

Ankle injury keeps White out of slopestyle at X Games

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ASPEN – Shaun White's planned return to the podium in men's snowboard slopestyle at the Winter X Games will have to wait.

After taking practice runs Friday morning before the elimination round, White deemed his sprained left ankle too much of a liability, and left the Winter X Games 2012 venue at Buttermilk as the competition started.

White, who signed this season to train at Northstar, was treated by X Games medical staff Thursday after aggravating a sprained ankle, but had been cleared to ride.

"I'm disappointed. My priority this year was to ride in slopestyle, and unfortunately I hit my ankle again riding the course in today's practice," White told ESPN Friday. "I'm going to rest up and get ready to ride pipe on Sunday."

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