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A. GENERAL RULES

1. FIS World Championships

- 1.1. The FIS World Championships are the FIS-owned competitions. Participation is open to all National Ski Associations (“NSA”) affiliated with FIS. They are to be organised in accordance with the FIS Rules, are under the control of FIS (ICR art. 202.1.1) and the ICR are incorporated into these rules.
- 1.2. The FIS Council appoints the National Ski Associations together with the Organisers of the FIS World Championships in all disciplines.
- 1.3. Candidates for the organisation of FIS World Championships must provide FIS with a written confirmation stating that they are prepared to conform in all respects with the FIS Rules for the organisation of FIS competitions (art. 202.1.1 ICR) and must sign a contract stipulating all rights and obligations of the LOC immediately after the election as Organiser.

2. Year and dates

- 2.1. The FIS World Championships in Freeride Ski and Snowboard will be organised for the first time in 2026 and, following that, every second year, or may be held annually depending on host opportunities.
- 2.2. The FIS Freeride World Championships shall take place on two competition days within the 9-day weather window, scheduled between the first half of January and the first half of April. The exact competition day (D-Day) will be confirmed 1–2 days in advance, depending on weather conditions.

3. Financing

- 3.1. The event shall be funded through a collaborative partnership involving the NSA, FIS.
- 3.2. The total event budget should cover all aspects of competition and event, including:
 - 3.2.1. Mountain and hosting logistics,
 - 3.2.2. Prize money,
 - 3.2.3. Content production (e.g., TV Production, TV news and highlights, digital and social media videos, and photos),
 - 3.2.4. Communication and promotion,
 - 3.2.5. Marketing, and
 - 3.2.6. Administration.
- 3.3. The detailed allocation of responsibilities outlined in the Appendix 1. More details regarding the budget of the event will be provided in the informal discussions phase to potential Hosts.

4. Authorisation

- 4.1. The LOC/NSA delivers at no costs the following administrative authorizations to FIS Freeride:
 - 4.1.1. To hold a freeride skiing and snowboarding competition on 3 different venues within the Hosting resort validated by the Technical Delegate.
 - 4.1.2. To close access to the Mountain Venues 30 days prior to the Event. This includes the cost of setting up ropes and having face guards ensuring the venue isn't tracked.
 - 4.1.3. To obtain the necessary authorizations for the TV Production Drones to operate and fly during the event.

5. Postponement and cancellations

5.1. Postponement

If snow conditions and the weather forecast are unfavourable for the original dates, FIS Freeride and the LOC may agree to postpone the competition to a mutually agreed-upon date within the same year. Any additional costs incurred due to postponement (e.g., room cancellations or live broadcast fees) will be covered by the LOC. Upon receiving invoice proofs, the LOC will reimburse FIS Freeride for these expenses as stipulated in the Hosting Agreement.

5.2. Cancellation

In case there is not sufficient snow on the courses, the FIS World Championships will be cancelled. FIS will organise a snow control on a date prior to the start of the competitions to be defined jointly between FIS and the LOC (and aligned with the FIS disciplines' World Cup rules) to determine if it is possible to carry out the competitions.

Any competitions that have to be cancelled for any reason during the Championships will not be carried out after the Closing Ceremony at a later date or at another site. The event(s) will be cancelled and no medals awarded. However, in that case, the LOC will pay the full contractual fee to FIS.

B. ORGANISERS: SELECTION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

6. Host Election Process

- 6.1. The organisation and delivery of FIS World Championships are delegated by FIS to a National Ski Association and an LOC.
- 6.2. The FIS Council elects the organising National Ski Association and the location for the Freeride events at least 12 months before the FIS World Championships.
- 6.3. The election procedure is as follows:

The FIS Council shall elect the Organisers in a closed meeting.

- An absolute majority of votes shall be required and,
- If an absolute majority is not reached in the first ballot, the Candidate receiving the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated and so on until one Candidate has received an absolute majority;
- In the case of a tie for the last place or places a second ballot will be taken between those who tied.
- All Council Members irrespective of their nation of origin shall have the right to vote.
- The results of the voting shall be published, including the number of votes for each Candidate in each round, at the ceremony after the official announcement of the selected organising city.

According to the FIS Statutes:

- The President can vote. When the vote is tied, the President has the deciding vote.
- 6.4. The National Ski Association appoints an LOC for the FIS World Championships.

7. Application Process

7.1. Financial and Administrative Conditions

A National Ski Association wishing to organise FIS World Championships must send a written application to the FIS Secretary General according to the FIS Rules at the latest by 1 May 2026 (October 1st, 2025 for the 2027 Applications).

Deadline for 2027 Applications

Milestone		
1. Informal Dialogue	February 2025 – September 2025	FIS offers hands-on support to define and develop the project.
2. Application Deadline	1 October 2025	Submit a complete application letter (signed by NSA & LOC) to events@fis-ski.com .
3. Organiser Appointment	By February 2026	The FIS Council will select the hosts, based on recommendations from the FIS Evaluation Group.

Deadline for 2028-2029 Applications

Milestone		
1. Informal Dialogue	February 2025 – April 2026	FIS offers hands-on support to define and develop the project.
2. Application Deadline	1 May 2026	Submit a complete application letter (signed by NSA & LOC) to events@fis-ski.com .
3. Organiser Appointment	June 2026	The FIS Council will select the hosts, based on recommendations from the FIS Evaluation Group.

7.1.1. Winner fee

Freeride Championships CHF 80'000

7.1.2. Election of Organisers

The FIS Council shall award the Organisers of the FIS Freeride World Championships during the Congress Week.

7.1.3. The FIS Council fixes the financial and administrative conditions for a FIS World Championships application.

7.2. The Application shall include the following:

7.2.1. Written confirmation that the Candidate agrees to conform in all respects with FIS Rules for the organisation of FIS competitions as per art. 1.3 of these rules.

7.2.2. A statement that the Candidate, to the best of its ability, will not allow any discrimination against national federations or individuals (competitors, officials, judges, delegates, etc.) on the grounds of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliations, languages or abilities.

7.3. Questionnaire

As soon as possible after the Application, FIS will provide each Candidate and its National Ski Association with a detailed questionnaire for completion prior to the meeting with the Inspection Group that will assess the organisational subjects of the Candidate.

7.4. Guarantee and Timetable

If, at the time of filing the application for the organisation of the FIS World Championships, the technical conditions of the competitions - as, for example, courses, facilities and accommodation - are not yet ready, the Candidate must be able to guarantee that all necessary arrangements will be undertaken and ready within the years remaining before the events are to take place. The Candidate must present a timetable within which all works are to be completed in detail, giving a time limit for each phase of the work to be finished.

8. FIS Inspection Group and Recommendations to the FIS Council

8.1. The FIS Council appoints an Inspection Group of experts including the professional staff, which shall investigate the suitability of the Candidate from all viewpoints.

8.2. The Inspection Group shall submit a written report to the National Ski Associations, Technical Committee Chairpersons and the FIS Council.

8.3. The Inspection Group shall prepare a report for the FIS Council which shall in principle differentiate between the following qualifications:

8.3.1. The Candidate site is suitable without reservations;

8.3.2. The Candidate site is suitable if, within two years, all works (for which a detailed timetable is established) will be finished;

8.3.3. The Candidate site is not suitable.

8.4. If the members of the Inspection Group carry out an inspection visit, the Candidates for the FIS World Championships must pay their accommodation and board during the visit.

8.5. Should the Candidate not be able to keep to the given deadlines, it will be deprived of the organisation of the FIS World Championships. These will then be given to the best other qualified Candidate. Decisions in this respect are made by the FIS Council.

9. Contract between FIS, National Ski Association and Host City

9.1. Immediately after the election, the National Ski Association concerned and the official representatives of the host city shall sign a contract with FIS detailing all rights and duties of the Organiser.

C. SPORT INFORMATION AND RULES

10. Events and competitions

10.1. The FIS World Championships in the Freeride discipline will take place over two day (Qualification and a Final), with one run per athlete in each of the four competitions:

- 10.1.1. Ski Men
- 10.1.2. Ski Women
- 10.1.3. Snowboard Men
- 10.1.4. Snowboard Women

Discipline	Competitions	Quotas
Freeride	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ski Men• Ski Women• Snowboard Men• Snowboard Women	2027, 2028: 74 competitors 2029: 80 competitors

11. Age limits

- 11.1. All athletes participating in the 2027 FIS Freeride World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2009.
- 11.2. All athletes participating in the 2028 FIS Freeride World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2010.
- 11.3. All athletes participating in the 2029 FIS Freeride World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2011

12. Eligibility criteria for participation

- 12.1. All athletes must comply with the age limits dictated by point 11.
- 12.2. All athletes participating in the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships must have at least one result where they are ranked in the top 60% of the starting field in an FWT Qualifier 4*, or above, event in their career. Alternatively, a top 3 result on the Freeride Junior World Championships will make the athlete eligible.
- 12.3. All athletes must be members of their NSA of belonging and must have a valid FIS License.
- 12.4. Maximum quotas per NSA as defined by Rule 13.

13. Number of quotas

- 13.1. There will be a maximum of 67 athletes: maximum 41 in the Ski competitions and 27 in the Snowboard competitions, including one host nation wildcard that can be allocated to any competition.
- 13.2. The maximum team size per NSA is 12 athletes, excluding Wildcards, with a quota of 3 athletes per NSA, for each of the 4 competitions.
- 13.3. Total Quotas per competition:

	Competition	Total
Men	Ski Men	24
	Snowboard Men	16
Women	Ski Women	16
	Snowboard Women	10
Total		66 + 1 host nation wildcard

14. Qualification system

- 14.1. The qualification system for the FIS Freeride World Championships shall be defined in the "Qualification system document published on the FIS Website.

15. Invitation and entries

- 15.1. All personally invited athletes (Group 1,2 and 4) will receive a formal invitation to the 2026 FIS Freeride World Championships on April 30th, 2025. The NSAs of those qualified athletes will also be included in the communication and will receive a confirmation of their qualified quotas (Group 3).
- 15.2. All entries from NSAs must be submitted to FIS and must include the following information regarding each competitor: Name, nation, gender, date of birth. FIS will then control that each competitor fulfils all eligibility criteria before confirming said athlete for the FIS Freeride World Championships. All entries must be submitted by September 15th, 2025, and all replacements by January 21st, 2026.

16. Reallocation of unused quota places

- 16.1. Unused Quota Places will be reallocated to the next NSA in line in Group 3, as per Nations' Ranking, according to the system described in 13.2.

17. NSA Officials' Numbers

- 17.1. The maximum number of team officials, medical and technical personnel per national team shall be:

Number of starting competitors	Number of officials
1	2
2	3
3	4
4	5
etc	etc
12	13

- 17.2. NSA President and Secretary General may be registered by each NSA with the team entry for each of the disciplines. Their registration does not count as part of the total quota.

18. Technical Supervision

- 18.1. The technical control of the FIS World Championships is exercised by the Technical Delegates (TD), FIS Race Directors, FIS staff and Freeride World Tour staff. The LOC must conform with the instructions and recommendations of the Technical Delegates, FIS Contest Directors.

19. FIS Freeride Officials' Numbers and Information

- 19.1. The FIS Council appoints the following officials for the FIS World Championships, considering, to the best of its abilities, the topics of diversity, inclusion and gender equality. These officials may not have responsibility for a national team or a national delegation and they are an addition to the FIS staff (Race Directors, etc.) on-site.

Discipline	FIS Officials, FIS Staff and Mandated Experts
Freeride	2 Technical Delegates 1 Competition Director 4 Ski Judges 4 Snowboard Judges 2 Video Judges 1 Head of Safety (Mountain Guide UIAGM) 2 Mountain Guides 2 Medical Supervisor 25 FIS Staff (Logistics, etc) 25 FIS Staff (TV Production Staff)

- 19.2. Expenses for FIS Officials

The LOC is responsible for the payment of the costs of travel to/from and at the competition venue, accommodation and meals with soft drinks for the necessary period during their assignment for all FIS Technical Officials (Judges, etc.). Daily remuneration of Officials and mandated experts is defined in the Hosting Agreement and is to be paid by the LOC to all FIS Officials appointed by the FIS Council for each day of their assignment and the travel days (with the exception of the paid FIS staff). The payment of travel, accommodation and daily remuneration also applies to the attendance of the Technical Delegates at the final inspection.

20. Competition Venue

- 20.1. The competition venue is defined by the FIS Competition Director (CD) and Technical Delegate (TD) up to two days before competition. The CD and TD might retain multiple venues if considered necessary for safety and conditions purposed. Some venues might have multiple starts either for the competitors to choose from, or dedicated to one or more categories. This will be decided considering the security, the logistics, the show aspect, and the competition fairness inside the same category.
- 20.2. The LOC will close the competition venue(s) 30 days prior to the event. On rare occasions the Competition Direction may decide to close the venue for more than 30 days prior to the event, if so, it will be communicated to all competitors.
- 20.3. If a competitor was seen riding the competition venue(s) after the time the Competition Direction decided to close it, and clearly marked and communicated it, the competitor will be disqualified.
- 20.4. Riding the competition venue(s) before they are officially closed is permitted.

21. Other Sport Rules

- 21.1. All Sport rules are the same as defined in the FWT Pro Rulebook, with a dedicated rulebook to be published latest 6 months prior to the FIS Freeride World Championships.

D. ORGANISATIONAL RULES

22. LOC's Organisation

22.1. The LOC shall provide, at no cost, the following:

22.1.1. A LOC Management Team

The LOC Management Team is responsible for coordinating event organization and liaising with the FIS Freeride Event Manager before and during the event. The LOC Manager is tasked with managing the LOC, overseeing the event budget, and ensuring the smooth execution of event planning and all LOC-related tasks and responsibilities.

22.1.2. A Media, Marketing, and Communications Team

This team is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all communication activities related to the event. It will collaborate with the FIS Communications team to maximize the event's exposure across all communication channels.

22.1.3. A Logistics Team (Mountain and Village)

This team manages all logistical aspects of the event, ensuring the successful delivery of hospitality, branding, transportation, and competition setup.

22.1.4. An Event Operations Team

The Event Operations Team oversees administrative tasks, accreditation, transportation, and accommodations for athletes, officials, FIS staff, and media representatives.

22.1.5. Volunteer Team

The LOC will organize a team of volunteers to carry out various tasks essential to the smooth delivery of the event.

23. Safety Team

23.1. FIS shall appoint FIS Officials and Mandated Experts to ensure the safety setup and coordination before and during the FIS Freeride World Championships. The roles, responsibilities, and remuneration of these officials and experts shall be outlined in the Hosting Agreement, tailored to local requirements.

23.1.1. Dedicated Safety Staff: 1 Head Mountain Guide, 2 Guides, 2 Medical Supervisors. These personnel will be present on-site starting five days before the first competition and will remain up to two days after the final event.

23.2. The LOC shall provide, at no cost, the following:

23.2.1. The snow safety and monitoring executed by the resort's ski patrol on the potential mountain venues throughout the winter. This includes monitoring of the snowpack since the beginning of the winter, and avalanche triggering via bombing if necessary.

23.2.2. Avalanche control measures, including bombing, as deemed necessary by the Head of Safety.

- 23.2.3. A Head of Ski Patrol responsible for coordinating ski retrievals and potential rescues with the Head Mountain Guide during competition days.
- 23.2.4. Four to six Paramedics and ten Ski Retrievers on competition days.
- 23.2.5. A Medicalised Helicopter on competition days. The helicopter should be able to do winch rescue for medical evacuation from competition mountain venue and to transport the injured athlete from the finish area to the hospital. A back up medicalized helicopter will be available within 20mn from the competition venue.
- 23.2.6. A Doctor stationed in the finish area during the competitions.
- 23.2.7. Exclusive access to specific mountain venues reserved for the competition. Protection of these venues includes the deployment of mountain guards, nets, ropes, and signage to prevent public access, ensuring snow quality and safety during the event.

24. Mountain Operations

- 24.1. The LOC shall provide, amongst other things, the following:
 - 24.1.1. Adequate transport, through cat-machines or through helicopter depending on the venue access, of all equipment.
 - 24.1.2. Cat-machine hours to shape the Finish Area and the Viewing Area.
 - 24.1.3. A contest village and viewing area including F&B close to the finish area on competition days.
 - 24.1.4. Lunch bags or meal vouchers for all Competitors, Officials, FIS Officials Media, Guests, FIS Staff on contest days.
 - 24.1.5. Up to five hours of helicopter time for the Cineflex camera. Helicopter Company and pilot must be validated by FIS to ensure quality of aerial cinematography.
 - 24.1.6. Outdoor event equipment like generators, quadri structures, outdoor tents, radios, etc.
 - 24.1.7. The event branding production including promotion material/banners, the different event backdrops (interview, start gate etc.) as well as the athletes bibs etc. All branding will be designed by FIS and produced by the LOC.

25. Communication

- 25.1. FIS shall provide to the LOC the following communication, media and marketing services:
 - 25.1.1. Press Releases and international Media Partnerships.
 - 25.1.2. International Media trips.
 - 25.1.3. Live Broadcast production and direction.

25.2. The LOC shall provide, at no cost, the following communications services and materials:

25.2.1. Event poster design, production and distribution locally.

25.2.2. Media partnerships. Local, regional and national partnerships including the event press releases distribution.

25.2.3. National media contacts and invitation.

25.2.4. Event local banners and giant posters production and placement locally.

25.2.5. Local and national celebrities contacts and invitations to the event.

26. Office Infrastructure and Services

26.1. The LOC shall provide for the entire duration of the event:

26.1.1. Two offices for All FIS event staff.

26.1.2. A meeting room with a capacity of 150 people, including a beamer and screen as well as a microphone system.

27. Accommodation and Meals

27.1. The Organising committee will provide full-board accommodation for all competitors in one 3* or 4* hotel category or equivalent standard in single or twin rooms, with breakfast and dinner, and parking at no cost, from 2 days prior to the first competition day, until one day after the competition day.

27.2. At the FIS World Championships in Freeride the maximum price per person (non-qualified athletes, team officials, President and Secretary General, etc) for accommodation and three meals including non-alcoholic drinks with each meal may not exceed CHF 120 per day.

27.3. All competitors and officials will be independently responsible of their costs of traveling to and from the location of the World Championships.

27.4. Rooms may have a maximum of two beds and a bath or shower, or apartments with a maximum of two beds per sleeping room and a bath or shower. Accommodation for the teams has to be as close as possible to the competition area and meet the "3-star category" as a minimum. The LOC is required to make available payment by credit card.

27.5. Riders Lounge

The LOC is required to provide a riders lounge at the competition site(s) for the athletes, coaches and service personnel (in case the accommodation was booked through the LOC) with adequate refreshments. The riders lounge should be large enough to enable the athletes to prepare and/or relax in a secure, comfortable environment. The area should be equipped with adequate seating, heating and provide healthy warm and cold food and beverages, proper washroom facilities and free Wi-Fi connection. Depending on the location of the Team's accommodation in relation to the competition venue(s) and the competition programme, it may also be necessary to serve lunch at the team hospitality.

Furthermore, heated and separate waiting room(s) (including washroom facilities), have to be put at the disposal of the competitors near the start area(s) in which the competitors can stay during trainings, as well as between the runs, heats or rounds of a competition.

27.6. Internet access

Athletes, team members and servicemen are entitled to free Wi-Fi access within the Team hospitality or the Team area in the Finish area and in the Team hotels, or other area(s) designated by the Organiser wherever feasible. Any costs for this access are the responsibility of the Organiser.

27.7. The Use of Ski Lifts, Transportation and Parking for Teams

The LOC must put at the disposal of the Teams reserved parking at the hotels, near the lifts, as well as the finish area(s). During training and competition, priority must be given to the competitors, coaches, team personnel and officials on all lifts serving the runs concerned.

Transportation free of charge for Teams that do not have their own means of transport must be assured by the LOC from the hotels to the lift/finish area(s) and back to the hotels.

27.8. LOC / Media / Officials Accommodation

The Organising committee will provide full-board accommodation for all LOC staff, Media and Officials in one 3* or 4* hotel category or equivalent standard in single or twin rooms, with breakfast and dinner, and parking at no cost, from their arrival day until their departure.

27.9. Service Personnel

Logistical arrangements for service personnel (accommodation, transportation, parking) will be reviewed during a bilateral discussion between FIS and the LOC.

27.10. Ski Lift Tickets

Each athlete is entitled to receive free of charge lift tickets from the LOC for each day of the event window. The transport on ski lifts, mountain railways, etc. shall be free of charge during the days of the official venue inspection and the competition. The competitors, the officials of the different National Ski Associations, the members of the Juries, FIS Officials, the Members of the FIS Council, LOC Staff, medias and partners are entitled to these advantages.

28. Ceremonies

28.1. In the official programme of the FIS World Championships, only the events and ceremonies related to the events may be included. In the official accompanying programme, only side events may be organised which meet the objectives of the FIS World Championships. This programme is to be agreed between the LOC and FIS.

28.2. The respective National Ski Association and LOC together with FIS have to organise the following official ceremonies in the FIS World Championships programme. Further details (such as the running order of the ceremonies) are outlined in the FIS World Championships Ceremony Guide available on the FIS website:

- Opening Ceremony
- Winners' Presentations (Flower Ceremony)
- Medal Ceremonies
- Closing Ceremony

29. Official Happenings

29.1. The following official happenings and ceremonies will fall under the responsibilities of the LOC:

29.1.1. A welcome reception for all competitors, officials, FIS officials, Media, Guests, and FIS Staff, to be held after the first riders' meeting.

29.1.2. An Official Dinner for all Competitors, Officials, FIS Officials Media, Guests, FIS Staff.

30. Prizes and Prize Money

30.1. At the FIS World Championships, the following prizes are awarded. Detailed information to be found in the Ceremony Guidelines on the FIS website:

30.2. The large FIS medal in gold to the winner in each event. The large FIS medal in silver to the second in each event. The large FIS medal in bronze to the third in each event.

30.3. These Medals are supplied and covered by FIS.

30.4. The diploma to all participants classified in a FIS World Championships event.

30.5. Honorary prizes (souvenir prizes) to the three best participants in each discipline.

30.6. Commemorative gifts to all team members (officials and active participants).

30.7. These prizes are supplied and paid for by the LOCs. The design has to be discussed with FIS.

30.8. Prize Money

In addition to the medals and commemorative prizes presented by FIS and the LOC, the athletes will receive prize money. FIS and the LOC shall share equally the total amount of such prize money. The total amount of prize money to be paid shall be the same as that paid at the FIS World Cup competitions in the same season. Confirmation of the amounts shall be made by the FIS Council at its autumn meeting approx. 15 months before the Championships.

- 30.9. Prize money is similar for each competition and is paid out to the top six competitors for each competition (Ski Men, Ski Women, Snowboard Men, Snowboard Women). The competitors are required to participate in the official medal ceremony for the respective competition:
Individual competitions
- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1 st | 40% |
| 2 nd | 25% |
| 3 rd | 15% |
| 4 th | 10% |
| 5 th | 6% |
| 6 th | 4% |
- 30.10. The payment of the CHF must be paid by the LOC electronically by bank transfer latest seven (7) days after the last competition and receiving the bank information to the respective athlete`s bank account, taking into consideration the local tax laws. For conversion into the currency of the athlete`s account the actual bank rate is applicable.
- 30.11. A one-time late payment charge of CHF 999 will apply for LOC from the 31st day after the last competition day and receiving the bank information for each late payment to each individual athlete. Excluded from this is a delay due to wrong or missing bank account information as provided by the Athlete. Also excluded are delays due to special regulations that require an individual local TIN (Tax Identification Number) or similar.
- 30.12. Receipts must be provided to the competitor electronically with a copy to FIS latest three days after the final competition. Bank transfer fees, including any applicable value-added tax (VAT) to those fees, as charged by the local bank must be covered by the LOC. Any banking fees levied by the recipient's bank, including taxes charged upon those fees, are the expense of the competitor. Any supplementary expenses that occur due to incorrect declaration of banking details will be charged by the LOC against the sum of money (respective prize money) that is to be paid out.
- 30.13. Any withholding tax required by local law, can be deducted by the LOC from the prize money. The athlete is responsible for any applicable withholding/income taxes.
- 30.14. The LOC must assist the competitors with matters relating to taxation of prize money in the country in which the competition is held including but not limited to evidence of the taxes withheld.
- 30.15. In order for a competition to be considered as a FIS World Championships event and for the official medals to be awarded, a minimum of 8 nations must be entered for team events and 8 nations be represented in individual competitions. This applies to all FIS disciplines (Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Ski Flying, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard, Freestyle and Freeski, Grass Skiing, Speed Skiing, Telemark, Roller Skiing, Freeride) except for the Para Snow Sports as defined in the ICR art. 201.7.4-5. Should for any exceptional reason not 8 nations be entered for team events, such case will need the FIS Council approval.

31. Accreditation

- 31.1. The accreditation system is to be implemented by the LOC and FIS. The definition of the groups, categories, as well as access rights takes place in agreement with FIS and in alignment with the Hosting Agreement.

32. Medical, Health and Integrity

- 32.1. Further details in these specific areas can be obtained from the FIS Medical Guide containing Medical Rules and Guidelines, the FIS Universal Code of Ethics, the FIS Safeguarding Rules and Policy, the FIS Rules on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions as well as the FIS Anti-Doping Rules in line with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 32.2. Medical
- 32.3. The LOC has to provide a Head of Medical Services, competition physician(s) and to organise competent medical services, first aid and evacuation of injured persons. The Head of Medical Services works according to the guidelines in the FIS Medical Guide and in close conjunction with the FIS Medical Supervisor in the preparation period and during the Championships. The specific requirements concerning facilities, resources, personnel and team physicians are to be found in section 1 of the FIS Medical Guide containing Medical Rules and Guidelines
- 32.4. Anti-Doping
- Doping control of all medal events is compulsory.
- 32.5. The LOCs of the FIS World Championships are responsible for conducting the doping controls for in-competition testing (details are provided in the Hosting Agreement).
- 32.6. The LOC shall appoint an anti-doping coordinator who shall be in place for the Test Competition to familiarise with the processes, procedures, facilities, etc. For the Test Competition only, the LOC covers the costs for doping control facilities, whilst FIS organises and pays for the doping controls.
- 32.7. The FIS Anti-Doping Rules compiled in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code define all by-laws concerning doping controls. Details of the facilities and organisation are contained therein; the information below provides a brief summary:
- 32.8. The LOC shall provide a Doping Control Station that is used solely as a Doping Control Station for the duration of the event and be situated near to the location where the press conference is taking place (finish area, press conference vicinity).
- 32.9. The LOC is required to provide a chaperone coordinator who is experienced in the sports organisation of the event and a sufficient number of chaperones (six to eight per competition, cross-country sprint competitions 12, are normally required).
- 32.10. Clean Sport Awareness & Education (Clean Sport Education)
The World Anti-Doping Code requires mandatory educational efforts and Awareness and Educational Activities at the FIS World Championships are scheduled in the FIS Educational Plan.
- 32.11. FIS expresses its willingness to work with and advise the LOC towards additional best practice activities.
- 32.12. Safeguarding
- The LOC shall ensure the application of the FIS Safeguarding policy (available on the FIS website or through the FIS Office), as well as the Major Event Guidelines for the FIS Safeguarding policy Implementation.

32.13. The LOC is responsible that the FIS Integrity Hotline (or a national LOC Hotline) is being promoted at least within the official Team Information (and ideally in more spaces around the event).

32.14. FIS guarantees cooperation and advises on the implementation.

32.15. Gender

If any question or protest arises as to the gender of the athlete, FIS shall assume responsibility for taking the necessary steps to determine the gender of the athlete (ICR art. 221.5).

33. Finances

33.1. The Organising National Ski Association and its LOC shall plan and carry out the FIS World Championships at their own financial risk and at their own expense.

33.2. Division of Income

The details for the division of income are defined in the contract between FIS, National Ski Association and the LOC.

34. Marketing and Media Rights

34.1. The details are defined in the Hosting Agreement between FIS, National Ski Association and the LOC. If no special contracts have been agreed, the following conditions are valid:

34.2. All Marketing and Media Rights of the FIS World Championships are the exclusive property of the FIS.

34.3. FIS shall negotiate the sale of the Marketing and Media Rights directly with interested parties and shall keep the NSA and LOC informed. The FIS Council shall make the final decision on the choice of marketing and media partner for the Championships. The income sharing is defined by the hosting agreement.

35. Security

35.1. The LOC is responsible for ensuring that the necessary measures are taken with the responsible authorities in regard to security services.

36. Information and General Reports

36.1. The organising National Ski Association shall keep FIS informed about the work in progress and submit the defined documents and material to upload to the FIS World Championships transfer of knowledge system.

36.2. A written progress report shall be provided to the FIS Council every six months with details of the activities and preparations. A presentation in person including images and plans shall be made to the Technical Committees at their spring and autumn meetings, from the first technical meetings following the election (generally in the autumn) and concluding with the technical meetings after the Championships (in spring).

- 36.3. A short report shall be made to the delegates at each of the FIS Congress' after the election of the Organiser with a final report delivered at the Congress following the Championships.
- 36.4. At the conclusion of the Championships, the LOC shall submit the various reports to be uploaded into the FIS World Championships transfer of knowledge system and distribute a report on the FIS World Championships to all participating National Ski Associations.

Annexe 1: Responsibility Overview

	LOC	FIS
HUMAN RESOURCES		
Overall Organising Committee (Personnel, Office, Resources, Competition staff, Volunteers)	✓	
Dedicated FIS Staff (personnel, Resources)		✓
On-sire Offices and meeting rooms (space, internet, etc.)	✓	
Sustainability Projects		✓
OPERATIONS		
Accommodation of Athletes, Officials, FIS officials, FIS Staff and Media	✓	
Transport of FIS Officials, FIS Staff		✓
Equipment transport and shipping (branding, TV, etc)	✓	
Accreditation	✓	✓
Lift tickets	✓	
Authorisation and insurance	✓	
Helicopter use (transport, cineflex)	✓	
Hospitality (Village, Mountain public area)	✓	
Official Happenings and Ceremonies	✓	
F&B of Athletes, Officials, FIS officials, FIS Staff and Media	✓	
Telecommunications	✓	
MEDIA & MARKETING		
TV Direction, Production and Distribution	✓	✓
Branding (Competition Venue, Village, etc)	✓	✓
Merchandising		✓
PR (national and international)	✓	✓
Media (national and international)	✓	✓
Graphics, Promotion, Print	✓	✓
Photographers		✓
Digital tools		✓
Content Production		✓
SPORT		
Antidoping		✓
Safety set up (Mountain Guide, Ski Patrol, Medical Supervisors and Rescue)	✓	✓
Other FIS Officials (Judges, TD and CD)	✓	✓
Contingency (unexpected costs, false starts)	✓	
Trophies	✓	
Prize Money	50%	50%

Annexe 2: Corporate Identity

The official title, the World Championships event logo and the wordmark FIS and/or FIS logo have to be incorporated within the sports competitions, advertising elements, signage, TV graphics, published information material, print and digital publications as well as print and TV promotional advertising.

The rules for the use of the FIS logo and the FIS snowflake (medal) as stated in the latest edition of the FIS Brand book have to be respected.

1. Elements

FIS and the title of the event

The official title of the Event to be used is:
FIS Freeride World Championships

The FIS logo incorporated in the Official World Championships Event Logo

The integration of the wordmark FIS and/or FIS logo in the World Championships event logo is obligatory.

The World Championships event logo should be supported by a complete 'World Championships Corporate Design'. The outline and concept are to be agreed between the LOC and FIS.

2. At the Competition Venue(s)

In conjunction with the 'Venue Décor' or Event Dressing of the sports infrastructure and advertising elements on the field of play, the FIS Logo and the official FIS World Championships event logo should always be used. All Marketing installations have to respect the relevant FIS Advertising Rules in force at the time of the Championships.

3. Signage and Event Décor

The above elements (FIS World Championships logo; FIS logo) are also to be used to promote the FIS World Championships on the signs in the resort, in the region, on the access roads to the venue(s) at the World Championships airport, official FIS hotel, etc.

The extensive use of Event Dressing in the venue(s) is encouraged to give a strong identity to the Championships.

4. TV Graphics

The official FIS World Championships TV graphics will be used for the International Signal. FIS will determine the design and content of the official FIS World Championships TV graphics.

All TV-on-screen identification has to be in accordance with the applicable FIS- and on-screen TV identification rules.

5. Advertising and Information Material

On all advertising and information material, both the World Championships event logo and FIS logo are to be incorporated. This includes press releases as well as timing and data information such as starting lists, result lists, standings, analysis, etc.

6. Advertising

On all printed and/or electronic advertising both the World Championships event logo and FIS logo are to be incorporated, this includes (but is not limited to):

- FIS World Championships Programme
- FIS World Championships Media and Broadcasters' Guides
- FIS World Championships Team Guide
- FIS World Championships Spectators Guide
- FIS World Championships Volunteer Guide
- Any other FIS World Championships Guide
- Posters
- Accreditation
- World Championships diplomas of the LOC
- All start, result lists and standings
- Website and associated social media and other digital channels

Annexe 3: FIS Organisational Aspects

1. FIS Hotel

The number of rooms required for the FIS Officials is defined in the Hosting Agreement between FIS, the LOC and the National Association. A desk should be set up in the hotel to provide information and support the organisation of transportation.

2. FIS Office(s)

The LOC is to provide sufficient space for an office at the FIS Hotel and the competition site(s). The technical equipment for the FIS Office will be agreed upon between the parties concerned and include internet connection, TV screen (including HDMI cable) and TV signal, printer, lockable cupboard, table and chairs for meetings, etc. and light refreshments.

3. Competition Management Facilities - Jury and FIS

At the competition venue, each FIS Jury requires a separate, equipped room for jury meetings, video analysis with the necessary equipment, as well as power, internet connection, printing, storage for sports equipment and hanging racks for ski clothing.

Refreshments should be provided permanently, and due to the unpredictable working times and issues arising, flexible arrangements for lunch and/or dinner (depending on the competition programme) are arranged there or nearby.

The location of the jury rooms should be near the timing and data services and (sub-) race office.

4. Transportation - Shuttle Service

A shuttle service is to be provided for each Jury and the Technical Officials, as well as the FIS President, FIS Secretary General and FIS Council Members.

Accreditation for parking and access is to be provided for FIS officials' vehicles at the competition venues, press centre and other operational venues where there is limited parking space.

5. Organisation of Communications

In the planned overall communication network for the LOC (telephone, sms, radios etc.), a separate Jury channel is required for each discipline within the radio system, as well as an additional separate channel for the FIS professionals. Approximately 10 radios are required for each Jury and 6 to 8 for FIS.