



First World Champs Qualifier at Airtime Trampoline Park in Nuremburg a Huge Success

The **Freestyle Trampoline World Championships** is a new extreme action sports event and the world's first freestyle trampoline competition, and two athletes have now qualified to compete at this inaugural event and represent Airtime Trampoline Park.

The World Championships is set to hit the stage in London, UK on August 4, at the historic [Round Chapel](#). In its inaugural year, twenty of the world's best freestyle athletes will compete and showcase their immense talent in a spectacular setting. This counter culture movement, much like skateboarding in the 70s, is shaking up the traditional trampoline industry. Coined "*The Sport Born On Instagram*" this movement is a community of young athletes who are proud to be self-taught and create a global sports movement.

The first official qualifier took place on May 1 at Airtime, with 12 athletes competing for the coveted spot at the World Champs. However, not one, but two athletes will be going to London on August 4 to compete, due to a scoring mixup at the event. It was announced that both **Noah Roten** (Austria) and **Juri Ilflaender** (Switzerland) will be going to London. "*This is a dream come true for me,*" said Roten. "*I have been training for many months for this day and I was just so excited, after round 1 I was literally shaking.*" In third place, only a few points behind the top two was local favourite, **Manu Klarer**, who will not be competing in London, but won a free ticket to attend and cheer on his fellow flippers.

[Airtime Trampoline Park](#) in Nuremburg, Germany was a fitting host for the first qualifier, as they have supported the freestyle community for many year, hosting events of their own and offering tips and advice to flippers who train on their EUROTRAMP trampolines. The World Championships first '*Official Qualifier*' event allowed freestyle trampolinists from across Europe to connect and showcase their skills in a competition environment. These qualifier events are part of the [World Freestyle Trampoline Association \(FTA\)](#) event series, in partnership with the FTA World Champs, to find the best freestyle athletes in Germany. Airtime will host the live event as part of their 'Festival of Freestyle' weekend and all flippers age 15+ are encouraged to attend.

"We are honoured to be a part of the FTA World Championship program. Airtime wishes to further the sport of freestyle trampoline, making it popular and safe for all the kids who just want to have fun pushing themselves to the limit," says Kilian Langer, Head of Programs at Airtime.

Fearless in the air, relentless on social media – the world of Freestyle Trampoline is coming on in leaps and bounds for a pair of soaring young athletes. Placing more emphasis on skill development and creativity than traditional Olympic style trampoline, Freestyle is a combination of gymnastics, martial arts tricking and snowboarding techniques. A freestyle version of Olympic trampolining performed on both backyard trampolines and on 'super-trampolines' (5 x 5 m in size) in trampolines parks and action sports training centres, the sport

draws competitors from across Europe, Australia, the Americas, and New Zealand. Instagram fuels the competitive streak of the worldwide Freestyle community, with athletes sharing tricks online to boost their profile as well as meeting for organized events in NZ and overseas.

The FTA World Champs has also partnered with Olympic trampoline supplier, EUROTRAMP™ based in Germany, as the *'Official Trampoline Supplier'* for the event. In 1972, EUROTRAMP provided the equipment for the Trampoline World Championships for the first time, in Stuttgart, Germany. Now, fifty years later, EUROTRAMP is partnering with the FTA on the first 'Freestyle' World Championships. EUROTRAMP created a 5 x 5 metre freestyle trampoline several years ago to provide the new action sports athletes who were doing more extreme skills, a larger trampoline bed platform to safely learn new and more complicated skills, not easily accomplished on a traditional 3 x 5 metre trampoline.

"Since the company was founded, over 60 years ago, there has been one common goal: to build the best and highest quality trampolines in the world," says Head of Sales for EUROTRAMP, Rudiger Mosel. *"The entire development, design, production and final assembly, as well as quality assurance of all Eurotramp trampolines, takes place exclusively at our Headquarters in the Swabian town of Weilheim/Teck,"* Mosel adds.

The freestyle trampoline community, is still a movement in its infancy but has steadily grown over the past 10 years with the explosion of trampoline parks opening up in cities around the world. More kids today than a decade or two ago will go to trampoline parks like AIRTIME to learn their skills, which they then safely translate into use on their own backyard trampoline and in competitions like the World Championships.

The FTA World Champs is a culmination of the past 6 years of events hosted by the FTA. This gathering of the world's best freestyle trampoline athletes is intended to help raise awareness for the emerging sport of freestyle trampoline, improve safety and training standards, and inspire a new generation of trampoline athletes around the world!

About Airtime Trampoline Park

AIRTIME is a spring-loaded urban playground made up of thousands of square metres of interlocking trampolines packed with a range of activities for everyone to enjoy - foam pits, high performance trampolines, high wire course, fitness area, gaming area with AR interactive trampoline based games by Valo Motion™ and Zumba style fitness classes.

As leaders of the German trampoline park industry, Airtime is also working towards regulating the industry in the hope that all trampoline parks will be required to meet the same standards so there is peace of mind for the public who use the facilities.

"Trampolining can be classified as an extreme sport, so from day one safety has been our number 1 priority," says Kilian Langer, Head of Programs at Airtime. *"Here at Airtime Trampoline Park we are most proud of our quality in staff and equipment. Furthermore we see everything as a possibility to learn new skills. Meaning we allow more than other parks, because we make our own thoughts regarding our equipment. We don't just copy what the manufacturer tells us. We want everyone learn cool stuff in the safest possible environment."*

AIRTIME offers a wide range of classes from professional trampoline coaches, partnered with the FTA and Greg Roe to deliver the best courses. The experienced professionals guide athletes of all ages through the steps and progressions they need to learn new skills on the trampoline safely and successfully. Kilian explains, *"It doesn't*

matter whether you are an absolute beginner or an advanced jumper, everything is easier when you have fun, so we aim for a really fun atmosphere. We are thrilled to be presenting the World Championships Qualifier here in Nuremburg for the first time and will support our German athletes who will travel to London in August with lots of enthusiasm and team spirit."

History of the Sport

The FTA World Champs is the brainchild of the [Freestyle Trampoline Association](#) (FTA) founders, [Greg Roe](#) and [Trish McGeer](#), co-owners of GRT Network Inc. and co-ordinators of the event. Still its infancy, the new freestyle trampoline competition is set to become the pinnacle of events for this emerging new community of extreme athletes. The FTA World Championships is a Trampoline Battle, where the best athletes in the world face-off to see who has the most Creative, Difficult and best Executed combos on a [EUROTRAMP](#) Freestyle Trampoline.

The World Champs was born from a sport that originated in the backyards and gardens of hundreds of kids around the world who took to their garden trampolines and proudly showed off their skills and 'new learns' on Instagram. In 2017 the sport was officially coined "***The Sport Born On Instagram***" (*L.A Times*) in and with it the world's first garden trampoline competition was created by the FTA.

Roe & McGeer, quickly saw the sport as a community that were looking for a way to showcase their skills, so more events were added to the calendar in the years to follow, including a GTGames in both Europe and New Zealand. Fast forward 3 years and the first Supertramp competition was held in Europe, called 'Freestyle Frenzy.' This event captured the live audiences with high flying skills never before seen in competition. The best in the world were then invited to compete at the Freestyle Frenzy Championships in 2019 in The Netherlands. This event became the impetus for the new World Championships. Now, as the world transitions out of a global pandemic, the FTA is taking the freestyle community to a whole new level by hosting the World's First Freestyle Trampoline Championships!

About FTA Founders Roe & McGeer

Roe, a Former National Team Canadian Trampolinist who is known in the acrobatic world for his insane stunts on social media, as well as his appearances on popular TV shows such as [America's Got Talent](#) will MC and co-host the event. Roe is a well known influencer in both the traditional and freestyle trampoline community. He is internationally recognized for his education programs and as the ambassador of freestyle trampoline, partnering with many trampoline brands to bring awareness to the sport and hosting many competitions around the world. While encouraging the sport of trampoline he has created a style that mixes complex acrobatic and physiological principals and developed them into a unique fun and easily applied coaching style which is celebrated throughout the International competitions he helps to coordinate.

McGeer, a sports marketing specialist, has 20 years in event planning and management, as well as marketing and was the former Team Manager for the Subaru Canada Rally Team, where she secured the sport's first National sponsorship and first multi-year television contract with The Sports Network (TSN) in Canada. In 2002 she founded inGear Productions, a global digital marketing agency which now co-produces television documentaries and content creation for a wide variety of sports brands.

The standout athletes who have pre-qualified to compete in the upcoming World Championships are:

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| Milco Abrahams | The Netherlands | @milco.abrahams |
| Evan Rocha | Austria | @evanjrocha |
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| Sebastian Wennmalm | Sweden | @sebbewennmalm |
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| Louis Hillier | United Kingdom | @louis.flipz |
| Julien Siau | France | @jucrewsade |
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