

## STARTING ORDERS AT WSC AND OWG

### 1. Number of participants in each single WSC event

In each single event no more than 4 competitors per National Ski Association are entitled to start.

The reigning FIS World Champion/s has/have the right to participate at the next FIS World Championships in the event/s they won, in addition to the team quota, under the condition they are entered by the same National Association (this is valid only for the individual competitions and not for the team competitions). If however the World Champion/s is/are also entered for other events, they must be included within the overall team quota.

### 2. Number of participants in each single OWG event

In each single event no more than 4 competitors per National Olympic committee are entitled to start.

### 3. Starting orders

#### 3.1. Seeded group

The seeded group is defined as the top 15 competitors registered to compete according to the current Distance or Sprint World Cup standing.

The current Overall World Cup leader is added as one extra athlete if not already included.

No women or men within the ranking of top 15 will be substituted if they are not entered.

#### 3.2. Interval start

The seeded group is defined as the 15 best athletes registered to compete: the Overall World Cup leader and the rest according to the current World Cup Distance Standing.

Please check specifics on the starting order in World Cup rules, article 2.3.4.

#### 3.3. Mass Start

For mass start competitions (including Skiathlon) the Overall World Cup leader is always assigned the first start position, followed by the competitors of the seeded group (see 3.1), who are assigned the next start positions in order of their current Distance World Cup standing.

Following the seeded group, all other competitors will be assigned start positions according to their FIS Distance points (sorted by points).

Lastly a group for those with no FIS Distance points is drawn.

#### 3.4. Sprint

The seeded group is defined as the 15 best athletes registered to compete: the Overall World Cup leader and the rest according to the current Sprint World Cup Standing.

Please check specifics on the starting order in the World Cup rules 2.3.3.

### **3.5. Relay**

At OWG and WSC the placing in the previous OWG and WSC will determine the starting order. Teams, which did not take part in the previous OWG or WSC will be drawn. ICR 327.4.2.

### **3.6. Team Sprint**

For start position for the semi-finals see ICR 326.4.5.

The start position for the final will be according to the results from the semi-finals (ranking followed by times), see ICR 326.4.7.