

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

FIS FREERIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANDORRA 2026

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1. FIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

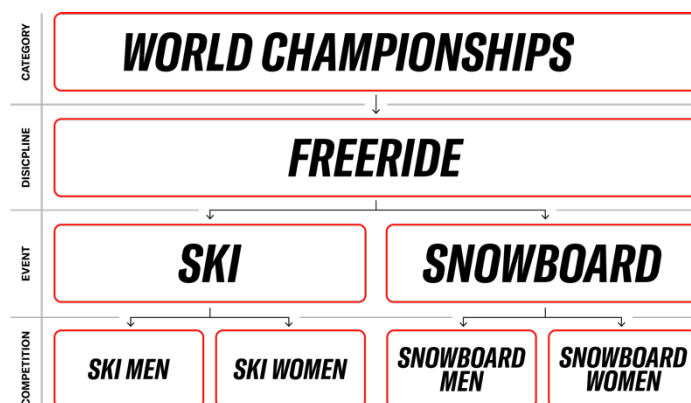
- 1.1. The FIS World Championships are the FIS-owned competitions. Participation is open to all National Ski Associations (“NSA”) affiliated with FIS and their members.

2. YEAR AND DATES

- 2.1. The FIS World Championships in Freeride Ski and Snowboard will be organised for the first time in 2026 and, following that, every second year, with the option of an event every year, depending on host opportunities.
- 2.2. The 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships Andorra will take place on a single competition day within the 6-day weather window, scheduled from February 1st to 6th, 2026. The competition day confirmation (D-Day) is confirmed on D-2 or D-1 if weather forecast is difficult.

3. EVENTS

- 3.1. The FIS World Championships in the Freeride discipline will take place over one day, with one run per athlete in each of the four competitions:
 - 3.1.1. Ski Men (event: FREERIDE SKI)
 - 3.1.2. Ski Women (event: FREERIDE SKI)
 - 3.1.3. Snowboard Men (event: FREERIDE SNOWBOARD)
 - 3.1.4. Snowboard Women (event: FREERIDE SNOWBOARD)



4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. **Event:** A competitive activity belonging to a single Discipline, as defined in ICR 201.5. (e.g. Ski, Snowboard.)
- 4.2. **Competition:** An instance of an Event having a specified date and location and intended to produce a single set of Results. (e.g. Ski Men Freeride World Championships, Andorra, 2025). Each competition is listed in the FIS Calendar with a Codex number that is unique within a given FIS Calendar Year.
- 4.3. **Competitor:** A person who competes, or intends to compete, in the competition. A competitor is referred to as an athlete when not actually

- participating in a competition, as, for example, when mentioned in a rule of the FIS Points.
- 4.4. **National Ski Association (NSA):** An NSA is the governing body responsible for overseeing ski and snowboard activities within a particular country. NSAs handle athlete registration, manage quotas, and serve as a liaison between athletes and FIS.
 - 4.5. **FWT Challenger:** The FWT Challenger Tour consists of a series of events that will determine the final list of riders for the following year's Freeride World Tour Pro. The FWT Challenger is a series of events that are invitation only. The top riders of the FWT Qualifier compete against the bottom-ranked riders from the FWT Pro tour to earn a spot on the following year's FWT Pro circuit.
 - 4.6. **FWT Pro:** The FWT Pro is the premier international series for Freeride skiing and snowboarding. Only top-ranked athletes from the previous FWT season and from the FWT Challenger are eligible to compete.
 - 4.7. **FWT Pro Ranking:** The FWT Pro Ranking 2025 is the final ranking produced at the end of the FWT Pro Series and that ranks athletes based on their best four results out of six events (or less depending on cancellations).
 - 4.8. **Qualifying Global Seeding List:** The seeding list is formulated by a rider's best 3 results over the qualification period (May 1st, 2024, to April 30th, 2025). All results from Junior, Qualifier, Challenger and Pro Series feed into the seeding list. Athletes qualified for the 2026 FWT Pro (including returning FWT Pro riders, FWT Challenger qualified riders and FWT Pro Injury Wildcards) will additionally receive a "qualification bonus" of 100'000 points to place these riders at the top of the Global Seeding List.
 - 4.9. **Nations' Ranking:** Nations' Ranking is a system that ranks each nation with freeride participants based on the combined performance of its athletes. Nations are ordered based on their athletes' cumulative seeding list points amongst the top 100 ranked by competition (top 100 Ski Men, top 100 Ski Women, top 100 Snowboard men and top 100 Snowboard Women). This ranking helps allocate quotas and can influence the number of athletes each nation can send to the Championships. There will be one ranking per event, for a total of two rankings:
 - Ski Nations' Ranking
 - Snowboard Nations' Ranking
 - 4.10. **Wildcard:** A Wildcard is a special entry granted to an athlete who does not qualify through the regular ranking or qualification process. Wildcards may be awarded by FIS, or the organizing committee based on exceptional circumstances or to ensure host country representation.

5. AGE LIMITS

- 5.1. All athletes participating in the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2008.

6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- 6.1. All athletes must comply with the age limits dictated by point 5.
- 6.2. All athletes participating in the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships must have at least one result where they are ranked in the top 60% of the starting field in an FWT Qualifier 4*, or above, event in their career. Alternatively, a

top 3 result on the Freeride Junior World Championships will make the athlete eligible.

- 6.3. All athletes must be members of their NSA of belonging and must have a valid FIS License.
- 6.4. Maximum quotas per NSA as defined by Rule 7.

7. NUMBER OF QUOTAS

- 7.1. There will be a maximum of 67 athletes: maximum 41 in the Ski competitions and 27 in the Snowboard competitions, including one host nation wildcard that can be allocated to any competition.
- 7.2. The maximum team size per NSA is 12 athletes, excluding Wildcards, with a quota of 3 athletes per NSA, for each of the 4 competitions.

Competition	maximum quota places per NSA
Ski Men	3
Snowboard men	3
Ski Women	3
Snowboard Women	3
Total	12

- 7.3. **TOTAL QUOTA PLACES per event:**

	Competition	Total
Men	Ski Men	24
	Snowboard Men	16
Women	Ski Women	16
	Snowboard Women	10
Total		66 + 1 host nation wildcard

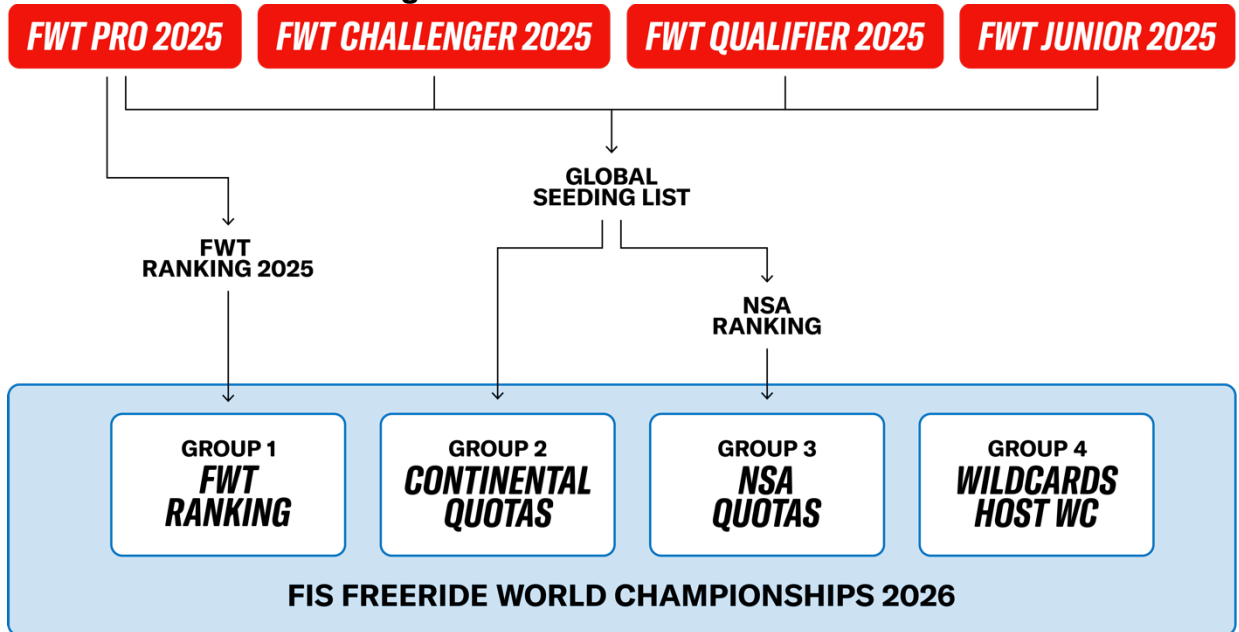
8. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- 8.1. All competitors will qualify to the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships through one of the 5 groups mentioned below. Qualification spots will be allocated by following the order of the groups and by allocating all competitors in one group before moving to the following group.
- 8.2. **Group 1 (FWT Pro Ranking)** – The top N* (N defined at 8.7. for each competition) ranked on the [2025 FWT Pro Ranking](#) (4.7.) will qualify to the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships. All athletes must comply with eligibility criteria and will be invited at the end of the FWT Pro 2025, or latest on April 30th, 2025. All Group 1 Quotas are allocated by FIS personally to athletes, who must be members of an NSA, with communication to the athlete and to the NSA. The NSA will then be responsible of the replacement of the athlete in the situation that he or she might not be able to participate.

- 8.3. **Group 2 (Continental Quotas)** – FIS Freeride will allocate one qualification quota in each competition for each of the following five Regions: Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America. The quota will be attributed to the highest ranked athlete on the Qualifying [Global Seeding List](#) (4.8.), excluding injured athletes with frozen points, and in accordance with eligibility criteria. All Group 2 Quotas are allocated by FIS personally to athletes, who must be members of an NSA, with communication to the athlete and to the NSA. The NSA will then be responsible of the replacement of the athlete in the situation that he or she might not be able to participate.
- 8.4. **Group 3 (NSA Quotas)** – Additional N* (N defined at 8.8. for each competition) spots will be allocated to NSAs, who will be ranked by the Nations Ranking (4.9.) and will receive quotas according to their order. For any NSA to receive an additional spot on the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships, they must NOT have one (two for Ski Men) athlete already qualified in Groups 1 or 2. All athletes selected by the NSA must comply with eligibility criteria. All Group 3 Quotas are allocated to NSAs who are then responsible of the selection and replacement of the athlete participating.
- 8.5. **Group 4 (Wildcards)** – FIS Freeride will allocate one wildcard per competition to satisfy potential needs (injuries, media or national interest, etc.). All Group 4 Quotas are allocated by FIS personally to athletes, who must be members of an NSA, with communication to the athlete and to the NSA. FIS will also be responsible of the replacement of the athlete in the situation that he or she might not be able to participate, with potentially a competitor from another NSA.
- 8.6. **Group 5 (Host Nation Wildcard)** - 1 wildcard for one of the four competitions will be allocated by the host NSA to an athlete of their choice. The host wildcard must be a citizen of the host nation and must be in accordance with eligibility criteria.

Qualification Name	Description
Group 1 FWT Pro Ranking	Top N* athletes on the 2025 FWT Pro Ranking will qualify for the WC, in accordance with eligibility criteria.
Group 2 Continental Quotas	Top ranked (in the Qualifying Global Seeding list) athlete per Continent (that is not already qualified in Group 1) will qualify, in accordance with eligibility criteria.
Group 3 NSA Quotas	Additional N* slots are allocated to NSA that don't have an athlete qualified (or that don't have a minimum of 2 athletes qualified for ski men), in order of "NSA Ranking" and in accordance with eligibility criteria.
Group 4 Wildcards	1 wildcard per competition will be allocated by FIS Freeride to satisfy potential needs (injuries, media or national interest, etc..).
Host Country Wildcard	1 wildcard for one of the four competitions will be allocated by the host NSA to an athlete of their choice. The host wildcard must be a citizen of the host nation and must be in accordance with eligibility criteria.

8.7. Relevant Rankings



8.8. N* Quotas per Group and total slots

Qualification Group	Number of quota places (N*)	Total slots
Group 1 FWT Pro Ranking	Ski Men: 12 Snowboard Men: 6 Ski Women: 6 Snowboard Women: 3	27
Group 2 Continental Quotas	Ski Men: 5 Snowboard Men: 5 Ski Women: 5 Snowboard Women: 5	20
Group 3 NSA Ranking	Ski Men: 6 Snowboard Men: 4 Ski Women: 4 Snowboard Women: 1	15
Group 4 Wildcards	Ski Men: 1 Snowboard Men: 1 Ski Women: 1 Snowboard Women: 1	4
Host Country Wildcard	1	1

8.9. Allocation of Quotas and replacements

Qualification Group	Allocated to:	Allocated by:	Replacement by:
Group 1 FWT Pro Ranking	Athlete	FIS Freeride	NSA
Group 2 Continental Quotas	Athlete	FIS Freeride	NSA
Group 3 NSA Ranking	NSA	NSA	NSA

Group 4 Wildcards	Athlete	FIS Freeride	FIS Freeride
Host Country Wildcard	Athlete	NSA (Host)	NSA (Host)

9. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

9.1. The following Qualification timeline is based on the 2025 Freeride Calendar and to ensure timeline information to NSA and athletes qualified.

Date	Group	Milestone
1 May 2024 - 30 April 2025		Qualification Period (Pro, Challenger, Qualification, Junior)
18 January 2025 - 30 March 2025		Freeride World Tour 2025
30 April 2025		Deadline for Freeride World Tour 2026 Injury Wildcards Allocation
30 April 2025	Groups 1, 2 and 3	Publication of Qualification and Quota Allocation List by FIS Freeride. FIS inform NSAs of their allocated quota places through publication on the FIS Website and provide the login details to access the FIS online system for confirmation of quota places
15 May 2025	Group 3	The NSA to confirm to FIS Freeride the use of the allocated quota places.
15 May 2025	Group 1 and 2	All qualified athletes to confirm to their NSAs and to FIS Freeride the use of their qualification ticket.
15 September 2025	Group 3	The NSA to enter the competitors for their quotas. (all athletes must be eligible as of April 30th, 2025)
15 September 2025	Group 4	FIS Freeride to allocate Wildcards
15 September 2025	Group 5	Host Country to allocate Wildcard
16 September 2025	All	Start Lists publication
16 September 2025 - 21 January 2026	Groups 1,2 and 3	FIS to reallocate all unused quota places and NSAs to confirm within 48 hours.
21 January 2026	All Groups	FIS Freeride World Championships Andorra 2026 Sport Entries Deadline
1-6 February 2026		FIS Freeride World Championships Andorra 2026

10. INVITATION AND ENTRIES

- 10.1. All personally invited athletes (Group 1,2 and 4) will receive a formal invitation to the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships on April 30th, 2025. The NSAs of those qualified athletes will also be included in the communication and will receive a confirmation of their qualified quotas (Group 3).
- 10.2. All entries from NSAs must be submitted to FIS and must include the following information regarding each competitor: Name, nation, gender, date of birth. FIS will then control that each competitor fulfills all eligibility criteria before confirming said athlete for the FIS Freeride World Championships. All entries must be submitted by September 15th, 2025, and all replacements by January 21st, 2026.

11. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

- 11.1. Unused Quota Places will be reallocated to the next NSA in line in Group 3, as per Nations' Ranking, according to the system described in 8.4.

12. ACCOMODATIONS AND TRAVEL COSTS

- 12.1. The Organising committee will fully cover the half-board accommodation for all competitors in one 3* or 4* hotel category or equivalent standard in single or twin rooms, with breakfast and dinner, and parking at no cost, for the period of January 30th, 2026 (D-2) to the day after the Competition (D+1).
- 12.2. The Organising Committee can offer half board price of maximum CHF 120 per day (accommodation, breakfast and dinner, as well as ski-lifts or mountain railways) for NSA officials.
- 12.3. All competitors and officials will be independently responsible of their costs of traveling to and from Andorra.