

SHOWDOWN at STEAMBOAT



Dear Nordic Friends,

The 2004/2005 World Cup B Nordic Combined season is swiftly approaching and preparations for the **Showdown at Steamboat** are well underway.

Please accept our invitation to join us for the following events at historic Howelsen Hill:

Saturday, December 11 - Gundersen Event
K 114 Jump
15K Cross Country Race

Sunday, December 12 - SPRINT Event
K114 Jump
7.5K Cross Country Race

We are looking forward to hosting these World Cup B Nordic Combined competitions and will do our best to produce a week of outstanding events. These competitive events will generate a tremendous opportunity for the athletes, spectators and our local community to continue the longstanding commitment to Nordic sports.

Enclosed is the information you will need to complete your arrangements to participate in our World Cup B. We look forward to seeing you this December and know that you will enjoy your trip to Steamboat.

Sincerely,

WORLD CUP B ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Todd Wilson
Co-Chairman

Kathi Meyer
Co-Chairman

ENTRY FORM:

Please complete the enclosed entry form and return it to:

**THE SHOWDOWN at STEAMBOAT
WORLD CUP "B" Nordic Combined**

Attn: Jim Peterson, Competition Secretary
PO Box 883234
Steamboat Springs, CO 80488
USA

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The Organizing Committee requests that the completed entry forms reach Steamboat Springs by **November 15, 2004.** This will enable us to complete preparations for your arrival.

Please be sure to **include the date, time and method of transportation of your arrival in Steamboat** with the enclosed form.

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS:

All 2004/2005 F.I.S. World Cup B Rules for Nordic Combined will be in effect.

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY & QUOTAS:

Eligibility to compete will be in accordance with current FIS rules.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LODGING, MEALS & TRANSPORTATION:

Lodging and meals will be provided to certain competitors and trainers at no cost in accordance the FIS World Cup B quota. **Please keep in mind, that for those athletes and coach covered under the financial quota, the Steamboat Springs World Cup B Organizer's obligation period for meals begins with breakfast Thursday, December 9th and ends with Dinner on Sunday, December 12, 2004. Lodging will be provided for Thursday – Sunday nights.**

A room and board package will be available for purchase by all other eligible athletes and trainers not covered under FIS Rules. The daily cost for those individuals participating in Steamboat for the event but not covered under the financial quota is \$70.00 USD. This daily cost would also apply for all competitors and coaches who arrive prior to the morning of Thursday December 9th.

Athletes and trainers will be lodged at various hotels and condominiums in Steamboat. Housing assignments will be made shortly after the receipt of the attached entry form.

TRANSPORTATION

Each nation should proceed with their own airline and ground travel arrangements. Municipal bus transportation is provided free in Steamboat. The following telephone numbers are provided as information to assist in obtaining auto or van rentals for your stay in the US.

Hertz	+1-405-749-4424	or	www.Hertz.com
Avis/ Denver	+1-303-342-5500	or	www.avis.com
National	+1-303-342-0717	or	www.nationalcar.com
Thrifty	+303-342-9400	or	www.thrifty.com

LOCATION

Steamboat Springs is located 175 miles (250 kilometers) from Denver, Colorado. Teams should plan to fly to Denver International Airport (DEN). The driving time from Denver to Steamboat Springs is approximately 3 hours depending upon weather conditions.

Ground shuttle service from Denver International Airport to Steamboat Springs is provided by:

Alpine Taxi/Limo

Telephone (outside of USA) +970-879-8294

Telephone toll-free (inside of USA) 1-800-343-7433

Facsimile +970-879-0979

Also, from Denver International Airport there is air commuter service available to the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN) at Hayden, Colorado, which is 22 miles from Steamboat Springs. Commuter flights from Denver to Hayden fill-up quickly, so book accordingly.

EVENT SCHEDULE & TRAINING

The attached schedule of events begins with a Team Captains' Meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 18.00hrs (6:00 PM). Official training will begin on Friday, December 10, 2004.

If snow conditions and preparations allow, the Howelsen Hill Nordic Facility may be available prior to the World Cup B events from Tuesday, December 7th to Thursday, December 9th for optional Open training at the rate of \$25.00 USD per day per athlete. Please contact the Competition Secretary, Jim Peterson for pre-event availability.

DOPING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The FIS is committed to maintaining the integrity of all ski competitions. In order to prevent the use of forbidden substances or methods, doping controls can be carried out at any FIS sanctioned event.

COMPETITION OFFICE

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN and ACCREDITATION

The Competition Office will be located in the Howelsen Hill Lodge at the base of the ski jumps. Upon arrival **all team leaders must report to the competition office for check-in and accreditation.** Team check-in must be completed before entering the competition venue.

LIABILITY/INSURANCE

The Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club and the City of Steamboat Springs can not be held liable for any damage or accidents. All participants have to be sufficiently insured against accidents and illness by themselves or their National Federation.

FIS LICENSE

All athletes are required to have a valid FIS license in order to compete.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Jim Peterson
Competition Secretary

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FIS World Cup “B” Nordic Combined

Proposed Event Schedule

Thursday, Dec 9th

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Team Captains’ Meeting and Draw

Officials & Coaches Party – Olympian Hall

Friday, Dec 10th

9:00 AM - 11:30AM

1:00 - 3:00 PM

5:00 PM

Official K114 Training (3 jumps)

Official Training Cross Country Courses

Team Captains’ Meeting

Saturday, Dec 11th

Event

9:00 - 9:45 AM

9:50 AM

9:55 AM

10:00 AM

11:00AM

K114 Jump/ 15K Cross Country/Gundersen

Trial Jump Round

Flag Ceremony, National Anthem

Fore Jumpers

1st Competitive Round

2nd Competitive Round

2:00 PM

2:45 PM

3:00 PM

Immediately after Awards

5:00 PM

15K CROSS COUNTRY

Start Time 15K Cross Country

Finish Time

Awards Ceremony (Cross Country Stadium)

Press Conference (Olympian Hall)

Team Captains’ Meeting

Sunday, Dec 12th

9:00 – 9:45 AM

9:45 AM

9:55 AM

10:00 AM

K114 Jump/ 7.5K Cross Country/ SPRINT

Trial Jump Round

Opening Ceremony

Forejumpers

Competitive Round

12:30 PM

1:00 PM

1:15 PM

Immediately after Awards

7.5K CROSS COUNTRY

Start Time 7.5K Cross Country

Finish Time

Awards Ceremony (Cross County Stadium)

Press Conference (Olympian Hall)