RED BULL CRASHED ICE – FAQ

ABOUT THE SPORT

WHAT IS RED BULL CRASHED ICE?

The sport is Ice Cross Downhill; Red Bull Crashed Ice is the series. It is a combination of hockey, boarder cross, and downhill skiing. Known to many as the fastest sport on skates, but dictated by one goal: first to the bottom wins. It's challenging, fast, cold, hard, unique and action packed. To determine a champion, consecutive heats of four skaters race head-to-head in a double elimination.

ARE THERE POINTS?

Points are awarded at each Red Bull Crashed Ice – Ice Cross Downhill World Championship event; from 1,000 points, for 1st place, down to 0.5 points, for 100th place. The points obtained at all five races are then added together after the final event to determine the winner of the Red Bull Crashed Ice – Ice Cross Downhill World Championship 2014. Every race counts.

HOW WILL THE WORLD CHAMPION BE DETERMINED?

Qualifiers will be held across the country to determine the top participants demonstrating the best skating skill, agility, strategy and strength. Competitors will earn points for the world ranking at each race. The World Champion will be the athlete with the most points after the last event. At the finale in Quebec City, there will be one male champion and one female champion of the race in addition to one champion of the series.

WHAT ABOUT THE TRACK?

A custom built 1,410 ft urban ice track will be riddled with a 48ft start ramp, hairpin turns, big-air jumps, step-ups, drop-offs, obstacles and gaps. Encompassing a downhill battle where athletes can reach speeds of more than 40 MPH.

ABOUT THE ATHLETES

HOW ARE ATHLETES RANKED?

Athletes ranked first to fourth for each particular event are allocated positions according to their place in the final heat. Athletes ranked fifth to eighth are ranked according to their place in the small final. All remaining athletes are ranked according to the round in which they were eliminated.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Athletes - male or female, amateur or pro - from a variety of disciplines including hockey, downhill skiing, speed skating and boarder cross can register for Red Bull Crashed Ice. Visiting www.redbullcrashedice.com will provide a competitor with necessary entry details. To enter into a lottery for a chance to win a spot for a Red Bull Crashed Ice Qualifier, athletes must be 18 years old. Online registration opens on November 15, 2013 and closes on December 20. On December 21, a random drawing determined who participated in the qualifiers. Athletes will sign a disclaimer before heading down the start ramp. No athlete shall be allowed to start without having produced a signed disclaimer.

WHO ARE THE RED BULL CRASHED ICE PAST WINNERS?

2013

Quebec City, CAN Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)
Lausanne, SUI Cameron Naasz (USA)
Landgraaf, NED Derek Wedge (SUI)
Saint Paul, USA Kyle Croxall (CAN)
Niagra Falls, CAN Kyle Croxall (CAN)

2012
Quebec City, CAN - Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)
Are, SWE - Adam Horst (CAN)
Valkenburg, NED - Kyle Croxall (CAN)
Saint Paul, USA - Kyle Croxall (CAN)

2011
Quebec City, CAN Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)
Moscow, RUS Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)
Valkenburg, NED Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)
Munich, GER Kyle Croxall (CAN)

2010
Quebec City, CAN Kyle Croxall (CAN)
Munich, GER Martin Niefnecker (GER)

2009
Lausanne, SUI Jasper Felder (SWE)
Prague, CZE Miikka Jouhkamainen (FIN)
Quebec City, CAN Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)

2008
Quebec City, CAN Arttu Pihlainen (FIN)
Davos, SUI Miikka Jouhkamainen (FIN)

2007
Quebec City, CAN Kevin Olson (CAN)
Helsinki, FIN Kevin Olson (CAN)

2006
Quebec City, CAN Gabriel Andre (CAN)

2005
Prague, CZE Jasper Felder (SWE)

2004
Moscow, RUS Jasper Felder (SWE)
Duluth, Minnesota, USA Jasper Felder (SWE)

2003
Duluth, Minnesota, USA Jasper Felder (SWE)

2001
Klagenfurt, AUT Jasper Felder (SWE)
Stockholm, SWE Jasper Felder (SWE)

ABOUT RED BULL CRASHED ICE-SAINT PAUL

WILL RED BULL CRASHED ICE AIR ON NBC AGAIN THIS YEAR?

Red Bull Crashed Ice will no longer air on the NBC network. FOX Sports and Red Bull Media House recently announced a three-year agreement to unite all four global sporting series on FOX Sports 1 and FOX Sports 2 starting in 2014. It marks the largest U.S. licensing deal in Red Bull Media House history. The networks will televise nearly 180 hours of live and highlighted high-definition, season-long coverage from the four series. Each one is produced and delivered by Red Bull Media House, taking place at some of the most iconic and breath-taking sporting venues in the world.

For more information on all the global series:

- RED BULL AIR RACE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (www.redbullairrace.com)
- RED BULL CRASHED ICE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (www.redbullcrashedice.com)
- RED BULL X-FIGHTERS (www.redbullxfighters.com)
- The RED BULL CLIFF DIVING WORLD SERIES (www.redbullcliffdiving.com)

WHY FOX SPORTS 1?

Red Bull Media House has a longstanding relationship with the Fox Sports Network family.
The Red Bull World Series programming deal solidifies the brand's relationship with Fox Sports. It is exciting for Red Bull to deliver this programming live to Fox Sports 1 in the network's inaugural year on air, offering the US audience thrilling sports series competition on one dedicated home year-round.

WHEN WILL RED BULL CRASHED ICE – SAINT PAUL AIR ON FOX SPORTS 1?

You can tune in and watch the Red Bull Crashed Ice competition in St. Paul on FOX Sports 1 on February 24 at 9:30PM EST.

WHAT IS RED BULL MEDIA HOUSE?

Red Bull Media House is a global media company that produces, distributes and publishes authentic content and inspirational entertainment programming in the sports and lifestyle genres. From film to television, print to digital media, music and games, the company's products can be experienced on the latest devices and platforms, fascinating audiences worldwide.

DID SOMEONE MENTION TICKETS?

Red Bull Crashed Ice is free and open to the public. However, the Crash Zone is $5 for Friday and Saturday nights. The Crash Zone is the only place onsite you can purchase alcohol. Food will also be available in this area via local food trucks. Everyone who wishes to enter the Crash Zone will to be 21 years of age or older and show a valid ID. There is a large jumbo screen on the east side of the start structure that can be viewed from the Crash Zone.

WHERE SHOULD YOU STAND?

Although none of the viewing areas capture the entire track, there will be four large screens projecting the races from every angle. From the starting point, you can see everything up until the bridge. Only in the middle of the track, you can see from the bridge through the wall ride. Near the bottom of the track, you can see from the middle portion and down. Each portion of the track encompasses its own excitement, choose wisely!

WHAT IS THE EVENT SCHEDULE?

Red Bull Crashed Ice – Ice Cross Downhill World Championships 2014 will typically be held over a three-day period. In the National and International Shootouts, two runs by athlete are timed and the fastest time counts. The top 32 athletes from the National Shootout and the athletes ranked 33rd to 64th in the International Shootout advance to the Elimination Round. The top 32 athletes from the International Shootout advance directly to the Saturday finals, and the top 32 athletes from the Elimination Round will join them.

WEDNESDAY 2/19

10:00am – 10:30am: Mayor Run

Saint Paul's Mayor Coleman will strap into skates for a third consecutive year to take a run down a portion of the track.

THURSDAY 2/20

2:00pm – 3:30pm: National Shoot Out Run

All 100 U.S. athletes get 2 runs but only the top 32 will move on to the Elimination Round on Friday evening.

FRIDAY 2/21

12:00pm – 1:30pm: International Shoot Out Run

All 100 International athletes get 2 runs and the pool is narrowed down to 64. The top 32 athletes move onto the finals Saturday while the remaining competes against the US hopefuls in the Elimination Round.

3:00pm – 4:00pm: Elimination Round

The 64 qualifying US and International athletes will be narrowed down to 32.

6:00pm-7:00pm: Team Competition Qualifiers; 7:30pm – 8:30pm: Team Competition Finals

This is a chance for athletes to earn additional points and boost their collective rankings. Done in a head-to-head knockout format, the Team Challenge shouldn't be missed.

SATURDAY 2/22

5pm: Gates Open To General Public

6:45pm-9pm: Red Bull Crashed Ice Saint Paul Finals

The top 64 athletes from the International Shootout and the Elimination Round will go head to head to determine the Saint Paul champion

9pm - 2am: Red Bull Crashed Ice Official After Party

Eagle Street Warming Tent will host the post event celebrations, located at the corner of Smith and Kellogg with performances by Indy, Jonathon Ackerman, Mister Black and DJ Joe Maz.

WILL THERE BE PARKING?

There is no available public parking onsite at Red Bull Crashed Ice. There is parking available at one of the many free shuttle locations. There are shuttle buses running throughout the Minnesota State Capital Complex. Parking at the Minnesota State parking lots in this area is free on Friday, February 21 (6pm – 10pm) and Saturday, February 22 (5:30pm – 10:30pm). Free shuttles will only be running on Saturday, February 22. Shuttles will stop at 12th and St. Peter St, at Cedar Ave and Columbus Ave and at the Sears parking lot. It is $10 to park at the Sears parking lot. The main shuttle drop off and pick up location is on John Ireland Blvd, North of Kellogg Blvd. See maps for additional information. The Saint Paul College is also selling parking for $20. The Saint Paul College parking lots can only be accessed via Concordia Ave.

WILL THERE BE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

Yes, the city buses will be running, with detours for portions of routes that intersect the event footprint. Visit www.metrotransit.org for all metro transit details.

WHAT ROADS WILL BE AFFECTED?

John Ireland Blvd, Dayton Ave, Marshall Ave, Old Kellogg Blvd, Summit Ave, Mullberry St, Selby Ave, and Louis St. Visit www.stpaul.gov/crashedice for full details.

WHERE ARE THE MAIN ENTRANCES TO RED BULL CRASHED ICE?

The main entrances to Red Bull Crashed Ice are located at John Ireland Blvd & Kellogg Blvd, Mulberry Street & Kellogg Blvd, Selby Ave & Summit Ave.

WANT TO HIDE FROM THE COLD WEATHER AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL?

We've got your solution. Various venues will be given access to show the main event Saturday night. A list reaching as far as Wisconsin and including Alary's, Billy's on Grand, Buster's: Mankato, Champp's- STP, Cowboy Jack's Plymouth, O'Gara's, Prime Bar, Rounder's: Mankato, Shamrock's, Tavern on the Avenue, Tiffany's, Two Stooge's, Wild Tymes, Fabulous Ferns, Tavern on Grand, Zorbaz Detroit, Zorbaz Spicer, Zorbaz Gull Lake, and Zorbaz Grand Rapidz.

CAN I BRING CHAIRS OR UMBRELLAS?

Outside chairs and umbrellas cannot be brought into Red Bull Crashed Ice.

CAN I BRING FOOD OR BEVERAGE?

Outside food and beverage cannot be brought into Red Bull Crashed Ice. Food and concessions will be sold and may be purchased in the Crash Zone, on John Ireland Blvd just South of Kellogg Blvd, and on College Ave near the finish area.

WHEN DOES THE RED BULL CRASHED ICE COMPETITION END?

The Red Bull Crashed Ice team competition finals on Friday night will end at 8:30 PM and the final championship round will end Saturday night at 9:00 PM.

DOES THE FUN HAVE TO STOP AFTER THE COMPETITION?

No way! Please feel free to join us for the Red Bull Crashed Ice Official After Party at Eagle Street Warming Tent, located at the corner of Smith and Kellogg with performances by Indy, Jonathon Ackerman, Mister Black and DJ Joe Maz.

IS THERE A DRESS CODE?

As Red Bull Crashed Ice is an outdoor competition, please dress appropriately for the winter weather.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE LATEST EVENT UPDATES AND HAPPENINGS AROUND SAINT PAUL?

For breaking event news and updates, you may follow @redbullMSP, @CrashedIce and #crashedice on Twitter or visit www.redbullcrashedice.com. A visitor guide, additional information, and traffic updates from the City of St. Paul Website can be accessed at http://www.stpaul.gov/crashedice.

CAN'T CATCH THE ACTION IN SAINT PAUL?

Red Bull Crashed Ice - Saint Paul will air on FOX Sports 1 Monday, February 24 at 9:30PM EST. Be sure to check out the other stops for Red Bull Crashed Ice – Ice Cross Downhill World Championship 2014 live on FOX Sports 1 later in the year.