



PRECISIONS, INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

PARA SNOWBOARD

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

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1) Introduction

This document presents the rule changes within the Para Snowboard International Competition Rules (ICR), FIS Para Snowsports Equipment Specifications following the approval of the proposals by the FIS Council on 10th June 2026.

All updated documents are now available on the FIS Website.

2) Participation of Russian and Belarussian Athletes in FIS competitions

Currently, in line with [the decision issued by the Court of Arbitration for Sport \(CAS\)](#) in December 2025:

- **FIS is ordered by CAS to allow the participation** of Para athletes and support personnel of Russian and Belarusian sporting nationality in all FIS events “under the same conditions as those recommended by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), i.e. **without the AIN framework** being applied.”

3) Approved Rule Changes to the International Competition Rules

All approved rule changes can be seen under [Annex 1 - International Competition Rules Para Snowboard](#)

4) Approved Rule Changes to the Equipment Specifications for Para Snowsports

The changes to the Para Snowsports Equipment Specifications and the proposed separation into Equipment Specifications and Adaptive Equipment Regulations have been approved and the documents can be found under the following links:

- [FIS Para Snowsports Equipment Specifications 2026/2027](#)
- [FIS Para Snowsports Adaptive Equipment Regulations 2026/2027](#)

5) Qualification Regulations – FIS Para Snowboard Competitions Season 2026/2027

The Qualification Regulations for season 2026/2027 have been postponed for the Fall Meetings

Annex 1 – International Competition Rules Para Snowboard

- 201.6.3 Freestyle Ski Events
Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials, Aerials Synchro, Ski Cross, Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air, ~~Rail~~Street Style, Team Competitions
- 201.6.4 Snowboard and Para Snowboard Events
Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Giant Slalom, Parallel Giant Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross, Big Air, Slopestyle, ~~Rail~~Street Style, Team Competitions, Banked slalom, Dual Banked Slalom
- 201.7.5 The art. 201.7.4 shall not be applied to the Para Snow Sports events (all levels) until the competition season 20~~3026~~/20~~3127~~ when specific Para numbers will be defined.

220.6 FIS Education

FIS licensed Technical Officials must follow the education pathway outlined in the FIS Technical Official Education Guidelines and its related Discipline-specific Annex Documents agreed upon. After the fulfilment of all criteria, they receive a FIS license that needs to be actively renewed following the specific guidelines defined. In principle, this regulation applies to all disciplines, taking into consideration the special rules of the disciplines as outlined in sections 220.6.1 - 220.6.5

220.6.1 Technical Delegate

The education pathways as well as the conditions of containing a license are outlined in the discipline-specific Annex Documents for Technical Delegates.

220.6.2 Judge

The education pathways as well as the conditions of containing a license are outlined in the discipline-specific Annex Documents for Judges.

220.6.3 Chief of Competition

The education pathways as well as the conditions of containing a license are outlined in the discipline-specific Annex Documents for Chief of Competition.

220.6.4 Homologation Inspector

The education pathways as well as the conditions of containing a license are outlined in the discipline-specific Annex Documents for Homologation Inspectors.

220.6.5 Para Classifier

The education pathways as well as the conditions of containing a license are outlined in the discipline-specific Annex Documents for Para Classifier.

220.6.6 Equipment Controller

The education pathways as well as the conditions of containing a license are outlined in the discipline-specific Annex Documents for Equipment Controller.

302 World Cup and Continental Cup Point System, Rankings and Trophies

302.1 Calculation of World Cup Rankings

Competitors ranking first to 30th are awarded Cup Points in accordance with the following schedule:

1st place 100 points	16th place 15 points
2nd place 80 points	17th place 14 points
3rd place 60 points	18th place 13 points
4th place 50 points	19th place 12 points
5th place 45 points	20th place 11 points
6th place 40 points	21st place 10 points
7th place 36 points	22nd place 9 points
8th place 32 points	23rd place 8 points
9th place 29 points	24th place 7 points
10th place 26 points	25th place 6 points
11th place 24 points	26th place 5 points
12th place 22 points	27th place 4 points
13th place 20 points	28th place 3 points
14th place 18 points	29th place 2 points
15th place 16 points	30th place 1 points

302.2 World Cup Points

World Cup Points shall only be awarded if a competition has three or more athletes on the start list. Athletes who Did Not Start (DNS) are not included.

302.3 Several Competitors Tied for the Same Position

If several racers are tied for one of the top thirty positions in a race, each of the competitors who are tied receives the points corresponding to that position. The remaining competitors receive the points corresponding to their official classification in the race.

302.4 World Cup (Level 1), Event Series/Overall Titles/Nations Cup

302.4.1 Event Series Rankings

To calculate the Event Series rankings, all World Cup points in each individual event from the competition season are added together and then divided by the maximum number of possible starts in that season.

A small World Cup trophy for the Event Series winner and medals for the top three (3) ranked athletes will be awarded in each category event.

A minimum of three valid competitions in a minimum of two different locations for women and men per event must take place to establish an Event Series winner.

If the minimum number of valid competitions does not take place within the season as specified above, no trophy shall be awarded.

World Cup trophies shall only be awarded in categories that have a minimum of six (6) Athletes from three (3) NSAs in the Event Rankings.

Medals shall only be awarded in categories that have a minimum of three (3) Athletes in the Event Rankings.

302.4.2 Overall Title Rankings

To calculate the Overall Title rankings, all World Cup points in all individual events from the competition season are added together and then divided by the maximum number of possible starts.

A big World Cup trophy for the Overall Title winner and medals for the top three (3) ranked athletes will be awarded in each category.

World Cup trophies shall only be awarded in categories that have a minimum of six (6) Athletes from three (3) NSAs in the Overall Rankings.

Medals shall only be awarded in categories that have a minimum of three (3) Athletes in the Overall Rankings.

302.4.3 Ties in Event Series and Overall Title Rankings

In the event of a tie for the top three places, then the athlete with the most first place finishes will break the tie. If there is still a tie, then the athlete with the most second place finishes, followed by third place finishes and so on will break the ties. If they are still tied, then they will remain tied and receive the same rank/award.

302.4.4 Nations Cup

The Nations Cup rankings shall be calculated for ~~each-both~~ together individually. To calculate the Nations Cup rankings the following World Cup points are added together:

- The World Cup points from the two best results per gender, per individual event competition (e.g. SBX and BSL/DBSL); and
- The World Cup points from the best result of each nation per gender per team event competition (e.g. SBX Team and DBSL Team)

The Nations Cup trophy will be awarded top ranked nation per gender.

302.4.5 Ties in Nations Cup Rankings

In case of a tie. the nation with the highest number of first places is the winner. If still tied, the nation with the greatest number of highest places is the winner.

302.5 Continental Cup (Level 2) Overall Titles/Nations Cup

302.5.1 Calculation of Continental Cup Rankings
Competitors ranking first to 30th are awarded Cup Points in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>1st place 100 points</u>	<u>16th place 15 points</u>
<u>2nd place 80 points</u>	<u>17th place 14 points</u>
<u>3rd place 60 points</u>	<u>18th place 13 points</u>
<u>4th place 50 points</u>	<u>19th place 12 points</u>
<u>5th place 45 points</u>	<u>20th place 11 points</u>
<u>6th place 40 points</u>	<u>21st place 10 points</u>
<u>7th place 36 points</u>	<u>22nd place 9 points</u>

8th place 32 points	23rd place 8 points
9th place 29 points	24th place 7 points
10th place 26 points	25th place 6 points
11th place 24 points	26th place 5 points
12th place 22 points	27th place 4 points
13th place 20 points	28th place 3 points
14th place 18 points	29th place 2 points
15th place 16 points	30th place 1 points

[302.5.2 Continental Cup Points](#)

[Continental Cup Points shall only be awarded if a competition has three or more athletes on the start list. Athletes who Did Not Start \(DNS\) are not included.](#)

302.5.~~31~~ Overall, Titles Rankings

To calculate the Overall Title rankings, all Continental Cup points in all individual events from the competition season are added together.

A Continental Cup trophy for the Overall Title winner and medals for the top three (3) ranked athletes will be awarded in each category.

A minimum of two valid competitions in a minimum of two different locations for women and men must take place to establish an Overall Title winner.

302.5.~~42~~ Ties in Overall Title Rankings

In the event of a tie for the top three places, then the athlete with the most first place finishes will break the tie. If there is still a tie, then the athlete with the most second place finishes, followed by third place finishes and so on will break the ties. If they are still tied, then they will remain tied and receive the same rank/award.

[302.5.5 Continental Cup trophies shall only be awarded in categories that have a minimum of six \(6\) Athletes from three \(3\) NSAs in the Overall Rankings.](#)

[302.5.6 Medals shall only be awarded in categories that have a minimum of three \(3\) Athletes in the Overall Rankings.](#)

302.5.3 Nations Cup

The Nations Cup rankings shall be calculated for both genders together. To calculate the Nations Cup rankings the following Continental Cup points are added together:

- The Continental Cup points from the two best results per gender, per individual event competition (e.g. SBX and BSL/DBSL); and
- The Continental Cup points from the best result of each nation per gender per team event competition (e.g. SBX Team and DBSL Team)

The Nations Cup trophy will be awarded top ranked nation.

302.5.4 Ties in Nations Cup Rankings

In case of a tie, the nation with the highest number of first places is the winner. If still tied, the nation with the greatest number of highest places is the winner.

304.3

Age Limit

In order to be eligible to compete in FIS Para Snowboard Competitions (all competition levels), the competitors must comply with the following admitted years of birth:

Competition Year	Year of Birth
2025/2026	2010 and earlier
2026/2027	2011 and earlier
2027/2028	2012 and earlier
2028/2029	2013 and earlier
2029/2030	2013 and earlier

305.4 Program/Race Invitation

The Organiser must publish an official Race Invitation, as described in art. 213 and art. 214, no later than three (3) months before the first day of competition.

306.3 Race Entries Deadlines

WC/COC

- ~~• Pre-Entries open 12 weeks prior to the event~~
- Pre-Entries close 6 weeks prior to the event
- ~~• Entries open 6 weeks prior to the event~~
- Entries close 1 week prior to the event
- Final Entries ~~4~~ 2 hours ~~s~~ prior to each Team Captains Meeting

FIS/NC

~~Entries open 6 weeks prior to the event~~

- Entries close 1 week prior to the event
- Final Entries to be confirmed to the OC prior to each Team Captains Meeting

308.7 Official Results

Official results are determined from the official times, or finishes (Snowboard Cross) of those competitors who have been officially classified. The official results must be posted on the Official Notice Board noting the time when they were posted

308.8 Information on Result & Start Lists

308.8.1 For detailed information refer the Timing and Data Booklet.

308.8.2 The Official Start and Result Lists must contain the following information:

Competition Information:

- FIS Codex
- Date
- Name of Competition
- Site of Competition including Nation
- Name of Competition Sponsor
- Signature of TD & Chief of Results
- FIS or competition series Logo
- Discipline
- Event
- Gender
- Result Type (Start List, Brackets, Phase Results, Final Results etc.)

Course Data:

- Course Name
- Length
- Start Elevation
- Finish Elevation
- Vertical drop
- Number of elements
- Number of features (if different to elements)

Jury & Officials:

The following Officials have to be listed including full Name and Nationality. The Jury is defined separately.

Additionally, all Officials/Jury members with access to Live Video Review for the purpose of reviewing DNF/DSQs and/or 1408.7 issues, need to be marked with a “*VA*”

Jury:

- Chief of Competition
- FIS Technical Delegate
- Referee
- Race Director (if present)
- Start Referee (if present)
- Finish Referee (if present)

Officials:

- Chief of Course
- Course Builder
- Course Advisor (if present)
- Technical Advisor (if present)
- Course Designer (if present)
- Video Controller (if present)
- Equipment Controller (if present)
- International Classifier (if present)

Weather:

Condition (Sunny/cloudy/fog/snowfall/rain...)

[Air Temperature](#)
[Snow Temperature](#)
[Snow Conditions](#)

[Competitor Information:](#)

[Bib Number](#)
[FIS Code](#)
[Last Name](#)
[First Name](#)
[Nation](#)
[Year of birth \(YB\)](#)

[308.8.3](#) [The official Start Lists must contain the following additional information:](#)

[Name of Phase and Round](#)
[Start Time](#)
[List of competitors and Start Order](#)
[Seeding criteria: The competitors FIS Points, WC Points etc.](#)

[308.8.4](#) [The Qualification Result Lists must contain following additional information:](#)

[Start Time](#)
[Rank](#)
[Competitor information as described in 308.2.2](#)
[Qualification time](#)
[IRMs](#)
[Forerunner names & nation](#)

[308.8.5](#) [Finals Result List must contain the following additional information:](#)

[Start Time Finals](#)
[Final Rank](#)
[Competitor information as described in 308.2.2](#)
[Progression:](#)
[Ranks in Rounds](#)
[Heat colours in Rounds](#)
[FIS Points](#)
[IRMs](#)
[Jury decisions](#)
[Forerunner names & nation](#)

309 Competition and Adaptive Equipment

[309.1](#) [The term “Adaptive Equipment” refers to Any implement, apparatus, and/or technical aid adapted to the special needs of an Athlete to reduce the impact of their impairment\(s\) and that is permitted by these Rules and the Adaptive Equipment Regulations. Refractive or optical correction \(such as eyeglasses or corrective lenses\) are not considered to be Adaptive Equipment.all the implements and apparatus adapted to the needs of Para Athletes and used by them](#)

~~during competition on the field of play (e.g. protections, prostheses and orthoses) that is specified in the FIS Para Snowboard Equipment Rule Book.~~

309.2 Any new Adaptive Equipment must be ~~uploaded~~ submitted for approval in accordance ~~to~~ with the FIS Adaptive Equipment ~~Regulations Registration User Manual~~ (published on the FIS website).

309.3 ~~FIS must approve any new Adaptive Equipment~~

~~A competitor may only take part in a FIS Para Alpine Skiing competition with adaptive equipment which is approved by FIS conforms to the Para Alpine Skiing Equipment Specifications.~~

309.4 ~~For Level 1 competitions an Athlete may only compete with Adaptive Equipment which is approved by FIS in accordance with the FIS Adaptive Equipment Regulations.~~

309.5 ~~For Level 2 and 3 competitions an Athlete may only compete with Adaptive Equipment which is provisionally approved or approved by FIS in accordance with the FIS Adaptive Equipment Regulations.~~

309.6 A competitor is responsible for the competition equipment and Adaptive Equipment they use. ~~It is each competitor's responsibility to check that the equipment they use conforms to the specifications and general safety requirements and is in working order.~~

~~The new Adaptive Equipment must be uploaded for approval minimum one month prior to being used in a competition.~~

~~The new Adaptive Equipment to be used in PWG and WSC must be submitted by September 30 prior to the competition season in which the equipment is going to be used.~~

309.4 ~~FIS does not take any responsibility for the approval of new technical developments, which at the time of introduction may contain unknown dangers to the health or cause an increase in the risk of accidents.~~

1300.2 **Appointments by FIS**

~~The~~ International Ski and Snowboard Federation appoints the Technical Delegate for all competitions and:

In World Cup and Continental Cup Races
the Race Director
the TD
the ~~Finish~~ Referee
the Course Builder

1306.1 For CoC/WC/WSC/PWGE the FIS will appoint the course setters. ~~At PWG/WSC events the Race Director will be appointed to set the courses.~~

1310.3 Start Procedure

No official or attendant who could possibly give an advantage to or disturb the starting competitor may be behind him. All outside help is forbidden.

By order of the starter, the competitor must take his place behind the wand or start mechanism. The starter must not touch the competitor at the start. Pushing or pulling off from the start posts or other similar aids is allowed.

Athletes in the Upper Limb (UL) Sport Class shall are not permitted to use prosthetic devices, hooks, or any other external aids to push or pull from the start. Exceptions to this rule may be requested to FIS through the Adaptive Equipment Approval process (art. 309).

1312.1 Passage of the Gates

A gate has been passed correctly when the competitor has both feet fixed in the bindings on the board and the entire board crosses the gate line outside the turning pole (Stubby). Wherever two gates are set, the gate line is the imaginary shortest line between the two turning poles. Wherever a turning gate only is set, the gate line is the extension into the course of the line formed by the outside pole of the gate and the turning pole. ~~In case of a fall, the competitor must pass through the turning gate line.~~

The gate line in triangular banner Banked Slalom and Snowboard Cross is the extension of the line at the base of the long pole to past the turning pole which connects the two points at the base of the banner.

If a competitor removes a pole from its vertical position before the competitor's board and both feet have passed the gate line, the board and feet still must pass the original gate line (dye marking in the snow). If a gate pole or stubby-stubby is missing the competitor is obligated to turn around the original placement mark to be considered as having passed the gate correctly.

1408.7.4.4 RAL Sanction
Unintentional action, accidental interference, consequence severe

A competitor who receives a RAL sanction will be ranked as last in their heat and relegated to the last position of the respective round. They will be listed as RAL on the final results list. In case of a RAL in the semifinals, the competitor is permitted to start in the next roundsmall final.

1408.7.4.5 Yellow Card (RAL) Sanction

Intentional action, intentional interference, consequence not severe

Intentional action, involuntary interference, consequence not severe

The Yellow Card will remain with the competitor for the entire season in the same category of competition.

A competitor who receives a Yellow Card (RAL) sanction will be ranked as last in their heat and relegated to the last position of the respective round. They will be listed as "RAL" on the final results list. The Yellow Card will remain with the competitor for the entire season at the same category of competition.

A competitor who receives a Yellow Card will not advance to the next round and is not permitted to start in any further heat in the competition.

1410.2 Finals for race format with four athletes per Heat

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Ranking for two Heats/four per Heat (8 athletes)

Heat #	1 POSITION (RED)	2 POSITION (GREEN)	3 POSITION (BLUE)	4 POSITION (YELLOW)
1	1	4	5	8
2	2	3	6	7

Ranking for one Heat/four per Heat (4 athletes)

<u>Heat #</u>	<u>1 POSITION (RED)</u>	<u>2 POSITION (GREEN)</u>	<u>3 POSITION (BLUE)</u>	<u>4 POSITION (YELLOW)</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

1410.4 DNS, DSQ, DNF in Snowboard Cross Finals (Pre-Heats and Heats)

If one ~~or more~~ competitors ~~does~~ not start (DNS) in their ~~Heat round of 16 or the round of 8 or round of 4~~ he/she will be automatically

ranked last (after DNF, DSQ and RAL) in that Heat in the round of 16, 8 or 4 respectively. -

If two or more competitors do not start (DNS) in their heat they will be ranked according to the fastest qualification time. In the case where the same qualification time exists (best time out of two runs), the tie will be broken by using the total time of both qualification runs. If they are still tied the competitor with the worse seeding points will win the tie. If the tie still exists, they will remain tied. An athlete which does not start in the heat is not allowed to advance to the next round with the following exception: an athlete which does not start (DNS) in the Semi-Final is allowed to start in the Small Final.

~~If two competitors are DNF/DSQ, they will be ranked in the Heat according to their qualification rank, but better than the athletes who receive a DNS. DIC will be handled according to art. 1408.7.4.6.~~

In a case where more competitors do not complete the course nor cross the finish line (DNF/DSQ), 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 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 going out at the same gate the competitors concerned will be ranked according to the fastest qualification time. In the case where the same qualification time exists (best time out of two runs), the tie will be broken by using the total time of both qualification runs. If they are still tied the competitor with the worse seeding points will win the tie. If the tie still exists, they will remain tied. ~~An athlete which does not start in the first round will appear as DNS on the result list. An athlete which did not start (DNS) in the Semi-final is allowed to start in the small final.~~

The DNF/DSQ competitors which have been ranked 4th in their Heat, will be ranked in the final results amongst those competitors who finished 4th, in the same phase of 1/16, 1/8 or 1/4 Finals, and then ranked by their qualification time. The same applies if more than one competitor was DNF/DSQ and was ranked 3rd.

~~DIC will be handled according to art. 1408.7.4.6.~~

1412.2.9 Ranking for Final Results

Competitors are ranked according to their time of finish in the final heat (Big Final) and in the consolation round (Small Final). All remaining competitors are ranked according to the round they go out in (e.g. Quarter Finals) and their time of finish within that round. A competitor who has qualified for a certain group (1/8 final, 1/4 final, etc.) will remain in this group and be ranked there. In case of a tie, the competitors concerned will be ranked according to the fastest single qualification time. In the case where the same qualification time exists (best time out of two runs), the tie will be broken by using the total time of both qualification runs. If a tie still exists, the competitor with the

higher bib number (used in the seeding or the qualification runs) will be scored as first. In the Big or Small Final the competitors will remain tied.

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

1412.4

Ties

For Banked Slalom ties in two timed runs format will be broken by calculating the total time of two runs for each tied athlete (if one of the tied athletes has only one qualification run and/or was DSQ, DNF or DNS in one of the two runs they will automatically lose the tie). If a tie still exists, the athlete with the higher start position (used in the seeding or the qualification runs) will win. If such a tie occurs for 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place, the tied athletes will remain tied.

If an athlete is DSQ, DNF or DNS in both runs they will not be ranked.

For Giant Slalom, if two or more athletes are tied, the athlete with the fastest time out of both runs will win the tie. If a tie still exists, the athlete with the higher start position (used in the seeding or the qualification runs) will win the tie. If such a tie occurs for 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place, the tied athletes will remain tied.

1413.16.4

Interference

The determination of interference by one competitor against other competitor(s) shall be made by the Jury. Suspected infractions can be brought to the Jury's attention by acting Jury members, section judges or review requested by a competitor in the finish area immediately following the Heat. The Jury can use recommendation from Section Judges and/or video evidence provided by coaches/staff, and/or "Video Review" from TV Production in the decision process. From provided evidence, the Jury must determine if interference has occurred. Interference shall be determined based on the article 1408.7.6 All Jury decisions regarding Interference must be confirmed prior to the start of the next phase in the same gender and category, and cannot be Protested.