



ENGADIN  
SKIMARATHON

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The story of the biggest cross-country event in  
Switzerland

### Memberships

#### Worldloppet

The Engadin Skimarathon is a member of Worldloppet, which is a circuit of the most important cross-country races from 19 winter sport countries jointly promoting cross-country skiing. It has an overall ranking and awards the coveted "Worldloppet Passport" in which all completed races can be recorded. The word Loppet itself comes from the Norwegian "løpet", meaning roughly 'track' or 'race'.

The Worldloppet Ski Association is an international sports federation for cross-country marathon races. It was founded in 1978 in Uppsala, Sweden and the Engadin Skimarathon is one of the founding members. The purpose of the association is to promote cross-country skiing through various races around the world and increase interest in the sport. Only one race from each country can be part of the Worldloppet circuit. Usually this is the most important race in each respective country.

Currently, 16 different races from Europe, Asia, America and Australia are full members of Worldloppet. Since summer 2014, 4 associate members have also joined, which have no voting right at the annual meeting of all member races.

World Ski Federation FIS and Worldloppet organized the FIS Worldloppet Cup for the first time in the 1999/2000 season. Since then, every year 7 to 10 Worldloppet races - including the Engadin Ski Marathon - are part of this series, which has an official status equivalent to a long-distance World Cup. Each race also guarantees ample prize money to the winners.

#### *Worldloppet Passport*

Finishing a Worldloppet race is an extraordinary achievement that is worth documenting! The Worldloppet passport is a personal document in which every race finished is registered. The official passport consists of special pages for each of the member races of the Worldloppet series.

The page of the respective race will be stamped and the successful participation officially confirmed.

Gathering these stamps adds motivation to the pursuit of cross-country skiing and encourages cross-country skiers to travel around the globe to compete in the most diverse races in the world, meeting many equally-minded people and getting to know the culture of other countries in the process. There are currently over 14,000 passport holders from around the world.

### **Worldloppet members**

**Europe:** Jizerská Padesátka (CZE), Dolomitenlauf (AUT), Marcialonga (ITA), König Ludwig Lauf (GER), Tartu Maraton (EST), La Transjurassienne (FRA), Finlandia-hiihto (FIN), Vasaloppet (SWE), Bieg Piastow (POL), Engadin Skimarathon (SUI), Birkebeinerrennet (NOR), Demino Skimarathon (RUS), Fossavatn Skimarathon (ISL)

**America:** American Birkebeiner (USA), Gatineau Loppet (CAN), Ushuaialoppet / Marchablanca (ARG)

**Asia:** Sapporo International Ski Marathon (JPN), Vasaloppet China (CHN)

**Australia:** Kangaroo Hoppet (AUS), Merino Muster (NZL)

### **Swiss Loppet**

Every weekend from January to March, one of the ten varied Swiss Loppet competitions takes place for members of Swiss-Ski, where fun and performance are in balance with each other. The first 10 classics in each category and the first 20 in the overall category will be invited to the award ceremony at the Swiss Ski Delegate Assembly where each participant receives a valuable gift.

### **Visma Ski Classics**

The Visma Ski Classics Tour was launched in 2011 and combines the most traditional cross-country skiing events in Europe in one TV product. Ski Classics is unique in that both pro teams and amateurs are on the same starting line. The long-distance events still symbolise the strong traditions and classic conditions that cross-country skiing used to be about, from the combined mass start where several skiers break the starting line together to the head-to-head drama between skiers as the finish line approaches.

## **Russia Loppet**

In 1997 the biggest Russian races founded the cross-country series Russialoppet. The aim is to spread the popularity of cross-country skiing in Russia. The series of 20 races starts at the end of January with the Moscow Classic Marathon and ends at the end of April in Baikal Lake.

In June 2017 the series was extended by the following five international races and thus recognised as "Master Russia Loppet": Engadin Skimarathon, Marcialonga (IT), Finlandia-hiihto (FIN), Klubi Tartu Maraton (EST), Vasaloppet China (CHN)

## **SwissTopSport**

SwissTopSport vereinigt 20 der grössten Sportveranstaltungen, welche jährlich in der Schweiz stattfinden und in ihren Sportarten zu den Besten der Welt gehören. Die Events aus 13 verschiedenen Sportarten finden national wie auch international grosse Beachtung.

Das Ziel von SwissTopSport ist es, dass die gesellschaftlichen, wirtschaftlichen und imagefördernden Leistungen der Veranstaltungen zugunsten der Schweiz gefördert und genutzt werden. So engagiert sich SwissTopSport gegenüber den Meinungsführern in Politik und Wirtschaft sowie in der Öffentlichkeit für bessere Rahmenbedingungen.