



## X Games California 2023 Stacked with Gold Medalists For Ventura Debut Local Skateboarder Curren Caples Among Invited

**Ventura, CA - May 31, 2023** - X Games California announces the first wave of Skateboard, BMX and Moto X athletes who have received their invite to the world's premiere action sports competition, taking place July 21 - 23 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds & Event Center. Among the invited athletes are gold medalists from X Games 2022 and X Games Chiba 2023 as well as world-class action sports athletes from around the globe. The full list of invited athletes is available at [XGames.com](https://www.xgames.com).

Ventura native **Curren Caples** returns to X Games competition for the first time since taking Skateboard Park silver at X Games Austin 2016. A four-time X Games medalist, Curren began competing at X Games at just 14 years old. He has competed in both Street and Park at X Games and owns two gold medals in the latter. He'll seek his first Street medal at X Games California 2023. The son of former pro surfer Evan Caples, Curren is named after surf legend Tom Curren.

X Games California 2023 tickets are available now at [XGames.com](https://www.xgames.com). In addition to general admission tickets, X Games offers several hospitality and travel packages which include meet and greets, behind the scenes access and more.



The first wave of X Games California 2023 invited athletes includes:

- **Nyjah Huston (Davis, California)** – One of the most successful skateboarders in the world, Nyjah Huston is a 20-time X Games medalist and the winningest skater in Street League history. After ACL surgery late last summer, Huston returned to competition this spring but was unable to make the podium at X Games Japan in May.
- **Sky Brown (Miyazaki, Japan)** – Action sports phenom Sky Brown has dominated the Women’s Skateboard Park competition at X Games, winning back-to-back gold in 2021 and 2022. The 15-year-old also has an Olympic bronze medal in her trophy case, alongside podiums at Dew Tour, World Skate and more. In her spare time, Sky is also a pro surfer, released her own single in 2020 and even has her own Barbie doll.
- **Rayssa Leal (Imperatriz, Brazil)** – Currently the most dominant Street skater in the world, Rayssa Leal is nearly unstoppable. In 2022, Rayssa won every Street League Skateboarding stop and earned her first X Games gold medal at X Games Chiba. This year, she won the first SLS stop in April and took another X Games Japan gold in May.
- **Ryan Williams (Sunshine Coast, Australia)** – Once known strictly for his scooter skills, Ryan Williams quickly showed he’s got what it takes to top the BMX ranks. Winning his first X Games gold in front of his hometown crowd at X Games Sydney 2018, R.Willy is now a five-time X Games champ.
- **Axell Hodges (Encinitas, California)** – A 12-time X Games medalist, Axell Hodges played host to X Games competitions the past two years at his moto compound Slayground. Competing in three disciplines in 2022, he came away with a Best Whip silver, 110s gold and QuarterPipe High Air silver in a legendary battle with Palmdale’s Colby Raha.

*\*PLEASE NOTE: The invited athlete list is constantly being updated and is subject to change.*

The full list of first wave athletes invited to compete at X Games is available at [XGames.com](https://xgames.com).

Additional information on all X Games 2023 will be forthcoming on [XGames.com](https://xgames.com) for fans or on [XGamesMediaKit.com/](https://xgamesmediakit.com/) for media only.

### **About X Games**

X Games has been the leader in action sports since 1995. The 2023 edition will feature the world's best action sports athletes competing for gold from July 21-23, 2023. Live event coverage will be broadcast on ESPN and ABC. Follow @xgames on social to get the most up-to-date event information and visit [XGames.com](https://xgames.com).

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