



INVITATION - OPA CUP (CZE)

CZECH SKI FED. PARTNERS



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NOVÉ MĚSTO NA MORAVĚ

3.—6. JANUARY 2019

Dear ski friends!

The Czech Ski Federation and LOC of Nové Město na Moravě are pleased to invite you to the OPA Cross-country Cup 2018/2019 competitions, which will take place in the Vysočina Arena, Nové Město na Moravě from 4th to 6th January 2019.

The winter sports resort in Nové Město has been for many years closely associated with the **Golden Ski cross-country skiing event**. The first edition of the competition was organized back in 1934 in the Nordic combined format. The first revolutionary breakthrough for the event was the year 1981, when Nové Město held the zero edition of the women's World Cup. Raisa Smetanina from Russia won this first race. From this year on Nové Město became a regular member on the FIS World Cup calendar. The list of the winners in Nové Město is very long and includes legends as Torgny Mogren, Gunde Svan, Harri Kirvesniemi, Vladimir Smirnov, Mikhail Botvinov, Björn Dahlie, Fabio Maj, Lukáš Bauer, Arno Verpalu, Vincent Vittoz. Among the women you can see such names as Anette Boe, Simone Opitz, Jelena Vjalbe, Bente Martinsen, Larisa Lazutina, Julia Cepalova, Gabriella Paruzzi, Marit Bjørgen and Kateřina Neumannová. Yet, both lists are far from complete.

2019 will see the 81st edition of the event, which has the richest tradition of all the XC events organized in the Czech Republic. **The winner of the Golden Ski will be traditionally awarded the athlete who wins the longest competition, which is the Men's 20km classic technique mass start event on Sunday 6th January.**

Welcome all in Nové Město na Moravě for another great XC skiing competition!

Deadlines

14th December 2018

Accommodation requests to the hotels

2nd January 2019

Entries

1. Venue

Vysočina arena (GPS 49.5784697N, 16.0511711E)

Sports centre for cross-country skiing & biathlon in Nové Město na Moravě in the Vysočina region in the Czech Republic.

Venue is located at 625 m above sea level.

2. Accommodation

Please make your accommodation reservation for the FIS OPA CUP Nové Město na Moravě directly with the hotels on the OC reference list.

Reference list of the hotels is part of this invitation (see annex 1) and is published on the website. **Deadline for accommodation reservation is 14th December 2018.**

Earlier departure or changes made without upfront notification will not be considered from the side of the hotels. **Payments will be made directly to the hotels.**

In case of need for assistance in communication from the side of the LOC, please email us at sekretariat@vysocina-arena.cz

3. Competition Programme

Wednesday, 02. 01. 2019

14:00 - 16:30 Training

Thursday, 03. 01. 2019

09:30 - 12:00 Training

14:00 - 16:30 Training

18:00 Team Captains' Meeting – Vysočina Arena
(Office Area building – Meeting Room)
Followed by bib distribution

Friday, 04. 01. 2019 (Times to be confirmed)

8:00 - 9:20 Official training - U20

9:30 U20 Ladies Sprint C Qualification

9:45 U20 Men Sprint C Qualification

10:45 U20 Start Sprint C Finals

12:00 - 12:50 Official training - Ladies + Men

13:00 Ladies Sprint C Qualification

13:30 Men Sprint C Qualification

14:30 Start Sprint C Finals

16:30 - 17:30 Training

18:00 Team Captains' Meeting – Vysočina Arena
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Saturday, 05. 01. 2019 (Times to be confirmed)

8:00 - 8:50 Official training

9:00 U20 Ladies 5 km F

9:45 Ladies 10 km F

11:00 U20 Men 10 km F

12:00 Men 15 km F

13:30 U18 Ladies 5 km F

14:15 U18 Men 10 km F

16:00 - 17:30 Training

18:00 Team Captains' Meeting – Vysočina Arena
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Sunday, 06. 01. 2019 (Times to be confirmed)

7:30 - 8:50	Official training
9:00	U 20 Ladies 10 km C Mst
9:45	Ladies 15 km C Mst
10:45	U20 Men 15 km C Mst
11:45	Men 20 Km C Mst
<i>*Note: winner awarded the Golden Ski 2019</i>	
13:00	U18 Ladies 7 km C Mst
13:30	U 18 Men 10 km C Mst

4. Entries

Entries deadline: 2nd January 2019

All entered athletes must have valid FIS Codes.
According to ICR. Art. 313, entries must be made online on
<http://results.racetime.pro/registrationservice>

Each OPA nation will receive login codes from Race Time Pro. All other national federations can enter their athlete via the official FIS entry form at https://res.cloudinary.com/fis-production/raw/upload/v1537267920/fis-prod/assets/Entry_Form.doc

For competitors from OPA nations there will be no entry fee.
For all other competitors there will be an entry fee of 15 EUR per athlete / competition.

5. Rules

The FIS ICR - FIS CC and OPA Rules 2018/2019 apply.

6. Organizing Committee

Nové Město na Moravě Ski Club
Czech Ski Association

OC Chairman	Jiří Hamza
1st deputy Chairman	Lukáš Sacher
2nd deputy Chairman	Vlastimil Jakeš
Chief of Competition	Josef Gabriel
Chief of Competition ass.	Petr Mach
Competition Secretary	Václav Švub
Sports Club rep.	Jan Skříčka
Media Manager	Jiří Pošvár
Chief of course	Zdeněk Korbář
COC Coordinator	Martin Koukal

The Jury

TD FIS	Reiner Kuchler (GER)
TD – National	Kateřina Eretová
Chief of Competition	Josef Gabriel

7. Official Information

All information regarding the event is available on the OC website www.vysocina-arena.cz

OC Address

Vlachovická 1200, Nové Město na Moravě
592 31 Czech Republic

Contacts

josef.gabriel@atlas.cz (Chief of competition)
skricka@vysocina-arena.cz (Sports Club rep.)

8. Competition Office

The Race Office will be inside the Office Area building in the Vysočina Arena Ski Stadium and open as following:

Wednesday, 02. 01. 2019	14:00 – 17:30
Thursday, 03. 01. 2019	09:00 – 18:30
Friday, 04. 01. 2019	08:00 – 18:30
Saturday, 05. 01. 2019	08:00 – 18:30
Sunday, 06. 01. 2019	08:00 – 14:30

9. Wax cabins

The wax cabins are located in the northern side of the stadium in the permanent and temporary containers.

Keys for the waxing cabins will be handed out at a **deposit of 50 EUR per key** at the Competition office.

10. Prizes

Top 3 ranked athletes will be awarded in each category.

11. Insurance Liability

The Organizer will have liability insurance according to ICR art 212.1. – 212.2.

All participating athletes must have a valid accident insurance according to ICR art. 212.4.

All athletes compete at risk of their National Ski Association. The Organizer does not take any other responsibilities than described above.

12. Cost Refunds

The organizer takes the accommodation costs in charge for OPA Member teams according to OPA Rules.