



**LG Snowboard FIS World Cup & FIS European Cup in Saas-Fee**

## **Halfpipe World Cup in Saas-Fee – Scoring for the Olympics!**

**In the very near future, snowboard pros from all over the world will gather for the 6<sup>th</sup> FIS Snowboard World Cup in Saas-Fee. On 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November, there will again be a lot of action in the battle for the best show in the pipe. And this year, the athletes can win valuable points for the Olympics 2010 in Vancouver!**

Everyone wants to get there... to the Olympics! However, the riders have to earn the ticket to this event through hard work even before the actual event. In other words, they have to participate in various races. Saas-Fee is one of the few locations where halfpipe competitions are held before the Olympics (European Cup and World Cup) and is at the same time the first location in Europe to host a halfpipe World Cup race. The organisers are thus expecting even more participants this year than in the past. The number of riders has already in recent years constantly increased, and was almost record-breaking in 2008. It will therefore be interesting to see what an attractive group of participants with top riders from all over the world will gather in the glacier village in 2009. The event is still open for registration.

### **Unique: The double halfpipe**

Another attraction during the competitions in the glacier village is the so far unique double halfpipe which has been available to athletes in Saas-Fee since 2007. Athletes and the FIS equally got enthusiastic about this facility. Located directly next to the world cup pipe in Freestyle Park Allalin, the park team has built a second top class training pipe, in which the athletes can warm up, and which is open to the general public also during the competitions. A super innovation for riders and spectators. Where else can you ride a pipe side by side with a participant in a world cup? Moreover, it is ideal for the athletes because they have no "idle" times.

### **6th LG Snowboard FIS World Cup**

The official training will be held on 2nd and 3rd November. The qualifications will then commence on Wednesday, 4th November, deciding on who will take part in the finals. Finally on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, it will become really exciting. It is time for the final spurt and the distribution of the positions on the rostrum. And just in case: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, is the back-up date for the event. The six international judges will scrutinise the performance of the riders. There will be no presents. The scoring procedures include: The height of the jumps, the level of difficulty, the landing as well as the overall impression of the heat. Hard contested decisions and spectacular jumps are again rather more the rule than the exception in the battle for the best ranks.



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### FIS Snowboard European Cup

Also again in 2009, the European Cup and the World Cup will shake hands in the glacier village. Those for whom the visit of the World Cup is not enough action can come to Saas-Fee the week beforehand. The FIS Snowboard European Cup will be organised in Saas-Fee for forth time. Like in the World Cup, the best places in the halfpipe discipline will be battled out. Among the participants there will be also many snowboard talents from the Upper Valais region.

### New: side events made by Roxy & Quiksilver

The organisers look very much forward to their new cooperation with Roxy/Quiksilver. During the FIS European Cup as well as during the FIS World Cup, Roxy/Quiksilver will provide a varied programme with movie nights, DJ rotations (with Fredy K), poker nights and fashion shows. Six action-packed party nights will be held in the Livingroom or in the Popcorn bar altogether. And there will certainly be a chance to meet one or the other top rider here as well.

### Programm overview

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 09  
*Official Training European Cup*  
Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 09  
*Qualification European Cup*  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 09  
*Final European Cup*  
Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 09  
*Reserved day*

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 09  
*Official Training World Cup*  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 09  
*Official Training World Cup*  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 09  
*Qualification World Cup*  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 09  
*Final World Cup*  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 09  
*Reserved day*

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