



DECEMBER 8 - 11, 2005 at WHISTLER, BC

OFFICIAL INVITATION

WELCOME!

The Resort of Whistler, the Canadian Snowboard Federation and IMG Canada are pleased to welcome all nations and snowboard competitors to the 9th annual Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup in **Whistler, BC, December 8 - 11, 2005!**

Teams from around the world are invited to compete in **2 Snowboard-Cross** competitions and **2 Halfpipe** competitions! The competitions will be in accordance with the 2005 FIS International Competition Rules for Snowboarding. Entries will be accepted from the various National Snowboard Associations and must be submitted to the Organizing Committee in writing by e-mail or fax to:

Lindsay O'Brien, Manager, Accommodation – Accreditation - Teams

E-mail: Lindsay@obrien.net

Fax: +1 (604) 648-8699

We wish all competitors the best of luck and hope that you enjoy Whistler, North America's top-ranked winter resort!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Deadline for the announcement of team size is: October 19, 2005**
- **Deadline for definitive registration (with names) is: November 24, 2005**

EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW (as of October 18, 2005):

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| • Sunday, December 4 | Arrival Day / TC Info Meeting at 19:00 |
| • Monday, December 5 | Snowboard-Cross Training |
| • Tuesday, December 6 | Snowboard-Cross Training |
| • Wednesday, December 7 | Snowboard-Cross #1 Qualifying & Halfpipe Training |
| • Thursday, December 8 | Snowboard-Cross #1 FINALS
Snowboard-Cross #2 Qualifying (Men) |
| • Friday, December 9 | Halfpipe Training
Snowboard-Cross #2 Qualifying (Ladies)
Snowboard-Cross #2 FINALS |
| • Saturday, December 10 | Halfpipe #1 Qualifying
Halfpipe #1 FINALS
Halfpipe #2 Qualifying (Ladies) |
| • Sunday, December 11 | Halfpipe #2 Qualifying (Men's)
Halfpipe #2 FINALS |

EVENT OFFICE LOCATION – NEW!

The Maurice Young Millennium Place is the new home to the Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup event office this year, and is located at 4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4. Millennium Place is located across from the BrewHouse Restaurant. Phone and fax numbers will follow closer to the event.

ACCOMMODATION / MEAL PROGRAM:

Available from December 4 – 12, 2005. Please complete the attached form for all athletes & officials who will utilize the accommodation/meal program and **return by October 19, 2005 via e-mail to Lindsay@obrien.net or fax to +1(604) 648-8699.** The Organizing Committee will coordinate all bookings. Information must be received from the teams by the set deadline to guarantee availability and the FIS rate.

All accommodations are centrally located in the heart of Whistler Resort and within walking distance to the lifts. Teams will receive confirmation on their hotel reservation along with hotel name & location via e-mail or fax prior to arriving in Whistler. A listing of team hotel locations will also be posted at the Maurice Young Millennium Place for after-hours arrivals.

All teams will be required to pay all accommodation and meal charges upon arrival. Team Captains check-in at the **Maurice Young Millennium Place**, Sunday, December 4 from 13:00 - 21:00. Follow the directional signs to the event office. Fees will be 50CHF (\$55 CAD plus 7% GST) per team member per day for accommodation, breakfast and dinner, (teams are required to make their own arrangements for lunch). GST is refundable for all non-Canadian residents. Refund forms will be available at the event office.

The packages cannot be broken up between meals and accommodations (unless written notification is provided by October 19) and all team captains will be charged for the full package of any athletes registered for the FIS accommodation and meal plan. All payments must be in CAD currency by money order, Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

Team Contact:

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup at Whistler, please contact:

Lindsay O'Brien, Manager, Accommodation – Accreditation - Teams

E-mail: lindsay@obrien.net

Cell: 604-787-7770

TRANSPORTATION from Vancouver Airport to Whistler Resort:

All teams are responsible for their own transportation arrangements. Please allow 2 ½ to 3 hours travel time from the Vancouver Airport to Whistler Resort.

- The Perimeter Bus Line offers transportation aboard their Whistler Express starting at 09:30am and ending at 23:30, daily. The approximate cost is \$65 plus tax/ per person. Please visit their web site www.perimeterbus.com for a complete schedule and group rates.

Rental vehicles are also available from the airport. We will be circulating details on the recommended rental car company closer to the event.

PRIZE MONEY: Total = \$200,000 CHF

<i>Event</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
Snowboard-Cross #1	25,000CHF	25,000CHF
Snowboard-Cross #2	25,000CHF	25,000CHF
Halfpipe #1	25,000CHF	25,000CHF
Halfpipe #2	25,000CHF	25,000CHF

All prize money will be paid out in CAD funds.

FIRST TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING:

There will be an information meeting for all Team Captains to attend on Sunday, December 4 at 19:00. The first Team Captains' meeting will be held on Monday, December 5 at 18:00. All Team Captains' Meetings will take place in the Maurice Young Millennium Place.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE:

Every competitor must have his/her own medical coverage. The Organizing Committee – IMG Canada, sponsors, suppliers, Whistler/Blackcomb, the FIS and the Canadian Snowboard Federation decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged equipment and second and third party claims during the event.

LIABILITY:

All athletes, officials and other members of national associations who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by an athlete, official or other person in conjunction with the organizing or staging of the event. All athletes must have previously signed the "FIS Athletes Declaration" form in order to register.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE / EVENT MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

IMG Canada

401-611 Alexander Street, Vancouver, BC V6A 1E1

Phone: (604) 228-2010 Fax: (604) 215-2003 Web Site: www.snowscene.ca

Event Chairman: Mark Taylor
E-mail: marktaylor@imgworld.com

Team Contact: Lindsay O'Brien
Phone: +1-604-787-7770
E-mail: Lindsay@obrien.net

We look forward to seeing you & your team in Whistler this December!

