



# **RULES**

## **THE NORDIC SKI GAMES OF THE OPA**

### **SKI JUMPING AND NORDIC COMBINED 2015/2016**

#### **1. Intention**

The OPA Games in ski jumping and nordic combined are a competition series of the OPA-Associations (AUT, FRA, GER, ITA, LIE, SLO, SPA, SUI) which serves to built up young athletes for further competitions. This competition follows the previous version of the Cup Berauer. This version of the OPA-Games was first held in the season 1985/86.

#### **2. Annual Execution, Application and Selection**

The competition of the OPA Nordic Ski Games in ski jumping and nordic combined will be carried out once a year, according to a fixed rotation in a different OPA country per year. The competition is awarded in accordance with the rotation, which is listed in the attachment. The organizing association is confirmed by the Nordic Commission of the OPA. The OPA country for the coming year is to be announced at the spring meeting. The venue must be confirmed at the October meeting.

#### **3. Date and Period**

The date of the competition should be set on the last complete weekend of February if it possible. The competitions (including official training) are limited to three days, staying at the venue for active and officials to four days.

#### **4. Cancellation of the Organizer**

In case of unsuitable weather or other problems, the organizer is obliged to contact the National Ski Association and the OPA-coordinator in due time so that they can name an alternative organizer immediately.

#### **5. OPA Medals**

The OPA ordered uniform medals for the Nordic Ski Games. The costs of the medals will be divided among the OPA nations.



## 6. Eligibility to Participate

All OPA-Associations (AUT, FRA, GER, ITA, LIE, SLO, SPA, SUI) are invited to the OPA-Games. They commit to participating in the competitions with their best possible teams. Only competitors with valid FIS-Code are allowed. According to the decision of the representatives of the nations, a guest category is not possible.

## 7. Number of Participants

The number of active participants per nation is defined as follows: ski jumping and nordic combined: maximum of six athletes per class and nation. The host country can provide a national group of two athletes per class, starting in the respective class in front.

## 8. Age Classification of Competitors

The competitions will be conducted in two different age classes. The reference date for the classification in the relevant age group is the 1st of January. The naming of the age groups is decisive.

The classifications apply as follows:

### **Ski jumping and nordic combined:**

Season 2016	Children:	age group 2001 and younger
	Youth :	age group 1999 and 2000
Season 2017	Children:	age group 2002 and younger
	Youth:	age group 2000 and 2001
Season 2018	Children:	age group 2003 and younger
	Youth:	age group 2001 and 2002
Season 2019	Children:	age group 2004 and younger
	Youth:	age group 2002 and 2003

## 9. Starting Order and Draw

The starting order and draw will be carried out according to the ICR with the following changes: the draw of individual competition will be carried out in three or two groups per class. Jury decision! The team competitions according to the ICR.

## 10. Competition

The following competitions will be held:

### **Ski jumping men and women**

Individual competition:

Children and youth



Team competition:

Men: four competitors / Ladies: three competitors

For the team competitions any numbers of teams per nation may be registered depending on the number of participants. The composition of teams may be mixed (children and youth). **The second team of the host country must be a mixed team of two children and two youth.** All teams come in the official daily ranking.

### **Nordic combined**

Individual competition:

Children men and ladies – one jump and 4 km (1 min = 20 points)

Youth men and ladies – one jump and 6 km (1 min = 15 points) /Ladies: 4 km

Team competition IG:

Four competitors make one team men and three competitors make one team ladies (one jump and 3,3 km per competitor – 1 min = 45 points). To the team competitions can be reported as many teams per nation according to the number of participants. The teams may be composed of both children men and ladies and youth men and ladies.

The second team of the host country must be a mixed team of two children and two youth.

## **11. Evaluation and Measuring of Distance**

For OPA Ski Games EWOXX will be engaged (excluding the competitions in Germany) with the distance measurement by video, the timekeeping nordic combined as well as the analysis of all lists including the evaluation of the nations. The organizer must only provide three persons to take the measurement of the distance and bear the expenses of the persons of EWOXX (see point 20)

The German Ski Federation has the right to use an own national system of electric distance measurement during the OPA Ski Games in Germany in self-responsibility.

## **12. Competition Schedule Types - Proposals**

- Thursday: Arrival and team meeting in the evening
- Friday: Official training ski jumping (three rounds)  
Official training nordic combined (two rounds plus following PCR-round)  
The PCR can be used only once per weekend.
- Saturday: Individual competitions ski jumping men/ladies and nordic combined men/nordic combined ladies 4/6 km
- Sunday: Team competition ski jumping men/ladies and nordic combined men/nordic combined ladies 3.3 km

## **13. Prizes**



Individual competition:

The six best athletes in each class will get a cup and product-prizes from the organizer. In addition the first three places will get the OPA-medals.

Team competition:

The best three teams in ski jumping men/ladies and nordic combined men/ladies will get the OPA medals.

Overall standing:

The best nation will get a challenge cup to be provided by the OPA.

Only the following results of the individual competitions are included in the overall standing:

- Ski jumping: the best two jumpers men/women per nation and class
- Nordic combined: the best two athletes men/women per nation and class

The OPA medals (gold, silver, bronze) will be ordered and brought by the OPA-coordinator. The costs are covered by the OPA-nations. Furthermore every participant will get a memory-emblem or a present.

## **14. Presentation Ceremonies**

The presentation ceremony for the individual competitions and the overall winners will be performed on Saturday night at a small ceremony to which all participants, coaches and officials will be invited. The presentation ceremony for the team competitions will be conducted approximately 15 minutes after the race at the hill and in the finish area of the nordic combined –cross country course.

## **15. Provisions for the Competitions**

The competition will be conducted according to the principle rules of the ICR and supplemented by the rules rates announced here. The ski jumping hills and the cross-country course must have a valid FIS certificate. The hill size should be between HS 65 and HS 90. Exceptions can only be granted by the OPA-coordinator. Should bad weather conditions or such require relocating the cross country competition in nordic combined, the OPA coordinator and the jury may decide to verify and approve a non-homologated substitute track. In emergency situations (e.g. too little or too soft snow) a ceramic or a metal track can be use. Such a decision must be discussed with the OPA representative or coordinator and the jury. The teams shall be informed of such a decision without delay.

## **16. Jury and Competition Management**

The jury consists of the following members:

- FIS Technical Delegate (TD) (can also be a National TD and is divided by the FIS)
- FIS-TD Assistant (is the coordinator and is chosen by the FIS-can also be a national TDA)
- Chief of competition



Competition Management:  
OPA-coordinator  
Chief of course (only in nordic combined)

## 17. Equipment and Control

For youth in ski jumping and nordic combined, the FIS rules according to the ICR apply. The controls of the equipment and the jumpsuit will be carried out by the OPA-coordinator. The control for the ladies is done by a duly authorized lady, who is instructed by the OPA-coordinator.

For children in skijumping men/women and nordic combined men/women, the FIS rules for the equipment and the jumpsuit according to the ICR Youth Cup apply.

## 18. FIS Officials

The FIS nominates the Technical Delegate (TD) and TD Assistant (TDA). The TD should come from one OPA-country (a national TD is possible and is divided by the FIS) and the TDA from the organizer country. Only FIS Judges and one FIS Judge aspirant are authorized. The classification for the foreign Judge is effected by the FIS and for the other four officials by the National Association in consultation with the coordinator. Several foreign Judges are admitted as well.

## 19. Reimbursement of Expenses

The organizers have to pay the travel expenses and accommodation expenses for the nominated FIS officials as follows:

### 19.1 Travel expenses and expense allowance per day **for OPA-coordinators and FIS-TD/TDA**

- Travelling by car: 0,50€ per km, but a maximum of 450,-€.
- Travelling with the team or carpool: 0,15€ per km, a maximum of 150,-€
- For arrival- and departure days and each additional day of stay 80,-€ in each case, but a maximum of 320,-€

### 19.2 Travel expenses and expense allowance per day **for jumping judge (international)**

- Travelling by car: 0,50€ per km, but a maximum of 450,-€.
- Travelling with the team or carpool: 0,15€ per km, a maximum of 150,-€
- For arrival- and departure days 80,-€ in each case

### 19.3 Travel expenses and expense allowance per day **for jumping judge (national)**

For FIS officials who are appointed by the National Ski Association for international competitions: the National Association or the organizer respectively is obliged under the FIS-ICR to take over the accommodation and travel costs at least, in accordance with national regulations. The maximum limit is 410,-€ per jumping judge.



#### **19.4 Tolls for all officials**

Tolls, which must be paid in addition to the normal highway toll from the country of origin of the functionary, can be charged in addition to travel expenses. As these fees are officially known and the receipts are usually given at toll stations on request only, they are not required for billing.

## **20. Subsistence Expenses**

Free stay and free meals (full board including one drink per meal of your own choice) in a reasonable hotel in a single room for all FIS officials, OPA-Coordinator and Ewoxx-staff.

## **21. Accommodation and Board of the Teams**

The cost of travel, accommodation and meals will be paid by each National Association. The cost of accommodation and meals (full board) must not exceed 65,-€ per day / person including one drink and are to be settled by the associations directly with the hotels. Hotel prices above 65,-€ must be compensated by the respective organizer. For accommodations/hotels with lower prices, these have validity and cannot be rounded up to 65,-€. Single room supplements are not included in the maximum amount and must be paid by the associations themselves. The associations can also make direct hotel bookings. In this case the organizer is not liable for the costs.

## **22. Entry Fee**

The entry fee for the OPA Nordic Ski Games is 8,-€ per participant, for men teams 32,-€ and ladies teams 24,-€.

## **23. Organizer**

The organizer is responsible for an efficient measurement of speed and wind and a signal light by the jumping hills. The distance measurement by video, the standings, lists and timekeeping of cross country will be arranged by EWOXX, excluding the special rule for Germany.



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**Attachement Organizer-Rotation**

2014	FRA	2026	FRA
2015	AUT	2027	AUT
2016	ITA	2028	ITA
2017	GER	2029	GER
2018	SLO	2030	SLO
2019	SUI	2031	SUI
2020	FRA	2032	FRA
2021	AUT	2033	AUT
2022	ITA	2034	ITA
2023	GER	2035	GER
2024	SLO	2036	SLO
2025	SUI	2037	SUI

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