



2026 IFSA Palisades Tahoe Qualifier 3*

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30 January 2026

Wanting to clarify something that should be obvious, but a strange discrepancy on IFSAFreeride.org has a map on the Event Page that misindicates the event location as Kirkwood. Of course it is not. **The Palisades 3*Q will indeed be taking place at Palisades Tahoe**, off Highway 89, in Olympic Valley, CA, home of the 1960 Olympics and the legendary KT-22 chairlift.

3 February 2026

Venue Map: [Slot to Cornice II Bowl](#)

(version posted to What's App is better for zooming and downloading)

29 January 2026

We are looking forward to hosting you this upcoming week for the 2nd annual Stomptown 3* at Palisades, sponsored by [PTCF](#), a local non-profit based here in the valley to create athlete opportunities and make our sports more accessible, including funding this event's generous \$7000 prize purse!

We've gotten a few emails about (1) what venues we're using and (2) whether we're definitely hosting the event. I'll field those here:

- (1) We haven't confirmed our venue selection as yet, and have used a total of 15 venues for Freeride competitions between Palisades' Alpine and Olympic Valley sides. While we are focused on OV for this event, we still have 5 venues at the forefront of our list, and will be assessing those today and this weekend. In order to prevent a total advantage to local athletes and to best preserve conditions (as they are) we may not be announcing venues until Inspection Day, for a level playing field. Once we announce these (even if multiple options are presented) [Inspection Protocol](#) will be in place on all likely venues.
- (2) In Freeride, with so many variables beyond our control, *nothing is ever definite*, but we are seasoned pros at doing this, and have hosted 4 events in the past 3.5 weeks, and we are moving forward with this event indeed. Let's be frank, conditions are not



what we hoped they would be when we agreed to organize this competition, and they're probably not what you hoped for when you signed up. It's up to all of us to adapt safely to conditions given our abilities. For us, this may include not using venues that would otherwise be our top choice, and for you, it may include relying on sound technique and control via good decision making, skills and the right tune, rather than the big sends we think of for Freeride comps. The low snow (barely 100" on the season, going back almost 3 months) is not unique to California/Nevada, and we feel fortunate we got a pasty Christmas miracle that provides the surface we're riding on. Other regions have been facing cancellations, which gives us all the more motivation to be able to host this event if we're able, because we know the starts are important to you.

Please be sure to subscribe to What's APP ([link](#)) to make sure you don't miss critical messaging. We'll start using this Monday evening.

EVENT DATE(S): February 4, 2026

INSPECTION DATE: February 3, 2026

REGISTRATION & DIVISIONS

REGISTRATION FEES	\$159
REGISTRATION CAPS	120
DIVISIONS	Age Divisions: Adult Divisions: Men & Women Disciplines: Ski & Snowboard
LIVEHEATS EVENT	Liveheats Link

DAY OF EVENT COMMUNICATION

WhatsApp
Please Subscribe to TF Qualifiers' [WhatsApp Link](#)
[Apple Store](#) | [Google Play](#)

SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
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February 3, 2026	9:00am	Optional Inspection Day	Venue TBD
February 3, 2026	11-4:15pm	Athlete Check-in	Alpenglow Conference Room
February 4, 2026	7:15am	Athlete Check-In	Alpenglow Conference Room
February 4, 2026	8:30am	Mandatory Athlete Meeting	Alpenglow Conference Room
February 4, 2026	Est. 9:00am	Athletes and Coaches Load Lift	TBD (KT)
February 4, 2026	Est. 9:15am	Mandatory Inspection Run Starts	TBD announced by Tuesday morning
February 4, 2026	Est. 10:15am	Inspection Run Ends	TBD
February 4, 2026	Est. 10:30am	First Athlete on Course	TBD
February 4, 2026	Est. 2:30pm	Course Closed/Event Completion	TBD
February 4, 2026	90 mins after final athlete	Awards - \$7000 Prize Purse provided by Palisades Tahoe Community Foundation	Village Plaza - Main Stage

EVENT PARTICIPATION BENEFITS

LODGING RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEALS

Airbnb's around the area, hotels in the village, [Hilton Hotel Discount Link](#) , [TJFS Home Exchange](#)

LIFT TICKETS

Athlete Ticket Price:

12 and under: \$43.00

13-18 yrs old: \$70.00

19 yrs. & older: \$85.00

Spectator: \$125.00

OTHER EVENT DETAILS



PASSES (ACCEPTED SEASON PASSES)

IKON Pass Holders

PARKING & SHUTTLE INFO

Reservations required on Weekends - Please prepare in advance. Free reservations (limited quantities) are available on Tuesday prior to each weekend. Please review [PARKING POLICY](#) and establish an account to reserve on Tuesday, February 3. We recommend setting a reminder as they can sell out in a minute.

[Mountaineer Shuttle](#) provides free service within each Olympic Valley and Alpine Meadows on request.

SPECTATOR INFO (LIFTS, TIMES, ETC)

With a number of possible venues, we wait until week-of to make selections in order to capture the best conditions, some venues require Intermediate/Advanced riding to access finish area.

ON-MOUNTAIN VENUE DIRECTIONS

TBA in Athlete meeting.

EVENT LINKS (TRAIL MAPS, WEBSITES, ETC)

www.tahoefreeride.org

PREFERRED WEATHER LINKS

[Wunderground](#) and [NOAA](#) for Olympic Valley, CA

VENUE PHOTOS

EXTRA INFO:

As a 501 3C Non-profit we rely on volunteers to help put on our events. If you are interested in volunteering with us (in exchange for a lift ticket) please fill out our [volunteer interest form](#) and shoot madison@tahoefreeride.org an email and let her know that you signed up and what you are most interested in. Looking forward to working and meeting the new volunteers (and returning)!



CANCELLATION

[IFSA Cancellation Policy](#)

IFSA HANDBOOKS

[IFSA Handbooks and Guidelines](#)

STOMPTOWN