

INVITATION

Sapporo 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup 12th - 17th March 2019



Sapporo / Japan



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Welcome to Sapporo

We are delighted to invite all IPC nations to Sapporo 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup. Sapporo is proud of its history of hosting numerous international meets in the sporting world, including the 1972 Winter Olympic Games. We look forward to meeting each of you and wish you all the best during your stay in Sapporo.

Organizing Committee

Chief of the Competition: **Hirokatsu Kanaya**

Competition Coordinator: **Kouji Watanabe**

Technical Delegate: **Georgy Kadykov**

Biathlon IR: **Rob Schnider**

Accommodation: **Sapporo Prince Hotel**

Venue

Nishioka Biathlon Stadium

Address: Nishioka, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido

Competition Office

Competition office will be located in the stadium.

Rules

Nordic Skiing competition rules will apply:

<https://www.paralympic.org/nordic-skiing>

Anti-Doping

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



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Entries

Entry forms for Sapporo 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup shall be sent to the Organizing Committee.

Preliminary Entry Form (Accommodation and Team size) by **17th Dec. 2018**

Registration Form (Rifle info, Flight and Passport info and so on) by **25th Dec. 2018**

Race Entries by **5th Mar. 2019** via Online Entries System www.paralympic.org/entries

-By post

JAPAN Para-Ski Federation

Sapporo 2019 Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Organizing Committee

Physical Address: Nipponzaidan Bld. 4th floor, 2-2, Akasaka 1chome, Minato-ku,
Tokyo Japan 107-0052

-By e-mail

E-mail Address: wpns-wc.sapporo.info@jps-ski.com

Competition Fee

Competition fee is 20 € / athlete / race.

This will be paid to LOC upon arrival to Sapporo. It can also be paid by bank transfer beforehand.

Bank Name : **MIZUHO BANK, LTD**

SWIFT Code: **MHCBJPJT**

Branch Name: **AZAMINO BRANCH (599)**

Address: **2-1-3 Azamino, Aoba-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 225-0011, Japan**

Beneficiary's Account No.: **599(Branch No) – 1397975(Account No)**

Beneficiary's Name: **JAPAN Para-Ski Federation IPCNS**



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Visas

For those who require a visa for entry into Japan, please do not forget to apply for it in advance. We will be glad to assist you in an application process by issuing the invitation letter. You would be asked to fill out the Visa Request Form and send it with photo copies of your passports by **15th Jan. 2019**, to JTB Corp. Hokkaido Branch at jtb-mice@jtb.com

Wax Cabins

The Wax-cabins will be installed in the stadium.

Available for free, and equipped with heaters, power outlets (100V) and worktables

WPNS Award Ceremony

The WPNS Award Ceremonies will be held on the final day of the competition, Sunday 17 March in Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway near Sapporo Station.



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Competition Program

DATE	COMPETITION SCHEDULE
Mon 11 Mar	Arrival
Tue 12 Mar	Official Training Team Captains Meeting
Wed 13 Mar	BT Middle Woman Stand/VI 10.0km BT Middle Woman Sitting 10.0km BT Middle Man Stand/VI 12.5km BT Middle Man Sitting 12.5km Team Captains Meeting
Thu 14 Mar	BT Sprint Woman Stand/VI 6.0km BT Sprint Woman Sitting 6.0km BT Sprint Man Stand/VI 7.5km BT Sprint Man Sitting 7.5km
Fri 15 Mar	Official Training Team Captains Meeting
Sat 16 Mar	CC (F) Middle Woman Stand/VI 7.5km CC Middle Woman Sitting 5.0km CC (F) Middle Man Stand/VI 10.0km CC Middle Man Sitting 7.5km Team Captains Meeting
Sun 17 Mar	CC (CL) Short Woman Stand/VI 2.5km CC Short Woman Sitting 2.5km CC (CL) Short Man Stand/VI 5.0km CC Short Man Sitting 5.0km WPNS Award Ceremony
Mon 18 Mar	Departure of Delegation



Travel and Transportation

Each country is responsible for the arrangement of the round-trip flight to New Chitose Airport. Due to application procedures for bringing rifles into Japan, we strongly advise entering and departing Japan through New Chitose Airport.

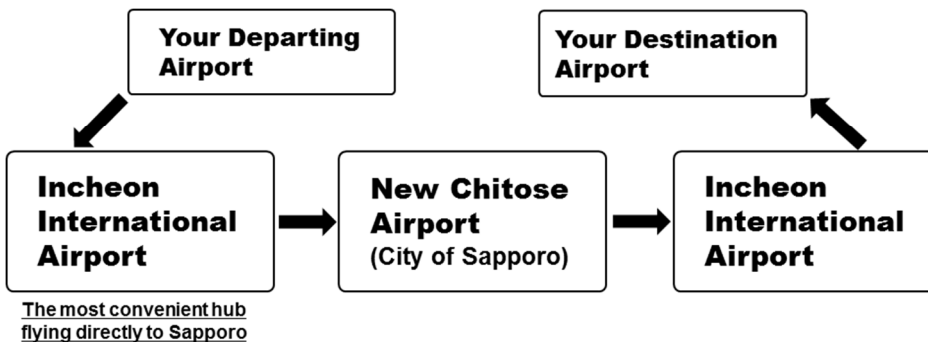
Upon arrival at the airport, shuttle buses provided by the OC will take participants to Sapporo Prince Hotel. After the competition, we will also arrange buses to send them back from the hotel to the airport on the departure day.

(The period between **11th March** and **18th March 2019**)

Airport transfers are arranged in accordance with participants' flight arrival. Please fill in "the Transportation Info Form" and send it to the OC in advance.

Recommended Route

(In case there is no direct flight to Sapporo from where you intend to depart)



For more information on transportation, please contact the staff below.

JTB Corp. Hokkaido branch, Sapporo (The Official Travel Agency)

E-mail Address: jtb-mice@jtb.com



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Accommodation

During the games, all nations will be accommodated in **Sapporo Prince Hotel** - the official Athlete Hotel. Participants are required to fill in "the Accommodation Form" whose submission deadline is **31st Dec. 2018**.

-Athlete Hotel: **Sapporo Prince Hotel**

Address: Nishi 11-chome, Minami 2-jo, Chuo-ku Sapporo, Hokkaido 060-8615

Phone: +81-11-241-1111

Website: <http://www.princehotels.com/sapporo/>

-Enquiries and bookings for accommodation: **JTB Corp. Hokkaido Branch**

E-mail Address: jtb-mice@jtb.com

Katsura KAWAGUCHI (Ms.), Ai MORIHARA (Ms.), Atsushi FUJIWARA (Mr.)

Phone: +81-11-221-4800 (Opening Hours: 9:30AM-5:00PM Weekdays only)

FAX: +81-11-222-5102

*Free shuttle bus services will be provided between the hotel and the competition venue during the games.

Accommodation Fee

All participants will be accommodated in twin rooms (2 guests per room) unless otherwise requested.

The cost of accommodation with full board is fixed at **€120.00** per night per person.

Those requesting a private room will be charged **€140.00** per night.

Meals

Meals will be provided three times a day, starting with dinner on Monday 11th Mar, until and including breakfast on Monday 18th Mar.



Importation and Exportation of Rifles

Important Info



Import and Export Procedures for Rifles

The use of firearms within Japan is not allowed except by those, including the police, who are specified by laws to require them in the course of duties, and those who are permitted to possess them by the police. And importing/exporting firearms into/from Japan is strictly controlled as well. Foreign participants in international competitions are no exception. Therefore, when athletes intend to participate in biathlon competitions in Japan, they need to take the following procedures to receive the permit issued by the Japanese government. They are also required to report to the Japanese government after importing firearms into Japan.

Permission to Possess and Use Firearms

Participating athletes must apply for permission to possess and use rifles for the competition. This permission is granted for athletes participating in the Games and their rifles used in the competition.

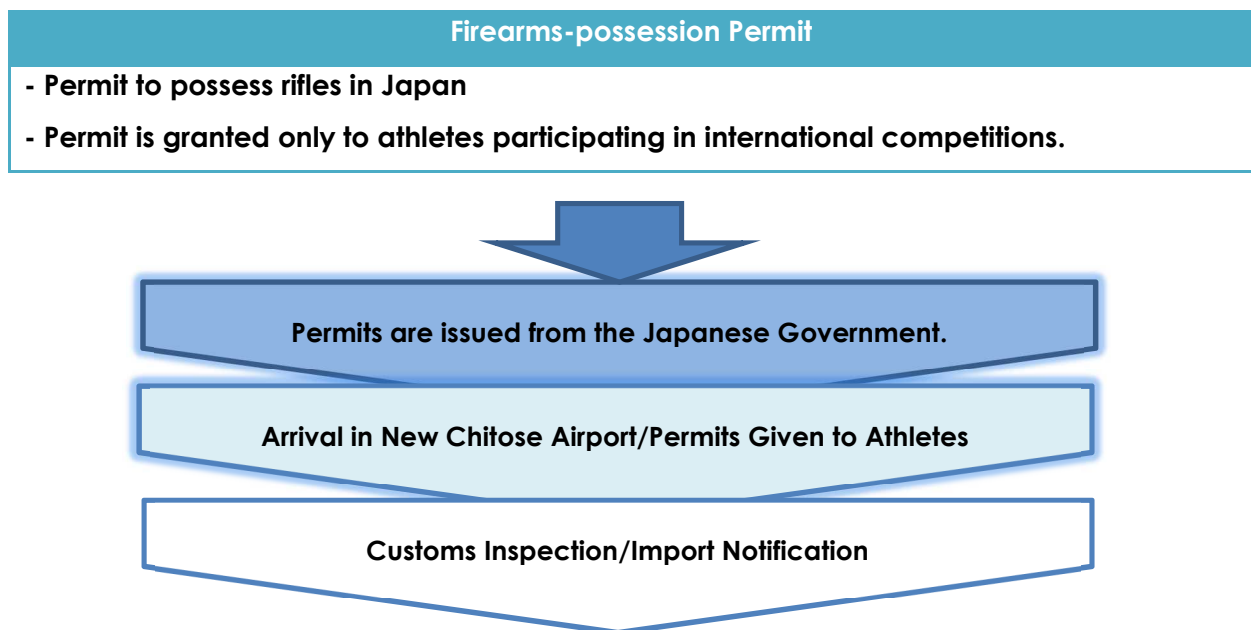
Please note that the permission is not to allow them to possess or use any rifles. Athletes granted permission are allowed to use only their own rifles, and are not allowed to use other athlete's rifles.

Permits needed to import rifles will be handed to participating athletes at the airport before the customs inspection.



Procedure Flow

The general schedule to import rifles into Japan is shown below. The OC will carry out the process on behalf of visiting athletes, due to the complicated nature of the procedure. Refer to “Procedure Method” for detailed process to commission the OC to perform the procedures.



Necessary Procedures for Exporting Rifles

Exporting rifles is also regulated in Japan, and the national permit is needed to export them from Japan. Export must be notified to the Japanese government after the necessary process is completed.

This procedure will also be taken care of by the OC.



Procedure Method

All these procedures prior to importing/exporting rifles will be taken care of by the OC. Please send PDF data of the Entry Sheet with necessary information for these procedures and evidence documents to us by **10th Dec. 2018**.

Please send your Entry Sheet to: wpons-wc.sapporo.info@jps-ski.com

Entry Sheet : To be sent later

Required documents:

Document	Possession Permit	Import Permit	Export Permit
Copy of Passport (<i>the page including name, gender, nationality, passport number and the photo</i>)	●		
Reservation information including flight Information*	●	●	●
Photo of the serial number of the rifle (<i>normally impressed on the receiver</i>)	●		
Photo of the entire rifle	●		
Guaranty of the rifle or other document providing the trade name and the date of production	●		
Identity of assistant or coach (Full Name, Nationality, Address, Phone Number and Date of Birth)	●		

*If the flight information hasn't yet been determined by 10th Dec. 2018, please let us know by the end of January.

Permits

All the issued permits will be filed together and given to participating athletes upon their entry into Japan. These documents are needed for them to possess and use the rifles in the competition. The athletes are required to carry them, and report to the OC immediately in case of missing them.

We will collect these documents when the athletes leave Japan and be responsible for returning them to those organizations concerned.



Storage Method

Rifles must be stored with self-responsibility in accordance with the relevant laws.

Participating athletes must not allow anyone else to carry or hold their rifles.

Rifles must be stored in the lockable gun lockers in the hotel room, and the lockers must be locked. Even in the hotel rooms, the athletes are not allowed to put them on the floor or against the wall so that their roommates or visitors do not have a chance to take them away.

Handling of the Rifles by Assistant

Assistants who have been applied for permission in advance are also allowed to handle his/her athletes' rifles. In this case, they can only handle the rifles while in the competition.

For more information please contact

JAPAN Para-Ski Federation

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