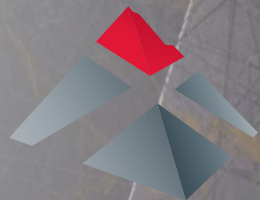




Audi FIS Ski Cross World Cup Cross Alps Tour



THE ALPS

In 1928, Arnold Lunn and four of his English friends, decided to see which one of them was the faster skier. The five Englishmen climbed to the top of Murren, Switzerland and at exact noon, they started to race "head to head" from the top to the bottom of the mountain, ... was this the first ski cross race ever or just the first in the Alps? This can be defined as the start of Alpine Ski competitions in Swiss Alps.

From that time, they developed the so-called "English start" as compared to the interval start used in Nordic cross country and then adopted by Alpine ski racing.

Now a new expression of competition skiing has been developed on the basic premise of Arnold Lunn in his beloved Alps, the FIS Cross Alp Tour, which will take to the road as part of the AUDI Ski Cross World Cup.

TEAMS & RULES

Participating National Teams:
AUS, AUT, BEL, CAN, CHI, CZE, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, NOR, POL, RUS, SLO, SUI, SWE, USA

Big Winners 2016

MEN

JF Chapuis (FRA): CAT winner: victory in Val Thorens #1 and Montafon; third-place in Arosa; top 10 in five of six events; finished with 359 points (of 600 possible) after the six CAT competitions

LADIES

Marielle Thompson (CAN- CAT winner: victory in Val Thorens #1, Arosa, and Montafon; second-place in Innichen #1; top-5 in all six CAT competitions; finished with 475 points (of 600 possible) after the six CAT competitions

While World Cup rules will apply in most instances, new for the Cross Alps Tour will have some special regulations;

Public Heat Selection, where the top men and ladies of ski cross will be given the chance to CHOOSE their competitors for the next day's race

Wild cards, for the top 8 male and top 4 female competitors.

2017 SCHEDULE

VAL THORENS (FRA)

December 7	Ladies and Men's Qualification Public Heat Selection
December 8	Ladies and Men's SX WC Final
December 9	Ladies and Men's Final

AROSA (SUI)

December 11	Ladies and Men's Qualification Public Heat Selection
December 12	Ladies and Men's Final

MONTAFON (AUT)

December 14	Ladies and Men's Qualification Public Heat Selection
December 15	Ladies and Men's Final

INNICHEN (ITA)

December 20	Ladies and Men's Qualification Public Heat Selection
December 21	Ladies and Men's Final
December 22	Ladies and Men's Super Final

AWARDS

With 12 competitions (6 men; 6 ladies) spread over 15 days, an overall FIS Cross Alps Tour triumph will be no small feat for any athlete.

300,000 CHF in prize money will be distributed over the course of the Tour, while special awards will be handed out to the men's and ladies AUDI FIS Cross Alps Tour Champion, as well as the award for Best Overall National Team.



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Val Thorens

08/09.12.2017
11:30/12:30

RESORT INFORMATION

The biggest ski resort in the world with more than 600 km of dreamy slopes, Val Thorens is ready to host the first 2017 AUDI FIS Cross Alps Tour race. Hometown hero JF Chapuis, Gold Medalist at 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games and last year Cross Alps Tour winner, will do the honors and try to defend the title of King of the Ski Cross.



12.12.2017
20:15

RESORT INFORMATION

The Swiss stop is ready to release more thrills than ever hosting the only night race event of the tour. Athletes will compete on a very fresh course layout under the lights, providing a breathtaking show and spectacular head-to-head actions.



15.12.2017
10:30

RESORT INFORMATION

Sharing the stage with the SBX World Cup, the Montafon week end will definitely be one not to be missed. Staying true to its motto "Sport on the mountain tops, party in the valley", the resort will pull out a sensational event filled with outstanding performances and delight in the wonderful Austrian Alps setting.



21/22.12.2017
13:30/13:30

RESORT INFORMATION

Last but not least, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Dolomites will frame the final steps of the tour where the winners will be finally unveiled. Competitors will fight till the last breath on the longest running venue of all, the latest battlefield of this electrifying contest that will reach to its conclusion after two weeks of unforgettable emotions along the route of the Alps.



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