WORLD ROOKIE SNOWBOARD FINALS
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2026 World Rookie Snowboard Finals: who will be the next stars?

Kitzsteinhorn Zell am See-Kaprun, Austria

21st – 28th March 2026

After travelling all around the world, from Europe to North America to Japan, and seeing the most motivated riders battling to conquer a spot in the **World Rookie Snowboard Finals at Kitzsteinhorn** in **Zell am See-Kaprun**, 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**. The event will assign the **2026 World Rookie Champions title for Snowboard Slopestyle, Big Air and Rail** plus, tons of amazing prizes: Surprise Ticket to World Class Event 26, Rock a Rail, Absolute Park Spring Battle, World Rookie Camp Training Weeks – surf experience in Santander offered by SurftoLive.com, and many other prices offered by our sponsors Nitro, TSG, Collective [of] Moving People, Blue Tomato and Red Bull.

From the 21st to the 28th of March, riders from all over the world will gather in Austria for a unique sports and lifestyle event in a great international setting. The program of 2026 World Rookie Finals will include **Slopestyle**, **Big Air, and Rail contests** and many **lifestyle activities**: social dinners, workshops with Boardriding, World Snowboard Federation and much more.

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

Registration, info, and bookings
Online at: https://worldrookietour.newcommerce.tirol/ no later than 16.03.2026

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QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR THE WORLD ROOKIE FINALS (WHO CAN JOIN THE EVENT)

- Riders, male and female, born 1st January 2008 or later are eligible.
- Riders will be divided into two age groups: Rookie born between 2008 and 2010 and Grom born in 2011 or later
- Riders from WSF members are eligible.
- Qualified riders are the top 20 in the World Rookie Rank (top 20 male, top 20 female), plus the top 10 riders from the Grom rank by 15.03.2026. You can check the rookie ranks here: http://www.worldrookietour.com/rank/
- In addition, each nation may nominate six quota spots (at least two female athletes)
- The top 3 riders, both male and female / Rookie and Grom, from the previous Qualifier are already qualified for the World Rookie Finals.
- The top 3 riders, both male and female / Rookie and Grom, from the 2025 World Rookie Snowboard Finals are already qualified for the World Rookie Finals.

National secretaries or coaches are allowed to send their team inscriptions, inscriptions for single athletes can be send by parents/coaches.

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PROGRAM

Saturday 21 March 2026 – Arrival Day	
13:00 – 22:00	Registration. Bib distribution at Riders Office
09:00 – 12:00	Park check
17:45 – 19:00	Opening Dinner at the World Rookie Final restaurant
20:30	Event Presentation
Sunday 22 March 2026 – Training Day	
09:30 – 15:00	Training SLS / Training BA / Training STREET STYLE
16:00 – 17:00	WRF Parade
17:45 – 20:00	Dinner at the World Rookie Final restaurant
20:30	Coach Meeting
Monday 23 March 2026 – Qualification SLS/Park Style	
09:30 – 15:00	SLS Qualification
17:00 - 18:30	Basketball Workshop
17:45 – 20:00	Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant
20:30	Coach Meeting
21:00	Nitro Workshop
Tuesday 24 March 2026 – Qualification BA	
09:30 –15:00	BA Qualification
16:30 – 18:00	WSF He.Art Adaptive Workshop
17:45 – 20:00	Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant
20:30	Coach meeting
Wednesday 25 March 2026 – Street Style	
09:00 – 15:00	Rail
16:00 – 18:00	Tattoo Workshop
17:45 – 20:00	Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant
20:00	Coach meeting
Thursday 26 March 2026 – SLS/Park Style Finals	
09:00 – 14:30	SLS Finals
16:30 – 17:30	Game of sk8
16:00 – 18:00	Tattoo Workshop
17:45 – 20:00	Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant
20:00	Coach meeting
Friday 27 March 2026 – BA Finals	
09:00 –15:00	BA Final
17:00	Price Giving
17:45 – 20:00	Dinner at World Rookie Final restaurant
21:00	WRF Party
Saturday 28 March 2026 – Reserve Day	

THE PROGRAM MAY CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER, CONDITIONS, AND THE NUMBER OF RIDERS.

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EVENT INFO

Event	World Rookie Snowboard Finals
Location	Kitzsteinhorn Zell am See-Kaprun, Salzburg, Austria www.kitzsteinhorn.at | www.zellamsee−kaprun.com
Riders Office	Jufa Hotel Kaprun Nikolaus-Gassner-Straße 51, 5710 Kaprun, Austria
Date	21.03. − 28.03.2026
Shuttle Service	Available from Salzburg airport and from Munich airport – more info upon request.
Event format	Slopestyle, Big Air, Rail: helmet and protective gear mandatory
Age groups	Rookie (born 2008, 2009, 2010) and Grom (born 2011 and later)
Prize	Surprise Ticket to World-Class Event, Tickets to Rock a Rail events, Tickets to Absolute Park Spring Battle, World Rookie Camp, Golden tickets to 26/27 WRT events, Surf Camps by Surf to Live and many other prices.
Registrations	Online at: https://worldrookietour.newcommerce.tirol/ no later than 16.03.2026 Help: +43 650 56 37 424 registration@worldrookietour.com **Rider Entry fee** 100 € per Discipline 140 € for 2 Disciplines 160 € for 3 Disciplines **Lift tickets** valid from 22.−27.03.2026 to be booked at: https://worldrookietour.newcommerce.tirol/ **Coaches Registration + Lift tickets** Valid from 22.−27.03.2026 to be booked at: https://worldrookietour.newcommerce.tirol/events/coaches−registration
Accommodation	**Multi-bedroom** €72 per Night and Person including Breakfast and Dinner **Double Room** € 82 per Night and Person, including Breakfast and Dinner **Single Room** € 110 per Night and Person including Breakfast and Dinner to be booked under: https://worldrookietour.newcommerce.tirol/product−category/accomodation/

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Free Tickets include 7 Nights 21. –28.03.2026 (incl. Breakfast and Dinner - multi-bed Room Price) + 6 Day Lift pass from 22.–27.03.2026. The winners will get a Voucher Code which they can use on:
https://worldrookietour.newcommerce.tirol/

Room cancellation is possible up to one week before the event. After that, a cancellation fee applies.

Judging	Conducted by official judges.
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:	Kitzsteinhorn Zell am See-Kaprun, Red Bull, Blue Tomato, Collective [of] Moving People, Nitro, Stickermule, TSG, Surf to Live
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If you dream of becoming a professional snowboarder, your future starts at the World Rookie Tour

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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, Ski and Skateboard Associations, and selected action sports agencies. It was born in 2005 as a series of youth snowboard events and it consists now of a selection of high−quality International events for snowboard, Freeski, Skateboard and Surf, 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, Red Bull Roller Coaster, Simple Session, Mystic Sk8 Cup, invitations to professional photo & video shootings, and shooting trip all around the world. Every year the tour crowns the World Rookie Champions at the end of the season, during the World Rookie Finals, a unique event format 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, operating worldwide. 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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