

# INVITATION

**2016 IPC Biathlon & Cross-Country  
Skiing World Cup in Vuokatti Finland**

**15th - 20th March 2016**

*IPC Biathlon & Cross  
Country World Cup*

*Vuokatti, Finland*



## Foreword from the Organizing Committee

Vuokatti Sports Institute is pleased to host an International Paralympic Committee Nordic Skiing World Cup event. Event takes place in the heart of Finland – the city of Sotkamo, Vuokatti. Challenging tracks, beautiful views and hard competitions are meeting the athletes all around the world.

**Welcome to Vuokatti!**

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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**Technical Delegate(s):** Geir Colbjørnsen NOR

**National Technical Delegate:** Arto Tolonen FIN

**Biathlon IR:** Joe Bajan CAN

### Official webpage for the Event

[www.vuokattievents.fi/ipc](http://www.vuokattievents.fi/ipc)

Please refer to it frequently for information including course maps, changes and other bulletins.

### ENTRIES:

The 2016 IPC Biathlon and Cross-Country World Cup in Vuokatti Finland entry forms shall be sent to the Organizing Committee:

**Preliminary entry Form** (accommodation & team size) by 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2016

**Final Registration Form** by 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2016

**Race Entries:** IPC On-line entries system [www.paralympic.org/entries](http://www.paralympic.org/entries)

### Entry Submission:

**By post:** IPC WORLD CUP Vuokatti - Vuokatti Sports Institute, Opistontie 4, 88615 VUOKATIN URHEILUOPISTO, FINLAND

**By e-mail:** [myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi](mailto:myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi) and [ipcnordicskiing@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcnordicskiing@paralympic.org)

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Note! Entry Forms required for athletes/guides and Team delegates can be found at [www.vuokattievents.fi/ipc](http://www.vuokattievents.fi/ipc)

**Competition Fee: According to the IPC Competition Fee** Competition fee is 20 € / athlete / race. This will be paid to LOC upon arrival to Vuokatti. It can also be paid beforehand to the Bank Account of Vuokatti Sports Institute - FI7021781800060030 in case if that is more suitable.

## COMPETITION PROGRAM

DATE	COMPETITION SCHEDULE
Sun 13.3.2016	Arrival
Mon 14.3.2016	Arrival
Tue 15.3.2016	BT WC (Pen. Loop) 6km/7,5km
Wed 16.3.2016	BT WC (1 min Penalty) 12,5km/15km
Thu 17.3. 2016	CC WC 0,8km/1,2km Classic
Fri 18.3.2016	BT Test Race (used .22 cal). entry dead –line on Tue 1.3.2016
Sat 19.3.2016	CC WC Ski Marathon 20km/30km Classic
Sun 20.3. 2016	CC WC 5km/7,5km Freestyle Prize giving ceremony for the World Cup Overall at 18:00 in Vuokatti Sport Hall
Mon 21.3.2016	Travelling

### Rules:

IPC Nordic Skiing competition rules will apply: [www.ipc-nordicskiing.org/Rules](http://www.ipc-nordicskiing.org/Rules)

### Anti-Doping:

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

### Visas:

For those who need visa for entering Finland, please do not forget to apply for it in advance. We will be glad to assist you. Just send the completed name list (with dates of birth) for visa to the organizing committee.



## **Transportation:**

All accommodation is located just next to the Cross country stadium (approx. 150m) so transportation to the stadium is not needed. If required, arrangements will be made for transportation to Biathlon stadium.

Airport transfers are in accordance with flight arrival. Please fill in the transportation info form (available on official webpage) and send it to LOC in advance. For more information on transportation please contact Virpi Mustonen - [myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi](mailto:myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi)

## **Travelling details:**

Vuokatti is located 40km from Kajaani airport, 600km from Helsinki. There are several daily flights and trains to and from Kajaani.

## **Accommodation:**

During the event all nations will be accommodated in Vuokatti Sports Institute – The official Athlete Village hotel. Please be clear with exact room requirements and quantity required for your team.

Enquiries and bookings for accommodation: [myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi](mailto:myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi)

## **Accommodation Price Range:**

All guests will be accommodated at Superior room level in the main hotel building and the Vuokatti Chalet annex. World Cup accommodation fee is fixed at full board per person **97€**/night. Please note that in case of booking a single room the fee is higher.

For the reservations outside competition period and first snow training camp please ask an offer from the reservations department: [myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi](mailto:myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi)

Tel. +358 444 148 808

## **RESTAURANT HOURS ON COMPETITION DAYS:**

Breakfast: 7.00-10.00

Lunch: 12.00-15.00

Dinner: 17.00-20.00

## **Facilities and Waxing Cabins**

Team Captains' Meetings Auditorium, the Competition Office and the Wax-cabins will be located next to the stadium.



Waxing Rooms for rent during IPC period:

15m2 waxing rooms, price 500€ / event, reservations from [myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi](mailto:myyntipalvelu@vuokattisport.fi)

Each team will have to pay a deposit for the waxing cabin key. The amount the deposit is 35 euro. The money will be returned after the team will return the key back to the reception of Vuokatti Sports Hotel.

## Competition Office

Competition office will be located in a lecture room “Pikku-Pölly” in sport hall next to the cross country stadium.

## Team Captains Meeting (TCM)

Meetings will be held in auditorium “Iso-Pölly”. It is located next to the competition office. Meetings will be held at **19:00**. The language used is English. The minutes of those meetings will be written in English and will be available at the competition office.

## Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremonies will be held straight after each competition after official results are published. Exception Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Mar the award ceremony will be organized in the Vuokatti Sport Hall together with the Vuokattihiihto Skimaraton prize giving ceremony.

Prize giving ceremony for the World Cup Overall will be held **on Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Mar at 18:00** in Vuokatti Sport Hall. The organizer really hope that at least all of the competitors who will get prizes will show in the prize giving ceremony.

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