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timeline of international women's ski jumping

1924 Chamonix, France, hosts the first winter Olympics and ski jumping (for men only) is one of the eight sports. For the next 60 years, women jumped on their own or in informal sporting groups.

1994 Austria's Eva Ganster is the first woman to forejump in the Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

1994 International Ski Federation (FIS) establishes Women's Ski Jumping Working Group.

1998 First FIS sanctioned ladies summer Grand Prix series. (17 athletes, 7 nations)

1999 First FIS sanctioned ladies winter Grand Prix series.

2004 In May, FIS Congress approves Ladies Continental Cup and Junior World Championships.

2004 In July, first FIS Ladies Continental Cup, Park City, Utah, U.S.

2005 First FIS Ladies Junior World Championships, Kranj, Slovenia. (22 athletes, 9 nations)

2006 In May, FIS Congress adds women's ski jumping to the Nordic World Championships, by a 114-to-1 vote and recommends women be included in the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games.

2006 In November, the IOC adds a men's and women's skier cross event to the Olympic Winter Games program in Vancouver. The IOC rejects adding a single women's ski jumping event.

2008 Active and retired women jumpers from 5 countries. file a discrimination lawsuit in Vancouver to be included in the 2010 Games.

2009 FIS Nordic World Championships in Liberec, Czech Republic. First championships to host a women's ski jumping event. American Lindsey Van crowned first world champion.

In July, BC Supreme Court judge finds that IOC is discriminating against women jumpers because of their gender, but stops short of ordering VANOC to hold an event for them. Women jumpers appeal to BC Court of Appeal. The judges dismissed their case. Jumpers ask Canadian Supreme Court to hear their appeal. SC denies request.

2010 October - IOC Executive Board says it is looking favorably at adding women's ski jumping to 2014. President Jacques Rogge to make final decision in spring 2011.



Johanne Kolstead of Norway, 1933
Mount Shasta Herald/Dick Whitaker



Young jumpers in the central division in Wisconsin

“This is for all the women who have been pushing the sport over the last 10 years.”

— Lindsey Van, after becoming the first women's ski jumping world champion



Ulrike Graessler, of Germany. Lindsey Van, of the U.S., Anette Sagen, of Norway

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