



## Press Release

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### THE RUKA NORDIC OPENING WILL BE FULLFILLED AS PLANED

FIS World Cup Ruka Nordic Opening 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2005

Ruka Nordic Opening starts on Friday with the Nordic Combined Ski Jumping. Due to warm weather there were some slight problems with the training and qualification, but the World Cup will be competed as planned.

- In Cross Country there will be none problems and the weather should be colder and better tomorrow. The competitors had been practising on a 5km track. The track is in good shape, and the competitors are looking forward for the race, said member of vice chief of cross country Sauli Karjalainen.

The Ski Jumping will be fulfilled as planned. Many volunteers are working non stop, so that the competition will be arranged. – We brought lots of snow from all over, and both competitions will be fulfilled. Same is with the Nordic Combined. This mornings training was cancelled because we wanted to keep the hill in good form. The wind is changing too, says vice chief of ski jumping competition, Tuomo Karjalainen.

The weather forecast promised that the temperature will be below zero during the week end, and it will be snowing a little too.

At Ruka will be competed at eight competitions in many different events, like Cross Country, Nordic combined and ski jumping.

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