

INVITATION

2026 FIS Para Snowboard
World Cup



Big White Ski Resort, CAN
January 27 – February 4, 2026

Welcome/ Introduction	<p>The mention of Big White Ski Resort in Kelowna, British Columbia, highlights its status as a premier destination for athletes, coaches, and spectators, particularly in the realm of para snowboarding.</p> <p>The 2026 Welcome To Paradise FIS Para Snowboard World Cup is the 12th Para World level event hosted by Big White Ski Resort. Big White is a consistent stop on the Para Snowboard World Cup and NorAm tour showcasing its prominence in the para snowboarding world. This continuity speaks volumes about the resort's dedication to inclusivity and its commitment to providing opportunities for para-athletes to compete at a high level.</p> <p>The skill, determination, and camaraderie displayed by the athletes contribute to the overall experience, making it memorable for all involved. As the 12th anniversary approaches, it promises to be a momentous occasion filled with celebration and thrilling competitions.</p>	
About Big White	<p>Big White Ski Resort hosted their first edition back in 2013 and have championed the Para Snowboard events in Canada. Canada Snowboard will work in partnership with BC Snowboard to deliver the World Championships.</p> <p>FAST FACTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual snowfall of 750cm (24.5 feet) average • Total resort area 7,335 acres, with 2,765 acres patrolled, 905 acres groomed and 1,525 acres of alpine and glades • 119 designated trails – 18% Beginner, 54% Intermediate, 22% Expert, 6% Extreme • 16 lifts in operation • Total uphill capacity of 28,700 skiers and snowboarders per hour • Western Canada's largest night skiing area • Find full list of mountain stats here. 	
Schedule	<p>Tuesday Jan 27</p> <p>Wednesday Jan 28</p> <p>Thursday Jan 29</p> <p>Friday Jan 30</p> <p>Saturday Jan 31</p> <p>Sunday Feb 1</p> <p>Monday Feb 2</p> <p>Tuesday Feb 3</p> <p>Wednesday Feb 4</p>	<p>Arrival</p> <p>Free Riding / Info Meeting</p> <p>Unofficial Training / TCM</p> <p>Official Training / TCM</p> <p>SBX WC + NorAm / TCM</p> <p>SBX WC + NorAm / TCM</p> <p>Mixed Team Event</p> <p>Reserve Day</p> <p>Departure</p>
Rules and Age Limit:	The International Para Snowboard Competition Rules (ICR) 2025/2026	
FIS Point Limit:	According to FIS Para Snowboard Qualification Criteria for 2025/2026 Season	
Race entry and deadlines:	FIS Online Entry System accessible via FIS Member Section	
Race entry fee:	<p>60 CHF per race and training days as per the ICR.</p> <p>Race Fee will be added to accommodation package invoice.</p> <p>A separate invoice will be sent if not using the accommodation package.</p>	

<p>Accommodation Package includes Meals and Lift Tickets</p>	<p>Accommodation Package Includes</p> <p>8 nights accommodation at the Inn at Big White Arrival: January 27, 2026 Departure: February 4, 2026 8 days of Meal Vouchers: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner 7 Lift Tickets: Jan 28, 29, 30, 31, Feb 1, 2, 3 Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Banquet Welcome Gift Meal vouchers and lift tickets will be included in your package at sign in.</p> <p>Rates (prices include all applicable taxes)</p> <p>Double (2 persons per room): \$2,450 CAN Triple (3 persons per room): \$2,300 CAN Single (1 person per room): \$3,450 CAN</p> <p>NOTE: The Organizers ask that rooms be booked on a double or triple occupancy basis where possible (triple rooms are limited).</p> <p>Hotel</p> <p>The Inn at Big White is situated in the heart of the Big White Village. Amenities include breathtaking views, outdoor pool and hot tub, games room, fitness center, laundry, free Internet and Optik TV, elevator. Hotel rooms have a galley kitchen which includes an induction cooker, mini-refrigerator, microwave and sink. Dishes, cookware and utensils are included.</p> <p>Meal Plan</p> <p>Meal Plan for (8 breakfast, 8 lunch, 8 dinner) is included in package rates. Our meal plan is provided by various restaurants throughout the Big White Village. Vouchers will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner for each day to be used at restaurant(s) of your choice. Restaurants of Big White</p> <p>Lift Tickets</p> <p>Lift Tickets for Jan 28, 29, 30, 31, Feb 1, 2, 3 are included in the package rates.</p> <p>How to book Accommodation Package</p> <p>Complete Accommodation Request Form Email to: bcsnow@telus.net BEFORE December 31, 2025 Rooms will be confirmed. Invoice sent to Nation contact provided for payment. Invoices must be paid in full by January 15, 2026</p>
<p>Extra Room Nights Outside the Accommodation Package</p>	<p>Additional night accommodation will need to be organized by the Teams. Rooms can be booked through Big White Ski Resort Central Reservations Email: cenres@bigwhite.com Phone: 1-800-663-2772 Quote Special Code NA/2526 at time of request. Information is attached.</p>
<p>Lift Tickets / Meal Plan</p>	<p>Teams not using the Accommodation Package can purchase lift tickets and meal plan vouchers. Send request to: bcsnow@telus.net</p>

Transportation	<p>Teams are responsible for transportation to/from airport/resort. Shuttle & Transportation Big White Ski Resort Ltd. Transportation Kelowna International Airport</p> <p>It is easy to navigate around the village and everything is just a short walk. Here is the link to the Big White Ski Resort Maps</p>
VISA Information	<p>All traveling parties may need to have a valid Canadian Visa. The organizing committee will provide a specific visa invitation to the competitors. Please contact welcome.to.paradise@canadasnowboard.ca for invitation letters.</p> <p>A table including the following information for all participants needs to be included with email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last and first names • Date of birth • Function/position (athlete, coach, technician...) • Passport country • Passport number • Passport expiration date • FIS number (for athletes) <p>For more information about Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) click here. Please email the OC (welcome.to.paradise@canadasnowboard.ca) should your VISA be declined.</p>
Team Captains Meeting	<p>Team Captains meetings will be held in person at the White Crystal Conference Room. Please see FIS schedule for details</p>
Bibs	<p>All competitors must wear assigned bibs during all scheduled training, competition and awards ceremonies. Bib distribution will take place at the team captains meeting, which is to be held the day before official training.</p>
Equipment storage /Wax	<p>Inn at Big White</p>
Anti-doping	<p>Anti-doping control may be conducted for each discipline and gender, in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by FIS.</p>
Media Accreditation	<p>Athletes/ team photographers, videographers and media attaches are required to contact our media/ press team (media@canadasnowboard.ca) in order to obtain the proper accreditation for the event.</p>
Medical	<p>Each competitor must have his/her own medical Travel Insurance. The Organizing Committee, Commonwealth, Canadian Snowsports Association, FIS, Canada Snowboard, sponsors and suppliers decline any responsibility for accidents, damaged equipment, and second and third party claims during the event.</p> <p>In the case of accidents on course during the event, medical personnel from the OC and Ski Patrol personnel will be responsible for any medical decision or evacuation to the local hospital in cooperation with the National Sport Associations' medical personnel identified on the entry form.</p> <p>A detailed medical plan is in place and medical staff will be present during all training and competition.</p>

Regulations & Insurance	All athletes, officials and other members of their National Sport Association who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The OC, BC Snowboard, Big White Ski Resort, the Canadian Snowsports Association, FIS, Canada Snowboard, sponsors and suppliers, their agents, employees and volunteers, shall not be held responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person in conjunction with the organization or staging of the event. All participants are urged not to be negligent in safeguarding their personal belongings at all times. The aforementioned parties will take no responsibility for missing belongings.
Liability	All athletes, officials and other members of their National Sport Association who attend and participate in the event shall do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee, sponsors, suppliers, their agents, employees, & volunteers, shall not be held responsible for any losses or injuries incurred or suffered by any athlete, official or other person in conjunction with the organization or staging of the event. All participants are urged not to be negligent in safeguarding their personal belongings at all times. The aforementioned parties will take no responsibility for missing belongings.

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	Official Notice Board Location	White Crystal Conference Room	White Crystal Conference Room Big White Village