

TEAM INVITATION



**Audi FIS Ski Cross
World Cup**

Sunny Valley, RUS

February 22-23, 2020



The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to take part in the AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup competitions held at Sunny Valley ski resort in Miass, Russia on **February 19 – 24, 2020**.

PROGRAM (See Annex for the competition schedule)

Wednesday	February 19	Arrival
Thursday	February 20	1 st Training
Friday	February 21	2 nd Training
Saturday	February 22	Qualification
Sunday	February 23	Finals Race
Monday	February 24	Departure

ORGANISERS AND OFFICIALS

Joint Organizing Committee Members

- Chelyabinsk reg. Ministry of Sports
- Russian Ministry of Sports
- Sunny Valley Alpine Resort

Competition Officials

Race Director	Jan-Pierre Baralo	FRA
Assistant Race Director	Cretier Christian	FRA
Technical Delegate	Goerlich Andreas	GER
Assistant Referee	Klaus Waldner	AUT
Chief of Competition	Evgeniy Vorona	RUS
Chief of Comp. Assist.	Ivan Znamenskiy	RUS
Chief of Course	Alexandr Chursin	RUS
Course Designer	Alexey Ivanov	RUS

RULES

1. The competitions are organized at Sunny Valley alpine resort, Miass, Russia by the joint Organizing Committee for the FIS World Cup Series 2019/2020 and are conducted under the rules and regulations for freestyle skiing competitions of the International Ski Federation (ICR and WCR).
2. The dates of the competitions are published in the FIS International Competition Calendar. Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of the event from the one stated in the program, depending on snow conditions or the decision of the competition Jury.
3. The program includes one event for both women and men.

ENTRIES

Entries are accepted from National Ski Associations via FIS on-line entry system in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules. Deadlines:

Preliminary entries – [January 13, 2020](#)

Confirmed entries – [February 12, 2020](#)

VISA SUPPORT

Most foreign citizens require a visa to enter Russia. Please, check with your local Russian Embassy or Consulate if you need a visa, and what regulations apply in your case. Contacts of Russian consulates are posted on the website of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.mid.ru (direct link to the [MFA website](#))

Please inform the OC, if you require a visa invitation. Invitation issue process may take several days for EU citizens and up to 4 weeks for citizens of USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Great Britain and etc. To avoid delays with visas, make sure all data is submitted to the OC before **January 15th, 2020**. Attached you will find our step-by-step 'Visa Application Guide' (see Annex 1). It explains both invitation request and visa application process. All questions regarding visa support are to be addressed to [Daria Pomazan: tomaDa6@yandex.ru](mailto:tomaDa6@yandex.ru).

ACCREDITATION

Personal data and passport type photos for every participant will be required for event accreditation. Bearers of FIS seasonal accreditations will receive an additional badge from the OC for venue access. All badges will be handed over to team representatives upon arrival and are necessary for entering the venue and the team hotels.

All questions regarding accreditation are to be sent to: tomaDa6@yandex.ru.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Sunny Valley alpine resort is located 120 km away from the airport of Chelyabinsk, 250 km away from the airport of Ekaterinburg and 14 km away from the Miass train station of the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The OC offers transfers between the airport of Chelyabinsk and the resort (busses for teams and trucks for equipment). Transfer requests are to be sent to tomaDa6@yandex.ru and should include the following information:

1. Arrival/departure date, time, flight numbers, destination (from/to)
2. Amount of passengers and all names of participants in a group
3. Amount of luggage in pieces and its approximate total weight

Local transportation will not be needed as you will be accommodated by the bottom station of the ski lift or provided with local transfers from the OC.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is offered on the first come first served basis in 6x-apartments/cottages (3 double rooms per apartment) located by the bottom station of the ski lift. Further accommodation possibilities include a lake resort hotel 40 km away from the ski area (accessible with the LOC transfer).

FIS rules and rates apply (CHF 60 per person per day HB). Upgrade to FB is offered at CHF 18 per person per day, lunch will be served in the restaurant by the bottom station of the ski lift 200 m away from the finish area.

Official Arrival Day: February 19; official Departure Day: February 24.

Same conditions cannot be guaranteed outside of these dates (earlier arrivals or later departures).

One single room per team will be provided. An odd number resulting in a 2nd single room will be charged at the equivalent of CHF 100. Additional single room requests are subject to availability at market rates.

Each team will be responsible for any damage incurred during their stay.

Cancellations after February 14 and no-shows will be charged individually by the hotel.

Accommodation requests are to be sent to tomaDa6@yandex.ru.



PAYMENTS

The OC offers special packages for teams, which include [5 lunches and 2 airport transfers \(to and from the venue\)](#) at a total of CHF 90 per person, regardless of the size of the team and amount of luggage.

All team payments will be accepted from team captains on the arrival day.

Please note: all payments on site are to be made in local currency (Russian rubles) in cash or by bank card upon arrival. Currency exchange services will be available at the airport of arrival (Moscow) and in the city of Miass. ATM is available on site.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Please be advised that starting from 2016 you need to apply for a temporary permit to use radio frequencies during sporting events in Russia (*Russian State Committee for Radio Frequencies Resolution No. 16-39-01 dated November 07, 2016*). The permit may be issued (or refused) for a particular area that has to be certified by Electromagnetic Compatibility Expert Board. Application review can take up to 45 calendar days.

As the procedure is lengthy and complex, and considering the experience of the past event the OC will offer the same service as last year: provide radio stations working on legal frequencies during the competition for rent. The OC will cover the corresponding costs, and radio rental will be free of charge for you. While collecting your radios at the race office on the arrival day, you will be asked for a fully refundable deposit. The deposit will be returned to you on the departure day, provided all equipment is turned back in order.

To place a reservation, please e-mail us at tomaDa6@yandex.ru and inform us on the number of radios, number and type of headsets (subject to availability) your team will require for the competition week.

INSURANCE/ LIABILITY

All athletes, officials and other members of the National Associations, who attend and participate in the competitions, shall do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee, the Freestyle Federation of Russia and Sunny Valley alpine resort shall not be responsible for any loss or injuries occurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person, in connection with the event.

Every competitor must have his/her own medical insurance. The Organizers decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged equipment and second and third party claims during the competitions. All athletes must have previously signed "FIS Athletes Declaration" form, in order to be registered.

OTHER

Race Office	Race office will be located at Sunny Valley resort, about 500 m away from the finish area and about 700 m away from team accommodation. During the competitions shuttle busses will be running on the territory of the resort on a regular basis. Team registration and accreditation procedure will start on Wednesday, February 19, from 14:00 am at the race office.
First Team Captains Meeting	Wednesday, February 19 at 20:00 at the race office.
Official Notice Board location	Race Office
Andi-Doping	Anti-doping control may be conducted for each event and gender.
Award Ceremony	Award ceremony will be held right after the race in the finish area.
Additional Information	This invitation will be available on the FIS website . All questions



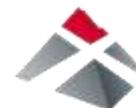
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Annex 1

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Russian Visa Application for AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup Sunny Valley Participants Step-by-Step Guide

Most foreign nationals require a visa to enter Russia. The OC provides the participants with visa support (or 'Visa Invitation'). Below you will find a Visa Application Guide put together by the OC for your reference. Details may vary from country to country. Please check regulations applicable in your case.

Please note that OC or Russian Freestyle Federation are not connected with Russian Embassies or Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and not responsible for their work and decisions.

Application process step-by-step:

Step 1: Get Informed

Check specific regulations applying to the citizens of your home country and to the applicants of the Russian Consulate, where you plan to apply. Contacts of Russian Embassies and Consulates are posted on the MFA website.

Please, note that the **OC does not recommend** using services of any visa or travel agencies due to highly possible delays. The only intermediates recommended are Official Russian Visa Centers working directly with Russian Embassies and Consulates. Their contacts and links to their webpages are always posted on the Consulate website.

Step 2: Request an Invitation

To request a visa invitation (visa support), please, fill out the attached spreadsheet and e-mail it together with passport type photos to tomaDa6@yandex.ru. Please, make sure names of files contain names of participants, for example «Surname Name.jpg»

Please note: all visa support requests should be submitted to the OC before January 15th, 2020. Timely procession after this date cannot be guaranteed. For EU-citizens it may take up to several days to get Invitation from Russian Freestyle Federation.

Citizens of USA, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand, Japan have to get Invitation approved by Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and it may take up to 4 weeks. Important: this type of applicants may apply for visa not earlier than 45 days upon arrival in Russia.

You would need to provide the OC with the following for every applicant:

1. First and family name(s) as stated in passport (!)
2. Gender (male/female)
3. Citizenship
4. Passport number and issue details (authority/ location)



5. Passport issue and expiry dates: dd/mm/yyyy
6. Date of birth: dd/mm/yyyy
7. Full home address (permanent residence)
8. Employer/organization details (organization name and contacts) and position
9. Arrival and departure details (flight numbers, dates, times - preliminary)
10. Russian Consulate where application will be submitted

Note: if a delegation member (f.e. a Federation official) will attend the FIS WC in Moscow, this must be indicated in the application form to ensure issue of an appropriate visa invitation.

Step 3: Process Your Application

Prepare visa application package(s): fill out your application form(s), collect necessary documents as stated on the Consulate website, schedule an appointment if required, and pay the consular fee. Then submit the complete package(s) to the Consulate.

Application package checklist:

- ✓ Invitation – a letter you obtain and receive from the OC.
- ✓ Passport – original, valid at least through September 26, 2020, with at least two clean pages.
- ✓ Passport-type photograph – recent, good quality – check the Consulate website for other requirements.
- ✓ Visa application – as a rule is to be filled in on-line, printed out and signed – see links and instructions on the Consulate website.
- ✓ Consulate-specific documents – like insurance policy, bank statements, etc. – check the Consulate website for specific regulations.

Insurance policy – when required, is a travel insurance valid on the territory of the Russian Federation for the duration of your trip and covering sports-specific risks, medical treatment and transportation from abroad costs. Make sure that insurance company is approved by your Consulate. A list of such companies is usually published on the Consulate website.

When planning your application please mind local and Russian holidays, in particular January 1-8 - New Year Holidays and Orthodox Christmas.

Important

All issues in regard to communication with Russian Consulates and Visa Centers are to be reported to the OC immediately.

Non-EU citizens – special regulations apply, for example: US, UK, NZ, CAN, AUS or Georgia citizens may need to complete additional forms and pay different fees.

Some non-EU citizens may be allowed to enter Russia without a visa due to existing bilateral agreements.

Once you receive your passport(s) from the Consulate, please, check that all the data in the visa(s) is correct and inform the OC by means of a phone call or an e-mail.

[We are happy to help you with possible questions.](#)
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Daria Pomazan 8 951 771 9000
Thank you for your cooperation!

