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Aaron “AJ” Muss Places Seventh in PGS Olympic Test Event

U.S. Athlete Celebrates Career-Best Finish To-Date

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (Feb. 16, 2017) – Parallel giant slalom riders competed in a successful test event for the **2018 Olympic Winter Games** last week at Bokwang Phoenix Park Resort in PyeongChang. U.S. athlete [Aaron “AJ” Muss](#) posted his career-best finish to-date, breaking into the top 10 with a seventh-place finish.

“AJ’s seventh place finish is a great result,” said Jeremy Forster, U.S. Snowboarding Program Director. “We congratulate AJ on his performance at the Olympic test event and look forward to him building on this performance leading in to the Olympic season.”

Conditions were perfect on the 560-meter course which had all the ingredients for a superb show. With steep parts and natural rollers as well as flat sections, riders got an excellent first taste of what to expect next February. In only his second year on the World Cup tour, Muss’ seventh place was an impressive individual finish. Two years ago, Muss suffered a life-threatening, postoperative pulmonary edema after having routine shoulder surgery, but has recovered and has his sights set on an Olympic berth next year.

“It was an honor to represent my country and compete in the World Cup Olympic test event in PyeongChang,” said Muss. “I was very pleased at being able to perform so well on the Olympic hill, and am really look forward to coming back next year given the chance. I have a ton of confidence going into the 2018 Olympic Winter Games and firmly believe I can bring home a medal.”

Austria’s Andreas Prommegger and Russia’s Alena Zavarzina claimed victories in the men’s and women’s competitions. The alpine snowboard World Cup tour continues next weekend with a parallel slalom staged in Shukolovo, Russia on February 25th.

HIGHLIGHTS

- PGS athletes rode in a successful test event for the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea.
- Aaron “AJ” Muss was the top U.S. athlete, posting a career-best seventh place finish.
- Austria’s Andreas Prommegger won the men’s competition.
- Russia’s Alena Zavarzina, the bronze medalist from Sochi, won the women’s competition.

- The alpine snowboard World Cup tour continues next weekend with a parallel slalom staged in Shukolovo, Russia on February 25.

RESULTS

[Men's Results](#)

[Women's Results](#)

About the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, established in 1905, is the national governing body of Olympic skiing and snowboarding, and the parent organization of the U.S. Ski Team, U.S. Snowboarding and U.S. Freeskiing. Developed to facilitate participation in national and international competition, the Olympic sports organization provides structure for competitive skiing and snowboarding. Its vision is to make the USA the best in the world in Olympic skiing and snowboarding, and to provide leadership and direction for tens of thousands of young skiers and snowboarders who share an Olympic dream while maintaining a strong adherence to core values. The USSA operates out of the national training and education facility, the Center of Excellence, in Park City, UT.

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