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The world flies in for the 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships

Lausanne, Switzerland, 18 October 2017 - **More than 200 of the world's best indoor skydivers are converging on Montreal, Canada, for the 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships.**

The competition, which will see 23 nations take part, will take place from 20-22 October at the SkyVenture Montreal indoor-skydiving tunnel in Laval, Montreal.

"We're ready to welcome the world, and we hope everyone has a great competition!" Catherine Carignan-Levasseur, WISC 2017 Organising Committee, said.

Indoor skydiving is an air sport discipline that has its roots in skydiving – but rather than jump out of a plane, athletes compete indoors inside a glass-walled, vertical wind-tunnel.

Competitors balance on a jet of fast-moving air, and compete either solo, with a partner, or as a team of four. Competition categories include: Formation Skydiving; Vertical Formation Skydiving; Freestyle/Freefly; and Dynamic. There are open, female and junior categories.

The FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship is the highest level of competition in the sport. Winning an FAI gold medal is considered the most prestigious medal a competitor can win.

The competition will take place over three days, Friday through Sunday, and will be live-streamed online at The Olympic Channel (www.olympicchannel.com).

Names to watch include Singapore's Kyra Poh, who will be going for gold in the Freestyle Junior World Championship. The current Freestyle Junior World Champion, Poland's Maja Kuczyska, who always flies in her distinctive white bodysuit, relinquishes her junior status this year as she steps up to the Freestyle Open.

In Formation Skydiving, all eyes will be on Belgium's 4-Way Open team Hayabusa, as well as Russia's Black Cat.

Spectators in the Montreal area can watch the competition up close for free - either up close inside, or on several big-screen viewing areas outside. Live scoring will bring the sporting action to life.

Social media will be buzzing as much as the athletes over the three day competition – watch for it on the FAI channels using the hashtag #WISC2017.

Notes

Name: 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championship

Venue: SkyVenture Montreal

Competition dates: 20-22 October 2017

Event channels

Website: www.wisc2017.com

Athlete profiles: www.wisc2017athletes.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/faiwisc2017

Live streaming: www.olympicchannel.com

Live scoring: www.intimescoring.com

FAI online

www.fai.org

www.facebook.com/airsports.fai

www.twitter.com/airsports_fai

www.instagram.com/airsports.fai

www.fai.org/commission/ipc

Competition App

Download the dedicated WISC2017 app for your smartphone and get real-time results updates. Search 'WISC 2017' on App Store or Google Play.

Photography

Rights-free, high resolution photography will be available for download and editorial use from the FAI Flickr channel:

www.flickr.com/photos/airsports_fai

HASHTAG #WISC2017

LINKS

The FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2017:

www.wisc2017.com

SkyVenture Montreal:

www.skyventuremontreal.com

Maja Kuczynska's Youtube channel:

www.youtube.com/user/eradzio

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation (www.fai.org), is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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