THE FIRST EUROPEAN WINTER X GAMES, LIVE AND EXCLUSIVE ON ESPN IN THE UK

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ESPN are today proud to announce that the first Winter X Games event to be held outside of the United States will be broadcast live from Europe in March. All competition finals from ESPN Winter X Games Europe Tignes will be shown live and exclusive from 10th - 12th March 2010 on ESPN and ESPN HD.

With Winter X Games 14 from Aspen, Colorado in January and the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, 2010 has become the winter of action sports. Now, fans of UK winter action sports can catch what promises to be three days packed with snowy skills in this inaugural European event. Winter X Games Europe expands the global presence of Winter X Games -- the world's top winter action sports competition -- and showcases some of the world's strongest competitors in eight different ski and snowboard events.

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Winter X Games Europe Tignes:Â ESPN UK Coverage Schedule

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Wednesday, 10th March

1700Â Â Â Â Ski SuperPipe Men's Final - Live

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Thursday, 11th March

1230Â Â Â Â Snowboard Slopestyle Men's Final - Live

1530Â Â Â Â Snowboard SuperPipe Women's Final - Live

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Friday, 12th March

0830Â Â Â Â Ski

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Slopestyle Women's Final - Live

1030Â Â Â Â Snowboard Slopestyle Women's Final - Live

1230Â Â Â Â Ski Slopestyle Men's Final - Live

1500Â Â Â Â Ski SuperPipe Women's Final - Live

1700Â Â Â Â Snowboard SuperPipe Men's Final - Live

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English eyes will be on snowboarder Jenny Jones who is down to compete in the snowboard Slopestyle. Jones became the first Brit to ever win a Winter X Games gold medal in 2009, and she repeated her success with another first place finish again this January in Aspen. Fans can watch Jones attempt to make history once again by riding another gold deserving run in one of her most frequented snow playgrounds.

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The women's SuperPipe will see performances from Olympic medal-winners Torah Bright (Australia) and American snowboarding superstar Gretchen Bleiler. Together with other medal-decorated riders in the Slopestyle event, Winter X Games Europe is set to be an exciting competition for women's snowboarding. Among the athletes to watch in the Women's Skiing Slopestyle are Germany's Lena Stoffel and Canada's Kaya Turski.

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Athletes to watch in men's snowboarding are Olympic silver medallist Peetu Piiroinen of Finland, and local Frenchman Mathieu Crepel who will each compete in both the SuperPipe and Slopestyle events.

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The men's skiing Slopestyle event also promises to deliver top competition from the likes of New Zealand's Jossi Wells, Australia's Russ Henshaw, American three-time X Games medalist Colby West and Norwegian X Games multi-medal winner Andreas Hatveit.

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With the chance to make winter sports history in Europe's first ever Winter X Games event, all the top riders will be ready and eager to compete in Tignes. To make sure you are part of this ground breaking occasion catch all the excitement on ESPN and ESPN HD from Wednesday 10th March as

Winter X Games Europe prepares for three days of extreme snowy competitions.

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