



Welcome to the

Viessmann FIS Tour de Ski 2009/2010 performance by Craft Sportswear

FIS and the Organizing Committees of Oberhof, Prague, Toblach and Val di Fiemme are pleased to invite you to the fourth edition of the Tour de Ski.

The fourth edition of the Viessmann FIS Tour de Ski performance by Craft Sportswear, a spectacular, unique event within the Viessmann FIS World Cup Cross-Country, will take place from 1st of January 2010 until 10th of January 2010.

- ⇒ **8** international top **competitions** in
- ⇒ **10** **days** at
- ⇒ **4** different **venues** in
- ⇒ **3** **countries**

Be there to see as the world's best skiers reach the Summit of Cross-Country!





What is the Tour de Ski? The athletes have to race a total of more than 55 km (women) and more than 95 km (men) in all types of competitions in both Cross-Country skiing techniques to finish the Tour de Ski on top of Alpe Cermis (1280 m). Last year this mountain—representing a total climb of 425 m—was raced up for the third time and again represented a superb climax for the FIS Tour de Ski!

Oberhof (GER), Prague (CZE), Toblach and Val di Fiemme (both ITA) will host the four Tour Stages, all of which the athletes have to complete to reach the summit of Cross-Country. However, not only the overall total time counts: the skiers will also compete for bonus seconds to win the prize for the best sprinter and in addition a team ranking will be honored. In total, **1.055'000 CHF** (approximately 690'000 €) will be awarded to the most successful athletes and teams.

Preliminary timetable:

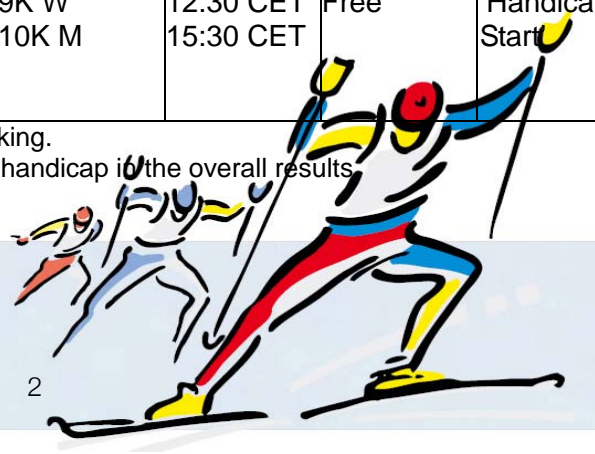
Date	Day	Location	Race	Distance	Starting Time	Technique	Start	
30.12.09	WED	Oberhof	Opening Press Conference		TBC			
31.12.09	THU	Oberhof	TV & Commentator Briefing		15:30 CET			
01.01.10	FRI	Oberhof	Prologue	2.5 K W 3.75 K M	15:45 CET 17:00 CET	Free	Individual	
02.01.10	SAT	Oberhof	Pursuit	10K W 15K M	13:00 CET 15:00 CET	Classic	'Handicap Start'	
03.01.10	SUN	Oberhof	Sprint	1,6K W 1,6K M	14:15 CET 15:40 CET	Classic		
04.01.10	MON	Prague	Sprint	1,2K W 1,2K M	16:30 CET 18:30 CET	Free		
05.01.10	TUE	Rest Day						
06.01.10	WED	Cortina - Toblach	Distance	15K W 30K M	15:30 CET 12:30 CET	Free	Handicap	
07.01.10	THU	Toblach	Distance	5 K W 10 K W	15:30 CET 12:45 CET	Classic	Individual	
08.01.10	FRI	Rest Day						
09.01.10	SAT	Val di Fiemme	Distance	10K W 20K M	12:00 CET 15:30 CET	Classic	Mass	
10.01.10	SUN	Val di Fiemme (Alpe Cermis)	Pursuit (Final Climb)	9K W 10K M	12:30 CET 15:30 CET	Free	'Handicap Start'	

*Racers will start in the order of their current ranking.

The starting intervals will be based on their time handicap in the overall results

Q stands for qualification, F for final

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Accreditation for Print Media and Photographers: Accreditations will be awarded according to the FIS Rules (i.e. only to the holders of the approved sports journalists' association (AIPS) identification cards and journalists working for newspapers/magazines with a significant sports section). **The current FIS Season Accreditation is valid.** Please login on your FIS account and click in addition to the disciplines on Tour de Ski by latest **15th November 2009**. After this deadline we cannot guarantee a working space for you. If you have no FIS Season Accreditation yet you can apply here: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/mediamarketing/service/fis-season-accreditation.html> Please note, for the Tour stage in Oberhof you have to pick up with your FIS Season Accreditation a sticker with a bar code for being able to access the venue. .

Accreditation for TV and Radio Broadcasters and Internet Companies: Accreditations will be authorized by Infront Italy, the world-wide TV & Multimedia Rights-holder to the FIS Tour de Ski stages. National (for the Italian territory only) and International TV, Radio, Production and Internet Companies will have to submit their accreditation requests to film or commentate on site directly to Infront Italy TVM (TV & Media Rights Manager) following contacts: Filip Grabowski (filip.grabowski@infrontsports.com) for Oberhof and Prague Stages and Massimo Magri (massimo.magri@infrontsports.com) for Cortina/Toblach and Val di Fiemme Stages, at the latest by Wednesday December 9th 2009.

Those personal accreditations, which will be valid throughout the entire Tour de Ski, will be issued and distributed at the 1st Stage in Oberhof, where it will be also delivered a car pass, a camera STICKER and an operator BIB (to be returned after the last stage) to identify the authorized Eng Crews.

An operator BIB, to identify the Visiting Broadcasters' live cameras allowed to work at the finish area on the arrival and/or at the start, will also be delivered upon request at the Stages where they will be present on site.

Accommodation: The Organizing Committees have reserved a limited number of rooms for the Media. If you need a room, please also submit the enclosed accommodation form or the electronic form available from www.tour-de-ski.com by 15th November 2009. After the deadline, the Organizing Committees will not be able to guarantee you accommodation.

Transportation: On-site, there will be a free-of-charge shuttle service from the Media Hotel or Media Shuttle Point to the Main Press Center and Stadium. Media parking places next to the venues will be available as well.

SMS Service: The FIS will provide an on-site SMS service with the most important current information. If you would like to receive this SMS service for the FIS Cross-Country World Cup and Tour de Ski, please send an e-mail to spitz@fisski.ch.

Winner Press Conference: The Winner Press Conference will take place immediately after the race in the Press Center at each venue. You will receive detailed information at each venue's Main Press Center.





Please respect that the athletes cannot give long interviews outside due to the cold and also have to plan time for regeneration.

Opening Hours of the Main Press Centers:

Date	Day	Location	Opening Hours*
30.12.09	WED	Oberhof (Grenzadler)	14 – 20:00h
31.12.09	THU	Oberhof (Grenzadler)	09 – 18:00h
01.01.10.	FRI	Oberhof (Grenzadler)	09 – 20:00h
02.01.10	SAT	Oberhof (Grenzadler)	09 – 20:00h
03.01.10	SUN	Oberhof (Grenzadler) Prague (Strahov venue)	09 – 20:00h 17 – 21:00h
04.01.10	MON	Prague (Strahov venue)	09 – 24:00h
05.01.10	TUE	Toblach	09 – 20:00h
06.01.10	WED	Toblach	08 – 20:00h
07.01.10	THU	Toblach	08 – 20:00h
08.01.10	FRI	Val di Fiemme (MPC Cavalese)	10 – 20:00h
09.01.10	SAT	Val di Fiemme (MPC Cavalese) SPC Lago di Tesero	09 – 20:00h 08 – 18:00h
10.01.10	SUN	Val di Fiemme (MPC Cavalese) Info point Alpe Cermis	08 – 21:00h 12 – 17:00h

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Info-Point Alpe Cermis: At Alpe Cermis, next to the finish area, there will be an information point for Media where you can get start and result list. Since the finish area is situated on a very unusual location (not inside a traditional cross country stadium) and the space is very limited, we cannot provide a Sub Presse Centre up there. However we recommend you to use the free of charge cable car ticket (available in the MPC) and the shuttle service from MPC to lift departure station in Cavalese and return. OC will provide a dedicated access line at lift station for the trip back from Alpe Cermis down to Cavalese. The Ladies'press conference will be held in a room of the cable car company at Alpe Cermis, while we will hold the men's press conference and the concluding conference in the Main Press Center in Cavalese.

Information: For the most current Media Information, please visit www.tour-de-ski.com and/or register for the FIS Cross-Country News there. For questions, please contact the Tour de Ski Chiefs of Media.

We wish you a very nice autumn and hope to meet you on the 4th edition of the FIS Tour de Ski.

Kindest regards

Your Media Team from the FIS Tour de Ski

