



**PRECISIONS, INFORMATION AND  
INSTRUCTIONS  
SNOWBOARD, FREESTYLE, FREESKI,  
SKI CROSS**

**SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE**

The International Snowboard / Freestyle / Freeski / Ski Cross Competition Rules (ICR)

**203.5 Application for a change of FIS Licence Registration**

Furthermore, competitors are required to submit a detailed explanation with the application about their personal circumstances and the reason for requesting a change of licence registration. A change of nation can only be made once and after confirmation by the FIS Council. A change back or a second change is not allowed.

(Park & Pipe Section)

**3311.11.1 Payment of Judges' Per Diems and Expenses**

The payment of the CHF/USD/EUR must be paid electronically by bank transfer no later than fifteen-twenty (15-20) business days after the last competition or when Judges have sent in their Expense sheet to FIS/LOC. A late payment charge of CHF 300 will apply for FIS/LOC from 15-20 business days after the last competition day or receiving the bank information for each late payment to each individual judge.

After 30-35 business days, a 2<sup>nd</sup> charge of CHF 300 will apply until payments are done. After 45-50 business days, a 3<sup>rd</sup> charge of CHF 300 will apply until payments are done.

Excluded from this is a delay due to wrong or missing bank account information as provided by the Judge.

The judge is responsible for transmitting their correct, up to date and complete bank account information including all necessary data (official form is available on the FIS Website) electronically to the FIS/LOC. The date of submission of bank details to the FIS/LOC is valid for the above deadlines for the FIS/LOC to execute payment.

**3604.4.1.1 Start Order OWG, WSC, WC, CoC, Premium CoC, WJC**

The competitors of each heat will be divided into 3 Groups (depending on the field size) and drawn separately for the starting order. Group 1: Competitors seeding ranked 1 – 10th in each heat. Group 2: Competitors seeding ranked 11th – 20th in each heat. Group 3: Competitors seeding ranked 21st and onwards in each heat.

**3610 Start Procedure & Commands**

No official or attendant who could possibly give an advantage to or disturb the starting competitors may be behind them. All outside help is forbidden. Pulling off start posts, human-assisted drop-in propulsion, or other similar aids are is-allowed.

(Freestyle Section)

4117.1.5 It is the competitor's responsibility to be ready at the start when their starting number is called. A competitor is considered to have started once they are in a skiing stance, with their skis parallel and moving towards the jump. They must assume this position before the tone sounds at the end of the 20 second countdown. The competitor has to leave the start after the start signal has been given. If the competitor has not left the start by the end of the start time, the hill will automatically be closed, the athlete will receive a 0.5 per judge deduction.

**5404 In Race Interference**

5404.1 Contact in Snowboard Cross is common. Every decision and every action in Snowboard Cross is so called "in race decision" and deliberate. This conscious racing can lead to interference.  
The determination of interference by one competitor against other competitor(s) shall be made by the jury. Suspected interferences can be brought to the jury's attention by acting jury members, section judges or review requested by a competitor in the finish area or the TD 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 or adverse effect has occurred. Interference shall be determined based on the articles 5404.1.1 and 5404.1.2 of the ICR.  
All jury decisions regarding Interference must be confirmed prior to the start of the next heat and cannot be protested.

**5405 Immediate Announcement of Sanctions / Disqualifying Faults**

**5405.1 Announcement of Rule 5404.1 Sanctions**

All jury determined sanctions of rule 5404.2 must be made before the beginning of a next heat, the jury can extend the deadline until the next round of the respective gender. The jury must inform the involved teams about the extension of the deadline prior to the start of the next heat and shall be announced in the Finish or when in extension, at the start area and communicated to the sanctioned or/and -competitor involved competitor, or their NSA representative.

The sanction will be posted on the official notice board at the Start and the Finish. All sanctions including a description must be recorded and reported by the FIS Technical Delegate in the TD report and forwarded to involved NSAs.

The reason for the sanction can be:

- Action by Hand & Arm (pulling/pushing/blocking)
- Contact from the side or from behind
- Line deviation

~~5405.2 All violations of Rule 5404 In Race interference according to the "Card System" shall be announced in the Finish area and communicated to the competitor or their Team Captain as soon as possible and in any event prior to the commencement of the next heat. The sanctions will then be posted on the official notice board at the bottom and top of the course indicating~~

~~the section of the course where the infraction occurred. All decisions must be recorded and reported by the FIS Technical Delegate in their TD Report.~~

#### 5801.1.3.1

##### Team Eligibility

The eligible teams will be sorted according to the sum of the ranks of the two athletes per nation (by gender or best men and best women in case of mixed event) in the current FIS Points List. If they are tied their position will be decided by a draw.

Eligibility in World Cup, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be determined by the World Cup Starting List instead of the FIS Points List.

In World Cup, only competitors entered in the actual competition will be taken in consideration to determinate the eligibility of the teams. In case not all teams or a nation are represented in the World Cup Starting List, the FIS Points List will be used for both athletes, but these teams will always be seeded after the ones using the World Cup Starting List.

If two or more teams are tied the team with the better individual rank in the used list will be seeded better. If still tied the team with the higher sum of individual FIS points will be seeded better. If still tied seeding will be decided by a draw.

#### 5801.1.3.2

##### Limitation of the Starter Field

In case of a limitation of the start field (8/16/ teams) the top 4/8/24 eligible teams in the list have the right to enter their second team before all other teams can enter their first team if their second team is within the top 4/8 eligible teams and the right to enter their third team before all other teams can enter their second team if their third team is within the top 16 eligible teams. Therefore, the nation's teams are chosen for entry by moving down the Eligibility List choosing the highest two ranked teams from each nation out of the top 4/8 teams. Afterwards all eligible teams can enter their number 1 team first. Then starting at the top of the list again to choose the highest third team ranked in the top 16 teams before all second (if any) ranked teams from each nation, repeating as necessary, until 8 /16 / 24 teams have been reached.

For the Olympic Winter Games different rules may apply, due to the special quota regulations.

#### 5801.1.3.4

##### Qualification Heat Round

If the number of teams exceeds the number of teams fitting in the Final bracket, a Qualification Heat Round can be executed as long as the number of Qualification Heats is less than the number of additional heats needed for the next higher bracket.

#### 5801.1.3.5

##### Qualification Heat Round

Qualifications Heat Round can be conducted when 17 – 24 teams are entered, and the finals will consist of 16 teams.

##### Number of Qualifications Heats:

The number of teams exceeding the final field size of 16 will determine the number of pre heats. Refer to ICR 5501.2

The rest of the Teams advance directly to the final bracket of 16.

(Snowboard Alpine Section)

**6801.3 Tie Breaking**

If two or more teams are tied the team with the better individual rank in the [list](#) used ~~list~~ will be seeded better. If still tied the team with the higher sum of individual FIS points will be seeded better. If still tied seeding will be decided by a draw.

**6801.4 Starter Field**

The starter field is determined by moving down the eligible teams list choosing the highest ranked team from each nation first, then starting at the top of the list again to choose the second (if any) ranked team from each nation, repeating as necessary, until 16/24/32 teams have been reached. For World Cup, [World Championships and Junior World Championships](#) there are maximum of 3 teams per nation.

[For WC ~~the~~](#) the hosting nation earns one extra spot up to a maximum of 4 teams. If the hosting nation uses the extra spot, the list of teams will be reduced accordingly at its last position.

**6802 Teams Seeding for Qualification**

~~Once the starter field is determined, team captains can enter any eligible athlete according to the minimum FIS points, into those teams, although each competitor can be entered in one team only.~~ Standard paring will be used, and teams will be filled according to their seeding position.

~~Seeding of teams into final brackets will be determined by the combined results of qualifications. Each team member, both male and female, will complete one qualification run, and their times will be added together to establish the team's seeding for finals. The Top 16 team pairings will be seeded into brackets for finals. Course selection for qualification runs will alternate to ensure equal course selection: Team 1 will have Men on the red course and Women on the blue course, while Team 2 will have Men on the blue course and Women on the red course.~~

~~If two or more teams advancing to the final phase, including ties for the last eligible position for the finals (4th, 8th, 16th) after the qualification runs are tied, the ties will be broken by the best run of two (according rule 6504.1.2 single competition) If they are still tied the tie will be broken by the seeding position. The team with the worse seeding position will receive the better rank.~~

The teams will be seeded according to the sum of the two ranks in the FIS points list of the entered athletes per team.

## **6803 Qualification ~~Heats~~**

### **6803.1. Qualification Heats**

6803.1.1. Qualification Heats can be conducted where 17-24 teams are entered. The number of teams exceeding the final bracket and the number of teams that have to be taken out is twice the number of teams entered above 16. The rest of the Teams advance directly to the final bracket of 16. Example for 20 teams: 8 teams will have to do qualification heats 2x (20-16) = 8. 12 will advance directly to the eight finals.

### **6803.2 Qualification Runs**

#### **6803.2.1 Qualification runs can be conducted.**

Seeding of the teams into standard final brackets will be determined by the combined results of qualifications runs. Each team member, both male and female, will compete simultaneously one qualification run, and their times will be added together to establish the team's seeding rank for finals. The Top 16 team pairings will be seeded according to their qualification rank into the brackets. Course selection for qualification runs will alternate to ensure equal course selection: Team 1 will have men on the red course and women on the blue course, while team 2 will have men on the blue course and women on the red course etc.

6803.2.2 The first group will consist of 8 teams and can be reduced by the Jury. A random draw will take place for the first group. The remaining teams will be seeded according to their seeding criteria rank described in previous rules.

#### *Bib numbers distribution*

For the qualification the bibs for the teams (same number per teammate, 17/17, 18/18..etc.) get distributed starting with the first number out of the final bibs (e.g. 17, 18....)

The bib numbers for the finals have to match the qualification/seeding ranking (e.g. 1-16,...)

#### **6803.2.3 Tie breaking**

If two or more teams advancing to the final phase, including ties for the last eligible position for the finals (4th, 8th, 16th) after the qualification runs are tied, the ties will be broken by the best run of two (according rule 6504.1.2 single competition) If they are still tied the tie will be broken by the seeding position. The team with the worse seeding position will receive the better rank.

#### **6803.2.4 Handling of Invalid Result Marks (IRM)**

In the event that one or both team members Did Not Start (DNS), were Not Permitted To Start (NPS) or were Disqualified for Unsportsmanlike Behavior (DQB), the entire team will receive the corresponding Invalid Result Mark (IRM). This team will not be ranked and will not advance to the next phase. Teams where one of the competitors Did Not Finish (DNF) or was Disqualified (DSQ) will be ranked based on the other competitors' valid run time, but only after all the teams with two valid run times have been ranked.

Teams where none of the competitors have a valid run time (both had either DNF or DSQ) will not be ranked and will be listed with the IRM. When none of the competitors have a valid time and at least one of the team members

has been Disqualified (DSQ) the team will be listed as Disqualified (DSQ). otherwise the team will be listed as Did Not Finish (DNF). These teams will not be ranked and will not advance to the next phase.

## 6804 Competition

- 6804.1 At mixed team events the men will start first. At team events per gender Tthe teams determine by themselves which team competitor will run first and second. The lower seeded team shall announce the order before the higher seeded team.  
The team with the better seeding position can choose either the red or blue course. The lower seeded team shall announce the order before the higher seeded team. At mixed team events the men will start first. The team with the better seeding position can choose either the red or blue course.  
 The selection must be made no later than when the competitors enter the start platform.

(Ski Cross Section)

### 7102.1.1 Technical Data

Code	Cross Course	Measurement
FW (m)	Finish Area Width	<u>30</u> 24.0 m

- 7201.5 Unmanned and anchorless aerial vehicles (UAV) such as Drones or Quadcopters etc., are strictly prohibited over the Racecourse area during inspection, training or competition, unless approved by the Jury in writing subject to any prohibitions imposed by local laws or the property owners. The Racecourse area is defined by the Jury. Violators will be subject to sanctions by the Jury in accordance with ICR. Art. 223

- 7201.5.1 If it is a jury decision to accept the use of drones on the field of play. For Final runs, the drone footage of all heats needs to be available for the jury for decisions concerning 7404. If a jury review is required, the footage should be edited and shared with all teams after the race.

## 7203 Gates (Implemented for season 2026/27)

A Ski Cross gate consists of one stubby flex pole (turning pole) and one long slalom rigid pole (outside pole) which are connected with a triangular gate flag.

### 7203.1 Gate Flags

Following sizes may be used for the triangular gate flags (banners / panels). (Slight variations from the following dimensions will be acceptable).

Base length: ~~min. 100 cm max. 130 cm~~ 110 cm

Height long side: ~~min. 80 cm max. 110 cm~~ 70 cm

Height short side: ~~45-35~~ cm

The gate flags ~~must~~ may be in two different colors

The gate flag must be of wind-permeable material.

Advertising on gate flags ~~should~~ shall not reduce wind permeability or influence the release mechanism of the flags. Between the snow surface and the base length of the flag a gap of approximately 20 cm shall remain.

### 7203.1.2

Gate flags must sustain the contact of skiers passing the gate correctly, but flags must be released immediately in case of hooking with a ski or hand. For details see document "Certification SX Gate Flags and Stubbies".

## **7203.2**

### **Poles**

All poles are subdivided into rigid long poles and stubby poles. It is recommended to use 2 different colors.

### 7203.2.1

#### Rigid Long Poles

Round, uniform poles with a diameter between a minimum of 20-27 mm and a maximum of 32 mm and without joints are allowed as rigid poles with a length of 110 cm. They must consist of a non-splintering material (polycarbonate plastic or material with similar properties).

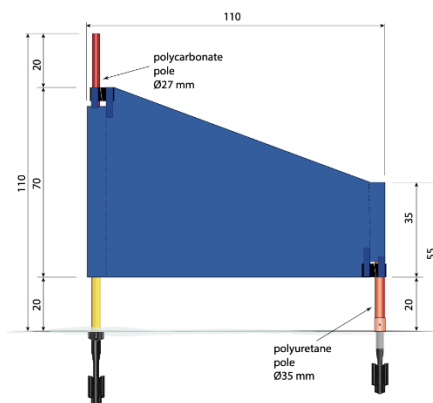
### 7203.2.2

#### *Stubby Poles*

Stubby poles are flex poles with a length of not more than 4555 cm above the bottom of hinge to the top end of the pole ~~and padded or hollow on the top~~. The diameter of such poles must be 30 – 35 mm.

~~Soft padding (approximately) — 535 cm~~ See "Certification SX Gate Flags and Stubbies"

~~Base length (approximately) — 25 cm~~



SCALE 1:10  
Dimensions: cm

### 7404.3.5

#### *Post Race Review and Sanction Adjustment*

As soon as possible after the competition (within a maximum of 24 hours, or at the latest 1 hour before the next competition of the respective category) a panel will review the sanctions imposed. The panel will be the Head of the Jury ~~is will appoint a ing the review panel, for all competitions except the World Cup and European Cup where the Jury Race Director / Continental Cup Coordinator will appoint the panel~~ consisting of 5 of 3 members: TD, RD and Head Coaches from the participating nations (1 vote each) or from the respective competition, 3 members of the Advisory Group that were not involved in the casesanction. ~~(the Connection Coach can be a substitute for one of the AG members if required).~~

The review may happen in person, or in is-certain circumstances it can be held online as well.

As a result of this review the Jury may mitigate the sanction imposed, but the result of the competition/ranking remains unchanged.



7407.3.3 *Ranking of Competitors that Did Not Start (DNS)*  
Competitors that did not start (DNS) ~~will not be ranked in that heat and will not advance to the next round~~ and will be ranked according 7702.5-

7501.1.52 *Seeding Run Format*  
All timed qualifications (see 7501.1.1 - 7501.1.42) can be executed in the seeding run format.

7501.1.63 Tie Breaking in qualification formats

7501.1.63.1 Single run qualification, timed seeding run ~~or first run of cut down system~~  
If two or more competitors have the same time, then the competitor who started later will win the tie and be ranked better. The same rank cannot be awarded more than once.

7607.1 For Ski Cross at least one training run must be completed prior to the actual competition ~~is mandatory phase on the same day.~~  
~~A competitor entered into a competition must complete at least one training run before they may start in the actual competition.~~ In case of a DNF, yellow flag or other interruptions, the jury can decide for a rerun or a permit to start.

**7702.5 Final Ranking for DNS**  
If a competitor did not start in any phase (75608.1) of a competition, the competitor will appear as DNS ~~on the final result list and will not be ranked.~~  
Phase 1 – Training: DNS – see (7607.1)  
Phase 2 – Qualification – listed and no rank  
Phase 2.1. – Timed Seeding run – listed and ranked  
Phase 2.2 – Pre Heat – listed and no rank  
Phase 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> round KO Final with Qualification – listed and ranked  
Phase 3.1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> till last round KO Final with Qualification – listed and ranked  
Phase 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> round KO Final with timed seeding run– listed and rank  
Phase 3.1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> till last round KO Final with seeding run – listed and rank  
Phase 3.2 – 1<sup>st</sup> round Holistic Format – listed and no rank  
Phase 3.3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> till last round Holistic Format – listed and ranked  
Phase 4 – round robin (7502.2.5)

Tie Breaking according to 7501.1.5

~~After the first phase (qualification/seeding) of the competition is completed, a competitor who does not start (DNS) in any round of the following phase, will be ranked as last place for that final round before all NPS sanctions. All competitors who did not start (DNS) in the first round of a Final Phase are grouped together and, ranked according to the tie breaking rules.~~

**7702.6 Final Ranking for NPS (sanction)**  
If a competitor receives a NPS sanction (2023) in the first a phase of a competition, the competitor will appear as NPS on the final-result list and will not be ranked.  
~~After the first phase of the competition is completed, a competitor who receives a NPS sanction (2023) in any round of the finals, will be ranked as last place for that final round after all the DNS. All competitors who receive a NPS sanction in a round are grouped together and, ranked according to the tie breaking rules.~~

## **World Cup Rules**

(Section Park & Pipe)

### **1.2.10 Payment of Prize Money**

The amount of prize money in ~~Swiss Francs~~Euro (~~CHF~~EUR) must be communicated by the LOC to FIS before October 15<sup>th</sup> (resp. April 15<sup>th</sup> for Southern Hemisphere) and the breakdown of the prize money has to be published by the LOC in the official invitation.

The payment must be done electronically by bank transfer latest seven (7) working days after the last competition or receiving the bank information. ~~or right after the awards ceremony in cash in convertible currency~~ to the respective athlete's bank account, taking into consideration the local tax laws. ~~For conversion into the currency of the athletes account, the actual bank rate at the time of the bank transfer is applicable.~~

The prize money will be presented in EUR, calculated at a fixed currency exchange rate which will be published by FIS before the season (latest 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year based on an average rate).

The prize money should be paid out in one of the 3 following currencies: Swiss Franc, Euro or US Dollar. Should the LOC decide to pay out in Swiss Franc or US Dollar, FIS will provide the exchange rate before the season (latest 30<sup>th</sup> September of each year based on an average rate).

The conversion from Swiss Franc, Euro or US Dollar to the currency of the bank account of the Athlete will be based on the daily rate of the Athlete's bank. There will be no compensation for an unfavourable exchange rate. Potential bank charges due to the transfer or due to the exchange of the currency are not getting compensated or off-set.

## **2.4**

### **Prize Money**

The Organiser must make available at least ~~CHF 30'000~~Euro 34'921 ~~(equivalent in Euro/US\$)~~ per event/gender for prize money. Greater prize money is permitted and must be equal per gender. This sum is divided between the Top 10 competitors per event/gender. ~~The amount of prize money and its method of distribution must be communicated to FIS (Rule 1.2.10).~~

If it is not possible to complete a Final phase, then provided at least the Qualification phase has been completed the scores from the last completed phase shall stand as the final result. In this case the announced prize money can be reduced by 50%. The Organiser must communicate the amount that will be paid to FIS.

#### 2.4.1 Prize Money Breakdown: (Same for 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 4.6.2.1, 4.6.2.2 and 5.6.1)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Amount <del>CHF</del> Euro</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	<del>13,500</del> 15,714	45.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	<del>7,050</del> 8,207	23.50%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	<del>3,750</del> 4,365	12.50%
4 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>1,800</del> 2,095	6.00%
5 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>900</del> 1,048	3.00%
6 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>750</del> 873	2.50%
7 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>675</del> 786	2.25%
8 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>600</del> 698	2.00%
9 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>525</del> 611	1.75%
10 <sup>th</sup> place	<del>450</del> 524	1.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b><del>3430</del>3,921</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### 2.4.2 Prize Money Breakdown without Finals:

<b>Place</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
<u>1st place</u>	<u>45.00%</u>
<u>2nd place</u>	<u>23.50%</u>
<u>3rd place</u>	<u>12.50%</u>
<u>4th place</u>	<u>6.00%</u>
<u>5th place</u>	<u>3.00%</u>
<u>6th place</u>	<u>2.50%</u>
<u>7th place</u>	<u>2.25%</u>
<u>8th place</u>	<u>2.00%</u>
<u>9th place</u>	<u>1.75%</u>
<u>10th place</u>	<u>1.50%</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>

2.4.23 In Case of a Tie  
Refer to 1.2.10.1

(Section Freestyle)

#### 3.3.1 Accommodation, Food, Transportation for Competitors and Team Officials

Accommodation (half-board) and transportation on site will be charged at a maximum of CHF 80 per day per person (FIS Rate) to all competitors and team officials. For the first ~~10–6~~ athletes in the World Cup ranking, accommodation will be free of charge. ~~(This top 10 rule will not be applied during the Season Opening and the reduced field WC Finals)~~

The organiser has the option to supply accommodation at the rate of CHF 40 and the teams have to arrange their own meals. This is only acceptable if fully furnished apartments (i.e. including kitchen facilities, bed sheets, towels, etc.) are provided. The apartments must meet 3 Star standards, one bathroom for max 4 people, daily Cleaning service in Hotel standards, WIFI for all apartments, national mobile phone connection mandatory.

#### 3.3.3.2 Additional Officials

For additional officials or “accompanying persons” as well as for service personnel of the National Ski Associations, the maximum price that can be charged for accommodation and half board must not exceed CHF ~~400~~120 or the equivalent in another currency, per day. The number of those officials is limited to 25% of the total quota.

### 3.3.3.3 *Service Personnel*

Service personnel are entitled to (a maximum of CHF ~~70~~120 or the equivalent) half-board accommodation, if the accommodation has been arranged by the OC.

### 3.3.5.2 Aerials – ~~Arrival day / three training days / one competition day / departure day~~; 5 nights and 6 days

- Single competition format: arrival day, three practice days, one competition day, departure day.
- Double competition format: arrival day, two practice days, two competition days, departure day.

### 3.3.7 **Hotel Rooms**

The accommodation for the competitors, coaches, officials etc. must be provided in rooms with a maximum of two beds and bath or shower, or apartments with a maximum of two beds per sleeping room and bath or shower. Also one single room per country for a team official has to be provided.

Accommodation has to be as close as possible to the competition area. The hotels must meet “3-star category” minimum. An additional one (1) single room can be purchased at the rate of CHF ~~400~~120. The Organiser is required to provide details or information for any additional rooms a team may purchase.

### 3.5.2 **Team Competitions**

For an Aerials Team or Aerials Dual Moguls Team World Cup, the prize money will be awarded per team or pair according to the results of the Team competition with the following allocations:

1st place	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>15,000</del> <u>17,460</u>	50.00%
2nd place	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>10,050</del> <u>11,699</u>	33.50%
3rd place	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>4,950</del> <u>5,762</u>	16.50%
<b>Total</b>	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>34,000</del> <u>34,921</u>	<b>100.00%</b>

For an Aerials Synchro World Cup, the prize money will be awarded per pair according to the results of the Synchro competition with the following allocations:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>7,500</del> <u>8,731</u>	50.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>5,025</del> <u>5,849</u>	33.50%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>2,475</del> <u>2,881</u>	16.50%
<b>Total</b>	<del>CHF</del> <u>Euro</u> <del>15,000</del> <u>17,461</u>	<b>100.00%</b>

3.6.4.1 In any Event for which the formation of the Start List follows 3.6.3.1 above, if the competition is interrupted and cannot continue, the Qualification result shall stand as the Final Result for the competition, provided that the first 30 on the Start List have received a result. Competitors who start will be ranked according to their result; those who do not start will be marked as DNS.

### 3.9.2 Invitations to World Cup Finals

Invitation for the FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup Finals are primarily based ~~up~~ on the FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup standings. In addition, the following athletes are invited:

- The male and female winners of the Aerials and Overall Moguls rankings from each Continental Cup series.
- ~~and the~~ the most recent male and female FIS Freestyle Ski Junior World Champions ~~from either the current or previous competition year~~ in Moguls, Dual Moguls, and Aerials ~~(from either the current or previous competition year)~~ are also invited.
- One athlete per gender ~~The host nation is allowed one spot per gender~~ in Moguls, Dual Moguls, and Aerials ~~from the host nation.~~

### 3.9.4 FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup Final Eligibility Formula

Event	WC M/W	CoC M/W	WJC M/W	Host M/W
MO	30/30	<del>+ CoC Winners</del>	+ WJC Champion	+ 1
DM	30/30	<del>+ CoC Winners</del>	+ WJC Champion	+ 1
AE	20/20	+ CoC Winners	+ WJC Champion	+ 1
<u>Overall MO*</u>		<u>+ COC Winners</u>		

\*Only the COC Overall Moguls winner for men and women will be invited to the World Cup Finals and they will have starts in both the Moguls and Dual Moguls events.

(Cross Section)

### 4.5.1 Quota Calculation Snowboard

- Additional spots due to injury: An injured competitor within the Top 10 of the World Cup Starting List WCSL Standings of the respective event at the time of the injury who is not active-competing anymore during the current season will receive a personal quota spot for the entire next season. An injury status as such will only be valid for the next season and (in case of no starts) the season after.

#### 4.6.2.2 Prize Money Breakdown with qualification runs and timed seeding runs

#### 4.8.2 Forerunners Ski Cross

The organiser must have at least 2 forerunners (competitors with an active FIS FS code and FIS SX points) available for training and qualification. At least 4 forerunners or 1 heat (4) must have completed the course before the first round of the Final Phase.

In the event of interruptions, the jury will decide on the use of forerunners before the next competitor or heat.

If the organising committee is unable to provide qualified forerunners, the first Snow seed participants drawn by lot must compete instead of the forerunners.

Up to 2 of forerunner heats for the KO final phase.

(Snowboard Alpine Section)

#### 5.3.1 Resorts and Organising Committees

Accommodation (half-board, max. 2 people per room/2 beds) and transportation on site will be charged at a maximum of CHF 100 per day per person including tourist tax, credit cards and bank fees per day per person (FIS Rate) to all competitors and team officials per country. The quotas for the payment of lodging, food are calculated on the basis of the World Cup Quotas (see 5.5.2.).

The organiser has the option to supply accommodation at the rate of up to CHF 50 and the teams' shall arrange their own meals. This is only acceptable if fully furnished apartments (ie. including kitchen facilities, bed sheets, towels, etc.) are provided.

The number of competitors per country may not exceed the total quota.

There are restrictions for officials (coaches, doctors, team staff) and official accompanying persons.

The apartments must meet:

- 3 Star standards, one bathroom for max 4 people, daily cleaning service in hotel standards, WIFI for all apartments, national mobile
- phone connection mandatory

#### 5.5.2 Parallel World Cup Quota

- Additional spots due to injury: An injured competitor within the Top 10 of the World Cup Starting List WCSLStandings of the respective event at the time of the injury who is not active anymore during the current season will receive a personal quota spot for the entire next season. An injury status as such will only be valid for the next season and (in case of no starts) the season after.

## **Junior World Championships Rules (Congress Proposal – Test 2025/26)**

### **4. Programme**

- 4.2 The competition programme must contain following Freestyle Ski, Snowboard, and Freeski events: Snowboard events for women and men: Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air, Parallel Giant Slalom and Parallel Slalom, Snowboard Cross and Mixed Snowboard Cross Team. Mixed Parallel Team event [and Rail Event](#) can also be organised.

Freestyle Ski and Freeski events for women and men: Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials, Ski Cross. Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air. Mixed Ski Cross Team, Mixed Team Aerial, ~~and~~ Mixed Team Dual Moguls [and Rail Event](#) can also be organised.

In the case that it is not possible to organise the entire programme as written above the Junior World Championships might be split into different events or in groups, for example: - - - Moguls and Aerials Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe, [plus potentially Rail Event](#)(Park & Pipe) Cross and Parallel Snowboard

### **12. Prizes / Ceremonies**

- 12.3 The first 6 in each event will receive a gift organised and paid for by the Organiser. Separate awards can be given to U16 (under sixteen) for competitors whose fifteenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the calendar year begins for BA, HP and SS and for U18 (under eighteen) for competitors whose seventeenth birthday falls in or after the calendar year in which the competition year begins for PGS, PSL, SBX and Team SBX.

Park & Pipe: Following the award for each event (HP, SS, BA [and potentially RE](#)) an overall Park & Pipe podium will be presented to the top 3 athletes combining the results from Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air [\(and potentially RE\)](#).

## **Continental Cup Rules**

(General Section)

### **2.3 Titles**

[To establish a title, A minimum of 3 three results valid for cup points per gender must be achieved in competitions organised by at least two different NSAs. These results must occur on at least three different dates. events for EC and NAC and a minimum of 2 events for SAC, AC and ANC per category and gender must take place to establish a title.](#)

### **8. Prize Money**

[There is no mandatory prize money. In case of prize money this has to be paid in Euro. \(for the calculation, a fixed currency exchange rate will be published by FIS before the season\)](#)

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The prize money should be paid out in one of the 3 following currencies: Swiss Franc, Euro or US Dollar. Should the LOC decide to pay out in Swiss Franc or US Dollar.

### **EC 1.3 ~~Team Officials Ratio to Team Size~~ (New defined in the Event Chapters)**

#### **~~Team size:~~**

~~1-3 competitors 3 team officials~~

~~4-8 competitors 5 team officials~~

~~9 or more 6 team officials~~

### **EC 1.5 Accommodation**

#### **Aerials / Moguls~~Freestyle/ Freeski/~~ Ski Cross / Park & Pipe / Snowboard Cross:**

It is recommended that the OC provides accommodation through its Tourist Office, in different categories at a reasonable price level each.

#### **Snowboard Alpine:**

For ~~SBX~~, PSL and PGS the maximum amount for athletes and officials for half board is CHF 80 according to the official currency of the hosting nation per day. Teams or persons who register after the communicated deadline in the Invitation, have no right for the reservation or the guarantee of the above mentioned price. ~~For HP, SS and BA there is no limitation. The organiser needs to offer a package price for accommodation, which is lower than the standard season price in the organising resort.~~

(Park & Pipe Section)

### **EC 2.4 EC Trophy and Medals**

For HP, SS, BA and RE a maximum of 4 best EC points results (from Europa Cup and Premium Europa Cup) are taken into consideration and will be added together to determine the EC Event and ranking.

For SS and BA there is also a combined ranking of both events. A maximum of the best 4 SS results and 2 BA results (from Europa Cup and Premium Europa Cup) are taken into consideration and will be added together to determine the winner of the personal WC spot in the upcoming season (WC Rule 2.3.3).

The winners of the HP EC ranking, the Rail EC ranking and the combined SS/BA ranking will receive the EC Trophy. Medals are awarded to the numbers 1, 2 and 3 of these rankings.

(Freestyle Section)

### **EC 3.6 Special Procedures**

EC 3.6.1 In addition to the rules in the ICR governing the start order, the following shall apply for the Moguls Event at Continental Cup. The competitors listed in the top 30 of the applicable Cup Standings shall be randomly drawn to the first



30 positions on the Start List, with the remaining competitors drawn randomly to the remaining positions. In the event such standings do not yet exist the FIS Rank for the most recent FIS Points List shall be used.

EC 3.6.2 Procedures for forming the Start Lists for Dual Moguls and for Aerials, Aerials Team, Dual Moguls Team and Aerials Synchro Events shall be as defined in the ICR.

EC 3.6.3 In any Event for which the formation of the Start List follows 3.6.1 above, if the competition is interrupted and cannot continue, the Qualification result shall stand as the Final Result for the competition, provided that the first 30 on the Start List have received a result. Competitors who start will be ranked according to their result; those who do not start will be marked as DNS.

EC 3.6.4 Assignment of Bibs for the top 25 Competitors

Bibs 1 to 25 will be assigned in order of the competitors' ranks on the latest EC Standings for the Event or, if such Standings do not yet exist, the FIS Points list for the Event. Bibs 26 onwards will be randomly assigned. If Moguls and Dual Moguls form part of the same programme, the bib allocation made for the first of the two Events to be run may optionally be retained for the second.

EC 3.6.5 Dual Moguls Draw  
See ICR 4310.1

EC 3.6.6 Formats  
See ICR 4005.1, 4204, 4304

(Cross Section)

EC 4.1 Fees and Team Ratio

EC 4.1.1 Entry Fees competitors  
Entry Fees per competitor may be charged to a maximum of CHF 110 for 1 competition and CHF 180 for 2 competitions including free lift pass for ~~training and~~ all competition days.  
~~CHF 30 for lift pass per day for additional officials above the team ratio defined in rule EC 1.3.~~

EC 4.1.2 Cross Team Ratio  

<u>1-3 competitors</u>	<u>3 team officials</u>
<u>4-8 competitors</u>	<u>5 team officials</u>
<u>9-12 competitors</u>	<u>6 team officials</u>
<u>12 or more competitors</u>	<u>8 team officials</u>

Team Officials, Coaches, Service Personnel, Medical Personnel receive free lift tickets.  
Additional officials above the team ratio may be charged max CHF 30 for lift pass per day.

EC 4.1.3 Ski Cross only  
Participants entered via the FIS online entry system into a European Cup will not have access for training on the course within 3 days before the first official competition day.

Unless the course is opened for training for all via FIS Online entered participants on the 3 days before the first official competition day.

#### EC 4.2.3

##### Ski Cross only

At European Cup, the competitors will be ~~sorted-seeded~~ into rank order of the respective valid European Cup Standing List until the best 32 men/16 women.

On the first ~~two~~ European Cup competition held of the season, the European Cup Final Ranking from the previous season will be taken into consideration.

For the second European Cup competition the EC Final Standing from the previous season, plus the EC Standing after the first competition will be taken in account (32 men/16 women).

At the third European Cup competition, the actual season's EC standing is solely taken in account (32men/16women).

If ~~the~~ competitors are tied, the better rank in the valid FIS Point list will decide their position. If they are still tied their position will be ~~decided by a~~ draw.

This applies for the best 32 men/16 women on the European Cup List used. All other competitors will be ranked according to the valid FIS point list.

Athletes with WC and EC rank are included according to their EC rank or the FIS points rank.

#### EC 4.5

##### Forerunners Ski Cross only

The organiser must have at least 2 forerunners (competitors with an active FIS FS code and FIS SX points) available for training and qualification. At least 4 forerunners or 1 heat (4) must have completed the course before the first round of the Final Phase.

In the event of interruptions, the jury will decide on the use of forerunners before the next competitor or heat.

If the organising committee is unable to provide qualified forerunners, the first Snow seed participants drawn by lot must compete instead of the forerunners.

Up to 2 forerunner heats for the KO final phase.

(General Section)

#### **NAC 5**

##### **Prize Money**

Prize Money will be awarded at each FIS NorAm Cup competition from the entry fees collected by each Organiser.

The total prize money available for each event will be determined by \$ 10.00 (equivalent in Euro with the fixed exchange rate by FIS latest 30<sup>th</sup> September) in local currency multiplied by the total number of entries per event. Prize money is calculated for each event separately and the total prize money is split equally between women and men. An organiser is permitted to award more prize money in excess of the formula.

#### **NAC 6**

##### **Entry Fees**

Entry fees for Freeski and Snowboard will be reviewed before each NorAm season by the NorAm Committee and set for the season at the fall FIS meeting.

The 20254/265 base maximum entry fee shall be

- CHF 140 per NAC competition for each participant;

- CHF 175 per NAC competition for each participant

or the equivalent in local currency rounded to the nearest \$5.00 as per the rate of exchange on 30<sup>th</sup> September latest of each year. Entry fees shall be paid in the currency of the host country. The base entry fee includes entry into one individual event.

(Freestyle Section)

NAC 10.6      **NorAm Cup Procedures - Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials Competition - Seeding**

~~Start Lists for all NAC Moguls and Dual Moguls competitions will follow the procedures defined in the ICR and World Cup Rules (ICR 4209, 4310, WC 3.6.3).~~

NAC 10.6.1      **Bibs**

**NAC 10.6.1.1**      Assignment of Bibs for the top 25 Competitors

Bibs 1 to 25 will be assigned in order of the competitors' ranks on the latest NAC NorAm Cup Standings for the Event or, if such Standings do not yet exist, the FIS Points Rank from the most recent FIS Points list ~~for the Event shall be used~~. Bibs 26 onwards will be randomly assigned. If Moguls and Dual Moguls form part of the same programme, the bib allocation made for the first of the two Events to be run may optionally be retained for the second.

**NAC 10.6.2**      **Dual Moguls Draw**

See ICR 4310.1

**NAC 10.6.3**      **Start Order Draw**

**NAC 10.6.3.1**      In addition to the rules in the ICR governing the start order, the following shall apply for the Moguls Event at the NorAm. The competitors listed in the top 30 of the NorAm Cup Standings shall be randomly drawn to the first 30 positions on the Start List, with the remaining competitors drawn randomly to the remaining positions. In the event such standings do not yet exist the FIS Rank for the most recent FIS Points List shall be used.

**NAC 10.6.3.2**      In any Event for which the formation of the Start List follows 10.6.3.1 above, if the competition is interrupted and cannot continue, the Qualification result shall stand as the Final Result for the competition, provided that the first 30 on the Start List have received a result. Competitors who start will be ranked according to their result; those who do not start will be marked as DNS.-

**NAC 10.6.3.3**      Procedures for forming the Start Lists for Dual Mogul and for Aerial Events shall be as defined in the ICR.

**NAC 10.6.4**      **Formats**

See ICR 4005.1, 4204, 4304

## 7. Cut resistant undergarment (Implementation Season 2026/27)

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>Uncut length (mm)</u>	<u>200<sub>Min</sub></u>
<u>Cutting force 1 star level (N)</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>Cutting force 2 star level (N)</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Cutting force 3 star level (N)</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>Cutting force 4 star level (N)</u>	<u>400</u>
<u>Cutting force 5 star level (N)</u>	<u>500</u>

### 7.1 Cut resistant undergarment

#### 7.2 Definition

Cut-resistant undergarment are clothing items worn underneath the competition suit, designed to improve the athlete's protection against cut injuries.

#### 7.3 General Specifications

In order to provide appropriate protection, the cut-resistant undergarment must be sized correctly based on producer's guidelines and worn in strict compliance with manufacturer instructions of use. The undergarment shall be used without alteration/modification, as certified by the manufacturer. Cut-resistant undergarment is intended to provide supplementary protection and not infinite cut protection.

#### 7.4 Technical specifications

The cut-resistant undergarment level of protection is defined by the specifications of the FIS-DITF test standard 2021.

Basic definition parameters are:

The minimum uncut measuring length for each level are: 200mm, cut resistance at cutting force of the corresponding level. Out of 5 tests of the same textile must have the corresponding cut resistance in 3 directions of textile positions: 0° / 45° / 90°. The direction with the lowest cut resistance value defines the FIS star level.

<u>Force (N)</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>FIS-star</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>***</u>	<u>****</u>	<u>*****</u>

Fulfilment of requirements is to be attested by these standardised conformity labels, affixed on the outer side of the protection garment in a non-removable way at the back of the lower left leg above the top of the ski boot cuff area. "Conforms to FIS Specifications CRU 2021" and depict the achieved FIS-star(s) level.

The conformity label certifies that the manufacturer has obtained the required certifications (FIS-DITF 2021) fulfils the above requirements. To receive the label, the test protocol must be submitted to FIS Athlete Health Unit.



Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for cut resistant undergarment.

#### 7.5 Implementation of cut resistant undergarment

The use of cut-resistant undergarment is mandatory for all events at race level 1 (WC / WSC / OWG / WJC, YOG) from season 2026 / 2027 onwards. The mandatory implementation requires a minimum protection level of 3 stars according to the FIS-DITF test standard for all body parts covered by the competition suit i.e. from the top of the boot to the collar of the competition suit and the wrist). It is strongly recommended to cover the neck as comprehensive as possible.

### **10. Back Protectors (Ski Cross)**

#### **10.1 Definition**

The back protector is an additional item of equipment, which protects the athlete's back against weather and external forces. The use of back ~~protections~~protection is highly recommended in general. The use of so called airbag back protectors is highly recommended.

#### **10.2 Specifications**

The back protector must adapt to the anatomical bend of the athlete's spine and ~~lay~~lie flat against the body. The top edge of the back protector ~~has~~must to be situated in the area of the spinal column and may not go above the 7<sup>th</sup> cervical vertebrae (C7). ~~Fastening of the back protector may take place with a stomach belt, straps or suspenders.~~ The maximum thickness ~~has~~must be in the middle part and may not exceed 45 mm; the thickness ~~is reduced~~is ~~at towards~~ the edges of the back protector. Designs with the alter to improve aerodynamic properties are forbidden. The back protector ~~may~~must be worn ~~exclusively~~underneath the competition suit. It is strongly recommended to use protectors that are certified according to the latest EN1621:2 standard.

#### **10.3 Protector with airbag technology**

##### Specification

##### 10.3.1 Definition: Airbag back protection~~er~~ for ski cross skiing is an additional piece of protective equipment based on an inflatable aircushion, electronically inflated with the aim of improving the protection level for athletes who are participating in ski cross competitions.

### 10.3.2

#### General Specifications

The presence of this device must not limit the freedom of movement for the athletes during competition. The airbag system must only be activated when the algorithm detects a crash and is triggered autonomously (without any voluntary intervention). Protectors with airbag technology must be worn underneath the competition suit, and fulfil the requirements given in art. 10 (Back Protectors).

Annually, manufacturers are required to state their compliance of the FIS equipment specifications. Each manufacturer confirms the reliability of the airbag system, which bears sole responsibility for the function and guarantees the innocuousness of their products in terms of materials and design. A nonremovable FIS compliance label affixed to the protector is mandatory.

### 10.3.3

#### Technical specifications

- Once triggered, the inflation time must not be greater than 200 milliseconds (in the temperature range -20°C to +30°C)
- Once inflated, the airbag cushion should not deflate immediately but remain fully inflated for minimum 3 seconds.
- Once inflated, the airbag cushion shall cover minimum one of the following areas: shoulders, back, or chest.

For body parts protected by aircushion: To assess the effect of energy absorption in the airbags, a specific test template must be used by the specified test institute. To meet the requirements, the maximum average impact value must be below 18 kN, and at least one of the impact values must be below 6 kN, based on European standard EN1621 protocols.

The airbag must be designed so that unintentional deployment does not prevent athletes from continuing to ski.

The maximum thickness of protectors (untriggered) with airbag technology must not exceed 55 mm.

The airbag must include a back protector based on European Standard EN1621:2.

Fulfilment and compliance with the FIS equipment specifications and the supplier's safety standards (product description) is to be attested by a conformity label shown below. The non-removable label is to be placed on the outside of the airbag protector, centered at the back, 1 cm below the top edge of the protector. The conformity label shall include the following text: "Conforms to FIS Specifications AIRBAG 2024". The label must show a minimum size of 20mm x 30mm (width x height) and must be accessible before starting the competition or official training (e.g., elongated label).

