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New Nations Team Event to debut at FIS Alpine Ski World Championships

In an effort to bring another dimension to Alpine Skiing a "Nations Event" will be introduced at the FIS Alpine Ski World Championships that takes place in Bormio(Santa Catarina (ITA) from January 29th to February 13th 2005. The first edition of the event will take place on the last day of the championships and is already anticipated as a real highlight. The new competition will be held in two runs comprising a super G and a one run slalom. The nations taking part will be able to enter six athletes whilst only four, two men and two ladies participate in each race. Each athlete will be placed in a round with competitors from the other nations and his/her team will be ranked based on his/her position in the group results. At the end, the four athletes' rankings will be added up and will determine the overall position for the nations, thereby deciding the medal winners.

The rules may be found on the FIS website <http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/fisworldchampionshiprulesedition2004.pdf>