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## "Hurricane Start kicks off in Lahti (FIN)

The "Hurricane" start for the Nordic Combined will be introduced for the first time during the Nordic Combined's cross-country race in March 2005 at Lahti (Finland). The new format consists of introducing a staggered, but simultaneous, start for the 7.5km cross-country stage according to the standings following the ski jumping part of the Nordic Combined competition.

In the hurricane format, the athletes will be lined up in the shape of a spiral with a meter margin calculated on the basis of their performance in the ski jumping competition and take the start simultaneously so that the whole field is moving at the sound of the starting gun. It is only the athlete leading after the ski jumping competition who skis 7.5 km, all the others skiing further according to their margin from the leader. One minute translates into a distance of 360 m (1 sec = 6 m).

## FIS Academy programs developing

The FIS Academy offering athletes a chance to reconnect with education and learning is on the right track with a number of International Ski Federations having already implemented Level 1 courses into their activities.

Level 1 courses which includes a series of eight modules was made available already in August 2004 while Level 2 courses which holds more practical sport examples and case studies while drawing on the experience from industry experts will be available for August 2005. The Level Three FIS Academy course which introduces the athlete to particular academic streams that link to their area of interest should be

available from August 2006.

The FIS Academy has been established to develop and deliver Best Practice Academic Programs. The mission of FIS Academy is to ensure that FIS athletes, coaches and administrators from across the globe have access to the highest quality education. Upon successful completion of the three FIS Academy education levels, post career sport pathways will be created for these athletes with access into FIS Academy appointed hub universities strategically appointed across the world.

The FIS Academy Executive Education programs will further educate Winter Sport Industry Executives to manage and operate successfully their own organizations, resorts and events, taking advantage of this climate and establishing themselves as leaders within the industry.

Dear Friends of FIS,

I hope you have enjoyed the second edition of the "FIS Newsflash". Should you have any feedback, comments, you are most welcome to send them to me at: [frandsen@fisski.ch](mailto:frandsen@fisski.ch). "FIS Newsflash" will not only be distributed via e-mail but also be published in the News section of the FIS Website.

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