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OFFICIAL INVITATION – FIS WORLD CHAMPS & WORLD CUP

The Aspen LOC is pleased to announce the Aspen 2021 FIS Snowboard & Freeski World Championships and Land Rover US Grand Prix FIS World Cup competitions at Aspen, CO!

The health and safety of all the event attendees is of the utmost importance to the LOC. The LOC alongside FIS and Aspen Skiing Company is proactively working with Pitkin County Public Health Department on the Covid-19 safety plan. These competitions will operate under FIS and local State and County health Covid-19 protocol guidelines. 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 Aspen, 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.](#)

Deadlines:

FIS World Champs & World Cup Final Entry: **February 11, 2021**
NIE Waiver request: **February 11, 2021**

QUOTAS:

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

World Championships: Reference the FIS World Championships Precisions to review Nations quota rules and quota spot allocation system [Click Here.](#)

TEAM LEADER:

All teams **MUST** identify a single team leader as the onsite contact when submitting team entry through the FIS system. Please distinguish this person as the “On Venue Contact” and include on-site phone and email information. This person will be responsible for all communication to/from the LOC prior to and during the event. This is **extremely important** to facilitate the National Interest Exemption (NIE) letters, new registration process, accreditation pick-up, and Covid-19 procedures.



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.

Please ensure that all athletes, coaches, and service staff, whose accreditation the Team Leader is responsible for picking up, have completed the following tasks:

- Competition Liability Waiver signed and submitted (will be sent to Team Leader after the final deadline)

Any participant under 18 years old will need a parent/guardian to sign their waiver

- Aspen Travel Affidavit: [Click Here](#)
- FIS Passport Registration. [Register Here](#), Access Code: FIS2021
- Negative PCR Covid-19 test uploaded to FIS Passport
- Athlete Bio (**Athletes only**):

[Snowboard Halfpipe](#)

[Freeski Halfpipe](#)

[Snowboard Slopestyle & Big Air](#)

[Freeski Slopestyle & Big Air](#)

Accreditation will not be issued if all above forms have not been completed. There are a limited number of appointments available, and additional appointments may not be available.



2. Event Registration/Accreditation Continued

ONSITE ACCREDITATION:

Registration and accreditation pick-up will be available by appointment only and follow all State/County health guidelines. The Team Leader will schedule one appointment to pick-up accreditation for the entire team, including all service staff. At this time they will receive all credentials, lift tickets, and athlete bibs. Due to Covid-19 limitations, only one Team Leader will be allowed inside the Race Office at a time, during their scheduled appointment time.

The Team Leader must schedule a pick-up time. Appointment links will be emailed directly to Team Leaders follow Final Entry Deadline.

Please arrive on time as additional appointments may not be available. If you will be late or need to reschedule your appointment, please contact Lyndsay Gang immediately at Lyndsay.gang@usskiandsnowboard.org.



3. Covid-19 Mitigation & Protocols

Responsibility of all persons:

It is the responsibility of every person to adhere to the Covid-19 policy, follow all procedures and instructions, and always behave in a disciplined manner throughout the competition. As referenced above, each Nation must designate one Team Leader to facilitate protocols, including reporting.

Prior to arrival at Aspen:

Every person who wishes to access a FIS World Championships and/or 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.

While in Aspen:

- Update FIS Passport
- Daily- Whats App/ Web Form Health Screening Questionnaire
- Every 72-96 hrs- Receive new COVID test (testing available onsite in Aspen- details below)
- In case of COVID-19 symptoms do not travel to the venue and report to the onsite FIS Contest Director, onsite COVID Coordinator, and c19support@fisski.com.
- Venue access will be limited for coaches and service personal as defined by local State/County health guidelines.
- Credentials and armband identification will be required when applicable.
- All attendees must be accredited to access the venue.
- No spectators

3. Covid-19 Mitigation & Protocols

Additional Information:

- All athletes, coaches, and service staff receiving accreditation will be required to follow the Covid-19 testing protocols, even if they have received any type of Covid-19 vaccine.
- If you have previously tested positive for Covid-19, only PCR tests from the previous 90 days will be accepted in lieu of testing protocols. No antibody test will be accepted.
- All athletes, coaches, and service staff must download the [Colorado Exposure App](#)
- Any positive test during competition weeks will be subject to local/ state health quarantine requirements, and all individuals will be responsible for any costs incurred.

4. Aspen/Pitkin County Travel Requirements

***Aspen/Pitkin County has mandated that all persons traveling to Aspen present a negative COVID-19 test** in order to enter Aspen. You must have the test administered no more than 72 hours prior to your arrival. If you fail to do so, you will not be accredited. It is mandatory to submit a completed Pitkin County Travel Affidavit the COVID- [Click Here](#)

If you feel sick before your planned travel to Aspen, **please stay home**

If after doing your daily screening, you feel you are symptomatic, please stay isolated and contact the Competition Covid-19 Coordinator immediately.

- Facemask **must be worn** at all times (covering both nose and mouth).
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay at least 6' apart from all others.
- Show up on time for your COVID-19 testing appointments.
- Take your daily health symptom check BEFORE you leave for the venue.
- For contact tracing purposes, make sure you always know whom you are with. Please avoid having contact with people who are not part of the event team/testing protocol.
- Do not travel nor show up to the venue if you do not feel well.
- Do not ride in rental cars with others outside of your support.
- Do not come in close contact with others outside of your immediate family or support.
- Do not remove your mask unless you are in your hotel room or eating alone.
- Do not participate in physical celebrations with others (high-fiving, hugging, etc.)



5. Inbound Travel- National Interest Exemption Waiver

All athletes, coaches, service staff attending the competition **MUST** be included on both the Final entry and the National Interest Exemption (NIE) waiver request. *Deadline: February 11, 2021.*

Below are instructions on how to request a National Interest Exemption (NIE) Waiver for entry into the United States for the 2020-21 FIS World Championships & World Cup at Aspen:

1. Complete the waiver request spreadsheet (attached) including each athlete, staff and delegation that has been submitted on your finals entry on 1 single spreadsheet **Note:** Teams must submit NIE Waiver request prior to Visa application. Send the completed waiver request to Lyndsay Gang, Event Administrative Coordinator Lyndsay.Gang@usskiandsnowboard.org
2. Within 3-5 days of submission, the LOC will notify the Team Leader of the waiver status for each traveler and provide a personalized confirmation letter as evidence of the National Interest Exemption waiver.
3. Advise the traveler(s) to check the information on the U.S. Embassy website in the country where they reside. Each embassy may have specific instructions for individuals to travel on a National Interest Exemption. If asked, the traveler(s) should provide the National Interest waiver confirmation letter that was provided by the LOC.
4. Once the traveler(s) has the necessary documentation (proper Visa or ESTA authorization), they may proceed to check-in for their flight.



5. Inbound Travel- National Interest Exemption Waiver

Additional Information:

- The waiver, if granted, does not exempt travelers from inspection by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or exempt them from standard entry requirements, including visa, passport, and any other necessary documentation requirements.
- New waivers issued after Jan. 25, 2021 are valid for entry 30 days after the date of issuance.
- **All athletes, coaches, and service staff that received approved National Interest Exemption Waivers prior to January 25, 2021 remain valid for 1 year after the date of issuance. (Waivers approved for Copper Grand Prix and/or Mammoth Grand Prix are still valid for the FIS World Championship and World Cup).**
- After receiving the NIE letter, reach out to the U.S. Embassy in your country to request appropriate Visa or ESTA application information. Our recommendation is to try and obtain the Visa rather than ESTA so there is less chance of having any issues with transfer of information. Each Visa will need to be a business or tourist (B1 or B2) type.
- It is recommended to bring a physical copy of the NIE waiver when traveling.



6. Accommodations/ Transportation & Parking

ACCOMODATIONS

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

DISCOUNTED LODGING RESERVATION INFORMATION

For discounted lodging in Aspen, please [Click Here](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

PARKING

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



7. 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.

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.



8. 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.

“Team App Instructions” for joining the correct team and turning notifications on will be sent to Team Leaders following Final Entry Deadline.

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.

Freeski: Sunday, March 7th @ 5:00pm MST

Snowboard: Sunday, March 7th @ 6:00pm MST



9. Prizes

All prize money will be issued following the new FIS prize money process. NSAs must manage all information required for prize money using the FIS Athlete Registration module in the FIS member section. All bank information MUST be uploaded to the FIS database **prior to Finals**. Athletes without the correct bank information uploaded to the FIS system will experience a delay in prize money bank transfer.

The winners will receive prize money via bank transfer only (no checks). In order to process the prize money, all winners must provide valid bank details, identification, and complete appropriate tax documentation (see link below).

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)

To review World Championship FIS Prize Money Breakdown, rules- [Click Here](#) (WSC Rules sec. 15.2)

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



9. Prizes

World Championships- A total prize purse of 50,000 CHF will be awarded for the FIS World Championships event. 25,000 CHF will be awarded per gender, for each event. Prize money will be awarded to the top 6 men and top 6 women.

Men's & Women's

1st Place	40%
2nd Place	25%
3rd Place	15%
4th Place	10%
5th Place	6%
6th Place	4%

World Cup- A total prize purse of 50,000 CHF will be awarded for the FIS World Cup event. 25,000 CHF will be awarded per gender, for each event. Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 men and top 10 women.

Men's & Women's

1st Place	45%
2nd Place	23.50%
3rd Place	12.50%
4th Place	6%
5th Place	3%
6th Place	2.50%
7th Place	2.25%
8th Place	2%
9th Place	1.75%
10th Place	1.50%



10. Medical Plan/Anti-Doping

MEDICAL PLAN

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

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping control may be conducted for this event.



11. 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.



12. Schedule Overview- FIS World Championships

Training and competitions are scheduled as below:

Halfpipe

March 8 & 9- Training

March 10- Freeski HP Qualifiers

March 11- Snowboard HP Qualifiers

March 12- Freeski HP Finals

March 13- Snowboard HP Finals

SLOPESTYLE

March 8 & 9- Training

March 10- Snowboard SS Qualifiers

March 11- Freeski SS Qualifiers

March 12- Snowboard SS Finals

March 13- Freeski SS Finals

BIG AIR

March 12- Snowboard BA Training

March 13- Freeski BA Training

March 14- Snowboard BA Qualifiers

March 15- Freeski BA Qualifiers

March 16- Snowboard BA Finals

March 16- Freeski BA Finals

For more details, reference the FIS schedules

Snowboard- [HERE](#)

Freeski- [HERE](#)



13. Schedule Overview- FIS World Cup

Training and competitions are scheduled as below:

Halfpipe

March 15, 16 & 17- Training

March 18- Snowboard HP Qualifiers

March 19- Freeski HP Qualifiers

March 21- **Snowboard HP Finals**

- Freeski HP Finals

SLOPESTYLE

March 17- Training

March 18- Freeski SS Qualifiers

March 19- Snowboard SS Qualifiers

March 20- Freeski SS Finals

- **Snowboard SS Finals**

For more details, reference the FIS schedules

Snowboard- [HERE](#)

Freeski- [HERE](#)

