

THE
NORTH
FACE

PIPE

OPEN SERIES

PRESENTED BY **NISSAN**

Athlete Information

Copper Mountain • COLORADO

December 6-8, 2013



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Welcome Athletes

In this athlete letter you will find useful information about The North Face Park and Pipe Open Series presented by Nissan at Copper Mountain Resort.

This information will assist you in getting around, enjoying the event and the hospitality that Copper Mountain Resort, The North Face, Nissan, and MSI have to offer. It's important once you receive your credential on check-in day that you do not lose it.

We look forward to seeing you at Copper Mountain Resort soon!

Cheers,

The Mountain Sports International Team

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FIS & USSA Memberships/Waivers

- **For the Copper and Stratton events only, U.S. citizens must have a valid FIS and USSA membership at least **one week prior** to the event to compete. Non-U.S. citizens must only have a FIS membership. To purchase your FIS and USSA membership, click
- **Athletes must be at least 14 years old as of December 31st, 2013 to compete. Athletes under the age of 18 will need to have a legal guardian sign both the MSI and Resort Waivers and bring them to each event.
- **The waivers for all three events and a link to the FIS and USSA memberships can be found on the PPOS website:
[www. http://thenorthfaceppos.com/copper_mountain/](http://thenorthfaceppos.com/copper_mountain/)



Athlete Competition Schedule (subject to change)

FRIDAY, December 6

9:00am - 4:00pm

9:00am - 4:00pm

10:00am - 3:00pm

4:30pm

ATHLETE AND MEDIA CHECK-IN

Check-in/practice

Athlete/media check-in - Copper Conference Center, Bighorn Room

Pipe open to athletes

Mandatory athlete meeting - Bighorn Room

SATURDAY, December 7

9:00am - 4:00pm

All Day

8:15am

8:30am - 9:15am

9:30am - 10:15am

10:15am - 11:15 am

11:15am - 12:30pm

12:30pm - 1:30pm

1:45pm - 2:45pm

3:00pm - 4:00pm

4:30pm

6:00pm - 8:00pm

8:00pm - 10:00pm

PIPE QUALIFIERS

*Athlete/team manager discounted tickets for sale with credential at Bighorn Room

TNF PPOS sponsor village open at Burning Stones Plaza

Media check-In - Bighorn Room

Athlete lift load – Eagle Lift – Creds and helmet stickers on please!

Pipe course inspection and practice – Women Only!

Women's Qualifiers

Pipe Course inspection and practice – Men Only!

Heat 1 – Men's Qualifier

Heat 2 – Men's Qualifier

Heat 3 – Men's Qualifier

Mandatory athlete meeting - Bighorn Room

Woodward Barn session for all athletes and special guests!

TNF PPOS Official Welcome Party sponsored by Sierra Nevada at Endos.

SUNDAY, December 8

9:00am - 12:00pm

All Day

9:00am - 12:00pm

8:45am - 12:00pm

12:30m - 1:30pm

1:30pm - 3:00pm

3:30pm

PIPE FINALS

*Athlete/team Manager discounted tickets for sale with credential at Bighorn Room

TNF PPOS sponsor village open at Burning Stones Plaza

Media check-in - Bighorn Room

Men's & Women's Pipe inspection/practice

Women's Pipe Final

Men's Pipe Final

Pipe awards – Burning Stones Plaza



Judges

Head Judge – Steele Spence



Highlights of Qualifications

- Maintained career as a professional skier. 2001 - 2007
- Competed primarily as a slopestyle athlete in all top-level events. 2001 - 2007
- Five times X Games slopestyle competitor. 2002 – 2006
- Professional Competition Judge for top international events. 2007 - Present
- FIS A Level Judging License/International Proctor
- AFP Platinum Level Judging License
- General Manager of the Association of Freeskiing Professionals. 2010 - 2013
- Created the judging format and philosophy adopted by FIS and AFP and created the judging education and certification program.
- Proctor/Instructor for multiple international FIS/AFP judging clinics for judging licenses.
- Over the past 7 years has judged over 60 national and international Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air events including 32 AFP Platinum Level Events and World Cups.

2012/2013 Judging Experience:

- Scoring Judge (HP/SS) **New Zealand WinterGames**, Cardrona NZL – AFP Gold/FIS World Cup
- Head Judge (HP/SS) **New Zealand Freeski Open**, Snowpark NZL – AFP Gold
- Scoring Judge (BA) **Freestyle.ch** Zurich SUI- AFP Gold
- Head Judge (HP/SS/BA)-**Winter Dew Tour**, Breckenridge, CO, AFP Platinum
- Head Judge (HP/SS) **USSA US Grand Prix**, Copper Mountain, CO, AFP Platinum/ FIS World Cup
- Head Judge (HP/SS) **USSA Revolution Tour**, Northstar, CA AFP Bronze
- Scoring Judge (HP/SS/BA) **Winter X Games**, Aspen, CO AFP Platinum
- Head Judge (HP/BA) **USSA US Grand Prix**, Park City, UT, AFP Platinum
- Head Judge (HP/SS) **Aspen/Snowmass Open**, Aspen/Snowmass, CO, AFP Gold/ FIS NorAm
- Head Judge (HP/SS) **TNF Park and Pipe Open Series**, Northstar CA, AFP Silver
- Head Judge (SS) **Asia Open**, Hakuba 47 JPN, AFP Bronze
- Scoring Judge (HP/SS) **Winter X Games Europe**, Tignes, FRA, AFP Platinum
- Head Judge (SS) **Dumont Cup**, Sunday River ME, AFP Platinum
- Head Judge (SS) **USASA Junior Nationals**, Copper Mountain, CO, AFP Bronze
- Scoring Judge (SS) **WSI/AFP World Championships**, Whistler/Blackcomb, CAN, AFP Platinum

Joining Head Judge Steele Spence, will be Mike Atkinson, Pete Arneson, Jason Arens, and Ian Meader.



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Format And Criteria

- 1) Invite and guarantee entry to pre qualified athletes (“PQ”).
- 2) Have an open registration system for all other athletes (“RA”).
- 3) All athletes (PQ+RA) are seeded into the qualification heats.
- 4) All athletes compete in Qualifications in a heat system.
- 5) The top three are taken from each heat (assuming three heats) and moved to the finals.
- 7) This then gives the FINALIST START LIST:
 - $3 \times (\text{top 3 Overall Scores} - \text{after the cut off}) + 3 \times (H1) + 3 \times (H2) + 3 \times (H3) = 12 \text{ Finalists}$
- 8) The Finalists will be seeded on the start list in accordance with their overall score from Qualifications, with the lowest score finalist going first and the highest going last.
- 9) Both Finalist Runs will have the same start list order. Best of the two Final Runs will create the Finals Rank.
- 10) All Finalists will rank above non-finalist for the overall Final Result List.



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ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Athlete must have proof of individual insurance at the time of registration for the duration of the competition.
2. Athlete must have safety equipment determined necessary by the host site/organizers – **Helmets are mandatory!**
3. Competitor and both skis must cross the finish line.
4. Competitors are not required to cross the finish line with their poles or any other non-essential equipment.
5. Judging continues into the finish area. Falling or entering the finish area out of control will negatively affect a competitors' score. i.e. in a manner that affects spectator, crew or personal safety.
6. Competitor Stickers must be visible during competition and during inspections.
7. Competitors that miss their start order will be disqualified.
8. Competitors who miss their start and believe it was due to circumstances outside of their control (force major) must file a formal protest with the Competition Director.
9. Competitors must finish their run in the finish area and time will not stop until the athlete does so.
10. Athlete must attend all mandatory meetings.

COMPETITOR CONDUCT

To maintain our professional image, TNF PPOS will regulate and enforce certain standards of competition, rules and codes of conduct. TNF PPOS reserves the right to impose suspension or expulsion of any competitive member as determined on a case-by-case basis.

1. Competitors must observe all rules and codes of conduct of the Host Site.
2. Competitors must act in a professional manner and exercise good judgment.
3. Competitors must attend mandatory meetings and other mandatory events.
4. Competitors will treat each other, promoters/organizers, sponsors, and the general public with respect and courtesy.
5. No competitive member shall violate any local, regional or federal law while participating in an MSI event.
6. Competitors will refrain from use of abusive language or behavior.
7. Competitors will abide by all rules and codes for any competition entered.
8. Competitors must always observe the Skier Safety Code and slow skiing areas. There will be no cutting of lift lines unless allowed by the host site.
9. Competitors agree to complete all forms and paperwork accurately.
10. Competitors will have personal insurance during all events entered.
11. Competitors will honor all contracts entered upon willingly.
12. Competitors will not slander sponsors in any way.
13. Competitors will in no way steal, deface, or destroy sponsors' or organizers' equipment or signage.
14. It is the responsibility of the competitor to make their start time.
15. It is the responsibility of the competitor to find out the time limit for a venue.



Woodward Session



Woodward at Copper is one of the most unique training facilities in the world. We are welcoming all athletes to attend this special event from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at **The Barn** on Saturday, December 7th.

This event is a great opportunity to practice your skills or learn more about what Woodward has to offer.

There will be two sessions that will allow 50 people per session. Athletes will have priority to attend but friends and family are welcome if spots are available. Best attire for the tramps is sweats, shorts, or leggings (no jean please)

You must register and sign a waiver at the PPOS Check-in room.

For general Woodward information: www.woodwardatcopper.com



Directions & Transportation

Directions

Copper Mountain Resort is located just 75 miles west of Denver and 20 miles east of Vail off Interstate I-70 at exit 195, easily accessible from both the Denver International Airport and Eagle County Airport. For detailed driving directions, click

<http://www.coppercolorado.com/winter/directions>

Ground Travel from Denver International Airport (DIA)

Ground transportation shuttle transfers from Denver International airport can be reserved through the call center at 888.219.2441. For reservations within two days of travel call 888.219.2441.



Copper Athlete Lodging/Lift Tickets

To receive a discounted lodging rate call
(866) 837-2996.

Let them know that you are a
TNF Park & Pipe Open Athlete
or part of the group “1509” when calling our
reservations office.

Lift Tickets will be available for purchase from the PPOS
staff for \$39/day.



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About The North Face Park and Pipe Open Series presented by Nissan

Founded in 2010, The North Face Park and Pipe Open Series presented by Nissan (PPOS) features slopestyle and halfpipe skiing competitions. As one of the only open-format event series in North America, amateurs have the opportunity to compete alongside top pros and advance their athlete rankings.

All PPOS events are part of the Association of Freeskiing Professionals (AFP) competition schedule. The Copper Mountain stop will also serve as a last chance qualifier into the U.S. Grand Prix series, which is the Olympic qualification series for freeskiing athletes in the U.S., and will ultimately select the athletes who will compete for the U.S. Olympic Freeskiing team at the Sochi Winter Olympics in February. The Sochi Olympics will be the first winter Games to include freeskiing halfpipe and slopestyle. The Copper Mountain and Stratton Mountain stops will both be International Ski Federation (FIS) sanctioned events with Copper Mountain designated as a NorAm Cup. All three PPOS events are also part of the Association of Freeskiing Professionals (AFP) competition schedule.



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