



## FREESTYLE FIS WORLD CUP **MT BULLER AUSTRALIA** 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER 2005

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Ski & Snowboard Australia is pleased to invite all National Ski Associations to attend the Freestyle FIS World Cup competitions to be held at Mt Buller, Victoria, Australia. The Organising Committee will host the event in accordance with the International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) of the FIS and the rules for the organisation of Freestyle FIS World Cups. All National Ski Associations affiliated with the FIS are invited to compete.

#### RULES

- 1. Ski & Snowboard Australia is organising the Freestyle FIS World Cup Aerial Events.
- 2. According to the International Calendar of the FIS the competitions will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2005 (www.fis-ski.com).
- 3. The competitions will be held under FIS Rules and Regulations for Freestyle Skiing and the Rules for the organisation of Freestyle FIS World Cups and is composed of four events: Two Aerials each for both men and women.
- 4. The entry quota for the Freestyle FIS World Cups is as specified in the ICR for Freestyle FIS World Cups and as circulated by the FIS office.
- 5. The competition will follow an official program. The organising committee reserves the right to change the scheduled events, subject to approval from FIS, from those published in the program if necessary.
- 6. All athletes, officials and other attending personnel who participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The Organising Committee, Mt Buller, Ski & Snowboard Australia and sponsors shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person in conjunction with the organisation or staging of the event.

It is an FIS rule that all competitors are insured for accidents incurred while participating in or during practice for FIS sanctioned events.

#### REGISTRATION

Team registration requires one member from each team to report to the Race Office prior to checking into accommodation. Registration will take place each day beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Upon registration each team will receive a Welcome Pack, including: Competition Information, Training Bibs, Event Schedule etc. All fees and deposits must be paid upon registration.

#### ENTRIES

It is important that you complete the entry form and send it back to us before 8<sup>th</sup> August 2005. Entries should be sent to:

2005 Mt.Buller World Aerials C/- Bianca Speller Mt.Buller Resort Management

Telephone:	+61 3 9686 1637
Fax:	+61 3 9686 8109
Email:	Bianca@mtbuller.com.au

#### LOCATION OF COMPETITION

The competitions will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at the Mt Buller Ski Resort, which is located approximately 250km north of the City of Melbourne, Australia.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Entries will be accepted from National Ski Associations in accordance with the FIS quotas and rules and must be submitted to the Organising Committee by 8th August 2005. Due to travel considerations it is recommended that entries and travel arrangements be made at least a month before the anticipated arrival date.

Teams must inform the Organisers at latest 5 days before the official arrival day about the names of the team members, eventual changes to the arrival date and the originally registered size of teams, including officials. If this is not done, the Organising Committee will invoice the costs incurred for cancelled accommodation to the National Association concerned.

#### TRAVEL

Please specify Melbourne as your point of arrival in Australia.

A visa is required to enter Australia from most countries. It is recommended this be attended to as a first priority as the visa process may take several weeks. This Official Invitation should be sufficient to make an application for visas. Contact your nearest Australian consulate for forms. Each individual or team is responsible for their own travel. Accommodation and meals will be provided in accordance with FIS rules.

Further information regarding Ground Transport and Transfers to Mt Buller, will be forwarded to teams in the near future.

#### MONEY EXCHANGE

It is strongly recommended that all money is exchanged at the Melbourne Airport. There is **not** a money exchange at Mt Buller, only automated cash dispensing machines. The closest bank is 35km away.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for athletes and officials is provided at various locations at Mt. Buller. As per the FIS Rule on accommodation and half pension, each participant will pay the Organising Committee the Australian dollar equivalent of 45 Swiss francs per day based on double occupancy. Accommodation will be provided for the nights of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2005 inclusive (7 nights). Subject to availability, accommodation can be arranged at regular commercial rates for teams arriving prior to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

Please direct all your accommodation enquiries to Bianca Speller from the Mt. Buller Resort Management Board via email to <u>Bianca@mtbuller.com.au</u> or via fax at +61 3 9686 8109.

#### TRAINING

Bibs are to be worn during all official training, A refundable bib deposit of A\$20 will be charged upon registration.

Unofficial training may be available prior to the events, dependent on snow and site conditions. Please contact the Event Manager for more information.

#### **COMPETITION PROGRAM**

Registration: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2005 onwards

Shaping: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005

Freestyle FIS World Cup #1: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2005

Freestyle FIS World Cup #2: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2005

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Further information including transportation options, official competition program, the organising committee, team leader meetings, etc will be forwarded to all competing nations.

### **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Nation:\_\_\_\_\_Contact Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_Fax:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIALS:** 

Last Name	First Name	Position	Gender

#### **COMPETITORS:**

Last Name	First Name	Gender

Entries will be accepted in accordance with the FIS rules for Freestyle FIS World Cup.