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## Newcomer und Powderpros will shred Kitzsteinhorn at X OVER RIDE

**Skiers and Snowboarders aiming at competing with international riders and collecting a bunch of appreciated Freeride World Qualifier points probably already have marked March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in their calendars. All other backcountry lovers should hurry up in doing so too. It's the X OVER RIDE at Kitzsteinhorn in Zell am See - Kaprun coming up again, this time as a tour stop of the newly initiated OPEN FACES Freeride Series in Austria. Expect to see good action.**

In 2004 an encouraged crew started to organize a freeride and freestyle contest at Kitzsteinhorn. Since then every year sees a battle of spectacular lines and style for the highest number of points judges have to give to riders. Good points are for those skiers and snowboarders who know how to ride more than just well and raise more than just smiles in the judges faces. This winter the X OVER RIDE promises to become even more exciting. The contest will not only mark the end of the OPEN FACES Freeride Series but will also give die Austrian Champions titles to those who have collected the most points in all 9 qualifier events throughout the season in Austria.

Let's start at the beginning. Before being allowed to compete as one of the 65 starters at the 3 star Freeride World Qualifier at Kitzsteinhorn riders have to show a good number of points on their Freeride World Qualifier account. They can collect those desperately needed points during the winter at qualifier events around the world, easiest for central European riders competing between January and March at one of the five OPEN FACES qualifier events at Axamer Lizum, Fieberbrunn, Hochkönig, Kappl or Stubaier Gletscher. The last chance to qualify and get a spot at the 3-star-qualifier Kitzsteinhorn is to participate at the 1-star-event at Kitzsteinhorn the day before the big mountain contest, on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The best two female skiers, the best female snowboarder as well as the best three male skiers and the best two male snowboarders on Friday will be in on Saturday, and that's something to tell and talk about. No less than 1.200 points are waiting for the winners of each category on Saturday. That's why a good ranking can decide about entering the Freeride World Tour in the 2013/2014 season. Price money is on the table too, guaranteeing that riders give their best and spectators see unforgettable runs.



### **Program X OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn 2013**

Friday, March 22nd: 9.00 am X OVER RIDE FWQ\* starts at Geißstein  
2.00 pm price giving ceremony

Saturday, March 23rd: 9.00 am X OVER RIDE FWQ\*\*\* starts at Lakarschneid  
2.00 pm price giving ceremony

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### **Stops of the OPEN FACES Freeride Series 2013**

January 12<sup>th</sup> OPEN FACES\*\* Axamer Lizum (\*\*FWQ)  
January 19<sup>th</sup> OPEN FACES\*\* Fieberbrunn (\*\*FWQ)  
January 26<sup>th</sup> OPEN FACES\* Hochkönig (\*FWQ)  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> OPEN FACES\*\* Kappl (\*\*FWQ)  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> OPEN FACES\*\*\* Big Mountain Stubaier Gletscher (\*\*\*)FWQ)  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> X OVER RIDE\* Kitzsteinhorn (\*FWQ)  
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