

NORDIC COMBINED

International Federation: Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)

Countries Affiliated: 120 (November 2013)

Year of Formation: 1924

First Year of Olympic Appearance: 1924

Olympic History: Nordic combined consists of a cross-country ski race and ski jumping. It was considered the most important Nordic skiing event by the Scandinavians, and has been held at the Olympic Winter Games since the start in 1924. Nordic combined is actually considered, for Olympic purposes, as a discipline of skiing, or more precisely of Nordic skiing. World Championships have been conducted in Nordic combined since 1925 and it has been part of the Holmenkollen Ski Festival since 1892.

Even including 2014, Nordic combined remains the only discipline at the Olympic Winter Games in which women do not compete. Women simply do not compete in this discipline at the international level. There are no official World Championships or World Cups for women and it is not held at Holmenkollen for women. However, some recent articles have described training camps for women in Nordic combined, notably in Russia.

As of 2010, the number of events has grown to three, all for men only, with two individual events and a team event. The two individual Nordic combined events were changed for the 2010 Winter Olympics. From 1924-84, only one Nordic combined event was contested at the Winter Olympics, an individual event over 15 km (or 18 km in the early years), and ski jumping from the normal hill, usually allowing two, sometimes three, jumps. In 1988 the team event was added, which originally had three competitors per team, racing a relay of 3 x 10 km, but in 1998 was changed to four competitors per team, with a relay of 4 x 5 km. In 2002 and 2006 a second individual event was contested, termed the sprint event, which consisted of a 7.5 km cross-country race and a single jump from the large hill.

In 2010 the two individual events were changed to a similar format of a 10 km ski race and a single jump, either from the normal hill or large hill. In each cross-country race, the ski jumping leader starts first, with the other competitors starting behind him using the Gunderson method, with the delay between skiers determined by the difference in ski jumping points.

As with all skiing disciplines and events, Nordic combined is governed by the Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS). The FIS governs what it terms six disciplines of skiing – alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, ski jumping, Nordic combined, freestyle skiing, and snowboarding. Cross-country, ski jumping, and Nordic combined are often termed one sport of Nordic skiing. As of November 2013, there are 120 member nations affiliated to the FIS. This makes it the largest International Sporting Federation for any winter sport.

The 120 member nations of FIS are as follows: Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, DPR Korea (North), Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kosova, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Morocco, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Rumania, Russia, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, US Virgin Islands, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. Only Kosovo is not an IOC Member nation.

Nordic Combined Olympic Program

Event	1924	1928	1932	1936	1948	1952	1956	1960	1964	1968	1972	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1994	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	Games
Individual	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			20
Sprint																			x	x			2
Normal Hill																					x	x	2
Large Hill																					x	x	2
Team															x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8
Totals	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	34

Note: Women have not competed in Nordic combined at the Olympic Games.

Nordic Combined Competitors by Nation

NOC	Overall/Men	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G
Australia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Austria	37	24	8	2	1	2	0
Belarus	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	17	15	2	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	11	6	3	2	0	0	0
Czech Republic / Czechoslovakia	3	0	2	0	1	0	0
Czechoslovakia	33	26	5	2	0	0	0
Czechoslovakia / Slovakia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Estonia	7	3	2	2	0	0	0
Estonia / Soviet Union	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fed. Rep. of Germany / Germany	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Federal Republic of Germany	11	4	4	3	0	0	0
Finland	45	26	13	3	2	1	0
France	27	16	7	3	1	0	0
German Demo. Rep. / Germany	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
German Democratic Republic	13	7	5	1	0	0	0
Germany	36	25	8	3	0	0	0
Great Britain	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	24	16	5	3	0	0	0
Japan	44	32	7	4	1	0	0
Latvia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	62	45	10	7	0	0	0
Norway / Switzerland	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Poland	29	18	10	1	0	0	0
Romania	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	14	10	4	0	0	0	0
Russia / Unified Team	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Slovakia	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Soviet Union	23	18	3	2	0	0	0
Soviet Union / Unified Team	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Sweden	15	12	3	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	37	24	9	4	0	0	0
Ukraine	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Unified Team	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
United States	55	36	13	4	1	1	0
Yugoslavia	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	583	393	129	50	7	4	0

Note: Women have not yet competed in Nordic combined at the Olympic Winter Games.

Overall/Men: 39 Geopolitical entities, 31 NOCs.

Most Medals, Men

7	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
5	Samppa Lajunen (FIN)
4	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)
4	Bjarte Engen Vik (NOR)
4	Georg Hettich (GER)

3	Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
3	Takanori Kono (JPN)
3	Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)
3	Mario Stecher (AUT)
3	Oddbjørn Hagen (NOR)
3	Hippolyt Kempf (SUI)
3	Jaakko Tallus (FIN)
3	Hannu Manninen (FIN)

Most Gold Medals, Men

3	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
3	Samppa Lajunen (FIN)
3	Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
2	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)
2	Bjarte Engen Vik (NOR)
2	Takanori Kono (JPN)
2	Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)
2	Mario Stecher (AUT)
2	Kenji Ogiwara (JPN)

Most Silver Medals, Men

2	Samppa Lajunen (FIN)
2	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)
2	Georg Hettich (GER)
2	Oddbjørn Hagen (NOR)
1	Many athletes tied with one.

Most Bronze Medals, Men

3	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
1	Many athletes tied with one.

Most Years Winning Medals, Men

3	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
3	Hannu Manninen (FIN)
3	Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)
3	Mario Stecher (AUT)
3	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)
3	Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
2	15 athletes tied with two.

Most Years Winning Gold Medals, Men

3	Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)
3	Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
2	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
2	Mario Stecher (AUT)
2	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)
2	Takanori Kono (JPN)
2	Kenji Ogiwara (JPN)

Most Years Between Medals, Men

8	Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)
8	Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
8	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
8	Mario Stecher (AUT)
8	Hannu Manninen (FIN)
6	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)

- 6 Hippolyt Kempf (SUI)
- 6 Fabrice Guy (FRA)

Most Years Between Gold Medals, Men

- 8 Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)
- 8 Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
- 4 Felix Gottwald (AUT)
- 4 Mario Stecher (AUT)
- 4 Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR)
- 2 Takanori Kono (JPN)
- 2 Kenji Ogiwara (JPN)

Most Appearances, Men

- 5 Felix Gottwald (AUT, 1994-2010)
- 5 Todd Lodwick (USA, 1994-2010)
- 5 Hannu Manninen (FIN, 1994-2010)
- 5 Mario Stecher (AUT, 1994-2010)
- 4 Rauno Miettinen (FIN, 1972-1984)
- 4 Fabrice Guy (FRA, 1988-1998)
- 4 Milan Kučera (CZE/TCH, 1992-2002)
- 4 Jari Mantila (FIN, 1992-2002)
- 4 Kenji Ogiwara (JPN, 1992-2002)
- 4 Christoph Bieler (AUT, 1998-2010)
- 4 Bill Demong (USA, 1998-2010)

Longest Span of Appearances, Men

- 16 František Šimůnek (TCH-NCO; 1932-1948)
- 16 Hannu Manninen (FIN-NCO; 1994-2010)
- 16 Felix Gottwald (AUT-NCO; 1994-2010)
- 16 Todd Lodwick (USA-NCO; 1994-2010)
- 16 Mario Stecher (AUT-NCO; 1994-2010)
- 12 Leopold Kohl (AUT-NCO; 1952-1964)
- 12 Rauno Miettinen (FIN-NCO; 1972-1984)
- 12 Christoph Bieler (AUT-NCO; 1998-2010)
- 12 Bill Demong (USA-NCO; 1998-2010)
- 10 Fabrice Guy (FRA-NCO; 1988-1998)
- 10 Milan Kučera (CZE/TCH-NCO; 1992-2002)
- 10 Jari Mantila (FIN-NCO; 1992-2002)
- 10 Kenji Ogiwara (JPN-NCO; 1992-2002)

Youngest Competitor, Men

- 15-307 Hannu Manninen (FIN-1994, *17 April 1978)
- 16-000 Alessandro Pittin (ITA-2006, *11 February 1990)
- 16-216 Mario Stecher (AUT-1994, *17 July 1977)
- 16-335 Jens Salumäe (EST-1998, *15 March 1981)
- 17-089 Teemu Summanen (FIN-1992, *14 November 1974)
- 17-089 Todd Lodwick (USA-1994, *21 November 1976)
- 17-094 Teemu Summanen (FIN-1992, *14 November 1974)
- 17-158 Davide Bresadola (ITA-2006, *10 September 1988)
- 17-223 Anssi Koivuranta (FIN-2006, *3 July 1988)
- 17-238 Milan Kučera (TCH-1992, *18 June 1974)

Youngest Medalist, Men

- 17-228 Anssi Koivuranta (FIN-2006, *3 July 1988)
- 18-077 Johannes Rydzek (GER-2010, *9 December 1991)
- 18-110 Stefan Kreiner (AUT-1992, *30 October 1973)

18-196 Björn Kircheisen (GER-2002, *6 August 1983)
18-298 Samppa Lajunen (FIN-1998, *23 April 1979)
18-323 Ludovic Roux (FRA-1998, *4 April 1979)
19-211 Ulrich Wehling (GDR-1972, *8 July 1952)
19-263 Nicolas Bal (FRA-1998, *2 June 1978)
19-309 Hannu Manninen (FIN-1998, *17 April 1978)
20-003 Alessandro Pittin (ITA-2010, *11 February 1990)

Youngest Gold Medalist, Men

19-211 Ulrich Wehling (GDR-1972, *8 July 1952)
20-359 Jaakko Tallus (FIN-2002, *23 February 1981)
21-317 Heikki Hasu (FIN-1948, *21 March 1926)
22-059 Kenji Ogiwara (JPN-1992, *20 December 1969)
22-080 Hippolyt Kempf (SUI-1988, *10 December 1965)
22-186 Georg Thoma (GER-1960, *20 August 1937)
22-294 Samppa Lajunen (FIN-2002, *23 April 1979)
22-347 Takanori Kono (JPN-1992, *7 March 1969)
23-023 Franz Keller (FRG-1968, *19 January 1945)
23-024 Hans-Peter Pohl (FRG-1988, *30 January 1965)

Oldest Competitor, Men

39-115 Anders Haugen (USA-1928, *24 October 1888)
37-060 František Šimůnek (TCH-1948, *2 December 1910)
37-018 Jostein Nordmoe (CAN-1932, *23 January 1895)
36-009 Jaroslav Kadavý (TCH-1948, *22 January 1912)
35-360 Jaroslav Lukeš (TCH-1948, *5 February 1912)
35-100 Anders Haugen (USA-1924, *24 October 1888)
35-036 Heinz Hauser (GER-1956, *23 December 1920)
34-332 Bohumil Kosour (TCH-1948, *5 March 1913)
34-262 Rauno Miettinen (FIN-1984, *25 May 1949)
34-208 Simon Slåttvik (NOR-1952, *24 July 1917)

Oldest Medalist, Men

34-209 Simon Slåttvik (NOR-1952, *24 July 1917)
34-042 Felix Gottwald (AUT-2010, *13 January 1976)
33-094 Todd Lodwick (USA-2010, *21 November 1976)
32-352 Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR-1932, *24 February 1899)
32-221 Mario Stecher (AUT-2010, *17 July 1977)
32-027 Tormod Knutsen (NOR-1964, *7 January 1932)
30-219 Jari Mantila (FIN-2002, *14 July 1971)
30-040 Felix Gottwald (AUT-2006, *13 January 1976)
29-333 Bill Demong (USA-2010, *29 March 1980)
29-229 Sylvain Guillaume (FRA-1998, *6 July 1968)

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30-040 Felix Gottwald (AUT-2006, *13 January 1976)
29-333 Bill Demong (USA-2010, *29 March 1980)
29-227 Sverre Stenersen (NOR-1956, *18 June 1926)
29-128 Thorleif Haug (NOR-1924, *29 September 1894)

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Norway	11	8	7	26
2	2	Finland	4	8	2	14
3	3	Austria	3	2	7	12
4	5	Germany	2	3	3	8
5	4	German Demo. Rep.	3	-	4	7
6	6	France	2	1	1	4
7	9	United States	1	3	-	4
8	10	Switzerland	1	2	1	4
=9	=7	Fed. Rep. Germany	2	1	-	3
=9	=7	Japan	2	1	-	3
11	11	Soviet Union	-	1	2	3
12	12	Sweden	-	1	1	2
=13	=13	Italy	-	-	1	1
=13	=13	Poland	-	-	1	1
=13	=13	Russia	-	-	1	1
Totals (31 events)			31	31	31	93

Best Performance by Country at Each Olympics

	Men
1924	- Norway
1928	- Norway
1932	- Norway
1936	- Norway
1948	- Finland
1952	- Norway
1956	- Norway
1960	- Germany
1964	- Norway
1968	- Fed. Rep. of Germany
1972	- German Demo. Rep.
1976	- German Demo. Rep.
1980	- German Demo. Rep.
1984	- Norway
1988	- Switzerland
1992	- France
1994	- Norway
1998	- Norway
2002	- Finland
2006	- Austria
2010	- United States
2014	- ...

NORDIC COMBINED – EVENTS

Because the individual events have changed over the years, and the current events were held only in 2010, we have listed records for Individual Events (all of them), and Team Events only.

Nordic Combined, Individual Events

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Norway	10	6	7	23
2	2	Finland	3	7	1	11
3	3	German Demo. Rep.	3	-	4	7

4	6	Austria	1	2	4	7
5	4	Germany	2	1	2	5
6	5	France	2	1	-	3
7	7	United States	1	2	-	3
8	10	Soviet Union	-	1	2	3
=9	=8	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	1	-	2
=9	=8	Switzerland	1	1	-	2
11	11	Sweden	-	1	1	2
12	12	Japan	-	1	-	1
=13	=13	Italy	-	-	1	1
=13	=13	Poland	-	-	1	1
=13	=13	Russia	-	-	1	1
Totals (24 events)			24	24	24	72

Most Victories

3	Ulrich Wehling (GDR)
2	Samppa Lajunen (FIN)
2	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
2	Johan Grøttumsbråten (NOR)

Most Medals

4	Felix Gottwald (AUT/112)
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Youngest Competitor

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Youngest Medalist

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Oldest Gold Medalist

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Nordic Combined Event, Team

Medals Won by Countries

RankUS	RankEuro	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
1	1	Austria	2	-	3	5
2	3	Norway	1	2	-	3
3	4	Finland	1	1	1	3
4	6	Germany	-	2	1	3
5	2	Japan	2	-	-	2
6	7	Switzerland	-	1	1	2
7	5	Fed. Rep. Germany	1	-	-	1
8	8	United States	-	1	-	1
9	9	France	-	-	1	1
Totals (7 events)			7	7	7	21

Most Victories

2	Felix Gottwald (AUT)
2	Mario Stecher (AUT)
2	Kenji Ogiwara (JPN)
2	Takanori Kono (JPN)

Most Medals

3	Felix Gottwald (AUT/201)
3	Mario Stecher (AUT/201)
3	Fred Børre Lundberg (NOR/120)
3	Hannu Manninen (FIN/111)
3	Björn Kircheisen (GER/021)

Youngest Competitor

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