

NORDIC COMBINED WOMEN – Progress Report

April 2018

1. FIS Youth Cup

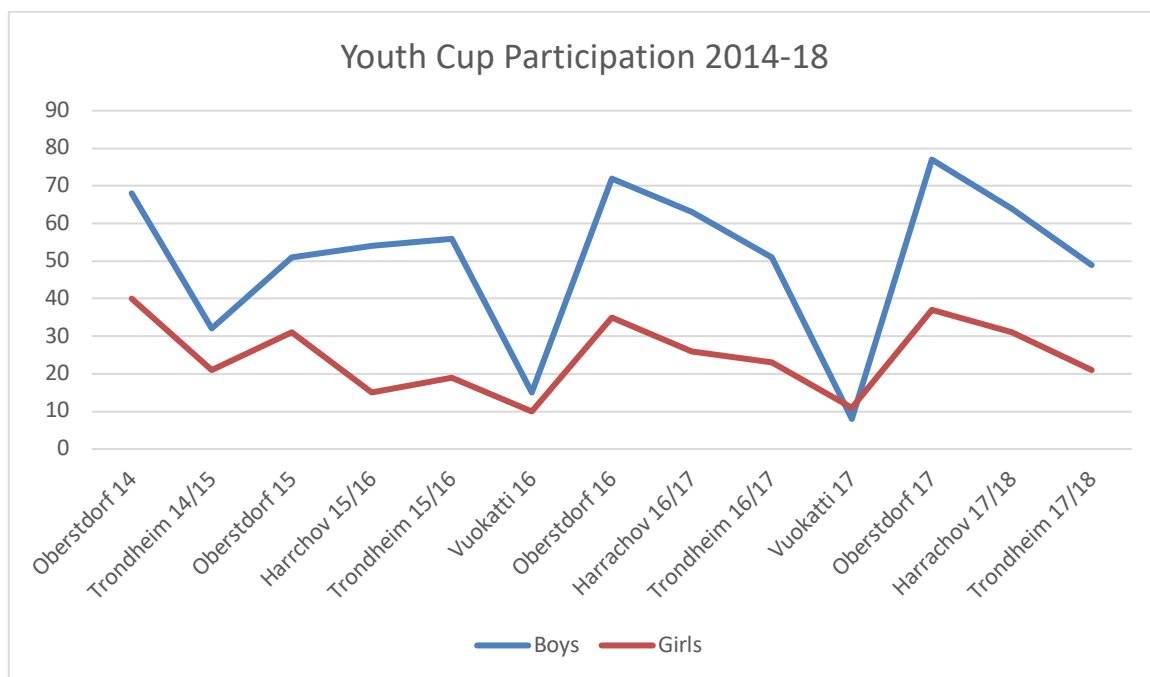
For the 2016/17 season, Vuokatti (FIN) joined the calendar. This brought the FIS Youth Cup to a total of four organisers through the season.

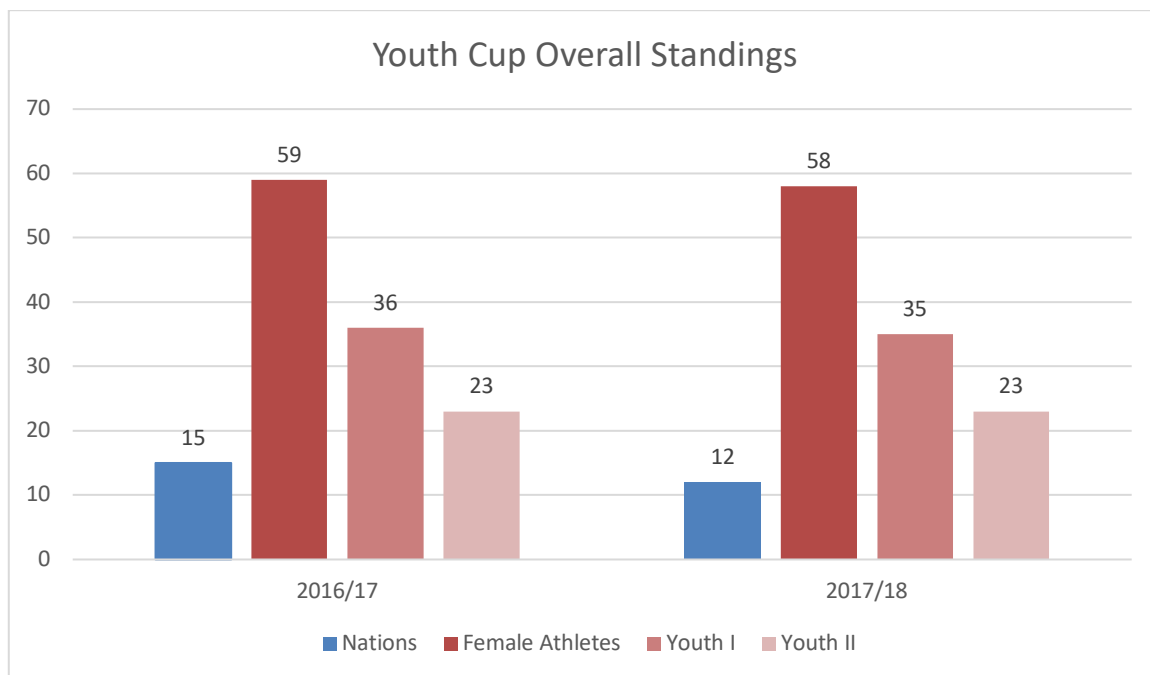
In addition, an overall standing in all four categories (Youth I Boys & Girls, Youth II Boys & Girls) was introduced and the first four overall winners were awarded in a joint prize giving ceremony with the World Cup athletes in Trondheim, for which event Crown Prince Håkon of Norway was present.

For the 2017/18 season, the Nordic Combined Committee elected to stay with the four-event weekend program that proved successful in the year before.

The overall winners of each category were crowned for the second time and awarded by the World Cup stars of the discipline at the World Cup event in Trondheim.

Statistics





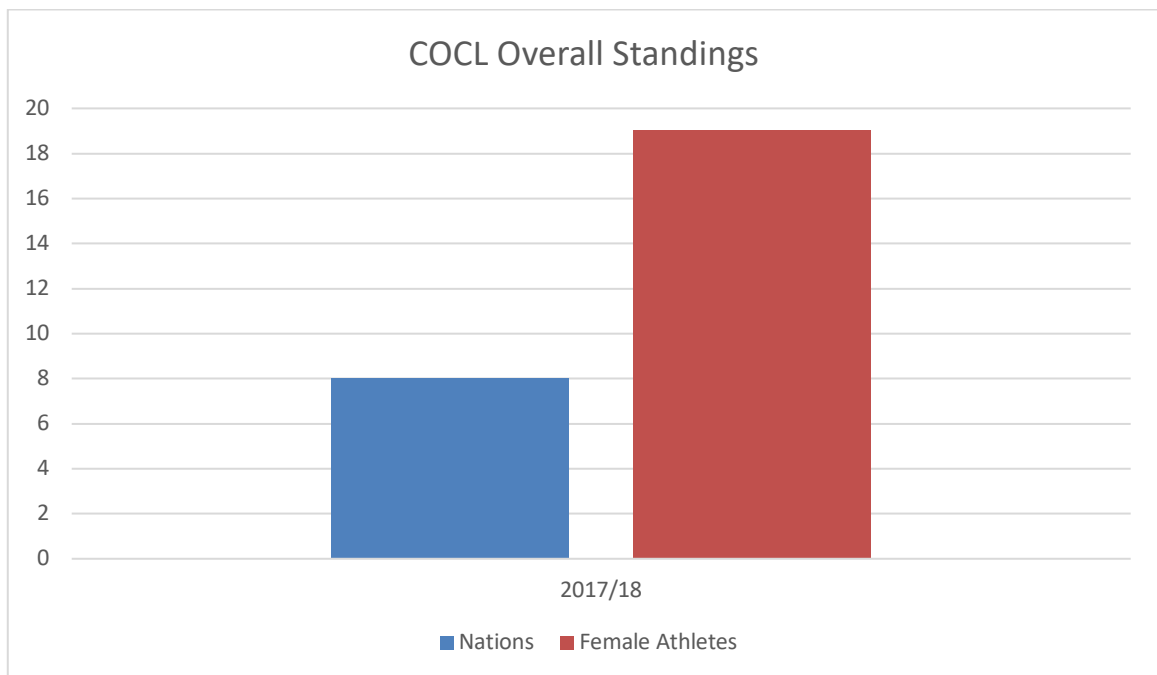
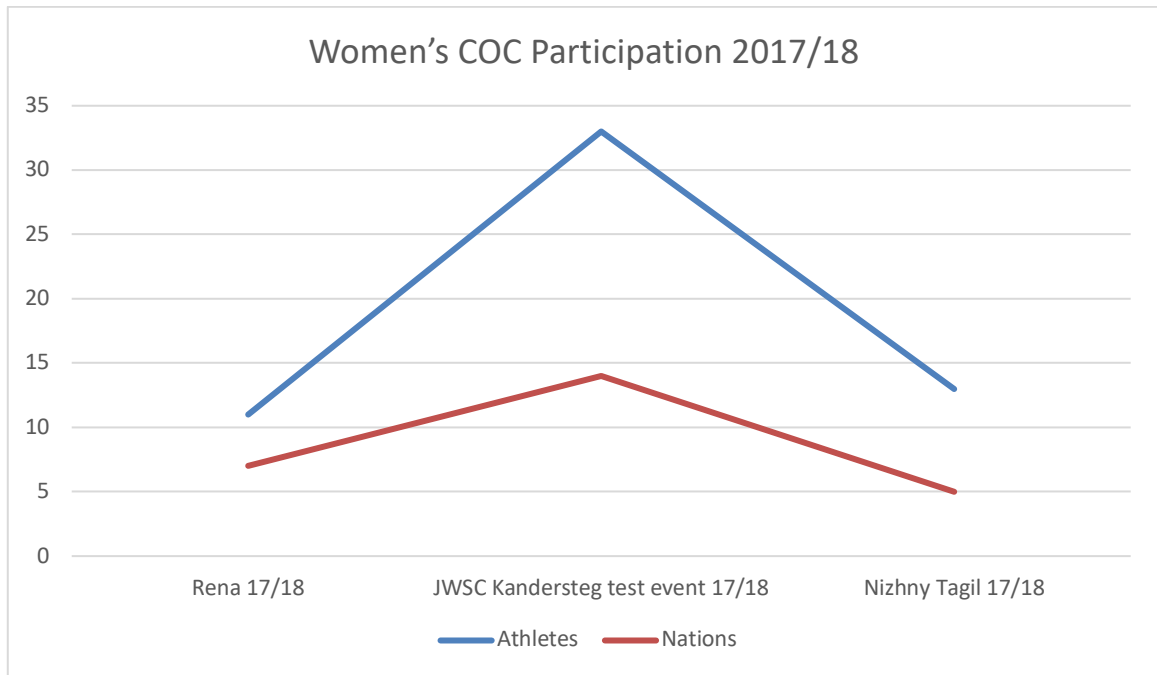
2. Women's Continental Cup

2017/18: The first Continental Cup calendar for women in Nordic Combined featured six events in the three venues of Otepää (EST), Rena (NOR) and Nizhny Tagil (RUS). The events in Otepää, however, which were planned in conjunction with the men's World Cup, had to be cancelled completely due to warm temperatures and a lack of snow.

In total, 19 women from eight nations participated in the first season, a lower number that can be explained by the general youth of the athlete base (minimum age for the COC is 15) and the move from the K 60 hills that are used for Youth Cup to K 90 normal hills for the Continental Cup, which reduced the athlete pool further at first.

In addition, a **test event on the Junior World Championship level** was held at the FIS Junior World Championships in Kandersteg, Switzerland. This competition was held on a K 67 hill and participants born 2003 and older were allowed to start. With 33 starters from 14 nations, the event was very successful and points towards a promising future for Women's Nordic Combined.

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3. Short-term strategy

Women's Nordic Combined has made big steps the last two to three years.

At the moment, we have some the following points on our short-term agenda:

- Keep up the 4 FIS Youth Cup events through the year, including an overall ranking system
- Grow and develop the Women's COC competition calendar
- First official Women's Nordic Combined JWSC medal event
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Very important for the future development of the NCL is the close cooperation with SJ/SJL. Through the NC/SJ Youth and Children Committee, we are able to develop the NCL in coordination with SJ/SJL, which is important for all our nations.

4. Long-term strategy

With the development we have seen in the last seasons, the Nordic Combined Committee agreed to the following timeline goals for the future.

2019: Nordic Combined Women take part in the Junior World Championships.

2020: Nordic Combined Women take part in the Youth Olympic Games.

2020: Nordic Combined Women first World Cup event.

2021: Nordic Combined Women take part in World Championships.

2022: Nordic Combined Women take part in Olympic Games.