



3rd-9th February 2025 | Schilpario (Bergamo)

JUNIOR&UNDER23 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The most eagerly awaited as well as the most important event in the panorama of youth cross-country skiing is, without a doubt, the Junior & Under23 World Championship, which in 2025 will be staged in the picturesque setting of Bergamo-Schilpario, from February 3rd to 9th.

The "Abeti track" of Schilpario will be the theatre of the challenges between cross-country skiers of the junior (born between 2005 and 2009) and under23 (born between 2002 and 2004) categories, who will compete for the coveted world championship titles in what is a sports facility of reference for the entire Orobic and Lombardy area. The "Abeti track" is located in Schilpario, a small village in Val di Scalve at the northern end of the province of Bergamo, and the race tracks twist and turn through a wood of fir trees enclosed between the Presolana mountain and the Campelli mountain chain in an evocative mountain environment where cross-country skiing is widespread. In view of the Junior & Under23 World Championship, the "Abeti" is subject to upgrading works concerning the widening of the track, aimed at satisfying the needs of a high-level competition such as the World Championship, and the improvement of the snowmaking system to guarantee optimal quality and grip of the race track.

The programme of the Junior World Ski Championship (JWSC) of Bergamo-Schilpario 2025 is richer than ever: on Monday, February 3rd and Tuesday, February 4th, the race starts with the Sprint in classic technique that will involve, respectively, the women and men's junior and under23 categories. On Wednesday 5th (Junior) and Thursday 6th (Under23), there will be more skiing among the trails in CT, this time with the distance race in the 20 km Mass Start. On Friday 7th and Saturday 8th the cross-country skiers taking part in the World Championship at the foot of the Campelli mountain chain will compete in the 10 km Individual race in free technique, on the 7th for the junior categories and on the 8th for the under23 categories. Sunday 9th will close the kermesse event of Bergamo-Schilpario 2025 with the 4x5 km mixed relay races, in a rich programme that will see the junior formations first and then the under23 ones. For the authorised personnel, the Junior & Under23 World Championship will start as early as February 1st, when the first information meeting will be held in the late afternoon (from 5 pm). On Sunday 2nd, there will be ample space for official training and the event opening ceremony.

Athletes of the calibre of Frida Karlsson (SWE), Therese Johaug (NOR), Johannes Høsflot Klæbo (NOR) and Petter Northug (NOR) have already signed, at the start of their careers, the roll of honour of the Junior & Under23 World Championship, which represents an important step in the competitive life of every athlete. Athletes from around the world are expected at the World Championships in Bergamo-Schilpario, ready to compete for one of the 42 medals up for grabs in the intense week of competitions scheduled.

The organising committee of the Junior & Under23 World Ski Championship of Bergamo-Schilpario 2025 is working hard to guarantee an event in line with international standards, intending to make the most of the opportunity deriving from the realisation of the sporting event to promote the territory as well as possible and leave a pleasant memory in the minds and hearts of athletes, experts and supporters who will crowd the province of Bergamo at the beginning of February.

The appointment of the top youth cross-country skiing competition to Bergamo-Schilpario is the result of the hard work of many realities operating for decades in Val di Scalve and the surrounding area, united in synergy to bring skills and expertise to the committee. The Orobic locality benefits from a long sporting tradition in the Nordic skiing world, which has seen Schilpario play a leading role since the late 1950s in pioneering international competitions in which Scandinavians did not fail to participate. Bergamo-Schilpario 2025 is a location imbued with cross-country skiing and no stranger to big events. The acclaimed success in the 2023/2024 season of the FESA Cup stage was only the latest piece of a long sporting history that has and will have its crowning glory in the JWSC 2025.

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