

# Welcome to the FIS Nordic Junior and U23 Cross Country World Ski Championships of 2019!

Opening Ceremony

Monday 21st of January 2019

16:45-17:15

Lahti Urheilukeskus/Sportscenter, Stadium

## Program of the Opening Ceremony:

- Opening ceremony starts with the procession of all participating national delegations with flag bearer and name board. Every participating nation should choose a flag bearer. We kindly ask that all participating countries participate the procession with minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) athletes and officials from every participating country.
- Procession of the officials from the Organising National Ski Association and Organising Committee.
- National anthem of Finland during the raising of the national flag of Finland.
- Opening speech by Markku Haapasalmi, Finnish Ski Association.
- The ceremony ends with a choir performance by Laulupuu.

Lining-up for the procession will start at 16:15 in front of the Grandstand Building of the ski stadium at the door with a sign "PROCESSION OF THE OPENING CEREMONY". There will be a hostess guiding all the athletes and officials for the procession.

## Closing Ceremony

Sunday 27th of January 2019

17:15-17:30

Lahti Urheilukeskus/Sportscenter, Stadium

### **Program of the Closing Ceremony:**

- Closing ceremony starts with the procession of the flag bearers and national delegations. Every participating nation should choose a flag bearer. Flag bearers are led by a hostess and they will form a curve in front of the Grandstand. Other athletes and officials march through the stadium. We kindly ask that all participating countries participate the procession with maximum of five (5) athletes and officials from every participating country.
- Closing speech by Pekka Timonen, Mayor of Lahti.
- At the end of the ceremony the FIS flag will be handed over to the Organising Committee of the next FIS JWSC and U23 WSC CC.

Lining-up for the procession will start at 17:00 in front of the Grandstand Building of the ski stadium at the door with a sign "PROCESSION OF THE OPENING CEREMONY". There will be a hostess guiding all the athletes and officials for the procession.

Best regards,  
Chairman of Organising Committee,  
Juha Kolu