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**The 3rd BBB Ski Race Experience returns to Baqueira Beret**

**On the 21st and 22nd of January Baqueira Beret will hold this exciting, open event designed for skiers and snowboarders from 6 years of age, throughout the entire resort, following the heavy snowfalls reaching up to 150cm over a 4 day period. There will be prizes and surprises for all the participants.**

On the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of January, the resort of the Val d’Aran and the Valls de d’Àneu will be the stage for the third edition of the BBB Ski Race Experience with the prevision of opening 145 km of pistes after intense snowfalls four days in a row. It is an open race designed for every level of skier and snowboarder from 6 years of age. A fun excuse to enjoy the significant quantity of accumulated snow with friends and family discovering the resort from Peülla, in Bonaigua, to Dossau, in Beret.

From 10.00h to 15.00h on Saturday the 21st, the racers should complete the 3 trials: boardercross (Beret), giant slalom (Baqueira) and freeride (Bonaigua). Although the participation is individual, some connecting sections can be done in group; especially for the little ones as they can go with their clubs and families. Moreover, the start will not be a group start, but rather can be done from the Baqueira 1500 Village, next to the gondola.

The boardercross circuit will be located in the Snowpark of Beret along the Marmotes piste. The participants will ride along an easy, but windy marked piste with dubbies and some modules. Race time will be counted, as well. The giant slalom will take place on the piste in the Baqueira Stadium and time will also be counted. The third trial of the competition, the freeride, will be held in Bonaigua-Peülla in the area below the piste, Pala Gran. Points will be given upon criteria of the judges. Participants can ski or snowboard, but the classification will be joined.

**Extra points and final results**

The boardercross and GS trials will be scored based on the FIS World Cup standards with respect to the race times. The freeride, however, will be scored with 75, 50 or 25 points based on the riding style or each racer and under the criteria of the judges. Those who wish to earn extra points can do so taking 4 selfie style photos at the markers located at the highest points of the resort: Dossau, Cap de Baqueira, the top of the Tuc de la Llança lift and the top of the Peülla lift. Each photo will count as 25 extra points and must be validated with the wristband.

To make the final scores the points from the three trials will be added to the extra points. In the case of a tie, the race time of the GS will be the considered the tie-breaker.

**Prizes and raffle**

The top 3 finishers of each category (men and women) will be awarded with a trophy. All of the participants will receive a gift the moment they return their chip and race bib. Moreover, on Saturday the 21st a gift and ski material raffle for all the participants will take place in the Baqueira 1500 Village at 17.00h. The final party and award ceremony will be held on Sunday the 22nd at 13.00h in the Baqueira 1500 Bar.

The BBB Ski Race Experience organization reserves the right to modify or cancel the program depending on the meteorological conditions or for security reasons.

**Categories**

The categories, for men and women are divided in:

INFANTIL: 6 to 11 years (2010 – 2005)

JUVENIL: 12 to 18 years (2004 – 1998)

SÉNIOR: 19 to 29 years (1997 – 1987)

VETERANOS 1: 30 to 50 years (1986 – 1966)

VETERANOS 2: more than 50 (>1966)

**Registration and Race bib pick up**

Registration fee is 10€. Registration is limited to 500 participants.

The registration can be done in the Baqueira 1500 Office (Radio Aran). For more information please call 973 639 044 or send an email to [carme.aliu@baqueira.es](mailto:carme.aliu@baqueira.es)

Last minute registration as well as race bib pick up will take place the same day in the Street Office in the Baqueira 1500 Village from 9.00h to 11.00h.

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