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FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championship a massive success

The 2017 FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships came to a close on Sunday, 19th March in Sierra Nevada, (ESP) after producing 13 days of superlatives for both Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding.

It was an event of epic proportions, which featured nearly 800 athletes from 50 nations and five continents competing in 25 medal events. The Organisers had to battle difficult conditions, but with some creative scheduling they were ultimately able to hold the full programme.

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“It was thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Organisers and volunteers that these Championships were able to be successfully staged,” said FIS President Gian Franco Kasper “The Organising Committee did an amazing job with the massive logistical challenge on top of dealing with challenging and varying weather conditions. The athletes put on a memorable show for both the spectators and fans on site and the worldwide television audience.”

Eduardo Roldán, FIS Council Member from Spain said at the Closing Ceremony. “the emotion, pride, honour and epic are feelings that overwhelm us, and which summarize the success that has made athletes shine in the organizational excellence of this ski and snowboard resort of Sierra Nevada, that along with the Royal Spanish Winter Sports Federation.”

The United States and France paced all nations in the combined Freestyle Ski and Snowboard medal table, each taking home an impressive 13 medals. USA’s strength came in Freestyle Ski, where the nation picked up four gold medals, two silver and two bronze medals. Meanwhile, the Austrians were the powerhouse in Snowboard with all six of their medals, including four golds, coming in the discipline.

At the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, Sierra Nevada officially handed off the FIS Flag to 2019 FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championship host, USA. The event Championships will be staged in Deer Valley, Park City and Solitude, Utah.