

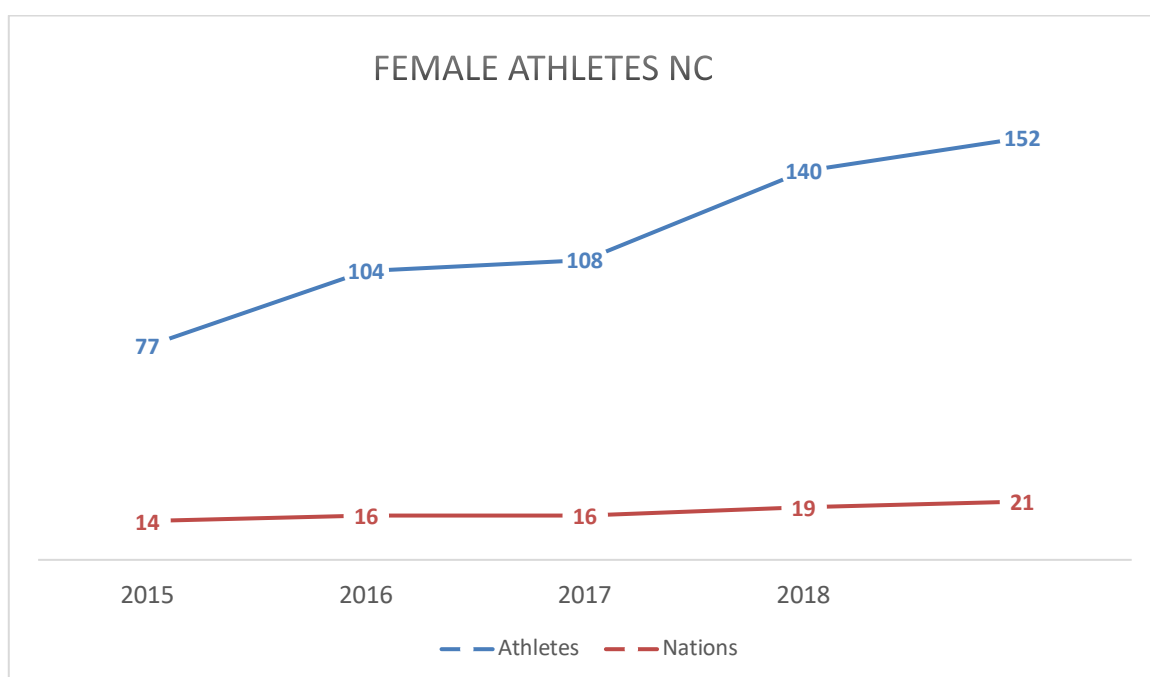
NORDIC COMBINED WOMEN – Progress Report

May 2019

1. Statistics and numbers

In total, 152 female athletes from 21 nations are registered with a FIS Code for Nordic Combined. Across all cups and systems (FIS events, FIS Youth Cup, Alpencup, Continental Cup, JWSC), 94 of these athletes took part in international events in 17 different venues in 2018/19.

The average age of female Nordic Combined participants is 17 years.

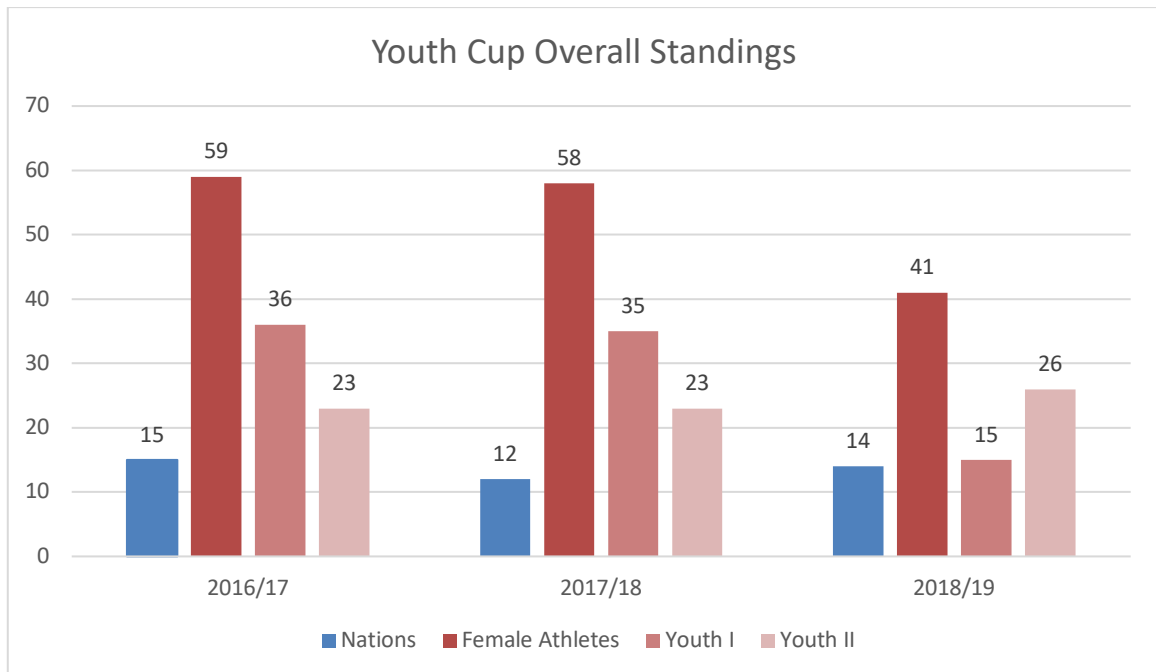
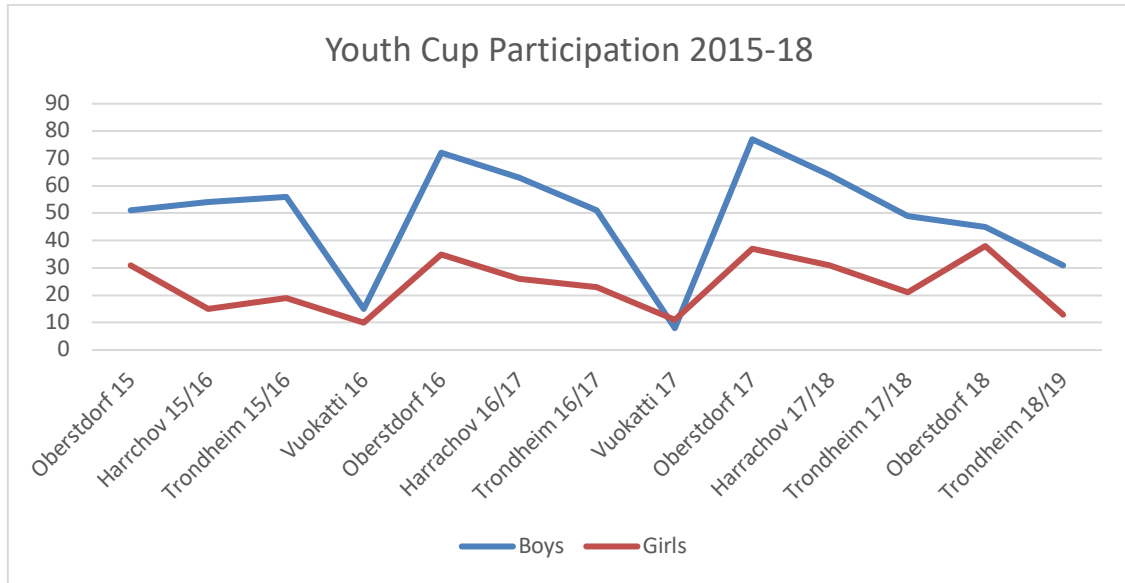


2. FIS Youth Cup

The 2018/19 FIS Youth Cup season featured events in Oberstdorf (GER) and Trondheim (NOR), as Vuokatti and Harrachov faced challenges in terms of construction and general issues. As the overall number of participants in Oberstdorf reached a maximum limit in the past years, it was decided not to host the Youth II boys category this year.

The overall winners of each category were crowned for the third time and awarded by the World Cup stars of the discipline at the World Cup event in Trondheim. As the date of the World Cup weekend in Trondheim was moved to January, so did the date for the Youth Cup, which turned out to be busier for the Youth Cup age categories (JWSC and Alpencup) and therefore the finals were less frequented than in the years before.

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3. Women’s Continental Cup & Junior World Championships

The second winter of the Women’s Nordic Combined Cup featured a calendar that had grown considerably to 11 events at five venues. Next to the first-ever women’s Mass Start, the final weekend in Nizhny Tagil featured three events in one weekend for the first time. The combined weekend of the men’s World Cup and women’s Continental Cup in Otepää (EST) was held successfully after the cancellation due to warm temperatures in the previous year.

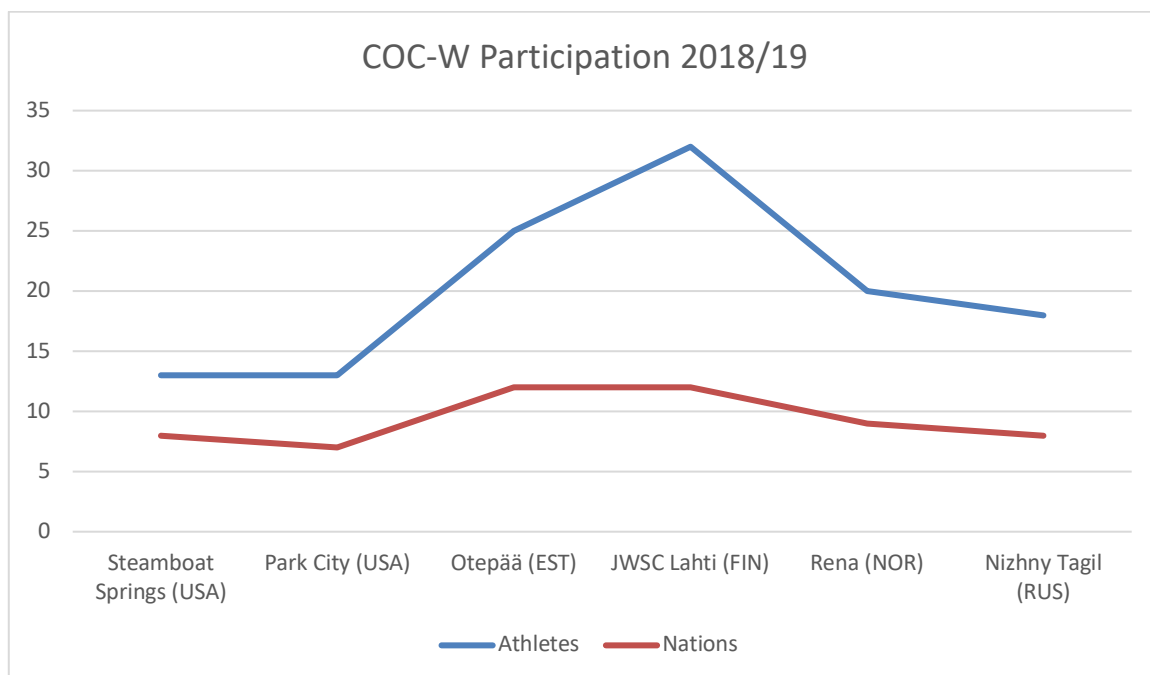
The number of participating women grew considerably to 46 women from 17 nations (AUT, CAN, CHN, CZE, EST, FIN, FRA, GER, ITA, JPN, KAZ, LAT, NOR, POL, SLO, RUS, USA) in points.

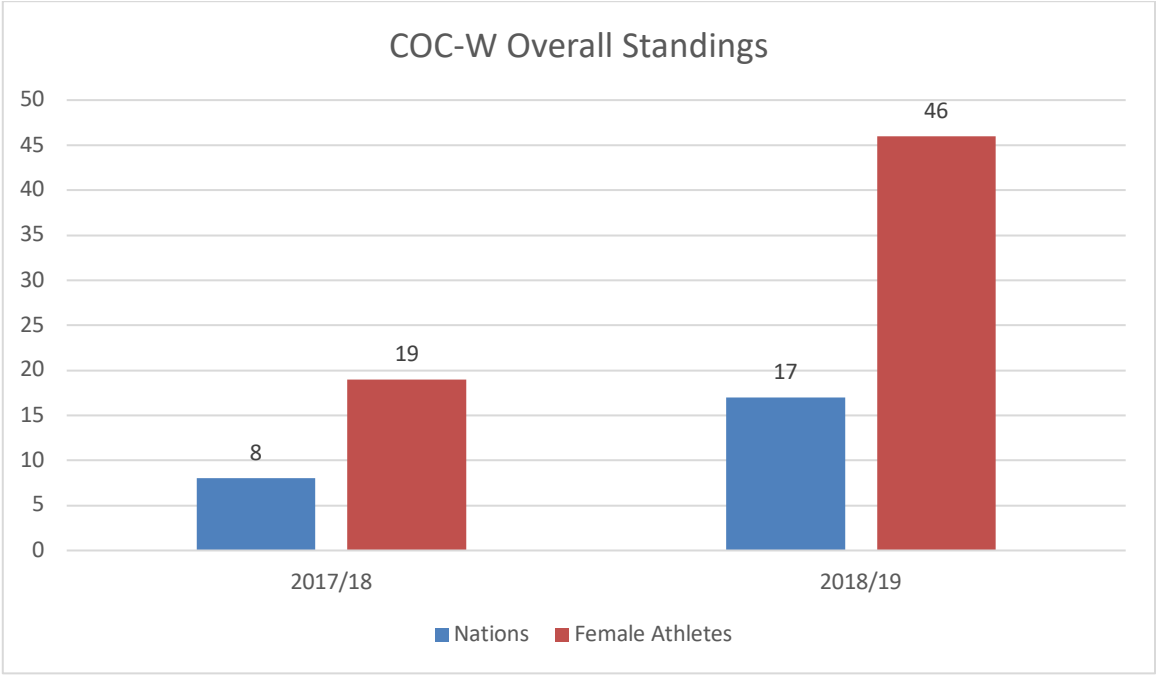
The Nordic Combined women also had their FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championship debut in Lahti (FIN). Ayane Miyazaki (JPN) won the first-ever gold medal ahead of Gyda Westvold Hansen and Anju Nakamura (JPN). In total, 32 athletes from 12 nations were on start.

Nordic Combined Awards

For the first time, a “Athlete of the Year” award for the Nordic Combined women was part of the Nordic Combined Award programme in Schonach (GER). Tara Geraghty-Moats (USA) was chosen as the first recipient for her stellar ten wins in eleven competitions in 2018/19

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4. 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:

- Find a good number of events, venues and dates for the FIS Youth Cup.
- Grow and develop the Women's COC competition calendar.
- Grow and develop the Women SGP competition calendar.
- Develop competition formats for the future (Mixed Team, Mass Start, Final Ind. Gundersen, Mixed Team Sprint).
- Extend the Women's JWSC programme to include a Mixed Team event.
- Strategic plan for the introduction of a Women's Nordic Combined World Cup in the 2020/21 season.
- 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 Nordic Combined Committee agreed to the following timeline goals for the future.

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

2020: First Women's Nordic Combined World Cup event.

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

2026: Nordic Combined Women part of the Olympic programme