

Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos

Cash purse of \$10,000 and prizes for the top male and female freeriders in the 3rd Annual Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos being held March 5th – March 8th, 2008.

Wednesday March 5th

Athlete Check-In and Welcome reception. Mandatory event meeting for all athletes at the welcome reception. This event is for all competitors and will be held at Taos Ski Valley's Martini Tree Bar starting at 6:00 pm.

Thursday March 6th

1st day of competition, entire field of competitors with the exception of pre-qualified athletes (1 run).

Friday March 7th

2nd day of competition, approximately half of the 1st day's field plus pre-qualified athletes (2 runs).

Saturday March 8th

Final day of competition. Top 35 competitors, 25 male, 5 female and 5 juniors, will ski 2 runs. Awards party and banquet to be held at the Martini Tree Bar.

*****DAILY RESULTS WILL BE POSTED IN THE MARTINI TREE BAR*****

Dear Athlete,

*Thank you for your interest in the **Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos**. Please read the packet carefully. From your packet, you will need to return the following pages: **Payment Information, Skier Profile, Model Release, Full and Complete Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement and Valid Proof of Insurance**. Please mail or fax the forms back to us. **This event is a first-come, first-serve competitor registration. The competition will be limited to approximately 130 athletes.***

Send payment and your registration back to the address or fax below. Please note: All athletes faxing in their registration will be expected to resign the liability release and model release from the registration packet as an original signature is needed on both documents. Checks, money orders and credit cards will be accepted. Make your checks and money orders payable to Taos Ski Valley, Inc. Refunds will only be given through February 29th less a \$25 handling fee. A \$25 fee will be charged for any returned checks or declined credit cards.

Mail payment and registration to:

Alejandro Blake
Taos Ski Valley, Inc.
P.O. Box 90
Taos Ski Valley, NM. 87525
Or fax to: 505-776-8596

* Call Alejandro Blake with any questions at 505-776-2291 ex.1436 or email: amb@skitaos.org

Freeskiing Championship Judging Criteria

Rated on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest)

1. Line
2. Control
3. Fluidity
4. Form
5. Aggressiveness

Each category holds equal weight. However, the categories can have an effect on each other. For example, falling has a significant impact on categories 2, 3, 5 and possibly 4.

Specifics of Categories:

Line:

Each skier chooses his or her own line down the venue. Competitors are given high scores for choosing a difficult line. Difficulty is determined by steepness, exposure, snow conditions and obstacles or hazards, not how the athlete skis it. This category is scored first and must be discussed by all judges.

Control:

Skiers must remain in control; a fall is the ultimate loss of control. Any loss of control will result in a lower score. Both skis must cross the finish line.

Fluidity:

Constant direction toward a goal. This category includes continuity, pace, speed and smooth transitions through course sections.

Form/Technique:

Competitor is judged on style and technical ability. There are no standards. This is a category where the athletes impress the judges with their style and skiing beauty.

Aggressiveness/Attack:

Energy with which a skier attacks or descends his/her chosen line. Are they timid about the line? Or really focused and confident: skiing fast and strong?

The Freeskiing Competition

- **ALL COMPETITORS MUST HAVE PROOF OF INSURANCE OR THEY CANNOT COMPETE!**
- This event is first-come, first-serve, including pre-qualified competitors.
- Helmets are mandatory and must be manufactured for ski competition.

- The three categories for the event are:
Juniors – 14 – 17 years old (male & female)
Women – 18 and over
Men – 18 and over
- Venues will be decided the week before competition. The venue location for qualifying day will be announced at registration. The venue location for quarter-finals and semi-finals will be announced the morning of qualifying day. The venue location for the finals will be announced the evening of semi-final day. Only competitors remaining in the contest may inspect venues for the next day. Competitors cut from the contest who are poaching the next venue will lose their credentials and their lodging (if applicable).
- Male, female and junior fields are separate and will not compete against each other. We will allow for 20 juniors, 20 women and 90 male competitors. The purse for the fields may be different.
- Field size may vary according to female and junior participation. If the female and junior fields are below 20 participants in each category, the spots will be given to adult men on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Total field size will be limited to 130 competitors (byes will not compete until quarterfinals).
- Byes are ONLY given to the top 15 male and 5 female IFSA point winners.
- The field will be cut on qualifying day to fulfill a 50-competitor quota for the men and a 10-competitor quota for the women for quarter-finals. Byes will be included at this time. Byes will not ski until quarter-finals.
- Bibs will be distributed randomly at registration.
- Competitors must have bibs on them whenever skiing at any time during this event.
- Start orders will be random on qualifying day. (Does not have to be consecutive bib order.)
- On March 6th, 130 competitors will compete in quarter-finals, 1 run. The fields will then be cut in half and 75 competitors will compete in semi-finals, 1 run.
- Semi-final competitors will run in reverse order of advancing quarter-final competitors.
- The final day will consist of 31 competitors, 20 men, 5 women, 3 junior males and 3 junior females. (2 runs).

Scoring & Judging

- Line choice is considered the most important category and control is the second most important category.
- There will be 5 judges recommended by the IFSA. Each judge is responsible for judging every competitor in all of the 5 categories. Judges will score each competitor immediately following each run. Scores will be tabulated and posted immediately after each run. Scores will be determined as an average of all 5 judges' scores. Not to exceed 50 points.

- If a competition day consists of 2 runs there may be a field cut of competitors between the first and second run.
- Line choice score will be the first score the judges make. Line choice score is the only discussion allowed on the judges' stand.
- All other scores are directly related to line choice score. Scores in the other categories generally do not exceed line choice score by more than 2 points.
- Scores in the remaining categories generally do not exceed control points by more than 2 points.
- Air is not judged as a category.
- Not successfully landing air will have significantly negative impacts on judging each of categories 2, 3, and 5.
- Each course is assigned a generous time limit by the judges and the forerunners.
- This time limit will be communicated to the starter at the start of the venue. The time limit will also be posted at the bottom of the course.
- Competitors who do not cross the finish line in the allotted time will receive a zero score in every category.
- Competitors who do not cross the finish line with both skis will receive a zero score in every category.
- A race official/scorekeeper will be on the judges' stand to add up and total scores and record cumulative totals.
- If judges are separated throughout the venue due to length or terrain of the venue, the scores will be reported to the race official/scorekeeper via radio communication, confirmed and tabulated.
- There will be a finish line at the end of each run. A competitor's time will not stop accruing until this line is crossed.
- Competitors must make an effort to finish the run with all skiing equipment. If skis release, competitors must hike for their skis and cross the finish line within the time limit.
- All decisions made by the judges are final.
- Any day may be canceled by the judges due to weather and/or visibility.
- Competitor protests cost \$25 immediately following the competitor's run.
- It is the responsibility of the competitor to substantiate any protest.
- The technical delegate may grant a provisional rerun on a case-by-case basis only after the collection of the protest fee.
- Under no circumstance may a competitor protest to the judges.

- If a protest is unsubstantiated by the competitor it will be automatically denied.

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Packages

The Extreme Package*

(Please select one of the following)

_____ \$220 includes freeride registration, gift bag, 3 big breakfast vouchers, 3 big lunch vouchers, welcome reception dinner, awards banquet and party.

The Basic Package*

_____ \$160 includes freeride registration, gift bag, welcome reception dinner, awards banquet and party.

Note: All competitors will receive a 25% discount towards meals in all of Taos Ski Valley, Inc restaurants and cafeterias (Tenderfoot Katie's, the Phoenix Restaurant, Rhoda's Restaurant and the Whistlestop Café).

Late Registration

A \$25 late processing fee will be added to all registrations received after Friday, February 29th.

Non-locals (tickets)

A \$25 per day ticket will be offered to all **non-local** competitors (skiers without a Taos season pass). This discounted competitor's ticket will be available the week leading up to the event, beginning Friday, February 29th, for all pre-registered competitors. You must be on the registration list to purchase the competitor's special tickets.

Locals

Competitors with a Taos season pass do not have to purchase tickets.

***These packages do not include lodging. If you would like to make lodging reservations please call Southern Rockies Reservations at 866-250-7313 or online at www.SouthernRockiesReservations.com.**

Competitor Registration and Payment Information

Competitor's Name _____

(Please Circle One)

MONEY ORDER CHECK CREDIT CARD

Credit card # _____ expiration: _____

I, _____, authorize Taos Ski Valley, Inc. to charge my credit card

\$ _____ for participation in the 2008 Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos.

Further, I represent and warranty that I have provided proof of valid insurance.

Signature: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (for money order or check)

Please Sign

\$25 will be held for declined credit cards and returned checks.

X _____

Please make checks and money orders out to Taos Ski Valley, Inc. and mail entry form with a copy of your insurance card to:

Alejandro Blake
Taos Ski Valley, Inc.
P.O. Box 90
Taos Ski Valley, NM 87525

or

fax to (505) 776-8596 Attn. Alejandro Blake

For questions please call Alejandro Blake at (505) 776-2291 ext. 1436 or email: amb@skitaos.org

NOTE:

This event is recognized by the IFSA but there is **NOT** a mandatory membership fee. Membership will be available at registration if you want to become an IFSA member.

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SKIER PROFILE

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY BY OUR ANNOUNCERS AT THE VENUE. FOR YOUR BENEFIT, PLEASE GIVE US AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF AS POSSIBLE.

Competing as a: Male _____ Female _____

Name: _____

D.O.B. _____/_____/_____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Social Security #: _____

Phone Numbers: Home() _____ Work() _____

Profession: _____

Sponsorship or Product Affiliation: _____

Years of Skiing Experience: _____

What is significant about you? What do you want people to know about you and your experience/background that isn't included above? _____

What ski area are you affiliated with? _____

Person to notify in case of an emergency:

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

MODEL RELEASE

In consideration of my participation in the Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos, I hereby grant Taos Ski Valley, Inc. and any staff photographers designated as official event photographers by Taos Ski Valley, Inc. the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to any film, video or photographic images that are taken and/or in which I may be included with others.

- a) To copyright same in their own name or any other name that they may choose,
- b) To use, reuse, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not limited to) illustration, promotion, advertising and trade, and
- c) To use my name in conjunction if they so choose.

I hereby release and discharge Taos Ski Valley, Inc. and any staff photographers designated as official event photographers by Taos Ski Valley, Inc. from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with use of said photographs, films, or videos.

This authorization and release shall also ensure to the benefit of legal representatives, licensees and assigns of Taos Ski Valley, Inc. and any staff photographers designated as official event photographers by Taos Ski Valley, Inc. as well as the persons for whom they took the photograph.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof.

Date: _____ Competitor's Name (print): _____

Competitor's Age _____ Signature: _____
If under 18 years of age Parent or Guardian must sign

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**SALOMON EXTREME FREERIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT TAOS
FULL AND COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

NAME OF COMPETITOR: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: M F

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

THIS IS A LIABILITY RELEASE - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

I ACKNOWLEDGE that extreme skiing, free style skiing (with the possibility of aerial or off-snow maneuvers), ski racing and extreme skiing competitions, and related activities, including training, are **EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS** activities that have many dangers and risks, even more dangers and risks than are involved in alpine skiing, and that I have made a voluntary choice to participate in those activities **DESPITE THE EXTREME RISKS** that they present.

I REPRESENT AND WARRANT that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, that I am a very skilled, expert and experienced skier, that I am in good health, that I do not have any special physical or health problems and that I have made no special instructions regarding my competition.

IN CONSIDERATION of my above acknowledgement, representations and warranties and of **TAOS SKI VALLEY, INC.** (herein sometimes "TSV") issuing a nontransferable permission to allow me to compete in the Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships At Taos ("Event"), **I VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE** which might be associated with or result from my practice and training for and participation in this Event.

I AGREE it is my **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY** to view the venues of this Event **BEFORE** I participate and to not participate if the venues of this Event or adjacent areas or conditions are not to my satisfaction and **I AGREE** as follows:

I RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE TSV, and all organizers and sponsors of this Event, and their employees, representatives, agents, officers, directors, owners, affiliated companies and other related entities from any claim or legal action for any damage, injury or death to me or to any person or property, arising out of or in any way connected with this Event and my practice and training for and participation in it, whether caused by **NEGLIGENCE** of TSV or for any other reason.

I AGREE TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY TSV, and all organizers and sponsors of this Event, from any claim, legal action, harm, injury, damage or loss for personal injury, death or property damage **AND TO HOLD HARMLESS TSV**, its employees, representatives, agents, officers, directors and from any claim, legal action, harm, injury damages or loss to person and/or property by me or on my behalf or by **THIRD PARTIES** injured by me, including but not limited to attorney's fees and costs.

I AUTHORIZE TSV's authorized personnel to call for medical care for me and to transport me to a medical facility or other emergency medical service personnel in Taos Ski Valley if, in the opinion of such personnel, I need medical attention. **I AGREE** that upon transporting me to such facility or personnel, all responsibility of TSV shall be totally fulfilled and TSV shall have no responsibility for me or my medical care. Further, **I AGREE** to pay all costs associated with such transportation and medical care, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless TSV of and from any costs incurred in connection therewith, in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph.

I CONTRACTUALLY AGREE that all disputes between me and TSV arising from this Event, including claims for personal injury, death or property damage, will be **GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO** and **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION** thereof will be in the state or federal courts of **NEW MEXICO**.

I HAVE READ AND I UNDERSTAND the terms of the above Full and Complete Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement and I am signing it freely and of my own accord, realizing **IT IS BINDING** upon me, my heirs, assigns. **I AM AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT BY SIGNING BELOW I AM WAIVING MY LEGAL RIGHTS.**

If any part of this agreement is deemed unenforceable, the remainder shall be an enforceable contract between the parties. **I AM AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I AM RELEASING LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT.**

COMPETITOR'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATED:** _____

Final Competitor Checklist

Before mailing your packet please make sure that you have included the following items:

- _____1. Packages page (Which days, which events and lift ticket information)
- _____2. Payment information
- _____3. Skier profile
- _____4. Model release
- _____5. Full and Complete Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement
- _____6. Proof of insurance (copy of current, valid insurance card, company and policy number)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the SALOMON Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos.