

# Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos

Cash purse of \$15,000 and prizes for the top male and female freeriders in the 7th Annual Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos being held February 29 – March 3, 2012.

Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Second day of competition, approximately half of the 1<sup>st</sup> day's field plus pre-qualified athletes (2 runs).

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Final day of competition. Top 35 competitors, 20 men, 5 women, 5 junior males and 5 junior females, will ski/ride 2 runs. Post event 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/Snowboarder Profile, Model Release, Full and Complete Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement and Valid Proof of Insurance. Please mail the forms back to us. This event is a first-come, first-serve competitor registration. The competition will be limited to approximately 120 athletes.

Send payment and your registration back to the address below. Only mailed or hand delivered applications will be accepted as original signatures are required. 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 24<sup>th</sup> less a \$25 handling fee. A \$25 fee will be charged for any returned checks.

Mail payment and registration to:

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

\* Contact Alejandro Blake with any questions at 575-776-2291 ex.2436 or email: [amb@skitaos.org](mailto:amb@skitaos.org)

## 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\*
  - **Masters** – 40 and over\*
- \*All competitors under twenty years of age are not eligible to qualify for Freeride World Tour Points.
- 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 30 juniors, 20 women and 70 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 120 competitors (byses will not compete until quarterfinals).
- Byses are ONLY given once the field size has been determined and all competing athletes have registered.
- 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. Byses will be included at this time. Byses will not ski until quarter-finals.
- Bibs will be distributed randomly at registration.
- Competitors must have bibs on them whenever skiing/snowboarding at any time during this event.
- Start orders will be random on qualifying day. (Does not have to be consecutive bib order.)
- On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 120 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 35 competitors, 20 men, 5 women, 5 junior males and 5 junior females. (2 runs).

## Registration

Competitor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Circle One) MONEY ORDER CHECK CREDIT CARD

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Extreme Package\***

\_\_\_\_\_ \$180 includes freeride registration, gift bag, welcome reception dinner, awards banquet and party.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize Taos Ski Valley, Inc. to charge my credit card the amount indicated above for participation in the 2012 Salomon Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos.

Please make checks and money orders out to Taos Ski Valley, Inc. and mail entry form to:

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

For questions please call Alejandro Blake at (575) 776-2291 ext. 2436 or email: [amb@skitaos.org](mailto:amb@skitaos.org)

**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 24th.

### **Non-locals (tickets)**

A \$35 per day ticket will be offered to all **non-local** competitors (skiers/snowboarders without a Taos season pass). This discounted competitor's ticket will be available the week leading up to the event, beginning Friday, February 24th, 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.

**\*This package does not include lodging. If you would like to make lodging reservations please call Central Reservations at 800-776-1111 or book online at [www.Skitaos.org](http://www.Skitaos.org), click BOOK ONLINE.**

**LIFE ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE  
REPRESENTATION AND AGREEMENT-MINOR CHILD**

**I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT** that I am at least 18 years of age, I am a parent and/or guardian of the minor child identified herein (referred to as "my Child"), I have authority to enter into this representation and agreement on behalf of my Child, on my own behalf and on behalf of any other parent or guardian of my Child, and I do so **FREELY, FULLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED, FOR MY CHILD, MYSELF AND ANY OTHER PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MY CHILD HEREBY REPRESENTS TO AND CONTRACTS AND AGREES WITH TAOS SKI VALLEY, INC.** as follows:

**I UNDERSTAND and AGREE** that I am responsible to obtain life, accident and health **INSURANCE** for my Child **BEFORE** my Child participates in this event and represent that I have obtained such insurance, which is and will remain in full force and effect and provide coverage to my Child for this event

Minor Child (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (print name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SKIER/SNOWBOARDER 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.**

**Category (Please check one)**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Masters</b>
<b>Male</b>			
<b>Female</b>			

**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.**\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers:** Home(    )\_\_\_\_\_      **Work**(    )\_\_\_\_\_

**Profession:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorships/Product Affiliation:**\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Skier:**\_\_\_\_\_    **Snowboarder:**\_\_\_\_\_    **Years of Skiing/Riding Experience:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Previous competition results:**\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Ski Area:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirt size:** XS    S    M    L    XXL

**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

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

COMPETITOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS IS A LIABILITY RELEASE - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:**

**I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT** that I am at least 18 years of age, I am a parent and/or guardian of the minor child identified herein (referred to as "my Child"), I have authority to enter into this release and indemnity contract on behalf of my Child, on my own behalf and on behalf of any other parent or guardian of my Child, and I do so **FREELY, FULLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED, FOR MY CHILD, MYSELF AND ANY OTHER PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MY CHILD HEREBY REPRESENTS TO AND CONTRACTS AND AGREES WITH TAOS SKI VALLEY, INC.** as follows:

**I ACKNOWLEDGE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE** 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 may result in injury or death to my Child, and that I have made a voluntary choice to allow my Child to participate in the Event **DESPITE THE EXTREME RISKS** that it presents, recognizing that participation in the Event shall not in any way eliminate the risks of extreme skiing.

**I REPRESENT AND WARRANT** that: my Child is at least fourteen (14) years of age, he/she is a skilled and experienced skier, he/she is in good health, he/she does not have any special physical or health problems and I have made no special instructions regarding his/her participation.

**IN CONSIDERATION** of my above acknowledgements, representations and warranties and of TSV permitting my Child to participate in the Event, for my Child, for myself and for any parent/guardian of my Child, **I VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE** which might be associated with or result from my Child's practice and training for and participation in this Event. **I UNDERSTAND** and **AGREE** that I am responsible for obtaining life, accident and health **INSURANCE BEFORE** I or any minor participate in the sport of skiing.

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

For my Child, for myself and for any parent/guardian of my Child, **I RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE TSV**, and all organizers and sponsors of the Event, and their employees, representatives, agents, officers, directors, owners, affiliated companies and other related entities, for any claim or legal action by me, any other parent/guardian of my Child, the Child, anyone on behalf of my Child and by my Child's estate, heirs and assigns for any damage, injury or death to my Child or to any person or property, arising out of or in any way connected with the Event and my Child's 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 which may be made by me, any other parent or guardian of my Child, or my Child or on his/her behalf, even after my Child has attained majority, or that my Child or I may cause or contribute to cause **TO ANY THIRD PARTIES**, including but not limited to attorney's fees and costs.

**I AUTHORIZE** TSV's authorized personnel to call for medical care for my Child or for transport of my Child to a medical facility or other emergency medical service personnel in Taos Ski Valley if, in the opinion of such personnel, my Child needs medical attention. **I AGREE** that upon transporting my Child to such facility or personnel, all responsibility of TSV shall be totally fulfilled and TSV shall have no responsibility to my Child or for my Child's 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

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costs incurred in connection therewith, in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph. . I **UNDERSTAND** and **AGREE** that I am responsible for obtaining life, accident and health **INSURANCE BEFORE** my Child participates in the Event.

**I CONTRACTUALLY AGREE** that all disputes between TSV and me, my Child and any other parent/guardian of my Child relating to my Child's participation in or arising from the Event, including all claims for personal injury, death or property damage, will be **GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO** and the **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION** thereof will be in the state or federal courts of **NEW MEXICO**.

**I HAVE READ AND I UNDERSTAND** the above Complete Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement and I am signing it freely, of my own accord, realizing **IT IS LEGALLY BINDING** upon me, and any other parent/guardian of my Child, my Child, and my heirs and assigns. If any part of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable, the remainder shall be an enforceable contract between the parties. **I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING BELOW I AM RELEASING AND WAIVING MY LEGAL RIGHTS AND LEGAL RIGHTS OF OTHERS.**

Minor Child (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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/Snowboarder 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)

Only completed applications (all of the above) will be processed.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the 2012 SALOMON Extreme Freeride Championships at Taos.