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WINTER DEW TOUR ANNOUNCES EVENT SCHEDULE AND ATHLETES TO WATCH Olympic Qualifying Competition in Copper, Colorado is Free to the Public, December 16-19

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Carlsbad, Calif., (November 15, 2021) -- The annual Winter Dew Tour, presented by MTN DEW® and Adventure Sports Network Group (ASN) announced its competition schedule and athletes to watch for the 20th annual event, to be held at Copper Mountain, Colo., December 16-19, 2021.

More than 200 athletes representing 17 different countries will compete in men's and women's ski and snowboard **Superpipe Presented by Toyota**, **Slopestyle**, **Streetstyle** and **Adaptive Snowboard Banked Slalom Presented by Toyota** events. **The competition schedule can be found here**.

The men and women competing for the U.S. at Dew Tour will be vying for points to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team for the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games, February 4-20, 2022. Dew Tour was an Olympic qualifier for freeskiing and snowboarding in 2014 and 2018. Most recently in May, it served as the only U.S.-based global Olympic qualifying event for Skateboarding as it made its debut in Tokyo earlier this summer.

Winter Dew Tour is a free event and open to the public. Spectators will have a front row seat to the action out of Copper's Center Village where the event will take place. The Dew Tour festival experience, located at the base of Center Village, will include a sponsor village, food and beverage, pro athlete photo-ops, poster signings and the Streetstyle course. Slopestyle will be held in Copper's Central Park, an elite-level mountain park facility, and the Superpipe events will conveniently sit just above the base of Center Village.

ATHLETES TO WATCH

The complete list of invited athletes scheduled to compete at Dew Tour can be found at DewTour.com.

Snowboard Superpipe Presented by Toyota, Women

- Chloe Kim (USA), This Snowboard Superpipe sensation returned to competition from a 22-month hiatus while she attended Princeton University. Kim put together a podium perfect season, winning every contest she entered including the 2021 Laax Open in Switzerland, X Games Aspen 2021, the Aspen Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix Olympic tryout event and the Aspen 2021 World Championships. She is also a two-time Dew Tour champion and a Team Toyota athlete.
- Jiayu Liu (CHN), a three-time Olympian, has been a staple in women's Snowboard halfpipe for years, but will certainly shine this year as the Winter Games land in her home country. With two Dew Tour wins (2015 and 2020), one Olympic silver (2018), six World Cup Victories and a world championship win back in 2009, Liu -- aka "Birdie" -- certainly has staying power in the sport.

Snowboard Superpipe Presented by Toyota, Men

- **Scotty James** (AUS), Easy to spot in the pipe with his signature red "fighting" gloves, James is aiming for a Dew Tour Superpipe hat trick in December.
- **Danny Davis** (USA), a MTN DEW athlete, mixes up his runs like no other and with his stylish riding and amplitude out of the pipe, he is arguably a fan favorite.
- Shaun White (USA) returns to competition as he makes for another Olympic team. He will be the senior member of his field at age 34, but that will only fuel his fire for his fifth top podium spot at Dew Tour.

Ski Superpipe Presented by Toyota, Women

- Devin Logan (USA), The two-time Olympian holds four Dew Tour medals in Superpipe. She recently
 purchased a Harley Davidson bike for future road trips and has an Instagram page dedicated to her
 cooking prowess, <u>DiningWDLo</u>.
- **Kelly Sildaru** (EST), Sildaru is a three-time Dew Tour gold medalist, and the youngest gold medalist at a Winter X Games event at the age of 13. A knee injury kept her out of the 2018 Olympics. The 19-year old also has one gold medal from the world championships and a gold medal from the Winter Youth Olympics in 2020.

Ski Superpipe Presented by Toyota, Men

- Noah Bowman (CAN), After 12 Dew Tour competitions, Bowman a two-time Olympian hit lucky 13 and landed the top podium spot in 2020.
- **Gus Kenworthy** (GBR), Kenworthy is a two-time Olympian with a silver Olympic medal under his belt. The Telluride native who now competes for his mother's home country Great Britain, won the final World Cup halfpipe of the 2020 season in Calgary, and took home the silver at Dew Tour that same year.

Snowboard Slopestyle, Women

- Julia Marino (USA), Marino's podium spots in competitions are vast including Dew Tour, X Games, Laax Open and US Grand Prix. The Olympian (in both Slopestyle and Big Air) and MTN DEW athlete became the first woman to ever land a Cab 900 double underflip on a snowboard in competition.
- Jamie Anderson (USA) will be fighting for her 12th Dew Tour gold medal, the most recent in 2020.
 Her good vibes attitude combined with her arsenal of tricks and style, makes this two-time Olympic gold medalist a force in her field.

Snowboard Slopestyle, Men

- Red Gerard (USA), Having your hometown located down the road from Copper was to Gerard's
 advantage as his huge cheering section of friends and family at Dew Tour were on-site to watch him
 snatch another Gold Medal. Both a MTN DEW and Team Toyota athlete, Gerard is the youngest
 snowboard Olympic gold medalist in history, winning slopestyle at the 2018 Games at the age of 17.
- **Dusty Hendrickson** (USA), The 2020 winter season was groundbreaking for Hendrickson who Dusty landed the first-ever quad cork during the Burton U.S. Open and took home wins at the World Cup in Mammoth and the Laax Open. This will be his first Dew Tour competition.

Ski Slopestyle, Women

- **Tess Ledeux** (FRA), This powerhouse skier competes with style and amplitude that rivals few. She is the 2019 FIS Big Air World Champion and took home silver in Slopestyle at her debut Winter Dew Tour in 2018.
- Eileen Gu (CHN), Having deferred entry into Stanford University until the summer of 2022, Gu earned her first World Cup victory at the FIS Freeski World Cup Slopestyle in Italy in 2019 and later that year announced her naturalisation as a Chinese citizen with the goal of inspiring a new generation of Chinese freeskiers. In addition to skiing, Gu is an accomplished international runway model. Gu will compete in all three women's ski disciplines as a Dew Tour rookie, hoping to repeat her three-medal result at X Games Aspen last year -- also as a rookie.

Ski Slopestyle, Men

- Alex Hall (USA) continues to dominate in all disciplines, and is a three-time podium finisher at Dew Tour in Slopestyle. He will also be competing in Streetstyle this December.
- Colby Stevenson (USA), A seven year member of the US Ski Team, is strong in all freestyle disciplines, and will compete in both Slopestyle and Streetstyle at Dew Tour.

Ski Streetstyle, Women

- **Johanne Killi** (SUI), A strong technical skier with a win at Dew Tour's inaugural Ski Streetstyle and a silver in Slopestyle in 2020. She will again compete in both disciplines this year.
- **Taylor Lundquist** (USA), At the 2020 Dew Tour, Lundquist took home the silver in Streetstyle. Competing since age six, she finds her true passion through filming and street skiing.

Ski Streetstyle, Men

- **Siver Voll** (NOR), Voll took home the silver in his inaugural Dew Tour event in 2020. Look for him to push the boundaries of technicality under the lights at Copper.
- Colby Stevenson (USA), Stevenson won the best trick in Streetstyle in 2020. An accomplished slopestyle skier, he landed a victory at the 2020 FIS World Cup slopestyle finals in Switzerland.

Snowboard Streetstyle, Women

- Nora Beck (USA), Her original roots are southern (Virginia) but has been living in Oregon where she has been landing video parts and taking street riding to a new level.
- Alexis Roland (USA), This midwestern rider is known best for her strong video parts as a street snowboarder. Lexi, who is the Dew Tour 2020 silver medalist, was recently featured on the popular <u>Bombhole</u> snowboard podcast.

Snowboard Streetstyle, Men

- Miles Fallon (USA), His debut at Winter Dew Tour 2020 landed him a gold medal spot in Streetstyle. He is the 2019 winner of the Young Guns Snow Contest.
- Rene Rinnekangas (FIN), may be one of the most fun athletes to watch compete with his big style and personality. He is Dew Tour champion from 2018 and in 2020 took home the silver.

Adaptive Para Snowboard Banked Slalom Presented by Toyota

- Kiana Clay (USA), was featured in a Burton Snowboards article about how the use of Step On bindings has helped streamline her snowboarding. Her background also includes motocross and surfing.
- **Mike Minor** (USA), took the bronze in the 2018 Winter Dew Tour as well as a gold and bronze medal at the 2018 Winter Paralympics. The Denver resident will bring the crowds to cheer him on at Copper.

Winter Dew Tour will be livestreamed in its entirety on DewTour.com, Facebook Live, YouTube and other major platforms for a total of 25+ hours of LIVE video. Additionally, more than four hours of Winter Dew Tour coverage will air on NBC, including December 26 at 3 pm ET and January 2, 2022 at 2 pm ET. Stay updated at DewTour.com and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube by following @DewTour.