



OPA Alpencup rules - Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined 2016/17

1. General rules for the competition types Alpencup men, Alpencup ladies, OPA-Games

1.1 Intention

The competition series serve as a chance to compare levels of performance to young athletes of the disciplines Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined from the Alpine countries and their ski federations (AUT; FRA; GER; ITA; LIE; SLO; SPA; SUI)

1.2 Basis

Basis for the realisation of the competition are the ICR Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined as well as the FIS specifications for competition equipment. All competitions of the Alpencup series and OPA Games have to be listed on the FIS calendar and be supervised by a FIS TD and TDA. This rule set only lists special regulations valid only for the Alpencup competition series.

1.3 Competitions – Disciplines

There are three competition forms: Alpencup Men with the disciplines of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, Alpencup Ladies with the disciplines of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined and the OPA Games in the disciplines of Ski Jumping Boys/Girls and Nordic Combined Boys/Girls.

1.4. Period dates

The Alpencup Men takes place in two annual periods:

First period: September – October

Second period: December – March

Two two-competition events will take place in the first period with the first event at the beginning of September being held at separate venues for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined and the second at the end of September/beginning of October being a shared venue.

In the second period, four two-competition events will take place with the first and the final event (December and March) are hosted at one venue for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined and the second and third one (January and February) at separate ones if possible.

The Alpencup Ladies takes place in two annual periods:

First period: July – October

decision of the OPA meeting. The German and the **French Ski Associations** have the right to use an own national electronic evaluation system / video distance measurement on their own authority.

To register the results in the FIS database and on the website it is necessary to produce the result lists in an xml file and to upload the data to the database. This has to be done on the same day as the competition.

The organiser has to cover the accommodation costs for two to three staff members of Ewoxx (Hotel double room with full board plus one drink of choice per meal), no travel costs. Other Ewoxx-costs will be split between the OPA nations and billed by Ewoxx two times per year, in November and March. Only nations who have fulfilled their obligation to pay until the 10th of December and 10th of April at the latest are eligibly to start in the next period.

1.10 Cup Standings

1.10.1.1 Individual Evaluation

The following points will be given for the results in the Alpencup competitions:

1st place = 100 points	16th place = 15 points
2nd place = 80 points	17th place = 14 points
3rd place = 60 points	18th place = 13 points
4th place = 50 points	19th place = 12 points
5th place = 45 points	20th place = 11 points
6th place = 40 points	21th place = 10 points
7th place = 36 points	22th place = 9 points
8th place = 32 points	23th place = 8 points
9th place = 29 points	24th place = 7 points
10th place = 26 points	25th place = 6 points
11th place = 24 points	26th place = 5 points
12th place = 22 points	27th place = 4 points
13th place = 20 points	28th place = 3 points
14th place = 18 points	29th place = 2 points
15th place = 16 points	30th place = 1 points

1.10.1.2 Team Evaluation

1st place = 200 points	9th place = 40 points
2nd place = 150 points	10th place = 30 points
3th place = 130 points	11th place = 25 points
4th place = 110 points	12th place = 20 points
5th place = 90 points	13th place = 15 points
6th place = 70 points	14th place = 10 points
7th place = 60 points	15th place = 5 points
8th place = 50 points	

1.10.1.3 Yellow Bib

The leader of the individual overall standings receives a yellow bib.

Athletes born 2002 and younger in the season 2019/20

2.4 Quotas

Only athletes with a valid FIS code are eligible to start. The following quotas are in effect:

Ski Jumping: 15 starters

Nordic Combined: 18 starters

The host country has an additional national group of five participants, except for the team events.

2.5 Starting Order and Draw

At the first competition of the season, the starting order will be determined as per ICR in the three or four starting groups. From the second competition onwards, the starting order will be determined as following:

- National Group
- Competitors without Cup-points: draw
- All competitors with Cup-points will start in reverse order of the current Alpengcup-standings. This means the leader of the overall standings will start at the end in the yellow bib.

2.6 Team Competition

Each nation is entitled to nominate as many teams as the quota allows for. Teams start after the current Nations Cup ranking. All teams will be ranked. Teams with mixed nationalities are permitted but will not be ranked.

2.7 Entry fee

The entry fee is € 8, - per athlete and € 32, - per team and is calculated according to the official start list in each event.

2.8 Special Regulations

The summer events in Nordic Combined will generally be held on roller-skis with the exception of a cross-country run being possible, too. The roller-skis will be provided by OPA. The FIS regulations concerning safety (see FIS rules Summer Grand Prix) have to be followed. At the summer ski jumping events, only commercially available wax may be used. There are no liquid waxes, oils, creams or fats allowed.

3. Alpengcup Ladies

All FIS-member nations are invited to participate in the Alpengcup Ladies' competitions. The competitions will be held exclusively in the OPA countries.

Each participating nation that does not belong to the OPA has to pay a one-time annual fee of 250, -€. This amount is to cover the expenses, and it is imposed on countries after their first participation in an OPA event. For the OPA-Associations the amount is included in the annual fee.

3.7 Entry fee

The entry fee is € 8, - per athlete and € 24, - per team and is calculated according to the official start list in each event.

3.8 Special Regulations

The summer events in Nordic Combined may be held as a cross-country run **or a roller-ski race. If roller skis are used, the FIS Safety Guidelines (see NC SGP rules) are valid and poles have to be used. At the summer ski jumping events, only commercially available wax may be used. No liquid waxes, oils, creams or fats are allowed.**

4. OPA-Games

4.1 Competition formats

The following competition formats will be held:

Ski Jumping:	Individual Competition Children/Youth Team Competition (3 persons per team Ladies)
Nordic Combined	PCR Individual Gundersen Children 4 km Individual Gundersen Youth/Ladies 5 km Team Competition (3,3 km) (3 persons per team Ladies)

4.2 Age classification of competitors

The categories are set as following:

Season 2017	Children: born 2002 and younger Youth: born 2000 and 2001
Season 2018	Children: born 2003 and younger Youth: born 2001 and 2002
Season 2019	Children: born 2004 and younger Youth: born 2002 and 2003
Season 2020	Children: born 2005 and younger Youth born 2003 and 2004

4.3 Quota

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

4.4 Starting Order and Draw

Individual Competitions: draw in three groups

Team Competitions: draw in two groups

4.5 Team Competition

For the team competitions, there is only one age category. Male teams consist of four athletes, female teams of 3 athletes. Any number of teams per nation may be registered depending on the number of participants. The second team of each

nation has to be a mixed team of two children and two youth participants. All teams are ranked the official daily ranking. In the ladies' events, the teams can consist of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined athletes.

4.6 Hill sizes, distance of races, points

Hill sizes:	between HS 60 and HS 109		
Race distances:	Children	4 km	1 min = 20 Pts.
	Youth/Ladies	6 km	1 min = 15 Pts.
	Team	3,3 km	1 min = 45 Pts.

4.7 Entry fee

The entry fee is € 8, - per athlete and € 32, - per team (boys) and € 24, - (ladies) and is calculated according to the official start list in each event.

4.7 Special Regulations

In emergency situations (e.g. too little or too soft snow) a ceramic or a metal track can be used. Such a decision must be discussed with the OPA representative or Coordinator and the jury. The teams have to be informed of such a decision without delay.

In the categories Children and Youth Nordic Combined Ladies, all FIS member nations are eligible to start.

5. Organiser

5.1 Invitations

The invitations for OPA Alpencup events have to be sent out to the National Ski Associations by the organisers 4 weeks before the event. The draft of the invitation has to be run by the responsible OPA Coordinator beforehand. The timetable has to be designed according to the attached manuscript. Local requirements have to be taken into account by the organisers.

5.2 Accommodation

5.2.1.1 Teams

The costs for travel, accommodation and board have to be covered by the National Ski Associations. The maximum price for full board accommodation may not exceed 65 € per day/person including one drink per meal. This rule is only valid when the organiser is assigned to organise the accommodation for the respective nations.

5.2.1.2 Officials

Accommodation and full board in a suitable hotel has to be provided free of charge for all dispatched FIS Officials, OPA Coordinator or replacement, equipment controllers and Ewoxx staff.

5.3. Expenses

In general, expenses are recompensed as described in the FIS ICR with some changes. For the FIS-nominated officials, the organisers have to cover the following expenses:

5.3.1 FIS TD and OPA Coordinator

Train tickets first class or in case of an arrival by car 0.50 € per kilometre to a maximum of 450 €. In case of arrival together with a team or in a car sharing situation, a payment of 0.15 € per kilometre has to be made, to a maximum of 150 €. For the travel days and stay on location, a recompense of 80 € per day has to be paid. The maximum amount payable is 690 € plus eventual toll fees.

5.3.2 FIS TDA National

If possible, the TDA should come from the region of the organiser. Travel expenses will be recompensed with 0.50 € per kilometre, with a maximum amount of 250 €. If the TDA arrives with a team or shares a car, the same rules as in article 5.3.1 apply. For the travel days and stay on location, a recompense of 80 € per day has to be paid. The maximum amount payable is 490 € plus eventual toll fees.

5.3.3 Jumping Judge International

Travel expenses will be recompensed with 0.50 € per kilometre, with a maximum amount of 450 €. If the Judge arrives with a team or shares a car, the same rules as in article 5.3.1 apply. For the travel days, a recompense of 80 € per day has to be paid. The maximum amount payable is 610 € plus eventual toll fees.

5.3.4 Jumping Judge National

FIS Officials with a national nomination for international competitions: The National Ski Associations, respectively the organisers are required to cover the travel expenses for the jumping judges as per their national rules. The maximum amount payable is 410 € per judge.

5.3.5 Toll fees for all officials

Toll fees (not including the normal national toll fee of the respective official) have to be recompensed additionally. As these fees are known and it is only possible to receive receipt at the toll stations after a special inquiry, it is not required to present these to obtain the recompense.

6. Equipment Control

The equipment control is conducted according to FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment. The control is the responsibility of the respective OPA Coordinator. It's his task to take all relevant measurements of the athletes and collect these in a list. These lists are to be continually updated and extended. The respective FIS rules for competition equipment apply.

The coach of Ski Jumpers who have valid FIS measurements has to present a valid FIS list with the measurements. In Nordic Combined, the OPA Coordinator can directly obtain these measurements from FIS.

For the female athletes, a female controller educated by the OPA Coordinator has to be used. For the OPA Games, the FIS Youth Cup suit and equipment rules are valid.

6. Prize Giving Ceremony

The organisers are responsible for the prize giving ceremonies. They have to be held 15 minutes after the end of the competitions. All teams are required to take part.

To be honoured are:

Individual Events Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

- The Top 6 athletes plus the Man/Lady of the Day (see 2.3/3.3) receive prizes (trophies, presents or monetary prizes)

Team Event Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

- The top 3 teams receive prizes

Overall Prize Giving Ceremony (Finals) Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

- The respective overall winners (The top 3 athletes receive medals)
- The winners of the Nations Cup receive the Alpencup trophy. The trophies have to be obtained by the organisers

The medals for the top three are ordered and by the Nordic Commission and will be brought by the OPA Coordinator. The costs will be covered by the OPA nations.

Individual Events Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined at the OPA Games

- The first six athletes in each class receive a trophy and/or present from the organisers. The first three athletes receive the OPA medal in addition.

Team Event

- The first three teams receive the OPA medals

Overall Ranking

- The best nation receives a challenge cup, which is produced by the OPA. The overall ranking is made up by the best two Ski Jumpers (male/female) per nation and category and the two best Nordic Combined athletes (male/female) per nation and category. The medals are ordered and by the Nordic Commission and will be brought by the OPA Coordinator. The costs will be covered by the OPA nations.

The prize giving ceremonies of the individual events and the overall ranking will be conducted in a small festive event on Saturday night to which all athletes,

coaches and service staff are invited by the organisers. The prize giving ceremonies for the team events are held 15 minutes after the end of the respective competition at the jumping hill or in the finish area of the cross-country race.

8. Cancellation of Events

The organisers are obligated to contact the National Ski Federation and the OPA Coordinator in good time in case of weather or other problems so that a replacement may be found as soon as possible.

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