



## PRESS RELEASE

### Suzuki Nine Knights 2015 Ski and Snowboard riders list announced

**Livigno (ITA), March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** – Bringing together snowboarders and freeskiers for the Suzuki Nine Knights 2015 is an exciting development making the riders list double as interesting. The infamous “Il Castello” snowcastle on Mottolino Fun Mountain, in Livigno, Italy, will this year also include the unusual element of a skate ramp, stepping up the innovation at the supersession running from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2015. As usual, for aspiring knights there are still a few wild cards on offer through the “Wanna be a Knight?” online video competition, as well as, via the slopestyle qualifier event held in Mottolino Snowpark. The day not to miss is the public Big Air contest held on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April.

#### Il Castello

With five take-offs leading into three landings the main jump of the life size “Il Castello” is set to provide ample opportunity for creativity and progression. The lower section boasts a multifaceted “snow & skate” obstacle, which combines a skate-ramp, wall rides and a hip, offering up the possibility for skiers, snowboarders and skateboarders to ride it at the same time. A handful of skaters will join the session to make for an action packed Suzuki Nine Knights 2015. The skaters will be announced soon along with the 3D designs.

#### Two ways to grab an invitation to the Suzuki Nine Knights?

Engraving your name on the coveted riders list is still possible. The “Wanna be a Knight?” online video contest is dishing out a few spots, so send in a short video before the **submission deadline on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2015**. The rules can be found on [www.nineknightsnow.com](http://www.nineknightsnow.com) where you will also see all the entries. There second way to qualify is through the slopestyle competition held on the **28<sup>th</sup> of March 2015** in the Mottolino Snowpark in Livigno. This event is open to everyone, to participate sign up on [www.mottolino.com/en/blog/take-part-into-suzuki-nine-knights-2015](http://www.mottolino.com/en/blog/take-part-into-suzuki-nine-knights-2015)

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#### VIDEOS:

The Suzuki Nine Knights 2015 Trailer: [bit.ly/NineKnights2015\\_Trailer](http://bit.ly/NineKnights2015_Trailer)

Top 10 Moments: [bit.ly/NineKnightsQueensTop10Moments](http://bit.ly/NineKnightsQueensTop10Moments)





## PROVISIONAL RIDERS LISTS

### FREESKI

- Elias Ambühl (SUI)
- Luggi Brucic (AUT)
- Russ Henshaw (AUS)
- Nicky Keefer (USA)
- Bene Mayr (GER)
- Fabio Studer (AUT)
- Luca Tribondeau (AUT)
- Jossi Wells (NZL)
- James Woods (GBR)
- Oystein Braaten (NOR)
- Paddy Graham (GBR)
- Gus Kenworthy (USA)
- Roy Kittler (GER)
- Tobi Reindl (GER)
- Jesper Tjäder (SWE)
- Tom Wallisch (USA)
- David Wise (USA)

### SNOWBOARD

- Kevin Backström (SWE)
- Sebbe de Buck (BEL)
- Keita Inamura (JPN)
- Tor Lundström (SWE)
- Maxence Parrot (CAN)
- Sven Thorgren (SWE)
- Marius Bakken (NOR)
- Halldor Helgason (ISL)
- Sage Kotsenburg (USA)
- Ethan Morgan (GER)
- Seppe Smits (BEL)
- Sebastien Toutant (CAN)





#### About Livigno:

Sitting right in the heart of the Alps, Livigno is the place to discover new winter sports: In Livigno, telemark skiing is living a second youth, freestyle has grown up and snowboarding found its first fans. Livigno has also hosted several editions of the Burton European Open, a top international event, which turned the resort into a real Mecca of snowboarding during the first years of the new millennium. The snow and ski areas are winter's main attractions as Livigno provides an extensive and modern ski-lift network to its guests. Today, with more than 115 km of slopes Livigno is a perfect choice for everyone, with or without a snowboard, to enjoy snow, shopping and après ski.

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#### About Mottolino Fun Mountain:

Mottolino Fun Mountain is a skiing area of Livigno located in the Italian Alps. It is well known for its prime Snowpark, which has won several awards in Italy in recent years and is rated among the best ones in Europe: covering 120.000 m<sup>2</sup> (more than 30 soccer fields) constructed from more than 170.000 m<sup>3</sup> of snow, it has been chosen by GoPro as a partner of excellence. Fun is at the bottom of almost any activity, which has led to a great variety over time. Not only has Mottolino hosted the highest music concert in the Italian mountains, the Ice Party, it has also been the home of three editions of the Burton European Open, seven editions of Burn River Jump and many times of the World Rookie Fest. In 2015 Mottolino will host the legendary NINE KNIGHTS freeski event, which will take place already for the fourth time in Italy. The resort will provide enough snow for the shapers to build the massive, enchanted Nine Knights castle, which will remain in the beautiful mountains of the Mottolino skiing resort for a week. Do you want to know more about it?

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#### About Suzuki

The Suzuki Motor Corporation is based in the Japanese city of Hamamatsu, and is the world's leading supplier in the minicar segment. In the 2013/2014 business year it produced 2.86 million vehicles worldwide. The Corporation employs 51,503 people globally and sells its products in 196 countries and regions.

In the 2013/14 business year, the company turned over 2.94 billion yen (€20.7 billion\*). With an operating result of around 187.7 billion yen (€1.31 billion\*), the Suzuki Motor Corporation saw a 29.9 percent rise in its profits over the previous year. Global sales amounted to 2.66 million cars in the 2013/14 business year. Suzuki maintains 35 main production facilities in 24 countries and regions.

Suzuki's 'Way of Life!' represents the global brand-attributes of enthusiasm, down-to-earthness, quality, sportiness and team spirit. These values express themselves in innovation, products tailored to customer needs, and an impressive set of core expertises including in the offroad and AWD fields, based on a company history stretching back for more than a century.

Suzuki International Europe GmbH, based in Bensheim, Hessen, controls activities throughout Germany in the three business areas of Cars, Motorbikes and Marine. With its 375 employees, the company generated a turnover of €635.6 million in the 2013/14 business year. A total of 27,835 vehicles were newly registered in the year 2014.

\* Exchange rate on 31 March 2014: €1 = 142.2 yen.

