

The Ski World Cup is coming back to Flachau!

On 9 March 2022, the Ski World Cup will unexpectedly return to Salzburger Land. Flachau steps in at short notice and takes over the men's slalom from Zagreb, which was cancelled at the beginning of January. The race will be held as a night slalom and thus follows the long tradition at the World Cup venue. The organisers are delighted, the decision by the FIS and ÖSV emphasises Flachau's professional competence in organising major sporting events. As a special highlight, spectators will be possible due to the planned easing of measures at the beginning of March.

The fact that there will be an exciting World Cup race in the middle of Salzburg's Pongau region this ski season after all is a credit to the Flachau organising committee. OC President Thomas Oberreiter sees the reason in its decades of experience: "We are very proud that the people in charge chose Flachau as a replacement venue. This is a sign of our great expertise and professionalism as an event venue for competitions. We are delighted that our many years of work and experience have been rewarded in this way." Putting this kind of event together in such a short time is a remarkable achievement by everyone involved – both the organisers and cable car companies. The latter will ensure, among other things, that the competition slope is perfectly prepared. The organisers already proved that Flachau is worthy of its professional reputation a year earlier when they took over the two slaloms from Kitzbühel and Wengen. The ÖSV is now once again placing its trust in the renowned World Cup venue as a reliable partner.

The Audi FIS Men's Night Slalom Flachau will be held on the Hermann Maier FIS World Cup course, where greats such as Marlies Raich, Maria Höfl-Riesch and most recently Manuel Feller have already celebrated victories. Even if action is only being taken at short notice, the slope will be in top condition, promises Wolfgang Hettegger, CEO of Snow Space Salzburg Bergbahnen: "The Hermann Maier FIS World Cup course will once again provide the perfect basis for an exciting race – in the truest sense of the word. We have already started the preparatory work to be able to present a competition slope in top condition on race day", says Hettegger. "The challenging section with moguls at the beginning and the following transition to flatter sections gives the route its special charm. It's going to be fantastic!", he adds. Young skiers can already test how appealing the competition slope really is a few days beforehand. At the Children's Regional Cup on the renowned competition slope, they will get a feel for the World Cup magic on Saturday 5 March in the giant slalom and slalom competition.

There is another reason why Flachau is so popular with the FIS competition spectators: the first-class supporting programme that provides the best entertainment. The legendary Star Challenge "Sport & Society meets Ski Talent" will be held the evening before. The charity race for the benefit of Salzburg's up-and-coming skiers is the perfect way to get in the mood for the World Cup race. Chris Steger, the youngest winner of the Amadeus Award, is the musical highlight for the evening. On the race day itself, "Skolka" and the Flying Bulls parachute relay team will provide thrills and a great atmosphere even before the race. In the break between the 1st run that starts at 5.45 p.m. and the 2nd run starting at 8.45 p.m., "Josh" will really get the audience going with his hits like "Espresso & Tschianti" and of course "Cordula Grün". Due to the pandemic measures being eased, there are no restrictions on the number of people. The organisers advise all guests to inform themselves in good time about the applicable coronavirus safety measures.

Tickets at <https://skiweltcup-flachau.at/>

The programme in detail:

Tuesday, 08.03.2022	6.00 p.m.	Admission and start of World Cup warm-up
	6.30 p.m.	Presentation of Star Challenge participants and
	8.15 p.m.	Team competition – STAR CHALLENGE 2022 "Sport & Society meets Ski Talent"
Wednesday, 09.03.2022	3.30 p.m.	Admission and start of World Cup warm-up
	4.15 p.m.	"Skolka" live in concert
	5.00 p.m.	Flying Bulls show including flag parachute jump
	5.45 p.m.	Start of 1st run of FIS Ski World Cup Men's Night Slalom Flachau
	7.15 p.m.	Live act "Josh"
	8.45 p.m.	Start of 2nd run of FIS Ski World Cup Men's Night Slalom Flachau
	Followed by	Award ceremony

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