02.2018	Duration	Start time	Finish time	Comments
Official Team arrival				
Race office open - Accreditation	5:00	14:00	19:00	SV Kids` Club
	1:00			
First Team Captains Meeting	1:00	20:00	21:00	SV Kids` Club
Medical Meeting	0:15	21:00	21:15	SV Kids` Club

Wednesday 28.02.2018	Duration	Start time	Finish time	Comments
First run on lift for athletes		8:00		Time of circ. 10'
Jury Meeting at Start	0:15	7:00	7:15	
Jury Coach Inspection & Setting	1:00	7:15	8:15	
Break	0:15	8:15	8:30	
Inspection Competitor Testers	0:30	8:30	9:00	
Break	0:30	9:00	9:30	
Competitor Testing	1:00	9:30	10:30	
Competitor-Jury De-Briefing	0:15	10:30	10:45	Finish Area
Course preparation	1:15	10:45	12:00	
Inspection	0:30	12:00	12:30	Admission until 12:25
Course preparation & Forerunner	0:30	12:30	13:00	
Training	1:30	13:00	14:30	Runs / Comp.: 2 Start training: no
Jury Meeting in Finish Area	0:15	14:30	14:45	
	3:15			
Team Captains Meeting / Info	0:30	18:00	18:30	SV Kids` Club

Thursday 01.03.2018	Duration	Start time	Finish time	Comments
First run on lift for athletes		9:00		Time of circ. 10'
Jury Inspection, Course Setting	2:00	8:00	10:00	
Group 1 Inspection	0:30	10:00	10:30	Admission until 10:25
Break / Course Prep.	0:30	10:30	11:00	
Training Group 1	1:00	11:00	12:00	Runs / Comp.: 2 Start training: no
Break / Course Prep.	0:30	12:00	12:30	
Group 2 Inspection	0:30	12:30	13:00	Admission until 12:25
Break / Course Prep.	0:30	13:00	13:30	
Training Group 2	1:00	13:30	14:30	Runs / Comp.: 2 Start training: no
Break / Course Prep.	3:30			
Team Captains Meeting / Draw	1:00	18:00	19:00	SV Kids` Club

Friday 02.03.2018	Duration	Start time	Finish time	Comments
First run on lift for athletes		7:30		Time of circ. 10'
Jury Inspection, Course Setting	1:15	6:45	8:00	
Inspection L+M	0:30	8:00	8:30	Admission until 10:25
Break / Course Prep. / Forerunner	0:15	8:30	8:45	
Training Men	0:30	8:45	9:15	RUNs / Competitor: 1 Start training allowed: no
Training Ladies	0:20	9:15	9:35	RUNs / Competitor: 1 Start training allowed: no
Break / Course Prep. / Forerunner	0:25	9:35	10:00	
Qualification Men	1:15	10:00	11:15	1-16 @arr. 17-48 @60 sec 49-54 @arr
Break / Course Prep. / Forerunner	0:15	11:15	11:30	
Qualification Ladies	0:45	11:30	12:15	1-16 @arr. 17-24 @60 sec 25-30 @arr
Break / BIBs	0:40	12:15	12:55	
Second Race qualification				
Forerunner	0:05	12:55	13:00	
Qualification Men	1:15	13:00	14:15	1-16 @arr. 17-48 @60 sec 49-54 @arr
Break / Course Prep. / Forerunner	0:15	14:15	14:30	
Qualification Ladies	0:45	14:30	15:15	1-16 @arr. 17-24 @60 sec 25-30 @arr
	2:45			
Team Captains Meeting / Info	0:30	18:00	18:30	SV Kids`Club
Public Heat Presentation	0:30	0:00	0:30	Finish Area

Saturday 03.03.2018	Duration	Start time	Finish time	Comments
First run on lift for athletes		9:00		Time of circ. 10'
Jury Inspection, Course Setting	1:45	9:45	11:30	
Inspection Finalists	0:30	11:30	12:00	Admission until 11:55
Break / Course Prep.	0:30	12:00	12:30	
Training Finalists	0:30	12:30	13:00	RUNs / Competitor: 1 Start training allowed: no
Break / Course Prep.	0:20	13:00	13:20	
Forerunner-Heat	0:10	13:20		Ladies: 16 Men: 32
Final Round	2:27	13:30	15:57	begin with: QF begin with: EF
EF - Men	0:21	13:30	13:51	
QF - Ladies	0:12	13:51	14:03	
QF - Men	0:12	14:03	14:15	
Break	0:02	14:15	14:17	
SF - Ladies	0:06	14:17	14:23	
SF - Men	0:06	14:23	14:29	
Break	0:02	14:29	14:31	
F - Ladies	0:08	14:31	14:39	
F - Men	0:08	14:39	14:47	
Break	0:05			
Prizegiving and WC leader bib		14:52		in finish area
	1:58			
Team Captains Meeting / BIBs	0:45	18:00	18:45	SV Kids`Club



Sunday 04.03.2018	Duration	Start time	Finish time	Comments
First run on lift for athletes		7:30		Time of circ. 10'
Jury Inspection, Course Setting	1:45	8:15	10:00	
Inspection Finalists	0:30	10:00	10:30	Admission until 10:25
Break / Course Prep.	0:30	10:30	11:00	
Training Finalists	0:30	11:00	11:30	RUNs / Competitor: 1 Start training allowed: no
Break / Course Prep.	0:20	11:30	11:50	
Forerunner-Heat	0:10	11:50		Ladies: 16 Men: 32
Final Round	2:27	13:30	15:57	begin with: QF begin with: EF
EF - Men	0:21	12:00	12:21	
QF - Ladies	0:12	12:21	12:33	
QF - Men	0:12	12:33	12:45	
Break	0:02	12:45	12:47	
SF - Ladies	0:06	12:47	12:53	
SF - Men	0:06	12:53	12:59	
Break	0:02	12:59	13:01	
F - Ladies	0:08	13:01	13:09	
F - Men	0:08	13:09	13:17	
Break	0:05			
Prizegiving and WC leader bib		13:22		in finish area
	0:00			
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**Time and program are subject to change depending on the weather conditions.*





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Russian Visa Application for AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup Sunny Valley Participants Step-by-Step Guide

Most foreign nationals require a visa to enter Russia. The OC provides the participants with visa support (or 'Visa Invitation'). Below you will find a Visa Application Guide put together by the OC for your reference. Details may vary from country to country. Please check regulations applicable in your case.

Thanks to the consideration of the Consulate Department of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) special regulations will be in force for the competition participants between December 1, 2017 and February 20, 2018. One team representative will be able to submit visa applications for all team members together. You can apply at any Russian Consulate within EU, US, Canada and some other countries regardless of your citizenship. You can request fasted procession if necessary, provided your Consulate is not overloaded (regular procession times vary depending the country and Consulate).

Application process step-by-step:

Step 1: Get Informed

Check specific regulations applying to the citizens of your home country and to the applicants of the Russian Consulate, where you plan to apply. Contacts of Russian Embassies and Consulates are posted on the [MFA website](#).

Please, note that the OC does **not** recommend using services of any visa or travel agencies due to highly possible delays. The only intermediates recommended are *Official Russian Visa Centers* working directly with Russian Embassies and Consulates. Their contacts and links to their webpages are always posted on the Consulate website.

Step 2: Request an Invitation

To request a visa invitation (visa support), please, fill out the attached spreadsheet and e-mail it together with passport type photos to race@rsaski.ru Please, make sure names of files contain names of participants, for example «Surname Name.jpg»

Please note: all visa support requests should be submitted to the OC before February 5, 2018. Timely procession after this date cannot be guaranteed.





You would need to provide the OC with the following for every applicant:

1. First and family name(s) as stated in passport (!)
2. Gender (male/female)
3. Citizenship
4. Passport number and issue details (authority/ location)
5. Passport issue and expiry dates: dd/mm/yyyy
6. Date of birth: dd/mm/yyyy
7. Full home address (permanent residence)
8. Employer/organization details (organization name and contacts) and position
9. Arrival and departure details (flight numbers, dates, times - preliminary)
10. Russian Consulate where application will be submitted

Note: if a delegation member (f.e. a Federation official) will attend the FIS WC in Moscow, this must be indicated in the application form to ensure issue of an appropriate visa invitation.

Step 3: Process Your Application

Prepare visa application package(s): fill out your application form(s), collect necessary documents as stated on the Consulate website, schedule an appointment if required, and pay the consular fee. Then submit the complete package(s) to the Consulate.

Application package checklist:

- ✓ **Invitation** – a letter you obtain and receive from the OC.
- ✓ **Passport** – original, valid at least through September 5, 2018, with at least two clean pages.
- ✓ **Passport-type photograph** – recent, good quality – check the Consulate website for other requirements.
- ✓ **Visa application** – as a rule is to be filled in on-line, printed out and signed – see links and instructions on the Consulate website.
- ✓ **Consulate-specific documents** – like insurance policy, bank statements, etc. – check the Consulate website for specific regulations.

Insurance policy – when required, is a travel insurance valid on the territory of the Russian Federation for the duration of your trip and covering sports-specific risks, medical treatment and transportation from abroad costs. Make sure that insurance company is approved by your Consulate. A list of such companies is usually published on the Consulate website.

When planning your application please mind local and Russian holidays, in particular January 1-6 - New Year Holidays, January 7 - Orthodox Christmas; as well as any possible combinations of those.

Important

All issues in regard to communication with Russian Consulates and Visa Centers are to be reported to the OC immediately.

Non-EU citizens – special regulations apply, for example: US, UK or Georgia citizens may need to complete additional forms and pay different fees. Some non-EU citizens may be allowed to enter Russia without a visa due to existing bilateral agreements.

Once you receive your passport(s) from the Consulate, please, check that all the data in the visa(s) is correct and inform the OC by means of a phone call or an e-mail.

We are happy to help you with possible questions. Please contact us at race@rsaski.ru or call Evgenia Sedelnikova +7 903 211 9390

Thank you for your cooperation!

