

2020 Switchblade Snowzone at the Mille Lacs Kite Crossing

Overview

The Switchblade Snowzone is a Snowkite Park & Big Air Competition. The Snowzone will consist of 3 snow kickers and 5 terrain park features. The park features are similar to what you find in a terrain park at a ski hill. Sign up for the Snowzone competition for free at the Ozone tent after the Big Race. Helmets are required all weekend in the Snowzone. Hitting the park features is not required to compete. Spectating will take place near the Ozone tent just upwind of the Snowzone.

Format and rules

Riders will approach the zone from either side and enter the zone to do their trick. Once the trick is landed the rider will exit the zone downwind. Then making their way back upwind outside of the zone the rider will go to the end of the line. The rider in line that is closest to the Zone will have right of way. Not following contest instructions will get the rider disqualified. There will be plenty of time to practice in the Zone before the contest starts.

Judging

The judges are looking for big boosts as well as technical tricks and variety. 50% Amplitude - GO BIG! 25% Technical - Spins, grabs, loops and more. 25% Variety and Overall impression. Everyone will get a similar amount of attempts at their tricks throughout the Heat so there is no need to rush or cut off other riders. Cutting the line will get you disqualified.

There will be one jam style heat lasting 30 minutes where everyone is going for it. Skiers and boarders will compete among one another in their age division. The top 3 Men 18+, top 3 Women 18+ and top 3 Juniors 17 and under will receive an award. There will also be special awards for things like the biggest boost and more.

The awards will be made by Hytek Tools in Baxter, MN. The awards will be handed out at the Ozone tent shortly after the Heat is over so when you are done riding swing by to see if you earned an award.