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NORDIC HERITAGE CENTER | PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE U.S.A.

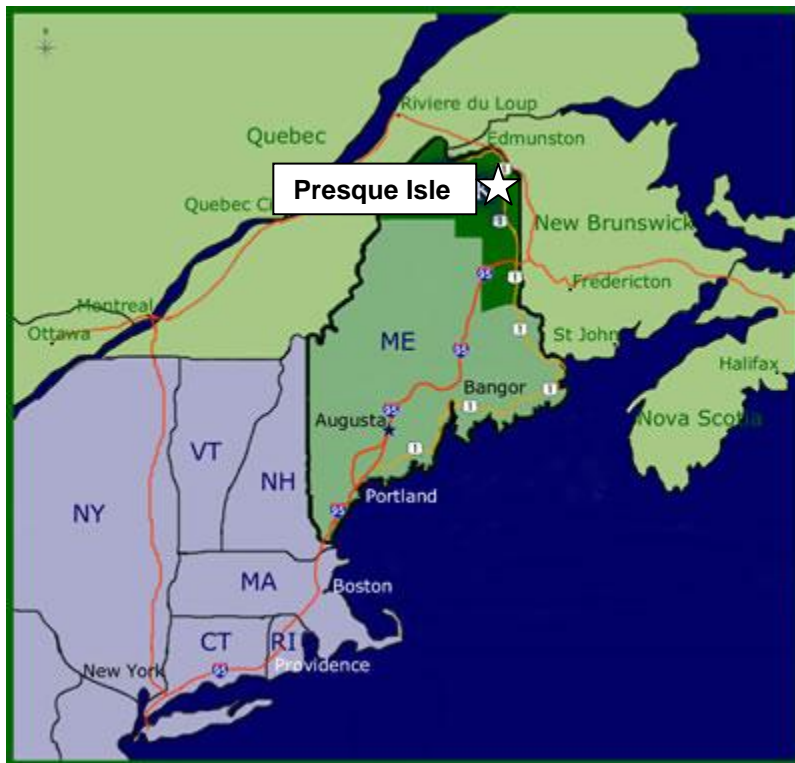
4-6 February 2011



INVITATION



A. General Information



Presque Isle

QUICK FACTS:

- Presque Isle Population: 9, 511 (2000 census)
- Altitude 165m
- Tourist information:

www.discovernorthernmaine.com

www.pichamber.com

A. 1 Venue

The Nordic Heritage Center is one of the top Nordic facilities in the United States. It is operated by the Nordic Heritage Ski Club, a non-profit corporation, which hosts local, national and international cross country and biathlon competitions, as well as many community development programs.

- ❖ The Nordic Heritage Center hosts Biathlon and Cross Country events on the 12 km of trails designed by John Morton. There are 3 km of lit trail for night skiing.
- ❖ The Stadium is located 267 meters above sea level.



- ❖ There is a lighted roller ski/biathlon training loop.
- ❖ The range has 30 lanes with HoRa 2000 E targets
- ❖ The center has a lodge and 26 room permanent waxing facility

A. 2 Organizing Committee

Please send all documents to:

Attn: Max Saenger
 Nordic Heritage Center
 P.O. Box 4015
 Presque Isle, ME 04769
 USA
 Fax: 001 (207) 492 1442
 Email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com

A. 3 Points of Contact

Event Director:

David Peterson- (mobile) 001 (207) 768 0074

Biathlon Sport Manager:

Max Saenger- (mobile) 001 (207) 484 8179

max@saengeroutdoorsports.com

Chief of Competition	Matt Sabasteanski
Deputy Chief of Competition	Eric Hendrickson
Competition Secretary	Carol MacPherson
Chief of Range	Tim Vernon
Chief of Timing	Greg Smith
Chief of Course	Dave Cambridge
Chief of Stadium	Dave Lown

A. 4 Where to Report after Arrival

Teams should go directly to their hotel upon arrival on January 31, 2011. Upon arrival at the stadium please report to the Accreditation Office at the Nordic Heritage Center to confirm your participation numbers.

A. 5 Accreditation

The accreditation office is located in the Campus Center at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) until 31.1.2011 and at the Nordic Heritage Center starting 1.2.2011.



A. 6 Liability/Insurance

The organizer cannot be held liable for any damages done to persons or material/equipment. All participants must be covered by a sufficient health, accident and liability insurance. By submitting the entry by name the National Federation confirms that all persons entered are covered by such insurance (in accordance with 1.5.2 b IBU rules).

A. 7 Application/ Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition for All Nations

- ❖ All persons bringing firearms or ammunition into the United States for sporting purposes must first obtain an approved “ATF Form 6NIA” (5330.3D) Application and Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens,” from the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).
- ❖ Forms are available at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/download/atf-f-5330-3d.pdf> A copy of the form has been included in this invitation as well as a sample. This application is FREE. Please complete applications for all possible and potential Team athletes. This will help to prevent any problems when entering the country. Each application certification statement in question 15 must be signed by the athlete or owner of the rifle.
- ❖ Send a copy of your completed forms to Max Saenger- OC Biathlon Presque Isle: fax: 001-207 492 1442 or email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
- ❖ OC Biathlon Presque Isle will verify that your forms are filled out correctly and we will send them to the US Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

Radio Communication Equipment:

The United States Federal Communications Commission requires that all radio equipment be operated with a Special Temporary Authority certification for the period of the event. This process takes an especially long time because the venue is so close to Canada that both the US and Canada must verify each frequency requested. The fee for each operating frequency requested is € 55.

Please supply the information **Registration of Radio Frequency (Annex B)** for each frequency requested by **20.11.10**. The OC Presque Isle will compile the information and submit a single request for a Special Temporary Authority to the U. S. Federal Communications Commission.



A. 8 Visa Regulations

Nations Requiring a Visa to enter the United States:

ARG, BLR, BIH, BUL, CHN, CRO, KAZ, KOR, MDA, MKD, POL, ROU, RUS, SRB, UKR

To find a US Embassy near you go to:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/embassy/embassy_4825.html

Procedure:

- ❖ Contact the US Embassy closest to you for an interview as soon as possible.
- ❖ An interview at the embassy consular section is required for visa applicants. The following are specific requirements which must be met by applicants to qualify for a visitor visa under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The consular officer at the embassy or consulate will ask you questions about these topics to determine whether you qualify for the visa. The invitation letter by name will answer these questions.
 - The purpose of your trip must be to enter the U.S. for business, pleasure, or medical treatment
 - You must plan to remain for a specific, limited period of time
 - You must have evidence of funds to cover expenses in the United States
 - You must have evidence of compelling social and economic ties abroad
 - You have a residence outside the U.S. as well as other binding ties that will insure you return abroad at the end of your visit.
- ❖ Fill out the **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** for Visa Application form included with the invitation. Include a photocopy of the passport for each person applying for a visa. Send **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** to Max Saenger- OC Biathlon Presque Isle: fax: 001-207-492-1442 or email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com by **20.11.10**.
- ❖ OC Biathlon Presque Isle will send you an invitation letter by name from US Biathlon which you need for your interview and to apply for your visa.
- ❖ Complete the **Online Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application, Form DS-160**. http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_4230.html
 - **Helpful Information for DS-160**
 - The online form will “time out” approximately 20 minutes after the application has been idle. So “save” at regular intervals.
 - You may upload your photo. Please refer to the [Guidelines for Photographs - for Online Visa Applications](#) for detailed guidance for using a digital camera, and requirements for scanned images.
 - Save your application before you submit it either to a local/computer files.
 - Click “save application to file” button to permanently save your application, then click the “save” button on the file download window.
 - Submit your application.



- You can create a group application. On the “thank you” page you will see an option to create a group application. When you select this option, certain information from your application, such as destination, will automatically be imported to and displayed on a new application. You will need to complete an application for each team member.
 - Submit Visa Forms with photos for all athletes and team staff as a group (if possible or in two groups) with your invitation by name from US Biathlon. The cost per visa is normally \$130-140 but it can be more for some nations. There are very high EXTRA fees for getting a visa quickly – as much as \$300 per visa.
 - Print the confirmation page and bring the confirmation page to the interview.
- ❖ You must have a valid passport for travel to the United States and with a validity date at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the United States (unless [country-specific agreements](#) provide exemptions). If more than one person is included in the passport, each person desiring a visa must make an application.
 - ❖ You must provide one (1) 5cm x 5cm photograph. See the required photo format explained in [Nonimmigrant Photograph Requirements](#).
 - ❖ **Nonimmigrant visa application processing fee** - For current fees for Department of State government services select [Fees](#). You will need to provide a receipt showing the visa application processing fee has been paid, when you come for your visa interview.
 - ❖ **Visa issuance fee** – Additionally, if the visa is issued, there will be an additional visa issuance reciprocity fee, if applicable. Please consult the [Visa Reciprocity Tables](#) to find out if you must pay a visa issuance reciprocity fee and what the fee amount is.
 - ❖ It is important that you refer to the Embassy Consular Section web site to determine visa processing timeframes and instructions, learn about interview scheduling, and find out if there are any additional documents required. Learn more by contacting the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#).

THE OC BIATHLON PRESQUE ISLE AND THE US BIATHLON ASSOCIATION WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO HELP YOU GET YOUR VISA – BUT YOU MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE AND ALLOW ENOUGH TIME.

Nations using Visa Waiver Program (VWP) to enter the United States:

AUT, BEL, CZE, DEN, ESP, EST, FIN, FRA, GBR, GRE, GER, HUN, ITA, JPN, LAT, LIE, LTU, NED, NOR, NZL, SLO, SVK, SWE

Starting January 20, 2010 requirements for the VWP have changed.



Procedure:

- ❖ **To enter the United States you will need:**
 - A machine-readable passport – or e-passport (with digital photograph) valid for six months past your expected stay in the U.S. See important information about additional [digital photograph and e-passport requirements](#) for VWP travelers. **CZE, EST, GRE, HUN, LAT, LTU must have electronic passports with an integrated chip.**
 - Approved ESTA application – (valid for two years or until passport expiration)
 - Letter of invitation by name from US Biathlon
- ❖ Fill out the **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** for Visa Application form included with the invitation. Include a photocopy of the passport for each person applying for a visa. Send **Request for Invitation Letter by Name (Annex A)** to Max Saenger- OC Biathlon Presque Isle: fax: 001-207-492-1442 or email: max@saengeroutdoorsports.com by **20.11.10.**
- ❖ You must obtain an ESTA application through the [Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>
- ❖ When you have your ESTA you may apply for Visa Waiver at the U. S. border when you arrive.
- ❖ The purpose of your stay in the US must be for business or tourism and must be less than 90 days.
- ❖ If arriving by air or sea, you must travel on an approved carrier (See the [approved carriers list](#)) and have a return trip ticket to any foreign destination

A. 9 Nordic Heritage Center Meteorological Data

There is a full service National Weather Service Center (NOAA) located about 10 km from the venue. The weather can be check by calling the Caribou weather office (NOAA) at (207) 492-0170 or by using the internet at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/car/>.

Date Day.Month	Average Max Temp Degrees C	Average Min Temp Degrees C	Average Ground Snow Centimeters
1.2	-5.5	-17.2	48.0
2.2	-5.5	-16.6	48.3
3.2	-5.5	-16.6	47.0
4.2	-5.5	-16.6	46.5
5.2	-5.5	-16.6	47.0
6.2	-5.0	-16.6	48.3



B. LOGISTICS

B. 1 Transportation

Arrivals

The Official arrival day is Monday January 31, 2011.

The OC Presque Isle has arranged a special **round trip charter flight** for all teams, IBU technical officials and other event guests from Boston to Presque Isle on **Monday January 31, 2011 with return on Monday February 14, 2011**. The cost for the charter flight is \$550 per person.

Equipment trucks will be provided to take all equipment directly from Boston to the Wax Cabins in Presque Isle.

Presque Isle Airport is serviced by a limited –cargo 34-seat plane with only one flight per day that connects with most arrivals from Europe. Because there are so few seats available the charter flight is the only way to guarantee that your Team and your baggage will arrive in Presque Isle.

There will be two planes leaving Boston. The first flight will leave at **17:00** or when it is full. The second will leave at **20:00**. **It is the Team's responsibility to arrive in Boston with enough time to make the connection to the charter flight.**

Upon exiting customs, OC Presque Isle staff will meet your Team and direct you to the location of the equipment trucks. You must place all your equipment on the truck. The equipment will be delivered to your Wax Cabins at 6:00 February 1, 2011.

After your equipment is on the equipment truck, your Team will be directed to the gate for the charter flight to Presque Isle.

On the charter flight each person is allowed 2 bags similar to commercial air travel. Additional baggage should go on the equipment truck.

Transportation registration is required when submitting the registration by number. **Teams will be financially responsible for charter flight seats based on the charter reservations on Registration for charter flight Annex D due on 31.12.10. Send to Max Saenger- max@saengeroutdoorsports.com.**

The OC will provide daily transportation shuttles from Presque Isle Hotels to the Nordic Heritage Center and return. Teams may organize their own transportation by contacting local rental companies listed here.



Departure Schedule from Fort Kent on February 14, 2011: The planned charter return flight will get the Teams to Boston at 12:00. To allow enough time to get your bags and check in we suggest that you book return flight to Europe at 15:00 or later.

Forwarding equipment directly from Antholz: The following 2 firms have expressed interest in shipping National Federations' ski equipment from Antholz to Presque Isle and return from Fort Kent to Munich . This is only for ski equipment and clothing. **Rifles must travel with the athlete or owner of the rifle into the United States.**

RockitCargo:

Alexander von Gerichten: Alexander.von.Gerichten@rockitcargo.com

cell: +49 172 824 22 69

Conceptum Logistics:

Katja Lichtwaldt: lichtwaldt@conceptum-logistics.de

cell: 0049 160 90961101

Departure to Fort Kent on February 7, 2011: On Monday February 7, 2011 busses will leave Presque Isle hotels at 11:00 to take Teams to Fort Kent.

Ski equipment in Presque Isle will be loaded on trucks at the wax cabins on Sunday February 6, 2011 between 13:00 and 16:00. The Equipment will be available the next morning at 08:00 in the wax cabins at Fort Kent.

Team baggage from the hotels will be loaded on trucks at the hotels between 09:00 and 11:00 and will be delivered to the hotels in Fort Kent by 15:00.

Rental Vehicles Contacts

Company	Vancouver/Airport	Toll free Worldwide	Website
Ace	Presque Isle Airport		www.acerentacar.com/landing/lp_pqit01.aspx
Budget	78 Houlton Rd, Presque isle	207-764-6837	www.budget.com
Avis	Presque Isle Airport	207-768-6761	www.avis.com
Freeman	9 Caribou Rd Presque Isle	207-764-5506	
U Save	30 North St Presque Isle	207-764-3019	www.usave.com

Drivers Licence Requirements

Non-resident drivers who hold a valid driver's licence from their home country may drive in Maine with their out-of-state driver's licence.



B. 2 Accommodation

Accommodation reservations for Presque Isle are to be sent using the **ENTRY BY NUMBERS** form on the IBU online registration no later than 31.12.10.

OC Presque Isle will pay the accommodations costs for the top 25 men and women based on current overall World Cup standings. **Teams will be financially responsible for hotel rooms booked on the IBU online registration by name form.**

****The price is offered only for teams.**

Category A	Location	2 Pers.	1 Pers.	Time to Stadium	Notes
Hampton Inn	768 Main St. Presque Isle, ME 04769	€ 85	€ 107	11 min	New Business Hotel
Category B					
Northeastland Hotel	436 Main St Presque Isle, ME 04769	€ 73	€ 93	12 min	Located in the center of town
Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center	116 Main St Presque Isle, ME 04769	€73	€ 93	15 min	Large rooms, swimming pool

Accommodation reservations must be paid to the Organizing Committee for the period booked for all members of the team. Early or late departure or any self-organized changes cannot be considered.

Payment: The OC accepts US dollars and Euros, as well as Visa and Mastercard credit cards only. Payment is due by 3.2.11 in the Logistics Office at the Nordic Heritage Center. Failure to make payment on time will result in teams' athletes not starting in the next day's competition.

B. 3 Location of Facilities

Office	Location	Open
Accreditation Office	Nordic Heritage Center	08:00-20:00
Competition Office	Nordic Heritage Center	07:00-17:00
Logistics Office	Nordic Heritage Center	09:00- 15:00
Team Captain's Meetings	Crow's Nest, Presque Isle	See schedule
Internet for Teams	Nordic Heritage Center, Hotels	



C. COMPETITION INFORMATION

C.1 Event Program

EVENT SCHEDULE				
DATE	COMPETITIONS	TRAINING/ ZEROING	MEETINGS/DRAWS	OTHER ACTIVITIES
Monday 31.1.2011				Arrivals from BOS to PQI on charters Depart from BOS 17:00 and 20:00 Equipment truck for equipment to go to wax cabins
Tuesday 1.2.2011		Unofficial Training Men 09:00-11:30 Unofficial Training Women 11:45-14:15		Equipment trucks at wax cabins 05:00
Wednesday 2.2.2011		Unofficial Training Men 09:00-11:30 Unofficial Training Women 11:45-14:15	Team Captains Meeting 16:30 Crow's Nest Presque Isle	
Thursday 3.2.2011		Official Training Men 09:00-11:15 Official Training Women 11:30-13:45	Team Captains Meeting Sprint Draw 16:30 Crow's Nest Presque Isle	Opening Ceremony 19:30 Gentile Hall University of Maine Presque Isle
Friday 4.2.2011	Sprint Competition 9:30- Men Sprint Competition 12:15- Women	Zeroing Men 08:30-9:20 Zeroing Women 11:15-12:05		Media and Team Captains' Dinner Crow's Nest By Invitation
Saturday 5.2.2011	Mixed Relay Competition 14:25	Zeroing 13:25-14:10 Official Training Pursuit Zero Men 8:30- 8:50 Training Men 9:00- 10:15 Zero Women 10:30- 10:50 Training Women 11:00- 12:15		VIP and sponsor Dinner Crow's Nest By Invitation
Sunday 6.2.2011	Pursuit Competition 10:00- Men Pursuit Competition 12:00- Women	Zeroing Men 9:00- 9:50 Zeroing Women 11:00- 11:50		Teams- early dinners 16:30- 18:30 Superbowl Sunday Party 18:00 Crow's Nest (Teams, Guests and volunteers) Equipment truck at Nordic Heritage Center 13:00 Departure for Fort Kent wax cabins 16:00
Monday 7.2.2011				Travel day to Fort Kent Baggage trucks at Hotels 09:00 Teams depart on bus to Fort Kent 11:00 Lunch at Long Lake 12:00 Cultural activities Arrive Fort Kent 16:00



C.2 Competition Regulations

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the current IBU Event and Competition Rules.

C.3 IBU Sport Technical Officials

Race Director	Franz Berger, IBU
Technical Delegate	Norbert Baier, GER
IR Material Control	Gerhard Koehler, GER
IR Shooting Range	Manfred Neumayer, AUT
IR Start/Finish	Jean- Guy Levesque, CAN
IR Course	Bernard Voyer, CAN

C. 4 Shooting Range

The range has 30 HoRa 2000 E targets

C. 5 Course and Stadium

The detailed maps of the course and stadium are available on www.biathlon-presqueisle.com.

C. 6 Timing and Results

Provided by Siwidata

C. 7 Flower and Awards Ceremonies

Directly after competition in Stadium

C. 8 Waxing Facility and Wax Test Area

Wax cabins are located close to the stadium. Keys will be distributed by the Competition Office. A deposit of €40 per team is required for the key.

D REPORTING DEADLINES

D.1 Entries/Form Completion

Request Invitation Letter by Name Annex A	20.11.10	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
Registration of Radio Frequency Annex B	20.11.10	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
ATF 6NIA Rifle Permits Annex C	01.12.10	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
Registration by Number	31.12.10	www.biathlonworld.com
Registration for Charter Flight Annex D	31.12.10	max@saengeroutdoorsports.com
Registration by Name	17.01.11	www.biathlonworld.com

