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## Annual Report Masters Cross-Country Skiing in Germany 2023/2024

Unfortunately, the past winter season was once again characterized by a chronic lack of snow. There were only a few regions in Germany where cross-country skiers could train optimally on snow or even find snow and trails.

There were only two state association championships for masters in December in Bavaria and in February in Saxony. The number of starters was extremely low.

All other races, whether cup races or ski marathons, had to be canceled. This included the German Short Distance Championships, which could not take place in March despite being postponed in Saxony without snow.

The same applied to the German Long Distance Championships in Seefeld, which also could not take place for the Masters at the end of March.

In addition, the German Ski Marathon Championships as part of the Skadiloppet in Bodenmais over a distance of 42 km using the classic technique also fell victim to the lack of snow in March.

Due to the very limited snow conditions for Masters athletes this winter, there was only a small team of 17 starters at the Masters World Cup in Vuokatti, Finland. With 6 medals (1 x silver, 5 x bronze), the team finished in second last place in the medal table. On a positive note, however, there were several top ten placings in the large starting field of the "Finnish Championships". Despite the very cold conditions of minus 30 degrees on arrival at this fantastic venue with great competition trails, the atmosphere was excellent and all the team participants were very satisfied.

The German Masters cross-country skiers are now looking forward to a hopefully better winter in 2024/2025 and especially to good all-day conditions at next year's Masters World Cup in Klosters, Switzerland, in March 2025.

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