

Athletes to Watch

Skateboard

- **Ayumu Hirano (Murakami, Japan)** – A three-time winter X Games medalist, Hirano will compete in his first Skateboard event at X Games in Boise. The first Japanese athlete to win gold at a winter X Games event, Hirano is also an Olympic halfpipe silver medalist and the youngest snow sport Olympic medalist of all time (15). Also an avid skateboarder, Hirano now sets his sights on a summer Olympic medal in his home country of Japan.
- **Jagger Eaton (Mesa, Arizona)** – The youngest athlete ever to compete at X Games, Jagger Eaton got his start on the X Games Big Air ramp at just 11 years old. At 16, Eaton earned his first X Games medals with gold in both Skateboard Street Amateurs and Park Amateurs at Minneapolis 2017. He followed with his first pro X Games medal with silver in Skateboard Street at Norway 2018 and Minneapolis 2018.
- **Poppy Starr Olsen (Newcastle, Australia)** – Already a member of the 2020 Australian Olympic Skateboard team, Olsen earned her first X Games medal with a bronze at X Games Minneapolis 2017. Also an avid artist, Olsen gave a TEDx talk at 14 years old focused on blurring the lines between art and skateboarding.
- **Yndiara Asp (Florianopolis, Brazil)** – With a third-place finish at the Road to X Games: Boise Qualifier in 2018, “Yndi” earned her first invite to X Games Minneapolis – where she finished just off the podium in fourth as a rookie. One of four skateboarders training to represent Brazil in the 2020 Olympics, Yndi grew up with six-time X Games medalist Pedro Barros as a mentor.
- **Dalton Beeson (Boise, Idaho)** – One of two hometown competitors, Beeson made his first X Games appearance at Road to X Games: Boise Qualifier 2017. Beeson made the final, taking home 11th place. He returned in 2018, taking a 10th place finish at the qualifier.
- **Elliot Saxton (Boise, Idaho)** – A 16-year old Boise native, Saxton will make his rookie debut at this year’s Road to X Games: Boise Park Qualifier. Skateboarding every day after school, Saxton won his first contest at the age of 5 years old.

BMX

- **Mykel Larrin (Racine, Wisconsin)** – Long a BMX double threat in Vert and Big Air, in 2018 Larrin tried his hand at Park for the first time. Qualifying in the top spot at the 2018 Road to X Games: Boise Qualifier, Larrin went on to place 10th in the BMX Park competition at X Games Minneapolis. He competed in three BMX disciplines there, taking home his second bronze medal in Big Air.
- **Brandon Loupos (Sydney, Australia)** – Competing in both Dirt and Park at X Games Minneapolis 2018, Loupos earned his first X Games gold in Dirt and finished seventh in the Park competition. Loupos finished in third place at last year’s Boise Qualifier.
- **Dennis Pecchenino (Boise, Idaho)** – An avid BMX rider for 17 years, Pecchenino started riding competitively in 2018. He placed 13th at the 2018 Vans Pro Cup Regional competition and will compete in his first Road to X Games: Boise Qualifier this year. Pecchenino works full time at Moto One KTM and likes to mountain bike and motocross in his free time.

