

# VIRTUS WORLD SKIING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Seefeld in Tirol - Austria

March 11 – March 17, 2023

**VIRTUS Member Organisation** 

**Local Organising Committee** 

Österreichischer Behindertensportverband (ÖBSV)

Ski-Club Seefeld (SCS)















### Dear skiing enthusiasts,

The VIRTUS World Skiing Championships will be held in 2023 Austria for the first time. For one week, Seefeld in Tyrol will be home to winter sports athletes competing in Nordic and Alpine disciplines. The LOC of the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2019 in Seefeld is significantly involved in the organisation and realisation of the World Championships. This guarantees that the competitions will be unforgettable and successful for the participants. The well-developing Corona situation lets us look positively ahead and we are confident that we will be able to welcome nations from all over the world. For the Austrian team, the World Championships will certainly be a highlight – and we are also hoping for one or two medals – after all, the ÖBSV intellectually impaired ski team has been one of the most successful and dedicated ones in recent years. I am looking forward to a successful World Championships and a celebration of friendship,

Brigitte Jank
President of the Austrian Sports Federation for Persons with
Disability (ÖBSV)



### Dear sports friends,

We are honoured to be the first Austrian venue to host the VIRTUS World Skiing Championships. For decades Seefeld has been one of the TOP destinations for winter sports. Due to the knowhow gained through major events such as the Nordic World Ski Championships 2019 and the annual Nordic Combined Triple, we are also looking forward to ensuring an unforgettable event for intellectually impaired people at the World Championships. Both the Alpine and Nordic venues will present themselves to the athletes in their usual excellent manner. Our team is already looking forward to welcome athletes from all over the world in Seefeld in Tyrol.

Werner Frießer LOC Chief



### Dear sports friends,

It is an honor for me to be able to accompany the first VIRTUS World Skiing Championships in Austria as chairman of the Competence Committee for intellectually impaired Sports (KGM) and now also in the planning and implementing function as LOC Co Chief. We all give our best for a perfectly organized world championship and look forward to many enthusiastic athletes as well as coaches, attendants and fans!

René Schönberger LOC Co Chief, ÖBSV-KGM Chairman

# **Provisional timetable**

March 11, 2022 Arrival

**ALPIN** - competitions take place on the Rosshütte slope 2 and 5, the Team competition on skiing area Gschwandtkopf

Start for GS and Super-GS: top station REX approx. at 1840 m - finish: approx. intermediate station 1500m Start SL: approx. at 1740 m - finish: approx. 1580 m

March 12, 2023	09:00	*	Training
	18:00		Opening ceremony in the music pavilion
March 13, 2023	09:30	*	Start Super-G
	18:00		Award ceremony in the music pavilion
March 14, 2023	09:30	*	Start 1. + 2. run GS
	18:00	3	Dinner evening with award ceremony at the Rosshütte
			top station
March 15, 2023	09:30	3	Start 1. + 2. run SL
	18:00		Award ceremony in the music pavilion
March 16, 2023	10:00	3	Start Team paralell slalom
	13:00	K	Award ceremony and closing ceremony in the WM-Arena

# NORDIC – events take place in the WM-Arena Seefeld

March 12, 2023	09:00	K	Training
	18:00		Opening ceremony in the music pavilion
March 13, 2023	09:30	X	Start 5 km women & 10 km men
	18.00		Award ceremony in the music pavilion
March 14, 2023	09:30	X	Start Sprint
	18:00	3	Dinner evening with award ceremony at the Rosshütte
			top station
March 15, 2023	09:30	K	Start 10 km women & 15 km men
	18:00		Award ceremony in the music pavilion
March 16, 2023	10:00	K	Start relay 3 x 2,5 km
	13:00	K	Award ceremony and closing ceremony in the WM-Arena

A **flowerceremony** will take place in the finish area after each race.

March 17, 2023 Journey home

**Team captain meetings daily** - Time and location to be announced.













# **About the Region Seefeld - Tirols Hochplateau**



During the winter months the Region Seefeld turns into a white idyll. The alpine landscape offers the perfect panorama for a broad winter sports program and extensive nature walks. At this time of year, the cross-country skiing paradise presents itself with perfectly groomed and multiple award-winning kilometres of cross-country trails in classic and skating style. But also skiers and snowboarders appreciate the possibilities on the plateau, which can be reached from the pedestrian zone of Seefeld in only a few minutes.

## Winter attractions

- A total of around 247 kilometres of cross-country ski trails, of which ~135 kilometres are classic and ~ 112 kilometres are skating in all degrees of difficulty, and which have received multiple awards from the ADAC, making the region one of the world's best cross-country skiing areas
- · about 30 km of ski runs as well as spacious and modernly equipped children's areas
- 142 kilometres of cleared and signposted hiking trails through the winter nature
- · 70 kilometres winter running & nordic walking arena
- · 35 kilometres (7 routes) for snowshoeing
- · 7 natural toboggan runs
- · 3 skating rinks and 20 ice rinks
- 2 adventure pools, indoor and outdoor, with spacious sauna areas
- 10 indoor tennis courts and Estess, the leading tennis school in the Alpine region
- · Paragliding & fun activities like snow rafting, snow tubing, landing pad and much more
- Winter adventure program "Discover the Region Seefeld nature is waiting for YOU!" with hikes and unique adventures in the snow