

JWSC 2025: Tarvisio is ready to welcome the promising talents of world alpine skiing

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Tarvisio, December 23 2024 - **More than 350 athletes**, among the future promises of world skiing, **representing 60 nations**, will take to the slopes from **February 24 to March 6 2025** on the snow of the ski resort of **Tarvisio** for the **FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championship JWSC Tarvisio 2025**, the 44th edition of the Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, promoted by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation and with PromoTurismoFVG responsible for planning and organising the event, in collaboration with the local ski clubs and the support of the Municipality of Tarvisio.

The talents of the white circus between the ages of 15 and 20 will compete for the title in six Alpine skiing disciplines: downhill and Super-G for the speed events, Giant Slalom and Slalom for the technical events, as well as team events (Parallel and Combined Team races). The Organising Committee is currently working on preparing the event, after the definition of the various organisational and logistical details approved by the FIS last July. Tarvisio, which has the privilege of hosting the Junior World Championships for the second time, after 23 years, is getting ready to return under the spotlight of major national and international winter sporting events by showcasing two of the best-known slopes in its area.

THE TRACKS

The **"Di Prampero"** slope, one of the most interesting and fascinating in the Alps, surrounded by a natural landscape of rare beauty, will host the men's and women's downhill, Super-G and Team races. It has a length of 3,920 metres and an average slope of 26.5 per cent.

The **"Priesnig B"** slope, with some very steep sections, is ideal for the technical disciplines and will therefore host the Giant Slalom and Slalom races.

The training sessions, on the other hand, will be hosted not only on the **"C"** slope in Tarvisio but also in Sella Nevea, in the Municipality of Chiusaforte, on the **"Canin"** slope, another flagship of winter sports in Friuli Venezia Giulia.

THE PROGRAMME

The teams of the various participating nations are set to arrive in Valcanale on February 24 2025: the hospitality is planned in several accommodation facilities between Tarvisio and Malborghetto-Valbruna and, in the evening, there will be the jury meeting in the hall of the **"Julius Kugy"** Cultural Centre. The first training sessions are scheduled on the first two days, February 24 and 25. The official start of the Championships will be **marked** by the **opening ceremony scheduled for Wednesday February 26 at 7 p.m. in Piazza Unità d'Italia in Tarvisio**, which has been renamed "Medal Plaza" for the event. Every evening, from February 27 to March 5, the first three classified in the individual disciplines will be welcomed for the award ceremonies and the presentation of medals. On the closing day of March 6, the closing event will be staged, after the last men's slalom, at the **"Priesnig B"** slope.

LOCATION AND HOSPITALITY

Valcanale, surrounded by a uniquely beautiful natural environment and already the venue for international competitions in the past, will be the perfect setting for great emotions and will be a showcase for the entire Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, which is preparing to welcome the participating nations, their athletes and technical staff - more than 600 people in total - together with supporters and the accredited international media, in collaboration with the Consortium for the promotion of tourism in the territories of Tarvisio, Sella Nevea and Passo Pramollo. There will be 200 volunteers ready to collaborate for the success of the event, coming from all over the region.

Piazza Unità d'Italia in Tarvisio, a meeting point of cultures and traditions, the heart of an authentic landscape, surrounded by the most imposing peaks of the Julian Alps, will be transformed into the **"Medal Plaza"**. The **"Ski Room"** will be made available

to the teams in the indoor spaces of the Tennis Club, the Sports Centre will support the athletic preparation and physiotherapy sessions; the “Main Race Office”, the “Accreditation Centre” and the “Anti-doping Centre” will be located in via Priesnig, while the “Media Centre” is going to be set up in the premises of the Hotel Nevada.

THE TOURIST SETTING

Tarvisio is one of the most important ski resorts in Friuli Venezia Giulia. Surrounded by the Julian Alps and blessed with broad valleys and woodlands - the Tarvisio Forest, with 24 thousand hectares, is the largest State forest in Italy - the town has a modern feel and an ancient soul, full of traditions just waiting to be discovered. Thanks to its special position near the borders, it is a crossroads of languages and cultures, where Italy, Slovenia and Austria all come together. Along with Malborghetto-Valbruna, Tarvisio can boast the title of one of the few quadrilingual municipalities in Europe: Italian, German, Slovenian and Friulian are in fact spoken there. Today, most of the population is Italian, but there are also Slovenian and German speaking communities. Among the main attractions of the area are the Fusine lakes, the Saisera Valley and Mount Lussari, with its characteristic village that welcomes pilgrims, sports enthusiasts and travellers in every season, the symbol of an enchanted landscape with a lively and athletic spirit.

THE APPROACH TO THE BIG EVENT

Tarvisio will also host another important international event, the **Women's European Cup**, with two downhill races on the “Di Prampero” slope on January 29 and 30 2025, which will be preceded by two days dedicated to time trials. Also in Tarvisio, on January 4 and 5 2025, there will be two FIS Njr slaloms - National junior races, the international competitions where all the athletes who dream of reaching high levels can grow and build experience.

SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The event of the Junior World Ski Championship - JWSC Tarvisio 2025 was designed and will be staged with the greatest **attention to environmental sustainability**. The Tarvisio area has been certified by the GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) since 2021. The fresh flowers usually handed out during the prize-giving ceremonies will be replaced by diplomas made of recycled paper mixed with flower seeds, printed with ecological water-based ink, hand-cut and packaged sustainably, with the aim of having them sprout in the home countries of the participants.

Even the prizes and trophies awarded to the winners will be made using precious wood from ash, oak and the resonant spruces of the millenary Tarvisio forest, the same raw material that historically gives body and soul to violins, violas and pianos played in theatres all over the world. A way to celebrate the forest that covers 35 per cent of the territory of the Region and is above all an ecological resource: the forests of Friuli Venezia Giulia were the first in Italy to be certified, in the name of sustainable development and renewable energy production.

All the uniforms of the organising staff and volunteers were made from recycled and reusable materials.

The food and wine products offered during the event will bear the “Io sono Friuli Venezia Giulia” (I am Friuli Venezia Giulia) label, which supports informed and responsible purchases, guaranteeing a positive impact on the local community and the more than 400 participating agri-food companies, which are committed to pursuing the objectives of environmental, economic and social sustainability every day.