



December 13 – 16, 2023



OFFICIAL INVITATION



On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite your nation to the 2023-24 Toyota U.S. Grand Prix Halfpipe & Visa Big Air, part of the FIS World Cup Tour, at Copper Mountain, CO!

The events at Copper are sanctioned FIS World Cup. Athletes must meet minimum criteria for invitation to participate.

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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](#).

Provisional Entry: **October 14, 2023**

Final Entry: **December 3, 2023**

QUOTAS:

Reference the FIS World Cup rule 2.3 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.

MEMBERSHIP:

All competitors must hold current FIS and other applicable memberships.



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 payment & communication to/from the OC and submission of all documentation and waivers. Document and waiver links will be sent to Team Leader after the final deadline.

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
Any participant under 18 years old will need a parent/guardian to sign their waiver
- Athlete Bio (**Athletes only**)

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. The Event Registration Manager will schedule one appointment for the Team Leader 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. Only one Team Leader will be allowed inside the Race Office at a time, during their scheduled appointment time.

Accreditation appointment times will be emailed directly to Team Leaders following the Final Entry Deadline.

Registration and accreditation will be held at the Copper Mountain Conference Center (209 Ten Mile Circle, Copper Mountain, CO 80433). All participation fees will be collected upon check-in.

Athlete Participation Fee: 80 CHF

Please arrive on time as additional appointments may not be available. If you will be late or need to reschedule your appointment, please contact [Erin McNeely](#).



3. INBOUND TRAVEL



Please note that consular processing is still limited at most US consular posts, and scheduling appointments remains a challenge. It remains critical that international travelers with events in the U.S. apply as early as possible. The State Dept. recommends individuals apply at least 90-120 days in advance of travel.

At this time, foreign nationals entering the US will be required to present the following for entry:

1. Passport
2. Visa or ESTA
3. Please refer to the [CDC guidelines](#) for updated U.S. travel requirements regarding Covid-19.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS, TRANSPORTATION & PARKING



ACCOMODATIONS

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

DISCOUNTED LODGING RESERVATION INFORMATION

Details regarding discounted lodging in Copper will be sent to Team Leaders.

TRANSPORTATION

Teams are responsible for their own transportation.

PARKING

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

5. 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. To receive prize money, all competitors must attend and wear bibs during award ceremony.



6. 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 the Final Entry Deadline.

TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS

The first Team Captain’s meeting will be held virtually. Other meeting links and details will be sent out the the Team Leaders 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, December 10th @ 5:00pm MST

Freeski: Sunday, December 10th @ 6:00pm MST



7. 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](#)

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

7. PRIZES (CONTINUED)



A total prize purse of 60,000 CHF will be awarded for each Men & Women's FIS World Cup Halfpipe & Big Air event. 30,000 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%



8. 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.



9. 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.

10. ATHLETE SAFETY



U.S. Ski & Snowboard works to provide a safe environment in which athletes can train and compete, free from abuse and inappropriate behavior. Please review U.S. Ski & Snowboard's [Athlete Safety policies](#), the [SafeSport Code](#), and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies ([MAAPP](#)).

If you are an athlete who has experienced inappropriate behavior or know of an athlete who has experienced inappropriate behavior, please report to the U.S. Center of SafeSport [HERE](#) or U.S. Ski & Snowboard [HERE](#). All adult participants are mandatory reporters. Reporting violations may be made anonymously and there are no fees for reporting. We all are part of promoting a culture of safety through education, listening, and speaking up.

For reporting requirements and links to reporting, please use the QR Code below.



11. SCHEDULE OVERVIEW



Training and competitions are scheduled as below:

Snowboard Halfpipe

December 11 & 12- Training

December 14- Snowboard HP Qualifiers

December 16- Snowboard HP Finals

Snowboard Big Air

December 11 & 12- Training

December 13- Snowboard BA Qualifiers

December 15- Snowboard BA Finals

Freeski Halfpipe

December 11 & 12- Training

December 13- Freeski HP Qualifiers

December 15- Freeski HP Finals

Freeski Big Air

December 11 & 12- Training

December 14- Freeski BA Qualifiers

December 16- Freeski BA Finals

For more details, reference the FIS schedules:

Snowboard- [HERE](#)

Freeski- [HERE](#)