



Lake Placid, New York, USA

Olympic Regional Development Authority

Established in 1982, the New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) was created by the State of New York to manage the facilities used during the 1980 Olympic Winter Games at Lake Placid. ORDA operates Whiteface, Belleayre, and Gore Mountains, Mt Van Hoevenberg, the James C. Sheffield Speed Skating Oval, the Olympic Jumping Complex, and the Olympic Center. As host to international and national championships, ORDA has brought millions of athletes, spectators, and participants to the regions it serves, resulting in significant economic development.

Olympic Jumping Complex

The 2023 FIS Ski Jumping World Cup is the first World Cup at the Olympic Jumping Complex (OJC) since 1990. After a series of improvement projects spanning several years, the ORDA venue is the only jumping facility in North America homologated for summer and winter training and competition.

The first jump was built on this site in 1920, and the current jump towers were first constructed in 1977 in advance of the 1980 Winter Olympic Games. At that time, they were 70 and 90 meter jumps. In 1994, the hills were re-graded and the official height increased to 90 and 120 meters. Today, with the most recent infrastructure changes, they are officially HS 100 meter and HS 128 meter ski jumps.

This FIS Ski Jumping World Cup February 10-12 will be held exclusively on the HS 128 meter jump.

Major Expansions/Improvements

1920, 1923, 1927, 1928, 1977, 1998, and 2021

Major Events in History

Winter Olympic Games – 1932 and 1980

FIS Nordic World Ski Championships – 1950

World Cup – 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 2023

Winter Goodwill Games – 2000

FISU World University Games – 1972, 2023

ORDA and Lake Placid have also hosted recent national championships and international competitions, such as the 2022 U.S. Olympic Trials and in October 2022, the USA Nordic National Championships, and the FIS Continental Cup.

Venue Records

HS 128 meter ski jump

- Men, Summer – 126.0 meters, Casey Larson, USA
- Women, Summer – 128.0 meters, Abigail Strate, Canada

HS 100 meter ski jump

- Men, Summer – 99.5 meters, Michael Hayboek, Austria
- Women, Summer – 102.0 meters, Abigail Strate, Canada

HS 128 Meter Ski Jump Statistics

- K-point: 115 meters
- Inrun length: 98.07 meters
- Inrun angle: 35.1 degrees
- Take off angle: 11 degrees
- Landing angle 34.1 degrees

United States / Norway Partnership

In 2022, USA Nordic Sport and Norges Hopplandslaget, the ski jumping governing bodies from the United States and Norway, forged an unprecedented partnership, approved by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation, to make the sport more relevant for young athletes, elevate training at the Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex, and bolster coaching and athlete performance.

Distinguished Hometown Lake Placid Ski Jumpers

Art Devlin (1922 to 2004) – Competed in the 1950s, finishing fifth in the individual large hill event at the 1950 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships held in Lake Placid. Selected for five Winter Olympic Games and competed in 1952 and 1956, where he finished 15th and 21st, respectively, in the large hill. Also, served as an instrumental community leader in bringing the 1980 Olympics to Lake Placid.

Jay Rand (born 1950) – Competed in the 1968 Winter Olympic Games and the World Championships in 1970 and 1974. Served as the manager of the Olympic Jumping Complex for 15 years after the 1980 Games, manager of Whiteface Mountain for 15 years after that, and Executive Director of the New York Ski Educational Foundation (NYSEF) following that. Additionally, he served as a supervisor for the Town of North Elba, in which the Village of Lake Placid is located.

Bill Demong (born 1980) – A Nordic Combined skier and the first American ever to win an Olympic Gold Medal in a Nordic sport. He is also a five-time Olympian who competed in Nagano, Salt Lake City, Torino,

Vancouver, and Sochi. He learned to jump in the New York Ski Educational Foundation (NYSEF) program in Lake Placid and attended the National sports Academy, also in Lake Placid. After retiring from competition, he served as the President and CEO of Nordic Sport.

Peter Frenette (born 1992) – Placed in the top 20 at the Continental Cup competition in Japan in 2009. He then competed at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, finishing 11th in the team large hill, 32nd in the individual large hill, and 41st in the individual normal hill events.

Tate Frantz (born 2005) – Currently seventeen-years-old, this Nordic Combined athlete chose last year to focus on Ski Jumping after experiencing chronic knee pain. Growing up training with NYSEF and local Lake Placid coaches, he was first named to the U.S. Men’s Junior National Team in 2020 and has since been competing internationally. For this event, he returns to compete in his own hometown in his debut World Cup event as the youngest athlete in the competition this year.

Athletes and Countries Competing at the 2023 FIS Ski Jumping World Cup

The FIS Ski Jumping World Cup field features the best men’s ski jumpers in the world vying for podium finishes and points in the overall World Cup standings in two individual competitions and a Super-Team event. Jumpers from Poland, Austria, and Norway have dominated the top of the World Cup standings this season, with Olympic gold medalist Ryoyu Kobayashi of Japan and Olympic medalist Karl Geiger of Germany not far off. Poland is led by Dawid Kubacki, Piotr Zyla and Kamil Stoch. Kubacki is a three-time Olympian who won bronze medals at the Pyeongchang and Beijing Games. Halvor Egner Granerud, Marius Lindvik, and Robert Johansson lead the way for Norway, while Stefan Kraft, Manuel Fettner, Michael Haybock, Jan Horl, and Daniel Tschofenig top the Austrian contingent. Lindvik soared to the large hill Olympic gold medal in Beijing in 2022. Erik Belshaw, an 18-year-old from Steamboat Springs, Colo., has been the top World Cup jumper for the United States team this season, with Andrew Urlaub and Olympians Decker Dean and Casey Larson also on the U.S. National Team.

The countries competing are:

Austria	Germany	Poland
Bulgaria	Italy	Romania
Canada	Japan	Slovenia
Estonia	Kazakhstan	Switzerland
Finland	Norway	United States

Additional Interesting Facts

The term “intervalles” denotes a low-lying tract of land along a river and is still used today for the Intervalles Lodge at the Olympic Jumping Complex

The first competitive event was held there February 21, 1921, reportedly with 3,000 spectators. That’s 1,000 more people at the event than the entire population of North Elba at the time.

Until the late 1980s when artificial surfaces were installed, summer ski jumping at Lake Placid was made possible by cutting and storing blocks of ice for summer jumping. With loads of labor, the ice was crushed and spread like snow across the jumps and landing areas to allow jumpers to soar on summer days.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in 2021 as many families were celebrating the holidays, NBC Sports beamed images of Lake Placid's Olympic Jumping Complex into homes across the US. With throngs of fans in attendance, the 2022 Olympic Trials in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined were broadcast live – the first televised ORDA event since the onset of COVID. Remarkably, one that also set a broadcast rating record.

To create the best possible night-time environment for jumping while also reducing OJC lights' effects beyond the jumps, ORDA installed a new pinpoint precision system with fully adjustable down-focused lights. In replacing the older lights with controlled LED sports lighting, ORDA created the ideal environment at the jumps for major night-time events while preserving the natural Adirondack night skies.

In a speech at the unveiling of the newly rejuvenated ski jumps in 2021, Olympic Gold Medalist in Nordic Combined Bill Demong praised the upgrades. Demong grew up in the Adirondacks and trained in Lake Placid before winning gold and silver in Nordic combined in the 2010 Vancouver Games. "So in the summer, water can run down the track to facilitate summer jumping and then as soon as the temperatures dip below 60 degrees you can kick on a refrigeration system and with just five-gallon buckets of slush," says Demong, "You can create a bullet-ice track, which allows the athletes to really push the envelope of what's possible in ski jumping."

The community of Lake Placid is honoured to welcome a special guest at this 2023 FIS Ski Jumping World Cup event – Andre Kiesewetter, the winner on the large hill at the last Ski Jumping World Cup held in Lake Placid 33 years ago. The 2nd of December, 1990, Kiesewetter, born 1969 in East Germany, won his first of two World Cups on what was then the 90 meter large hill. He is currently part of the National Team of Switzerland and is returning to Lake Placid for the first time since his 1990 victory.