

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION

Nordic Combined: News Season 2015/16

Events 23 World Cup competitions in 12 venues:
19 Individual Gundersen events, 2 Team Sprints, 2 Team Events

Title Events: **Youth Olympic Winter Games Lillehammer, Norway**
February 12 - 21, 2016, CET
Individual NH, 5 km, February 16; 10:00 SJ HS 100, 13:30 XC 5 km
SJ/NC Mixed Team NH, February 18; 10:00 SJ HS 100
Nordic Team NH, 3.3 km, February 20; 10:00 SJ HS 100, 13:30 XC 3x 3.3 km

FIS Nordic Junior World Championships Rasnov, Romania

February 22 - 28, 2016, CET
Individual NH, 10 km, February 24; 10:00 SJ HS 100, 14:00 XC 10 km
Team NH, February 26; 10:00 SJ HS 100, 13:30 XC 4x 5 km
Individual NH, 5 km February 28; 10:00 SJ HS 100, 14:00 XC 5 km

Venues The Nordic Combined World Cup is pleased to return to Kuopio after a 15-year absence, right in time for the 100th anniversary of the Puijon Kisat. Another big anniversary is coming up at the traditional Nordic Combined venue of Schonach which will celebrate 50 years of international Nordic Combined competitions.

Highlights: **Nordic Combined TRIPLE** – January 29-31 in Seefeld, Austria
Friday – Individual Gundersen, 1 jump & 5 km cross-country
Saturday – Individual Gundersen, 1 jump & 10 km cross-country
Sunday – Final Individual Gundersen, 2 jumps & 15 km cross-country

With its third edition, the TRIPLE is well on the way to establish itself as the main World Cup highlight in the winter season. Will German dominator Eric Frenzel make it a triple TRIPLE and take home the prestigious title for the third year in a row? Tough competition comes from this own team with World Champion Johannes Rydzek and Austrian local hero and second reigning World Champion Bernhard Gruber who will want to get their hands on the trophy as well.

A big hit with spectators on location and the most-watched World Cup weekend on TV, the TRIPLE continued to cause the highest peak of the season regarding TV ratings and fan interest.

New rules In a conscious effort to keep the rules and formats of Nordic Combined stable, there are only minimal updates to the existing rulebook:
- In order to keep the balance between the two disciplines of ski jumping and cross-country skiing, the metre value on the large hill was changed from 1.5 to 1.8 points.
- The World Cup quota was changed a maximum of 6 athletes per team (plus personal start rights, COC quota and national group).

World Cup points Athletes will be able to score up to 1700 points in the World Cup, taking all individual competitions into consideration.

Prize money Prize money at individual competitions: 33,150 CHF (Top 20)
Prize money at team events: 30,000 CHF (Top 3 teams)
Prize money at Team Sprint competitions: 30,000 (Top 6 teams)
Individual World Cup win: 8,000 CHF
Team World Cup win: 16,000 CHF
Team Sprint World Cup win: 12,000 CHF
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