

FIS World Cup "B" Nordic Combined 2008 in Nagano

Dear Nordic Friends,

The 2008 World Cup B Nordic Combined season is swiftly approaching and preparations for the **FIS WCB NC 2008 in Nagano** are well underway.

Please accept our invitation to join us for the following events in Iiyama, and Hakuba.

Iiyama Friday, February 15	SPRINT Event HS89 Jump 7.5K Cross Country
Hakuba Sunday, February 17	Gundersen Event HS131 Jump 15K Cross Country
Hakuba Monday, February 18	Mass Start Event 10K Cross Country Race HS131 Jump
Hakuba Tuesday, February 19	SPRINT•HURRICANE Event HS131 Jump 7.5K Cross Country Race

We are looking forward to hosting these World Cup B Nordic Combined competitions and we hope you will enjoy your stay and events in Nagano, the oriental culture. 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 next February.

Sincerely,

WORLD CUP B ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Mitsushi NAKAMURA
Secretary General

General Rules

1. **This Event** will be organized by the rules of the international competition regulations of the FIS and under the guidance of the Nordic Combined Committee.
2. **The number of participants** will be determined by the rules of the international competition regulations of the FIS and under the guidance of the Nordic Combined Committee.
3. **Liability / Insurance:** All participants must be insured against accidents according to the FIS rules. The Organizing Committee carries only third party liability insurance and declines all other liabilities.
4. **Accommodation and meals:** The organizing committee will provide **8 days full board and lodging** (from Arrival **Wednesday, February 13** until breakfast **Thursday, February 21**) for up to a maximum of five persons (4 + 1) per nation. Teams with over quota athletes and coaches will be responsible for the over quota expense. (See 6.)
5. **Transportation:** The organizing committee will arrange the transportation as follows (The time schedule will be informed later).
 - 1: 13th Feb 2008 Narita Airport – Iiyama City
 - 2: The transportation between the lodging and the competition site (during the events).
 - 3: 20th Feb 2008 Hakuba – TokyoIt costs ¥20,000 per person for the above transportation. We are going to arrange maximum two chartered buses from Narita Airport to Iiyama. The team which will not meet the above schedule, ground transportation is the responsibility of each team.
6. **Financial Responsibilities for Lodging, Meals & Transportation:** As for the over quota expense, the organizing committee will only make reservations for the lodgings and meals. It costs full board ¥8,000 per person per day. All expenses (the accommodation fee and the transportation fee) will be charged in Hakuba, and only credit card (VISA, MASTER CARD) and Japanese Yen are acceptable.

U.S. dollars and Euro can be exchanged at the banks in Iiyama city and Hakuba.

Also, at the Narita Airport, any banks can exchange not only U.S. dollars and Euro, but Canadian dollars, Swiss Francs, Swedish Krone, Norwegian Krone, and Danish Krone as well.

Only bills can be exchanged and no coins available.

7. **Entries and last date of registration:** The entry of the athletes must be done through their national federation. **The last date of registration with names of the athletes and coaches is February 4, 2008**, as well as your **flight schedule (arrival and departure)**.

In addition, for your lodging's reservation, we would like to know the number of athletes and staffs until **23rd December 2007**.

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8. The others :

Volt in Japan is 100 V. It is necessary for some teams to use the volt transformers.

9. Entry forms are available at

<http://www.fis-ski.com/rulesandpublications/nordiccombined/nordiccombinedforms/nordiccombinedentryform.pdf>

Please confirm by FAX or E-mail by 23rd December 2007, if you will participate or not.

10. An entry visa

It is necessary that some teams apply for an entry visa.

The countries are as follows: Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Rumania,
Russia, Ukraine

For getting your visa, we would like to know the names of athletes and coaches to the organizing committee until **31st December 2007**. Please inform your date of birth as well.

We can't apply for a visa, if we can't get your information.

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Proposed Event Schedule

Narita

Wednesday, Feb 13

Team Arrival at Narita Airport
Leave for Iiyama

Iiyama

Thursday, Feb 14

8:30

Team Captains Meeting

10:00

Official Training Ski Jumping

13:00 – 16:00

Official Training XC

17:00

Team Captain Meeting
For Training in Hakuba Included

Iiyama

Friday, Feb 15

HS89 Jump/ 7.5K Cross Country/ SPRINT

9:10

Trial Round

10:00

Competition Round

14:00

7.5K CROSS COUNTRY

Start Time 7.5K Cross Country

Victory Ceremony (Cross Country Stadium)

17:00

Athletes leave for Hakuba

Hakuba

Saturday, Feb 16

10:00

Official Training Ski Jumping

13:00 – 16:00

Official Training XC

17:00

Team Captains Meeting

Hakuba

Sunday, Feb 17

HS131 Jump/ 15K Cross Country/ Gundersen Event

9:10

Trial Round

10:00

1st Round

Following Final Round

14:30

15K CROSS COUNTRY

Start Time 15K Cross Country

Victory Ceremony (Cross Country Stadium)

17:00

Team Captains Meeting

Hakuba

Monday, Feb 18

9:00

10K Cross Country/ HS131 Jump/ Mass Start
Start Time 10K Cross Country Mass Start

HS131 JUMP

12:10

Trial Round

13:00

1st Round

Following Final Round

14:45

Victory Ceremony (Jumping Hill Stadium)

17:00

Team Captains Meeting

Hakuba

Tuesday, Feb 19

9:10

HS131 Jump/ 7.5K Cross Country/ SPRINT•HURRICANE

10:00

Trial Round

Competition Round

7.5K CROSS COUNTRY

14:00

Start Time 7.5K Cross Country

Victory Ceremony (Cross Country Stadium)

Tokyo

Wednesday, Feb 20

7:00

Departure to Tokyo

Free time for 1 Day!

(ASAKUSA, AKIHABARA)

Thursday, Feb 21

Departure to Narita Airport