

FIS organised the first World Cup season won by the Austrian Toni Innauer. In 1985, Swedish jumper Jan Boklov began spreading the tips of his skis into a “V” shape. Later, aerodynamic wind-tunnel tests proved that the “V” provided 28% more lift than the traditional parallel style. All ski jumpers started changing to this style en masse. By 1992, all the individual medal winners used the “V” style.

At the Olympic Games

Ski jumping is on the programme of the Olympic Winter Games since the first Games were organised in 1924 in Chamonix with one event (70 m). At the XII Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck in 1964, the jumping event (90 m) was introduced for the first time. In 1988 in Calgary a team event (90 m) was added, followed by the team 120 m in Lillehammer in 1994.

Salt Lake City Olympic venue

At 7,130 ft (2,173 m). Utah Olympic Park's K90 and K120 are the highest-altitude world-class jumps in the world. The venue has a capacity of 20,500 spectators.



NORDIC COMBINED



Origin

By the mid-19th century, ski carnivals that included nordic combined events were being held in Norway. In 1892, the first Holmenkollen Ski Festival took place. A festival that is still held today and is still considered the world's premier Nordic skiing event. Nordic combined was the main attraction for the carnival, and it wasn't until 1933 that a separate ski jumping event was held. It was also in the early 1900's that the festival became international, when skiers from Sweden and other neighbouring countries participated in the event. The Nordic Combined is a very popular sport in a number of countries, such as Scandinavian

countries, Japan, Germany, Russia, France and Austria. The FIS runs regular World Cup events, and every second year the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.

At the Olympic Games

The individual event is on the Olympic programme from the first Winter Games in 1924. The team event was added in 1988 in Calgary and the sprint event makes its debut at the Salt Lake City Games.

Salt Lake City Olympic venues

Two very different venues will come into play during the nordic combined competition. The ski jumping portion (individual jumping 90 m, team jumping 90 m) will be held at Utah Olympic Park. The cross-country portion of the event (15 km, 4 x 5 km relay) will be contested on the wide-open plain of Soldier Hollow.