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**End of January Maribor will be host to the 1<sup>st</sup> Little Fox Race of Future Champions on the famous Golden Fox World Cup Slope.**

From the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of January Alpine ski club Branik will organize an international race for juniors with categories (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16) on Maribor Pohorje slope.

Junior racers will have a chance to experience the thrill of competing on the World Cup slope, home to the FIS Golden Fox Race. Even though the race is of competitive nature the primary focus of the three-day event is the popularization and positive attitude towards the beautiful sport among the youngest prospects.

This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the competition in the new expanded three-day format with an expected attendance of more than 350 competitors from Slovenia and surrounding countries. The entry fee for the Saturday individual race is 25 EUR which includes a medal, personal race video, hoody and a meal during the Pasta Party. The entry fee for the Sunday team event is 30 EUR, with the fee for the second team from the same club 20 EUR and all the additional teams 10 EUR per team. Registrations are open until the 18<sup>th</sup> of January and can be made of the official event website [www.littlefox.si](http://www.littlefox.si).

Alongside the official race the event will offer many fun side events. The opening ceremony on Friday will be picturesque with skiers holding torches welcoming all the competitors. There will be no lack of fun and laughs on Saturday's "POK" race with mascots and all day animations.

Boštjan Tancer, President of ASK Branik:

*"Alpine ski club (ASK) Branik Maribor with its new name and new drive has indulged in a comprehensive approach to our ski program on Pohorje. With the Little Fox Race we wish to provide a strong foundation together with our sponsors to support our youngest prospects ensuring them a positive and inspiring environment for growth. The road is long from the "little" to the "big" Golden Fox, however if there is something that our young skiers have its great slopes and amazing ASK Branik role models such as Ilka Štuhec, Boštjan Kline, Klemen Kosi and others. The event itself will also undoubtedly position Pohorje in the mindset of the racers, coaches and parents as a lovely winter destination they will hopefully visit again."*

Ilka Štuhec, ASK Branik racer:

*"Whether skiing as an adult or in the junior categories there is nothing better than skiing at home on your slope in front of your fans. The Little Fox Race will stay with the youngest racers as an amazing experience and great motivation to keep going, keep working hard which is very much needed in this tough sport. We all know that the slopes of Pohorje offer the best conditions to organize a race on the highest level. What makes me happy is that the juniors will from now on have a race of this magnitude on their home steps and not only five or more hours drive on other ski centers outside of Slovenia."*

More information about the event can be found in the accompanying brochure, on the Facebook page LITTLE FOX RACE or on the official homepage [www.littlefox.si](http://www.littlefox.si).

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