

Season Factsheet

FIS Cross-Country 2021/22

WORLD CUP

This season marks the **40th anniversary** for the FIS Cross-Country World Cup. For more information visit the FIS Cross-Country Media page on [fisski.com](https://www.fis-ski.com).

THE WORLD CUP IN NUMBERS

- 62 competitions in total
- 32 competition days
- 16 Distance races (7 in C, 7 in F plus 2 Skiathlon)
- 12 Sprint races (7 in F, 5 in C)
- 2 Relays and 2 Team Sprints
- [Click here](#) for the World Cup calendar and the long-term World Cup calendar frame

TOUR DE SKI

The 16th edition of the Tour de Ski will take place from 28th December to 4th January. With only 6 competitions days, the Tour is shorter than usual. The reason is due to the preparation phase in regard to the Olympic Winter Games.

WORLD CUP TROPHIES

Overall World Cup leader: Yellow bib

Distance or **Sprint** World Cup leader: Red bib

U23 ranking leader: Green bib

SPONSOR RANKINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Le Gruyère Cheese Challenge

At every event that is supported by Le Gruyère, the podium places per athlete are counted. The total prize money of CHF 12'000 is divided between the top-3 athletes men and women. The full amount of prize money per athlete is paid to their youth club of choice to support the next generation of skiers.

Locations included in the ranking are Ruka, Lillehammer, Davos, Dresden, Lenzerheide, Oberstdorf, Val di Fiemme, Lahti and Falun.

Audi e-tron Bonus

In Mass Start races, the first 10 athletes reaching a defined position will receive Bonus World Cup points. The Audi e-tron Bonus rewards the athlete with the most bonus points by the end of the season.

COOP Mini World Cup

The Coop Mini World Cup is a kids race series that follows along the World Cup venues. With animated races, the kids shall be motivated to Cross-Country ski under the watch of their big idols.

WORLD CUP RULES UPDATES

SPRINT QUALIFICATIONS

NEW To increase the value of the Sprint qualifications, the first 10 athletes of the qualification will get the following World Cup points:

1 st place = 15 points	5 th place = 6 points	8 th place = 3 points
2 nd place = 12 points	6 th place = 5 points	9 th place = 2 points
3 rd place = 10 points	7 th place = 4 points	10 th place = 1 point
4 th place = 8 points		

Due to this rule, as well as to improve the quality of the TV production and the value of the qualification itself, the starting order of the qualification needed to be adapted:

- Seeded athletes (top 30) will choose their starting positions (bibs 1/3/5/.../59)
- The seeded athletes will start every 30" (15" gap between athletes)

TEAM SPRINTS

To have a fair system for both semi-finals regarding snow conditions, recovery time and more, adapted rules apply for Team Sprint. New qualification rules applied on World Cup, WSC and OWG level:

NEW: TOP-4 from each Semi-Final will be directly qualified for the final plus two lucky losers (fastest time)

Former rules: Top-2 from each Semi-Final were directly qualified for the final plus four lucky losers.

MIXED TEAM EVENTS

The formerly planned Mixed Relay at the World Cup Finals in Canmore (CAN) in 2020, will finally take place in Falun in March 2022. In addition, the mixed Team Sprint will take place. The mixed events are an important test for future race format discussion and a possible inclusion of them in the World Cup, WSC and OWG schedule.

SCHEDULED EVENTS ON 13TH MARCH 2022

- **Mixed Relay** (4x5km in order of woman, man, man, woman)
- **Mixed Team Sprint**

PRIZE MONEY – STEP 2 OF INCREASE

The total of CHF 45'500 per event (*former CHF 42'000 per event*) in individual events and stage event overall rankings will be divided between the positions 1-20 as follows:

1 st place = CHF 12'500	8 th place = CHF 1'200	15 th place = CHF 500
2 nd place = CHF 8'500	9 th place = CHF 1'100	16 th place = CHF 400
3 rd place = CHF 5'000	10 th place = CHF 1'000	17 th place = CHF 350
4 th place = CHF 4'200	11 th place = CHF 900	18 th place = CHF 300
5 th place = CHF 3'200	12 th place = CHF 800	19 th place = CHF 250
6 th place = CHF 2'200	13 th place = CHF 700	20 th place = CHF 200
7 th place = CHF 1'600	14 th place = CHF 600	

In Relay and Team Sprint events, a total of CHF 35'500 per event (*former CHF 32'000 per event*) will be divided between the positions 1-6 as follows:

1 st place = CHF 14'000	3 rd place = CHF 5'000	5 th place = CHF 2'500
2 nd place = CHF 9'000	4 th place = CHF 3'500	6 th place = CHF 1'500

ICR UPDATES

UPDATED OBSTRUCTION AND OVERTAKING RULE 343.10

Several situations in past seasons have merged the need to look into the ICR rule 343.10.2 on obstruction and overtaking. During workshops with athletes, coaches, TD's and legal experts, the rule was updated.

The updated rule was based on the following principles:

- Competitors shall not obstruct one another.
- Competitors in front have the right to choose their best line.
- Competitors in the front shall not obstruct competitors coming from behind.
- Competitors intending to pass shall do so without obstructing competitors being passed.
- When competitors are alongside, they have mutual duties not to obstruct each other.
- A process of passing is complete when the overtaking skier has his body ahead of the ski tips of the overtaken skier.

The updated rule does not apply in interval start competitions where way must be given upon first demand.

TITLE EVENTS

[OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES BEIJING \(CHN\)](#)

[FIS \(NORDIC\) JUNIOR AND U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS](#)

- 21st to 27th February 2022 in Lygna (NOR)
- In Lygna, only Cross-Country events will take place (SJ and NC are scheduled in Zakopane, Poland). The schedule will be uploaded to fiski.com as soon as available.