



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING  
+ NORDIC COMBINED



## Update – Feb 19, 2009

### Walter Hofer on the World Championship Debut for Ladies' Ski Jumping:

- Ladies' Ski Jumping will debut at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Liberec (CZE). Walter Hofer, FIS Race Director for Ski Jumping, answered some questions about the premiere and the current state of the discipline.
- See the article at: [http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/disciplines/skijumping/ski-jumping1.html?actu\\_id\\_1253=1599&actu\\_page\\_1253=1](http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/disciplines/skijumping/ski-jumping1.html?actu_id_1253=1599&actu_page_1253=1)

### Schedule Changes in Liberec (CZE)



Due to continuous snowfall and wind, both the men's Nordic Combined mass start ski jumping and the Ski Jumping training had to be cancelled on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The new program at the Jested Ski Jumping venue on 20th February is as follows:

Ladies Ski Jumping as scheduled – 9:30 CET

Nordic Combined trial round at 14:45 CET

Nordic Combined mass start ski jumping 16:00-17:45 CET

Ski Jumping training at 18:00 CET

On 21st February the Ski Jumping qualification will begin at 14:30 CET.

### Notes form Ron Read in Europe

- “Women's Training #3 - Nata had a great jump to finish training, 95.0 meters (3rd in round). It is good she finished with a good jump because her second jump was not good at all - 74.5 meters (31st) but she relaxed on the final jump and did very well. She was 17th in the first round. The jury did have some problems setting the gate and the last jumps in both the 1st and 3rd round went from HIGHER gates than the first jumps, in most comps it is the other way around.
- “Katie had start #11 and mostly got the lower gates. She was 30th, 20th and 26th. Like Nata she has to relax and enjoy jumping just like training.
- “Weather conditions did affect the training results; the first jumpers were burning in the track on the first round and did not have a chance to be competitive. Tomorrow morning is the comp and the conditions should improve some, please pray for some head wind in Liberec when you go to bed tonight.

- See training results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/pdf/2009/JP/3028/2009JP3028RLT2.pdf>
- Atsuko saw the US Team Doctor and is not fit enough to jump. This is hard on her but she has not jumped in two weeks so it would have been difficult to jump at her best abilities.
- The first ever Ladies World Championships is scheduled to begin at 9:30 Friday Feb 20 (8 hours earlier in Canada at 1:30 AM – Trial Round and 2:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Round).
- Men's Training #2 - Because there are two training sessions today only 47 of 79 athletes took part. Mackenzie was 31st, 37th and 24th while Stefan was 41st, 24th and 23rd. They did get 3 rounds this morning and are supposed to get another 3 rounds as well so our guys are getting more training in Official Training here than they get may get at home. They either will know the hill well or they will be burnt out from too much training. “
- Training results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/pdf/2009/JP/3029/2009JP3029RLT2.pdf>
- Men's Ski Jumping 3<sup>rd</sup> Training round goes at 18:00 (CET) Feb 20 and Qualification round has been rescheduled to 14:30 (CET) on February 21<sup>st</sup>.