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## Ideal conditions and some of the world's best athletes at the fifth Backcountry Invitational on Sunday 12 January !

The 5th edition of the Nendaz Backcountry Invitational is confirmed for this Sunday 12 January 2025 from 10am in the Plan du Fou area. Spectators will be able to follow the event on site or live on the Nendaz Freeride website.

Thanks to recent snowfalls and a very favourable weather forecast for the next few days, the 5th edition of the Backcountry Invitational will be held this Sunday in brilliant sunshine. The Nendaz Freeride team of shapers has been hard at work since Monday morning to create the largest ephemeral snowpark by Saturday evening.

You can follow the progress of the work and the latest news on the Nendaz Freeride Instagram page.

The public can watch the competition from 10am in the Plan du Fou sector above Siviez (Nendaz). There will be a finish area with a bar, raclette, live music and commentary. To get there, start at the top of the Plan du Fou cable car, ski down towards Siviez keeping to the left, then take a path heading east to the finish area.

The competition can also be followed live at [www.nendazfreeride.ch](http://www.nendazfreeride.ch) from 9.30am.

### SKI MEN

Some of the best freeriders and freestylers on the international scene will be coming to Nendaz for this event. In the men's ski category, former world champion Leo Slemett (FRA) will have his work cut out to win the title against the new recruits to the Freeride World Tour, Frenchman Mathys Fornasier (representing Winter Activity), Canadian Tiemo Rolshoven, American Alex Hackel (5th last year) and New Zealanders Nico Porteous and Lach Powell.

### SKI WOMEN

On the women's side, the level will also be very high with the presence in Nendaz of freestyle skiing champion and PyeongChang Olympic Games participant Lou Barin (FRA). She will be joined by Freeride World Tour Challenger riders Mila Delerue (FRA), Eva Battolla (SUI) and Astrid Cheylus (FRA). Swiss freestyle hopeful Nour El Khazen (SUI) will also be taking part. Full list of athletes below.

### USEFUL LINKS

- Follow the event live from 9.30am on Sunday on [www.nendazfreeride.ch](http://www.nendazfreeride.ch)
- Link to embed the live stream on your website: <https://nendazfreeride.ch/en/live.php>. If you have any problems, please contact Patrice Briand : +33 6 99 40 12 34
- The 2025 teaser video: <https://youtu.be/gHD-GASDqvw>



- Photos of the 2024 edition:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vRL\\_YISIXpWdIBYmSgzWpMZTPX8hpfwb?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vRL_YISIXpWdIBYmSgzWpMZTPX8hpfwb?usp=sharing)
- Instagram : [www.instagram.com/nendazfreeride](https://www.instagram.com/nendazfreeride)
- Poster 2025 :  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i8dYD04Ccsdu7MekAddtj914e5lBrMJv?usp=sharing>
- Detailed programme for the day: <https://nendazfreeride.ch/fr/programme>

## Athletes 2025 – 100% confirmed

### SKI WOMEN

- Lou Barin – FR 🇫🇷
- Eva Battolla – CH 🇨🇭
- Mila Delerue – FR 🇫🇷
- Nour El Khazen - CH 🇨🇭
- Astrid Cheylus – FR 🇫🇷
- *Laurine Nicolas - CH 🇨🇭 - TBC*

### SKI MEN

- Alex Hackel - USA 🇺🇸
- Nico Porteous - NZL 🇳🇿
- Lach Powell - NZL 🇳🇿
- Léo Slemett - FR 🇫🇷
- Mathys Fornasier – FR 🇫🇷
- Sebastian Mall - AUS 🇦🇺
- Tiemo Rolshoven - CAN 🇨🇦
- Jordan Ray – UK 🇬🇧
- *Fynn Powell - NZL 🇳🇿 - TBC*
- *Emile Grandbom – 🇸🇪 - TBC*
- *Jake Müller – UK 🇬🇧 - TBC*

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