

# Education Guidelines Annex

## *FIS Judge Park and Pipe*

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# 1. Overview of Education Pathway Judge

		Park & Pipe - Judges						
		Applicant Nomination Process				NOTE FOR SB: The WSF clinic + FIS Foundational Training + Online Exam allows for a C-License. This is the prerequisite to enter the Candidate Phase.		
		Applicants will be nominated by their NSA and for Snowboard also by the WSF (World Snowboard Federation)						
up to 3 months	Applicant Phase	<b>Training Process</b> <i>Where they ideally get knowledge and skills. If NSA cannot provide this, Moodle needs to cover up</i>		<b>Outcomes</b> <i>What they need to know and be able to do at the END of the phase; this will be assessed</i>		<b>Assessment</b>		
		<b>Knowledge: What they need to know and be aware of</b>	<b>Skills: What they need to be able to do</b>	<b>Knowledge: What they need to know and be aware of</b>	<b>Skills: What they need to be able to do</b>	<b>Moodle Testing</b>	<b>Seminar/Clinic</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Judge Clinic</li> <li>- E-Learning: Moodle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For SB: WSF clinic</li> <li>- National level events judging in at least 2 disciplines</li> <li>- Virtual judging</li> <li>- Former athlete</li> <li>- Working with an event organizer</li> <li>- ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foundational knowledge of the rules: Judging Handbook and Scoring System</li> <li>- Foundational knowledge of the formats for National and Below Contests</li> <li>- Foundational knowledge of HR requirements</li> <li>- Foundational knowledge of trick mechanics</li> <li>- Foundational knowledge of the role of the Judge and its profile (i.e. time commitment, responsibilities)</li> <li>- How do we work at FIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professional Skills</li> <li>- Experience with the sport (i.e., national judge, working with a local organizer)</li> <li>- Trick identification</li> <li>- Skiing/Snowboarding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motivation</li> <li>- Video in English online</li> <li>- MC Online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For Snowboard: At least one WSF clinic in 2 years</li> <li>- Judging of at least 2 disciplines</li> </ul>	
1 year	Candidate Phase	<b>Training Process</b> <i>Where they ideally get knowledge and skills</i>		<b>Outcomes</b> <i>What they need to know and be able to do at the END of the phase; this will be assessed</i>		<b>Assessment</b>		
		<b>Knowledge: What they need to know and be aware of</b>	<b>Skills: What they need to be able to do</b>	<b>Knowledge: What they need to know and be aware of</b>	<b>Skills: What they need to be able to do</b>	<b>Moodle Testing</b>	<b>Seminar/Clinic</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- E-Learning: Moodle</li> <li>- FIS international clinic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIS international clinic</li> <li>- Judging at Continental Cup Level</li> <li>- Shadow Program (voluntarily)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connect ICR-WC-COC-FIS rules</li> <li>- Knowledge of Tricks and Trick identification</li> <li>- Higher level scoring systems</li> <li>- WC formats and procedures</li> <li>- Constitution of Hill and Venue</li> <li>- Speed of progression</li> <li>- Administrative knowledge: Entries/ranking lists/result lists</li> <li>- Provider: Data service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professional Skills</li> <li>- Apply technical knowledge of technique and performance</li> <li>- Breakdown mechanics of high level tricks</li> <li>- Ranking</li> <li>- Implement run down of the event</li> <li>- MS Excel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written online exam</li> <li>- Virtual Judging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FIS international clinic at the beginning of the CP</li> <li>- Judge assessment at Continental Cup Level</li> <li>- Test Clinic with two tests: a) Track identification b) Ranking Test</li> </ul>	
	Licensed Phase	<b>Training Process</b> <i>Where they ideally get knowledge and skills</i>		<b>Outcomes</b> <i>Continuous development of licensed FIS judges</i>		<b>Keeping the License</b>		
		<b>Knowledge: What they need to know and be aware of</b>	<b>Skills: What they need to be able to do</b>	<b>Knowledge: What they need to know and be aware of</b>	<b>Skills: What they need to be able to do</b>	<b>Moodle</b>	<b>On-field</b>	<b>Knowledge Transfer</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Clinic</li> <li>- E-Learning: Moodle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Judge assignments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deepen the knowledge</li> <li>- Update the knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deepen all professional skills</li> <li>- Deepen all personal skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yearly Online Update with test</li> <li>- Annual Trick ID Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- B-License: Clinic in person every 2 years</li> <li>- 2 assignments Continental Cup in 2 years</li> <li>- A-License + 1 WC assignment/year + Second clinic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A-License Proven activity in national sport development (e.g., TD education, race organization etc.)</li> </ul>
		Generally, it has to be in the interest of the Judge to keep the license and thus, keep record about when to participate in the Seminar. For the yearly online updates, Moodle will send automated notifications.						

## 2. Summary of Judge Education

### 2.1 Application Process

Judge Applicants should be recruited from active members of the FIS or NSA. Ideal applicants should have a background in the sport and be able to communicate in English.

They should be enthusiastic about sport, dependable, sociable, and clearly thinking under pressure.

As an exception to the general FIS Technical Official Guidelines, Freeski and SB judges can enter the FIS education as applicants with 16 years, complete the applicant phase and thus receive a C-License that allows them to judge national FIS events **IF it is in accordance with the NSA rules (i.e., the NSA allows judging of underaged judges)**. To judge international competitions, judges need to be at least 18 years old. To receive a B and/or A-license, judges need to be at least 18 years old.

Before being accepted as an applicant, the Freeski Applicants are nominated by their NSA, whereas Snowboard Applicants can be nominated by the World Snowboard Federation (WSF) as well. The nomination documents need to be complete and will be checked by the Judges Advisory Group.

Upon acceptance of the application to become a FIS Park and Pipe Judge, the applicant will receive access to the FIS E-Learning platform Moodle.

### 2.2 Applicant Phase

The Applicant must:

- Study the online course "Welcome to FIS"
- Study the online course "How do we work at FIS"
- Study the course "Foundational Knowledge about a PP Judge"
- Prove necessary English skills
- Pass the online Multiple-Choice exam
- **SNOWBOARD**: must additionally attend the WSF clinic, to get the WSF C-License

The Applicant phase finishes with a C-License. C-License Judges may judge FIS Continentals and lower. In exceptional circumstances, a maximum of 1 C-License Judge per World Cup event is allowed. A maximum of 2 C-License Judges per Continental event is allowed. C-License Judges may be Head Judge at all National events.

### 2.3 Candidate Phase

#### *First year*

The Candidate must:

- Attend the FIS International clinic at the beginning of the Candidate Phase
- Prove judging experience at Continental Cup Level that is assessed by an experienced FIS Judge
- Attend the shadow program on a voluntary basis
- Attend a test clinic where the Candidate must pass:
  - Trick identification test
  - Ranking test

After passing all prerequisites and after reaching the age of 18 years, the Candidate receives the B-License. B-License Judges may judge FIS World Cups, Youth Olympic Games, Continental Cups and lower and be Head Judge at FIS Continental Cups and lower.

### 2.4 Licensed Phase

To receive an A-license, a B-licensed judge must:

- Have a minimum of three (3) years judging experience in the respective Event
- Have attended a minimum of two (2) International Judges' clinics in the last three (3) years

- Have judged a minimum of one (1) FIS World Cup in the last three (3) years

A judge can apply for a license upgrade based on prior experience judging high-level independent events, or prior experience as a high-level competitor and must:

- Be approved by the FIS SB / FK Judging Advisory Group (JAG)
- have attended a minimum of one (1) FIS International Judging Clinic and have the approval of their NSA

A-License Judges may judge at all levels of FIS SB / FK competitions and be Head Judge at all levels of FIS SB / FK competitions.

To keep the B-license, the judge must:

- attend at least one International Judging Clinic in two years and show satisfactory skills/knowledge on the practical examination,
- pass the annual Trick ID test.
- prove active engagement in judge work demonstrated by assignments. In detail, B-Licensed Judges must prove at least 2 FIS Judge assignment on Continental Cup level in two years

A judge license will be revoked if the judge fails to work as an assigned FIS judge on Continental Cup level for two consecutive years without justified cause.

A judge license will be revoked if the judge fails attend a FIS International Clinic every four years the latest without a justified cause.

To keep the A-License, the judge must:

- attend at least one International Judging Clinic per year and show satisfactory skills/knowledge on the practical examination,
- pass the annual Trick ID test.
- prove active engagement in judge work demonstrated by assignments. In detail, Judges must prove at least 2 FIS Judge assignment on Continental Cup level in 2 years and one FIS judge assignment on World Cup level every year
- prove active engagement in development of Park and Pipe in their country

An A-judge license will be downgraded to the B-license if the judge fails to work as an assigned FIS Judge on World Cup level for two consecutive years without justified cause.

An A-judge license will be downgraded to a B-license if the judge fails to attend a FIS International Clinic every two years the latest without a justified cause.

### **3. Training and Education Opportunities**

#### **3.1 Clinics and Updates**

Judge Candidates and licensed Judges need to actively engage in Judge International Clinics. Not only will the candidates participate alongside licensed judges, but they will also contribute to the learning process. These sessions go beyond traditional lectures, incorporating interactive workshops, role-plays, simulations, and real-case presentations.

International clinics are key in Judge education and as such reserved for Judge Candidates and licensed FIS Judges. However, if the space and organization allow, other interested stakeholders, such as National Judges (licensed and/or in training), LOC members, coaches etc., may participate. However, access to supporting learning material and the FIS e-learning platform is exclusive for FIS Judges Candidates and FIS licensed Judges.

All International Judging clinics/seminars are to be sanctioned by the FIS SB & FK JAG. International Clinics will be held in key geographic regions annually. The scheduling and

organization of International Judging Clinics is the responsibility of the SB & FK JAG Chair and Vice Chair. A preliminary schedule of annual International Judging Clinic dates and locations should be released after the FIS Spring Meetings.

To become a proctor/instructor for international Judges Clinics you must have attended clinics and be approved / appointed by the FIS SB & FK JAG. Any qualified Judge intending to teach an International Judges' Clinic should submit their name to FIS SB & FK JAG Chair.

### *3.2 Shadowing*

Judges and potential Judges can apply to shadow at higher-level events, to gain further insight into how the judging process and competition environment changes from Continental Cup level to World Cup level. This is not a requirement but can be a method for a Judge to further their education. If a Judge is interested in shadowing, they should speak to the relevant Judge coordinator who can liaise with Head Judges and the Organising Committee's for events to gauge whether it is manageable.

### *3.3 Practical (In-Service) Education and Training*

Beyond theoretical instruction, practical education and training - defined as active engagement in designated responsibilities during official events -constitutes an essential component in the development of Candidates and the ongoing qualification of licensed TDs. All practical training for Candidates is rigorously supervised, with detailed reports submitted to FIS to ensure thorough evaluation, constructive feedback, and continuous professional growth.

### *3.4 E-Learning*

The overall FIS education strategy considers a blended-learning approach. As such, all applicants, candidates and licensed Judges have access to the FIS E-Learning Platform Moodle ([www.edu.fis-ski.com](http://www.edu.fis-ski.com)). Moodle is meant to provide a platform for self-regulated e-learning at the discretion of the user. Additionally, it supports the in-person and/or guided e-learning process with supplementary information and learning tools.

## **4. Governance of Judge Education**

The Judges' structure falls under the responsibility of the FIS Park and Pipe Committee. The Judging Advisory Group exercises this authority. The annual meetings of the FIS SB & FK JAG are to be held in Spring and Fall. If a meeting cannot be scheduled, as many members of the FIS SB & FK JAG as possible should meet at one of the last World Cup events of the season.