

Updated FIS World Cup rules – Valid as of 1 July 2026

9. Enrollment of competitors / starting order

9.1 Enrollment for SL, GS, AC, DH, SG and DH training (for Parallel events see special rules)

9.1.1 The best 30 for SL, GS, AC, DH, SG and DH training

The best 30 competitors present shall be enrolled according to the actual WCSL for the given event (quota adjusted). In the event of a tie, the enrollment order shall be determined, according to FIS points in the respective event. Competitors, whose actual total number of WCSL points (the sum of World Cup DH, SL, GS, SG, PAR, AC + OWG / WSC) is at least five hundred (500), shall be enrolled as follows: In GS and SL these competitors shall follow after the 1st group (positions 1 - 15). In AC, DH, SG and DH TRA, they shall follow after bib 20 according to their WCSL event points (in the case of a tie, according to FIS points), provided they are classified within the first 30 competitors present on the WCSL in the actual event.

9.1.2 Enrollment after the 30th competitor

Competitors with a minimum of five hundred (500) WCSL points, who do not meet the requirements specified in art. 9.1.1, are enrolled after the 30th competitor. The starting order shall follow the event WCSL, if not available, the order shall be determined according to FIS points. In Alpine Combined events, competitors without Alpine combined (AC) FIS points shall be enrolled according to their FIS points in the respective event.

Thereafter the competitors shall be enrolled according to FIS points (in case of a tie according to WCSL event points).

Competitors ranked in positions 31 - 35 of the valid WCSL for the event shall be enrolled after 45 according to their FIS points, provided they are not ranked among the best 45 competitors present.

9.1.2.1 Competitors with injury status

Competitors who have obtained a personal qualification for the World Cup in accordance with the COC rule 5.4, and who subsequently sustained an injury resulting in a minimum absence of eight (8) months, during which they were unable to participate in any FIS competition in the season in which the qualification was achieved, shall be granted a personal World Cup qualification. This qualification shall be limited to be first season of return following the injury, excluding the World Cup Finals.

Competitors holding a personal qualification for the World Cup pursuant to COC Rule 5.4 who commence the season and later obtain injury status during the season shall retain their qualification for the number of races they missed due to injury in the season in which the qualification was achieved, for the season returning from the injury. If a competitor participates in any FIS competition after being injured for a minimum of eight (8) months, the number of missed races shall be reduced by one (1) for each completed World Cup competition, regardless of whether the competitor started or not. This shall be applied only in the season of the competitor's first start following the injury.

22. Status of injured persons

22.1 Conditions for injury status

A competitor may be granted injury status if the following conditions are met:

- They are unable to start any event or official downhill training at any level for a minimum period of eight (8) months due to injury
- Participation in official downhill training held before the eight (8) months period is allowed, if it's part of a downhill competition scheduled after the eight (8) months.
- A medical certificate confirming the injury is provided.

22.2 Application for status as injured

If a competitor is unable to compete at any level due to injury, their National Ski Association applies for the approval of the injury status:

- The application can be submitted immediately after the injury occurs, or no later than April 30th.
- Once approved, the injury status remains valid until April 30th of the following season.
- To extend the injury status for the following season, an application must be submitted again no later than April 30th.

If the status as injured is approved according to the World Cup rules, the competitor will be enrolled in the WCSL of the respective event(s) after 8 months (World Cup rule art. 22.3)

22.2.1 *Pregnancy*

If a medical certificate confirming pregnancy is approved,) art. 22.ff of the World Cup rules applies.

22.2.2 *Illness*

If a medical certificate confirming Illness is approved, art. 22.ff of the World Cup rules applies.

22.3 Enrolment

Once the injury status is approved, the competitor will be enrolled in the WCSL after eight (8) months.

The injured competitor shall be ranked as tied with the competitor(s) holding the calculated rank(s) (WCSL rank after competitor's last start at any level+ penalty) and shall be designated with the symbol "#". If the injury status is extended, an additional penalty to the WCSL rank of the beginning of the season shall be applied in accordance with World Cup Rule art. 22.4. The competitor shall then be ranked as tied with the competitor(s) in the newly calculated rank.

22.3.1 *Participation / Addition and Deletion WCSL points*

If competitors have started at one FIS event at any level the WCSL calculation for the remainder of the season will be as follows for all events:

Base: The competitor's WCSL points before the competitor's first start after the injury.

X-Value: The base points divided by the total number of WCSL races of that event in the calendar for the season equals the points that will be deleted after each race.

Y-Value: The WCSL points earned after returning to competition.

For all other details: World Cup rule art. 10.4. applies

For the following season: World cup rule art. 10.4. also applies

22.3.1.1 *Exception: One start per event during the season 2025/2026 (rule for transition season)*

If a competitor without or with injury status from the season 2024/2025 starts once (1) per event in a WCSL competition and applies for injury status after, the competitor will be enrolled for the season 2026/2027 with the WCSL rank of the beginning of the season 2025/2026 + penalty according to World Cup rule art. 22.4. The competitor shall then be ranked as tied with the competitor(s) in the newly calculated rank.

22.3.3 *Retired competitors*

Retired competitors are automatically deleted from the WCSL at latest after 1 season without participation at FIS events.

22.4 **Scale for penalties according to ranks**

Rank	Penalties
1 - 5	2
6 - 10	3
11 - 15	4
16 - 20	5
21 - 25	6
26 - 30	7
31 - 40	8
41 - 50	10
from 51	12

In all cases, a competitor will be enrolled on the WCSL with a minimum of one (1) point after 8 months. This is not applicable in case of an extension of the injury status.