

Ski orienteering at the Winter Universiade 2021 in Central Switzerland...



«The integration of ski orienteering into the Universiade is a great chance for the national and international orienteering sport.»

Simone Niggli



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Universiade – the largest winter multisport event after the Olympic Games – has been taking place every two years since 1959.

Ski orienteering **premiered** at the Universiade **2019 in Krasnojarsk/RUS** – this debut was impressively successful with around 90 athletes from 21 countries. Challenging competitions, live broadcasts, paying spectators, great media response – a new dimension that ski orienteering has never seen before.

Ski orienteering: important step from optional to compulsory sport

The next Winter Universiade will take place in Central Switzerland in 2021 with Lucerne as the host city. Ski orienteering as an “optional” sport became part of the competition program thanks to financial obligations. If an optional sport is in the program three times in a row, it fulfills the requirements to be included as an

compulsory sport. This unique opportunity will arise after the Universiade 2023 in Lake Placid.

Ski orienteering has to bear its direct costs itself, because the Lucerne Organizing Committee concentrates on the organization of the compulsory sports due to a tight budget.

Event location Lenzerheide

The four disciplines sprint, middle distance, pursuit and sprint relay are held at the Universiade. The Biathlon Arena Lenzerheide serves as the event arena. This is the same location where already in 2015, the European Ski Orienteering Championships took place.



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2023	Lake Placid	With SkiO

We rely on your support!

In spring 2019, a large part of the required sum of about 500,000 CHF was collected in a large fund-raising campaign at international and national level. However, we are still dependent on support for the remainder.

Financial Commitment

Written commitments for a financial amount (payment possible in 2020 or 2021) are very welcome to info@swiss-orienteeing.ch.

If requested, your details will be treated anonymously. Invoices are issued by Swiss Orienteering according to your dates.

Sponsorship / Donator

You can also support us by directly supporting the Winter Universiade 2021 in Lucerne as a **donator** (with the note „ski orienteeing“, your donation will be used to fund our sport). If you are interested in **sponsorship**, please get in contact with us.

Important to know

If possible, your **commitment** should reach us by the **end of August 2020**.

We thank everyone who has already supported us with small or large contributions and has made it possible for ski orienteeing to be accepted at the Universiade 2021.

Ski orienteeing is ...

an endurance winter sport combining navigation and cross-country skiing across a rough terrain using prepared cross-country ski tracks. A ski orienteer combines high physical endurance and strength, excellent technical skiing skills and the ability to choose the best routes.

Contact

We thank you for your contribution in favor of ski orienteeing and are available for questions:

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Interesting links:

winteruniversiade2021.ch

Winter Universiade Krasnojarsk 2019:
krsk2019.com/en

swiss-orienteeing.ch/de/leistungssport/ski-ol/uebersicht

youtube.com/watch?v=EscSH94VZSo