

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 its 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

The Big Air FIS World Cup contest is part of the newly initiated 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 (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

Freeski: 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

Your main contact: 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

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

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





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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

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

