



The Lecht Winter Games **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February 2018**

British Ski and Snowboard have teamed up with Scottish resort Lecht 2090, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport England to host a two-day on snow celebration of the Winter Olympics – ‘The Lecht Winter Games’.

Happening on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February, the middle weekend of the 2018 Winter Olympics, the event will capitalise on the heightened interest in snowsports and is part of the national PyeongChang to Piste campaign aimed at inspiring more people to try skiing and snowboarding.

During this time Lecht 2090 will be piloting TechnoAlpin snowfactory technology which means guaranteed snow on certain slopes. With this in mind, the event will be able to offer the following opportunities for the general public:

- Come & Try sessions: a range of Olympic snowsport disciplines including park & pipe jumps and rails, a cross country track, slalom gates for alpine skiing and a mini snowboard and ski cross track.
- “Futures Snow Award” - the event will see the launch of this new national awards scheme, which has been designed to support and encourage young people to get involved in snowsports in a fun and progressive way. The general public will be able to sign up to take their Futures Step 1 Snow Award.
- Regular ski and snowboard lessons offered by Lecht 2090 Ski & Snowboard School
- Watch the rising stars of GB Park and Pipe training on the airbag
- Apres Ski area - local producers offering food and drink in the European styled lodge

Following the lead of PyeongChang 2018 as the first ever Winter Olympics to be formally recognised for its eco credentials, the Lecht Winter Games will also have a green focus. Not only can the event guarantee snow on UK soil, this snow will be produced using green energy from the wind turbines that are already in place at the Lecht using no chemicals and only clean water. We also welcome a partnership for this event with Protect Our Winters and we are actively looking for local companies or those with green credentials to get involved in the Lecht Winter Games.

James McIntosh, director of the Lecht Ski Company also said: *“LECHT 2090 is delighted that everything is now in place for the trial of the TechnoAlpin snowfactory. This will allow us to make snow in any temperature and due to having a wind turbine already in place, the snowfactory will be powered using purely green energy. It is fantastic that we can offer training facilities to British Ski & Snowboard and also be able to deliver an on snow celebration of the 2018 Winter Olympics in February with the Lecht Winter Games.”*

Ross Gardner, Snowsport Scotland National Performance Manager. *“The pilot Snowfactory project at the Lecht will support multiple snowsports for our community, providing both the public and athletes the opportunity to develop their skills. The new facility, including the snow making technology, will give our current talented young athletes the opportunity they need to access national level performance facilities in an affordable way. We are delighted to be part of this partnership and also being part of the Lecht Winter Games.”*

The Lecht Winter Games will be delivered by Lecht 2090, Snowsport Scotland, British Ski and Snowboard and GB Park and Pipe, falling under the PyeongChang to Piste participation campaign led by Snowsport England.

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