



Ashley Fiolek Becomes First Deaf Medalist in X Games History with Gold in Women's Moto X Super X at X Games 15

Los Angeles, Calif. – Ashley Fiolek went from X Games rookie to instant icon as the first hearing impaired medalist in competition history, taking the Moto X Super X Women's Final gold in front of an emotionally charged crowd at The Home Depot Center.

On the heels of a recent ESPY nomination for Best *Female Action Sports Athlete*, Fiolek maintained her seasonal roll with a dramatic last minute win. On Jessica Patterson's heels throughout the race, Fiolek finally made her move on a masterful pass.

"I can't believe that I'm here," said Fiolek. "The X Games is a big deal for women to come here. I'm very excited I won and had a lot of fun. It's great that ESPN has added women racing."

Patterson led for the race's majority, but eventually succumbed to the pressure being applied by Fiolek.

"I knew she was close and that it was going to be a battle with the slick track," admitted Patterson. "I made little mistakes. I thought jumping the finish line jump was faster, but that's where she passed me."

Despite finishing just short of her goal, Patterson was able to take pride in recognizing how she and her fellow riders were raising the profile of Women's Moto X.

"It means a lot. It's getting us a lot of exposure. People are seeing that we are going to be here for a while."

Fiolek's fellow X Games rookie, Elizabeth Bash, walked away with the bronze.

Information on all X Games events can be found on www.xgames.com for fans or on www.espneventmedia.com for media only.

ABOUT ESPN'S X GAMES FRANCHISE

ESPN, The Worldwide Leader in Action Sports, first developed its X Games franchise in 1995. Part of ESPN Content Development, X Games, Winter X Games and All Access are just some of the original action sports programming currently shown on ESPN and ESPN2. In addition to the two U.S.-based events, ESPN has held X Games competitions and demonstration events around the world including Dubai, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico, Korea, Malaysia and Spain. The global franchise has also expanded its reach to www.espn.com/action, the definitive site for action sports fans, and to consumer products such as X Games bikes, protective gear, skateboards and DVDs.

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