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ONCE A SKI JUMPER, ALWAYS A SKI JUMPER

THE SKI JUMPING LEGEND MAX BOLKART FROM OBERSTDORF LOOKS BACK ON HIS CAREER

A cosy room with a fireplace in the Hotel Freiberg in Oberstdorf: Here, Max Bolkart (88) sits on a comfortable bench at a table and tells us about his career as a ski jumper, which he ended in 1965. In a large shelf on the wall, there are many trophies, proving that he was very successful. During the World Ski Championships, Bolkart will keep his fingers crossed for Karl Geiger, the ski jumper from Oberstdorf, at home, in front of the television. For the 88-year-old, he is the favourite for the title: "Where others already start to tremble, Geiger keeps his cool and jumps respectively far."



Respect for the landing, bad for the score

"I always had respect for the landing. To be sure and have a better landing, I brought myself into position already in the air. Therefore, I always got quite bad scores for style," Bolkart tells us. The Allgäuer excitedly looks at the current developments in his discipline. "Each season, the athletes jump farther, even if it is only half a metre. The scientific development behind the sport does not stand still", he says.

Bolkart himself also experimented with the materials. While telling his story, his eyes sparkle: "The Fins feared me as a competitor. At that time, I got a piece of paraffin wax and cheated a bit. I got up at 2 o'clock at night and polished my skis as long as they were smooth as glass". On Friday, he tried the skis for training and was excited. The comments were quick to come: "You have to pay attention to this Max".

Before he started his career as a ski jumper, Max Bolkart actually wanted to become a ski racer. But he always loved to jump over ramps. We used to erect ramps, which got higher and higher. And I often broke my skis," he tells us, laughing.



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Four-time German Champion and first West German winner of the Four Hills Tournament

Since Bolkart trained hard and always tried to make the best of a jump, he was very successful. Four times, he was German Champion in ski jumping. The highlight of his career came in 1959/60: He was the first West German to win the Four Hills Tournament.

This was the time of the Cold War. At that time, everybody was very proud of the athlete from Oberstdorf, because he challenged the title claimed by the East German athlete Helmut Recknagel. Latter had won the Four Hills Tournament two years in a row. It should take about 60 years, until an Oberstdorfer managed to win again on the local ski jumping hill: Karl Geiger won the opening competition of the 69th Four Hills Tournament in Oberstdorf.
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NORDI IN THE SOUTH

THE MASCOT OF THE WSC IN OBERSTDORF

They are an inherent part of World Ski Championships and appear more often than many medal winners: we talk about the official WSC mascot.

As often as never before in WSC history, the squirrel Nordi took over the honourable task of saying hello from Oberstdorf to winter sports enthusiasts in the whole world.

Even at the entrance to Oberstdorf, you are greeted by the stylised squirrel. And also in the village itself, Nordi is omnipresent, spreading fun and good mood. The mascot, next to the blue and red logo, also decorates our merchandising products, such as drinking bottles, postcards, magnets, pins, etc. Of course, the mascot is also available as cuddly toy.

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PROTECTED BY TESTS

CORONA: WSC PARTICIPANTS ARE TESTED EVERY 48 HOURS

The FIS Nordic World Ski Championships can take place because the organisers provide Corona hygiene and safety measures, which are really sophisticated. For the World Championships, 4,500 participants (athletes, volunteers, officials, media representatives) are expected, of which “about 3,000 will be in Oberstdorf at the same time,” says WSC Managing Director Moritz Beckers-Schwarz.

Shortly before the start of the competitions, the measures have once again been updated, and the testing rhythm set to 48 hours. In the first days, there was a lot to do in the Test Centers, which are accommodated in the Ice Sports Center and the Cross-Country Stadium. The Ice Sports Center was mostly open for about ten hours a day, and it may have been about 800 persons, who came at the beginning, as a team officer said. The “schedule” was well filled and the appointments in the online booking system were in great demand.

Especially in the first days, when most of the participants arrived. The Covid 19 Test Centers had only little problems with postponements and some people with no appointments; quickly, the situation was controlled again by the committed, always friendly and experienced testers.

The first PCR test is followed by a first antigen test after a maximum of 48 hours, and a second antigen test after another two days. On the eighth day, the procedure starts all over again with another PCR test.

Persons, who are on duty on all days of the World Championships, will have undergone seven tests during the World Championships. Approximately, 13,000 PCR tests and 17,500 rapid tests will have been undertaken in the end. Moreover, many FFP-2 and medical masks protect the volunteers in Oberstdorf from viruses and bacteria.



Christa Haneberg from Sulzberg is one of the many experienced Covid 19 testers in the Ice Sports Center Oberstdorf.



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TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT OF THE FIS NORDIC WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 IN OBERSTDORF

After 1987 and 2005, Oberstdorf is in the focus of the world of winter sports again. FIS Nordic World Ski Championships are not only a big event for athletes and millions of international fans, but also a challenge as well as an opportunity for the concept of sustainability.

This means one thing for the organisers of the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2021 and the Market Town Oberstdorf: Acting today, while making sure that coming (sports) generations are not compromised in their development.

The Bavarian sustainability strategy and the goals for sustainable winter sports development by the German Ski Federation (DSV) form the guidelines and a concrete input for the realisation of the global sustainability goals of the UN Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals – SDGs). This study has been elaborated by Prof. Dr. Ralf Roth (head of sustainability strategy in the OC, German Sport University Cologne, Foundation Safety in Ski Sports) and Frank Armbruster (expert, Foundation Safety in Ski Sports, German Ski Federation).

The sustainable development of Nordic winter sports is of elementary importance in Oberstdorf as far as the attitude to life and the future of the living space are concerned. Therefore, six sustainability measures were fixed, where the organisers strive to make an as positive as possible impact with the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2021:

1. Self-commitment and sustainability management. One member of the “Environment and Sustainability” committee is Johannes Rydzek from Oberstdorf, Olympic Champion and six-time Nordic Combined World Champion. “WSC in your home town is something special and I’m really looking forward to it”. In his bachelor’s thesis, he concerned himself with the sustainability of a large sports event using the example of the “Nordic Center Oberstdorf/Allgäu” also from an academic point of view.

2. Protection of natural resources.

The Nordic Center in the Ried area and the ski jumping facilities at Schattenberg are located within a sensitive and unique biosphere. For the WSC, buildings, sports facilities and parts of cross-country ski tracks had to be newly built. A technically optimised and ecologically balanced planning made sure that adverse effects on nature and landscape could be minimised. Unavoidable interventions could mostly be compensated for already in their entirety.

3. Sustainable mobility management.

These are the World Championships of short distances. Oberstdorf wants to reduce individual traffic in the long run and especially during sports events.



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4. Climate protection and power supply.

Also the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2021 has to contribute. Power generation from proprietary regenerative sources has a long tradition in Oberstdorf. More than 100 years ago, hydro-electric power plants were operated at the river Trettach. The FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2021 and all sports facilities will be supplied with climate-neutral energy. A new power plant generates 6.3 million kWh.

5. Future use, sustainable sports development.

Venues and sports facilities are the heart of World Championships. The goal is a long-time profitable future use of the facilities. The concept aims at all sport target groups: guests and locals, people of all ages – with or without handicap. A Nordic Training Center of the German Ski Federation and the German Ski Instructors Association will be integrated. Additionally, there will be special offers for classes and associations for education on sustainable development.

6. Voluntary work, regional products and services.

Numerous volunteers are supporting the organisation of competitions in organised sports. About 1,500 volunteers from Germany and abroad are on duty during the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2021. As a tradition, voluntary work is highly appreciated and esteemed. Catering for athletes and volunteers wants to offer environmentally-friendly and mostly regional groceries as well as vegetarian dishes and fair trade products.

Further information about sustainability and the WSC 2021 at: www.oberstdorf2021.com/sustainability



SHARING IS CARING

FOODSHARING OBERALLGÄU PRESENTS ITSELF DURING THE WSC IN OBERSTDORF

“We are really happy to be able to present us and our idea on the occasion of the World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf”, says Laurena Grill. She is ambassador for a real winner of the WSC: the foodsharing Oberallgäu association. In the Main Press Center in Oberstdorf Haus and in the Volunteer Center in Oybele Hall, Laurena as President and her fellow campaigners have a large booth, where they offer lots of groceries: sausages, cheese, fruit, cookies, bread, and many other things are provided for free. But the food rescuers are happy about each Euro donated in their collection boxes. At the beginning, the media representatives and volunteers were still a bit reserved, but in the course of the days, the acceptance of the offer provided by foodsharing improved greatly.

“Now, we replenish both our booths every day”, Laurena tells us. In 2019, she initiated the food sharing movement in the Oberallgäu region and was really proud, when the organisers of the World Ski Championships gave her the chance to present the association during the World Championships. “This is a great chance to promote us and call the public’s attention to our ideals,” Laurena says. The foodsharing representatives get the groceries for the WSC from regional partners, from Oberstdorf and Kleinwalsertal. “Therefore, we also meet the requirements for sustainable World Championships,” Laurena says. “The offered groceries are still perfectly edible and alright even if the best before date has expired. Nothing has perished or must be thrown away,” she ensures.

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Sonja Städele, Daniel Belkow and President Laurena Grill (from left to right) look after the two foodsharing Oberallgäu booths during the Nordic World Ski Championships in the Main Press Center and Oybele Hall.

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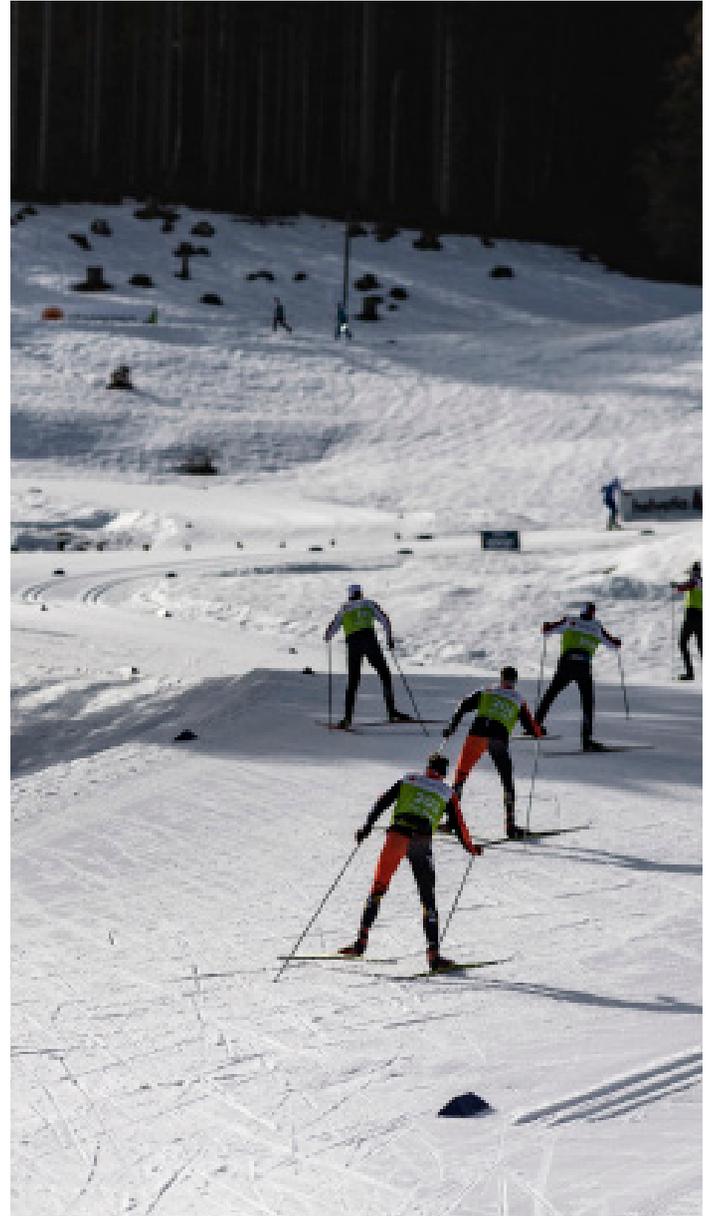
WM-SPLITTER

SPRING-LIKE WEATHER DISTURBS THE WSC SCHEDULE

For years, the Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf have been prepared and planned in every detail – now, the World Championships have been underway for a few days. The first World Champions were declared under a clear blue sky and in bright sunshine.

But the spring-like weather also has its shady sides, since the high temperatures of about 15 °C drew heavily upon the cross-country tracks in the first week. After the training at the beginning of the week, the organisers already had to react and modify the schedule for some of the cross-country competitions. By moving the start times to the morning hours, the conditions of the WSC tracks should improve.

The second week of the World Ski Championships will only be slightly colder in Oberstdorf. The hard-working helpers and volunteers are doing their utmost, however, to provide athletes with best-possible conditions to make Oberstdorf 2021 a raving success.



TEAM NORWAY

Nordic World Ski Championships can be lots of fun: As is proved by some young athletes from Norway, who did a photo session with their coaches in the park of Oberstdorf. They obviously had a good time...



OUR DRAFT

PHOTO COMPETITION - EXPERIENCE WCS

Due to Corona, the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf take place without audience. Millions of television viewers and newspaper readers will, however, follow the sports events. The question is how and where you follow the competitions?

Please send us an expressive photo and a short description of the time and place the photo was taken. We will publish the three nicest and funniest pictures in the next issue of the WSC Report. As a thank-you for taking part, all whose photos are published with their name and place of residence will get a cap, a bag and a thermos cup.

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PHOTO OF THE DAY

DRONES AND LASER AT THE SKI JUMP HILL



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