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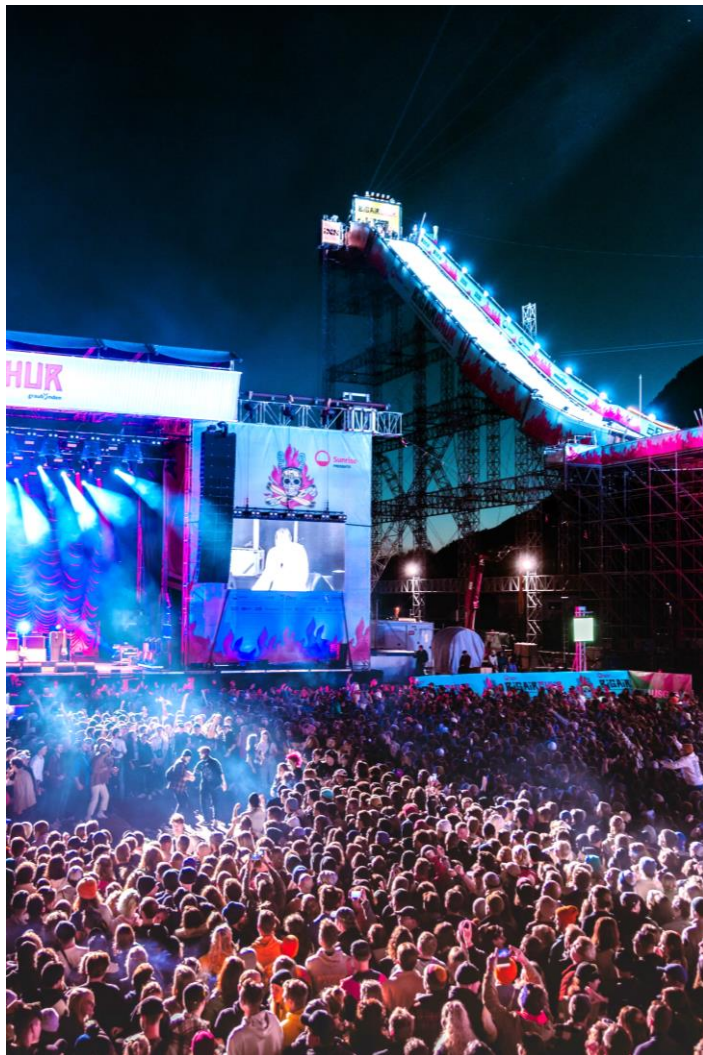
BIGAIRCHUR

FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup

graubünden

OCT 20 - 21, 2023





Dear athletes & teams,

On behalf of the organizing committee & the city of Chur we again have the great pleasure to announce & to invite you to the BIG AIR CHUR event - meanwhile going into its 3rd year!

The event was born in 2021 & has well established itself as the kickoff event of the FIS Freeski & Snowboard World Cup Tour, & of the winter season in Europe as such. Combined with top notch musical acts, the Olympic discipline Big Air attracts 20-30'000 visitors every year.

The two day festival promises a bunch of highlights on both snow & the music stage - you can expect & look forward to highest level performances from the best freestyle riders & international music artists!

Both the city of Chur as well as the Canton of Grisons are proud to host this flagship event for the whole region & country. Preparations for the 2023 edition are at full speed, & we are much looking forward to welcoming you to Chur in October!

Kind regards,

Urs Marti
Mayor
City of Chur

Victor Zindel
OC President
City of Chur

Wolfgang Sahli
OC President
Big Air Chur Festival

René Goetz
Organizer
Big Air Chur Festival

Watch the teaser here:
<https://youtu.be/H8XDselSDYU>





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1. DESCRIPTION, DATES & VENUE

The BIG AIR CHUR is located in 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 3rd edition BIG AIR FESTIVAL. The festival offers live concerts & parties over both days, merging with what naturally belongs together - freestyle sports & great 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 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 OCT 18 & 19, 2023 Training days
 FRI OCT 20, 2023 Freeski Quals during the day, Finals @ 8pm
 SAT OCT 21, 2023 Snowboard Quals during the day, Finals @ 8pm

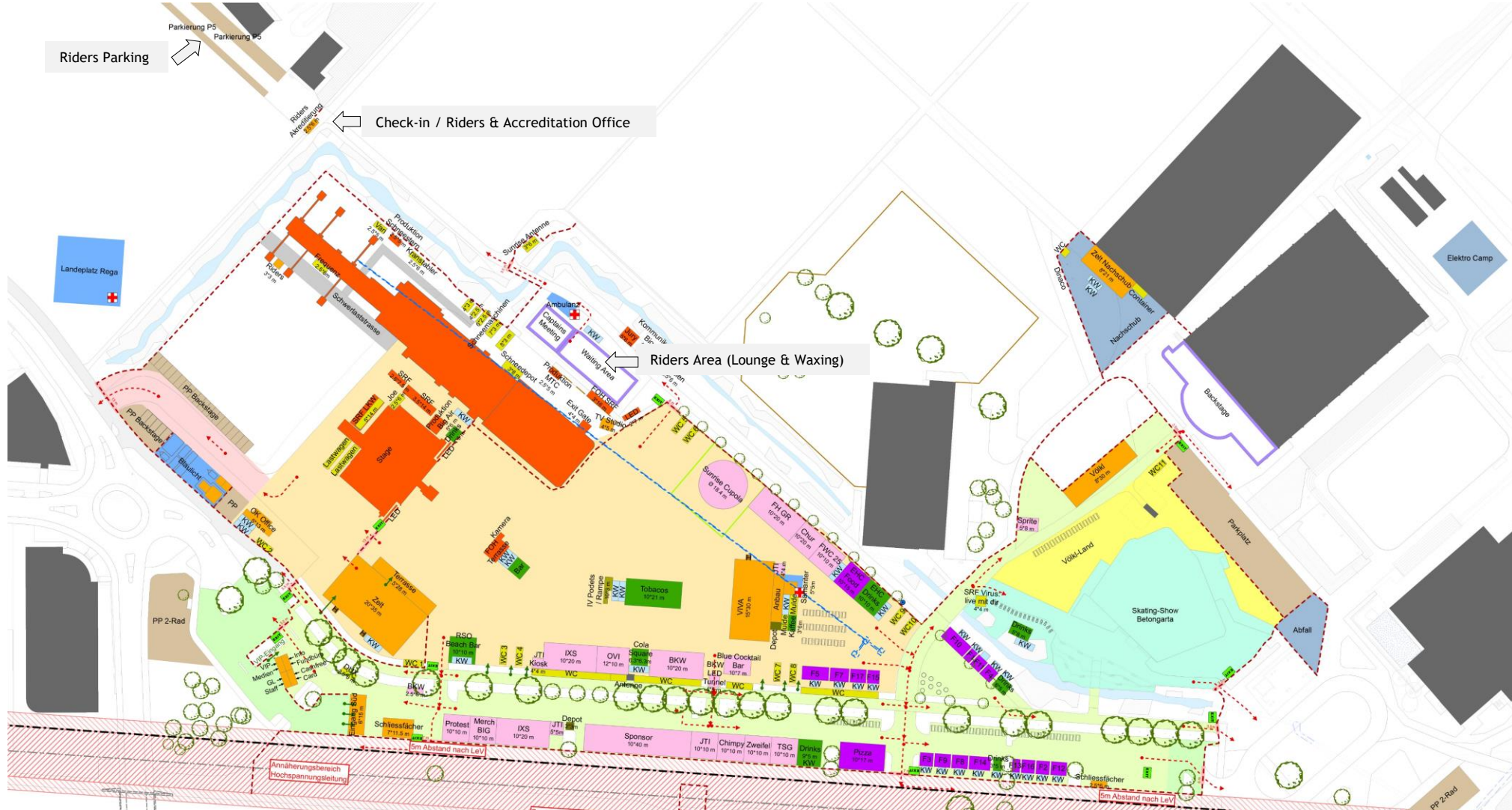
A more detailed schedule is available on the FIS website (preliminary schedule)

Venue: Sport & Event Facilities Chur, Obere Au, Grossbruggerweg 6, 7000 Chur ([click here for google maps](#))

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.



VENUE OBERE AU, CHUR







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).

Deadline for Entries (including competitors & officials)

	Freeski	Snowboard
Preliminary Entries	AUG 22, 2023	AUG 22, 2023
Final Entries	OCT 11, 2023	OCT 11, 2023

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:

Quota Description: [Description Snowboard Freestyle & Freeski \(fis-ski.com\)](http://www.fis-ski.com)

Quota Calculation Freeski: [Calculation \(fis-ski.com\)](http://www.fis-ski.com)

Quota Calculation Snowboard: [Calculation \(fis-ski.com\)](http://www.fis-ski.com)

The confirmation of participation from FIS/OC will be communicated on AUG 25, 2023. Maximum by OCT 11, 2023 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
E-Mail : riders@bigairfestival.com



3. HOW TO GET THERE

Teams are responsible for their own transportation to & from Chur. It is easy 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 incl. Brussels, Amsterdam, Hamburg & Stuttgart. Timetables are available on: www.sbb.ch/en

By car

Chur is only a 1h & 15min 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 a number of airports around Chur, e.g. 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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4. ACCOMMODATION

Conditions

Accommodation according to FIS WC rules 2.2.1.

All prices are available from OCT 17 - 21, 2023 (Freeski)
OCT 17 - 22, 2023 (Snowboard)

Double room CHF 80 up to CHF 110 per person/night, incl. breakfast & dinner (for teams)
for double rooms for single use, the price may be higher

Note: these conditions are applicable for bookings that are made **until latest SEPT 1, 2023**. Reservations made after this date will not offer them anymore, so please make sure to settle your accommodation needs prior to this date, thank you!

Meals

Half board accommodation will be provided starting Tuesday, OCT 17 to & including breakfast on Saturday, OCT 21 (Freeski) or Sunday, OCT 22 (Snowboard). Half board accommodation includes breakfast & dinner at the hotel.

Lunch options at the Big Air venue (at own expense).



4. ACCOMMODATION

Booking & Reservation

Please do not book through booking agents or hotel platforms as they do not grant the mentioned discounted rates. Booking and payment is due directly at the hotel, please use the reference "Big Air Chur".

Hotel Valbella Resort AG
No waxing facilities
hotel@valbellaresort.ch

Hotel Sommerau
No waxing facilities
kontakt@sommerau.ch

Ambiente Hotel Freieck
No waxing facilities, incl. Breakfast only
hotel@freieck.ch

signinahotel
Waxing facilities
reservation@signinahotel.com

Hotel Kurhaus
Waxing facilities
office@kurhaus.com

Hotel Schweizerhof
Waxing facilities
info@schweizerhof-flims.ch

Krone Churwalden
Waxing facilities
reservation@alpintrend.ch

For questions, please contact riders@bigairfestival.com



5. ONSITE REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

Team registrations & fee payments will take place at the RIDERS & ACCREDITATION OFFICE at the event venue. The fee is CHF 150 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 office.

Opening hours are (subject to changes):

MON	OCT 16, 2023	05pm - 08pm	
TUE	OCT 17, 2023	09am - 08pm	
WED	OCT 18, 2023	08am - 08pm	1st training day
THU	OCT 19, 2023	08am - 08pm	2nd training day
FRI	OCT 20, 2023	08am - 10pm	Freeski contest
SAT	OCT 21, 2023	08am - 10pm	Snowboard contest / DEP day Freeskiers
SUN	OCT 22, 2023	09am - 12pm	DEP day 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. Your accreditation also gives you access to the concert area, provided there are no Covid or other restrictions implemented by the FIS for World Cup events.

6. BIBS

All competitors must wear bibs appropriately during all scheduled trainings, competition & at the awards ceremony. Bibs will be distributed at the 1st Team Captains Meeting, held the night prior to the 1st training. Competitors keep their bibs throughout the event.



7. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is virtual, i.e. the WhatsApp chat group installed & run by the competition directors.

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: <https://bigairfestival.com/riders/>

8. TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS

Daily Team Captain Meetings are planned at the event venue. If, other than expected, Covid restrictions need to be implemented again, there will be an online setup for attending the TC meeting virtually.

TUE	OCT 17, 2023	08pm	First TC meeting for freeski
WED	OCT 18, 2023	11am	First TC meeting for snowboard

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.



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9. PRIZE MONEY & AWARD CEREMONIES

A total purse of CHF 110'000 will be awarded for the BIG AIR CHUR 2023, paying CHF 55'000 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 non-payment. Prize money payments shall deduct income source taxes, as required by Swiss law.

Award ceremonies are held immediately after the Finals in the finish area of the Big Air contest. All podium winners (1-2-3) women & men are required to stay available immediately after their last runs.

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

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

PRIZE MONEY SPLIT BIG AIR CHUR 2023					
FREESKI			SNOWBOARD		
WOMEN		MEN	WOMEN		MEN
CHF	13'500	CHF 13'500	1st	CHF	13'500
CHF	7'050	CHF 7'050	2nd	CHF	7'050
CHF	3'750	CHF 3'750	3rd	CHF	3'750
CHF	1'800	CHF 1'800	4th	CHF	1'800
CHF	900	CHF 900	5th	CHF	900
CHF	750	CHF 750	6th	CHF	750
CHF	675	CHF 675	7th	CHF	675
CHF	600	CHF 600	8th	CHF	600
CHF	525	CHF 525	9th	CHF	525
CHF	450	CHF 450	10th	CHF	450
CHF	30'000	CHF 30'000		CHF	30'000



10. 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.

11. ANTI DOPING & MEDICAL PLAN

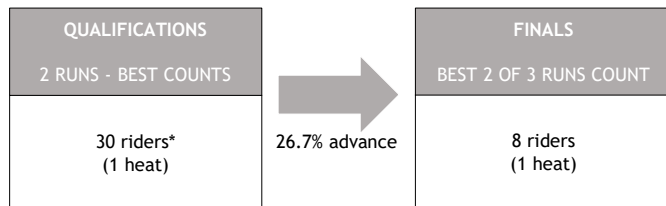
Anti-doping control may be conducted for this event.

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.

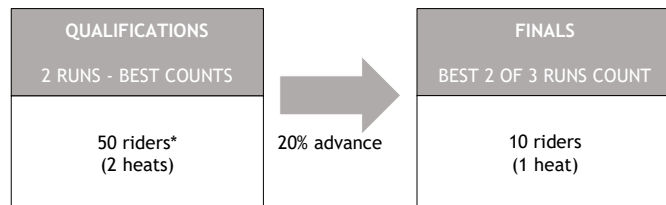


12. CONTEST FORMAT & SCHEDULE

WOMEN



MEN



TUESDAY, OCT 17	WEDNESDAY, OCT 18	THURSDAY, OCT 19	FRIDAY, OCT 20	SATURDAY, OCT 21
0700 - 0715 0715 - 0730 0730 - 0745	0700 - 0715 0715 - 0730 0730 - 0745	0700 - 0715 0715 - 0730 0730 - 0745	0700 - 0715 0715 - 0730 0730 - 0745	0700 - 0715 0715 - 0730 0730 - 0745
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0900 - 0915 0915 - 0930 0930 - 0945 0945 - 1000	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')
1000 - 1015 1015 - 1030 1030 - 1045	TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	TRAINING FREESKI WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	QUALIFICATIONS FREESKI WOMEN (1 heat, 30 riders) 2h	QUALIFICATIONS SNOWBOARD WOMEN (1 heat, 30 riders) 2h
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	COURSE REVIEW (15')	COURSE REVIEW (15')	COURSE REVIEW (15')	COURSE REVIEW (15')
1400 - 1415 1415 - 1430 1430 - 1445 1445 - 1500	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')	QUALIFICATIONS FREESKI MEN (2 heats, 50 riders) 4h20	QUALIFICATIONS SNOWBOARD MEN (2 heats, 50 riders) 4h20
1500 - 1515 1515 - 1530 1530 - 1545 1545 - 1600 1600 - 1615 1615 - 1630 1630 - 1645 1645 - 1700	TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	TRAINING FREESKI WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20
1700 - 1715 1715 - 1730	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')	INSPECTION (15')
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 2200 - 2215 2215 - 2230 2230 - 2245 2245 - 2300 2300 - 2315 2315 - 2330 2300 - 0000	TRAINING FREESKI WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	TRAINING SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN 3 GROUPS à 1h20	LIVE CONCERTS	LIVE CONCERTS
	COURSE REVIEW (15')	COURSE REVIEW (15')	TRAINING FINALISTS WOMEN & MEN 1h BREAK (15')	TRAINING FINALISTS WOMEN & MEN 1h BREAK (15')
			LIVE 8pm	LIVE 8pm
			FINALISTS FREESKI LIVE TV SHOW 1h30	FINALISTS SNOWBOARD LIVE TV SHOW 1h30
			PRIZE GIVING FS	PRIZE GIVING SB
			LIVE CONCERT	LIVE CONCERT



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SPECIAL NOTE:

With regard to the rather quickly worn down snow layer conditions at the top & in the upper half of the inrun, we shall partially use, in these sections only, the currently most advanced dry slope mats available (also known as the ‘mushroom mats’). Everything else, namely transition, kicker, landing & finish area, remains built with snow.

In the past months we have thoroughly evaluated & actively tested the mushroom mats with pro riders & in close cooperation with the FIS competition director. They have all, without exception, approved the use of them as described above, convinced that it will result in an improvement for the athletes, not only when conditions may not be ideal (warm temperatures, high humidity), but in any scenario.

These mats are also used at the Banger Park in Austria, at the Big Air training facility in Leysin, Switzerland, & in various training locations in Asia - they are apparently well known & well received by many riders.

This measure is also taken as part of our permanent efforts to reduce the amount of energy used, including power needed for snow-making, & to optimize the use of any & all resources for staging the event. This was also complimented by the riders at the test.



13. MEDIA

Your team photographers, videographers & PR attaches are welcome to contact our media services for getting the right accreditation to access to the venue & for free high-end media products.

Media accreditation (start mid August)

<https://bigairfestival.com/en/accreditation/>

Media service contact

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Broadcasting int'l. rights holder Infront: Anna Banach,

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Website www.bigairfestival.com

Livestream finals www.bigairfestival.com

Media partners: SRF Virus, Blick, Südostschweiz, SRF Sport

Free media download link:

<https://we.tl/t-JSvpQjCpLs>

including BIG AIR CHUR 2023 teaser (16:9) 25 sec.

mini-clips announcing live acts & sports Freeski (9:16) & Snowboard (9:16)

Please feel free to publish these on your social & digital channels!

Socials to tag: #bigairchur @bigairchur @swisski @swissnowboard @fissfreestyle @fissnowboard

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FRIDAY
OCTOBER 20TH

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21ST

**FREESKI
WORLD CUP
WITH NIGHT FINALS**

**SNOWBOARD
WORLD CUP
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SCOOTER^{DE}

G-EAZY^{USA}

CASPER^{DE}

NINA CHUBA^{DE}

SKI AGGU^{DE}

MAKKO^{DE}

**NESTA AND
THE BLONDES**^{CH}

**30 JAHRE
BÜNDNER RAP**^{CH}

FEATURING: SPOOMAN, GIMMA, LOU ZARRA,
LIV & GRESBEATZ, DI C-ZAR, SIRIUS & AURELIUS,
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