

2012 FIM Snowcross World Championship
Technical Sports Centre Semigorje - Ivanovo Region, Russia
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HIBBERT PREPARED TO COMPETE FOR THE FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN RUSSIA

Semigorje, Russia (February 21, 2012) – Tucker Hibbert has arrived in Russia and is prepared to compete for the FIM Snowcross World Championship title this weekend. The reigning US National Champion is known as one of the world's top snowmobile racers. Hibbert will put that theory to the test Saturday against 33 riders from six countries at The Technical Sports Centre Semigorje near Ivanovo.

This year marks the first time in the nine-year history of the FIM Snowcross World Championship that the event will be held in Russia. The 2010 World Championship in Sweden was Hibbert's first event outside of North America. He quickly adjusted to the longer, rougher European-style track winning two of the three main events to become the first American to be crowned champion. Last year in Finland, he was the heavy favorite to win but after suffering a mechanical issue in the second of three races, he finished third overall.

Unlike the sanctioning body in the US (ISOC), FIM has sound and fuel restrictions and does not allow the use of traction products in the rubber track of the snowmobile. Hibbert will spend the coming days adjusting to the unique race conditions while his crew executes fine-tuning on his Arctic Cat Sno Pro 600. On Saturday, a round of qualifying will cut the field down to 22 riders. Those top riders will all compete in three separate 15-minute, plus two lap main events. The rider with best average finish after the three races will take home the 2012 title. Fans can watch the event free and live online. Qualifying begins at 10 a.m. with the final races from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Be sure to adjust the times to your local time zone. (Example EST: Qualifying 1 a.m. / Final Races 3:30 - 8 a.m.)

For live updates from the event, follow Hibbert on Twitter and Facebook.

Live Online Streaming: www.vefire.ru/channel/HDeXtreme

Twitter: www.twitter.com/hibbert68

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TuckerHibbert

Tucker Hibbert - #3 Arctic Cat

"It feels good to be back at the World Championship. This is a unique event. I like the challenge of racing in an unfamiliar place against riders from across the world. What I'm looking forward to the most is the long track. Lap times will be well over a minute, which is twice as long as a typical US track. My crew and I came here prepared to win. We're focused on riding a smart race and hope to bring the World Championship title back to the US."

Tucker Hibbert - Third Appearance at FIM Snowcross World Championship

2011 - Tuuri, Finland: 3rd Race 1: 1st / Race 2: 16th / Race 3: 1st

2010 - Mala, Sweden: 1st Race 1: 1st / Race 2: 1st / Race 3: 2nd

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