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**X OVER RIDE 2017 Kitzsteinhorn – Registration is open**

**It’s on! The registration is now opened for the 3\*Freeride World Qualifier, the X OVER RIDE at the Kitzsteinhorn. The already 14th edition of the contest, hosted in Zell am See-Kaprun will be happening on the 1st of April.**

All those who want to start at the Kitzsteinhorn and be part of the legendary X OVER RIDE on April, 1st, should save their spot - the registration portal is now open. Riders from 10 nations followed this call last year and once again made the Freeride World Qualifier on the contest-face called ‘Lakarschneid’ an internationally renowned and top-ranked event.

Also in 2017, the start list of the X OVER RIDE will contain familiar names. In addition to the prestige for a victory at the Kitzsteinhorn, the riders are fighting for 1,100 points for their Freeride World Qualifier ranking. As a 3\*Freeride World Qualifier at the end of the season, the X OVER RIDE can decide whether the dream of a starting spot in the royal class, the Freeride World Tour, can be realized. This fact underlines a glance at the result list of the Freeride World Tour stop in Andorra, previous weekend. It shows which big names of the scene could already secure a X OVER RIDE-title:

The Viennese Manuela Mandl, who recently finished third in Andorra and celebrated a successful entry into the royal class of freeriding, she took a sovereign victory at the Lakarschneid in 2016. Austria's freeride champion Thomas Feurstein, who could also qualify for this year’s Freeride World Tour (FWT) and reached second place in the first competition of the Freeride World Tour in Andorra, has also been one of the victorious faces of the X OVER RIDE. In 2015, he said, ‘I am very happy that I decided the X OVER RIDE for being my first ever freeride contest.’ The two Youngsters of the FWT are thus in the best company with the Finnish Mikaela Hollsten, winner of X OVER RIDE 2015, and the two-time Austrian World Champion, Nadine Wallner, who also took a victory at the Kitzsteinhorn.

No matter who will take full points on April, 1st in Zell am See-Kaprun, it will be celebrated in any case. Traditionally the after-party is located at the Baumbar in Kaprun and it is going to be legendary.