

## Letter of support

To whom it may concern,

Dalarna University would like to express its outmost support for the candidacy of Falun municipality regarding the 2027 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.

Dalarna University is providing education and research of high quality and actively contributing to a society based upon democratic principles and with a socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable growth for generations to come. Cooperation with different partners in society, such as the Municipality of Falun, is very important to Dalarna University, since cooperation and cocreation will generate high quality in education and research, but also make sure that knowledge being created within our university and academia at large will come to benefit society. Dalarna University focuses, among others, in public health and sports, where the university provides popular educational programmes, courses and internationally renowned research. Dalarna University is also appointed by The Swedish Sports Confederation to be an "Elite Sport friendly University", providing possibilities and support for top-level (elite) athletes to combine their academic studies with a career in sports.

A 2027 World Ski Championship in Falun is a great opportunity for Falun, Dalarna and Sweden to provide a world-class event, and opportunities for extended growth and development of the region of Dalarna. World Ski Championship will also provide Dalarna University opportunities to generate and share our knowledge and research concerning sports. Dalarna University therefore strongly support Falun municipality and its Candidacy of the 2027 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.

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