

Audi FIS Ski World Cup

Unofficial Athletes Presentation (Toblerone) and Official Winners Presentation Procedures for Technical Events (GS, SL) 2024/25

We kindly ask that you please follow all the steps below as part of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup Post Race Procedures for Technical. These procedures will be discussed during the Operations Production Meeting and therefore FIS advises all organizers to include all the relevant personnel mentioned below to be in attendance.

**The Unofficial Athletes presentation and Official Winners Presentation Procedures for Technical Events are presented below in chronological order*

Unofficial Athletes Presentation

- As the last racer comes through the finish line and stops, the Exit Gate is closed off by security not allowing un-authorized persons into the Finish Corral.
- The OC Finish Operations Personnel together with security, install a rope line and then a fence line at the finish line (or above at a slipper exit if this is more convenient) to direct all skier traffic from the racecourse. All the skier traffic including team members from the slope are directed out of the course through a designated exit. This closure must happen immediately after the last racer crosses the finish line.
- At the same time the Audi Personnel brings in the Audi Triangle Banner (Toblerone) and positions it in the pre-determined place near the centre of the Finish Corral facing downwards towards the crowd.
- Within 60 seconds of the last racer crossing the Finish Line, the FIS Director of Race Operations directs the top 3 finishers into position behind the "Toblerone" and gives the go ahead signal to the Announcer to begin with the unofficial athletes presentation, beginning with the FIS Fanfare – (short version).

Announcer's script for the Unofficial Athletes Presentation:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, based on the unofficial results of today's (resort, year) Audi FIS Ski World Cup (discipline), we are pleased to present:

In **third** position: Nation, Name

In **second** position: Nation, Name

And In **first** position, the unofficial winner of today's (resort, year,) Audi FIS Ski World Cup (Discipline) representing (Nation, Name) Thank you for your attention.

The Official Winner's Presentation will take place here in a few minutes."

The top 3 athletes are then escorted out of the finish area by the FIS Director of Race Operations.

The winner of the race will be directed to the Leader Board for the international flash interview. It is very important that this interview is broadcasted throughout the stadium for the public on site to hear and see on the big screen.

Athletes ranked 2nd and 3rd will be directed to the live TV presenter platforms to begin interviewing.

Official Winners Presentation

SET-UP

- When the top 3 athletes have exited the Finish Corral after the unofficial athlete's presentation, Longines will begin the countdown clock starting from when the last racer crosses the finish line for 20 min on one of the small finish area timing boards so that all involved can monitor the time until the ceremonies will begin.
- The OC Finish Operations Personnel open the air fence at the predetermined place. This opening should also act as the entrance for all of the Ceremony Personnel. Entry at this opening will be strictly controlled by Security.
- At this time, the Announcer must come from the Announcers' Box into the Finish Corral with a mobile microphone.
- The Audi/FIS Personnel and the required number of Finish Operations Personnel pass the podium, awards back drop, and awards carpet over the Finish Area fence and set it in position.
- When the FIS Director of Race Operations gives the permission, photographers will be allowed into the Finish Corral and will be positioned at the end of the finish corral with their backs against the airfence and be asked to lower down onto one knee to not block the view of the persons behind! They will be managed by the chief of photography.

RUN-DOWN

- After the Jury announces officially that there are no disqualifications and everything in the Finish Area is ready – the Announcer will be given the go ahead signal only by the FIS Director of Race Operations, to begin with the Official Winners Presentation.
- The Official Winners Presentation will begin with the FIS Fanfare (short version) being played, this is also when the top 3 athletes will walk together out to the podium and position themselves directly behind the podium.
- The top three athletes will be announced in the order: 3rd place, 2nd place and 1st place and come step up into their respective podium places one by one. This is done without Presenters. When all three athletes are on the podium, there will be a 10sec photo opportunity before the Announcer introduces the Presenters and the flowers/awards can be distributed (if the OC has planned some).
- After all the athletes are congratulated and given flowers, a child with the winning athlete's National Flag will move into an earlier defined position in front of the podium and the National Anthem of the winning athlete will be played.
- If the OC has champagne or special awards to present, then after the nation anthem these presentations can be done with the athletes remaining on the podium.
- The Top 3 athletes will be escorted directly back to the Live TV Presenter Platforms to continue with Live TV interviews if needed.
- The top 3 athletes will then be directed to the media area in the mixed zone where all postrace ENG interviews will then be conducted.
- The top 3 athletes should have an offer for OC provided transportation from the finish area back to their hotels after they are finished with their interviews in the mixed zone. Please note that a team member often accompanies athletes in this transport.
- In case there is a Doping Control, priority is given to the mixed zone interviews 1st. FIS suggests the location of the Doping Control be somewhere close to the finish area if possible.

For any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact

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