

PRECISIONS, INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

MASTERS ALPINE SKIING

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

EDITION 2025/26

PRECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASTERS ALPINE SKIING FOR THE SEASON 2025/2026 EDITION Southern Hemisphere

- National Ski Associations *
 - * Will be sent to the National Ski Associations for the attention of the team captains and trainers. The reproduction of further copies is the duty of the National Associations.
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1) INTRODUCTION

The Sub-Committee for Masters Racing met at Vilamoura (POR) during the FIS Spring Technical Meetings on May 8th, 2025, and new Rule changes were submitted for approval by the FIS Council that were duly approved at its June 13th Meeting and can be seen below (Item 6).

2) REGISTRATION FEES FOR ALPINE MASTERS COMPETITORS

The Alpine Masters Competitors will pay Registration Fees in the Season 2025/26 as in previous Seasons and NSAs will be invoiced for their ACTIVE MAS Competitors registered as of the 3rd FIS MAS Points List as well as all started athletes will be invoiced. For more information please contact: alexandra.blum@fisski.com

3) ADMINISTRATION OF “ACTIVE” MASTERS

It is of utmost importance that all Team Captains and NSA Officials responsible for Entry Forms carefully check that ALL the competitors they enter to a FMC/MAS Competition are in an ACTIVE status at FIS.

Competitors in an INACTIVE status will not be allowed to start.

Also the change from INACTIVE to ACTIVE needs to be done before the next FIS MAS Points list is calculated. Printing deadlines can be found at:

<https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/v2/fis-points/deadlines-list/MA?season=2026&mi=menu-fis-points§orcode=MA>

4) BAN ON FLUORINATED WAXES

The full fluor wax ban is fully implemented and the testing will be carried out across all event levels in order to ensure fluor-free competitions.

5) PARTICIPATION OF RUSSIAN AND BELARUSSIAN ATHLETES IN FIS COMPETITIONS

The current FIS policy, which does not allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials at FIS competitions, will remain in effect until further notice.

6) CHANGE OF LICENSE

The FIS Council has limited the change of licence to one sole change. See addition to rule 203.5 below:

203.5 Application for a change of FIS Licence Registration

All applications to change licence registration from one member National Ski Association to another are subject to consideration by the FIS Council at its Meetings in the spring (applications may only be submitted by 1st May each year). In principle an application to change licence registration will not be granted unless competitors demonstrate their personal association with the new nation. Prior to submitting an application to change licence registration competitors must possess the citizenship and passport of the country for which they wish to compete. In addition, competitors must have had their principal legal and effective place of residence in the new country for a minimum of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the request to change registration to the new country/National Ski Association. An exception to the two-year residency rule may be waived if the competitor was born in the territory of the new country, or whose mother or father is a national of the new country. Applications will not be accepted if a parent has obtained a passport for the new country, but is not resident, and/or there is no family ancestry.

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.

7) INTERDICTION TO CONTINUE AFTER A COMPETITOR STOPS

Please see change to rule 614.2.3

614.2.3 Interdiction to Continue after a competitor stops

If a competitor's skis come to a complete stop ~~(e.g. after a fall)~~, they must no longer continue through previous or further gates. If a competitor continues without their skis coming to a complete stop, they must not interfere with the run of the next competitor or be passed by the next competitor.

8) AIR BAGS, CUT RESISTANT UNDERGARMENT AND SHIN PADS

Please find below the status of the use of Air Bags, Cut Resistant Undergarment and Shin Pads for the Masters:

The use of both Air Bags and Cut Resistant Undergarment is not mandatory for the Masters.

Please see below the new rule prohibiting the use of rigid shin pads inside the boots, also for Masters:

3.5.4 Shin Pads

No additional rigid parts are allowed to be worn as shin pads inside the boot. To treat medical issues, additional protection pads, as soft padding can be approved by FIS. Those pads must be made of soft material (e.g. gel, foam) and be flexible in all directions. Additionally, they cannot have a preformed, curved shape adapted to the leg and their size must not exceed the height and width of the ski boot tongue.

9) APPROVED RULE CHANGES

Please note that the changes to Rules MA 88), MA 52) and MA 28) were approved at the 2024 Fall Meeting for implementation for the Season 2025-26 onwards.

MA 88) FMC CALENDAR GUIDANCE

Each Nation organising FIS Masters World Cup Races (FMC) can organise only one (1) group of back to back races during the Calendar period from December to April. In this period, preference is given to week end races and WCM, FMC Finals and WWMG are not included in the above limitation. Additional FMC races during this period are possible, but in any case no Nation should be awarded a second group of races before all other organising Nations have been given the chance to organise their first group of races.

MA 52) ENTRIES - FIS CODE NUMBERS - ENTRY FEES - REFUNDS

c) Entry Fees

- Currently, entry fees are not to exceed € 2~~50~~.- (or equivalent) per race, per person. They are collected individually upon the distribution of the start numbers (see also rule MA 75) concerning World Championshipsriterium).

MA 28) FEES

After being awarded a FIS Masters Race the Organizers are required to transmit without delay the prescribed FIS Calendar Fee through their National Ski Association.

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Fees:

FIS Masters WCup: Euro 2.~~500~~ per competitor and race

WCM: Euro 2.~~500~~ per competitor and race

All other FIS Races: Euro 1,000.75 per competitor and race

**C) “FIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIUM
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MA 3) AGE GROUPS (CATEGORIES) – CLASSES

WOMEN

Category Class	Age	Category Class	Age
C (Group C)		D (Group D)	
C 1	30-34	D 7	60-64
C 2	35-39	D 8	65-69
C 3	40-44	D 9	70-74
C 4	45-49	D 10	75-79
C 5	50-54	D 11	80-84
C 6	55-59	D 12	85-89
		D 13	90-94, etc.

The number of participants per country is not limited (except restrictions agreed upon for FIS World Championships).

MA 4) COURSES

All competitions must be carried out on FIS-homologated courses with the following vertical drops:

a) Slalom

min. 120 m – max. 180 m all

Categories

b) For indoor Slalom competitions:

min. 50m – max. 80m three runs

all Categories min.

80m two runs

all Categories

Number of courses: If the total number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, separate courses have to be set for the Categories A/C and B/D (World Criterion Championships): Separate courses for each Category are mandatory, in the case when the total of women does not exceed 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, C and D may race in the same course)

c) Giant Slalom:

min. 250 m – max. 350 m

Category A/C min. 200 m –

max. 300 m Category B/D

Number of courses: If the total number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty) competitors separate courses have to be set for the Categories A/C and B/D. If one course is permitted by the above criteria, if feasible, install 2 starts from different platforms (World Criterion Championships): Separate courses for each Category are mandatory, in the case when the total of women does not exceed 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, C and D may race in the same course) – see rule MA 33)

d) Super-G:

min. 300 m – max 400 m all Categories

The course of a Super-G in Masters Races must to be suited for Masters Skiing – shorter, with smaller radius curves, slower and therefore safer than a regular international Super-G. If the total number of participants (A+B+C+D) exceeds 140 (hundred and forty) competitors separate courses have to be set for the Categories A/C and B/D. (For the World Criterion Championships: Super-G courses for A, B and C must be run on separate days and on separate courses. If they are run on the same day they must have separate slopes in the case when the total of women does not exceed 140 (hundred and forty) competitors, C and D may race in the same course).

MA 6) ENTRIES

The entries (using FIS Entry Forms, including year of birth, FIS Masters Code Numbers and current points) must be sent by a National Ski Association and must be with the Organizing Committee no later than 24 hours before the first draw, preferably 4-7 days before the first race (World ~~Criterion~~Championships: a minimum of 20 days is mandatory). Late entries can be admitted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. Each National Ski Association bears the responsibility that their entered competitors have signed the FIS Athlete's Declaration, have an ACTIVE FIS Masters Code Number (FIS Points Rule 2.1.1) and are licensed to compete internationally. Regarding FIS-Code Numbers see rule MA 52 c).

MA 12) RACE APPLICATION AND TECHNICAL DELEGATE (TD) **b) Technical Delegate**

- A Technical Delegate gets appointed. His expenses are to be paid by the Organizers according to ICR 602.5.
- In addition to directing the race and filing the TD-Report it is the responsibility of the TD to supply the following with results: (electronically and hard copies):
- To the Masters Secretary in the FIS-Office for inclusion into the Masters Point List and filing.
- Results of FIS Masters World Cup only (including World ~~Championships~~Criterion) to the responsible person for the Overall Points Calculation of the FIS Masters World Cup (~~"Masters World Cup"~~).
- Hard copies only to the Chair of the S/Committee Masters and the National Masters Chair of the organizing country.
- On addresses and Computer Formats see rule MA 58),
- On TD's duties to check on Equipment Rules see rule MA 5) b)

MA 22) TYPES OF COMPETITIONS

International Masters Races are run under the auspices of the International Ski Federation (FIS), as follows:

- "FIS World ~~Championships~~Criterion Masters Alpine Skiing" (Symbol WCM), ~~unofficially also known as "Masters World Championships"~~, organized yearly.
- "FIS Masters World Cup" (Symbol FMC), about ~~620-730~~ races yearly, women and men, leading to Overall Masters World Cup Winners at the end of the season according to the World Cup System and with a Final Event at the end of the Competition Year.
- "Internationaler Alpencup" (Symbol ALP), comprising traditionally 3-4 Giant Slaloms for men, with a final event and overall winners by points
- Other international "FIS MASTERS RACES" (Symbol MAS) as listed in the FIS Calendar.
- Continental Cups Masters (Symbol COC)

MA 25)

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Suitability of Race Courses according to FIS Rules, as defined in FIS- Homologation.
- Rules for the specific events SL, GS and Super-G.
- Most important is a slalom hill allowing two parallel courses.
- Except for big events it is possible to use one set of timing equipment (always in accordance with the Timing Booklet), one finish area, and one group of gate judges, slip-crew and officials.
- Two separate GS-courses are preferred, but one is acceptable except for World ~~Criterium~~Championships.

MA 59)

PRIZEGIVING

Trophies and medals must show the Official Title of the Event ("FIS MASTERS WORLD CUP" for FMC events, "FIS MASTERS RACE" for MAS events or "FIS CONTINENTAL MASTERS CUP" or CoC events), the name of the resort and the year. The event and the ranking must be shown. In addition, trophies and medals may show a presentation (picture or emblem) of the event, resort and/or sponsor.

C) "FIS WORLD ~~CRITERIUM~~CHAMPIONSHIPS MASTERS ALPINE SKIING" – SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

MA 71)

OFFICIAL TITLE

English: "FIS World Masters ~~Criterium~~Championships Alpine Skiing"

German: "FIS Welt ~~meisterschaften~~kriterium Masters Ski Alpin"

French: "FIS ~~Championats~~kriterium Mondial Masters Ski Alpin"

Italian: "FIS ~~Campionati~~kriterium Mondiale Masters Sci Alpino"

The full official title is to be used in all publications: Result Lists, Race Programs, on Medals etc. The popular name "Masters World Championships" may only be used as an unofficial sub-title.

MA 72) ASSIGNMENT – CONDITIONS - EVENT FREQUENCY

- Upon a bid by a National Ski Association the World ~~Criterium~~Championships is assigned to the National Federation (who takes first responsibility), including the correct transfer of fees according to Rule MA 28) and a Ski Resort. By accepting the assignment both agree to follow these FIS-Rules and – within these – eventual directions based on decisions of the S/Committee for Masters Racing (or its Chair). This paragraph is valid for all FIS Masters Races – see Rule MA 12) a.
- A Ski Resort can be awarded with the World Criterium only after having organized at least one event with a Minimum of two FIS Masters World Cup Races. (exceptions to be decided by the S/Committee).
- Snowmaking is required on all race courses.
- Before the Calendar is finalized, the World Criterium Championships Organizers have first choice of date in order to offer the best conditions in regard to snow conditions and accommodation. Dates should be agreed at least 15 months before the event.

The ~~Criterium~~World Championship is to be organized annually, preferably in late February or in the beginning of March, through 5-6 days with Super-G, GS and SL, plus an additional GS valid for FIS Masters World Cup. The “World Championships”- Races also count as FIS-MC Races.

MA 74) FIS INSPECTION

- The Organizers are requested to invite at their expense a FIS Masters Inspector (S/Committee Chair or another knowledgeable person delegated by the Chair) to control and if appropriate help improve details of the Organization. The time span advised is 4-8 weeks before the event.
- The following subjects are to be inspected: slopes, snow conditions, snowmaking, homologation, finish areas, accessibility, time keeping system, FIS compatible software program (available free of charge from the FIS IT Department), bib system – see rule MA78), costs to racers (entry fees, ski passes, lodging), schedule, expected number of participant quota of racers from the organizing country, location of race office and awards, medals, accommodation office, lodging, waxing facilities, social program, discuss functions in the organization, course setters, gatekeepers, course workers (slip crews), rescue system, race doctors, helicopter, closest hospital, eventually help in updating key people of the Organization in regard to rules and procedures proved to be successful, etc.
- To calculate the expenses for the inspector, the rules for Technical Delegates apply. It is advised to have also the TD of the ~~Criterium~~World Championships participating.

MA 75) ENTRY CLOSING - FEE PAYMENT - REFUNDS

a) Entry Closing

Entries for the World Criterium Championships close 20 days before the first race. National Chair are asked to give estimates on their number of participants as soon as the winter starts in monthly intervals before the event to the S/Committee Chair who will pass these numbers on to the organizers

MA 78) START NUMBERS (REGULAR) - "PERSONALIZED" BIB SYSTEM

"Personalized" Bib System:

Considering the large field of athletes at the Criterium World Championships it can be helpful to give out only one bib for the whole week (identifying the racer, maybe to keep as a souvenir), rather than daily a set of bibs in the exact start order. This can save waiting lines and many working hours of handing out and collecting bibs. But the system can only be successful if the following measures are taken:

D) "FIS MASTERS WORLD CUP FINALS" – SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

MA 81) OVERALL MASTERS WORLD CUP

Each year there is an "Overall Masters World Cup Winner" in each class, ~~corresponding to the "FIS World Cup"~~. In all FIS Masters World Cup Races the first 30 competitors in each class receive FMC-Points to be added up throughout the year. Additionally to the Overall FIS Masters World Cup winners in each class, Overall Titles per Category (A, B, C and D) and per Discipline (Giant Slalom, Slalom and Super-G) will be awarded. No Overall Title by Category will be awarded for Alpine Combined.

MA 82) POINT CALCULATION

Winner, of the Overall Masters World Cup in each Class, is the racer accumulating the highest number of points taking into account his 12 best rankings of the season - regardless of the event. As double points are awarded in the FMC Finals (see Rule MA)83), if a racer gained higher points in the Finals than in the regular season, those higher points will be computed even if they are not his/her best rankings. To enter the Final Overall Classification a racer must have finished and achieved an official ranking in a Minimum of 6 FIS MC Races (DNF and DSQ not to be counted).

MA 83) DOUBLE FIS MASTER WORLD CUP POINTS AT FINALS

For the FIS MC Finals (alternating every year GS/SL, SG/SL and SG/GS and so on), the racers are awarded double points as defined by rule MA 82)

Points for FIS MC Finals:

1st: 200, 2nd: 160, 3rd: 120, 4th: 100, 5th: 90, 6th: 80; 7th: 72, 8th: 64, 9th: 58, 10th: 52, 11th: 48; 12th: 44; 13th: 40, 14th: 36, 15th: 32, 16th: 30 etc. until 30th: 2.

If the FIS MC finals are scheduled and executed within the World Championships week, only the additional FIS MC Race (generally GS) will receive the double points.

If no additional FIS MC Race is scheduled or executed at the World Championships week there will be no double points race.

MA 84) TIE BREAK RULE

In case of a tie in points for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place for the Overall Masters World Cup Winners, the tie is to be broken according to the following system:

- a) Winner is the racer showing the lower sum of race points of his 9 best placing after the last race.
- b) In case that his 10th or 11th etc. best result is an equal ranking to his 9th best, those with the lowest race points have to be considered.

MA 85) ORGANIZERS' DUTIES

The "FIS Masters World Cup Finals" take place annually at the end of the Competition Year.

MA 88) FMC CALENDAR GUIDANCE

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Additional FMC races during this period are possible, but in any case no Nation should be awarded a second group of races before all other organizing Nations have been given the chance to organize their first group of races.

E)**MA 90)****“FIS MASTERS INDOOR GRAND PRIX”****FMGP – FIS MASTERS INDOOR GRAND PRIX**

Each year there is an “FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix Winner” in each age class, corresponding to the Indoor Slalom Races organized in the month of October and November. In all Indoor Slalom Races of the FIS Masters World Cup the first 30 competitors in each class receive FMC-Points to be added up throughout the months of October and November in order to determine the winners. Those races will count for the FMC – FIS Masters World Cup and in addition will also count to the FMGP – FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix.

MA 87)**TWO FMC COMPETITIONS ON THE SAME DAY**

When requesting to add competitions which include two SG or GS (single run) competitions in one day to the FIS Alpine Masters Calendar, the respective NSA must provide participation numbers from the previous two times (excluding WCM) that a FIS Masters event was held at the venue. If either of the previous two events had more than 180 competitors, a second race will not be calendared on the same day.

Two FIS Masters World Cup GS (single run) and SG competitions can be held on scheduled for the same day ~~and the second competition can be organised~~ provided that a maximum of 180 athletes take part. ~~Decision has to be taken at the TCM the day before.~~ This limitation does not apply for programs with simultaneous races or programs where the first race is held in the morning and the second race is held at night with a minimum of eight (8) hours between the start of the first race and the start of the second race. Decision to cancel the second competition has to be taken at the TCM the day before.

I)**RACE COURSES****MA 31)****COURSE-SETTING**

The Organizers are responsible for providing experienced course setters. General ICR-Rules applies, except where there are specific ICR Masters Rules (e.g. relating to vertical drop, number of gates, course characteristics etc.).

- Flowing and rhythmical courses should be set close to the fall line, avoiding pitfalls.
- Avoid setting very fast courses with dangerous jumps.
- Avoid special measures for reducing speed, such as sharp turns or long traverses.

- Provide hard, machine packed courses, preferably on man-made snow, continuously maintained by course workers to ensure equal conditions for all competitors (see rule MA) 43 b).
- For all events of Masters races the course setter should set the number of gates taking the nature of the terrain into consideration, the conditions of the slope and the ability of the competitors. There are no requirements related to minimum or maximum number of gates.
- All race courses must be FIS-homologated for the appropriate event.
- The race should be decided by skill and good technique and not by crashes and disqualifications. First priority must be given to the safety of the racers.