

FIS FREERIDE

International Competition Rules Adaptations

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1. Introduction

The FIS Freeride Working Group has made significant progress on the alignment of the new discipline with FIS standards, with the International Competition Rules (ICR). The *adaptations* outlined in this document are approved by the FIS Council.

2. ICR Adaptations for the Freeride Discipline

The Working Group reviewed the first section of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR), and in particular the rules 200 to 226, with the aim of ensuring their applicability to the Freeride discipline. The majority of the existing FIS ICR first section rules were deemed adequate for Freeride events.

Key adjustments and proposals were approved as outlined below.

2.1. Adopted ICR Rules

The following regulations were confirmed as only needing minor wording amendments for the implementation phase of Freeride:

- 204 – QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITION
- 205 – COMPETITORS OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS
- 210/211 – ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS
- 212 – INSURANCE
- 213 – PROGRAMME
- 214 – ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 216 – TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING
- 217 – DRAW
- 218 – CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF DIGITAL CONTENT
- 219 – PRIZES
- 220 – TEAM OFFICIALS, COACHES, SERVICE PERSONNEL, SUPPLIERS AND FIRMS' REPRESENTATIVES
- 221 – MEDICAL SERVICES, EXAMINATIONS AND DOPING
- 222 – COMPETITION EQUIPMENT
- 223 – SANCTIONS
- 224 – PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES
- 225 – APPEALS COMMISSION
- 226 – VIOLATION OF SANCTIONS

2.2. Specific Adaptations Required

The following rules of the ICR were proposed for adaptation:

• **200 (Participation):** *Freeride World Tour Pro athletes must have a valid National Ski Association membership from their nation of belonging, and a FIS license. All other competitors in freeride events must have a valid FWT membership license.*

• **202 (Calendar and Events):** *For all FWT competitions, the registrations for inclusion in the FWT Calendar must be made to FWT by the National Ski Association or independent event organiser, according to the Event Organiser handbooks, published by FWT.*

• **203 (License):** *For FWT Pro athletes, additional licensing requirements shall be adopted, whereas possible, registration through the NSA on FIS platform, ski club membership, or other. For those elite athletes, FIS FWT will assess with each National Ski Association the additional processes.*

A license to participate in FIS FWT competitions is issued by FIS FWT and applies to all FIS FWT events of the licence's category (e.g., FWT Challenger, FWT Qualifier, etc.).

• **206, 208, 209 (Advertising, Media, Sponsorship Rights):** *Ownership & marketing rights of FWT Pro events belong to FIS FWT. Qualifier, Challenger or Junior events ownership and marketing rights belong to the event organisers. Rules 206, 208, 209 have been adapted to reflect the current ownership set up.*

• **215 (Entries):** *Entries to competitions will be adapted to the specific freeride chapter rules.*

3. Second section of the International Freeride Competition Rules (ICR)

The second section of the ICR outlines the specific competition rules for the discipline, including technical regulations. For Freeride, these rules are detailed in various rulebooks, which are published on the FIS website. Each rulebook corresponds to a specific competition level—Pro, Challenger, Qualifier, and Junior.