



**IPC CROSS-COUNTRY
SKIING 2015**



2015 IPC Cross Country Skiing World Cup Asahikawa in Japan

13-19 February 2015

INVITATION

WELCOME TO ASAHIKAWA

Situated in central Hokkaido, Asahikawa is Hokkaido's second largest city, with a population of 350,000. Located in a large open valley with four major rivers flowing through the city, and surrounded by mountains that are home to several ski resorts, snow is guaranteed for the dates for the World Cup and far beyond.

Asahikawa has a major airport with direct flights from Tokyo, and 4 universities. It is famous in Japan for its progressive zoo, which attracts over 1.5 million visitors a year. Every winter the city hosts a large Winter Snow Festival.

With snow on the ground for 4 months of the year, cross-country skiing is a popular sport, and the city hosts a FIS Cross-Country marathon race (Japan Vasaloppet) every year. In February, the average temperature is -6.5C and the average snow base is 90cm. The organizers are excited to host the IPC family, and Asahikawa looks forward to welcoming athletes from around the world.

Organizing Committee:

Event Chairperson: Eiji Nozawa

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Chief of Competition: Yoshiyuki Yanbe



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JURY:

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 Chief of Competition: Yoshiyuki Yanbe

EVENT WEBSITE: <http://japanteam.jp/wc/>

COMPETITION PROGRAM IPC CROSS COUNTRY SKIING WORLD CUP

Day		Tech	Women		Men	
			Stand/VI	Sitting	Stand/VI	Sitting
12	Thurs	Arrivals				
13	Fri	Classification	Official Training	TCM (Hotel)		
14	Sat	Short/Middle Classic	5km (2x2.5km)	2.5km (1x2.5km)	10km (4x2.5km)	5km (2x2.5km)
		TCM (Hotel)				
15	Sun	Sprint Classic	sprint (1x1.3km)	sprint (1x0.9km)	sprint (1x1.3km)	sprint (1x0.9km)
		Welcome ceremony				
16	Mon	Official Training	TCM (Hotel)			
17	Tues	Long Classic	15km (5x3.0km)	12km (4x3.0km)	20km (6x3.3km)	15km (6x3.0km)
		TCM (Hotel)				
18	Wed	Sprint Free	sprint (1x1.3km)	sprint (1x0.9km)	sprint (1x1.3km)	sprint (1x0.9km)
		TCM (Hotel)				
19	Thurs	Middle Free	5km (2x2.5km)	5km (2x2.5km)	10km (3x3.3km)	10km (4x2.5km)
		Farewell Party				
20	Fri	Departures				



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ENTRY:

Through IPCNS entry system: <http://www.paralympic.org/sdms/ebs/login.php>

Preliminary deadline (for accommodation & team size): 20st November, 2014

Final registration deadline: 20th January, 2015 (SDMS)

RACE FEE: €15 per race in keeping with the IPC Competition Fee

VISA: When you let us know that you are coming to Japan, we will provide you with specific visa information for your nationality.

FIREARMS INFORMATION:

You cannot bring a gun into Japan, or travel in Japan with a gun. When an athlete enters Japan with a rifle, they must deposit the rifle at the police station at the airport, and fill in an appropriate application at that time. The athlete must then pick up the rifle at the same airport police station when leaving Japan. (Note that there are no biathlon events at the Asahikawa WC)

※ Depositing a gun at the airport will take approx. 1 hour

WAX ROOM:

For each country, we will provide a heated team cabin plus a wax cabin with 100V power supply.

Smaller teams will share a team cabin and wax cabin.

If you don't have wax staff, the Japan team can assist. We will to ensure athletes travelling alone are fine to compete.

A shuttle bus will run between the hotel and the venue every 30 minutes from 8:00 to 15:30.



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TRAVEL INFORMATION:

The following airports can be used to arrive in Asahikawa:

Via Tokyo

Narita Airport (NRT) ⇒ Haneda Airport (HND) ⇒ Asahikawa Airport (AKJ) ⇒ Hotel

Narita Airport ⇒ Haneda Airport 1h;

Haneda Airport ⇒ Asahikawa Airport 2h;

Asahikawa Airport ⇒ Hotel 0.5h

Via Sapporo

New Chitose Airport (CTS) ⇒ Hotel

New Chitose Airport ⇒ Hotel 3.5h

Bus transfer from New Chitose Airport to the hotel

The Organizing Committee will provide the following free bus transfers:

Narita ⇒ Haneda (Tokyo)

New Chitose Airport ⇒ hotel

Asahikawa Airport ⇒ hotel

ACCOMMODATION:

LOISIR HOTEL Asahikawa

<http://www.loisir-asahikawa.com/>

Twin room: 2 people: €70 per person per night

Twin room: 1 person: €90 per night

The prices include three meals per day.

EARLY ARRIVAL:

Practicing in advance at the venue is also possible. Teams planning to arrive before Feb 12 should inform the OC as soon as possible for advice on training and accommodation options.

PLACE FOR PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION – ACCOMMODATION & TEAM SIZE (NOV 20)

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