

ROSSLAND, B.C. – RED Mountain Resort completed the final day of junior competition in The North Face Canadian Open Freeskiing Championships on Saturday, January 14th.

“Overall the event was an awesome celebration of freeskiing. The male 15-18 year old category was mind blowing. Those runs would have placed well even in our senior competition. This is a strong indicator that younger athletes are really going to take skiing to the next level in future years.” said Jeff Holden, the Canadian Open’s Head Judge.



“We’re pleased that the event went very well. There were a lot of kudos from parents and coaches on the event.....this event was the best event ever. This year’s event saw elite athletes from California, Utah, Colorado through to Western Canada and it was the strongest set of competitors ever. George Rodney (Aspen, CO), our top 15-18 year old athlete, sailed off a cliff for about 50 feet and that sealed his fate as the top male athlete. Sally Steeves (Rossland, BC), had a very strong run. She showed a commitment to the run and jumped from her qualifying 4th place position to take the top spot in the 15-18 females.” said Mika Hakkola, RED Mountain Resort’s Marketing and Communications Manager.

The Senior (19 years+) portion of The North Face Canadian Open Freeskiing Championships will run from January 19 – 21, with registration on Wednesday, January 18th.

With 65 registered athletes, the senior event still has room for competitors. The weather forecast is calling for snow all week so the conditions for the senior event look favorable.

As an “Open” format event, anyone over the age of 19 can register for competition. The senior event will see a cash purse up for grabs. Qualifiers will be held on Links Line and the semis and finals will be held on Mount Roberts.







For more information on the Freeskiing Championships go to www.canadianopenfreeskiing.com.

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About The North Face®

The North Face, a division of VF Outdoor, Inc., was founded in 1968. Headquartered in San Leandro, California, the company offers the most technically advanced products in the market to accomplished climbers, mountaineers, snowsport athletes, endurance athletes, and explorers. The company's products are sold in specialty mountaineering, backpacking, running, and snowsport retailers, premium-sporting goods retailers and major outdoor specialty retail chains.

About RED Mountain Resort: RED has been delivering incredible skiing longer than any other area in Western Canada, with the first recorded powder turns in 1896. With accolades ranging from one of the "Top 5 Freeride zones" to "Best Powder, Best Trees, Best Steeps", to "Best Fall Line Steeps", RED is the hidden jewel of BC's Kootenay Rockies region. RED offers incredible terrain with a 2,919 foot vertical drop (884 meters) featuring over 300 inches (750cm) of annual snowfall, world renowned tree skiing and wide-open groomed runs. All this is seasoned with an authentic winter enthusiast vibe and the turn-of-the-century charm of Rossland, located minutes away. RED is located in the western Kootenay region of southern BC, 2.5 hours drive north of Spokane International Airport, 3.5 hours from Kelowna, BC Airport, 30 minutes from Castlegar and 20 minutes from Trail regional airports.