

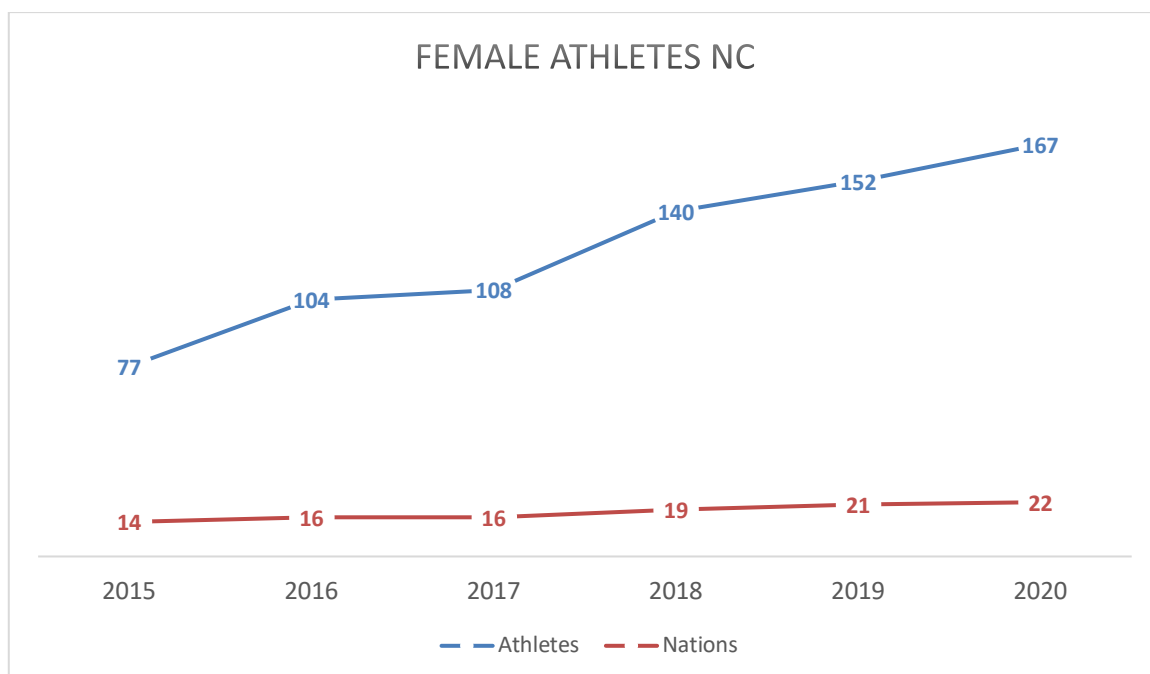
NORDIC COMBINED WOMEN – Progress Report

April 2020

1. Statistics and numbers

In total, 167 female athletes from 22 nations are registered with a FIS Code for Nordic Combined. Across all cups and systems (FIS events, FIS Youth Cup, Alpencup, Continental Cup, JWSC, YOG), 107 of these athletes from 16 nations took part in international events at 14 different venues in 2019/20. 19 female athletes debuted in FIS Continental Cup this season.

The average age of female Nordic Combined participants is 17.76 years, compared to the men's average age of 21.71.

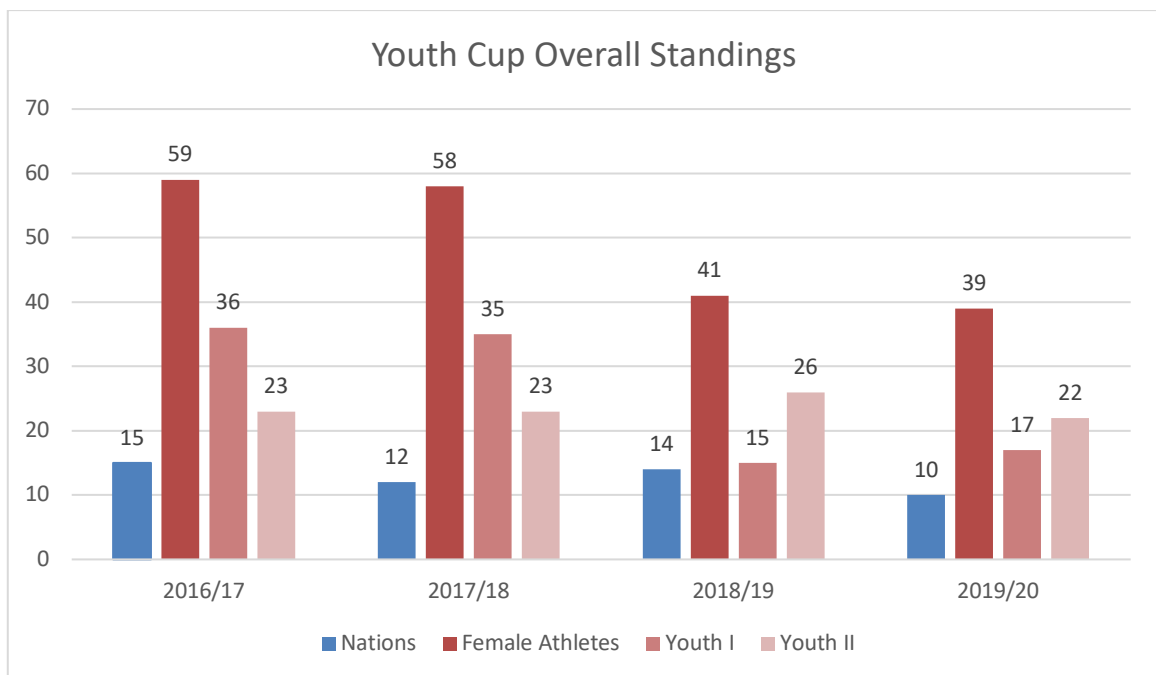
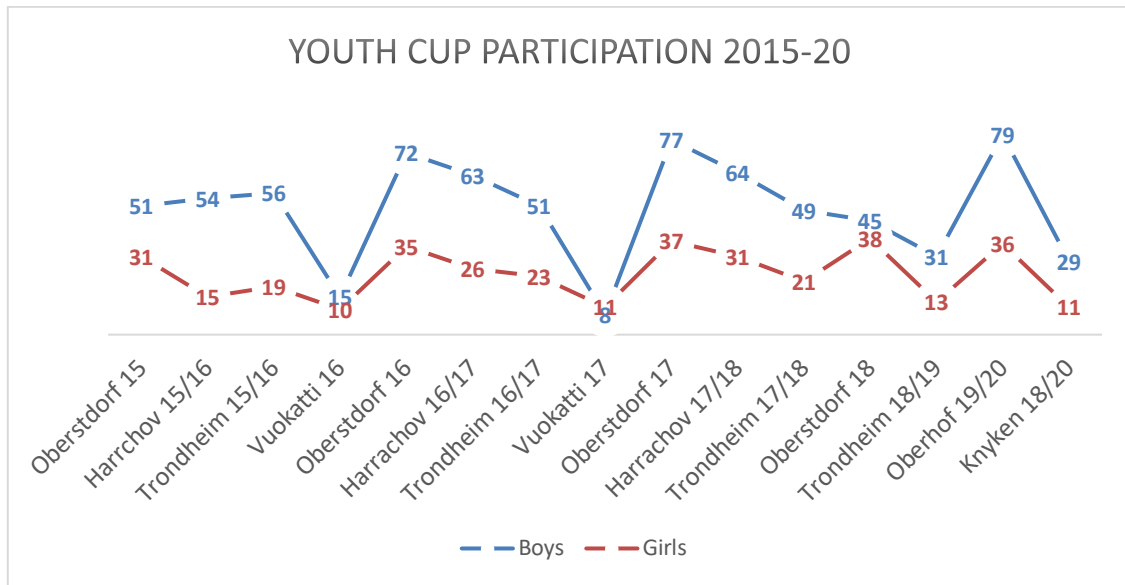


2. FIS Youth Cup

The 2019/20 FIS Youth Cup season featured events in Oberhof (GER) and Knyken (NOR). At both venues, both categories of Youth I and Youth II were held.

While the Youth Cup in Oberhof was held in conjunction with the Summer Grand Prix again and the young athletes were able to enjoy having their prizes awarded by the big stars of the discipline, the winter edition had to be moved to Knyken, as the FIS Cross-Country World Cup and the Nordic Combined World Cup had a joint weekend in Trondheim, which made an additional use of the tracks for youth events impossible.

Statistics



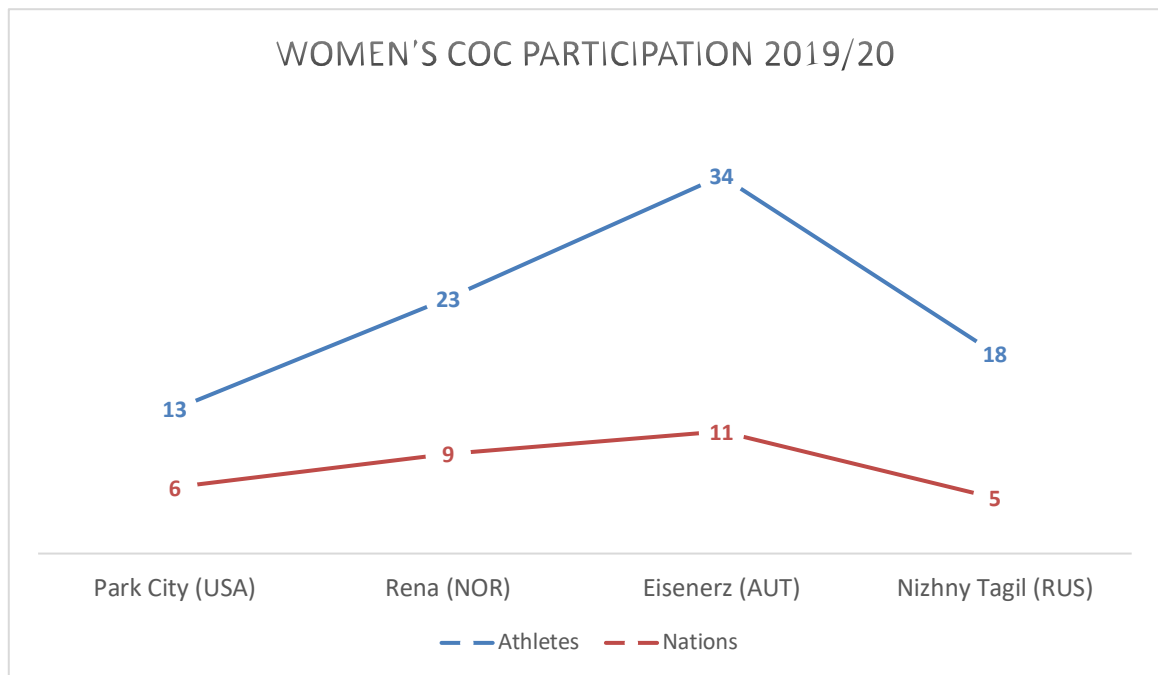
3. Women's Continental Cup

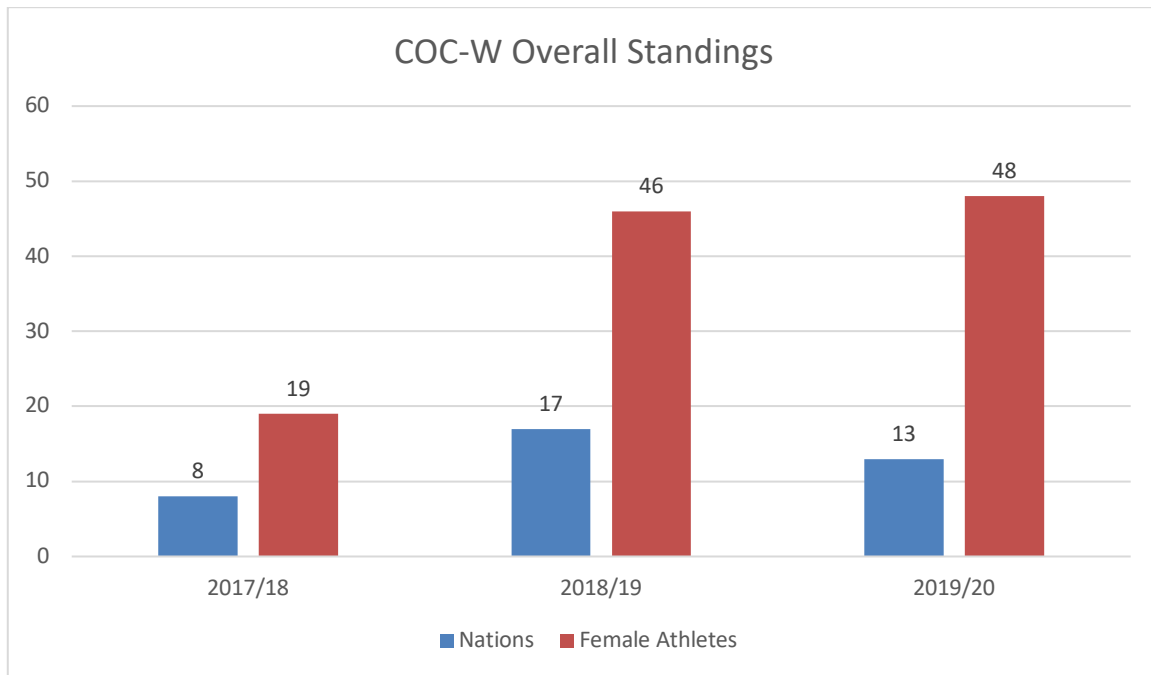
The third winter of the Women's Nordic Combined Continental Cup featured a calendar with 12 events at five venues. The weekend in Otepää (EST) had to be cancelled due to the snow situation (same as for the men's World Cup), which brought the final number of Women's COC events to 10.

Next to the Individual Gundersen 5 km format, the calendar featured Mass Starts and the first-ever Mixed Team event on Continental Cup level in Eisenerz (AUT), which was a resounding success. Ten teams of two women and two men took part, with the win going to Norway.

The overall number of participating women in the Continental Cup was stable with 48 women in points. The number of nations with athletes in points dropped from 17 to 13 (AUT, CAN, EST, FIN, FRA, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, NOR, SLO, RUS, USA).

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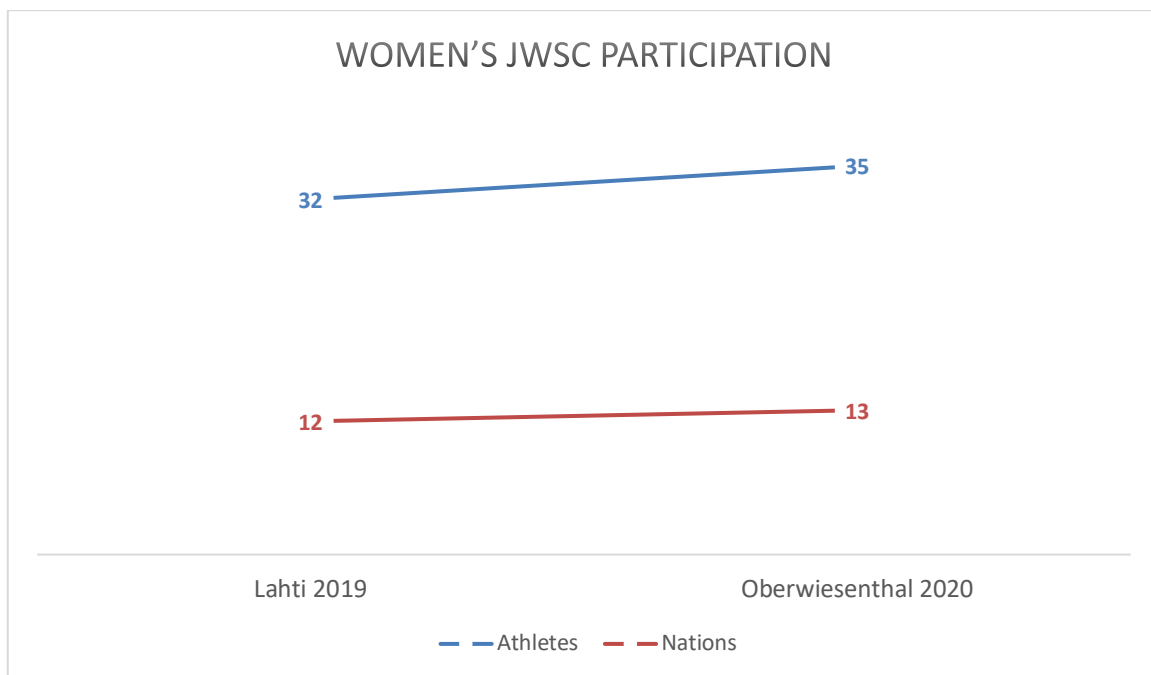




4. FIS Junior World Ski Championships

The Nordic Combined women had their second FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Oberwiesenthal (GER). Jenny Nowak (GER) succeeded Ayane Miyazaki (JPN) as the gold medallist, ahead of Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR), who defended her silver medal. Lisa Hirner (AUT) took bronze.

The Mixed Team Event also debuted on the JWSC level with 11 teams on start. The gold medal went to Norway, ahead of Germany and Japan.



4. Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

Women's Nordic Combined was included in the Winter Youth Olympic Games for the first time. 23 female athletes from 13 nations were on start in the Individual Gundersen 5 km event in Lausanne / Les Tuffes. Lisa Hirner (AUT) won the gold medal, ahead of Ayane Miyazaki (JPN) and Jenny Nowak (GER). The Nordic Combined women were also part of the Ski Jumping and Nordic Mixed Team Events.

5. Miscellaneous

Nordic Combined Awards

For the second time, an "Athlete of the Year" award for Nordic Combined women was part of the Nordic Combined Award line-up. Tara Geraghty-Moats (USA) won the award for the second time in a row.

6. Short-term strategy

Women's Nordic Combined has continued to develop considerably.

The following points are on the agenda for the next one to two years:

- Improve set-up for the FIS Youth Cup.
- Grow and develop the Women's COC, SGP and WC competition calendars.
- Determine and develop competition formats for the future (e.g. Mixed Team Sprint, Team Sprint, Team Event, Final Ind. Gundersen).
- Develop season highlights for the future (e.g. TRIPLE and other ideas).
- Extend the NC WSC programme after 2021 to include the Mixed Team Event.
- Develop a long-term strategy for the financial sustainability and development of Women's Nordic Combined and its associated costs and work towards equality with men's Nordic Combined in the long run.
- Close cooperation with SJL and the SJ/NC Youth Committee

5. Long-term strategy

With the development we have seen in the last seasons, the following timeline goals for the future have been set up (TBC by the NC Committee at its meeting in late May 2020).

2020: Confirmed - First Women's Nordic Combined World Cup season. As of April, 2020, six events at three venues are confirmed.

2021: Confirmed - Nordic Combined Women take part in World Championships Oberstdorf (GER).

2023/25: Extend WSC programme to include the Nordic Combined Mixed Team Event.

2026: Nordic Combined Women part of the Olympic programme.