



SUZUKI NINE KNIGHTS MTB 2015

Dates: August 31st – September 5th 2015
Public Day: Big Air Contest Day, Sat, Sept 5th
Location: Mottolino Fun Mountain, Livigno, Italy



IN A NUTSHELL

A media event, with a simple principle:

Build a unique set-up, bring together
the best athletes, photographers and film makers
from all over the world for
a week long super session.

The aim is to document the athletes in a fun, creative and pressure free environment, an ideal setting for progression. Together we create breath-taking images and footage often at sunrise and sunset, sometimes from the helicopter. The public highlight; a Big Air competition bring an additional element of excitement. Welcome to join us!

- **Athletes:** 9 invited world-class athletes, plus special guests and qualifiers.
- **Wild Card Qualification:** “Become a Knight” Online Video Qualifications
- **Winning categories:** Overall Champion, Best Style, Best Trick & Big Air winners.
- **Other:** Action sports photographers compete in a creative photo contest



IL CASTELLO – THE SETUP

At the top of the course, providing speed into the main jumps is the wooden “il Castello” - castle, the 10 m tall drop-in tower. The 2015 course features a wall ride, step-ups, a hip jump, bridges and towers and even a halfpipe, making it one of the most innovative freeride constructions in the world. Year after year, the course is further developed together with "Balzamico Trail Designs" with the aim to provide a platform for continuous progression of the sport. [VIDEO: Event 2013 Construction](#)





- **Main kicker:** The distance from the kicker to the landing is 15m
- **Speed:** The athletes reach a speed of up to 60km/h
- **Size:** Il Castello” measures 10 meters tall and 12 meter wide.



EVENT HISTORY

In 2008 professional freeskiier Nico Zacek introduced an innovative winter event concept, The Suzuki Nine Knights Ski, which immediately became a staple event in the freeski world. In 2011, mountain bike adaptation of the event was created and launched in Mottolino Livigno together with German trail mastermind Andy Wittmann. The same year also saw the Suzuki Nine Queens Ski become the first big all female freeski event in Serfaus - Fiss - Ladis, Austria. Both ski events are now joined by snowboarders.



EVENT SERIES MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

2015 Suzuki Nine Queens makes snowboarding history with Klaudia Medlova (SVK) landing a world premier double backside Rodeo 900 mute and Jamie Anderson a cab 1080. [VIDEO](#)

2014 Jesper Tjäder (ski, SWE) performs a jaw dropping “stuntman jump” flying 50m over a half pipe starting from one kicker to the landing on another kicker. [VIDEO](#)

2014 Luca Schuler (ski) turns heads by landing a perfect 1080, an incredibly progressive and technical trick, mastered only by a few, or possibly only by the young swiss athlete.

2014 Opening up the Night Time Photo Shoot to public saw 4000 spectators make their way up to the Mottolino Fun Mountain in starlight to watch the athletes putting on a unique show at the lit up castle.

2013 18-year old Lisa Zimmerman (ski, GER) lands a double cork 1260 in the competition, a textbook demonstration of freeski mastery, and a world first. [VIDEO](#)





2013 French Mountain biker Antoine Bizet innovates the MTB world with a double backflip on a downhill bike. [VIDEO](#)

2013 Andi Wittmann (GER) performs the highest natural hip jump ever seen on a mountain bike reaching 5.60m at Livigno, Mottolino. [VIDEO](#)

2011 Nine Queens sees Kaya Tursky (CAN) land a world's first Switch 1080 performed by a female. [VIDEO](#)

2010 Teddy Berr (GER) performs a huge NAKED 50m super man Front Flip, instantly receiving fame around the globe. Due to the decreased air resistance he over-shot the landing, certainly receiving some ice burn. [VIDEO](#)

