



FREERIDE WORLD QUALIFIER by TYROLIA (FWQ) AND FREERIDE JUNIOR TOUR by HEAD (FJT) : CALENDARS UNVEILED!

This season features over 40 FWQ and 90 FJT events spanning two international regions with exciting new locations for 2018!

Lutry, Switzerland – November 2, 2017 – The official competition schedules and locations for the world’s greatest competitive freeride leagues are now available. A record **2300 FJT riders** will complement the **1900 FWQ** registered athletes to make this season the **biggest ever in freeride history**. These riders will hail from all over the world and are divided into two regions: Europe/Oceania and the Americas.

FWQ

Five 4 stars events in Europe and six 4 stars events in North America will determine which top riders will qualify for the elite **Freeride World Tour (FWT)** next year, with the final 4 stars events (Obergurgl and Kirkwood) in each region determining qualification. The top three riders in the ski men category will advance along with the top rider in each of the other three categories: ski women, snowboard men, and snowboard women. Several new events will be held this year in France and Switzerland as well as a new “ride and style” format being debuted in **Bergen**, Germany. High profile FWQ events such as the **Nendaz Freeride**, Jasna, and most of the Open Faces series will feature live streams the day of the competition. The only qualifying event in Asia will be held as a 3 star in **Hakuba, Japan**. Once again, national champions will be crowned in **Austria, Switzerland, and France**. The FWQ competition season kicks off at the Verbier Freeride Week with three 2 stars events on January 6-7, 2018.

FJT

The FJT also kicks off at the **Verbier Freeride Week** at the start of the new year. The biggest changes to the FJT this season include the creation of two age categories (14-18 and under-14). In addition, a new 2 star event in **Tignes**, France will make the calendar this year as part of the French Freeride Series. The 20th anniversary of the **Eldorado freeride** now features a total of five events with a new 1 star event in Formigal. The top FJT riders will be crowned national champions in **Austria, Switzerland, France**, and the **Pyrenees** (Spain and Andorra combined). Junior riders will have the opportunity to be crowned tour champions at the season finale in Verbier in April.

Be sure to follow the latest competition and rider news on www.freerideworldtour.com and follow the FWQ and FJT on Facebook.

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