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Change in format for FIS Alpine Combined competition

With the FIS Alpine SKI World Cup for men and ladies already past its halfway stage an interesting feature will be the introduction of the new Alpine Combined competition. Instead of calculating the results of the combined by adding up the times from the classic downhill and slalom races, a separate competition will be staged with shortened downhill plus one slalom run scheduled on the same day. For the men the new format will be introduced at the World Cup event in Wengen (SUI) on 14 January where the slalom will precede the downhill, while the ladies will get their first taste of the new competition on 27 February in San Sicario (ITA). At the Hahnenkamm race in Kitzbühel (AUT) on 23 January the Alpine Combined competition will be decided according to the current rules with the result determined by adding together the times from the classic downhill and slalom races. The rules may be found on the FIS website at <http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/rulesalpinefisworldcup2004-2005.pdf>