



KAPPL, AUSTRIA TO HOST THE FREERIDE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 (FJWC) !

Lutry, Switzerland – November 7, 2017 – The 6th edition of the premier junior freeride event, the **FJWC**, will head to **Kappl, Austria** this winter for the first time ever after three consecutive years in Grandvalira, Andorra.



Kicking off a three-year partnership with Kappl and in collaboration with Open Faces, from **March 21-23, 2018**, the world's best athletes aged 15-18 will showcase their mind-blowing talents in front of spectators and a global online audience at one of the world's most exciting freeride venues.

« **Freeride World Tour (FWT)** is proud to partner with Kappl to stage the next 3 editions of the FJWC (2018, 2019 & 2020). I am convinced the boys and girls will be stoked to discover the great freeriding terrain Kappl offers, in addition to the unbeatable Tyrolean hospitality! », says Nicolas Hale-Woods, FWT Management SA group CEO.

"We are delighted to continue our partnership with the FWT and to have the FJWC for the first time in our area. Kappl has already been a replacement venue for the FWT twice and has been hosting the Open Faces competitions for six years now. With the FJWC we want to continue our work in developing freeriding", says Andreas Kleinheinz, Director of Kappl's lift company.

The FJWC is the most prestigious proving ground for the next generation of freeriders and this year's sixty invitees have each earned a spot because they have demonstrated that they are the best. Young skiers and snowboarders were selected by their past overall rankings on the **Freeride Junior Tour by Head (FJT)** and will represent over 16 nations from five continents.

The competition roster will consist of 30 ski men, 12 ski women, 12 snowboard men, and 6 snowboard women. Riders will include many familiar faces from past championships and some new ones who have earned the privilege to compete at Kappl and showcase their skills. The women's snowboard champ **Heidi Farmer (CAN)** will be there looking to defend her title.

"I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to represent Canada again at the FJWC this year. I was very lucky last season to get a clean run and to stay on my feet so I won, but the most important in that event is that we're all having fun and supporting each other. " says Heidi Farmer, FJWC 2017 champion.

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

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