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Final Countdown for the Masters cross-country Worldcup in Syktyvkar

50 days prior to the start of the Masters cross-country Worldcup in Syktyvkar (Russia), the competition venues presents itself in top form. For participants, the last countdown for the application is on.

The highlight for the Masters cross-country skiers, the Masters Worldcup is coming closer. From 11th until the 21st of March, the big event takes place in the Russian Syktyvkar. More than 1000 athletes from around 20 countries are already registered. Besides the minimum age of 30 years and a good condition, there are no restrictions on participation, as Thomas Heckmann, president of the Masters World Association (WMA) reports: "The Masters Worldcup is an open event and we welcome all cross-country skiers." During 6 days of competition every participant can choose 3 races - both in classical and skating style. Additionally, participation in the relay is possible. Starts are in age groups of 5 years.

Optimum conditions

50 days prior to the start of the competition, the venues in the Komi region present themselves already in top shape. With currently snowfall and freezing temperatures from -5 to -35 degrees Celsius, the tracks and the stadium can be prepared perfectly. "The extensive snowfall has given us an ideal base. In March, we usually face moderate temperatures around the freezing point, so that the athletes find really perfect conditions.", Varya Kobylitskaya from the organizing committee points out. With several national cross-country races the tracks have already been tested thoroughly and WMA President Heckmann is positive that the guests will experience a perfect Masters Worldcup in March, both on and off the track. "This year the Masters Worldcup takes place in one of the most fascinating parts of the world and the organizers do everything possible to provide a smooth and great event for all guests.", states Heckmann.

Final Countdown for participants

For Cross-country skiers who would like to participate in the Masters Worldcup, it is still possible to sign up. Because of visa regulations, the organizers recommend to do so in a timely manner, as the visa processing can take up to several weeks. Registration forms for the Masters World Cup 2015 are available for download on the official website. Arrival is possible by plane via Moscow. Five flights a day come in from Moscow to Syktyvkar. Within the region, participants find transportation with an own shuttle bus from the hotels to the stadium. Flights and accommodation can also be booked through the WMA or the organizer. "In Syktyvkar it still has sufficient accommodations for our guests and on-site shuttles are available, so no rental car is necessary." Kobylitskaya explains.

Fascinating region

During the Masters Worldcup there are lots of possibilities to discover the region with Finnish-Ugric roots. On the competition-free days, the organizers offer excursions in the Komi Republic. In addition to the cultural and sporting facilities, such as the Museum in honor of the most successful cross-country skier of all time, Raisa Smetanina, it is primarily the people and the special hospitality that fascinates. "The entire organizing committee and the people in the region are eagerly awaiting the Masters Worldcup. We are pleased to welcome guests from all over the world.", Kobylitskaya says.

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1: hospitality

2: Stadion in Syktyvkar

3: official Event logo

4: official logo WMA



Eventprogram MWC 2015:

Wednesday – Thursday, March 11 – 12

Arrival, registration, accreditation, track testing

Friday, March 13

Official training, opening ceremony, Team Captains' Meeting

Saturday, March 14

Free technique:

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

15 km M 07 – 09

15 km F 01 – 08

10 km M 10 – 12

10 km F 09 – 12

Sunday, March 15

Classic technique:

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

15 km M 07 – 09

15 km F 01 – 08

10 km M 10 – 12

10 km F 09 – 12

Monday, March 16

Morning classic technique:

5 km F 09 – 12

10 km F 01 – 08

5 km M 10 – 12

10 km M 01 – 09

Afternoon free technique:

5 km F 09 – 12

10 km F 01 – 08

5 km M 10 – 12

10 km M 01 – 09

Tuesday, March 17

Rest Day, culture program and trips.

Wednesday, March 18

Relays 4 x 5 km (leg 1,2– classic, leg 3,4 – free tec.) M 01 – 10 & F 01 – 04

Thursday, March 19

Free technique

15 km M 10 – 12

15 km F 09 – 12

45 km (3 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 07 – 09

30 km (2 x 15 km) F 01 – 08

Friday, March 20

Classic technique:

15 km M 10 – 12

15 km F 09 – 12

45 km (3 x 15 km) M 01 – 06

30 km (2 x 15 km) M 07 – 09

30 km (2 x 15 km) F 01 – 08

Saturday, March 21 – Departure