



**PRECISIONS, INFORMATION AND
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The International Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski / Ski Cross Competition Rules (ICR)

(General Section)

2029.3 Definition of Snowboard Competitions

Snowboard competitions consist of the following events:

- Snowboard Halfpipe HP
- Snowboard Slopestyle SS
- Snowboard Big Air BA
- Snowboard Rail RE
- Snowboard Cross SBX
- Snowboard Cross Team BXT
- Snowboard Cross Inclusive Team BXTI
- Snowboard Slalom SL
- Snowboard Giant Slalom GS
- Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom PGS
- Snowboard Parallel Slalom PSL
- Snowboard Parallel Team PRT
- Snowboard Banked Slalom BSL
- Snowboard Dual Banked Slalom DBSL

Snowboard competitions must provide the opportunity for both women and men to compete.

(Freestyle Section)

4104.4 Championship Format – Major Competitions

The Championship format is to be used at World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

4104.4.1 The Championship format comprises:

- A Qualification Phase consisting of two rounds (Q1 and Q2)
- Three Two Final Phases (F1 and F2, ~~F3~~). The number of competitors in F1 is 12 unless a tie for the last place has resulted in an expanded Final field (see 4007.3).

4104.4.2 The top six cCompetitors ~~ranked down to 6th place~~ after Q1 shall ~~proceed~~ advance directly to F1. ~~Ties, with any ties~~ for 6th place are resolved according to handled by 4007.3.

4104.4.3 ~~The remaining Q2 is reserved for competitors shall who did not qualify directly from Q1 compete in Q2. These athletes shall compete in Q2, and their Q2 ranking will be based on the, and shall be ranked below those already qualified from Q1, using their better of their score from Q1 and or Q2 score. The top competitors from Q2 shall qualify for the remaining places~~

in F1. Any ties will be resolved according to 4007.3. The full The Q2 -ranking for all competitors & will be placed below the Q1 qualifiers to -at this point shall constitute the results from -form the complete Qualification Pphase results.

4104.4.4 The competitors from Q2 to proceed to the remaining places in F1 shall consist of twelve competitors (except in the case of 4007.3). These twelve competitors include those qualified from Q1 with the remaining F1 spots filled frombe taken from those ranked highest after Q2, with any tie for the 12th place in the Qualification Phase the being handled by 4007.3.

4104.4.5 In F1, each competitor may perform up to two jumps. Only the better of the two scores will count towards qualification for F2. The competitors in F1 shall all compete in F2. Competitors' ranks after F2 are taken from their better score from F1 and F2. If F12 is completed but F23 is not, see refer to 4122.2.

4104.4.6 The top six cCompetitors ranked down to 6th pfrom F1 shall advance to laee shall compete in F2. 3Ties, with any ties for 6th place handled are resolved per by 4007.3.

4104.4.7 Repetition of Aerials manoeuvres (per 4115.3):
For the purposes only of 4115.3 (repetition of manoeuvres):

- for Men, all three jumps (up to two in F1, one in F2) must be different. and F3 are treated as one Phase
- for Women, a maximum of one repetition is allowed across the three jumps. The same jump may not be performed F1 and F2 are treated as one Phase, and F3 as a separate Phase three times.

4104.5 Standard format

The Standard format is to be used at all competitions where the World Cup or Championship formats are not used.

4104.5.1 The Standard format comprises:
a Qualification Phase consisting of two rounds a Final Phase consisting of one round.

4104.5.2 The number of competitors to participate in the Final shall normally be 6 or 12, to be announced in the competition Invitation and confirmed by the Jury at the first Team Captains' Meeting.

4104.5.2 The competitors shall be ranked after the Qualification Phase using their better score from the two rounds. Competitors ranked down to 6th or 12th place depending on the size if the Final field (see 4104.5.2) shall compete in the Final.

4104.6 Formats Summary

		Q1	Q2	F1	F2	F3
Standard	W/M	N	N	6 or 12		
WC	Women	N		12	6	
	Men	N		12	6	
WSC, OWG	Women	N	N-6	12	126	6
	Men	N	N-6	12	612	6

“N” is the number on the Start List

~~4122.2 In the Championship format, if the Finals up to and including F2 are not completed, the Final Results shall be taken from the Qualification results. If F1 and F2 are completed but F3 is not, the Final Results shall be taken from the results after F2.~~

4122.2 If the Finals phase does not progress to the completion of F1, the Final Results shall be taken from the Qualification Phase rankings. If the first round of jumps in F1 is completed but the second round cannot be held, the Final Results shall be based on the first jump scores from F1. If F1 is fully completed but F2 is not, the Final Results shall be based on the final rankings from F1.

(Snowboard Cross Section)

(as of season 2026/27 only with a reference link to the PARA ICR)

5802 Snowboard Cross Inclusive Team Event

5802.1 Execution of Snowboard Cross Inclusive Team Event with time delay

5802.1.1 Eligibility for SBX Inclusive Team

A maximum of 16 teams composed by one Para athlete and one non-disabled athlete per gender are permitted to start. To determine the ranking of each Nation, the most current FIS Points of the best Para athlete and the best non-disabled athlete per gender across all categories will be added together. The top 16 women's teams and the top 16 men's teams will be decided according to their ranking. All Nations' number one teams will be considered first. Any remaining slots can be filled by Nations number 2 teams. There is a limit of 2 teams per gender per nation allowed to start.

5802.1.2 Seeding for SBX Inclusive Team

For the seeding into brackets, each team will be ranked according to the sum of the FIS Points of both team members.

Ties of teams with the same sum of FIS Points will be broken in favor of the team with the higher individual FIS Points. If the tie still exists, it will be broken by random drawing.

5802.1.3 Teams eligibility for SBX Inclusive Team

Each team is composed of one Para athlete and one non-disabled athlete. Once the nation teams seeding is determined, each nation can field any eligible competitor (*) into their team, although each competitor is only eligible to compete on one team. Nations must declare which competitor will comprise each team at the team captains meeting preceding the event. Like regular SBX, lane choice is determined by each nation team seed, within each Heat. Lane choice will be declared in the following order: seed 1, seed 2, seed 3, seed 4.

5802.1.4 Eligibility for SBX Mixed Inclusive Team

A maximum of 16 teams composed by one Para athlete and one non-disabled athlete of different gender are permitted to start. To determine the ranking of each Nation, the most current FIS Points of the best Para athlete and the best

non-disabled athlete across all categories will be added together. The top 16 teams will be decided according to their ranking. All Nations' number one teams will be considered first. Any remaining slots can be filled by Nations number 2 teams. There is a limit of 2 teams per nation allowed to start.

5802.1.5 Seeding for SBX Mixed Inclusive Team

For the seeding into brackets, each team will be ranked according to the sum of the FIS Points of both team members. Ties of teams with the same sum of FIS Points will be broken in favor of the team with the higher individual FIS Points. If the tie still exists, it will be broken by random drawing.

5802.1.6 Teams eligibility for SBX Mixed Inclusive Team

Each team is composed of one Para athlete and one non-disabled athlete of different gender. Once the nation team's qualification and seeding are determined, each nation can field any eligible competitor (*) into their team although each competitor is only eligible to compete on one team. Nations must declare which competitor will comprise each team at the seeding meeting for the competition to start. Nations determine by themselves which teammate will run 1st and 2nd. Like regular SBX, lane choice is determined by each nation team seed, within each Heat. Teams will declare which teammate will run 1st after the teams have declared lane choice. Lane choice will be declared in the following order: seed 1, seed 2, seed 3, seed 4 and then teammate running order will be declared in the following order: seed 4, seed 3 seed 2, seed 1. The Jury may limit the teams to choose the same order for competitor 1 and 2 on a team for a portion of (for instance semifinals and Finals) or the entire event. This must be announced at the team captain's meeting the night before the actual team event.

* Qualification requirements are according to the necessary minimum FIS Points List for participation in a single SBX at the respective level of event (e.g. WC minimum 100 FIS points in Para SBX).

5802.1.7 Competition

In a SBX Inclusive Team/SBX Mixed Inclusive Team event the time difference between the first competitors from each team is measured in accordance with the Freestyle/Snowboard FIS Timing Booklet. All the first competitors from each team line up in the start and the traditional SBX start cadence is given with all gates opening at the same time. As soon as these competitors leave the start, the gates are closed and their teammates line up in the same start gate. When all the first competitors from all teams cross the finish line (or are DNF and in safe position) the recorded time difference between the first competitors will be entered in the start gate and a new start command will be given. The start gates will then open individually for each competitor, with a delay equal to the time difference between the first competitors up to the maximum penalty time (5802.1.8). The first two teams whose second teammate crosses the finish line will advance to the next round. In all heats where teams advance automatically to the next round, these teams may choose to run or to skip that heat.

If the start gate cannot be opened respecting the time delays or the maximum penalty time, all competitors start at the same time. In this case, the time differences between the competitors of the first heat and the competitors of the second heat will be added together. The two teams with the lowest added time

differences will advance to the next round. If two or more teams are tied in the Big or Small Final, they will remain tied. In all other rounds, if two or more teams are tied, the team with the worse seeding points will win the tie.

5802.1.8 Penalty Time

The penalty time is calculated using the qualification times of the individual Para competition. The penalty time for a SBX Mixed Inclusive Team event is calculated by taking 6% of the average of the best individual race qualification time per event per gender, with a maximum of three (3) seconds (e.g. best time Men 0:48 + best time Women 0:51) / 2 = 49.5 sec * 6% = 2.97 sec). The penalty time for a SBX Team event is calculated for each gender separately, by taking 6% of the best individual race qualification time, with a maximum of three (3) seconds. The Jury may decide to change the penalty time in a range between 3% and 7% to adapt to special circumstances and grant interesting racing. The adaptation of the penalty-time must be announced at the TCM before the competition. If there is no individual race time as a reference this calculation result must be estimated and confirmed by the race Jury.

5802.1.9 Final Ranking

Teams 1-2-3-4 are ranked according to their place of finish in the final Heat (Big Final). Teams 5-6-7-8 are ranked according to their place of finish in the consolation round (Small Final).

Within each round the third and fourth placed teams are ranked by their seeding position within that group (example: all third-place finishers in the Quarter final will be ranked, according to their seeding position and then all the fourth placed teams will be ranked according to their seeding position).

5802.1.10 DNS, DNF and DSQ in SBX Inclusive Team and SBX Mixed Inclusive Team Finals

If a team does not start in the round of 16 or eight it will automatically be ranked in the 16th or eighth position. If two or more teams do not start, the DNS teams will be ranked 16/15th or 8/7th according to their seeding position and so on with three or more DNS teams.

Order of placing: DSQ (sports disqualification) to be ranked in the last place in the Heat. In a case where more competitors do not complete the course nor cross the finish line, the rankings in that Heat will be based on the location where the competitor(s) have completed the course. The competitor that has made it further down the course correctly will receive the higher rank. If two or more competitors are tied in the finish or going out at the same gate, in the Big or Small Final, they will remain tied. In all other rounds, if two or more competitors are tied in the finish or going out at the same gate the team with the worse seeding points will win the tie. A team which does not start in the first round will appear as DNS on the result list. A team which did not start (DNS) in the Semi-final is allowed to start in the small final.

5802.2 Execution Snowboard Cross Inclusive Team Event - Format with points

5802.2.1 Teams eligibility for SBX Inclusive Team

Each team is composed of one Para athlete and one non-disabled athlete (*) of the same nation and the same gender. Each competitor is only eligible to

compete on one team. Nations must declare which competitor will comprise each team at the team captains meeting preceding the event.

5802.2.2 Teams eligibility for SBX Mixed Inclusive Team

Each team is composed of one Para athlete and one non-disabled athlete (*) of the same nation and of different gender. Each competitor is only eligible to compete on one team. Nations must declare which competitor will comprise each team at the team captains meeting preceding the event.

* Qualification requirements are according to the necessary minimum FIS Points for participation in a single SBX at the respective level of event (e.g. WC minimum 100 FIS points).

5802.2.3 Start List

FIS Points are used to seed the teams (the sum of the single FIS points of both competitors). The first 8 seeded teams per category (16 for start fields over 30 teams), are drawn to determine their start order, followed by the other teams in the descending order of their FIS points. In case of a tie, the tie will be broken by a random drawing of teams. If the tie is on place 8 (16 for start fields over 30 teams) both tied teams will be drawn in the first group.

5802.2.4 Qualification

All teams' athletes conduct one timed run, one athlete at a time, in the order of bib number. The times of both team's athletes are added together for the qualification ranking. In case of a tie, the team with the worse seeding position will be ranked first. If they are still tied, the team with the higher bib number will win the tie.

If one athlete of one or more teams is DNF or DSQ these teams will be ranked after all teams with two valid times according to the better single valid time. In case of a tie, the team with the worse seeding position will be ranked first. If they are still tied, the team with the higher bib number will win the tie.

If both athletes of one or more teams are DNF or DSQ these teams will be ranked after all teams with one or two valid times. The team with the worse seeding position will be ranked first. If they are still tied, the team with the higher bib number will win the tie.

If one or both athletes of one or more teams are DNS these teams are not allowed to start in the next competition phase.

If an individual event took place prior to the team competition on the same course, the result of the individual event may be used for the seeding of the team event adding together the times of the team members.

5802.2.5 Competition

Like regular SBX, lane choice is determined by the team's Qualification Rank. All the first competitors from each team line up in the start (for SBX Mixed Team the decision which gender will start first will be communicated by the Jury at the Team Captains' Meeting) and the traditional SBX start cadence is given with all gates opening at the same time. As soon as these competitors leave the start, the gates are closed and their teammates line up in the same start gate.

The competitors of the first group crossing the finish line will be awarded points in the following order: 1st place 4 points, 2nd place 3 points, 3rd place 2 points, 4th place 1 point.

When all first competitors from all teams cross the finish line (or are DNF and in safe position) a new start command will be given with all gates opening at the same time.

The competitors of the second group crossing the finish line will be awarded points in the following order: 1st place 4 points, 2nd place 3 points, 3rd place 2 points, 4th place 1 point.

The place of finishing of a single athlete is determined by the first part of the body or Snowboard that crosses the finish line. Whenever possible, a finish line camera (video or photo finish) should be available. Only in the Big and Small Final, if it is not possible to break the tie, the competitors remain tied. In case of a tie, at the finish line, such tie(s) will be broken after reviewing if available the photo-finish presentation. If a tie still exists, the competitors concerned will be ranked according to the fastest qualification time. If a tie still exists, the competitor with the worse seeding points will win the tie. If the tie still exists, they will remain tied.

5802.2.6 Ranking for final results

Teams are ranked according to their sum of points in the final heat (Big Final) and in the consolation round (Small Final). Snowboard Cross will be run according to a single knockout format.

The first team (2 teams per Heat) or the first two teams (4 teams per Heat) advance from round to round as determined by their sum of points in each Heat.

The teams who do not advance in Pre-Heats, 1/16, 1/8 and 1/4 Finals Heats will be grouped according to their place in the Heat and then ranked within that group according to their sum of points. In any case a team who has qualified for a certain group (1/8 final, 1/4 final, etc.) will remain in this group and be ranked there. For example: Once a team is qualified for top 16, they will remain for scoring purposes in the top 16 group.

If two or more teams are tied (same sum of points) the team with the better Qualification Rank wins the tie. If the tie still exists, the team with the worse seeding position will win the tie. If the tie still exists, a draw will decide the result.

If the finals cannot be fully completed due to force majeure (weather, failure of equipment, course conditions etc.) the results of the qualification will be valid as final results.

5802.2.7 DNS, DNF and DSQ in SBX Inclusive Team Final

A team which does not start in the first round will appear as DNS on the result list. A team which did not start (DNS) in the Semi-final is allowed to start in the small final.

The DNF/DSQ teams which have been ranked 4th in their Heat, will be ranked in the final results amongst those teams who finished 4th, in the same phase of Pre-Heats, 1/16, 1/8 or 1/4 Finals, and then ranked by their Qualification Rank. The same applies if more than one team was DNF/DSQ and was ranked 3rd.

If a team does not start in the round of 16 or eight it will automatically be ranked in the 16th or eighth position. If two or more teams do not start, the DNS teams

will be ranked 16/15th or 8/7th according to their Qualification Rank and so on with three or more DNS teams.

Order of placing: DSQ (sports disqualification) to be ranked on the last place in the Heat. In a case where more competitors do not complete the course nor cross the finish line, the rankings in that Heat will be based on the location where the competitor(s) have completed the course. The competitor that has made it further down the course correctly will receive the higher rank. If two or more competitors are tied in the finish or going out at the same gate, in the Big or Small Final, they will remain tied. In all other rounds, if two or more competitors are tied in the finish or going out at the same gate the team with the worse seeding position will win the tie. A team which does not start in the first round will appear as DNS on the result list. A team which did not start (DNS) in the Semi-final is allowed to start in the small final.

5802.2.8 Sanctions and “did not start”

A team which does not start in the first round will appear as DNS on the result list. A team which did not start (DNS) in the Semi-final is allowed to start in the small final.

5802.2.8.1 Sanction for In Race interference

General Individual Cross rules apply under 5404

5802.2.8.2 Effect of the Sanctions

The distribution of a sanction or a reprimand is personally given to the competitor and not to the team.

The direct effect for the event is also to the team (the team will be DSQ, RAL) but the effect for the next competition is, that this one competitor is not permitted to start (NPS) and the other team-member is able to start with another team-competitor.

If a warning is given to the competitor, this warning does not affect the team.

Two warnings to the same competitor in the same competition will lead to a RAL of the team concerned.

If a Yellow Card/RAL is given to the competitor, the effect to the team is, that the team that is “ranked as last” (RAL), is not permitted to start in any further round of the competition, but the yellow-card for the rest of the season is with the competitor, that receives the yellow-card (RAL).

If a Red Card/DSQ is given to the competitor, the effect to the team is, that the team is DSQ and is not permitted to start in any further round of the competition and the team is not ranked.

World Cup Rules

(Section Park & Pipe)

2.3 World Cup Quotas (HP, SS, BA) (Valid from season 2026/27)

Big Air and Slopestyle World Cup events will have a maximum field size of 30 women and 50 60 men. ~~City Big Air World Cup events will have maximum field size of 30 women and 50 men.~~

Halfpipe can have a maximum field size of 100 110 competitors with 50 women and 50 60 men.

~~For BA and HP the unused event spots in either gender of a single event (BA 30 Women, 50/60 men and HP 50 Women, 60 men) can may be transferred from one gender to the other gender (example 25 Women and 55 men or 35 women and 45 men, total number always 80) provided that the total field size does not exceed 80 for BA/SS or 100 for HP, and neither gender exceeds a maximum of 60 competitors.~~

Nations may not transfer their unused quota spots from one gender to the other.

2.3.2 Minimum Standards to Participate in a WC: (Valid from season 2026/27)

Snowboard Women:

- Slopestyle: 120 FIS points or 290 WSPL Slopestyle points
- Halfpipe: 70 FIS points or 220 WSPL Halfpipe points
- Big Air: 140 FIS Points or 290 WSPL Big Air points or Slopestyle points - 120 FIS points or 230 WSPL points in Slopestyle
- 50 FIS points or 130 WSPL points in Halfpipe
- 100 FIS Points or 230 WSPL points in Big Air or Slopestyle whichever is higher for Big Air.

Snowboard Men:

- Slopestyle: 140 FIS points or 290 WSPL Slopestyle points
- Halfpipe: 70 FIS points or 220 WSPL Halfpipe points
- Big Air: 140 FIS Points or 290 WSPL Big Air points or Slopestyle points

Freeski Women:-

- Slopestyle: 50 FIS Slopestyle points
- Halfpipe: 10 FIS Halfpipe points
- Big Air: 50 FIS Points in Big Air or Slopestyle points

Freeski Men:

- Slopestyle: 90 FIS Slopestyle points
- Halfpipe: 10 FIS Halfpipe points
- Big Air: 90 FIS in Big Air or Slopestyle points

2.3.3 Quota Spot Allocation System: (Valid from season 2026/27)

All World Cup quotas are allocated in the following order:

Host Nation Quota: 3 women / 54-men

Personal Quota Spots:

- World Junior Championship* 1 woman / 1 man
- Continental Cup:
 - Halfpipe (HP) – Each CoC winner will earn a personal World Cup spot. (1 woman/1 man per CoC) 1 woman / 1 man**
 - Slopestyle / Big Air (SS/BA) – Out of the 5 CoC winners, only the top 3 highest-ranked CoC winners will earn a personal World Cup spot. Ranking will be based on current SS points at the time of quota allocation.
 - FK will use the FIS points list, SB will use the World Snowboard Points List. (per CoC per event; HP and SS/BA) 1 woman / 1 man**

Nation Quota Spots:

- The World Cup winner from the previous season in BA
will receive a spot for their nation in Big Air.
~~counts for Slopestyle and Big Air~~ 1 woman / 1 man
- The World Cup winner from the previous season in SS
will receive a spot for their nation in Slopestyle.
~~Counts for Slopestyle and Big Air~~ 1 woman / 1 man
- The World Cup winner from the previous season in HP
will receive a spot for their nation in Halfpipe.
~~counts for Halfpipe~~ 1 woman / 1 man

All the above spots are to be considered in addition to the maximum team size per nation and athletes need to meet all eligibility criteria to start in World Cup the following season, or in case of the ANC and SAC the same calendar season.

2.3.3 (this section is valid from 2025/2026)

** The Continental Cup (CoC) personal spots for HP and the personal spots for combined SS/BA ranking are received by the highest ranked competitors from the host continent that meet all eligibility criteria to start in World Cup the following season, or in case of the ANC and SAC the same calendar season. How this ranking is calculated is defined in the respective Continent Chapters in the CoC book. In case of a remaining tie in the Cup Standing, the athlete with the highest HP or combined SS and BA FIS points will receive the personal spot. The personal spot winners must have the minimum points to start in WC and have competed in a minimum of three competitions of the respective Continental Cup season for that event: three HP events, or a combination of three SS/BA events.

2.3.6 Reallocation of Spots

Remaining available spots will be reallocated to the next highest ranked competitors on the entry list. Once the fields are allocated and confirmed the next 3 men and 2 women (reserve athletes) on the ranked list of competitors will be added to those permitted to train and forerun as a waiting list. If there are withdrawals prior to the draw, these competitors will be allowed to fill in the unused spots and start in the competition.

After the bib draw and before the official start, reserve athletes confirmed at entry (who have completed at least one training run) may replace withdrawn athletes. Reserves will be ranked according to the World Cup quota system, listed at the end of the start list at the time of the draw, and marked with an asterisk. Withdrawals must be communicated before the start of the competition by the athlete, coach, or team official to the Starter, Jury, or Event Director. If no withdrawals occur, reserves remain on the list and will be shown as NPS (No Start) in the results.

(Cross Section)

4.1.3 Snow Control

The deadline for snow control is ten days before the 1st official competition training day. Refer to 1.3.2.

Junior Regional Cup Book

2. Definition Regions

The following organising nations are grouped for the respective Junior Regional Cup:

<u>Snowboard</u>	<u>Alps</u>	<u>AUT, GER, ITA, SUI, FRA</u>
<u>Freestyle</u>	<u>Central Europe</u>	<u>SUI, GER, NED, AUT, FRA, CZE, SLO, ITA</u>

~~2.1 Alps
AUT, ITA, SUI, FRA~~

~~2.2 Examples for other possible regional groupings
–Balkan / NSAs tbd
–Scandinavia / NSAs tbd
–NE Europe / NSAs tbd
–East Asia / NSAs tbd
–Central Asia / NSAs tbd~~

7.4.1 JRC Alps Cup Snowboard Alpine
All completed and valid JRC Points results will count for the overall titles. A minimum of 3 competitions per gender must be completed in at least two different locations.
~~Each region & event group defines how the Cup is made up~~

8. Event specific rules

~~8.1 Aerials & Moguls/Dual Moguls~~

~~8.1.1 Age Categories
As defined for FIS Junior World Championships und ICR 2013.4.3.~~

~~8.2 Snowboard Cross~~

~~8.2.1 Age Categories
As defined for FIS Junior World Championships und ICR 2013.5.3.~~