

PRECISIONS, INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

MASTERS ALPINE SKIING

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

EDITION 2024/25

**PRECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASTERS ALPINE SKIING FOR
THE SEASON 2024/2025
EDITION Southern Hemisphere**

- National Ski Associations *

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1) INTRODUCTION

The Sub-Committee for Masters Racing met in Portroz (SLO) during the FIS Spring Technical Meetings on May 8th, 2024, and new Rule changes were submitted to approval by the FIS Council and can be seen below (Item 6).

2) REGISTRATION FEES FOR ALPINE MASTERS COMPETITORS

The Alpine Masters Competitors will pay Registration Fees in the Season 2024/25 as in previous Seasons and NSAs will be invoiced for their ACTIVE MAS Competitors registered as of the 3rd FIS MAS Points List as well as all started athletes will be invoiced. For more information please contact: alexandra.blum@fisski.com

3) ADMINISTRATION OF “ACTIVE” MASTERS

It is of utmost importance that all Team Captains and NSA Officials responsible for Entry Forms carefully check that ALL the competitors they enter to a FMC/MAS Competition are in an ACTIVE status at FIS.

Competitors with INACTIVE status will not be allowed to start.

Also the change from INACTIVE to ACTIVE needs to be done before the next FIS MAS Points list is calculated. Printing deadlines can be found at

[FIS Points List Masters Deadlines 2024/2025](#)

4) BAN ON FLUORINATED WAXES

The full fluor wax ban is fully implemented for the 2024/2025 season. The testing will be carried out across all event levels in order to ensure fluor-free competitions.

5) PARTICIPATION OF RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN ATHLETES IN FIS COMPETITIONS

The current FIS policy, which does not allow Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials to participate in FIS competitions, will remain in effect until further notice.

6) APPROVED RULE CHANGES

MA 4) COURSE

All competitions must be carried out on FIS-homologated courses with the following vertical drops:

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a) Super-G:

min. [300275](#) m – max 400 m

all Categories

MA 5)

EQUIPMENT RULES - CONTROLS

a) Rules for skis, plates, boots

Referring to “FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment” the following Equipment Rules are the most important to MASTERS Racing:

Geometric Features for Masters

For MAS Competitors the following specifications in regard to ski length (except Super G), radius and profile width are recommendations. The minimum ski length for Super G skis is compulsory for MAS Competitors.

No length, width or ski radius restriction for Women 55 and above and Men 65 and above years of age.

- Slalom: Length: Men: 165 cm –
 Women: 155 cm –

- Giant Slalom: Men: 185 cm – 5 cm tolerance
= 180 cm

 Radius 27 m
 Women: 180 cm – 5 cm
tolerance = 175 cm Radius 23
 m

a) Super-G:

[Except for Women 55 and above, and Men 65 and above years of age, Minimum ski length is mandatory, radius recommended:](#)

Men:	185	cm
	without	tolerance
	Radius	27 m
Women:	180	cm
	without	tolerance
	Radius	23 m

Giant Slalom Skis may be used in Super-G.

MA 62)**COMMUNICATION CHANNEL**

The Organiser shall constitute a Communication Channel (WhatsApp Group or equivalent application like Telegram, Slack, etc) for easy and quick communications with all relevant stakeholders before, during and immediately after the competitions and publish a link to access it at the Race Program (see Rule MA 51).

MA 51)**RACE PROGRAM - PROGRAM PLANNING**

a) Race program

The Race Program should be presented in 2 languages, including English, and must contain:

- Name of Race Organizers, Ski Resort, Dates of Races
- Organizing Committee, Officials, Sponsors
- Program of events and Team Captains' Meetings
- Registration deadline - see rule MA 6) – and addresses
- Entry fees and Lift Pass costs
- Technical details on race courses and their location
- Details for Prize giving and Social Program
- Accommodation details with address, E-mail, Tel. No., Fax of the accommodation office Access details (e. g. road map, street plan of resort, area map)
- [Link for the Communication Channel \(WhatsApp or equivalent application\) for easy and quick communicatio](#)

MA 3) AGE GROUPS (CATEGORIES) – CLASSES

Organizers are requested to use the precise terms for each class (as shown in this chapter) in all official papers (esp. results and starting lists).

MEN

Category Class	Age	Category Class	Age
A (Group A)		B (Group B)	
A 1	30-34	B 7	60-64
A 2	35-39	B 8	65-69
A 3	40-44	B 9	70-74
A 4	45-49	B 10	75-79
A 5	50-54	B 11	80-84
A 6	55-59	B 12	85-89
		B 13	90-94,etc.

WOMEN

Category Class	Age	Category Class	Age
C (Group C)		C (Group <u>DG</u>)	
C 1	30-34	<u>DG</u> 7	60-64
C 2	35-39	<u>DG</u> 8	65-69
C 3	40-44	<u>DG</u> 9	70-74
C 4	45-49	<u>DG</u> 10	75-79
C 5	50-54	<u>DG</u> 11	80-84
C 6	55-59	<u>DG</u> 12	85-89
		<u>DG</u> 13	90-94,etc.

The number of participants per country is not limited (except restrictions agreed upon for FIS World Criterium).

MA 4) COURSES

All competitions must be carried out on FIS-homologated courses with the following vertical drops:

a) Slalom

min. 120 m – max.180 m all Categories

b) For indoor Slalom competitions:

min. 50m – max. 80m three runs all Categories

min. 80m two runs all Categories

Number of courses: If the total number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty)~~90 (ninety)~~ competitors, separate courses have to be set for the Categories AB/C and B/DA (World Criterium: Separate courses for each Category are mandatory, in the case when the total of women does not exceed 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, C and D may race in the same course)

c) Giant Slalom:

min. 250 m – max. 350 m Category A/C

min. 200 m – max. 300 m Category B/DG

Number of courses: If the ~~sum of total the~~ number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty) competitors ~~of the largest of the three categories with the number of competitors from the smallest category exceeds 150 competitors, then 2 separate courses are mandatory and the largest category will race on one course and the two smaller categories on the other separate courses have to be set for the Categories A/C and B/D.~~ If one course is permitted by the above criteria, if feasible, install 2 starts from different platforms (World Criterium: Separate courses for each Category are ~~mandatory, in the case when the total of women does not exceed 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, C and D may race in the same course)~~ – see rule MA 33)

d) Super-G:

min. 275 m – max 400 m all Categories

The course of a Super-G in Masters Races must to be suited for Masters Skiing – shorter, with smaller radius curves, slower and therefore safer than a regular international Super-G. If the ~~total sum of the~~ number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty) competitors ~~of the largest of the three categories with the number of competitors from the smallest category exceeds 150 racers, then 2 separate courses are mandatory and the largest category will race on one course and the two smaller categories on the other separate courses have to be set for the Categories A/C and B/D.~~(For the World Criterium: Super-G courses for A, B ~~and~~ C ~~and~~ D must be run on separate days and on separate courses. If they are run on the same day they must have separate slopes, in the case when the total of women does not exceed 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, C and D may race in the same course).

e) Alpine Combined

Vertical Drop for Super G as per ~~de~~) above and for the Slalom run as per a) above. If the ~~total sum of the~~ number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty) ~~separate courses have to be set for the Categories A/C and B/D competitors of the largest of the three categories with the number of competitors from the smallest category exceeds 150 racers, then 2 separate courses are mandatory and the largest category will race on one course and the two smaller categories on the other~~

MA 8)

RACE POINTS - FIS MASTERS POINTS

a) Race Points

- The race points will be calculated according to the alpine formula separately for each Category (A, B, ~~and~~ C ~~and~~ D), with the fastest racer of each Category receiving 0 points. Penalties are to be calculated by TD or Race Organizers, these will be added to the Race Points. Penalties are to be calculated as per item 4.4 of the Rules for the FIS Alpine Points.
- Slalom points are given for Slalom, Giant Slalom points for GS

and Super-G points for SG. (Super-G points can be used for the draw in Downhill where applicable). In Alpine Combined Masters Events, Alpine Combined as well as SG points are awarded to the competitors.

MA 9) RUNS PER RACE

a) Slalom

Slalom must be raced in 2 runs, ~~C/B and A to race on separate courses~~. Course setting must be organized in such a way that course inspection on one course is possible while the race continues on the other course. In exceptional cases where conditions force the Jury to cancel the second run, the S/Committee may declare a one-run slalom as valid.

b) Giant Slalom

It is optional as to whether Giant Slalom is raced in one or two runs.

c) Super-G

Super-G is raced in one run.

d) Alpine Combined

The Alpine Combined is composed of one SG and one Slalom run.

MA 10) START ORDER - START INTERVALS

a) Start order

- If all ~~43~~ Categories compete in the same course and in Slalom competitions the women (Cat. ~~DG~~) will start first followed by the younger women (Cat. C) that will start before the men (Cat. B), younger men (Cat. A) to start last. ~~The jury may decide differently only s. if advantageous for C and B.~~
- In Super G, GS and Alpine Combined, if two separate courses are organized, the younger women (Cat. C) will start first on their course and older women (Cat. D) first on their course. ~~The jury may decide differently only if advantageous for C. The Jury will also decide if the largest category starts first or the two smaller categories start first.~~
- Within Categories older classes start before the younger ones.
- Start order Second Run:
- Following the "Bibo-Rule" the fastest 5 competitors from the first run – in each 5-year class – start first in reverse order, the other competitor follow in the order of their first run times.

MA 27) OTHER ACTIVITIES

Set up connections with the Media - local, regional and national Press, Radio and TV companies.

- Undertake local publicity
- Website/Internet
- Acquire sponsors for advertising, paper, start numbers, start and result lists, placards or financial support etc.
- If the event runs over 2 or more days, organize social events

for competitors, ideally between 18 and 19:30 hrs. after the Captains' Meeting, and possibly with the prize giving, where any program changes can be announced.

- The Organizers are responsible for providing medals or trophies for the top 3 in each class (possibly 5 at major events) and trophies for the winner in each Category A, B, C and D (~~D= Women 55 and over~~)—Best Time of the Day. Minimum wording requirements as per Rules MA) 59 and MA) 76.
- Organize daily prize giving; on the final day that should be as early as possible near the Finish Area to enable an early departure of the competitors.

MA 32) SLALOM

- Set open, rhythmic courses with the aim to avoid too many falls.
- See rule MA 4) a) concerning separate courses for A/C/B and B/DA Categories.
- Recommended Race Order (if you have only one set of officials at your disposition):
- 1st Run for DG and CB competitors, followed by 1st run for B and A competitors; at the same time 2nd run setting and inspection by DBG and CAB competitors.
- 2nd run for DG and CB competitors, at the same time 2nd run setting and inspection for B and A competitors, followed by 2nd run for B and A competitors. For the second run start order see rule MA 10) a)

MA 43) START INTERVAL - COURSE MAINTENANCE

a) Start Interval

Run the race swiftly, choosing the shortest reasonable Start Interval (30 seconds) - see rule MA 10) b).

b) Course Maintenance

In any race, when different Categories are run on the same course, the race must be interrupted ~~by a minimum of 10 minutes between the Categories C and the following Category (if more than 25 Women have raced), but preferably more between B and A in case that Category A and B is run on the same course~~ in order to give sufficient time to prepare the course. If ruts or rocks are showing the turning poles are to be reset by the minimum distance to avoid the obstacles. In this case Rule MA 33) (as to an additional inspection) is to be applied.

A sufficient number of side slippers is to be supplied for permanent side slipping between racers. If necessary, the track is to be maintained with appropriate tools.

MA 56) START NUMBERS

The racers will collect them individually. Distribution of the start numbers must be very well organized because of the limited time to collect entry fees and lift pass payments – pass them out by Category (A, B, C and D) and have sufficient helpers to do this.

Prepare sufficient start lists for issue. There should be separate start lists for each category ~~(eventually combine B/C)~~. In big events consider distributing a portion of the start numbers in the Race Office on the evening before race day.

MA 58) RESULT LIST – PENALTIES

a) Result Lists

- In the result list each racer must be identified (besides correct spelling of the name) with Code No., Nation Symbol and Year of Birth.
- The ~~results re should be a copy for each competitor, distributed~~ should be published as soon as possible, at the FIS website and no later than the prize giving each evening. They must be separated into appropriate Categories (A, B, C and D) and age-classes (30-34, 35-40, 40-44 etc.). ~~If possible Categories B/C should be published separately from Category A.~~

MA 59) PRIZEGIVING

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- As per Rule MA 27), the top 3 in each class get medals or trophies (possibly 5 at major events), which are to be supplied by the race organization. The Organizer is also obliged to honor the best time of the day in each Category A, B, C and D (~~D = Women 55 and over~~) with trophies.

MA 76) MEDALS

The Organizers are responsible for providing Medals in Gold, Silver and Bronze for the top 3 racers in each class, with a substantial appearance and a minimum diameter of 75 mm, worthy of World Championships. Additionally, the Organizers are responsible for providing trophies for the Best Time of the Day for the winners in Category A, B, C and D (~~D = Women 55 and over~~).

MA 78) START NUMBERS (REGULAR) - “PERSONALIZED” BIB SYSTEM

c) Bib sets

To avoid identical bib numbers use only one complete set of bibs (on special order) for the whole field. In the worst case no more than 2 sets of clearly different colors, separating B/C and A.

d) Bib distribution

Preparing bibs for distribution (1 to about 500) arrange ascending numbers in the order from “old to young” (assigned by the year of birth), ~~Women first, then Men,~~ in the sequence of the Categories D, B, C and C, B to A. This helps racers to identify age groups and calculate their own starting time while waiting for their start.

D) “FIS MASTERS CUP FINALS” – SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

MA 81) OVERALL MASTERS CUP

Each year there is an “Overall Masters Cup Winner” in each class, corresponding to the “FIS World Cup”. In all FIS Masters Cup Races the first 30 competitors in each class receive FMC-Points to be added up throughout the year. Additionally to the Overall FIS Masters Cup winners in each class, Overall Titles per Category (A, B, ~~and C~~ and D) and per Discipline (Giant Slalom, Slalom and Super-G) will be awarded. No Overall Title by Category will be awarded for Alpine Combined.

MA 82) POINT CALCULATION

Winner, of the Overall Masters Cup in each Class, is the racer accumulating the highest number of points taking into account his 12 best rankings of the season - regardless of the event. As double points are awarded in the FMC Finals (see Rule MA~~9~~83), if a racer gained higher points in the Finals than in the regular season, those higher points will be computed even if they are not his/her best rankings. To enter the Final Overall Classification a racer must have finished and achieved an official ranking in a Minimum of 6 FIS MC Races (DNF and DSQ not to be counted).

Points for rankings:

1st: 100, 2nd: 80, 3rd: 60, 4th 50, 5th: 45, 6th: 40; 7th: 36, 8th: 32, 9th: 29, 10th 26, 11th: 24; 12th: 22; 13th: 20, 14th: 18, 15th: 16, 16th: 15 etc. until 30th: 1.

For the Overall Title by Category (A, B, ~~and C~~ and D) a maximum of twenty valid results (best rankings) are to be considered comprising a maximum of 7 Slaloms, 7 Giant Slaloms, 2 Alpine Combined and 4 Super-G. As double points are awarded in the FMC Finals (see Rule MA9 83), if a racer gained higher points in the Finals than in the regular season, those higher points will be computed even if they are not the competitor’s best rankings.

The handicap factor for each year of birth will be defined by the Sub- Committee for Masters Racing.

For the Overall Title by Discipline a maximum of four valid results for Super- G will be counted and for the Technical Events (Slalom and Giant Slalom) a maximum of seven valid results. As double points are awarded in the FMC Finals (see Rule MA~~9~~83), if a racer gained higher points in the Finals than in the regular season, those higher points will be computed even if they are not his/her best rankings.

The handicap factor for each year of birth will be defined by the Sub- Committee for Masters Racing.

MA 83) DOUBLE FIS MASTER CUP POINTS AT FINALS

For the FIS MC Finals (alternating every year GS/SL, SG/SL and SG/GS and so on) ~~generally SL and GS~~, the racers are awarded double points as defined by rule MA 82)

Points for FIS MC Finals:

1st: 200, 2nd: 160, 3rd: 120, 4th: 100, 5th: 90, 6th: 80; 7th: 72, 8th: 64, 9th: 58, 10th: 52, 11th: 48; 12th: 44; 13th: 40, 14th: 36, 15th: 32, 16th: 30 etc. until 30th: 2.

MA 84) TIE BREAK RULE

In case of a tie in points for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place for the Overall Masters Cup Winners, the tie is to be broken according to the following system:

- a) Winner is the racer showing the lower sum of race points of his 9 best placing after the last race.
- b) In case that his 10th or 11th etc. best result is an equal ranking to his 9th best, those with the lowest race points have to be considered.

Example:

A racer has 8 first places and 3 second places. If a tie is to be broken,

- the eight first places are taken into consideration and their points are summed up (regardless whether some of his second or third places may have lower race points)
 - to find the ninth result to be considered: out of his 3 second places the one with the lowest race points will be considered.
- c) The same rule applies (lowest sum of race points) if 2 or more racers achieve an equal sum of points from a different number of rankings (can be from 6, 7, 8 or 9 races).

For the Overall Title by Category (A, B, ~~C~~ and D) and Overall title by Discipline (Super-G, Slalom and Giant Slalom), in case of a tie for 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd place, the tie will be broken in favor of the oldest athlete.

MA 28) FEES

After being awarded a FIS Masters Race the Organizers are required to transmit without delay the prescribed FIS Calendar Fee through their National Ski Association.

After the race:

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Account: Payments may only be made to the benefit of International Masters Racing (example: [Trophies for the Overall Masters Cup Winners](#), [Promotion and development of Masters Racing](#), [investments in safety and quality of races](#), etc).

MA 85) ORGANIZERS' DUTIES

The "FIS Masters Cup Finals" take place annually at the end of the Competition Year. ~~The Organizers are requested to fulfill the following specific duties: Organizing 2 or 3 Masters Cup races (SL, GS, possibly also a Super-G) ending on a Saturday. (The day of the Closing Banquet).~~

MA 86) ~~COMPLETING OVERALL CLASSIFICATION~~

~~The Organizers will receive an accumulated classification containing all previous Masters Cup races up to the last event. In case of the responsible expert calculating these points is unable to attend, the Organizers are responsible for completing the Classification between the last race and the Banquet on the same evening. Electronic software will be supplied. Completed Overall Result Lists are to be finished to enable the performance of the Awards Ceremony.~~

MA 867) PRIZES

The FIS ~~S/Committee Masters~~ will supply substantial Trophies for the ~~first 3~~ Winners in the Overall Rankings of each class. In addition the FIS will publish at the FIS website for download supply appropriate Diplomas for all the ranked competitors which have to be completed by the Organizers who fill in the names of the Racer, Nation, Ranking and FIS MC Points (if not possible for all athletes ranked in the Overall Classification, prepare at least 5 in each class for the Award Ceremony, the rest to be mailed later). If the FIS MC finals are scheduled and executed within the World Criterium week, only the additional FIS MC Race (generally GS) will receive the double points. If no additional FIS MC Race is scheduled or executed at the World Criterium week there will be no double points race.

MA 88) ~~AWARDS – CLOSING BANQUET~~

~~A festive Dinner Banquet (If no sponsor is found it may be charged to the racers) is to be organized Saturday evening as an elegant opportunity for the year's Closing Ceremony, starting with the race day's prize giving, followed by awarding the Overall Trophies. It is to be performed by the S/Committee Chair, assisted by the National Masters Chair and the Chair of the Organizing Committee.~~

E) "FIS MASTER INDOOR GRAND PRIX"

MA 90) FMGPIC – FIS MASTERS INDOOR GRAND PRIX

Each year there is an "FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix Winner" in each age class, corresponding to the Indoor Slalom Races organized in the month of October and November. In all Indoor Slalom Races of the FIS Masters Cup the first 30 competitors in each class receive FMC-Points to be added up throughout the months of October and November in order to determine the winners. Those races will count for the FMC – FIS Masters Cup and in addition will also count to the FMGP – Fis Masters Indoor Grand Prix.

MA 91) POINT CALCULATION

Winner, of the Overall FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix in each Class, is the racer accumulating the highest number of points taking into consideration all his rankings of the November Indoor Slalom Races. To enter the Final Overall Classification a racer must have finished and achieved an official ranking in a Minimum of 3 FIS Masters Indoor Slalom Races in a minimum of two different locations (DNF and DSQ not to be counted).

Points for rankings:

1st: 100, 2nd: 80, 3rd: 60, 4th 50, 5th: 45, 6th: 40; 7th: 36, 8th: 32, 9th: 29, 10th: 26, 11th: 24; 12th: 22; 13th: 20, 14th: 18, 15th: 16, 16th: 15 etc. until 30th: 1.

MA 92) TIE BREAK RULE

In case of a tie in points for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place for the Overall Masters Indoor Grand Prix Winners, the tie is to be broken according to the following system:

- a) Winner is the racer showing the lower sum of race points of his 3 best placing after the last race.
- b) In case that his 4th or 5th etc. best result is an equal ranking to his 3rd best, those with the lowest race points have to be considered.

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