

Current Situation Regarding the Fluorine Test Procedure in the Context of the ICR

This document aims to better inform all parties involved (Race Director, TD, jury, NSA, athletes) about the framework conditions of the fluorine ban and to facilitate the effective work of fluor testers, jury members, and the further development of Ski Cross.

The procedure for the fluorine test is described in the document "Fluor Ban Implementation 2024/25".

ICR 222.6 outlines the general conditions of material control. Paragraph 2 states that if a faulty test procedure is proven, a further test or verification by an independent laboratory may be required. This is not conducted as a protest within the meaning of ICR 2026.

ICR 222.8 prohibits the use of fluorinated ski waxes. Paragraph 2 describes the possible competitive advantage and notes that disqualification is the only sanction. An irregular advantage contrary to Rule 222.8 can be considered 'unsportsmanlike behavior' according to ICR 223.1.1.

According to "Fluor Ban Implementation 24/25", FIS testers are required to re-test an athlete's second ski if a positive fluorine finding is identified on the first ski. In case of doubt, the FIS tester will consult key FIS officials (e.g., Augusto Gillio / Lars Karlöf) online to verify if the result has been correctly interpreted. In case of doubt, the decision will favor the athlete.

Protest / Appeal:

A protest regarding a material inspection cannot be submitted, but a request for verification of the process can be made directly to the tester. It is the jury's responsibility to check together with the FIS tester whether the test procedure has complied with the specifications (fluor ban implementation). If a mistake has indeed occurred leading to a "false positive" result, no disqualification will be issued. The jury's decision can be appealed in accordance with the rule ICR 2027.

All procedures (testing, follow-up checks, etc.) must be completed before the next phase begins. This is particularly crucial for the knockout rounds.