

## Access to restricted areas at FIS Alpine World Cup events

To ensure smooth operations and consistent practices throughout the season, this document outlines clear guidelines for access to key areas during our events. With the media landscape evolving significantly in recent years – including the increasing demand for behind-the-scenes documentaries produced in collaboration with athletes and National Ski Associations (NSAs) – it is now more important than ever to establish well-defined protocols.

While FIS supports such initiatives and is exploring similar opportunities, our primary goals remain ensuring fairness among all stakeholders and safeguarding the safety and welfare of the athletes, who are at the heart of our efforts.

This document specifies access control measures for three critical areas of the events.

### ○ **Start area**

This is, by far, the most sensitive area to control. To ensure that we provide conditions for all the necessary media coverage, but also keep such a critical space free of any potential nuisance for the athletes, we have essentially divided this zone into three perimeters:

- **Start house**, where access is limited to:
  - Start referee
  - Longines starters
  - One athlete at the start gate
  - Two officials per team
  - A Host Broadcaster camera operator
- **Pre-start house/Start area**, a perimeter set up around the start house, where access is limited to:
  - One to three athletes (depending on the size of the area)
  - Two officials per team
  - A Host Broadcaster camera operator
  - Timing Sensor Operator
  - Start Referee assistant

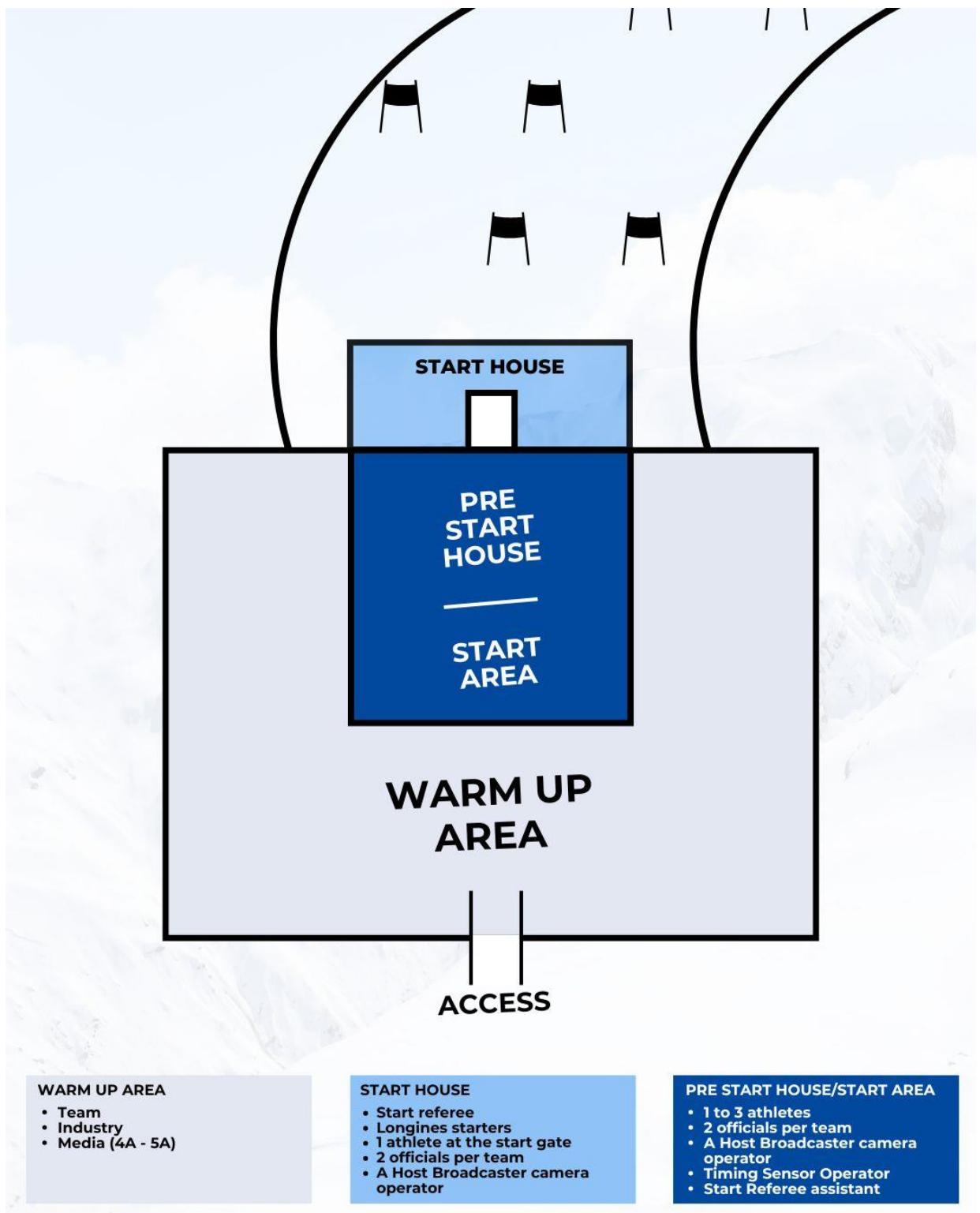
***Inside the two areas above, no content creators (videographers and photographer) are allowed, and no interviews should be conducted.***

- **Warm-up area**, where access is limited to anyone accredited as:
  - Team
  - Industry
  - Media (4 – 5) \*

***Content Creators (videographers and photographers) are allowed to capture images from inside the Warm-up area.***

*\* The authorized Media categories in the Warm-up area are ENG crew (4) and photographers (5). ENG access depends on the prioritization of right holders, and photographers are limited to A1 list only, as defined by the Chief of Photographers. A maximum of 5 ENG crew members and 5 photographers will be permitted in this area. Specific stickers or SDA will be provided by the RH and Chief of Photographers to indicate authorized access.*

Here is a diagram to illustrate what this means:



- **Finish area**

The FIS Restricted Area located in the finish remains accessible only to those who hold either a FIS Season Accreditation with FIS Restricted Area access marked on it, or who receive a daily venue specific FIS Restricted Area card directly from FIS.

The aspect we want to highlight is that **no content creators (videographers and photographers) are allowed, and no interviews should be conducted** within the restricted area – cameras and interviewers should be behind the separating barrier.

- **Team Hospitality and athletes' green room**

A reminder of the guideline that is already in place, per which **no content creators (videographers and photographer) are allowed, and no interviews should be conducted within the Team Hospitality area or the athletes' green room.**

Considering the above, a few additional remarks:

- We strongly encourage representatives of athletes, NSAs, and SRS tasked with media-like coverage – e.g. photographers – to accredit themselves as Media to ensure access to the areas designed for this purpose, such as the photo positions at award ceremonies and the photographers' platform by the finish area.
- Any requests for exceptions to the guidelines above should please be forwarded to the respective FIS Media Coordinator of the event(s) concerned and addressed through proper negotiation.
- We are well aware that the areas mentioned above do not look the same across all venues and that this may prevent the exact process to be replicated; the important thing for us is that this concept is implemented consistently throughout the season.
- Any inappropriate behavior, including actions such as skiing or walking on the racetrack during the race, will result in the immediate revocation of accreditation.