
PRECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SEASON 2015/2016 EDITION Southern Hemisphere

- National Ski Associations *

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1. INTERNATIONAL SKI COMPETITION RULES (ICR)

Deadline for Entries

604.4 Entries and Draw

604.4.1 The organiser must determine the final date of entry (art. 213.8) between 48 h and 24 h (art. 215.1) before the first Team Captain Meeting.

604.4.2 A Team Captain may only make substitutions before the draw.

604.4.3 The event programme as determined in art 213 must be published on the FIS website alpine competition calendar.

ICR Wording Equipment

606 Competitors' ~~Equipment~~Outfits (see also Specifications for Competition Equipment)

606.2 Competition Suits

606.2.1 For Downhill, Giant Slalom and Super-G competitions at the Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships, FIS World Cup, FIS Continental Cups and FIS World Junior Ski Championships competition suits must ~~be plombed~~have a label/plomb attesting conformity with FIS specifications for competition suits.

606.2.2 ~~If for any reason a plomb is missing from a suit that has already been controlled, a provisional start may be allowed.~~The competition suit must have a label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for competition suits.

DH/SG/GS:

Fulfillment of requirements is to be attested by a specific standardized conformity label affixed in a non-removable way at the back of the lower left leg above the top of the ski boot cuff area of the competition suit in a location, which is and shall remain visible during competition. The conformity label shall include the following text:

«Conforms to FIS specifications CS 2015».

Labels affixed by manufacturers shall comply with the specifications set forth in the attachment. The conformity label attests that the manufacturer and NSA are guaranteeing that the surfaces of the competition suit are not plasticised or treated by any chemical means (gaseous, liquid or solid) and that they have a minimum permeability of 30 litres per m2/sec with a measurement tolerance of 3,0 litres per m2/sec.

Both conformity systems, label and plomb systems, will be valid during the transition period until the end of the 2017/18 season.

25 starts U18 (first year)

607.3 Classification at International Competitions

Admitted years of birth

FIS Competition Year	15/16	16/17
U14	2003 2002	2004 2003
U16	2001 2000	2002 2001
U18 ⁴⁾	1999 1998	2000 1999
U21	1997 1996 1995	1998 1997 1996
Licensed	1999 and earlier	2000 and earlier
Masters A (Men)	1985 to 1961	1986 to 1962
Masters B (Men)	1960 and earlier	1961 and earlier
Masters C (Ladies)	1985 and earlier	1986 and earlier

~~⁴⁾ 1st year U18: maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 25. Athletes must not participate beyond the maximum of 25 starts for the first year U18. All results beyond 25 starts are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points. There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G and Alpine Combined. The Youth Sub-Committee will inform the Classifications Sub-Committee and Alpine Executive Board of any infringements of the rule and any recommended sanctions.~~

~~The Classification Sub-Committee will inform the FIS Council.~~

Double Entries

621.12 Double Entries

If a competitor has started in a competition he cannot appear as DNS 1 in another competition on the same day, except for a DH training. If a

competitor is entered into and drawn for a DH competition and subsequently leaves this competition in order to participate in another DH competition, he will not be permitted to return to the first DH competition. The FIS Office will refer all double entries to the FIS Council for appropriate action.

Disqualification before Start

- 627 Not Permitted to Start (NPS)
A competitor will not be permitted to start (NPS) in any FIS International Ski competition who:
- 627.2 violates the FIS rules in regard to the FIS Specifications for Competition eEquipment and Commercial Markings (art. 222 and art 207) ~~or commercial markings (art. 207).~~ (Exception art 606.2 competition suits)
- 627.6 does not wear a crash helmet that conforms to the Specifications for eCompetition Eequipment specifications (art. 606.4), or does not have ski brakes on their skis (art. 606.3)

Homologation-Date of issue

650.6.6.1 Downhill and Super-G

The certificate is valid from the date of issue: for five years from it will expire on 1st November*, five years later. -of the year of issue. After that Aa re-homologation must be made~~carried out before a new certificate is issued.*~~) = For the Southern Hemisphere 1st July ~~-of the year of issue.~~

650.6.6.2 Slalom and Giant Slalom

The certificate is valid from the date of issue: for ten years from it will expire on 1st November*, ten years later. -of the year of issue. After that Aa re-homologation must be made~~carried out before a new certificate is issued.*~~) = For the Southern Hemisphere 1st July ~~-of the year of issue.~~

Different Colours for gate panels.

695 Colours

For Major Event (201.3.1) and Cups (201.3.2 and 201.3.3)—different alternative colours for poles and panels may be used. Orange can be used instead of red at all FIS levels. Poles and panels should be the same colour.

DH in two runs (from Rules of the FIS Points)

706.2.5 Downhill races carried out in two runs must be identified as such in the FIS Calendar, provided the race course has a vertical drop according to art. 701.1 of the ICR.

706.2.6 In exceptional cases where carrying out the original Downhill is jeopardized (unfavorable snow or atmospheric conditions), the Jury is permitted to conduct the Downhill in two runs.

Single Pole rule for all FIS events

804 Single Pole Slalom
All rules of the ICR are valid, except as follows:

804.1 Single Pole Slalom is permitted ~~only in all~~ International FIS ~~level~~ Competitions ~~(see art. 201.3.4, 201.3.5 and 201.3.6).~~

Parallel course setting distance

1225 Distance between the Two Courses

The distance between two corresponding gates (from turning pole to turning pole) should be no less than 6 m. ~~and no more than 8 m.~~ The distance between the starting gates should be the same as between the two courses.

2. WORLD CUP

27 mm poles

The Executive Board proposed to delay for one year the introduction of the 27 mm pole for the World Cup Ladies competitions and establish a Working Group in which all relevant stakeholders will be included.

World Cup Rules

3.2 Basic quota

Each National Ski Association affiliated with FIS may enter one (1) competitor ~~(exception for Alpine Combined)~~ in FIS World Cup races taking into consideration the following conditions:

Slalom / Giant Slalom:

Minimum requirements:

Maximum 120 FIS points in one of the five events (SL, GS, SG, DH, AC) on the valid FIS points list.

Downhill / Super-G:

Minimum requirements:

Maximum 80 FIS points in the respective event according to the valid FIS points list (valid also for 500 points competitors and those qualified from Continental Cups).

Alpine Combined

For Alpine Combined with DH a maximum of 80 FIS points in DH is required ~~and for Alpine Combined with SG a maximum of 80 FIS points an AC, SG or DH is required.~~

~~Exception for Super-G of the Alpine Combined:~~

~~Athletes classified within the top 60 of the Combined WCSL and have less than 80 FIS points in SG.~~

National Ski Association, whose quota is six (6) or less competitors, (Basic quota one (1) + national quota five (5)) may participate in each Alpine Combined with a maximum of six (6) competitors.

Prize Money

6. Prize money

~~The Organiser must make available at least CHF 400'000/120'000.--~~ per race for prize money (excluding VAT). For individual competitions (DH, SG, GS, SL and AC) this sum is divided ~~between to~~ the ~~thirty (340)~~ best competitors ~~and in Parallel competition (City Event) divided between the best four (4) competitors, in case of classical combined evaluations to the 3 best.~~ The amount of prize money ~~and its method of distribution~~ must be communicated to FIS before October 15th.

World Cup Final

9.4 Starting list for DH, SG and Alpine Combined (1st run = DH or SG)
The best fifteen (15) present competitors (quota adjusted) of the corresponding event WCSL points are drawn between starting number 16 to 22 (WCSL 1 to 7) and 8 to 15 (WCSL 8 to 15). The remaining athletes up to 30 (incl. 500 WCSL point competitors after rank 15), are drawn within the start numbers 1 to 7 and 23 to 30. Thereafter the enrolment is made according to art. 9.1.2.

Exception for the World Cup Final: All competitors without World Cup points in the event concerned will not be included in the draw and therefore start according to their enrolment.

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11. FIS World Cup Final

11.2 ~~Starting order~~Enrollment FIS World Cup Final

The ~~best 15 best ranked competitors start are enroled~~ according to the World Cup standings of the event concerned, ~~Thereafter followed by~~ those competitors with at least 500 World Cup points, if they are classified within the best 25 ~~present~~ competitors on the valid World Cup standings in the event concerned and then those competitors with World Cup event points up to # 25. The remaining competitors with ~~at least 500~~ World Cup points will follow. The ~~starting enrolement order~~ is made according to World Cup event points, if available, and FIS points.

Nation Team Event

Nations Team Event Rules at the World Cup and FIS Alpine World Ski Championships ~~Rules~~

1. Type of Event

- The race will be conducted as a parallel ~~slalom~~ event.
- GS gates and ~~flags-panels~~ will be used

2. Eligibility of the Teams

- Maximum number of Nations allowed to participate in the World Cup Alpine Team Event is 16. (See art. 9.2.3 of the Rules for the organisation of the FIS World Championships)
- ~~To include~~ The best 16 nations ~~qualified~~ on the overall World Cup Nations Cup standing after the last World Cup race, prior to the event, are qualified.
- The total team size per Nation is limited to a maximum of 6 competitors; at least 2 competitors from one gender.
- A competitor can only start in a run once.
- The final entries for the Nation Team Event (without names) must be done within 24 hours after the last scheduled World Cup race (Ladies or Men) has finished, prior to the event.
- Confirmation of the entries including names of the competitors must be submitted within 3 hours prior to the Team Captains meeting for the Nation Team event.

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4.1 Starting order

For each individual leg of the heat the competitor, who is listed first or respectively on top of the pairing, will start on the red course for his first run. Following the order in the bracket, from top to bottom, all groups race in succession. For the second individual leg run of the heat, the competitors change courses. All subsequent runs are conducted using this system.

Team captains must announce the names of the competitors for the first round 10 minutes prior the start, for all other rounds according to the race program. The lower ranked nation always announces first.

5. Points Scoring

- The winner of each individual leg scores 1 point for his/her nation
- In case of a tie of an individual leg, both nations are awarded 1 point
- If there is a tie at the end of the heat (2:2) the nation with the lowest combined time of the best individual lady and the best individual man (or second best in case of a tie for the best time) will win the heat.
- If the teams cannot be separated by combined times, the team with the fastest single time is the winner. If the teams cannot be separated by fastest time, the nation with the better ranking on the board is the winner.
- Reasons for disqualifications (immediate and without protest):
 - False start
 - Changing from one course to another
 - Interfering with the opponent, voluntary or not
 - Not passing through a gate correctly (ICR art. 661.4.2)
 - Complete stop and/or stepping back is not allowed
- ~~If both competitors fall in any leg, the first competitor to reach the finish successfully will be the winner.~~ If both competitors fail to finish, the competitor who successfully skied the furthest distance will be the leg winner.

6. Awards (*FIS Alpine World Ski Championships see art 15.2.1 Rules for the Organisation of FIS World Championships and for World Cup see art. 6 World Cup Rules*)

~~Minimum 1200.000 CHF Prize Money Fund
1. (for the season 2016/2017 = 130.000 CHF)~~

- 1st ranked NSA 40%
- 2nd ranked NSA 30%
- 3rd ranked NSA 20%
- fastest run ladies 5%
- fastest run men 5%

- From the top 3 Nations
 - 20% goes to the NSA
 - 80% goes to the participating competitors

7. World Cup points

World Cup points will be distributed to the ranked nations as follows:

- Ladies (same for Men)

1st	200
2 nd	160
3 rd	120
4 th	100
5 th -8 th	60
9 th -16 th	30

City Event Rules

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2. Quota:

The NSA's may enter competitors according to their Quota which is given by the number of competitors:

- Ranked from 1 up to 12 in the WCSL-SL plus₁
- Competitors ranked from 1 up to 4 in the WCSL-Overall. If athletes of this group are already creating a Quota for their NSA in the top 12 of the WCSL-SL, the 5th and following of the WCSL-Overall are creating a Quota for their NSA.

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The host nation may apply for one wild card for Ladies and one for Men if the NSA has no Quota created through the WCSL-SL or WCSL-Overall. In case a wild card for the host nation is granted, competitors ranked from 1 up to 3 in the WCSL-Overall create a quota for their NSA.

5. Enrollment:

The ~~best 16~~ competitors present are enrolled according to the current WCSL-SL (in case of a tie or for those competitors without WCSL-SL

~~points~~, according to FIS Points SL). ~~Those competitors, whose current total number of WCSL Points (sum of DH, SL, GS, SG, Combined of OWG/WSC and World Cup) is at least 500, follow after the 12th according to their WCSL-SL Points (in case of a tie, according to FIS Points SL).~~

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11. Prize Money

~~Minimum prize money per gender: 1200.000 CHF~~ According to World Cup Rules art. 6

3. INTERCONTINENTAL CUP

Sub Committee for European Cup

Substitution of competitions

8.3.1 Cancellation due to force majeure

If a race has to be cancelled due to "force majeure", a replacement race of the same event may be organised in another location. The NSA of the original organiser must confirm the location for the replacement within a maximum of ten (10) days from the cancellation date. Afterwards a location in another country can be appointed. Such a change must be approved by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the respective Continental Cup or by his nominee. Such a replacement race may not be added on to another FIS race.

Qualification for EC Finals

Section B: EC – European Cup

EC.4.4.2 Qualification

The conditions for the basic quota ~~of two~~ according to art. 2.1 remain valid. The additional competitors in the national quota must be ranked within the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) in the European Cup overall standings in the respective events. There is no moving up or replacement. Furthermore all competitors from the Special Group (450 points competitors) in the current season have the right to start. All top 30 competitors from the actual WCSL-list before the first Team Captains' meeting also have the right to start in the event concerned. This last group of competitors is not counting to define the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) qualified for the finals.

Sub Committee for Nor-Am Cup

NAC Points after first group

NAC 3.2 After the first group

After the 1st group the competitors start according to art. 3.2.1 (400 Cup points), followed by ~~the present competitors ranked within the top 30 of the FIS points list. The following~~ competitors (to 30) ~~are~~ seeded according to their FIS points in that event. In the case of a tie for FIS points in that event, competitors are enrolled by NAC points in that event.

4. FIS ALPINE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Quotas for the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships

The FIS Race Directors have proposed to the Alpine Executive Board to withdraw the proposal approved last year, and instead introduce qualification races in giant slalom and slalom for ladies in St. Moritz 2017.

We saw in Vail the success of the qualification races, which were really embraced by the Organising Committee. They pretty much served as World Championships for the Developing Nations and create positive outcomes for the athletes and National Ski Associations.

The discussions in regard to the number of athletes starting in the 2nd run with 60 like at the World Championships since 2011 or 30 as in World Cup is a separate discussion than the qualification and quotas. In any case any change to the current model would have to be decided by the FIS Congress.

5. SPECIFICATION FOR EQUIPMENT AND COMMERCIAL MARKINGS

5. Competition Racing suits

Competition suits used in DH, SG and GS, and clothing worn underneath, such as undergarments, etc., must have a textile surface on the inside and the outside. The surfaces may not be plasticised or treated by any chemical means (gaseous, liquid or solid) and must have a minimum permeability of 30 litres per m²/sec. Seams may only exist in order to join the portions of the suit. Outer tucks and darts are not allowed. The competition suits must be equally porous in all parts, both from the outside in and from the inside out. Minimum air permeability is established whereby the unstretched fabric must show a medium air permeability of a minimum of 30 litres per m²/sec under 10 mm of water pressure (with a measurement tolerance of 3,0 litres per m²/sec).

Competitors are allowed to protect all parts of the body with so called protectors in all events:

In Downhill, protectors may not be integrated into the competition suit itself.

In all events these protectors must be worn underneath the plumbed racing conforming competition suit. (Exception forearm protection used in SG, GS and SL and shin protection used in SL).

Protectors must fulfil the 30 litre permeability rule measurement with a measurement tolerance of 3,0 litres per m²/sec with the exception of the shoulder, scapular region, chest, arms and legs. The anatomical body shape may not be changed.

Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for competition suits

(DH/SG/GS):

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Both conformity systems, label and plomb systems, will be valid during the transition period until the end of the 2017/18 season.

Scheduled controls of different materials will still be offered to the NSA's and manufactures as determined by the FIS Controller. A maximum of 4 test patches per NSA will be permitted per session.

According to the World Cup testing procedures of past seasons, the controllers will determine pre competition testing sessions. The NSA's will have the opportunity to make a control on their World Cup Competition suits prior to the competitions.

This control only gives a confirmation that the material being tested may conform to the FIS Specifications

Helm modification

6.2.4 Alteration/modification/additional element

The helmets shall be used without alteration/modification, as certified by the manufacturer. Furthermore, no additional element/equipment shall be affixed on the surface of the helmet.

6. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS

Application New Rule for Helmets

Transitional rule applicable until November 2016:

In U14 & U 16 races (for GS and SG), helmets meeting at least EN 1077 A and/or

ASTM 2040 can be used. Helmets with higher standards can be used a fortiori (SNELL 98 and of course new FIS standard).

7. SPECIAL QUOTAS

<i>Datum</i>	<i>Ort</i>	<i>Nat 1</i>	<i>Nat 2</i>	<i>Disziplin</i>	<i>Kat</i>	<i>Sonderquote</i>
All	All CHI	CHI	CHI	All	FIS	FRA L: 30 FRA M: 30
All	All ARG	ARG	ARG	All	FIS	FRA L: 30* FRA M: 30*
All	All NZL	NZL	NZL	All	FIS, NC	USA L: 40 USA M: 40

* double quota confirmed, triple quota subject to numbers of participants

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