

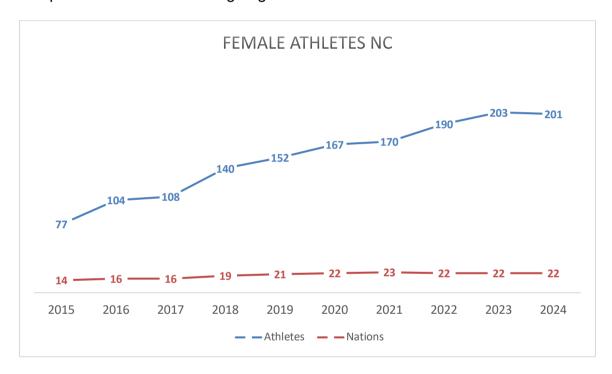
## **NORDIC COMBINED WOMEN – Progress Report**

April 2024

#### 1. Statistics and numbers

In total, 201 female athletes (-0.9%) 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, WSC, JWSC).

10 female athletes debuted in the FIS World Cup this season and 25 in the Continental Cup. The average age of female Nordic Combined participants is 19.5 years, compared to the men's average age of 22.1.



## 2. FIS Youth Cup

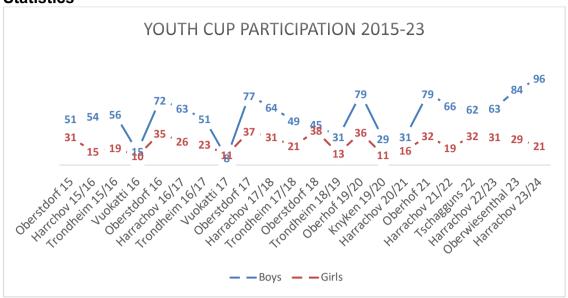
The 2024/25 FIS Youth Cup included eight summer competitions in Oberwiesenthal (GER) and eight winter competitions in Harrachov (CZE). The events were held for girls and boys of the age groups Youth 1 (born 2009 – 2011) and Youth 2 (2006 – 2008).

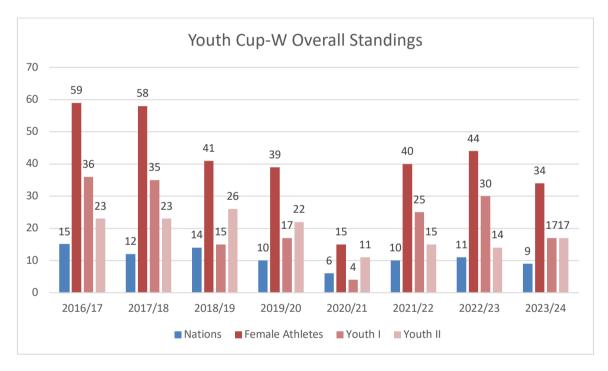
Traditionally, the FIS Youth Cup in Oberwiesenthal (GER) was held together with the FIS Nordic Combined Summer Grand Prix of men and women.

A total of 29 female athletes from 9 nations (AUT, CZE, GER, ITA, NOR, SLO, SUI, SVK, UKR) were on start this season.



#### **Statistics**





# 3. Women's Continental Cup

The seventh winter of the Women's Nordic Combined Continental Cup featured a condensed calendar of three event weekends across three venues, following the cancellation of Oberwiesenthal (GER) due to insufficient snow. The season commenced with two Gundersen competitions in Lillehammer (NOR) and continued in Klingenthal (GER) with one Compact and two Gundersen events.

After Oberwiesenthal's cancellation, the season concluded in Eisenerz (AUT) with two Gundersen competitions and the first-ever Mixed Team Sprint event, marking a

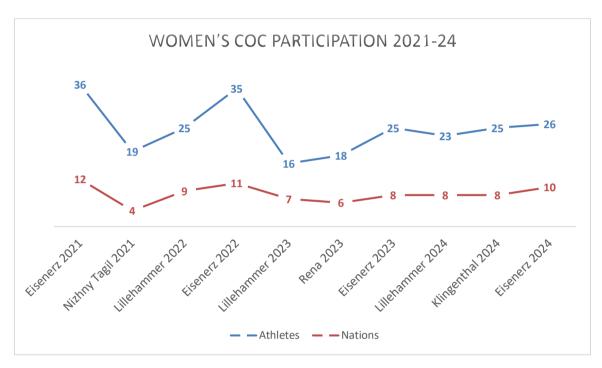


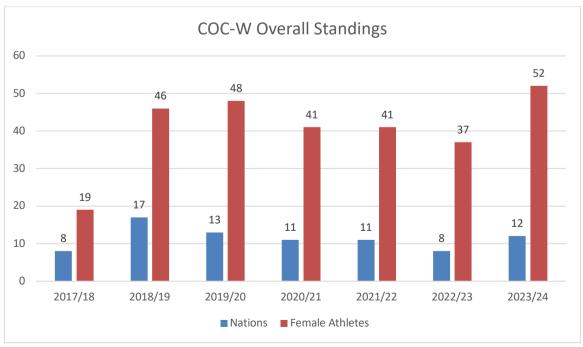
significant milestone.

The Women's Continental Cup saw a significant increase in participation, with 52 athletes competing—markedly higher than the previous season and setting a new record. This rise was largely due to young athletes making their debut after progressing from the Youth Cup level. Additionally, the number of participating nations expanded to 12:

AUT, CZE, FIN, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, NOR, POL, SLO, SUI, USA

#### **Statistics**



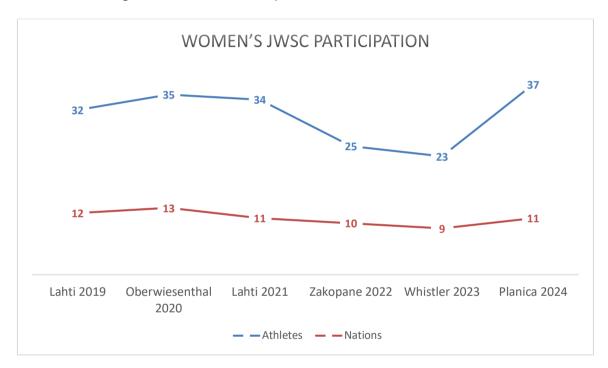




# 4. FIS Junior World Ski Championships

The Nordic Combined women competed in their sixth FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Planica (SLO) where 37 athletes participated in a Gundersen competition, a Mixed Team event, and the inaugural Team Sprint at the World Championships. Minja Korhonen (FIN) claimed her first gold medal, followed by Alexa Brabec (USA), who made history as the first American woman to medal in Nordic Combined at the World Championships, with Ronia Loh (GER) taking the bronze.

In the Mixed Team event, held for the fifth time at the Junior World level, Germany secured the gold, with Japan and Norway earning silver and bronze, respectively. The first-ever Team Sprint gold was awarded to Japan, with the United States and Austria finishing in second and third places.



### 4. Viessmann FIS Nordic Combined World Cup

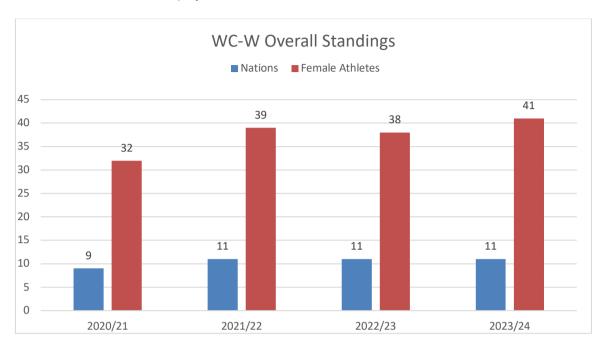
The fourth season of the Women's Nordic Combined World Cup featured 16 competitions across eight venues in four countries, with 41 athletes from 11 nations competing for World Cup points. Notable highlights included the premiere of the Individual Compact event in Ramsau (AUT) and the first Women's German Trophy participation in Oberstdorf and Schonach (GER).

Six athletes across four nations made podium appearances. Norway's Gyda Westvold Hansen (4 wins), Ida Marie Hagen (9 wins), and Mari Leinan Lund (2 wins) achieved victories, with Hagen and Lund both winning for the first time this season.

Consequently, the Overall World Cup podium was shared by these three, with Ida Marie Hagen securing her first crystal globe as the Overall World Cup champion,



ahead of Hansen and Lund. Hansen also claimed the Best Jumper title, while Hagen won the Best Skier Trophy.



### 5. Nordic Combined Awards

For the sixth time, the Nordic Combined women were part of the Nordic Combined Award line-up: Ida Marie Hagen (NOR) became Women's Athlete of the Year, while Joanna Kil (POL) won the Rookie of the Year category. Annika Malacinski (USA) was awarded as Advocate of the Year, while Minja Korhonen (FIN) was voted Fan Favourite by the fans in an online voting. Lasse Moilanen (FIN) became women's Coach of the Year.

## 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:

- 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.
- Close cooperation with SJW and the SJ/NC Youth Committee

## 7. Long-term strategy

With the development we have seen in the last seasons, the following timeline goals for the future have been set up.

2025: First Large Hill World Cup event - Confirmed

2027: Large Hill and Team Sprint on the WSC program

2030: Nordic Combined Women on the Olympic Winter Games program