

# FREERIDE WORLD TOUR HAINES 2016

## SAFETY & RESCUE PROTOCOL

### A. SAFETY & RESCUE

#### 1. MOUNTAIN PREPARATION

- Snow pack analysis: Head-Guide assembles information, including if possible official sources, on snow pack evolution during the month prior to event.
- Documented snow cut (pit): Documented snow cut/profile by Head-Guide between D-3 and D-1.
- Ski descent of the Venue: Descent on skis of the competition Venue by the Head-Guide and one/more guides of his team on the days prior to the competition.
- Venue Perimeter securing: Head-Guide coordinates closure of the Venue perimeter to public.

#### 2. RIDERS EQUIPMENT

- Mandatory equipment: beacon, probe, shovel, airbag, helmet, back-protection, harness – checked at airport by Alicia Cenci. Beacon double check before start by summit guides.

#### 3. TEAM & EQUIPMENT

- Contest Director: Nicholas Hale-Woods @ Production Tent
- Safety Director: Scott "Sunny" Sundberg @ Finish LZ
- Doctor n° 1: Alan Oran @ Finish LZ
- Doctor n° 2: Marc Koenig @ Start
- Rescue Technician/Paramedic: David Shuman @ Finish LZ
- Lead Guide: Tucker Patton @ mountain tbc
- Mountain-Guide n° 2: Stéphane "Fanfan" Dan @ Start with Doctor Marc
- Mountain-Guide n° 3: Fredo Mathieu @ Start (Starter)
- Mountain-Guide n° 4: Claude-Alain Gaillard @ Start coordinator
- Ski Dude n° 1: tbc @ mountain tbc
- Transport Helicopter: @ Finish LZ
- Medical Evacuation plane/heli: @ Haines or Juneau tbc
- Head-Judge: Berti Denervaud
- Ambulance: @ airport on stand-by or through SEABA base

#### 4. COORDINATION

- Event direction:** Nicholas Hale-Woods
- Rescue procedure:** Scott Sunny Sundberg

<b>Evacuation procedure:</b>	Alan Oran
<b>Liaison with riders:</b>	Berti Denervaud
<b>Liaison with partners:</b>	Alicia Cenci
<b>Liaison with staff:</b>	Jim Alran
<b>Liaison with athlete family:</b>	Alan Oram and/or Joris Vautier
<b>Liaison with media:</b>	Greg Oswald

## 5. PRE-EVENT INFORMATION

**Athletes:** security briefing (Lead Guide Tucker Patton) during pre-event riders meeting (Nicholas Hale-Woods) covering: .

- a. Snow conditions presentation including bombing points (if possible bombing).
- b. Presentation of hazards, and reminder of slough definition (snow gliding on snow-pack surface with a speed of less than 100km/h – not aerosol).
- c. Program.
- d. Mandatory equipment.
- e. Rescue procedure including sign procedure by rider (need help or not).
- f. Confirmation that Doctor decides if rider needs to go to hospital or not.

**Staff:** Security Briefing (Tucker Patton) including responsibilities during pre-competition OC meeting.

**Partners:** informed during partners meeting and/or by email.

**Media:** information during accreditation.

## 6. PROCEDURE IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

### a) **Internal Communication:**

Channel 1 of radios is exclusive for competition and rescue procedure.

### b) **Rescue Procedure:**

1. In case of an accident resulting in harm to an athlete, Contest Director stops event and passes control to Safety Director to coordinate Rescue and/or Recovery.
2. Rescue and/or Recovery of athlete will be a coordinated effort by Safety Director, Medical Director and Rescue Technician.
3. Athlete's location, condition and risks to recovery personal will be considered in all Rescue and/or Recovery decisions.
  - a. If possible Medical Director and Guide will approach site, access patient, stabilize injuries and request additional assets if needed.
  - b. Primary recovery of injured athlete will be by air. Medivac helo will land in vicinity of Athlete with Rescue Technician and additional medical and packaging equipment. Athlete will be loaded into aircraft for transport to next level of medical care.
  - c. If location of athlete is not permissive to landing of helo in proximity to athlete, recovery assets will be utilized to move patient to appropriate landing site for extraction.
  - d. If location of injured athlete is not permissive to landing of helo, or location creates additional risk to recovery personal, or type of injury does not permit for

ground movement to appropriate LZ; long line procedures will be utilized for extraction of patient from site. Rescue Technician will rig aircraft and be long lined to patient location. Patient packaging will be determined by patient location, type of injury and support staff at site.

4. Athlete's evacuation is done by transport helicopter and/or long-line helicopter to Haines Airport. Event medical personnel accompanies injured athlete and transfers medical care to Haines medical services or Life-flight medical staff. ( No heli Pad at Haines Med Clinic).
5. FWT Medical Staff return to event staging area following patient transfer. Competition restarts once Mountain-Guides, Rescue Specialist/Paramedic and event Physician are on stand-by. If there is an accident to life or limb State Troopers would have to investigate before the competition could resume in the same site. The event would need to be halted for this time.

## **B. CRISIS JOURNAL**

Head-Judge is responsible to hold a Crisis Journal, including the following information:

- a) Name and nationality of injured rider
- b) Time and length of fall
- c) Fall description (including reason if evident)
- d) Time of rescue arrival(s) (Ski-Dude Mountain-Guide, Paramedic, Doctor)
- e) Time and mean of rider evacuation
- f) State of Rider when evacuated to hospital (conscious or unconscious)
- g) Time when rescue team is back in position (total length of evacuation)
- h) Others

### Notes:

Doctor informs Contest Director about rider's state (conscious/unconscious).

Head-Judge informs riders at start gate about reason of fall.

Different options may occur:

Option A: Mountain venue does not present sufficient safety conditions – Contest is stopped.

Option B: Mountain venue presents satisfactory safety conditions – Contest restarts.

Option C: Mountain venue presents satisfactory safety conditions but insufficient rescue resources – Contest is held till rescue resources are in place.

## **C. COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE**

### **1. SPEAKER/PUBLIC**

**In case of accident, speaker gives the following information:**

- Name, nationality and category (ski/snowboard/male/female) of injured rider.
- Evacuation procedure
- NO INFORMATION ON RIDERS HEALTH STATE IS GIVEN OUT BEFORE AN OFFICIAL DIAGNOSIS BY THE DOCTOR IS GIVEN VIA THE CONTEST DIRECTOR.
- In case of evacuation, a press point may be organised once the official diagnosis from the doctor is communicated.

### **2. PARTNERS**

- Alicia Cenci informs all partners.

### **3. STAFF**

- Jim Alran informs the staff

### **4. RIDERS FAMILY**

- Joris Vautier informs the riders family. In case of serious injury, Doctor also liaises with family.
- FWT staff tbc goes to the hospital where the rider is transported in order to 1/ liaise with Organizer 2/ liaise with family 3/ manage media.

### **5. MEDIA LIAISON**

- Greg Oswald informs on-site media – same information as speaker.
- If serious accident:
  - Press point – location and time tbc.
  - Press release and/or news on social media.
  - Potential embargo on photo and video content.
- If light accident:
  - Information at prize-giving and/or via social media.