

Daily report #3 – opening ceremony and first competition day (day 1)

Friday 13th of March was a day full of skydiving. The blue sky and low wind weather conditions did allow 5 rounds of accuracy landing for all teams.

The dropzone Gernkogel/ “**Gondl Stubn**” provided a spectacular sunny view over the alps after the ride up by cable car in the morning and breaking through low clouds and fog still down in the valley.

But in spite of the blue sky weather, several competitors had to experience the difficulties of landing at a slope in changing wind directions and at an altitude of 1300m above sea level. This alpine landing is the essence of Parachute-Ski and reflect the history of this competition. Back to the days of round canopies the mountain rescue teams had to land on top of the mountains and then ski down to the area where they were needed like for example an avalanche.

The results after 5 rounds are official, signed and posted at <https://results.worldskydiving.org/competitionset/1088>

The leaderboard shows a close race in all categories and top places spread over all participating nations. The junior Ionut Mihnea RITES from Romania is leading the male and of course also the junior classification with only 7 cm out of 5 jumps.

Magda SCHENNER from Austria is in lead in the female category with 15cm and Martin KUMZAK from Czechia is in lead in the Master category with 14cm.

The team competition has Switzerland in lead with 75cm and the following teams Austria (101cm) and Italy (104cm) need fast ski race results to catch up the 13 seconds that they are behind (1second equals 2 centimeters in the overall calculation).

The Saturday morning Ski race will bring the decisive overall points but then in the afternoon the then leading teams need to defend their position in the 6th round followed by the best 8 male and 4 female individuals in another final round that counts for individual standing only.

The live results of skiing can be followed at <https://www.skizeit.at/races/51215/live/1> and if the weather co-operates the final overall results are at [ISC Results Centre - 19th FAI World Parachute-Ski Championship](#)

The opening ceremony was held as planned on Friday 6pm in St. Johann city center, followed by the official dinner nearby.

The President of the Austrian Aeroclub, Wolfgang Malik welcomed all participants and FAI officials. He also mentioned the 125 year birthday celebration of the Austrian Aeroclub (NAC)

With raising the FAI flag the representative of the Salzburg province declared the 19th PS WSC open and all participants were treated with a buffet dinner that left nobody hungry before an early bed time because the Saturday will again be an intensive day.

