



2016 AT SX RIDER'S CUP FINALS - MONT DU LAC RECREATION AREA - SUPERIOR, WI

Race Overview

Mont Du Lac Recreation is hosting 2016 Riders Cup Finals on the Feb. 18th to the 21st as part of the AT SX World Championships. This is going to be a huge weekend for the sport of Ice Cross Downhill in the US as we host over 180 athletes from 18 countries around the world for the Riders Cup Finals and then have the first US Riders Cup Kids Race on the Sunday following the main race.

Our goal for this event is to give both experience and opportunity to anyone that wants to be involved in the sport of Ice Cross Downhill around the world. There will be 3 qualifying sessions in which all competitors will get up to 5 practice and two qualifying runs on the track. The top 128 Men and 24 Women will move onto Saturdays race. After the finals we also plan on hosting a team event schedule and weather permitting.

Location

Mont Du Lac Recreation. www.montdulacsports.com

Air Travel

The closest airport to the Riders Cup Event is the Duluth Airport, but most people will be flying into Minneapolis/St Paul International Airport (MSP), which is around 2 hours from the event site. There will be no shuttle pick ups or transportation provided. You will be responsible to getting to your hotel and the race during the event. **If you are in need of transportation from MSP Airport to Duluth, we can possibly assist you. Just send a direct email to reedwhiting@me.com**

Hotel - We are working on a group rate at the Radisson Duluth Harborview Hotel in Duluth, MN located at 505 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, You can contact them at 218-727-8981. The hotel will allow 4 person occupancy per room at a special group rate.

Rental Car - Anyone over 25 will be able to rent a car at the MSP Airport. We recommend using www.kayak.com for reservations in order to get the best rates.

In order to save money on both hotel and transportation we recommend speaking with other riders coming to the event, or posting on the Facebook event page in order to line up group transportation and lodging with other athletes.

Facebook Event Page - ATSX Riders Cup Finals - Mont Du Lac Recreation

ATSX Registration, ATSX License, and Race Registration

First you must set up an athlete profile on [ATSX.org](https://bz656z2.racedirector.com/atsx-riders-cup-finals). Once completed you will be able to log in and reserve a spot in the event. This year a ATSX license is required to complete in any of the Riders Cup or Red Bull Crashed Ice races. The cost will be 20 Euro for a single race or 60 Euro for the season. You will be able to purchase this from a ATSX representative at the race. **Note - This is a mandatory license to be a part of the ATSX which is the international federation that now governs the sport of Ice Cross Downhill. This is not your ticket for the race as that will be purchased by following the link below.**

<https://bz656z2.racedirector.com/atsx-riders-cup-finals>

After you have reserved your spot for the Riders Cup on [ATSX.org](https://bz656z2.racedirector.com/atsx-riders-cup-finals) you will need to pay your race registration fee by following the link below. Space is limited to 160 Male and 30 Female athletes. **Keep in mind your spot in the event is not secured until you have completed both the ATSX and the Race Registration.**

Registration Fee

\$75 USD - Riders Cup Event (All athletes)

\$30 USD - 2 - Hour Open Track Practice Session on Monday Feb 22nd. 9 - 11 AM

Registration Includes - Race Entry Fee, Event Swag, and Free Lunch on Race Day.

Meals

Food will be available for purchase during the Rider's Cup event in the lower ski chalet. Snacks and beverages will be provided free of charge throughout the event.

Prizes - We plan on giving prize packages to the top 6 Male and 3 Female athletes that will consist of a combination of cash and gear. Also medals will be provided for the top 3 men and women.

Track

The 2016 Riders Cup Finals track is estimated to be over 550 meters with over 65 meters of vertical drop. The track will be rideable for beginners at slower speed and

challenge the top of this sport. Design will include a 100 meter rhythm section with up to, a near vertical wall ride/turn, a huge sender, some technical banked turns, step down roller, and the techno drop.



Event Schedule

This Rider's Cup will take place over 3 days with the first qualifying session on Thur Feb 18th and two more sessions on Fri Feb 19th. Weather permitting we will have an open practice session on Friday between qualifying sessions or after. **You will only be able to participate in a practice session once your time trials are completed.** The top 128 male and 24 female athletes will then progress to the Saturday morning elimination round which will lower the field to the top 64 Men and 16 women for the finals on Saturday afternoon.

Depending on conditions we will have a team race Saturday night shortly after the award ceremony. This race will be a different format that we are used to seeing at the RBCI races. Your team will be compromised of your round of 64 heat. This makes every team equal and gives everyone a chance to race and win. We will also race 4 on 4 with the top 6 finishers being awarded points similar to the RBCI team race, which will determine the winners.

On Sunday after the event we will be hosting the Riders Cup Kids Challenge all day, and with hopes of over 200 kids we will need your help. Any athlete that wants to take part in this event and get a little more ice time helping coach please send me a personal email to reedwhiting@me.com. All athletes that help out with this event will get a free practice session on Sunday night.

Note that projected schedule is always weather dependent and can be changed at anytime.

02/18/16 - Riders Cup Practice/Qualifying

- Group 1 (50 Athletes)
 - 4 pm - Registration
 - 5 to 7 pm - Practice/Qualifiers
 - 7 pm - Extra Practice - *Weather and Timeline Dependent*

02/19/16 - Riders Cup Practice/Qualifying

- Group 2 (70 Athletes)
 - 7 am - Registration
 - 8 to 10 am Practice/Qualifiers
 - 10 am - Extra Practice - *Weather and Timeline Dependent*
- Group 3 (70 Athletes)
 - 3 pm - Registration
 - 4 - 6 pm Practice/Qualifiers
 - 6 pm - Extra Practice - *Weather and Timeline Dependent*

2/20/16 Riders Cup Elimination Round/Finals/Team Race

- 7 am - Riders Briefing - Elimination Round
- 8 am - Elimination Round
- 12 to 1 pm - Athlete Lunch
- 130 pm - Riders Briefing

- 230 to 430 pm - Rider's Cup Main Event
- 6 to 730 pm - Riders Cup Team Event (Weather and Schedule Dependent)
- 10 pm - After Party

02/21/16 - Riders Cup Kids Challenge

- Group 1 - Ages - 5 to 8
 - 7 am - Registration
 - 8 to 10 - Practice/Qualifying/Race
- Group 2 - Ages - 9 to 11
 - 9 am - Registration
 - 10 to 12 pm - Practice/Qualifying/Race
- Group 3 - Ages - 12 to 14
 - 12 pm - Registration
 - 1 to 3 pm - Practice/Qualifying/Race
- Group 4 - Ages - 14+
 - 3 pm - Registration
 - 4 to 6 pm - Practice/Qualifying/Race
 - 6 to 8 pm - Volunteer Practice Session

02/22/16 - Riders Cup Practice Session - 9 to 11 am

Red Bull Crashed Ice Wildcards

will be 3 RBCI wildcards available for for the Men's St. Paul Red Bull Crashed Ice Event. 2 wildcards will be given to the based on race standings for athletes not already qualified for the RBCI St. Paul Race, and 1 additional wildcard will be given out at the discretion of the US Ice Cross Association.

Additional Considerations

Skate Sharpening - We plan to have have Hockey Zone onsite to handle all skate sharpening for the event.

Skate Guards - All athletes competing in the Rider's Cup Event will need to provide their own skate guards for entry into the event. You will also be able to buy them at the event from Hockey Zone who will have a booth at the event.