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HALFPIPE INVITATION

LAND ROVER U.S. GRAND PRIX OFFICIAL INVITATION

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite your nation to the Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix - FIS World Cup Halfpipe event at Copper Mountain, CO!

Entering its 25th season, the Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix traditionally brings together the world's best competitive freeskiers & snowboarders. The series began in 1996 and is US Ski and Snowboard's longest-running competition series.

The health and safety of all the event attendees is of the utmost importance to the LOC. At this time, we are working collaboratively with State and Local Public Health officials on the event operations plan to ensure alignment and necessary modifications can be made, allowing Copper Mountain to host the event. Preparations are being made in accordance with the FIS COVID-19 Prevention Organizer Guidelines together with the World Health Organization (WHO) information and recommendations. The LOC and FIS Event Task Force has been established and is monitoring all developments. All competitors must have their own medical insurance (ICR art 212) which shall cover COVID-19 medical treatment expenses.

Contact Information for the Organizing Committee (OC):

US Ski & Snowboard

1 Victory Lane, Park City, UT 84060

For any event related questions, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you in Copper Mountain, CO!

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1. Registration - Entries

Team Entries are only accepted using the FIS Online Entry System. NGBs can access the online system through the “Member Section” of the FIS homepage [Click Here](#).

Provisional Entry Deadline: *October 17, 2020*

*Please include all athletes and team service personnel within the provisional entry.

Final Entry Deadline: *November 23, 2020* (21 days prior to official arrival day)

*Including all National Interest Exemption Waivers if applicable (see section 4 and 5)

Reference the FIS World Cup rule 2.3 to review Nations quota rules and quota spot allocation system [Click Here](#).

IMPORTANT: All teams MUST identify a single team leader as the onsite contact when submitting team entry. This person will be responsible for all communication to/from the OC prior to and during the event. This is extremely important to facilitate the new registration process, accreditation pick-up, and Covid-19 procedures.

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2. Event Registration/Accreditation

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL:

All Team entries must be submitted prior to the deadlines listed above. Team Leaders are responsible for all communication to/from the OC and submission of all documentation and waivers.

Required documentation:

- Submission of completed Event Liability waivers, accreditation requests, and athlete bios
- Submission of National Interest Exemption Waivers when applicable
- Responsible for FIS World Cup Covid-19 related reporting (i.e. Test results, pre-screen questionnaire, daily symptom checks)

ONSITE ACCREDITATION:

More information about onsite accreditation pick up will be communicated directly to the Team Leader. Registration and accreditation pick-up will conform with all local health authority guidelines.

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3. FIS World Cup Risk Management Covid-19 Testing Protocol

Responsibility of all Persons:

In order to ensure the FIS World Cup and an event is not placed at risk from a Covid-19 outbreak and consequences, it is the responsibility of every person to adhere to this policy, follow all procedures and instructions and behave in a disciplined manner at all times. **As referenced above, each Nation must designate one Team Leader to facilitate protocols, including reporting.**

Testing prior to arrival at Event / Venue:

Every person who wishes to access a FIS World Cup event must have and present a negative Covid-19 PCR Test (saliva/swab test) result before arrival at the Event for the first time and complete a questionnaire.

Onsite testing will be available during the event at the expense of each Team. More details on this testing will be provided to the Team Leader prior to arrival.

For the most current details of the FIS World Cup Management Covid-19 Testing Protocol [CLICK HERE](#)

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4. Inbound Travel- National Interest Exemption Waiver

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued a National Interest Exemption to the existing travel restrictions for essential international staff and athletes participating in international sports federation events. Customs Border Protection (CBP) asks that we keep each entourage as small as possible. This exemption waiver will alleviate the need for any quarantine period when entering the U.S.

- As of September 20th the exemption provides access to the U.S. for individuals traveling from countries impacted by the geographic presidential proclamations. It will cover the entire Schengen region. (China, Iran, Europe's Schengen region, the United Kingdom/Ireland, and Brazil)
 - **This also includes anyone that is transiting through these countries**
 - **LOC will require a waiver from all participants, even those outside the Schengen region.**
- The waiver does not exempt individuals from standard entry requirements, including **visa (B1 or B2 tourist/business)**, passport, and any other necessary documents.
- All inbound travel must enter the US through the 15 designated airports (see next page).

National Interest Exemption Waiver will be distributed to the Team Leader after provisional entry is submitted. Waiver must be completed and accompany final entry due **Nov 23, 2020.**

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5. Inbound Travel- 15 U.S. Airports with Enhanced Screening

- Boston-Logan (BOS)
- Chicago O'Hare (ORD)
- Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)
- Detroit (DTW)
- Daniel K. Inouye - Honolulu (HNL)
- Fort Lauderdale (FLL)
- George Bush - Houston (IAH)
- Washington-Dulles (IAD)
- Miami (MIA)
- Newark (EWR)
- Los Angeles (LAX)
- John F. Kennedy NYC (JFK)
- San Francisco (SFO)
- Seattle-Tacoma (SEA)
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta (ATL)

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6. Accommodations

Due to Covid-19 local Organizing fee will not be able to offer the FIS accommodation package. Below is info for discounted lodging rates.

LODGING RESERVATION INFORMATION

Copper lodging discounted rates- [click here](#)

To receive the above special group rates please call or email the contacts below and mention the Group Code.

Copper Mountain's Central Reservations- (866) 837-2996

or

Email Noni Love: nlove@coppercolorado.com

Group Code: 5068 Grand Prix Call-in

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7. Transportation/Parking

Teams are responsible for their own transportation. To arrange transportation to and from the airport please contact:

Summit Express

Phone: 1-855-686-8267 or 970-668-6000

Email: info@summitexpress.com

Website: <http://www.summitexpress.com/>

Parking will be provided for use in designated areas at Copper Mountain throughout the event. More information about parking will be distributed to the Team Leader prior to the event.

For detailed information about Copper Mountain, download the Copper App [HERE](#)

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8. Bibs/Award Ceremonies

BIBS

All competitors must wear bibs appropriately during all scheduled trainings, competition and at the awards ceremony. Bibs will be picked up by the Team Leader at accreditation pick-up. More details regarding this will be communicated to the Team Leader closer to the event.

AWARD CEREMONIES

The award ceremony will be held immediately following finals in the Venue Finish Areas following all local and County health regulations. To receive prize money, all competitors must attend and wear bibs during award ceremony.

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9. Team App/Team Captains Meetings

TEAM APP

All event communications and the most current information leading up to and during the event will be posted on Team App. This will be the place to find details regarding schedule updates, start lists, results, Covid-19 resources, and more.

Please download the free app [HERE](#) and join the “LandRover US GrandPrix Copper” group.

TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS

Team Captain’s meetings will be held virtually. Meeting link and details will be sent out the the Team Leader prior to each meeting.

The first Team Captains meetings will be held at the times below. Refer to the event schedule for more details.

Snowboard: Sunday, Dec. 13th @ 5:00pm MST

Freeski: Sunday, Dec. 13th @ 6:00pm MST

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10. Prizes

A total prize purse of 50,000 CHF will be awarded for the FIS World Cup event. Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 men and top 10 women. The winners will receive prize money via bank transfer. In order to process the prize money, all winners must provide valid bank details, identification, and complete appropriate tax documentation (see link below).

Any athlete receiving prize money must complete the digital prize money forms immediately following the event. The Event Registration Manager will coordinate the receipt of all forms through the Team Leaders. If digital forms are not completed and received prize money transfers may not be issued in a timely manner.

FIS World Cup prize money transfer document- [Click Here](#)

International Athletes- W8BEN: [Click Here](#)

US Athletes- W9: [Click Here](#)

To review World Cup FIS Prize Money Breakdown, rules- [Click Here](#) (WC Rules sec. 7)

*Taxes will be withheld from total prize money in accordance with international tax law.

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11. Medical Plan/Anti-Doping

MEDICAL PLAN

The medical plan will be reviewed at the first Team Captain's meeting. Copies of the medical plan are also available on Team App.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping control may be conducted for this event.

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12. Liability/Accident Insurance

LIABILITY

All athletes, officials and members of National Associations who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee, sponsors, suppliers, their agents, employees and volunteers, the FIS and U.S. Ski and Snowboard shall not be responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person in conjunction with the organizing and staging of the event.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All competitors must have their own medical insurance. The Organizing Committee, sponsors, suppliers, their agents, employees and volunteers, the FIS and U.S. Ski and Snowboard decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged or lost equipment and second and third party claims during the event.

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13. Schedule Overview

Training and competitions are scheduled as below:

Halfpipe

Dec. 14 & 15- Training

Dec. 16- Snowboard HP Qualifiers

Dec. 17- Freeski HP Qualifiers

Dec. 18- Snowboard HP Finals

Dec. 19- Freeski HP Finals

For more details, reference the FIS Programs

Snowboard Halfpipe- [HERE](#)

Freeski Halfpipe- [HERE](#)

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14. Unofficial Training Opportunity

Copper Mountain plans to open their Superpipe on Nov 30th with training opportunities for nations and teams prior to official Event training that starts on Dec 14th, 2020.

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