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Junghans Awards for Highflyers



For the third consecutive time, Junghans is the Official Timing Partner of the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships. Maren Lundby, Timi Zajc, and brand ambassador Karl Geiger secured the Junghans Awards from the large hill.

Around 2,500 athletes from over 60 nations gathered in Planica from 21 February to 5 March for the 54th edition of the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships. At Slovenia's largest-ever sporting event, a total of 24 new world champions were crowned in ski jumping, cross-country skiing, and Nordic combined.

After 2019 and 2021, Junghans once again accompanied the World Championships as the Official Timing Partner and awarded the coveted Junghans Award in ski jumping. The prize recognises athletes with the longest jump in the competition from the large hill.

Maren Lundby, Timi Zajc and Karl Geiger achieve best distances

With a jump of 139.5 meters, Norwegian Maren Lundby landed the longest jump from the large hill in the women's event, not only earning her the silver medal but also securing the first Junghans Award.

There were two winners of the Junghans Award in the men's event, with Slovenian Timi Zajc and DSV-Eagle Karl Geiger both achieving jumps of 137.5 meters, the longest of the day. With a convincing second jump, Timi Zajc was finally crowned the new world champion on the large

hill amidst the cheers of the home crowd. For Karl Geiger, long-standing brand ambassador of the German watch manufacturer, winning the Junghans Award marks the end of an overall successful World Championships: great performances had previously seen him win the bronze medal from the normal hill as well as the world championship title with the mixed team.



The Junghans Awards for the longest jump were received by Maren Lundby (left), Junghans brand ambassador Karl Geiger (middle), and Timi Zajc (right).

„In Planica, we were able to witness thrilling competitions. The women faced difficult conditions due to snowfall setting in. With an impressive jump that surpassed the large hill’s record in Planica by 5 meters, Maren Lundy made the award decision a clear matter. The men’s event, however, was much more balanced. We’re all the more pleased that we could honour two outstanding athletes with the Junghans Award: both Timi Zajc, who performed at his best at the World Championships in his home country, and our brand ambassador Karl Geiger”, explains Hannes Steim, Managing Director of Junghans, who personally presented the awards. In addition to a certificate, the three winners each received a special variation of the 1972 Chronoscope Quartz Edition FIS Lemon, featuring a “Junghans Award” printing on the dial.

Close Connection to Elite Sports

With this winter sports event, the Black Forest-based company continues a long tradition in elite sports: from the 1960s to the 1980s, Junghans accompanied numerous competitions as timekeeper in various disciplines, including downhill skiing and slalom. With the development of technical innovations, Junghans set standards in terms of precision and fairness in the fight for medals. In 1972, sports timekeeping by Junghans reached its pinnacle, which the two special models presented for the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships refer to with their name and design. Already today, the two timepieces, limited to 150 pieces each, are coveted collector’s items.



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About Junghans

Junghans has been giving a face to time for more than 160 years. The attention to detail, the high demands on design and quality and generations of technical expertise have characterized the products of Uhrenfabrik Junghans since it was founded in 1861. Values that form the foundations for the success story of the company from Schramberg in the Black Forest. In 1903, Junghans had already been the largest clock manufacturer in the world, with over 3,000 employees, manufacturing more than 9,000 timepieces a day. The development of precision movements made the company the largest manufacturer of chronometers in 1956. In the 1960s to 1980s, the Black-Forest manufacturer with tradition chronometrised numerous big top-class sports events and set standards in sports timekeeping with the development of several technical innovations. After an eventful and turbulent company history, the Schramberg businessmen Dr Hans-Jochem and Hannes Steim became the new proprietors of the venerable company in 2009, ensuring a new era of growth. In 2022, Hannes Steim joined the operational business as managing partner, and is running the Uhrenfabrik together with CEO Matthias Stotz now. Junghans still conceives, designs, constructs, and produces all of its watches on the historical company site. In 2018, the terrace building has been revived for its 100th birthday. In this monument to industrial architecture, long the light-flooded centrepiece of Junghans watch production, the tradition of watch and clockmaking in the Black Forest can be experienced in the form of a museum. The current collection also references the long tradition of the company in design and watchmaking - transported to the present in contemporary form. For example, with the Meister watches, which have been at the core of the collection since the 1930s, or the timepieces of the Max Bill line that have been created in collaboration with the Swiss designer since 1956. In 1990, Junghans reached a milestone in striving for precision with the invention of the first radio-controlled wristwatch. Today, this technology Made in Schramberg meets the highest standards with regard to time comfort, precision, and energy efficiency with a new generation of app-connected radio-controlled solar movements. The clear design language of the Junghans watches has been a constant factor throughout the history of the company. The latest indication of this can be found in the models of the FORM line standing for German industrial design with matter-of-fact simplicity. For more than 160 years now, Junghans timepieces have combined watchmaking tradition, design and technology expertise. For personality starts on the wrist.