



PRECISIONS, INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

PARA SNOWBOARD

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

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FIS Council Meeting: 25th October 2023.

1) INTRODUCTION

This document presents the rule changes within the Para Snowboard International Competition Rules (ICR), Classification Rules and Regulations following the approval of the proposals by the FIS Council on 25th October 2023.

All updated documents are now available on the FIS Website.

2) FLUOR WAX TESTING UPDATE

As previously communicated on 22nd March, a fluor wax ban will be fully implemented at the start of the upcoming 2023-2024 winter season. FIS is committed to banning flour products used in ski preparation given the health risks and environmental concerns connected to fluorine waxes and stands fully behind the testing procedure in place for the upcoming season.

In order to have a testing process that runs smoothly at the beginning of the season and to eliminate any speculation of a possible contamination of skis/snowboards, the FIS Council decided to increase the threshold that could lead to a disqualification of an athlete due to the use of banned fluorine waxes for a limited transition period.

The threshold for tests conducted at the finish of a race will be raised from 1.0 (defining clean skis/snowboards without any fluorine content) to 1.8 for the limited period of time until 31st December 2023. All results of the tests during this transition period will be documented.

More information can be found [here](#).

3) RUSSIA AND BELARUS PARTICIPATION

The current FIS policy, which does not allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials at FIS events, will remain in effect until further notice.

4) CLASSIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

There have been no Classification Rules and Regulations updates.

5) APPROVED RULE CHANGES

The International Competition Rules (ICR)

201.6.1 *Nordic and Para Nordic Events*
Cross-Country, Roller Skiing, Ski-Jumping, Ski-Flying, Nordic Combined, Team Competitions in Nordic Combined, Nordic Combined with Roller Skiing or In-line, Team Ski-Jumping, Ski-Jumping on plastic jumping hills, Popular Cross-Country races, Para Cross-Country, [Para Roller Skiing](#) and Para Biathlon.

207.1.2 Winners presentation / Equipment on the podium

At FIS World Ski Championships and all events ~~of~~on the FIS Calendar, a competitor is allowed to take the following equipment on the podium:

- Skis / Snowboards
- Footwear: The athletes may wear their boots on their feet, but are not allowed to wear them anywhere else (such as around their neck). Other shoes cannot be taken on the podium during presentation except if they are worn on the feet.
- Poles: not on/around skis, normally in the other hand. Para athletes are exempt from this rule and may bring poles on/around the skis.
- Goggles: either worn or around the neck
- Helmet: if worn only on the head and not on another piece of equipment, e.g. skis or poles
- Ski straps: maximum of two with name of the producer of skis; eventually one can be used for a wax company
- Nordic Combined and Cross-Country Ski Poles Clips. A clip can be used to hold the two poles together. The clip can be the width of the two poles, though not wider than 4 cm. The length (height) can be 10 cm. The long side of the clip is to be parallel to the poles. The commercial marking of the pole manufacturer can cover the entire surface of the clip.
- All other accessories are prohibited: waist bags with belt, phones on neck-bands, bottles, rucksack/backpack, etc.

1415.2 Competition levels and corresponding scales

1415.2.1 Level 1 competitions: Scale 1000 FIS Points or according with art. 1415.2.4 for competitions with lower participation

1415.2.2 Level 2 competitions: Scale 260 to scale 130 FIS Points

1415.2.3 Level 3 competitions: Scale ~~160 to scale~~ 50 FIS Points

1415.2.4 Selection of the scale for Level 1, and 2 ~~and level 3~~ competitions

Level 1

For Level 1 competitions (for all categories), the 1000 points Scale will be selected if four or more athletes started in the competitions. If three or less athletes started in the competitions the Scale will be selected as follows:

- Scale 800 for competitions with three athletes
- Scale 600 for competitions with two athletes
- Scale 500 for competitions with one athlete

Level 2 ~~and 3~~

For Level 2 ~~and 3~~ competitions (for all categories) FIS point level of an international competition is based on the average (arithmetic mean) of the FIS points of the best 5 athletes who have started in the competition (behind comma always rounded up e.g. 380,4 - 381 points) respecting the minimum and maximum points as defined by art. 1415.2.2 (Level 2) ~~and 1415.2.3 (Level 3)~~. If less than 5 competitors have started the competition, the sum of their FIS Points is still divided by 5. After the calculation of the average points, one of the scales which are listed under the points scales in art. 1416 is selected. To choose the best possible scale, the average point value must be equal to or higher than the corresponding entry point.