

Event Invitation - Welcome to Paradise

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<p>Welcome/ Introduction</p>	<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 2024 Welcome To Paradise Para Snowboard World Cup is the 10<sup>th</sup> Para World Cup 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 10th anniversary approaches, it promises to be a momentous occasion filled with celebration and thrilling competitions.</p>
<p>About Big White</p>	<p><a href="#">Big White Ski Resort</a> 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 its 10th World Cup.</p> <p><b>FAST FACTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual snowfall of 750cm (24.5 feet) average</li> <li>• Total resort area 7,335 acres, with 2,765 acres patrolled, 905 acres groomed and 1,525 acres of alpine and glades</li> <li>• 119 designated trails – 18% Beginner, 54% Intermediate, 22% Expert, 6% Extreme</li> <li>• 16 lifts in operation</li> <li>• Total uphill capacity of 28,700 skiers and snowboarders per hour</li> <li>• Western Canada’s largest night skiing area</li> <li>• Find full list of mountain stats <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>Schedule*</p>	<p>Wednesday March 20: Arrival Day  Thursday March 21: Unofficial SBX Training  Friday March 22: SBX NorAm &amp; World Cup Training-Official  Saturday March 23: SBX NorAm &amp; World Cup Event  Sunday March 24: SBX Team Event  Monday March 25: Departure Day</p>
<p>Registration, Quotas and Fees</p>	<p>Registration for the World Cups will be done online through the <a href="#">FIS Para Registration and Entry system</a></p> <p><b>Deadline for entry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entries by number open 12 weeks prior to the event</li> <li>• Entries by number close 3 weeks prior to the event</li> <li>• Entries by name open 3 weeks prior to the event</li> <li>• Entries by name closed 1 week prior to the event</li> </ul> <p><b>Registration Fees:</b> A registration fee of 90 CHF will be charged for each athlete to register for the event. This includes access to all official training days, qualifications and finals as per the FIS Para Snowboard ICR 305.2.1</p> <p><b>Payment:</b> Invoices will be forwarded to Nations and must be paid prior to first day on snow. Payment options will be included with invoice.</p>

<p>Accommodation Package includes Meals and Lift Tickets</p>	<p><b>Accommodation Package Includes</b></p> <p>5-night accommodation at the <a href="#">Inn at Big White</a>  Arrival: March 20, 2024   Departure: March 25, 2024  5 days of Meal Vouchers: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner  Lift Tickets: March 21, 22, 23, 24  Meal vouchers and lift tickets will be included in your package at sign in.</p> <p><b>Rates (prices include all applicable taxes)</b></p> <p>Double (2 persons per room): \$1,450.00 CAN  Triple (3 persons per room): \$1,250.00 CAN  Single (1 person per room): \$2,100.00 CAN  <b>NOTE:</b> The Organizers ask that rooms be booked on a double or triple occupancy basis where possible (triple rooms are limited).</p> <p><b>Hotel</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Inn at Big White</a> is situated in the heart of the <a href="#">Big White Village</a>. 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><b>Meal Plan</b></p> <p>Meal Plan 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.</p> <p><b>Lift Tickets</b></p> <p>Lift Tickets for March 21, 22, 23 and 24 are included in the package rates.</p> <p><b>How to book Accommodation Package</b></p> <p>Complete <a href="#">ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FORM</a> prior to February 29, 2024  Email to: <a href="mailto:bcsnow@telus.net">bcsnow@telus.net</a>  Rooms will be confirmed. Invoice sent to Nation contact for payment.  <b>Invoices must be paid in full by March 15, 2024</b></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: <a href="mailto:cenres@bigwhite.com">cenres@bigwhite.com</a>   Phone: 1-800-663-2772  Quote Special Code X1/2324 at time of request  Information is attached to Accommodation Request Form.</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Teams are responsible for transportation to/from airport.  <a href="#">Shuttle &amp; Transportation   Big White Ski Resort Ltd.</a>  <a href="#">Transportation   Kelowna International Airport</a></p> <p>It is easy to navigate around the village and everything you need is just a short walk away  Here is the link to the <a href="#">Big White Ski Resort Maps</a></p>

<p>VISA</p>	<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 <a href="mailto:welcome.to.paradise@canadasnowboard.ca">welcome.to.paradise@canadasnowboard.ca</a> 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"> <li>• Last and first names</li> <li>• Date of birth</li> <li>• Function/position (athlete, coach, technician...)</li> <li>• Passport country</li> <li>• Passport number</li> <li>• Passport expiration date</li> <li>• FIS number (for athletes)</li> </ul> <p><b><a href="#">For more information about Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) click here.</a></b> Please email the OC (<a href="mailto:welcome.to.paradise@canadasnowboard.ca">welcome.to.paradise@canadasnowboard.ca</a>) should your VISA be declined</p>
<p>Team Captains Meeting</p>	<p>Team Captains meetings will be held in person at the White Crystal Conference Room. Please see FIS schedule for details</p>
<p>Bibs</p>	<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>
<p>Equipment storage /Wax</p>	<p>Inn at Big White</p>
<p>Anti-doping</p>	<p>Anti-doping control may be conducted for each discipline and gender, in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by FIS. <b><a href="#">Learn More.</a></b></p>
<p>Medical</p>	<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>
<p>Regulations &amp; Insurance</p>	<p>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.</p>

Liability	<p>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, &amp; 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.</p>
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	Rescue/Medical Service	Andrew Gobeil (Big White Ski Patrol)	Phone: 250-491-6160 E-mail: AGobeil@bigwhite.com
	Team Captains Meeting	White Crystal Conference Room	White Crystal Conference Room Big White Village
	Official Notice Board Location	White Crystal Conference Room	White Crystal Conference Room Big White Village

## Draft Schedule

Wednesday 20.03.2024		Official WC Arrival Day	Hotel
Thursday 21.03.2024		Unofficial Training	TELUS Park
Friday 22.03.2024	10:00-12:00	SBX NorAm & World Cup Official Training	TELUS Park
	13:00-15:00	SBX NorAm & World Cup Official Training	TELUS Park
	17:00	Team Captains Meeting	White Crystal Conference Room
Saturday 23.03.2024	10:00	SBX NorAm & WC Qualifications (W&M)	TELUS Park
	13:00	SBX NorAm & WC Finals (W&M)	TELUS Park
	16:00	Prize Giving Ceremony	Village Centre Mall
	17:00	Team Captains Meeting	White Crystal Conference Room
Sunday 24.03.2024	10:00	SBX NorAm & WC Team Qualifications (W&M)	TELUS Park
	13:00	SBX WC Team Finals	TELUS Park
	16:00	Prize giving ceremony	Village Centre Mall
Monday 25.03.2024		Departure	

**Changes to the programme can be made by the Organisation**