



INVITATION

2014 Biathlon & Cross-Country Skiing World Cup in Vuokatti Finland

8th – 17th December 2014



Foreword from the Organizing Committee...

Vuokatti Sports Institute is pleased to host an International Paralympic Committee Nordic Skiing World Cup event. Event takes place in heart of Finland Sotkamo, Vuokatti. Challenging tracks, beautiful views and hard competitions are meeting the athletes all around the world.

Welcome to Vuokatti!

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Chief of the competition: Jyri Pelkonen +358 40 8445882 - jyri.pelkonen@vuokattisport.fi

Competition coordinator: Dmitry Polomoshnov +358465949802 - competitions@vuokattisport.fi

Accommodation: Virpi Mustonen +358 444 148808 - virpi.mustonen@vuokattisport.fi

Technical Delegate(s): Guy Magand (FRA)

National Technical Delegate: Marita Kaipainen (FIN)

Biathlon IR: TBA

WEBSITE for the Event: www.vuokattievents.fi/ipc

Please refer to it frequently for information including course maps, changes and other bulletins.

ENTRIES:

The 2014 IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country World Cup in Vuokatti Finland entry forms shall be sent to the Organizing Committee:

- Preliminary entry Form (accommodation & team size) by 25th October 2014
- Final Registration Form by 24th November 2014

Race Entries: IPC On-line entries system www.paralympic.org/entries

Entry Submission:

By post:

IPC WORLD CUP Vuokatti - Vuokatti Sports Institute, Opistontie 4, 88615 VUOKATIN URHEILUOPISTO, FINLAND





By e-mail: virpi.mustonen@vuokattisport.fi and ipcnordicskiing@paralympic.org

By fax: +358 8 6640 134

Forms required for athletes/guides and Team delegates can be found at

www.vuokattievents.fi/ipc

Competition Fee: According to the IPC Competition Fee

The competition fee is 15 € / athlete / race. This will be paid to LOC upon arrival to Vuokatti. It can also be paid beforehand to the Bank Account of Vuokatti Sports Institute - *FI7021781800060030*. in case if that is more suitable.

COMPETITION PROGRAM

DATE	COMPETITION SCHEDULE
Monday, 08 December	09 am – 16 pm - Classification
Tuesday, 09 December	09 am - 16 pm - Classification
	09 am - 13 pm - BT Official Training
	19 pm - Team Captains' Meeting
	20 pm - Welcome reception
Wednesday, 10 December	10:00 – Biathlon - Short Distance (6km/7.5km)
	Prize Giving ceremony
	19:00 - Team Captains´ Meeting
Thursday, 11 December	10:00 – Biathlon – Long Distance (12.5km/15km)
	Prize Giving ceremony
Friday, 12 December	10 am - 13pm - Cross-Country Official training
	19:00 - Team Captains´ Meeting





Saturday, 13 December	10:00 – Cross-Country – Middle Distance (C) (5km/10km)
	Prize Giving ceremony
	19:00 - Team Captains' Meeting
Sunday, 14 December	10:00 – Cross Country – Sprint (F) (1km/1km)
	Prize Giving ceremony
Monday, 15 December	Day Off
	19:00 - Team Captains' Meeting
Tuesday, 16 December	10:00 – Biathlon – Middle Distance (10km/12.5km) *Electronic Scoring System
	Prize Giving ceremony
	19 pm - Team Captains' Meeting
Wednesday, 17 December	10:00 – Biathlon – Long Distance (12.5km/15km)
	*Electronic Scoring System
	Prize Giving ceremony
Thursday, 18 December	Departure Day

Rules:

IPC Nordic Skiing competition rules will apply. www.ipc-nordicskiing.org/Rules/

Anti-Doping:

Anti-Doping activities will be carried according to the IPC Anti-Doping Code which can be found at http://www.paralympic.org/



VISAS:

For those who need visa for entering Finland, please do not forget to apply for it in advance. We will be glad to assist you. Just send the completed name list (with dates of birth) for visa to the organizing committee.

CLASSIFICATION:

Classification days are Mon 8.12.2014 & Tue 9.12.2014. The classification for PI Athletes will take place straight at the Venue of Vuokatti Sport (Vuokatti Halli building). The Classification for VI athletes will take place at the "eye clinic" department of the Central Hospital in Kajaani. The clinic is available on both classification days. LOC will provide the transportation to Kajaani and back for the athletes and for the classifiers.

In order to be eligible for licensing and international classification, the athlete must be registered in the Sport Data Management System (SDMS). Athletes who are not registered will not be entered in the classification schedule.

TRANSPORTATION:

All accommodation is located just next to the Cross country stadium (approx. 150m) so transportation to the stadium is not needed. If required, arrangements will be made for transportation to Biathlon stadium.

Airport transfers are in accordance with flight arrival. Please fill in the transportation info form (available on official webpage) and send it to LOC in advance. For more information on transportation please contact Mrs. *Virpi Mustonen - virpi.mustonen@vuokattisport.fi*

TRAVEL:

Vuokatti is located 40km from Kajaani airport, 600km from Helsinki. There are several daily flights and trains to and from Kajaani.

ACCOMMODATION:

During the event all nations will be accommodated in Vuokatti Sports Institute – The official Athlete Village hotel. Please be clear with exact room requirements and quantity required for your team. Enquiries and bookings for accommodation: virpi.mustonen@vuokattisport.fi

Accommodation Price Range

All guests will be accommodated at Superior room level in the main hotel building and the Vuokatti Chalet annex. World Cup accommodation fee is fixed at full board per person 95€/night. Please note, that in case of booking a single room the fee is higher.

For the reservations outside competition period and first snow training camp please ask an offer from the reservations department: virpi.mustonen@vuokattisport.fi ,+358 444 148 808





RESTAURANT HOURS ON COMPETITION DAYS:

Breakfast: 07.00-10.00 Lunch: 12.00-15.00 Dinner: 17.00-20.00

Facilities and Waxing Cabins

Team Captains' Meetings Auditorium, the Competition Office and the Wax-cabins will be located next to the stadium.

Waxing Rooms for rent during IPC period:

15m2 waxing rooms 300€ / week reservations from myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi
Each team will have to pay a deposit for the waxing cabin key. The amount the deposit is 35 euro.
The money will be returned after the team will return the key back to the reception of Vuokatti
Sports Hotel.

COMPETITION OFFICE

Competition office will be located in a lecture room "Pikku-Pölly" in sport hall next to the cross country stadium.

TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in auditorium "Iso-Pölly". It is located next to the competition office. Meetings will be held at **19:00.** The language used is English. The minutes of those meetings will be written in English and will be available at the competition office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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