

Kappl as an international freeride hotspot 2026: Three events, one destination

This winter season, Kappl brings together three high-calibre freeride events, once again becoming an international meeting point for the scene. From the Freeride Junior World Championships to the Open Faces contests and the Dutch Freeride Championships, the region showcases the full spectrum of the sport. In doing so, Kappl reaffirms its status as one of the leading freeride destinations in the Alps.

Throughout the winter season, Kappl once again establishes itself as a key venue for international freeride sport. With the Freeride Junior World Championships, the Open Faces contests and the Dutch Freeride Championships, the region unites a wide range of age groups and performance levels in one place, creating a compelling triad of elite athletic performance, youth development and a strong community culture. Varied terrain, striking topography and reliable snow conditions provide the natural framework that makes Kappl an ideal destination for top-level competitions.

Freeride Junior World Championships Kappl: 17–23 January 2026

From 17 to 23 January 2026, the Freeride Junior World Championships will turn Kappl into a global meeting point for the world's best young freeride athletes. Talents aged roughly between 14 and 18 demonstrate the potential of the next generation of the sport on challenging, untouched terrain. The runs demand technical precision, control and creativity in line choice – qualities that are decisive for success at international level. With its alpine slopes, Kappl provides the perfect backdrop and underlines its role as a training ground for future professionals gaining their first major competition experience.

Open Faces Kappl: 31 January 2026

With the Open Faces Freeride Contests, Kappl will once again become a stage for some of the strongest athletes from the international qualifier scene on 31 January 2026. On the impressive Quellspitz face, experienced riders present technically demanding lines, execute precisely timed jumps and make full use of the wide range of terrain options. The combination of steep sections, variable snow conditions and natural topography creates ideal conditions for peak sporting performances and spectacular runs. At the same time, a dense freeride atmosphere develops around the event, transforming the alpine setting of Kappl into a hub of the scene year after year.

Dutch Freeride Championships Kappl: 14–21 March 2026

With the Dutch Freeride Championships, Kappl will host an international venue for a national top-level event from 14 to 21 March 2026, bringing the Dutch freeride community to the Tyrolean mountains. Around one hundred skiers and snowboarders compete as part of the Poederbaas Freeride Festival, vividly demonstrating how dynamic and diverse the scene has become. The event combines sporting ambition with a strong sense of community: safety and avalanche awareness workshops, shared sessions in the terrain and an atmospheric supporting programme create an environment in which competition and freeride culture merge naturally. Kappl offers ideal conditions for this and further strengthens its role as an internationally respected freeride destination.

By hosting these three major events, Kappl highlights its position as a versatile freeride destination offering ideal conditions for both professionals and young athletes. Once again, the region becomes a vibrant meeting point for an international scene that celebrates sporting excellence, nature and community alike. Kappl presents itself as a place where freeride sport is not only staged, but truly lived.

Further information is available at www.kappl.com.

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