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BANKED SLALOM LAAX
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Curvalicious Weekend:

THE BANKED SLALOM LAAX

is taking place for the 10th time on this first weekend in March 2025.

Thigh muscles aquiver, boards waxed and the start lists are ready! All is set to dance in the banked turns and around the flags. Let the race begin!

On the 1st and 2nd March 2025, the motto is: On your marks, get set for the BANKED SLALOM LAAX — the only timed snowboard contest in the resort. And yet the Snowpark LAAX crew, responsible for all the on-snow facilities in LAAX, couldn't pass up incorporating a feature that emphasizes the resort's freestyle DNA: behind the finish line awaits a hip jump. What will be conjured up by the banked riders after a speedy run through countless banks? The best trick will, of course, be rewarded.

300 snowboarders are looking forward to the cross-generational community event, the riding, the reunion, the exchange and the race itself. And, despite all the fun, it also depends on who is going to master the completely hand-shaped course in the fastest time with the brightest shine, from the podium peak.

There are 26 opportunities – this is another characteristic of the Banked Slalom, which offers 13 age categories for women and men, girls and boys. The most popular are the Open and Masters classes. With 80 riders on Junior Sunday, the future is snowcapped.

Riders from the early snowboard generation who won all the titles in slalom, pipe and cross at their active sports careers — such as Peter Bauer, Reto Poltera, Ueli Kestenholz, Pascal Imhof, Therry Brunner and Ariane Staib-Glaus — are regulars at the Banked in LAAX. Reto Neiger is always fast on his own Zen boards, both forwards and fakie. The 2018 Olympic giant slalom champion Nevin Galmarini as well as young freestyle World Cup riders Nick Pünter and Emily Rothney will be participate for the first time.

If you want to watch, take the slope P60 from the Crap Sogn Gion mountain station towards Curnius and discover a colourful crowd of riders on the course and finish area by the left-hand side. A small gastro menu and casual DJ sound from DJ Frutti di Mare (Saturdays from 12 noon) invite you to linger. If you want to meet the community in the valley, go to the award ceremonies at the rocksresort in front of the Indy Bar and celebrate at the Riders Hotel in the Lobby, Art Space and Club.

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