

Application for membership of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS)

Who may apply

According to the Statutes of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) a National Ski Association (NSA) can be affiliated as a member, if it represents the majority of skiers in that country.

Only one ski organisation (one NSA) from each country, i.e. from each autonomous state respectively sovereign countries can become a member of FIS.

For nations who do not have ski activities taking place in their own country, it is in principle possible that the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) and/or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) takes on the role of the NSA.

How to apply

A National Association wishing to become a member of FIS must apply in writing to the Membership Manager describing the motivation of the organisation to become a member of FIS and its' goals.

Accompanying this application must be:

1. Membership application form
2. Copy of the National Association's Statutes
3. Copy of the National competition rules
4. List of Executive board (names and functions)

Confirmations from national authorities

Furthermore, together with the application, two written confirmations (with original signature) are required from:

1. National Olympic Committee (NOC) and/or National Paralympic Committee (NPC)
2. National Sports Ministry or other national authority governing Sport on national level
 - to confirm the status of the applicant as an official NSA
 - to state that they support the affiliation to the FIS

Provisional Membership Status

According to the Statutes of the International Ski Federation the FIS Council can grant provisional membership for the period of two Congresses at an official Council Meeting, which take place in the spring and autumn each year (normally early June and November).

Participation and Organisation of FIS Competitions

In the event that FIS Council grant such provisional membership status the NSA in question may thereafter register its' competitors with FIS to enable them to participate in international ski events in all disciplines, including FIS World Championships and other competitions approved by the FIS, subject to the entry rules and qualification standards. It is also eligible to organise FIS Competitions in accordance with FIS International Competition Rules (ICR).

Ratification by FIS Congress

The Council's decision to grant provisional membership status will, however, have to be ratified by the next International Ski Congress.

Associate member

Means a national ski association with fewer than 500 members and fewer than three (3) ski clubs without financial obligations and without voting rights.

Member

Means a national ski association with more than 500 members and more than three (3) ski clubs) with financial obligations and with voting rights.

Voting rights/number of votes

- 1) For the purposes of any form of Congress, each Member Association shall have at least one (1) vote.

- 2) For the purposes of any form of Congress, a Member Association with at least 10.000 individual members shall have two (2) votes if it has:
 - participated with competitors in the then preceding FIS World Championships of any FIS discipline or another FIS competition; or
 - during the then preceding two (2) competition seasons organized at least one (1) international FIS competition each year which was included in FIS calendar.

- 3) For the purpose of any form of Congress, a Member Association with at least 50.000 individual members shall have three (3) votes if it has:
 - participated with competitors in the then preceding FIS World Championships of any FIS discipline or another FIS competition; or
 - during the then preceding two (2) competition seasons organized at least one (1) international FIS competition each year which was included in FIS calendar.