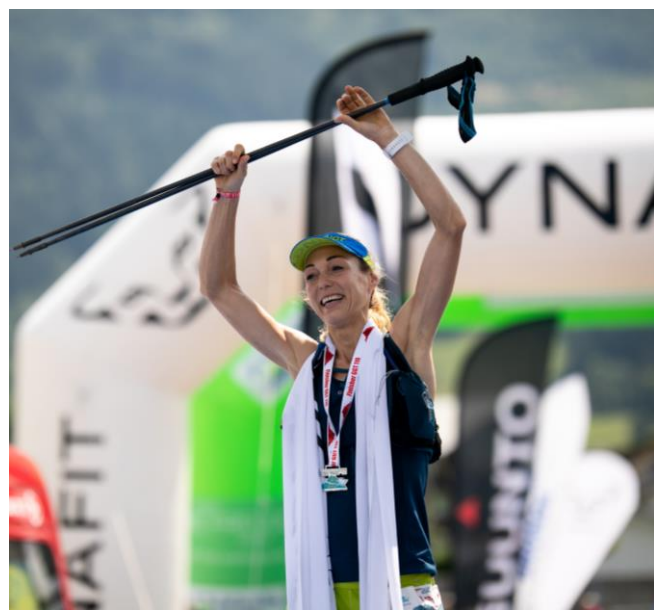*1,800 RUNNERS AT THE 5TH GROSSGLOCKNER ULTRA-TRAIL®*

EVA SPERGER FLIES TO A COURSE RECORD, FLORIAN GRASEL RACKS UP 2ND GGUT WIN

- GGUT Anniversary goes to 2016 winner, German beats women's course record by more than an hour
- DYNAFIT athlete Anna Comet (ESP) runs into 1st place in the KTT 50k
- 1,800 starters on four courses: Grossglockner ULTRA-TRAIL (110 k, 6,500 meters of climbing),
- Grossglockner Trail (75k, 4,000 meters of climbing), Glocknertrail (50k, 2,000 meters of climbing), Gletscherwelt Trail (30k, 1,000 meters of climbing)
- Weather requires shortening of 75k course and race stop just before 3 p.m. due to thunderstorms

At the 5th edition of the Grossglockner Ultra-Trail® – powered by DYNAFIT, With five new course records and top results for international athletes, the competition has taken on a vital role in the trail running scene and on the race calenders of both pros and avid recreational runners. DYNAFIT has partnered with the race as its lead sponsor since its start. In the pinnacle event over 110k, Austrian Florian Grasel (Boa Running Team) locked down first place with a time of 14:40:14.5 hours. Among women, German Gore Athlete Eva Sperger from Munich achieved a sensational first place with a time of 16:03:13.8 hours. She was also the overall third-fastest on the 110k course with 6,500 meters of climbing. "I never dreamed that I would also manage to take a spot on the men's podium," said the 38-year-old psychologist. She bettered the course record from last year by Kristin Berglund (AUT) by more than an hour.

Five new course records at the GGUT 2019

Despite the weather-related course shortening to 50k of the 75k race, a total of five course records from the prior year fell: In addition to the new dream time among women on the 110k course, Czech Jiri Cipa with a time of 4:19:28.4 pulverized the record from last year in the 50k from Flo Reichert (GER/4:37:13). Among women in this distance, Spanish DYNAFIT athlete Anna Comet delivered a new best time of 5:28.08.9 Salburger Sandra Koblmüller improved the 30k record by 18 minutes with a time of 3:16.49.6. In the men's race, Tomas Hudec (CZ) ran to a new course record with a time of 2:38.38.0.

Race stop due to hail and storms

Shortly before 3 p.m., due to approaching storms and hail, the race around the Grossglockner was stopped by race directors for those runners who had not yet reached the Rudolf Hut. "The safety of our runners is a top priority for us," said organizer Hubert Resch. "Therefore, this decision was necessary." The runners on the way to Kalser Tauern were directed back to Kals and were picked up there by a bus. At Rudolf Hut, all trail runners were stopped by us and taken back to Kaprun by bus. Those who were on the trail between Rudolf Hut and Kaprun were taken safely to Kaprun by our volunteers and course monitors." For the safety and care of the runners on the demanding Ultra-Trail in the Eastern Alps on the highest peak in Austria, some 400 people work along the course, including mountain rescue, fire safety personal/EMTs and volunteers.

With lead sponsor DYNAFIT, onward to the 6th Grossglockner Ultra-Trail July 24-26, 2020

GGUT director Hubert Resch and title sponsor DYNAFIT are thrilled at the 5th edition of the toughest trail running race in the Eastern Alps. Dates for the coming year are already confirmed: GGUT will take place from July 24-26, 2020.

Results, detailed information and media photos are available at www.ultratrail.at.

RESULTS GROSSGLOCKNER ULTRA-TRAIL® 2019

Großglockner Ultra Trail, GGUT 110k:
1.   Florian Grasel (AUT/NÖ/Boa Running Team) 14:40.14.5 hours
2.   Amadeus Wild (AUT/V/Hammer Nutrition) 15:48.27.7
3.   Philipp Jansch (AUT/NÖ/KSU Gutenstein) 16:08.53.5

1.   Eva Sperger (GER/Team Gore Wear) 16:03.13.6*
2.   Malene Hauky (NOR/Team DYNAFIT) 18:19.49.8
3.   Anita Salvenmoser (AUT/T) 20:46.29.0

Grossglockner Trail, GGT 75k (weather-related shortening to 50k):
1.   Jordi Gamito Baus (ESP/Compressport) 4:43.39.8 hours
2.   Martin Halasz (SVK/Slovak Ultra Trail) 4:44.13.1
3.   Markus Stock (AUT/S/Dynafit Squad Team) 5:03.04.9

1.   Julia Arend (GER) 6:13.51.7
2.   Emoke Paal (HUN) 6:38.35.2
3.   Evelyne Lachner (AUT/NÖ/LC Running Puchberg) 6:43.27.3

Kalser Tauern Trail, KTT 50k:
1.   Jiri Cipa (CZE/Salomon/Suunto) 4:19.28.4*
2.   Scott Hawker (NZL/Team Vibram) 4:40.20.9
3.   Pau Gil Capel (ESP/The Northface) 4:54.57.7

1.   Anna Comet (ESP/Team Dynafit) 5:28.08.9*
2.   Kateina Matrasova (CZE) 5:58.00.9
3.   Petra Sevcikova (CZE/JAPAsport.cz) 5:59.58.6

Gletscherwelt Trail, 30k:
1.   Tomas Hudec (CZE/Inov-8) 2:38.38.0*
2.   André Purschke (GER/Team Dynafit) 2:41.13.1
3.   Nicolae Balan (ROU/Datacor Running Team) 2:45.02.2

1.   Sandra Koblmüller (AUT/S/Salomon Running Austria) 3:16.49.6*
2.   Veronika Limberger (AUT/NÖ/Salewa Store Vienna) 3:30.02.0
3.   Iveta Vlckova (CZE/Inov-8) 3:42.19.0

* Course record