



Audi Nines MTB 2019: The second edition of the Audi Nines mountain biking event is just around the corner!

- **First Public Contest Day taking place on 14 September 2019**
- **Pro riders competing on spectacular mountain biking course at Ellweiler quarry near Birkenfeld**

Ingolstadt, 9 September 2019 – The top 20 mountain bikers in the world will be showing off their full repertoire of skills at the annual Audi Nines MTB event, which is taking place this year from 9 to 14 September. The venue is the impressive stone quarry near Birkenfeld, hence the tagline of “send it to the moon quarry”. For the first time this year, a Public Contest Day on 14 September 2019 will give the fans a unique opportunity to see their mountain biking heroes up close. Audi is supporting this event as title sponsor for the second year, mirroring its involvement in the winter version of the Audi Nines.

It's just around the corner! The second edition of the Audi Nines mountain biking event is starting on 9 September 2019. In cooperation with Bikepark Idarkopf, Audi Nines MTB is transforming Ellweiler quarry near Birkenfeld into a unique mountain biking terrain. The massive jumps will give the best mountain bikers in the world ample opportunity to show off their most impressive tricks to spectators. After a packed week of video and photo shoots, the highlight of the event will take place on 14 September 2019 with the free-admission Public Contest Day. The gates will be open to spectators from 10 a.m.

So far, 20 invitees have confirmed their participation. Many of the biggest stars of the scene will be there, including the first mountain biker to complete a double back flip, Sam Reynolds (GBR), and the overall winner of the FMB Diamond Series 2016, Nicholi Rogatkin (USA). Other big names at the event will be the winner of the FMB World Tour 2013, Sam Pilgrim (GBR), along with the champion of the FMB Diamond Series 2017, Emil Johansson (SWE). The line-up will be completed by up-and-coming talents like Jackson Goldstone (CAN) as well as leading German riders in the form of Erik Fedko from Fröndenbergl, Patrick Schweika from Koblenz, Lukas Knopf from Jahnsdorf, Nico Scholze from Filderstadt, Tobi Wrobel from Nuremberg and Lukas Schäfer from Diez.

Every aspect of the spectacular course for the Audi Nines MTB 2019 event was designed by mountain biking professionals. A course-building team that included the mountain bike riders Patrick Schweika (GER) and Sam Reynolds (GBR) took charge of the development of the course, which is perfectly tailored to the demands of the pros. The two lines for slopestyle and freeride bikes were inspired by the innovative design of the previous year, but with some improvements and additions. Alongside the “Perfect Hip”, a jump with a steep take-off and a landing that is offset at a 90 degree angle, and which is located right in front of the spectators' viewing zone, the slopestyle course will also feature the new “Space Station” – a solar panel pavilion that is ideal for street-style tricks.

The Audi Nines MTB 2019 event unites sport and art, people and heroes, architecture and progress, community, camaraderie and sustainability. From 9 to 14 September, Birkenfeld will become the centre of the mountain biking universe. By following up and improving on the previous edition of the Audi Nines mountain biking event, the brand is underlining another year of continuous development.



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