PRESS RELEASE

Lech Zürs ready for the Audi FIS Ski World Cup

***Lech Zürs am Arlberg, October 24, 2022. Following the successful return of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup to the cradle of Alpine skiing, Lech Zürs will host parallel giant slalom for the third time on November 12 and 13, 2022. Preparations are well underway and the public will also be able to attend again this year. Tickets are already available to purchase online.***

The joy of hosting the Audi FIS Ski World Cup is palpable in Lech Zürs: in 2020, the races returned to the cradle of Alpine skiing after 26 years, which means this edition marks the third time the competition will be held here. The women’s parallel giant slalom, in which **Katharina Liensberger (AUT), Lara Gut-Behrami (CH), Marta Bassino (ITA)** and **Sara Hector (SWE)** will compete, will take place on Saturday (November 12, 2022). The men, including **Austrian top athletes as well as Henrik Kristoffersen (NOR)** and **Alexis Pinturault (FRA),** will compete for World Cup points on Sunday (November 13, 2022). Dominik Raschner (AUT), who took to the podium for the first time at a World Cup in last year’s parallel event, will be back again this year.

“We are training hard and are really looking forward to the World Cup in Arlberg. The head-to-head races are a real highlight since you can feel the immediate pressure of your opponent even more. It’s also particularly exciting for the spectators,” says **Austrian giant slalom and slalom specialist** **Dominik Raschner**, who came second in Lech Zürs last year.

The World Cup course is located on the Flexenarena in Zürs: the start is at 1,820 meters, the course length is 365 meters.

**This year’s entertainment**

A rousing atmosphere as well as catering will be on site at the festival area of the Flexenarena in Zürs. **DJ F.A.B.** and **AUSTROPOPSCH - DIE BAND** will be staged at the Audi FIS Ski World Cup with groovy beats and Austrian hits from the pop scene. Around **4000 spectators** are expected to attend the World Cup races; tickets are available online via the [ÖSV ticket shop](https://www.oesv.at/der-osv/tickets/), with any remaining tickets available for purchase on the day.

FACT BOX:

**World Cup course (365 meters):** Flexenarena Zürs

**Start:** 1,820 meters, finish: 1,718 meters, altitude difference: 102 meters

**Gradient:** average 29%, maximum 50%

Women’s parallel race: **Saturday, November 12, 2022** (12 p.m.: qualifying, 6 p.m.: final)

Men’s parallel race: **Sunday, November 13, 2022** (10 a.m.: qualifying, 4 p.m.: final)

**Travel to Lech Zürs:**

Parking is available in Lech, Rauz and Stuben, from where shuttles will take you on to Zürs. It will probably only be possible to travel via the L198, as the Lech-Warth route is expected to be closed by this time. If the weather conditions allow it, spectators may also travel via Lech-Warth (in this case, shuttles will also be organized from there).

**Travel to the Audi FIS Ski World Cup in comfort via the free bus and train**

The free online ticket available to download from the website [www.vmobil.at](http://www.vmobil.at) is valid as a train and bus ticket when either printed out or displayed on a smartphone.

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Learn more about Lech Zürs am Arlberg here: [https://www.lechzuers.com/en](http://www.lechzuers.com/en)

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