**2019 World Rookie Snowboard Finals:
 who will be the next stars?**

*Kitzsteinhorn – Kaprun, Zell am See, Austria*

*25th – 30th March 2019*

After travelling all around the world in Europe, from South America to New Zealand to and from North America to Japan and seeing the most prominent riders battling to conquer a spot in the **World Rookie Snowboard Finals in Kitzsteinhorn** – **Kaprun/Zell am See**, Austria, the Black Yeti is looking forward to seeing the next **World Rookie Tour Champions**.

Only the best young guns from the previous World Rookie Tour stops will join this **legendary event**. As is tradition the winners of the World Rookie Finals will be awarded with incredible prizes: wildcards to World Class Events, filming sessions with Pirate Movie Production, invitations to World Rookie Tour Shooting to be held in Les 2 Alpes France from 10 to 13 of July, Trip to Chile and many tickets to next season World Rookie Tour events. Moreover, this year the Black Yeti joined the forces with one of the most famous international competition, the **Audi Nines**, and the **male and female Champions of the 2019 World Rookie Tour Snowboard Finals** will win a ticket to this unique event that will take place from the **22nd to the 27th of April** in **Sölden** and in **Obergurgl**, **Austria**.

Last but not least, the World Rookie Tour establish an end of season important partnership which will increase significantly the 2019 World Rookie Finals prizes:  all the 2019 rookie champions, snowboard freeski, male and female, will be awarded with a personal spot for the 2019.20 FIS World Cups.

Takeru Otsuka and Kokomo Murase were the previous WRT winners and started their carrier at the last year finals. Who will be the next snowboard stars?

**From the 25th to the 30th of March** riders from all over the world will gather in Austria for a unique sports and lifestyle event in a great international scenario. The program of 2019 World Rookie Finals will include **World Snowboard Tour Slopestyle** and **Half Pipe contest** and many **lifestyle activities**: social dinners, workshops with Viva con Aqua, Yoga lessons, a first aid clinic the final party and much more.

If you are a snowboard fan or if your dream is to start a professional snowboard carrier, then Kitzsteinhorn, Kaprun/Zell am See, Austria, is the place to be!

Click here to find all the info about program and booking. Download the registration form [here](http://moon.mailmnsa.com/nl/link?c=6md7&d=o8&h=k3v9cnmo685o76hv3ma0t2sdo&i=34s&iw=1&p=H653219742&s=lp&sn=ms&z=ef6), fill it out and sent it to registration@worldrookietour.com.

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Watch the videos of the 2018 World Rookie Finals in Kaprun: [slopestyle](https://vimeo.com/265134095) and [halfpipe](https://vimeo.com/264934637) competition.

**WORLD ROOKIE TOUR CALENDAR***South America Rookie Fest (SS) – Valle Nevado, Chile 9.14 August 2018 DONE
New Zealand Rookie Fest (SS+HP) – Cardrona, New Zealand 14.16 August 2018 DONE
New Zealand Rookie and Grom Fest (SS+H) - Cardrona, New Zealand 2.5 October 2018 DONE
Corvatsch Rookie Fest (SS) - Corvatsch, Switzerland 12.16 December 2018 DONE
USASA Grom Fest (HP) – Copper Moutain, US 6. January 2019 DONE
World Rookie Fest (SS) – Livigno, Italy 12.16 January 2019 DONE
USASA Grom Fest (SS) – Keystone, US 10 February 2019 DONE*
Indy Park Rookie Fest (SS) – Nekoma, Japan 9.10 March 2019
Rev Tour Rookie Fest (SS+HP) – Mammoth, US 13.14 March 2019
Pila Rookie Fest (SS) - Pila, Italy 13.17 March 2019
World Rookie Finals (SS+HP) - Kitzsteinhorn - Zell am See-Kaprun, Austria 25.30 March 2019

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**QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO THE WORLD ROOKIE FINALS Slopestyle (WHO CAN JOIN THE EVENT)**- Riders, male and female, born 1st January 2001 and younger are admitted.
- Riders will be divided in 2 age groups: born before/after 2004.
- Only riders from WSF member nations are admitted.
- Qualified are the top 20 riders of the World Rookie Rank (top 20 male, top 20 female) + the top 10 riders from the Grom rank by the 24th of March 2019. you can check the rookie ranks here:  <http://www.worldrookietour.com/rank/>
- Additional every Nation is allowed to nominate 2 Rookies Men, 1 Rookie Girl, 1 Grom Men, 1 Grom Girl.
- The top 3 riders, both male and female / Rookie and Grom, from the previous SS are already qualified to the World Rookie Finals. National secretary or national coaches are allowed to send their team inscriptions.

PROGRAM

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| Monday 25 March 2019 – Arrival Day |
| 08:15-21:00 | Registration. Payment of entry fee. Bibs distribution at Riders Office |
| 10:00-14:00 | Park and Pipe are open (you can buy additional lift ticket for Monday at the riders office)  |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | Opening Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant |
| 20:00 | Coach Meeting  |
| Tuesday 26 March 2019 |
| 09:30 - 13:00 | Training HP |
| 09:30 – 14:30 | Training SS |
| 15:30-19:00 | Glass Blower Workshop |
| 18:00-19:30 | Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant |
| 20:00 | Coach Meeting |
| Wednesday 27 March 2019 |
|  09:00 – 15:30 | SS Qualification Rookie + Grom Boys |
| 16:30-17:30 | First Aid Workshop |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Gorilla Workshop |
| 18:00-19:30 | Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant  |
| 20:00 | Coach meeting |
| **Thursday 28 March 2019** |
| 09:00–14:00 | Qualification + Finals HP |
| 17:00–18:00 | Viva Con Agua |
| 18:00-19:30 | Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant  |
| 20:00 | Coach meeting |
| Friday 29 March 2019 |
| 09:00 –15:30 | Qualification SS Rookie + Grom Girls + SS Finals Girls and Boys  |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant  |
| 21:00 | Prize giving ceremony HP SS at the Party |
| Saturday 30 March 2019 – Reserve or Departure Day  |

THE PROGRAM CAN CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER, CONDITIONS AND AMOUNT OF RIDERS

EVENT INFO

Event World Rookie Finals

**Location** Kitsteinhorn, Kaprun/Zell am See, Salzburg, Austria [www.kitzsteinhorn.at](http://www.kitzsteinhorn.at) [www.zellamsee-kaprun.com](http://www.zellamsee-kaprun.com)

**Riders Office** Jufa Hotel Kaprun

Nikolaus-Gassner-Straße 51

A-5710 Kaprun

Date March 25. - 30. 2019

Shuttle Service Available from Salzburg airport and from Munich airport – more info after request.

Event format Slopestyle and Half Pipe (NATIONAL LEVEL), helmet and protector mandatory

Age groups Rookie (born 2001-2002-2003) and Grom (born 2004 and younger)

Prize Ticket to the Audi Nines, Ticket to Spring Battle, Ticket to Nanshan Open 2020, filming with Pirate Movie Productions, 2 invitations to the Rookie Fest Shooting, 2 Golden tickets to 19/20 World Rookie Tour events, tickets to 2020 Rookie Fests, Freeride Film Trip to Chile, Prices from Nitro, TSG, Union, Level, …

Registrations By returning the registration form attached to registration@worldrookietour.com before 24. March 2019

**Entry fee** 450€ for one Discipline

500€ for both Disciplines

Lift tickets, event registration, hotel in half board from 25.-30.03.2019 included. It´s possible to book already before or additional days after competition – just let us know in your inscription. For competitors there will be also 10€ for bib deposit.

For coaches, parents and crew the entry fee is €430. For Single Rooms additional €10/Day will be charged.

Due to a new Austrian Law – Cash Payments are not allowed anymore.

You will get invoiced after we received the registration. Full amount to be paid per bank transfer before the event.

**Accommodation**  For hotel booking contact: registration@worldrookietour.com

Till 1 week before the event, room cancellation is possible. Afterwards cancellation fee is to pay for the booked rooms!! (The registrant will be invoiced)

Judging Will be accomplished by official judges and snowboard experts.

Park Shaping Kitzsteinhorn Park Shaping Crew

Note for media A limited number of accredited media will receive free lift tickets and free accommodation (contact registration@worldrookietour.com)

TV Production & Pics: contact registration@worldrookietour.com

Sponsors & Partner: Zell am See – Kitzsteinhorn, Red Bull, Nitro, TSG, Union, Level;

Media Sponsors Prime Snowboariding, Pleasure, Sequence, 4Media, 4Snowboard and Boardriding.com

Organization N.ASA (new austrian snowboard association) in cooperation with WSF World Rookie Tour Organizing Committee

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Official website [www.worldrookietour.com](http://www.worldrookietour.com)

**If you dream to become a professional snowboarder
your future starts at the World Rookie Tour!**

**QUALIFIED RIDERS TOUR SS**

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| SOUTH AMERICA ROOKIE FEST SS 09.-14.08.2018 |
| 1 ROOKIE | Alvaros | YANEZ |  |  | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Vincente | BANADOS |  |  |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Gonzalo / Palscal  | BAEZ / URANGA |  |  |  |
| 1 GROM | Lorenzo | MACHICAO |  |  |  |
| 2 GROM | Felipe | BANADOS |  |  |  |
| 3 GROM | Pedro | PIZARRO |  |  |  |

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| **CADRONA NZ ROOKIE FEST SS 15.08.2018** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | WAKUSHIMA | COOL | NZL |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female | REN | ZIYAN | CHN |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | YAMADA | YUTO | JPN | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | KUNITAKE | HIROAKI | JPN |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | JOHNS | RORY | NZL |  |
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| **CADRONA NZ ROOKIE & GROM FEST SS 04.-05.10.2018** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | Wakushima | Cool | NZL |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female | Chen | Alexandra | AUS |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female | Jekel | Lily | AUS |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | Bohinc | Daniel | NZL | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | Davern | Mitchell | NZL |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | Finnemore | Samuel | NZL |  |
| 1 GROM | Female | Jones | Paige | AUS |  |
| 2 GROM | Female | Collins | Kaiya | NZL |  |
| 3 GROM | Female | Stalker | Meila | AUS |  |
| 1 GROM | Male | Lovelock | Zephyr | NZL |  |
| 2 GROM | Male | Tui | Wikohika | NZL |  |
| 3 GROM | Male | Robertson Hahn | Joshua | AUS |  |

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| **CORVATSCH ROOKIE FEST SS 12.12.2019** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | GISLER | BIANCA | SUI |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female | KOLODZIEJ | SHIRLY | SUI |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female | MÜLLER | LENA | SUI |  |
| 1 GROM | Female | LÖTSCHER | ISABELL | SUI |  |
| 2 GROM | Female | SÄRKIPAJU | TELMA | FIN |  |
| 3 GROM | Female | FENELL | AMBER | GBR |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | RYOMA | KIM | JPN | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | PÜNTER | NICK | SUI |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | KAUTONEN | VALTERI | FIN |  |
| 1 GROM | Male | LOTORTO | ALESSANDRO | SUI |  |
| 2 GROM | Male | MATTEOLI | IAN | ITA |  |
| 3 GROM | Male | KAURANEN | MITJA | FIN |  |

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| **WORLD ROOKIE FEST LIVIGNO 12.-16.01.2019** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | STEFFENSEN | TINA | NOR |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female | HILL | MAISIE | GBR |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female | KOLODZIEJ | SHIRLY | SUI |  |
| 1 GROM | Female | POPPE | EVY | BEL |  |
| 2 GROM | Female | BROOKES | MIA | GBR |  |
| 3 GROM | Female | OLSEN | KAMILLA ESPELI | NOR |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | PÜNTER | NICK | SUI | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | KIRKHUS | ØYVIND | NOR |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | ALMQVIST | GABRIEL | SWE |  |
| 1 GROM | Male | RØHRT | ODIN | NOR |  |
| 2 GROM | Male | FRIDBJORNSSON | BENEDIKT | ICE |  |
| 3 GROM | Male | DANIELSEN | SANDER MØRK | NOR |  |
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| **PILA ROOKIE FEST SS NOT HAPPENED YET** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 1 GROM | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 2 GROM | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 3 GROM | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male |  |  |  | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male |  |  |  |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male |  |  |  |  |
| 1 GROM | Male |  |  |  |  |
| 2 GROM | Male |  |  |  |  |
| 3 GROM | Male |  |  |  |  |
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| **A51 GROM FEST KEYSTONE SS 10.02.2019** |
| 1 | Female | KAILEY | BOGART | USA | FREE |
| 2 | Female | ALYSSA | MOROCO | USA |  |
| 3 | Female | JADYN | DALRYMPLE | USA |  |
| 1 | Male | HAYDEN | TYLER | USA | FREE |
| 2 | Male | FINN | BULLOCK-WOMBLE | USA |  |
| 3 | Male | KARIS | STANG | USA |  |

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| **INDY PARK ROOKIE FEST SS NOT HAPPENED YET** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female |  |  |  |
| 1 GROM | Female |  |  |  |
| 2 GROM | Female |  |  |  |
| 3 GROM | Female |  |  |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male |  |  |  | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male |  |  |  |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male |  |  |  |
| 1 GROM | Male |  |  |  |
| 2 GROM | Male |  |  |  |
| 3 GROM | Male |  |  |  |

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| REV TOUR ROOKIE FEST SS NOT HAPPENED YET |  |
| 1 | Female |  |  |  | FREE |
| 2 | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Female |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Male |  |  |  | FREE |
| 2 | Male |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Male |  |  |  |  |

**QUALIFYNG CRITERIA TO THE WORLD ROOKIE FINALS Half Pipe (WHO CAN JOIN THE EVENT)**

- Riders, male and female, born 1st January 2001 and younger are admitted.
- Riders will be divided in 2 age groups: born before/after 2004.
- Only riders from WSF member nations are admitted.

- Every Nation is allowed to nominate 2 Rookies Men, 1 Rookie Girl, 1 Grom Men, 1 Grom Girl.
- The top 3 riders, both male and female / Rookie and Grom, from the previous HP stops are already qualified to the World Rookie Finals. National secretary or national coaches are allowed to send their team inscriptions.

**QUALIFIED RIDERS TOUR HP**

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| NZ ROOKIE FEST HP 16.08.2018 |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | Lee | Na-Yoon | KOR |  |
| 2 ROOKIE |  |
| 3 ROOKIE  |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | Lee | Joonsik | KOR | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | Cho | Hyeon-Min | KOR |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | Fletcher | Craig | NZL |  |

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| NZ ROOKIE FEST HP 03.10.2018 |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | Wakushima | Cool | NZL |  |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female | Jekel | Lily | AUS |  |
| 3 ROOKIE  | Female | Stratten | Caycee | AUS |  |
| 1 GROM  | Female | Stalker | Meila | AUS |  |
| 2 GROM | Female | Collins | Kaiya | NZL |  |
| 3 GROM | Female | Jones | Paige | AUS |  |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | Craig | Fletcher | NZL | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | Davern | Mitchell | NZL |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | Bohinc | Daniel | NZL |  |
| 1 GROM | Male | Lovelock | Zephyr | NZL |  |
| 2 GROM | Male | Melville Ives | Campbell | NZL |  |
| 3 GROM | Male | Robertson Hahn | Joshua | AUS |  |

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| COPPER MOUNTAIN GROM FEST HP |
| 1 | Female | Kailey | Bogart | USA | FREE |
| 2 | Female | Olivia | Lisle | USA |  |
| 3 | Female | Chelsee | Kelley | USA |  |
| 1 | Male | Fynn | Bullock-Womble | USA | FREE |
| 2 | Male | Jamada | Ryusei | USA |  |
| 3 | Male | Kade | Martin | USA |  |

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| **YOUNG GUNS ROOKIE FEST HP** |
| 1 ROOKIE | Female | TOMITA | RUKI | JPN |
| 2 ROOKIE | Female | MORI | MOMOHA | JPN |
| 3 ROOKIE | Female |
| 1 GROM | Female | KAWAHARA | RIJU | JPN |
| 2 GROM | Female | OHASHI | SORANA | JPN |
| 3 GROM | Female | KAMIMURA | MION | JPN |
| 1 ROOKIE | Male | KUCHISUBO | RIO | JPN | FREE |
| 2 ROOKIE | Male | MAEDA | RION | JPN |  |
| 3 ROOKIE | Male | OKAJIMA | TOA | JPN |
| 1 GROM | Male | SHIGENO | SHUICHIRO | JPN |
| 2 GROM | Male | SHIMASAKI | KYU | JPN |
| 3 GROM | Male | SAITO | SOUTA | JPN |

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| REV TOUR ROOKIE FEST HP NOT HAPPENED YET |  |

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2 Female

3 Female

1 Male

2 Male

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 **ABOUT THE WORLD ROOKIE TOUR***The World Rookie Tour is organized by the Black Yeti ssrl in collaboration with World Snowboard Federation, National Snowboard and Ski Associations and selected action sport agencies. It was born in 2005 as a series of youth snowboard event and it consists now of a selection of high quality International events for snowboard, freeski and skateboard, the so called “Rookie Fests”, reserved for riders under 18’s only, in Europe, North and South America, Oceania and Asia. The World Rookie Tour consists not only of competitions: it also features loads of other activities to help rookies to grow in the field of professional action sports, such as photo & video shootings, avalanche and rescue clinics, meetings with photographers and international team managers, parties and English talks. Since year zero it awards tickets to world class events such as X Games Norway, Audi Nines, The Arctic Challenge, The Air & Style, The World Snowboarding Championships, invitations to professional photo & video shootings, and shooting trip all around the world. Every year the tour crowns the World Rookie Champion at the end of season, at the World Rookie Finals, a unique event where the best youngsters from almost 30 countries compete and have fun. More information at www.worldrookietour.com.*

**ABOUT BLACK YETI ssd**
*The Black Yeti is an amateur sport club dedicated to the realization of snowboard, freeski and skateboard projects for boys and girls up to 18 years of age, in Italy and abroad. One of the most successful project is the World Rookie Tour, the biggest and the most famous tour in the action sports world that attracts 2.000 young athletes from 30 nations to the events called “Rookie Fest”, organized all over the world: Italy, Europe, North and South America, Oceania and Asia. The Rookie Fests program includes not only the competition but also many side activities such as avalanche and rescue clinics, workshops and English talks.*

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