Bulletin 2

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Open Kazakhstan Cup 3-days

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Ridder c., Kazakhstan Welcome to Ridder!

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1. Organizers

- Kazakhstan Orienteering Federation
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- Orienteering Federation of the East-Kazakhstan region
- Government of physical culture and sport of East-Kazakhstan region
- Event director
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2. Venue

Venue: Town Ridder, 100 km east of Ust-Kamenogorsk (Oskemen). All teams will be accommodated in the region of Ridder.

Event center is located in sports school in Lesnoje village, 12 km southwest of center of Ridder city. The competition area is situated 560-720 m a.s.l.

3. Embargoed Area

Area around the Lesnoje Sports school and recreation area "Sinegorje" southwest of Ridder city, between September 1, 2007 – March 10, 2008.

4. Program: Dates and types of competitions

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Sat March 3	Arrival of the teams	
Sun March 4	Arrival of the teams / Model event	
Mon March 5	World Cup event	Sprint distance, Opening ceremony in Ridder
Tue March 6	World Cup event	Long Distance (mass start)
	Kazakhstan Cup 3-days Sprint distance	
Wen March 7	Rest Day for World Cup competitors	
	Kazakhstan Cup 3-days	s Long distance
<u>Thu March 8</u>	World Cup event	Middle distance
	Kazakhstan Cup 3-days	s Middle distance
Fri March 9	World Cup event	Relay
	Closing party with prize	giving ceremony
<u>Sat March 10</u>	Departure of the teams	

5. Classes and participation restrictions

World Cup classes: W/M 21

Participation restrictions according to IOF World cup Rules: Each federation may enter a team of 14 competitors – up to 7 women and 7 men and unlimited number of team officials. In each competition each federation may enter:

Individual events: max 6 men, 6 women / country

Relay event: max. 2 male teams, 2 female teams, only the better team will count

Kazakhstan Cup 3-days classes: W/M 18, 21, 40, 50

Open 3-days event for everybody, the class depends on age. The start orders for all days will be drawn at random. Every race can be entered separately. Prizes according to sum of points collected on 3 days. Formula for counting points: points = $200 \times (\text{Time of the winner / time of the participant.})$

6. Opportunities for training

Before the event no Ski-O training will be organized in Ridder region.

7. Visas

Countries who need visa for visiting Kazakhstan (All IOF members, except RUSSIA, MONGOLIA) - send completed name list for visa (sample will be attached after November 1, 2007) to the organizer by January 15, 2008.

There are 2 different ways to get the visa:

a) By applying for visa in Kazakhstan embassy nearest to Your location (more detailed information at www.lik.kz/orienteering/ after November 1, 2007)

b) Via World Cup organizers in the airport upon arrival to Kazakhstan

For alternative a – invitations will be dispatched immediately by the organizers after receiving name list.

<u>For alternative b</u> - organizers will fill in visa application forms for all team members on basis of received names lists and all teams will get special assistance with getting visas in the airport immediately upon arrival. Visa fee 60\$ is to be paid in cash upon arrival.

8. Registration for World Cup, entry fee

Preliminary entry

Latest day for preliminary entries with numbers of competitors and team officials is December 30, 2008 (online entry form, see website).

Final entry

Latest day for final entries with names of competitors and team officials is

February 20, 2008 (online entry form, see website).

Entry fee

Entry fee for competitors participating in all 4 World Cup competitions is EUR 110.

Entry fee for competitor participating in less than 4 World Cup races: accreditation fee EUR 30 plus a fee for each competition EUR 25.

Accreditation fee for officials is EUR 30.

9. Registration for Open Kazakhstan Cup 3-days, entry fee

The registration for the race can be made using the online entry form (see website) until February 10, 2008 or also on day before the race at the information desk, but with extra entry fee 30%.

Entry fee for competitors participating in all 3 Kazakhstan Cup competitions is EUR 50. until February 10, 2008.

Entry fee for competitor participating in less than 3 Kazakhstan Cup races: accreditation fee EUR 15 plus a fee for each competition EUR 15.

10. Accommodation (types and fees)

Packages

Type A apartments, 2-4 pers./apartment, price EUR 60 /apartment&night apartments, 5 pers./apartment, price EUR 80 /apartment&night

apartments, 6 pers./apartment, price EUR 100 /apartment&night

Type B hostel, 3-4 pers./flat, price EUR 55 /flat&night

Type C sports school dormitory, 2 pers./room, price EUR 27 /room&night sports school dormitory, 3 pers./room, price EUR 40 /room&night

Type A, B, C:

Number of places at each type of accommodation is limited. Assignments of accommodation are made in order of registration.

Accommodation description:

Type A: Holiday centre Sinegorje (10 km from event centre), 2-room flats in new apartment houses of good standard. Shower, toilet, kitchen, TV, fridge

Catering (if ordered) in separate building of same holiday centre, lunches in competition days in competition centres.

Type B: Holiday centre Sinegorje (10 km from event centre), 2-room hostel-type apartments of normal standard. Shower, toilet, pentry in one of the rooms; catering in separate building of same holiday centre, lunches in competition days in competition centres.

Type C: Sports school's dormitory at event centre (Lesnoje village). Very simply 2-person rooms. Toilet in the room, shower in the corridor. Common sauna in a neighbouring building. Catering in sport school's dining room in another neighbouring building.

Price for catering:

EUR 17 per day (catering package lunch from March 3 to breakfast at March EUR 119) Registration for accommodation and catering until February 10, 2008, use online entry form (see website).

11. Payment

Please instruct your bank to forward the payment orders by January 30, 2008 to: **detailed information for bank transfers will be available after November 20.** See also the online entry forms <u>Total amount, including banking fee. Entries are not valid until the organizer has</u> received the payment. Please respect the deadlines. Group registration is desirable.

12. Maps, scales

Maps: New Ski-Orienteering maps 2007, 2008 Scale: World Cup Sprint 1:5'000 (map - Lesnoje) World Cup Long distance 1:15'000 (map - Lesnoje) World Cup Middle distance, relay 1:10'000 (map - Sinegorje) Vertical contour intervals are 5 m on Lesnoje map and 2,5 m on Sinegorje map. Images of earlier maps Lesnoje and Sinegorje available at organizers' homepage www.lik.kz/orienteering/3/

13. Preliminary course lengths and winning times

According to the IOF rules.

14. Description of the competition area, weather conditions

Lesnoje – Foothill of Altai Mountains. Mapped area is situated on one slope, the higher the steeper. On the slope there are numerous shallow spurs and gullies. Regular network of cross-country and biathlon ski-tracks prepared with wide retracks exists. Predominatedly coniferous forest (Fir) with very little undergrowth in wintertime. Absolute heights on the map between 560 - 720 m a.s.l.

Sinegorje – Flat plateau in a bottom of mountain valley. Mapped area represents a very gentle slope (approx. 15-17 m climb on 1 km) covered by young pine forest there undergrowth is varying from very dense to no undergrowth at all. Numerous minor water-erosion landforms of 1-2 m height cross the area. There is no network of permanent ski-tracks. Absolute heights around 560m a.s.l

The temperature in March is normally from 0 to minus 15 degrees Celsius at daytime, mostly sunny. Snowfalls occur seldom. Average depth of snow is around 2 m.

15. Electronic punching system

SPORTident is used as electronic punching system.

Competitors may use either their own badge or they can borrow one from the organizer (no additional costs). All competitors must inform the Organizer about it in the online entry form. If a borrowed badge is lost, the competitor has to pay EUR 30.

16. Media services

Media center is located at the event centre. Representatives of media are kindly asked to register by February 20, 2008 and also to inform the organizers of their status (TV, radio, writing journalist, photo).

Press center provides media representatives with Internet, fax and copy services. For more information please contact event director after December 1st.

17. How to get to Ridder

By plane: Ust-Kamenogorsk airport is situated 100 km from Ridder. From Ust-Kamenogorsk to Ridder by train or bus.

From Russia: from Moscow, S/Peterburg by flight; from Barnaul – by train to Ust-Kamenogorsk. From Frankfurt, Munich (Germany) via Astana or Almaty to Ust-Kamenogorsk by flight. More detailed information on possibilities of arrival to Ust-Kamenogorsk will be given as soon as possible in October (including information on possibility of the organizing charter flight from central Europe to Ust-Kamenogorsk).

18. Transport

Organizers offer bus or train transport for teams from Ust-Kamenogorsk to accommodations upon arrival and back for departure as well as all needed transports between accommodations and event/competition centres during the event by bus.

Costs of these transports are included into start fee!