



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### HARRIS HILL SKI JUMP THIS WEEKEND, INCLUDING FREE FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT *102nd Year of Ski Jumping on the Only Olympic Sized Jump in New England*

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**WHAT:** The Harris Hill Ski Jump, the only Olympic sized ski jump in New England, is celebrating its 102nd year **this weekend**, February 16-18, 2024 in Brattleboro, Vermont.

On **Friday, February 16**, Harris Hill Ski Jump will host a Friday night target jump competition featuring athletes from the weekend's lineup of international competitors. The event is FREE and a thank you for the greater Brattleboro community for its continued support of the annual ski jumping event. Live announcing and some limited hot drinks will be available for sale for Friday.

On **Saturday and Sunday**, approximately 30 of the world's up and coming male and female ski jumpers from the US and Europe are scheduled to compete at Harris Hill in the Pepsi Challenge (Saturday) and the Fred Harris Memorial Tournament (Sunday). The event takes place on a 90-meter jump, the only Olympic sized ski jump in New England. Jumpers launch from the take off and soar more than 300 feet at speeds of nearly 60 mph. The event has a festive atmosphere for the whole family with live event announcing, music, local food and drink, a jumbotron and souvenirs.

**ATHLETES:** Athletes scheduled to jump include Brattleboro's own **Spencer Knickerbocker** in the Masters Division, two-time Fred Harris Memorial Tournament trophy winner **Chris Lamb** (USA), and **Kai McKinnon** (USA), who just took the silver in Nordic Combined at last week's Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Slovenia (with teammate Alexa Brabec). On the international front, Harris Hill will welcome back jumpers from Norway, France and Slovenia - including last year's Fred Harris Memorial Tournament winner **Ozbej Kotnik**.

The weekend will serve as a stop on the US Cup competition of the United States American Ski Jumping (USASJ) series.

**WHEN:** **Friday, February 16.** Gates open at 5:30, jumping is from 6-7:30 pm. *Friday is a free event.*  
**Saturday & Sunday, February 17 & 18.** 10 am - 3:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at HarrisHillSkiJump.com and at the gate; local businesses are offering reduced tickets through Feb. 16. Visit HarrisHillSkiJump.com for the list of businesses.

**WHERE:** Harris Hill Ski Jump, Cedar Street, Brattleboro, Vermont

Opportunities to talk with officials, athletes, and gather up footage of this iconic event are available.