

SHOWDOWN at STEAMBOAT



Dear Nordic Friends,

The 2006/2007 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 9 - Gundersen Event
HS127 Jump
15km Cross Country Race

Sunday, December 10 - SPRINT Event
HS 127 Jump
7.5km 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 COMMITEE

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

TELEPHONE: +970-870-8976
FAX: +970-870-9063
e-mail jpgetersonsbs@comcast.net

The Organizing Committee requests that the completed entry forms reach Steamboat Springs by **November 15, 2006**. 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. The organizing committee is not financially responsible for either air travel or ground transportation.

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS:

All 2006/2007 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 with 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 lunch on Thursday, December 7th and ends with Breakfast on Monday, December 11, 2006. Lodging will be provided for Thursday – Sunday nights.**

If you plan to arrive in Steamboat prior to Thursday, December 7th please contact the Competition Secretary and we will assist you in arranging accommodations. We are unable to provide a meal program before Thursday, December 7th.

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 \$72 USD.

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. There is limited housing available within walking distance of the competition venue. Each team will be responsible for transportation between their accommodations and the competition venue.

TRANSPORTATION

Each nation should make their own airline and ground travel arrangements.

There are two options available you can arrange to fly into either Denver International Airport or Salt Lake City International Airport. You should rent a vehicle and drive to Steamboat Springs (the driving time from Denver is approximately 3 hours and from Salt Lake City approximately 5 hours) depending upon weather conditions. Following the Steamboat Event you can then drive to Park City and after their event return the rental vehicle to the Salt Lake City Airport and fly from there to the Lake Placid event.

There is no ground shuttle service available from Steamboat Springs to Park City / Salt Lake City.

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 300 miles (500 kilometers) from Salt Lake City, Utah or 150 miles (275 kilometers) from Denver, Colorado. Teams should plan to fly to either the Salt Lake City or Denver airports and drive to Steamboat Springs, CO.

If you do not wish to rent a vehicle, ground shuttle service from Denver International Airport to Steamboat Springs is provided by Alpine Taxi/Limo. Ground shuttle costs will vary based on the number of passengers and amount of baggage. Alpine Taxi can be reached at:

Telephone (outside of USA) +970-879-8294
Telephone toll-free (inside of USA) 1-800-343-7433
Facsimile +970-879-0979

EVENT SCHEDULE & TRAINING

The attached schedule of events begins with a Team Captains' Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 18.00hrs (6:00 PM). Official training will begin on Friday, December 8, 2006.

If snow conditions and preparations allow, the Howelsen Hill Nordic Facility may be available prior to the December 8th World Cup B official training for optional open training at the rate of \$30 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 using 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, December 7th

6:00 PM

Team Captains’ Meeting and Draw

7:00 PM

Officials & Coaches Party – Olympian Hall

Friday, December 8th

9:00 - 11:30AM

Official HS127 Training (3 jumps)

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Official Training 7.5km & 15km Cross Country Courses

6:00 PM

Team Captains’ Meeting

Saturday, December 9th

HS127 Jump / 15K Cross Country/Gundersen Event

9:00 - 9:45 AM

Trial Jump Round

9:50 AM

Flag Ceremony, National Anthem

9:55 AM

Fore Jumpers

10:00 AM

1st Competitive Round

11:30 AM

2nd Competitive Round

15K CROSS COUNTRY

2:30 PM

Start Time 15km Cross Country

3:30 PM

Awards Ceremony (Cross Country Stadium)

4:30 PM

Team Captains’ Meeting

Sunday, December 10th

HS127 Jump / 7.5km Individual SPRINT

9:00 AM

Trial Jump Round

9:50 AM

Flag Ceremony, National Anthem

9:55 AM

Forejumpers

10:00 AM

Competitive Round

7.5K CROSS COUNTRY

1:00 PM

Start Time 7.5km Cross Country

1:45 PM

Awards Ceremony (Cross County Stadium)