

# Official Invitation

**BIG AIR CHUR**  
FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup      graubünden

**October 22 – 23, 2021**

**Freeski & Snowboard  
World Cup**





Dear athletes & teams,

On behalf of the organizing committee & the city of Chur we have the great pleasure to announce to you & to invite you to the first BIG AIR CHUR event!

BIG AIR CHUR unites freestyle sports & urban music in an innovative event. The stars of the freestyle scene compete with their opponents in an internationally oriented Big Air competition. On top of that, international artists inspire the crowd with musical highlights.

The organizing committee of BIG AIR CHUR guarantees a professional sport event & creates an exciting symbiosis between freestyle sport & urban music. In June 2021, host city Chur & the organizer First Event AG accepted the challenge to organize the event in less than four months. While there is still a lot of work to be done, we are looking forward to welcoming all teams to this exciting event in October!

BIG AIR CHUR offers a unique start into the winter season for the canton of Graubünden & is a flagship event for Chur & the whole region.

We are much looking forward to seeing you in Chur!

Urs Marti  
Mayor

Wolfgang Sahli & René Goetz  
First Event AG, Organizers





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## 1. DESCRIPTION, DATES & VENUE

The BIG AIR CHUR is a newly launched incity event in Chur, the capital city of Graubünden, the Grison country in the eastern alpine region of Switzerland. It is well known worldwide for it's long & strong tradition in wintersports & includes famous & core resorts such as Davos, Laax, Lenzerheide & St. Moritz, to name only a few. For further information about Chur please go to: [www.churtourismus.ch](http://www.churtourismus.ch)

The Big Air FIS World Cup contest is part of the newly intitiated BIG AIR FESTIVAL, which Chur shall host over the coming years. The new festival offers live concerts & parties for 2 days (& obviously nights), merging with what naturally belongs together, i.e. freestyle sports & good music.

Initiator is the world's largest music & concert entity, Live Nation, resp. their swiss subsidiary First Event AG, & the city of Chur (GR) has committed to the event for 5 years. For planning & running the World Cup contests, the organizer has engaged an experienced & specialized team, led by the same Event Director in charge for the Laax Open, the former Burton European Open & the European Freeski Open for many years.

|        |                                 |  |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| Dates: | WED & THU October 20 & 21, 2021 | Training days                                  |
|        | FRI October 22, 2021            | Freeski Quals during the day, evening Finals   |
|        | SAT October 23, 2021            | Snowboard Quals during the day, evening Finals |

A more detailed schedule is available on the FIS website (preliminary schedule)

Venue: Sport & Event Facilities Chur, Obere Au, Grossbruggerweg 6, 7000 Chur

<https://www.google.de/maps/search/obere+au+chur/@46.8564243,9.5036874,17z/data=!3m1!4b1>

In a close outskirt to the center of town, the event location is in the actual home base of sports in Chur, the Obere Au, just where the ice arena, swim hall & skate park are.



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## 2. REGISTRATION / ENTRIES

Entries for the BIG AIR CHUR shall be accepted in accordance with the FIS quotas & rules for World Cup, & must be processed by the National Sports Association through the FIS Online Registration & Entry System [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com) (Member Section). Please submit provisional entries, including competitors & officials, by August 21, 2021, 23:00 CET.

Restricted competitor fields sizes will be in place as by World cup quota calculations & all entries not done prior to the provisional entry date will not be considered. The quotas can be downloaded on the FIS website:

Snowboard: [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1623244500/fis-prod/assets/Description\\_FSSBFK\\_Quotas.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1623244500/fis-prod/assets/Description_FSSBFK_Quotas.pdf)

Freeski: [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1626848333/fis-prod/assets/Calculation\\_FK\\_HP\\_SS\\_BA\\_Qutoas\\_2022.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1626848333/fis-prod/assets/Calculation_FK_HP_SS_BA_Qutoas_2022.pdf)

The confirmation of participation from FIS/OC will be communicated on August 24, 2021. Maximum by October 19, 2021 nations need to inform FIS/OC if any of the confirmed competitors will not be able to attend in order to reallocate the open spots.

All competitors must hold current FIS & other applicable memberships. Please refer to the WC entry procedures & quota information described on the FIS website.

Organizer: First Event AG, Zürcherstrasse 376, 8500 Frauenfeld, Switzerland

Website: [www.bigairfestival.com](http://www.bigairfestival.com)

Your main contact: [bigair@churtourismus.ch](mailto:bigair@churtourismus.ch)



### 3. NOTE ON COVID-19

We are currently in the procedure of establishing COVID-19 safe areas & procedures for all of you during the event. This is work in progress in close cooperation with both the FIS & the Swiss NSA, as well as with medical & other specialists in the field, following the requirements of the Swiss authorities.

After having successfully executed 3 international sport events under Covid safety measures in the past winter season 2020/21 for athletes & their associates, the event management of the BIG AIR CHUR can rely on valuable experience in this field. The Covid Safety concept will, according to the FIS, be more or less similar to last season's concept, i.e. providing the athletes a COVID-19-safe 'bubble' during your entire stay, without lacking any standards or quality of execution for the contests. These safety measures may change, in line with eventually changing directives due to the actual pandemic situation.

Onsite, registration & accreditation will be possible after a Covid-19 check-in. Please bring your COVID-19-check-in verification to the accreditation office, located in the ice stadium. All competition participants (including officials) have to pass to the registration area for check-in before proceeding to the competition venues. All fees will be collected upon check-in. Please make sure you can pay cashless, i.e. with a bank or credit card.

As a consequence of any safety system, a few strict rules will be inevitable. They mainly concern your whereabouts during the event (such as rules for venue access, meals, avoiding non-riders areas, online TC meetings etc.).

All our efforts are driven to keep you safe from the moment you set foot in Chur until you depart after the event. More detailed information shall be available in due time ahead of the event.



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## 4. HOW TO GET THERE

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to & from the resort. Chur is easily to get to from anywhere in Europe, by public transport, car or plane.

### *By public transportation*

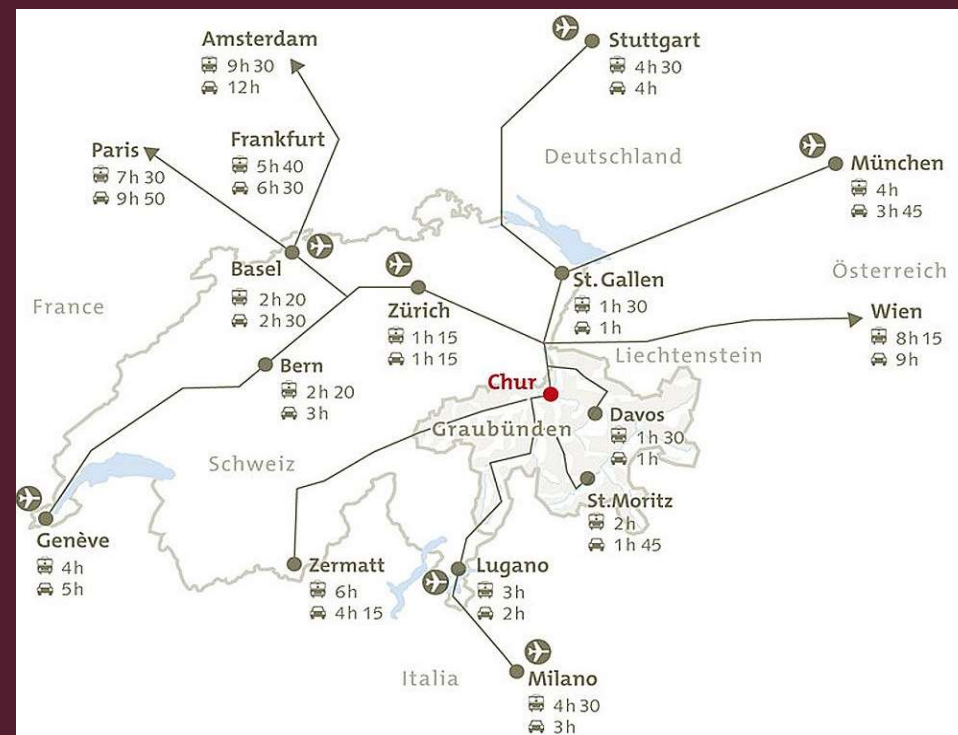
Chur is a main terminal station of the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) & has excellent high-speed connections from & to Zurich-Airport. Further, there are direct train services to Zurich, Basel & St. Gallen, as well as to major European cities including Amsterdam, Brussels, Hamburg & Stuttgart. Timetables are available on: [www.sbb.ch/en](http://www.sbb.ch/en)

### *By car*

Chur is only a 1 hour 15 minutes drive Zurich & is in the middle of the transalpine route to Munich & Milan. If you are coming from Zurich or Basel, follow the highway A3/A13 to Chur. Both highway exits (Chur Nord / Chur Süd) are close to the center of the Alpine City. Use the route planner for the shortest & fastest route before departure: [www.google.ch/maps](http://www.google.ch/maps)

### *By plane*

There are numerous airports around Chur, such as Zurich, Basel, Geneva, Lugano or Friedrichshafen. You can easily travel to Chur by train (SBB) from all these airports. From Friedrichshafen Airport or Zurich, you can also get to Chur with the Graubünden Express: [www.graubuenden-express.com](http://www.graubuenden-express.com)





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## 6. ONSITE REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

Team registrations & fee payments will take place at the RIDERS & ACCREDITATION OFFICE at the event venue, located in the ice stadium. The fee is CHF 90 per rider. Please note that only credit cards or other electronical payments are accepted, preferably Mastercard, Visa or EC Maestro (no American Express). There is no cash handling at the accreditation.

Upon arrival look out for signage indicating the locations for the Covid-19 check-in (1st step) & the riders & accreditation office (2nd step). Opening hours are (subject to changes):

|     |                  |             |                                    |
|-----|------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| MON | October 18, 2021 | 12pm - 08pm |                                    |
| TUE | October 19, 2021 | 09am - 08pm |                                    |
| WED | October 20, 2021 | 08am - 08pm | 1st training day                   |
| THU | October 21, 2021 | 08am - 08pm | 2nd training day                   |
| FRI | October 22, 2021 | 08am - 10pm | Freeski contest                    |
| SAT | October 23, 2021 | 08am - 10pm | Snowboard contest / DEP Freeskiers |
| SUN | October 24, 2021 | 09am - 12pm | DEP Snowboarders                   |

Your accreditation gives you access to all competition sites/areas, as well as to the Riders Lounge & to an onsite waxing area, including storage space for your gear. Assuming that the same Covid Safety Measures need to be taken as in the previous season, we are prepared to install & provide these areas within the 'Bubble System'.

## 7. BIBS

All competitors must wear bibs appropriately during all scheduled trainings, competition & at the awards ceremony. Bibs will be distributed at the first Team Captains Meeting, held the night prior to the first training. Competitors keep their bibs throughout the event, there are no new bibs for Finals.



## 8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be located at the RIDERS & ACCREDITATION OFFICE at the ice stadium.

In an effort to reduce our environmental footprint & streamline event communications, the most current information leading up to & during the event will be posted on the microsite for the event: [www.churtourismus.ch/teams](http://www.churtourismus.ch/teams)

## 9. TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS

Daily Team Captain Meetings are planned at the event venue. Looking ahead with regard to the Covid situation, we are also considering to run them virtually (final call for this upon your arrival).

|     |                  |      |                                |
|-----|------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| TUE | October 19, 2021 | 08pm | First TC meeting for snowboard |
| WED | October 20, 2021 | 12pm | First TC meeting for freeski   |

The times of the TC Meetings following these initial ones will be communicated to you onsite, either confirming or adapting the times currently indicated in the preliminary calendar.



## 10. PRIZE MONEY & AWARD CEREMONIES

A total purse of CHF 100'000 will be awarded for the BIG AIR CHUR 2021, paying CHF 50'000 to each sport, Freeski & Snowboard. Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 men & top 10 women.

Winners will receive their prize money via bank transfer. NSAs are responsible for entering the personal bank information for each athlete using the Athlete Registration module in the FIS Member Section. Incomplete, wrong or no bank details will result in nonpayment. Prize money payments shall deduct income source taxes, as required by Swiss law.

Award ceremonies are held immediately after the Finals on the main concert stage, located right next to the Big Air contest area/ramp.

All podiums winners (1-2-3) women & men are required to stay available immediately after the last run of the Finals.

Wearing your own contest bib for the award ceremony is mandatory.

After a short break, the Award Ceremonies are followed by headliner main acts.

| Freeski    |            | Snowboard      |            |
|------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| MEN        | WOMEN      | MEN            | WOMEN      |
| CHF 11'250 | CHF 11'250 | 1st CHF 11'250 | CHF 11'250 |
| CHF 5'875  | CHF 5'875  | 2nd CHF 5'875  | CHF 5'875  |
| CHF 3'125  | CHF 3'125  | 3rd CHF 3'125  | CHF 3'125  |
| CHF 1'500  | CHF 1'500  | 4th CHF 1'500  | CHF 1'500  |
| CHF 750    | CHF 750    | 5th CHF 750    | CHF 750    |
| CHF 625    | CHF 625    | 6th CHF 625    | CHF 625    |
| CHF 563    | CHF 563    | 7th CHF 563    | CHF 563    |
| CHF 500    | CHF 500    | 8th CHF 500    | CHF 500    |
| CHF 438    | CHF 438    | 9th CHF 438    | CHF 438    |
| CHF 375    | CHF 375    | 10th CHF 375   | CHF 375    |
| CHF 25'000 | CHF 25'000 | CHF 25'000     | CHF 25'000 |





## 11. LIABILITY & INSURANCES

All athletes, officials & members of National Associations who attend & participate in the event shall do so at their own risk, competitors must have their own medical insurance. The Organizing Committee, sponsors, suppliers, their agents, employees & volunteers, the FIS & Swiss Ski decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged or lost equipment & second & third party claims in connection with the event.

All athletes & team members shall be required to sign a Liability Disclaimer as well as a Media Disclaimer before receiving access to the event, this is processed at the RIDERS & ACCREDITATION OFFICE. PDF files of these disclaimers shall be posted on the event's microsite in due time.

## 12. ANTI DOPING & MEDICAL PLAN

Anti-doping control may be conducted for this event.

At all times during trainings & contests there is a dedicated medical crew onsite, including an onsite stationed ambulance. The Graubünden county hospital in Chur is less than 4km away.



## 13. SCHEDULE OVERVIEW & CONTEST FORMAT

| WEDNESDAY, OCT 20   | THURSDAY, OCT 21  | FRIDAY, OCT 22  | SATURDAY, OCT 23  |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0745-0800<br>INSPECTION (15')   | 0745-0800<br>INSPECTION (15')   | 0745-0800<br>INSPECTION (15')   | 0745-0800<br>DEP FREESKIERS<br>INSPECTION (15')   |
| 0845-0900<br>0900-0915<br>0915-0930<br>0930-0945<br>0945-1000<br>1000-1015<br>1015-1030<br>1030-1045<br>1045-1100<br>1100-1115<br>1115-1130<br>1130-1145<br>1145-1200<br>1200-1215<br>1215-1230<br>1230-1245<br>1245-1300<br>1300-1315<br>1315-1330<br>1330-1345<br>1345-1400<br>1400-1415<br>1415-1430<br>1430-1445<br>1445-1500<br>1500-1515<br>1515-1530<br>1530-1545<br>1545-1600<br>1600-1615<br>1615-1630<br>1630-1645<br>1645-1700<br>1700-1715<br>1715-1730<br>1730-1745<br>1745-1800<br>1800-1815<br>1815-1830<br>1830-1845<br>1845-1900<br>1900-1915<br>1915-1930<br>1930-1945<br>1945-2000<br>2000-2015<br>2015-2030<br>2030-2045<br>2045-2100<br>2100-2115<br>2115-2130<br>2130-2145<br>2145-2200 | 0845-0900<br>0900-0915<br>0915-0930<br>0930-0945<br>0945-1000<br>1000-1015<br>1015-1030<br>1030-1045<br>1045-1100<br>1100-1115<br>1115-1130<br>1130-1145<br>1145-1200<br>1200-1215<br>1215-1230<br>1230-1245<br>1245-1300<br>1300-1315<br>1315-1330<br>1330-1345<br>1345-1400<br>1400-1415<br>1415-1430<br>1430-1445<br>1445-1500<br>1500-1515<br>1515-1530<br>1530-1545<br>1545-1600<br>1600-1615<br>1615-1630<br>1630-1645<br>1645-1700<br>1700-1715<br>1715-1730<br>1730-1745<br>1745-1800<br>1800-1815<br>1815-1830<br>1830-1845<br>1845-1900<br>1900-1915<br>1915-1930<br>1930-1945<br>1945-2000<br>2000-2015<br>2015-2030<br>2030-2045<br>2045-2100<br>2100-2115<br>2115-2130<br>2130-2145<br>2145-2200 | 0845-0900<br>0900-0915<br>0915-0930<br>0930-0945<br>0945-1000<br>1000-1015<br>1015-1030<br>1030-1045<br>1045-1100<br>1100-1115<br>1115-1130<br>1130-1145<br>1145-1200<br>1200-1215<br>1215-1230<br>1230-1245<br>1245-1300<br>1300-1315<br>1315-1330<br>1330-1345<br>1345-1400<br>1400-1415<br>1415-1430<br>1430-1445<br>1445-1500<br>1500-1515<br>1515-1530<br>1530-1545<br>1545-1600<br>1600-1615<br>1615-1630<br>1630-1645<br>1645-1700<br>1700-1715<br>1715-1730<br>1730-1745<br>1745-1800<br>1800-1815<br>1815-1830<br>1830-1845<br>1845-1900<br>1900-1915<br>1915-1930<br>1930-1945<br>1945-2000<br>2000-2015<br>2015-2030<br>2030-2045<br>2045-2100<br>2100-2115<br>2115-2130<br>2130-2145<br>2145-2200 | 0845-0900<br>0900-0915<br>0915-0930<br>0930-0945<br>0945-1000<br>1000-1015<br>1015-1030<br>1030-1045<br>1045-1100<br>1100-1115<br>1115-1130<br>1130-1145<br>1145-1200<br>1200-1215<br>1215-1230<br>1230-1245<br>1245-1300<br>1300-1315<br>1315-1330<br>1330-1345<br>1345-1400<br>1400-1415<br>1415-1430<br>1430-1445<br>1445-1500<br>1500-1515<br>1515-1530<br>1530-1545<br>1545-1600<br>1600-1615<br>1615-1630<br>1630-1645<br>1645-1700<br>1700-1715<br>1715-1730<br>1730-1745<br>1745-1800<br>1800-1815<br>1815-1830<br>1830-1845<br>1845-1900<br>1900-1915<br>1915-1930<br>1930-1945<br>1945-2000<br>2000-2015<br>2015-2030<br>2030-2045<br>2045-2100<br>2100-2115<br>2115-2130<br>2130-2145<br>2145-2200 |
| TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN<br>4h  | TRAINING FREESKI WOMEN & MEN<br>4h  | QUALIFICATIONS FREESKI MEN<br>(2 heats, 50 riders)<br>4h15  | QUALIFICATIONS SNOWBOARD MEN<br>(2 heats, 50 riders)<br>4h15  |
| INSPECTION (15')  | INSPECTION (15')  | INSPECTION (15')  | INSPECTION (15')  |
| TRAINING FREESKI WOMEN & MEN<br>4h  | TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN<br>4h  | QUALIFICATIONS FREESKI WOMEN<br>(1 heat, 30 riders)<br>2h15   | QUALIFICATIONS SNOWBOARD WOMEN<br>(1 heat, 30 riders)<br>2h15   |
| INSPECTION (15')  | INSPECTION (15')  | INSPECTION (15')  | INSPECTION (15')  |
| TC MEETING  | TC MEETING  | TC MEETING  | TC MEETING  |
|   |   | TRAINING FINALISTS WOMEN & MEN<br>1h  | TRAINING FINALISTS WOMEN & MEN<br>1h  |
|   |   | FINALIS FREESKI<br>LIVE TV SHOW 1h30  | FINALIS SNOWBOARD<br>LIVE TV SHOW 1h30  |
|   |   | PRIZE GIVING FS   | PRIZE GIVING SB   |
|   |   | LIVE CONCERTS   | LIVE CONCERTS   |

