

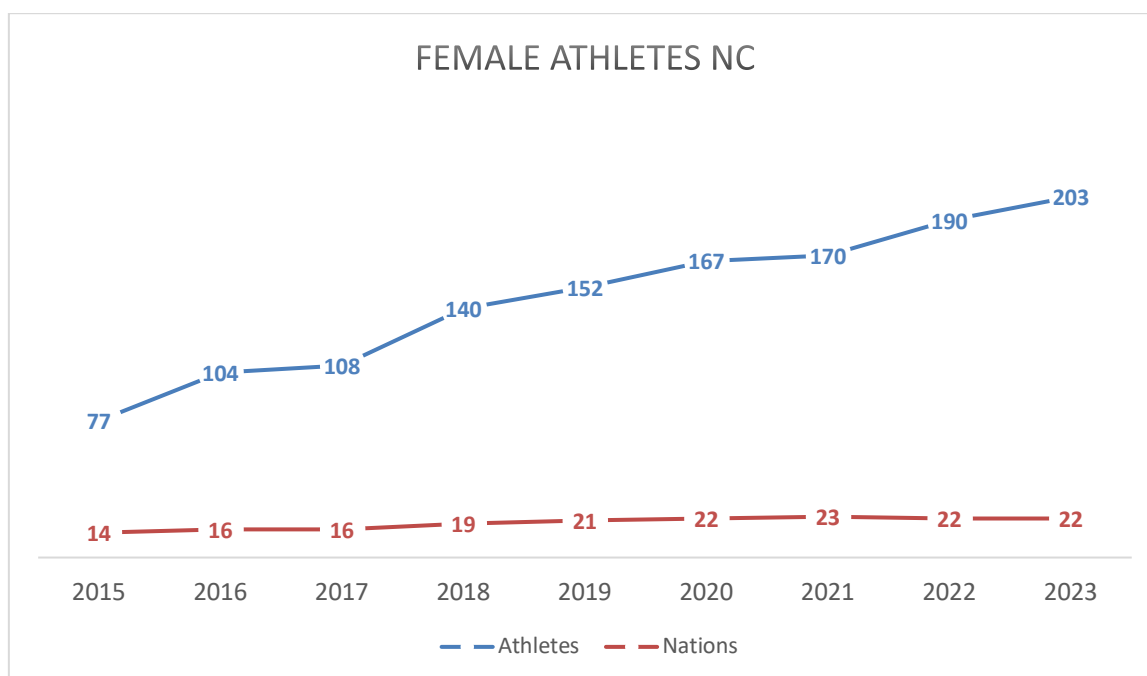
# NORDIC COMBINED WOMEN – Progress Report

March 2023

## 1. Statistics and numbers

In total, 203 female athletes (+7%) from 22 nations are registered with a FIS Code for Nordic Combined. Across all cups and systems (FIS events, FIS Youth Cup, Alpeccup, Continental Cup, WSC, JWSC), 122 (+12%) of these athletes from 14 nations took part in international events at 22 different venues in 11 countries in 2022/23.

7 female athletes debuted in the FIS World Cup this season and 14 in the Continental Cup. The average age of female Nordic Combined participants is 18.5 years, compared to the men's average age of 22.6.



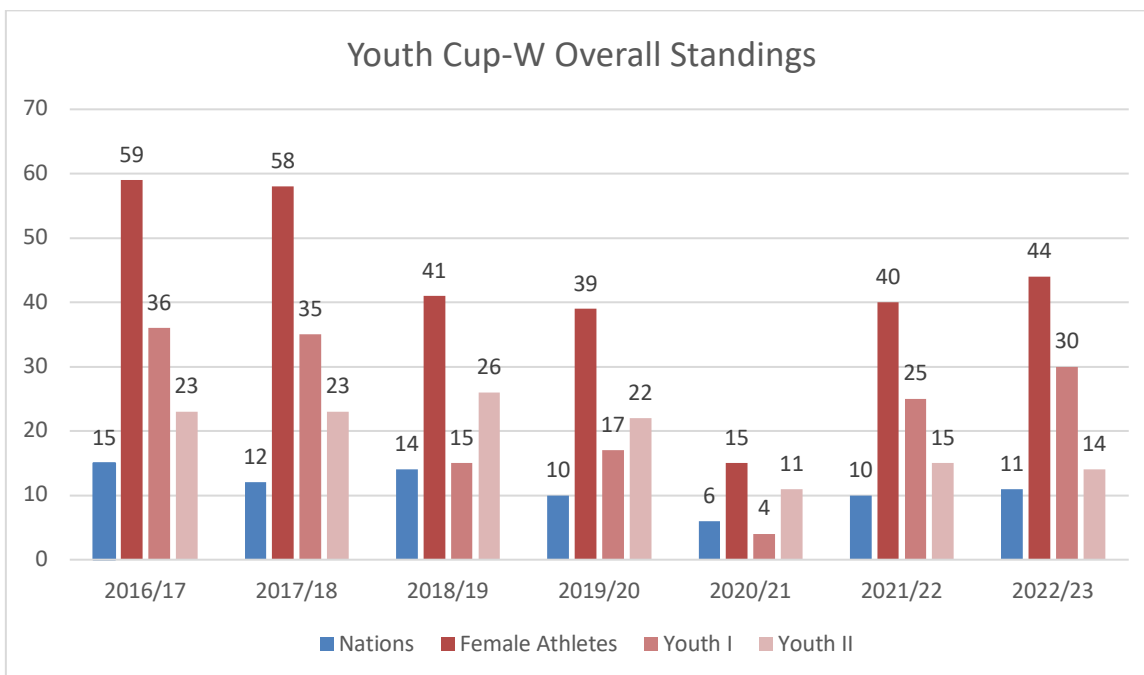
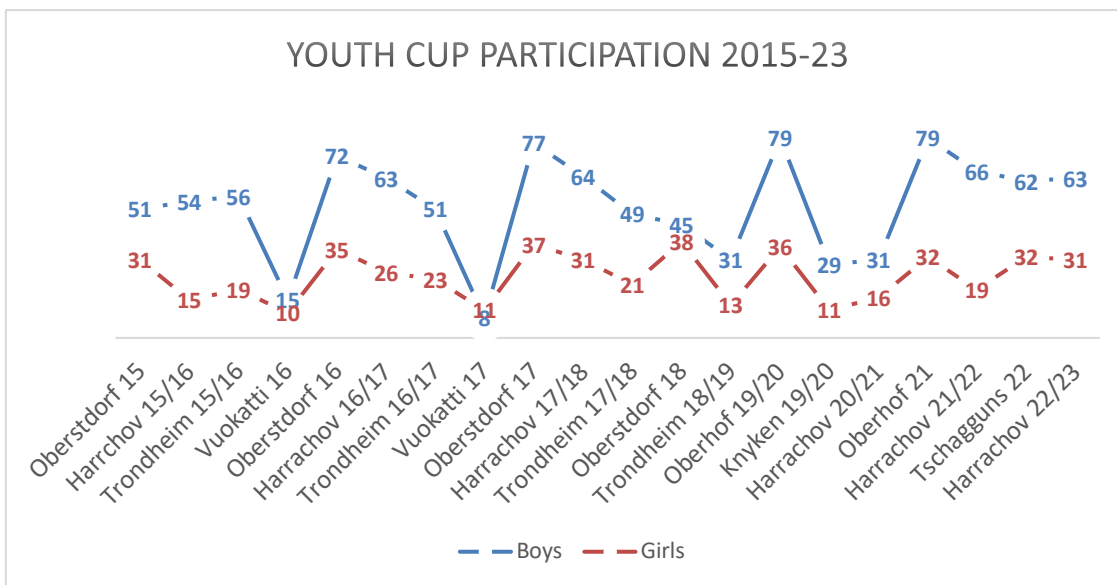
## 2. FIS Youth Cup

The 2022/23 FIS Youth Cup included eight summer competitions in Tschagguns (AUT) and eight winter competitions in Harrachov (CZE). The events were held for girls and boys of the age groups Youth 1 (born 2008 – 2010) and Youth 2 (2005 – 2007).

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

A total of 40 female athletes from 11 nations (AUT, CZE, FIN, FRA, GER, ITA, NOR, SLO, SUI, SVK, UKR) were on start this season.

## Statistics



### 3. Women's Continental Cup

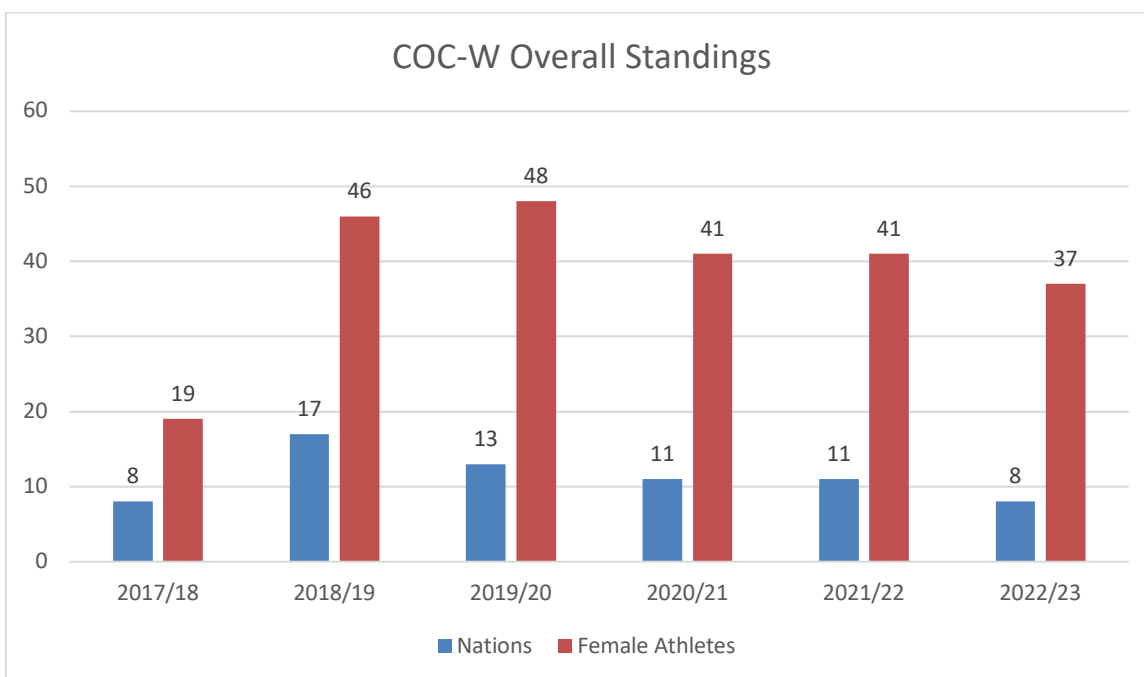
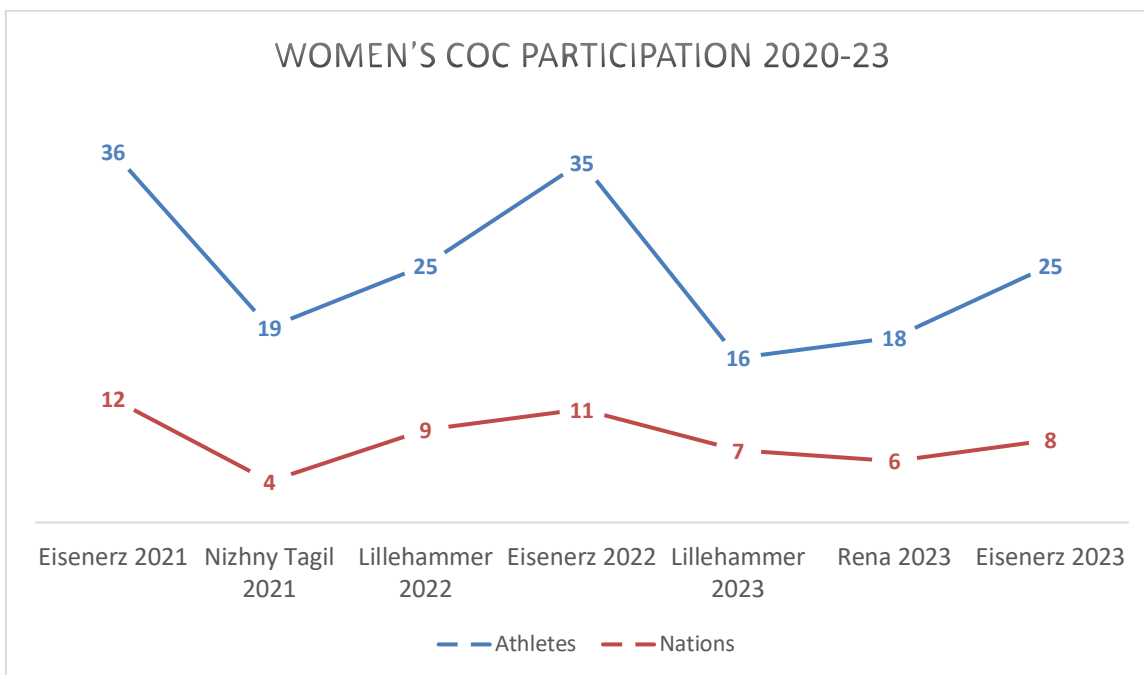
The sixth winter of the Women's Nordic Combined Continental Cup featured a calendar with 6 events at three venues. The first two Individual competitions in Lillehammer (NOR) started with a highlight right away, with the women opening the Nordic Combined COC season for the first time.

The second stop was Rena (NOR), including another premiere. Next to two Individual competitions, the premiere of the Super Sprint took place and showed the great potential of the new format with an exciting race.

The final took place in Eisenerz (AUT) with a Mixed Team event as well as two Individual competitions.

The overall number of participating women in the Continental Cup was with 37 athletes a little lower than last season by the fact that many athletes have advanced to the World Cup level and the ban of Russian athletes. Same applies for the number of participating nations which lowered to 8 (AUT, FRA, GER, ITA, NOR, POL, SLO, USA).

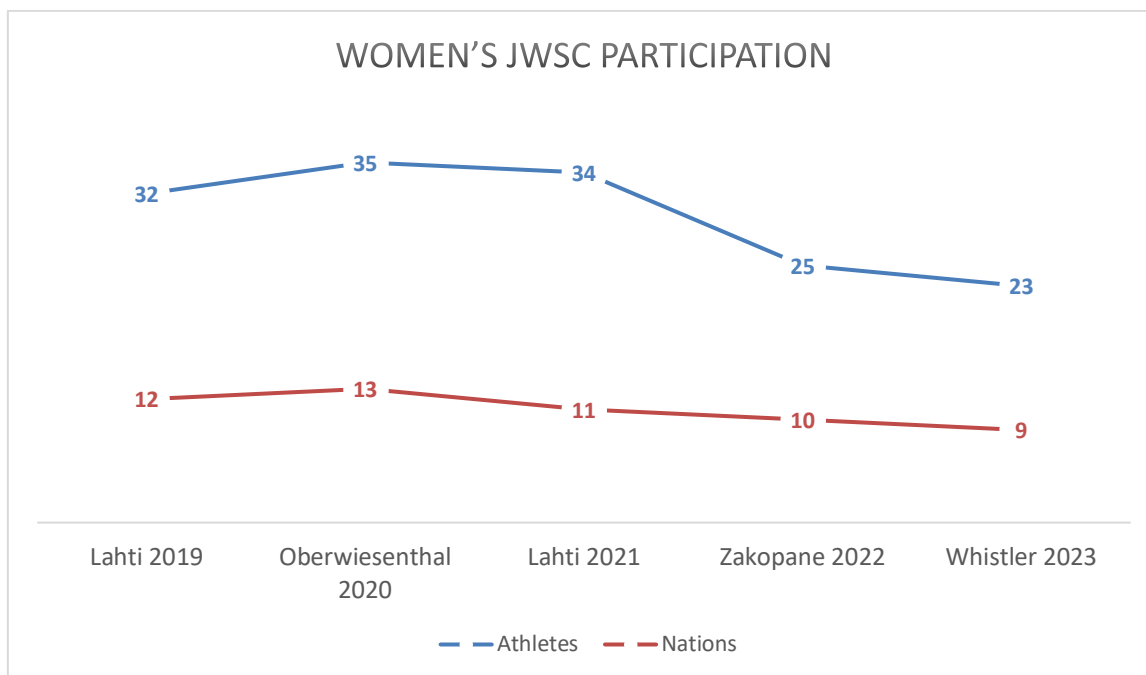
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## 4. FIS Junior World Ski Championships

The Nordic Combined women had their fifth FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Whistler (CAN). 23 athletes went into one Individual event and a Mixed Team competition. Annika Sieff (ITA) defended her title and won the gold medal, ahead of Nathalie Armbruster (GER) and Lisa Hirner (AUT).

The Mixed Team Event saw its fourth edition at JWSC level with 7 teams on start. The gold medal went to Austria, ahead of Germany and Italy.



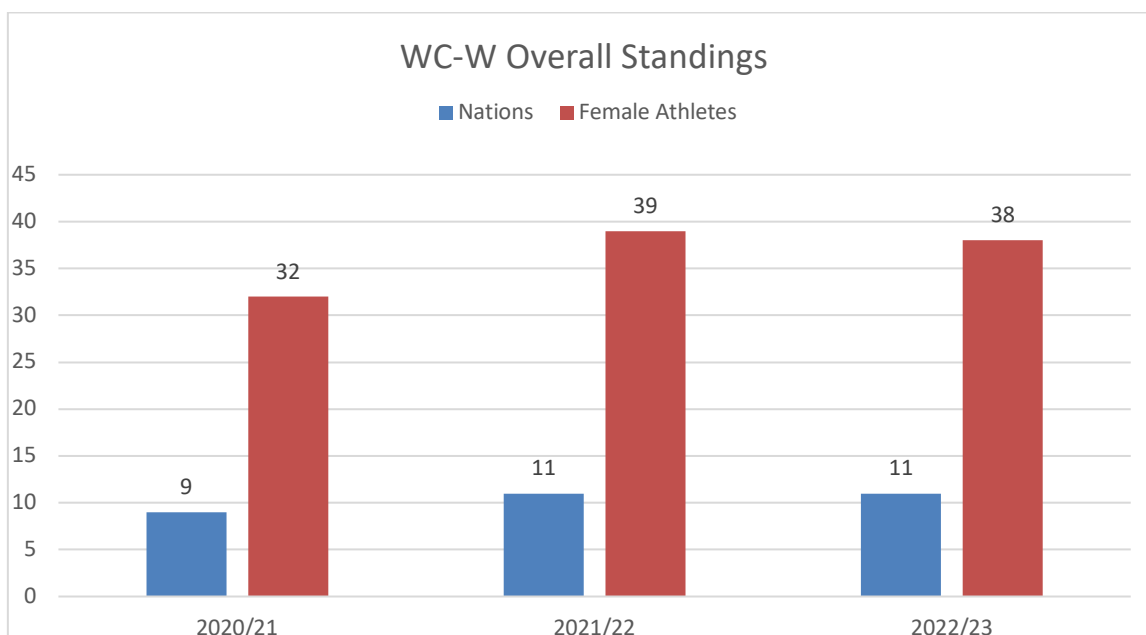
## 4. Viessmann FIS Nordic Combined World Cup

The Women's third World Cup season featured ten competitions in six venues in five different countries.

38 athletes from 11 nations were on start and collected World Cup points this winter. A big highlight was the event premiere in Oslo (NOR), where the Norwegian king handed over the traditional King's Cup to a Nordic Combined woman for the first time.

8 different athletes from five nations entered the podium, while Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR) won every competition.

The Norwegian took the victory in 10 out of the 10 Individual events, as well as in the Mixed Team competition with Norway and also won the overall World Cup ranking, receiving her crystal globe after the big season final in Oslo (NOR). Nathalie Armbruster (GER) and Ida Marie Hagen (NOR) placed second and third. Hansen also won the Best Jumper category, while Hagen won the Best Skier Trophy.



## 5. FIS Nordic World Ski Championships

Women's Nordic Combined was included in the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships for the second time in Planica (SLO) this season, with one Individual normal hill event and the premiere of the Mixed Team.

31 competitors from 11 nations were on start. The gold medal went to Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR) ahead of Nathalie Armbruster (GER) and Haruka Kasai (JPN). The inaugural Mixed Team gold medal was won by Norway, while Germany claimed silver and Austria bronze.

## 6. Nordic Combined Awards

For the fifth time, the Nordic Combined women were a part of the Nordic Combined Award line-up: Gyda Westvold Hansen (NOR) became Women's Athlete of the Year, while Nathalie Armbruster (GER) won the Rookie of the Year category. Tereza Koldovska (CZE) received the Sportsmanship Award.

## 7. 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:

- Bring the NC women to the large hill.
- 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 SJL and the SJ/NC Youth Committee

## 8. 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**

**2027: Large Hill on the WSC program**

**2030: Nordic Combined Women on the Olympic Winter Games program**