

Ahrntal valley, 16.09.2024

Invitation to the 15th Klausberg ICE GAMES

International snow sculpture competition in Ahrntal valley

Dear Sir or Madam! Dear artist!

After the further success from the 14th edition last year, we are happy to inform you that the International snow sculpture competition goes to the next round. From Sunday, 12th January to Friday, 17th January 2025 the ski area Klausberg in Steinhaus/ Ahrntal valley will become a large atelier where no restrictions are placed to the fantasy. The aim of this competition is to create a sculpture at a height of 2500 m above sea level with a marvelous view on the "Zillertaler Alps" with the subject **"GAMING: From digital worlds to analogue classics"** from a block of snow with the size of 3x3x3 m.

Every sculpture will be valued by a jury of experts and the winners will receive great prizes (net):

1st price: €770,00	4th price: €330,00
2nd price: €605,00	5th price: €275,00
3rd price: €440,00	6th price: €220,00

We are glad to welcome you at the 15th International snow sculpture competition in the ski area Klausberg in Steinhaus/ Ahrntal valley and we are waiting with great interest for your ideas about these snow sculptures.

Please let us have your registration form with a sketch, the title of your planned work and all other necessary documents at the latest on the 15th November 2024. The senders of the 10 best sketches will be selected to participate.

For further information don't hesitate to contact us directly in the tourist office.

Best regards

The president BA Michael Zimmerhofer

Regulations

Organizer and topic

The Ahrntal Valley Tourist Association is organizing the snow sculpture competition in the ski area Klausberg in Steinhaus/Ahrntal valley about the topic **"GAMING: From digital worlds to analogue classics"** from the 12th January to the 17th January 2025. The snow sculptures should have a certain stability, so that they can be admired as long as possible.

Participants

Sculptors from all over the world have the possibility to join the competition. The sculptors can participate in a team. The 10 attending teams can consist of maximum 2 people (of legal age). Groups of pupils (2 people) accompanied by an adult teacher can be a part to the event as well.

Appointments: Tender | selection of the artists

15th November 2024 – closing date for registration: handing out the fully filled in registration form with title, sketch and/or photo with a short description of the planned object, Curriculum vitae, reference objects (optional).
End of November 2024: Selection of the participants through organizing committee and jury of experts with certificate of participation or refusal.

Obligations of the organizing committee

1. Free food and accommodation for the participants for the period of 12th – 17th January 2025
2. The six first placed sculptors will receive a cash prize
3. Travel cost refunding: All participating teams will receive a contribution towards refund of € 0,20 (net) per km from the hometown to the venue. The maximum amount for teams from Europe is €280,00 (net), teams from other continents will get a maximum amount of €520,00 (net).

Travelling by public transport is preferable in the interests of sustainability

4. Care by specialists
5. Evaluation by jury of experts
6. Certificate of participation
7. Additional evening program
8. GuestPass (Receiving at your accommodation)
9. Ticket for the cable car

Eventual extras (bar, telephone, drinks) will not be refunded.

Snow blocks

The snow blocks (3m long, 3m wide, 3m high) will be allotted to the team on 12th January 2025.

Equipment

The snow sculptures must be formed of snow, ice and water. The organizers will place the following tools at the disposal for the teams: 2 shovels, 1 ladder, 1 bucket and 1 pick. Each participant can additionally bring his own equipment.

Working hours

Daily from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The works must be completed within 16th January 2025 until approx. 3 p.m.

Insurance

The organizer refuses any third part responsibility. Insurance is to be arranged by the participants.

Prizes

The winner will be selected by a jury of experts on 16th January 2025 (afternoon). The six first placed sculptors will be rewarded with cash prizes:

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Programme

Sunday, 12th January 2025

- Arrival of the competitors with welcoming at the hotel
- Time at free disposal: eventual trip to the ski area Klausberg, so the competitors can take a look at the ice blocks (you will find them at the mountain station of the cableway K2 over 2500 m above sea level). The sculptors get the free passes for cable car and ski lift at the ticket office at the valley station.
- 6.30 p.m.: Dinner at the hotel
- 8.30 p.m.: Official welcoming and allocation of the ice blocks – explanation of the rules

Monday, 13th January 2025

- 8.30 a.m.: Trip to the Klausberg
- Start of the competition (until 4.00 p.m.)
- Lunch at the Klausberg
- Dinner at the Hotel

Tuesday, 14th January 2025

- 8.30 a.m.: Continuation of the competition (until 4.00 p.m.)
- Lunch at the Klausberg
- Dinner at the Hotel
- 8.30 p.m.: Meeting point at the ski rental at the Skihouse next to the valley station. Together we shall enjoy the Klausberg by night and the starry sky above Steinhaus/Ahrntal valley.

Wednesday, 15th January 2025

- 8.30 a.m.: Continuation of the competition (until 4.00 p.m.)
- Lunch at the Klausberg
- Dinner at the Hotel
- 9.00 p.m.: Meeting point at the Nativity Scene and Folk Art Museum Maranatha in Luttach/Ahrntal valley. We will enjoy a spectacular walk through the mystical world of cribs.

Thursday, 16th January 2025

- 8.30 a.m.: Continuation of the competition
- Lunch at the Klausberg
- 3.00 p.m.: The jury of experts chooses the winner
- 7.00 p.m.: The week will be finalized by a common snug evening. With excellent food we'll talk, laugh, announce and celebrate the winner of the contest.

Friday, 17th January 2025

- Breakfast and departure

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