



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **WinSport hosts Canadian Snowboard Freestyle Championships, Nor-Am Cup final this weekend**

CALGARY, Alta. – Some of Canada's top snowboarders and slalom skiers will be converging on WinSport's Canada Olympic Park over the next four days in the busiest competition weekend of the winter season at the park.

Snow Crown, the Canadian Snowboard Freestyle Championships, feature more than 150 athletes from across Canada vying for more than \$20,000 in prize money. Athletes will compete in slopestyle and half-pipe in Junior and Pro Championships, along with the first ever Gromination Championships for snowboarders 13 and under competing in mini-slopestyle and half-pipe jam. Qualifications began Thursday, with junior/pro slopestyle finals on Friday and half-pipe finals on Saturday. The Grom showdown takes place Sunday.

The Audi Coupe Nor-Am Cup finals feature some of the top young alpine skiers who'll square off against several World Cup stars on WinSport's newly expanded ski and snowboard hill. Slalom races will be held Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. each day, marking the first competition test of WinSport's new expanded venue. Awards will be held at 2 p.m. each day.

Both events are free to spectators (please see below for details).

#### **Snow Crown:**

**Thursday:** Junior Slopestyle Competition and Half-pipe Qualification (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

**Friday:** Open and Junior Half-pipe Competition (9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

**Saturday:** Open Slopestyle Competition (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

**Sunday:** Gromination (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

#### **Nor-Am Cup:**

Saturday – Slalom 1 (10 a.m.); Awards (2 p.m.)

Sunday – Slalom 2 (10 a.m.); Awards (2 p.m.)

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#### **About WinSport**

*The Canadian Winter Sport Institute provides world-class sport facilities where Canadian athletes can discover, develop and excel. WinSport owns and operates Canada Olympic Park in Calgary, Alta., the Bill Warren Training Centre located at the Canmore Nordic Centre and the Beckie Scott High Performance Training Centre on Haig Glacier, Alta. A not-for-profit organization, WinSport supports national sport organizations, encourages educational opportunities and subsidizes the operation of unique training and recreational facilities used by the nation's top athletes and the general public. For more information on WinSport please visit [www.winsport.ca](http://www.winsport.ca).*

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