



INVITATION

2022/23 FIS Para Nordic
World Cup Finals



Soldier Hollow Nordic Center
Midway, UT USA

February 27 – March 8, 2023



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Team Captain's Meeting	Virtual zoom / Zermatt conference room	TBD
Official Notice Board Location	Main Reception at the Zermatt Resort 784 W. Resort Dr, Midway, UT 84049	Other details such as, bus schedules, updated official training schedules, coaches meetings/links, etc...to be communicated via WhatsApp group chat.

Venue Information

Soldier Hollow Nordic Center
2002 Soldier Hollow Ln,
Midway, UT 84049
+01 435 654 2002

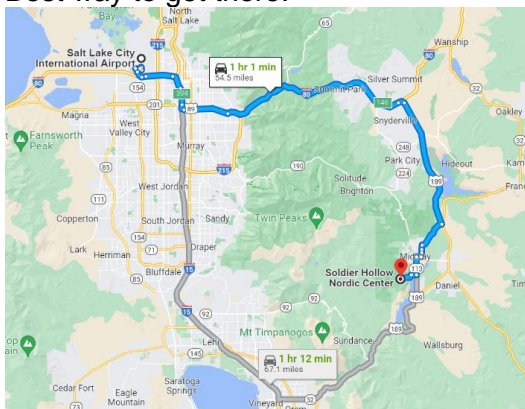


Logistics

Travel information

- **Travel Grant Opportunities:**
 - o As a major sponsor of the World Cup Finals in Soldier Hollow, Utah, The Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF), is excited to be able to provide travel funds for athletes who qualify to attend this season culminating race series. CAF is committed to ensure that no athlete with a permanent physical disability is unable to compete in sport due to the high cost of participation. Travel grants will be needs-based. If you are interested in applying for a travel grant, please email Wilson Dippo at wilson@challengedathletes.org for next steps.

- Best way to get there:



- Driving Times:

Salt Lake City International to Zermatt Hotel (Team Hotel) 49 min

Zermatt Hotel (Team Hotel) to Soldier Hollow Stadium (venue) 11 min

- Closest airport:

- o Salt Lake City International Airport
W. Terminal Dr,
Salt Lake City, UT 84122



Passport Requirements

To enter the United States ALL PERSONS will need:

- A machine-readable passport – or e-passport (with digital photograph) valid for six months past your expected stay in the U.S. CZE, EST, GRE, HUN, LAT, LTU must have electronic passports with an integrated chip.
- See important information about additional [digital photograph and e-passport requirements](#) for Visa Waiver Program travelers.

Visa Requirements There are two ways to obtain visas to travel to the U.S: (1) Visa Waiver Program and (2) Obtain from U.S. Embassy.

Nations able to use the Visa Waiver Program with an approved ESTA application include:

- AND, AUS, AUT, BEL, BRN, CHL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GRE, GER, HUN, IRE, ISL, ITA, JPN, KOR, LAT, LIE, LTU, LUX, MLT, MCO, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, PRT, SMR, SGP, SLO, SVK, SWE, SUI, TWN.

Nations that require a Visa from a U. S. Embassy to enter the U.S. include:

- ARG, BLR, BIH, BUL, CHN, KAZ, KOR, MDA, MKD, ROU, RUS, SRB, TUR, UKR

Procedures for both methods are outlined below.

Visa Waiver Program (VWP) with an approved ESTA Application

To use this program, you will need:

- A machine-readable passport – or e-passport (with digital photograph) valid for six months past your expected stay in the U.S. CZE, EST, GRE, HUN, LAT, LTU must have electronic passports with an integrated chip.
- See important information about additional [digital photograph and e-passport requirements](#) for Visa Waiver Program travelers.
- Approved ESTA application – (valid for two years or until passport expiration)
- Letter of invitation by name from Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation
 - Fill out the *Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)* for Visa Application form included with the invitation.
 - Send Request for *Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)* to Mari Riser-OC Soldier Hollow, Email: mriser@uolf.org by **17.12.22**.
 - You must obtain an ESTA application through the [Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#).
 - When you have your ESTA you may apply for Visa Waiver at the U.S. border when you arrive.
- The purpose of your stay in the US must be for business or tourism and must be less than 90 days.
- If arriving by air or sea, you must travel on an approved carrier and have a return trip ticket to any foreign destination.



Applying for a Visa from a U.S. Embassy to enter the U.S.

- To find a U.S. Embassy near you, go to: <http://www.usembassy.gov/>
- Contact the US Embassy closest to you for an interview as soon as possible.
- An interview at the embassy consular section is required for visa applicants. The following are specific requirements which must be met by applicants to qualify for a visitor visa under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The consular officer at the embassy or consulate will ask you questions about these topics to determine whether you qualify for the visa. The *invitation letter by name* will answer these questions.
 - The purpose of your trip must be to enter the U.S. for business, pleasure, or medical treatment.
 - You must plan to remain for a specific, limited period.
 - You must have evidence of funds to cover expenses in the United States. You must have evidence of compelling social and economic ties abroad.
 - You have a residence outside the U.S. as well as other binding ties that will insure you return abroad at the end of your visit.
- Fill out the *Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)* for the Visa Application form included with the invitation. Send *Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)* to Mari Riser-OC Soldier Hollow: email: mriser@uolf.org by December 17, 2022.
- OC Soldier Hollow will send you an *invitation letter by name* from the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, which you need for your interview and to apply for your visa.
- Complete the Online Non-immigrant Visa Electronic Application, Form DS-160. <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>. Helpful Information for DS-160:
 - The online form will “time out” approximately 20 minutes after the application has been idle. So “save” at regular intervals.
 - You may upload your photo. Please refer to the [Guidelines for Photographs - for Online Visa Applications](#) for detailed guidance for using a digital camera, and requirements for scanned images.
 - Save your application to a local/computer file before you submit it.
 - Click “save application to file” button to permanently save your application, then click the “save” button on the file download window.
 - You can create a group application. On the “thank you” page you will see an option to create a group application. When you select this option, certain information from your application, such as destination, will automatically be imported to and displayed on a new application. You will need to complete an application for each team member.
 - Submit Visa Forms with photos for all athletes and team staff as a group (if possible or in two groups) with your invitation by name from US Biathlon. The cost per visa is normally \$130-140 but it can be more for some nations. There are very high EXTRA fees for getting a visa quickly – as much as \$300 per visa.
 - Print the confirmation page and bring the confirmation page to the interview.
- You must have a valid passport for travel to the United States and with a validity date at least six months beyond the applicant’s intended period of stay in the United States.



If more than one person is included in the passport, each person desiring a visa must make an application.

- You must provide one (1) 5cm x 5cm photograph. See the required photo format explained in [Non-immigrant Photograph Requirements](#).
- Non-immigrant visa application processing fee - For current fees for Department of State government services select [Fees](#). You will need to provide a receipt showing the visa application processing fee has been paid when you come for your visa interview.
- Visa issuance fee—Additionally, if the visa is issued, there will be an additional visa issuance reciprocity fee, if applicable. Please consult the [Visa Reciprocity Tables](#) to find out if you must pay a visa issuance reciprocity fee and what the fee amount is.
- It is important that you refer to the Embassy Consular Section website to determine visa processing time frames and instructions, learn about interview scheduling, and find out if there are any additional documents required. Learn more by contacting the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#).

THE OC SOLDIER HOLLOW AND THE UTAH OLYMPIC LEGACY FOUNDATION WILL ASSIST WITH VISA APPLICATIONS. BUT YOU MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE AND ALLOW ENOUGH TIME.

Information on import and export of rifles and ammunition

- Air Rifles do not fall under the definition of firearms and therefore are not required to have an ATF form 6NIA to enter the country.

Local Transport

- THE OC WILL NOT BE PROVIDING AIRPORT OR DAILY TRANSPORTATION.

Company	Address	Contact	Phone Number	Email	# of Vans	Rate	Airport Pickup/Drop off
Wheelchair Getaways of Utah	1320 E 500 S #1113, Salt Lake City, UT 84102	Bill	+01.801.598.4227		2	\$165USD/ day	Yes, \$50USD each way (flat rate)
United Access	2262 South 1200 West, Ste 106, Woods Cross, UT 84087	Scott Meyer	+01.801.849.0369	scott.meyer@unitedaccess.com	5	\$140USD/ day	Yes, \$125USD each way (flat rate)

* Rates above are subject to change to reflect petrol prices!

Company	Address	Phone Number	Website
Enterprise	Salt Lake City Airport	+01.801.715.1617	www.enterprise.com
Hertz	Salt Lake City Airport	+01.801.575.2683	www.hertz.com
Avis	Salt Lake City Airport	+01.801.575.2847	www.avis.com





Dollar	Salt Lake City Airport	+01.801.575.2847	www.dollar.com
Thrifty	Salt Lake City Airport	+01.877.283.0898	www.thrifty.com

Accommodation

Hotel	Wheel-chair accessible King Room *Limited	Wheel-Chair accessible Double Bedroom *Limited	Zermatt King Room	Zermatt Double Bedroom	2 Bedroom Suite (3 people)
Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa	\$170.00 (USD)	\$250.00 (USD) (\$125.00 per person)	\$170.00 (USD)	\$250.00 (USD) (\$125.00 per person)	\$435.00 (USD) (\$145 per person)

- To arrange lodging, please contact our Chief of Lodging Connie Alexakos calexakos@uolf.org
- Rates above include Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Schedule below)
- Must book by: **January 2, 2023**.
- If rooms aren't booked by booking deadline above, we can't guarantee room availability.
- You can cancel up to 25% of your reservation 15 days or more prior to arrival, and 10% of your reservation within 15 days, but any cancellations within **7** days of your arrival will be non-refundable.

Meal Arrangements

- Costs (included in the lodging figures above)
- Meal details:
 - o Organized meals at the Zermatt begin with dinner on Monday February 27th (5:30-8:30pm) in the Matterhorn room.
 - o Daily meal schedule below (February 28th – March 8th)

Date:	Time:	Meal:	Room:
Tues, 02/28/23 thru Wed, 03/08/23	6:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Matterhorn
	11:00am - 1:30pm	Lunch	Matterhorn
Wed, 03/08/23	5:30pm - 8:30pm	Dinner	Matterhorn
Thurs, 03/09/23	6:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Matterhorn

- Times may be adjusted slightly once the daily race schedules are set



Race Registration

Deadlines

	System opening	System closing
Entries by number – via FPDMS Online Entry System	-	18 January 2023
Entries by names – via FPDMS Online Entry System	4 January 2023	22 February 2023
Accommodation – Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa	1 December 2022	2 January 2023
Wax cabin reservation – Located next to the Competition building/Stadium	1 December 2022	2 January 2023

Race entry fee: According to the ICR

Rules: International Para Nordic Competition Rules (ICR) 2022/2023

Age Limit: According to the ICR

FIS Point Limit: According to the ICR

Payment information:

Final Payment for Race & Accommodation Fees deadline	13/02/2023	Please pay the full Race Entry and Accommodation Fees. The race entry and accommodation fees are NOT REFUNDABLE	
		Organization	Utah Athletic Foundation
Bank Account data:	Payments should cover bank transfer charges	Bank:	Wells Fargo Bank
		Account:	1012047641
		Routing #:	121000248
		BIC (SWIFT)	WFBIUS65
		Reference	Team Name and Booking #



Liability:		The organizers do not accept liability for any injury/damage to persons/belongings
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Competition Information

Wax Cabins

- \$500USD + a \$50USD refundable deposit required per team
- Wax Cabins are located close to the stadium. Keys will be distributed by the Competition Office. All wax cabins will be equipped with 110-volt power. Transformers are required to operated equipment requiring 220-volt. Transformers are available for rent at the Competition Office for \$75USD per unit. It is recommended that teams reserve transformers ahead of time with OC
- To Book a cabin and reserve a Transformer, please contact Josh Korn – jkorn@uolf.org by January 2, 2023

Award Ceremony / Past event party

- Award Ceremony will take place nightly post-race at the Matterhorn room at the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa.
- Post event party and Overall World Cup awards presentation to take place the evening of March 8th (please plan to depart on March 9th). Let's celebrate the season and have a great evening!

Prize Money

- There will be prize money awarded to the overall winners (Sitting, Standing, VI, VI Guide) for Men's/Women's Cross Country and Biathlon.
- Please come prepared to share your wiring details with us. Any prize money that isn't claimed by April 1, 2023, through wiring instructions will be forfeited by the athlete.

Media

- Chief of Media: Melanie Welch
Contact Info: +01 312 718 0237
mwelch@uolf.org
- Media Center will be located on the 2nd floor of the Competition Building and will be open daily on Competition days.

Training bibs





- FIS training bibs must be worn by all competitors and team staff who participate in unofficial and official training.

Schedule

Day of the week 27/02/2023	Arrival Unofficial training
Day of the week 28/02/2023	Official training Team captains meeting
Day of the week 01/03/2023	Competition – CC Sprint Classic Team captains meeting
Day of the week 02/03/2023	Competition – CC 5km Individual Start Free
Day of the week 03/03/2023	Official training Team captains meeting
Day of the week 04/03/2023	Competition – BT 12.5km Individual Start (penalty time) Team captains meeting
Day of the week 05/03/2023	Competition – BT 7.5km Sprint
Day of the week 06/03/2023	Official training Team captains meeting
Day of the week 07/03/2023	Competition – BT Sprint Pursuit Team captains meeting
Day of the week 08/03/2023	Competition – CC 20km Free Evening Overall WC awards ceremony (at the Zermatt)
Day of the week 09/03/2023	Departure

- *Changes to the program can be made by the organization*

Medical and Anti-Doping Information





Anti Doping

According to the [FIS Anti-Doping Rules](#)

Medical Service at the venue

According to ICR art. 221.

Participant Insurance

With the issuance of a licence to participate in FIS competitions and entry, the National Ski Association confirms that valid and sufficient accident insurance for training and competition is in place for the competitor and assumes full responsibility. For more information, please see art. 204.2 and 212 of the ICR

