**Press release Davos Nordic 22 November 2022**

**New role for Cologna and, for the first time, all athletes to complete the same race distance at Davos Nordic**

**In a month’s time, the world’s elite will compete at the Coop FIS Cross-Country World Cup in Davos. The traditional Davos Nordic will take place on the weekend of 17 and 18 December 2022 and all eyes will be on the premiere of the 20-km freestyle timed competition. For the first time in the history of the World Cup, women and men will complete the same race distance. Dario Cologna will also be present again, but in a new role: the stars of tomorrow will be able to train with the four-time Olympic champion in the finish stadium at the first Dario Cologna Kids Event.**

The world’s cross-country skiing elite will meet in Davos for the 49th time on 17 and 18 December.

From a sporting point of view, a historic moment is about to take place for the approximately 250 athletes from 30 nations in the Coop FIS Cross-Country World Cup. From next season, men and women will complete the same race distances, and in Davos the 20-km freestyle timed competition will be on the programme for the first time. But before the athletes go against the clock on Sunday, they will fight for every inch in the sprint on Saturday. On Saturday evening, fans will be able to meet the world elite and celebrate their successes with them on the stage at the Christmas market at Seehofseeli.

New role for Dario Cologna

Seven months after his retirement, Dario Cologna’s focus this year is no longer on the race track, but on young talent. After 20 years, Norwegian cross-country ski champion Björn Daehlie is handing over the Kids Event baton to the four-time Olympic champion. On Saturday after the sprint final, the children will have the opportunity to experience and learn cross-country skiing in a fun way with the most successful Swiss winter sportsman and other top athletes at the first Dario Cologna Kids Event.

Ticket and attractive supporting programme at Davos Nordic

Cross-country fans can watch the 20-km race and all the other competitions on the big screen. This will be accompanied by an attractive supporting programme in the Bünda Stadium, with various catering options and artistic performances in the Event Village. Tickets for the cross-country spectacle are available online at Tickets | Davos Nordic or directly on site.

**Davos Nordic 49th programme**

***Saturday, 17 December 2022***

10:45 am: Sprint freestyle, men & women, qualification

1:15 pm: Sprint freestyle, men & women, final

Followed by awards ceremony (c. 2:45 pm)

3:00 pm: Dario Cologna Kids Event

6:15 pm: Athlete presentation at the Christmas market

***Sunday, 18 December 2022***

10:45 am: Women’s 20 km freestyle

Followed by awards ceremony

1:15 pm: Men’s 20 km freestyle

Followed by awards ceremony

**More info:**

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