

Continental BIKE Festival Saalfelden Leogang 2021 a complete success

An eventful weekend ends

Today marks the end of the last day of the Continental BIKE Festival Saalfelden Leogang 2021. From 10 to 12 September hundreds of guests marvelled and tested, tried and trained, pushed and powered. The great joy that the event could finally take place again after last year's cancellation due to the pandemic was always palpable. The stable weather, despite a few grey clouds, did the rest

Saalfelden/Leogang, 12th of September 2021: Saalfelden/Leogang, 12 September 2021. Three varied days lie behind us: three days full of action, adrenaline and many aha moments. 30 well-known exhibitors presented their new products on the Expo grounds, which were available to the visitors for free testing and trying.

Numerous beginners and novices as well as experienced and advanced riders were able to learn and gain experience in the many different workshops, which were held under professional guidance. Mountain bike icons as Stefan Schlie, Jasper Jauch, Elias Schwärzler, Joost Wichmann and Lukas Schäfer were on hand to provide expert knowledge to those interested. There was a suitable course for every ability level, every type of rider and every type of mountain bike. The relaxed mixture of wit and humour as well as the know-how from many years of experience and professional explanations was what inspired many interested people. The tutors were also pleased with "the great interest and willingness to learn", as Stefan Schlie explains. "Especially after the long pandemic break, I realise how great my job is. It's a great feeling to be able to pass on my knowledge to others who also take it in so well," the EMTB coach continues.

Exciting side events provided an adrenaline rush not only for the participants but also for the spectators. The 'Pump Track World Championship Qualifier' was a hot event on Saturday: The specialists, who were competing on the Velosolutions Pumptrack Leogang for the qualification for the big final in Lisbon, not only made their tyres glow in the approach curves. The top four finishers in the men's category (Max Eijndhoven, Max Wegener, Hannes Slavik, Luca Eckardt) as well as the four fastest women (Kristina Madarasova, Michaela Hajkova, Kristina Novakova, Lisa Prochiner) were happy about the qualification.

The "all-inclusive ticket", which includes travel and accommodation costs, was taken by the first-placed male Max Eijndhoven took home the all-inclusive ticket for the men - or rather: to Lisbon. In the women's category, the runner-up Michaela Hajkova received this particularly coveted starting place, as Kristina Madarasova had already secured this exclusive starting place with her victory at the Qualifier in Berlin.

The highlight for the kids and parents was the Junior Trophy on Sunday, where the little ones were able to emulate the big ones. On the same course that was used the day before to battle it out for a place in the world championship finals, the youngsters went wild the following day, pushing and powering for all they were worth.

It was a successful Continental BIKE Festival Saalfelden Leogang 2021, which was only possible thanks to the extensive hygiene concept. The 3-G rule applied to the entire Expo area. Only vaccinated, recovered or tested persons were allowed to enter the event area. In addition, every visitor had to register via an app for contact tracking.

More information about the Continental BIKE Festival Saalfelden Leogang as well as press photos can be found at <https://leogang.bike-festival.de/en/press/>.