



X OVER RIDE at Kitzsteinhorn awards important points for AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES

Hardly a contest in Austria has such a big history as the X OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn in Zell am See-Kaprun: On March 22nd, the 11th edition of the contest will tip the scales in terms of the AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES rating. Until March 1st, freeriders can register for the 3-star-qualifier of the Freeride World Qualifier-Tour.

A week before the season finales of the AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES the X OVER RIDE Kitzsteinhorn on March 22nd, awards again a decent amount of points in the battle for the Austrian freeride champion. Due to this, the 3-Star-Qualifier in Zell am See-Kaprun is highlighted in the calendar of those, who fight for the title. The altitude of the Kitzsteinhorn makes the end of March the perfect date for a contest on optimum conditions.

Especially the Austrian pro-riders like to compete in the FWQ***X OVER RIDE. After all, the big names of the scene are coming back to the Kitzsteinhorn over and over again. They all know the face very well and this makes the freeride-action even more attractive. This year again, the start will be on a rather rocky steep section on the face called 'Lakarschneid', on approximately 2.560 meters of altitude. The steep slope merges into a wider field in which the riders can show fluid and speedy runs. The last section of the route is selective and the final chance for all riders to convince the judges on the way to the finish at Langwiedboden at about 1970 meters of altitude.

AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES titleholder Martin Rofner will be fighting for points at the Kitzsteinhorn: "I'd love to defend the Austrian National Champion title this year, but I'm also fighting for a spot in the Freeride World Tour 2015. Due to the AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES there are enough points to collect to make both goals possible, anyways the X OVER RIDE is a must for an Austrian Freeride-professional."

Again this year the world's top three skiers and two snowboarders are selected for the exquisite starting field of the SWATCH FREERIDE WORLD TOUR BY THE NORTH FACE. 10 out of the 50 international qualifier events will be held in Austria. With a win in the AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES and gaining points to be allowed to start in a higher categorized Austrian Freeride World Qualifier such as that in Zell am See-Kaprun, the riders are getting one step closer to their dream of a spot in the FWT.

Program:

Friday, March 21st 2014

1pm – 4 pm, face check

5 pm – 7 pm, Accreditation and riders check in FWQ ***

7pm, riders meeting

Saturday, March 22nd 2014

7am, ascent of the mountain with 'Gletscher Jet 1'

7.15am – 8.15am, face check

8.30am, take the 'Langwiedbahn' and 'Kristallbahn' up and hike to the start





9.30pm, start of the X OVER RIDE FWQ***, on the face called ‚Lakarschneid (2.652 m above the sea level)
The public area during the contest is at the ‚Langwiedboden‘ around the ‚Häuslalm‘.

2.30pm prize giving @ ‚Langwied‘

9pm, contest party @ ‚Burg Kaprun‘

* Subject to slight changes in the program

More information here: www.x-over.at and www.zellamsee-kaprun.com

AUSTRIAN FREERIDE SERIES - Dates 2014:

01.02.2014 - 1* OPEN FACES HOCHKÖNIG

08.02.2014 - 4**** BIG MOUNTAIN HOCHFÜGEN

16.02.2014 - 3*** OPEN FACES AXAMER LIZUM

22.02.2014 - 2** OPEN FACES KAPPL-PAZNAUN

21.-23.02.2014 - 2** BIG MOUNTAIN GOLDECK

27.02.-02.03.2014 - 2** PITZTAL WILDFACE

09.03.2014 - 1* OPEN FACES UTTENDORF-WEISSEE GLETSCHERWELT

15.03.2014 - 3*** OPEN FACES SILVRETTA MONTAFON

22.03.2014 - 3*** X OVER RIDE KITZSTEINHORN

29.03.2014 - 4**** OPEN FACES OBERGURGL-HOCHGURGL

