

# PRECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALPINE SKIING FOR THE SEASON 2023/2024 EDITION SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

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#### **FIS Council**

# **Betting companies**

- 206.7.2 Sponsorships of events by commercial betting companies is permitted subject to 206.7.43 below.
- Advertising of commercial betting companies is allowed on bibs after approval by FIS, valid for 3 years.or other betting activities on or with the athletes (head sponsors, competition suits, starting bibs) is prohibited with the exception of lotteries and companies operating non-sports betting only.
- 206.7.4 Approval by FIS will be given under the condition that the betting company/ies actively work/s against sport competition manipulation.

# Competitors not present at start (DNS1)

- 217.4 Competitors who have been drawn and are not present during the competition must be named by the TD in the TD report, indicating if possible, the reasons for absence.
- 217.<u>45</u> Representatives of all the nations taking part must be invited to the draw.
- 217.<u>56</u> If a competition has to be postponed by at least one day, the draw must be done again.

### Per Diem for Technical Delegates (valid from 16.10.2023)

602.5 Expense Accounts

The TD has a right to reimbursement for travel expenses up to a maximum of CHF 600.--1) (highway taxes included), as well as free accommodation and meals during the assignment. This rule also applies to agreed inspections as well as the trip to the competition (train, first class; for longer distances air fare, tourist class; or payment of a per kilometre fee of CHF 0.70 or equivalent). In addition a fixed daily rate of CHF 125. —for FIS World Championships, World Cup, Continental Cup and CHF 100. —for lower level events, is added for the travel days to and from, as well as each day of the assignment, which includes postage charges for mailing reports, etc. Double charges (e.g. travelling home on the same day as the last race) are not permitted. If overnight accommodation during the journey to and from the assignment is necessary, this must be justified and reimbursed separately.

1) Except Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships, World Cup and Continental Cup.

# **Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules**

## Complete stop for Slalom events

614.2.3 Interdiction to Continue after a competitor stops

If competitors come to a complete stop (e.g. after a fall), they must no longer continue through previous or further gates. This interdiction is valid in all events

with a fixed start interval (Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom, Parallel). Only exception is for Slalom (art. 661.4.1), as long as the competitor:

- does not interfere with the run of the next competitor or,
- have not been passed by the next competitor.
- A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitor's ski tips and both feet have crossed the gate line. If a competitor loses a ski, without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have crossed the gate line. This rule also applies when a competitor has to climb back up to a gate. (art. 614.2.3)
- Where there is no outside pole, both feet and ski tips must have passed the turning pole on the same side, following the normal race line of the slalom crossing the imaginary line from turning pole to turning pole. If competitors lose a ski, without committing a fault, e.g. not by straddling a pole, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must meet both requirements. If competitors have not correctly crossed the imaginary line from turning pole to turning pole and does not follow the normal race line, they have to climb back up and pass around the missed turning pole. Where there is an outside pole (first and last gate, delayed gate, and combinations (hairpin, vertical) art. 661.4.1. is valid.

#### Official Notice Board

The official notice board can be replaced by an official communication channel announced at the first Team Captains Meeting by the Jury.

## FIS Levels

FIS Points and Participation at FIS competitions

Reference is made to the Rules for the FIS Alpine Points (integral part of the ICR).

## 618.1 Category / Level

The 1<sup>st</sup> page of the FIS points list shows the Classification of Competitions (see art 201.3) also known as Categories and grouped into levels. The list of all Categories and levels can be found on the FIS Website: FIS points list (fisski.com)

#### **Double Entries**

215.2 National Ski Associations are not permitted to enter and draw the same competitors in more than one competition on the same date.

#### 621.12 Double Entries

In Alpine Ski Competitions, the following precision of the overall art. 215.2 is valid: if two competitions take place at the same site, competitors can be entered for both events. If two competitions take place at different sites, the only exception is as follows: If competitors have started in a competition they cannot appear as DNS 1 in another competition on the same day, except for a DH training. If competitors are entered into and drawn for a DH competition and subsequently leaves this competition in order to participate in another DH competition, they will not be permitted to return to the first DH competition. The FIS Office will refer all double entries to the FIS Council for appropriate action.

## <u>Distance between gates within turning poles</u>

801.2.3 A gate must have a minimum width of 4 m and a maximum of 6 m.

The distance from turning pole to turning pole of successive gates must not be less than 6 m and not more than 13 m (valid for all categories). Exception U16 - U14 competitions:

- between 7 m and 11 m

The distance between gates within combinations (hairpin or vertical) must be not less than 0.75 m and not more than 1 m. The gates in hairpin or vertical combinations must be set in a straight line. Delayed gates must have a minimum distance of 12 m and a maximum distance of 18 m (U16 - U14 Competition 15 m) from turning pole to turning pole. The distance between the gates within a delayed combination must be not less than 0.75 m from either turning pole.

## Colour of the gate panels in Super G

The gates must be alternately red and blue. In special circumstances, where a panel colour cannot be seen properly against the backdrop (e.g. safety netting), the Jury can decide an alternative colour for the gate panel for that specific gate to improve visibility. The gate panels are to be approx. 75 cm wide and approx. 50 cm high. They are fastened between the poles so that the lower edge of the panel is approx. 1 m above the snow and should be capable of tearing or breaking away (art. 690).

## **Delete Combined Team Event**

1211 Combined Team Event

The Event consists of two runs (Super-G & Slalom) and four series in each run.

1211.1 Participation

All Teams with at least 4 competitors (2 Men and 2 Women) that are qualified to participate in respective events (Super-G and Slalom) are authorized to enter-

1211.1.2 Participants per Team

Per Team and run a maximum of 2 Women and 2 Men must start. The total team size is limited to a maximum of 6 competitors.

1211.2 Competition courses

Women and Men ski on the same course.

1211.3 Enrollment

The Teams are enrolled in the reverse order of total FIS points. Women will receive bibs from 1 to 4 and Men from 5 to 8, ordered alphabetically.

1211.4 Ranking

The sum of rank positions of the competitors per Team from each of the series (1 competitor per team is a series) of both runs establishes the Winner of the Team Event.

In case of a tie of the total sum of rank positions, the number of best rank positions from individual series (1L, 2M, 3L, 4M, 5L, 6M, 7L and 8M) is considered. Should there still be a tie; the total sum of the times of all Series will count.

1211.5 Announcement of the competitors at the start

For the Series 1 Women, 5 minutes before begin of the series.

For all other Series after the end of the preceding Series until 1 minute before begin of the next Series.

In case of non-announcement within the times fixed by the Jury, the competitor is not allowed to start = DNS.

1211.6 Start limitation

One and the same competitor must only start once per run at the FIS Combined Team Event.

#### **Team Combined**

## 1211 Team Combined

## 1211.1 If the Alpine Combined is held as a Team Combined, art. 1101.f are valid.

# 1211.2 Eligibility

The maximum number of teams (per nation) each with 2 competitors (same gender) to participate at the event will be determined by the respective rules (Major Event Rules, Cup Rules, FIS Rules etc.).

## 1211.3 Team Composition

Each competitor is allowed to start only in one run, and only for one team. The competitors that make up the team (teammates) must be named before the draw by the team captain. No changes can be done after the draw.

## 1211.4 Starting Order 1<sup>st</sup> run

The starting order for the first run (DH / SG or SL in exceptional case) is determined by the respective rules (Major Event Rules, Cup Rules, FIS Rules etc.).

# 1211.5 Starting Order 2<sup>nd</sup> run

Starting numbers given to the team for the 1<sup>st</sup> run remain the same for the 2<sup>nd</sup> run. The starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the 1<sup>st</sup> run except for the first 30 places who will start in reversed order.

# 1211.6 A competitor will not be permitted to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> run if his teammate was DSQ, DNS, NPS or DNF the first run.

#### 1211.7 Results

The Combined results are calculated by adding the run times of the teammates of both runs.

#### 1211.8 Points and Prizes

Cup points may be awarded, based on the respective rules but will be split, half for each teammate (Cup Rules, etc.). The same prizes of honor have to be awarded for both teammates, Prize money based on the respective rules will be split, half for each teammate.

#### Precision time of day

# 611.3.2.1 Utilization of times taken by hand (or system B)

Hand times may be used in the official results after a correction has been calculated. Calculation of the correction: Subtract the electronic time of day from the time of day taken by hand for the 10 competitors starting before the missing time. If there are not 10 times before, complete the calculation with the remaining times after the missed time. The sum of the 10 time of day differences is divided by 10 and rounded up or down (0.044 -> 0.04, 0.045 -> 0.05) to give the correction which must be applied to the hand time of the competitor without an electronic time.

#### Parallel precision in case of a tie

1232.4 If both competitors do not finish the second run, the result of the first run counts.

If both competitors were tied after the first run, the winner of the second run or the competitor who completed the most gates in the second run will advance to

the next round. If only one competitor is disqualified or does not finish in the second run of a heat the competitor is eliminated.

If both competitors are tied after the second run the competitor who wins the second run advances to the next round. In case of a tie in both runs the competitor with the lower bib will advance to the next round.

1232.5

In case of a tie in both runs the competitor with the lower bib will advance to the next round. If both competitors are tied after the second run If this happens in the Final and/or the Small Final, competitors will be ranked equally (tie). They will be ordered by descending bib number.

#### **Sub-Committee for Alpine World Cup**

Alpine Combined Quota calculation (only valid for the season 20234/20242)
For the season 20243/224, the nation's higher quota, WCSL 2019/20 or WCSL 20234/242, is valid.

## Rules for the Team Combined (TC)

- Is the result of a Downhill (or Super G) run and a single Slalom run held according to the technical regulations for Slalom and those for Downhill or Super G. The Team Combined event consists of two runs. (see ICR, art. 621.3.3, 621.11.2)
- Downhill and Super-G events of Team Combined must be held on courses specifically homologated for Downhill or Super-G respectively. The Slalom may be held on these courses.
- If possible both runs should be held on one day (exceptions can only be decided by the Jury).
- Eligibility

World Cup rules, art. 3 are valid for the eligibility of the participating athletes.

## Participation

The Teams are formed by athletes from the same gender and nation.

The competitors that make up the team must be named before the draw. No changes can be done after the draw.

#### Quotas

Each nation can start with the maximum quotas allowed for the respective speed event (Downhill or Super G).

#### Draw

Enrollment and starting order draw are defined by the World Cup rules, art. 9. Teams must be nominated before the Team Captain's Meeting.

- Each competitor is allowed to start only in one run.
- Starting numbers given to the team for the 1st run remain the same for the 2nd run.
- Starting order 2<sup>nd</sup> run

The starting order for the 2<sup>nd</sup> run is determined by the result list of the 1<sup>st</sup> run except for the first 30 places who will start in reverse order. A competitor will not be permitted to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> run if his teammate was DSQ, DNS, NPS or DNF in the first run.

- The Combined results are calculated by adding both competitors' run times.
- World Cup Points

Points will only be awarded if both competitors completed the respective runs (World Cup rules, art. 10.2 applies).

World Cup points will be awarded for all the cups (Nations' Cup, Overall Individual Cup and Event Cups – DH/SG and SL) - points awarded to each athlete of the team, using the points distribution as listed below.

Team Combined World Cup distribution (for each athlete in the team):

1 <sup>st</sup>	50	16 <sup>th</sup>	8
$2^{nd}$	40	17 <sup>th</sup>	7
$3^{rd}$	30	18 <sup>th</sup>	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	25	19 <sup>th</sup>	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	22	20 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	20	21 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	18	22 <sup>th</sup>	5
8 <sup>th</sup>	16	23 <sup>th</sup>	4
9 <sup>th</sup>	14	24 <sup>th</sup>	4
10 <sup>th</sup>	12	25 <sup>th</sup>	3
11 <sup>th</sup>	10	26 <sup>th</sup>	3
12 <sup>th</sup>	10	27 <sup>th</sup>	2
$13^{th}$	9	28 <sup>th</sup>	2
14 <sup>th</sup>	9	29 <sup>th</sup>	1
15 <sup>th</sup>	8	30 <sup>th</sup>	1

No WCSL and FIS points will be awarded for the Team Combined.

- Prize Money: According to World Cup rules art. 6 (divided by 50% between the two athletes in the team)
- ICR Rules 1211 apply where no specific Cup Rules are defined.

# Rules and Precisions World Cup rules

3.2 Basic quota

Downhill / Super-G

Minimum requirements:

Maximum 80 FIS points in the respective event according to the valid FIS points list (valid also for 500 points competitors and those qualified from Continental Cups).

For Men's events:

Competitors must be ranked within the first 150 of the valid FIS point list in the event concerned or within the first 30 of the WCSL in one of the following events SL, GS, SG, DH or AC- (competitors qualified through first 30 of the WCSL must have a maximum of 80 FIS points in DH or SG (not necessarily in the respective event) according to the valid FIS points list.

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION Alpine Combined (AC)

Minimum requirements:

For Alpine Combined with DH a maximum of 80 FIS points in DH is required and for Alpine Combined with SG a maximum of 80 FIS points in AC, SG or DH is required.

Only for women's events: National Ski Association, whose quota is six (6) or less competitors, (Basic quota one [1] + national quota five [5]) may participate in each Alpine Combined with a maximum of six (6) competitors. These competitors must only fulfill the minimum requirements.

For Men's events:

Competitors must be ranked within the first 150 of the valid FIS point list in the event concerned or within the first 30 of the WCSL in one of the following events SL, GS, SG, DH or AC\_(competitors qualified through first 30 of the WCSL must have a maximum of 80 FIS points in DH or SG (not necessarily in the respective event) according to the valid FIS points-list.

### 3.3.1 Replacement of competitors

Qualified competitors from within the national quota can be replaced by competitors ranked within the first 60 of the WCSL or within the first 120 ranked (80 for men's events) on the valid FIS points list, each in the respective event, or by competitors who have at least 500 WCSL overall points (if the conditions according to art. 3.2 are fulfilled).

3.5 Number of participants at the race / Downhill training

A team may enter a maximum of nine (9) Women's and eight (8) Men's active competitors for each event (not included are competitors from art. 3.8).

For teams up to a size of 7 qualified competitors, 2 additional competitors are allowed to participate in the official training for <a href="mailto:one-bownhill">one-bownhill</a>, 3 in case of two Downhill competitions. and double Downhill.

For teams of 8 and more qualified competitors, 3 additional competitors are allowed to participate in the official training for one Downhill, 4 in case of two Downhill competitions.

These additional competitors for training must fulfill the minimum requirement of a maximum of 80 FIS points in Downhill.

For men's event see art 3.2

6. Prize money

The Organiser must make available at least CHF 132144'000-- per race for prize money (excluding VAT). For individual competitions (DH, SG, GS, SL, PAR and AC) this sum is divided between the thirty (30) best competitors (for Mixed Team Parallel see special rules). The amount of prize money must be communicated to FIS before October 15th.

#### **Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup**

2.2.1.2 Extra quota in COC events for athletes within the best top 30 WCSL

Athletes ranked in the best 30 of the WCSL are assigned a personal quota

Athletes ranked in the best 30 of the WCSL are assigned a personal quota in addition to the nation's basic and nation quota for all COC competitions in the event concerned. This is only for the COC competitions in the geographical region where these athlete's National Association is a member. (EC\* Athletes over quota do not have the right of payment of expenses as per art 7 and 7.1)

#### 2.6.1 Inscriptions and entry deadlines

All entries must be sent to the respective Organisers or National Association (as stated in the FIS calendar) at least seven (7) days in advance of the first race (tech) or official training (speed).

For EC and NAC, National Ski Associations must use the FIS online registration system for entries. The Organisers are only allowed to accept entries submitted within the communicated deadlines and through the FIS online entry system.

Entries not made according to the rules shall not be entitled to accommodation expenses.

# 3.2 After the first group (\*EC/NAC)

After the 1st group the competitors are enrolled start according to art. 3.2.1 (450 / 200 Cup points), followed by the present competitors ranked within the top 30 of the World Cup Starting List (WCSL). The following 15 competitors start according to the respective cup event standing, unless they are within one of the two above mentioned groups. Finally, 30 competitors of the respective cup event standing incl. the 450 points competitors are considered.

In case the first 30 competitors in Alpine Combined do not have Cup points, respectively FIS points in Alpine Combined, competitors will be considered according to the DH respectively SG FIS points - depending on which event will be held for the Alpine Combined.

The same procedure is valid for those competitors after start number 30 who do not have AC FIS points.

Special Group: 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC) 200 (SAC, ANC) Cup points

# 3.2.1 Special Group: 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC) 200 (SAC, ANC) Cup points

Competitors who have accumulated at least 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC), 200 (ANC, SAC) Cup points in the overall classification in the past or current season of that Continental Cup are enrolled as number 16 in all events in that Cup only, unless they have a right to start in the first 15. If there is more than one competitor with 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC) 200 (SAC, ANC) Cup points then they start in the order of their Cup points in that event, or FIS points if they have no Cup points.

If competitors cannot make use of this facilitation due to injury, they may use it at the first 3 races of the following season. This is valid for a maximum of 3 starts irrespective of the events.

# 3.2.2 Winner or qualifier from each Continental Cup starts 31.

The Continental Cup event winners from the previous season (Southern Hemisphere same season), and best placed competitor from the respective Continent (including all competitors with the same total points as the winner or the best placed competitor from the respective continent) will be named on a separate list on the FIS Website.

These competitors have the right to start as number 31 in all the other Continental Cups (except EC Finals), if they are not already ranked in the top 30. If there is more than one present, they will start in order of their Cup points in that event, or FIS points if they have no Cup points. This right is only valid for the event concerned.

#### EC.4.4.1 Quotas

Each nation is entitled to participate with their valid <u>national</u> quotas <u>(art. 2.2)</u>. In the case of Downhill, Super-G and Alpine Combined (or Giant Slalom and Slalom) taking place at one event, the nation's higher quota in Downhill, Super-G or Alpine Combined, is valid in all of the three (or two in case of Giant Slalom and Slalom) events.

## EC.4.4.2 Qualification

The conditions for the basic quota according to art. 2.1 remain valid. The additional competitors in the national quota must be ranked within the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) in the European Cup overall standings in the respective events. There is no moving up or replacement. Furthermore, all competitors from the Special Group (450 EC points competitors) in the current season have the right to start. All top 30 competitors from the actual WCSL before the first Team Captains' Meeting also have the right to start in the event concerned. This last group of competitors is not counting to define the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) qualified for the finals.

Art 3.2.2 (Continental Cup winners) does not apply for the EC Finals.

## EC.6.1 Training <u>or racing</u> on European Cup courses

No training or racing is allowed on European Cup courses for two (2) days before the start of official training or the first competition - irrespective of the event or course. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification or refusal to allow the respective competitor to start

#### EC.6.2 Free-skiing on the race hill

Free-skiing (with or without gates) can be organised on the race hill on the days before the race for SG or GS only with the approval of the European Cup Coordinator in agreement with the Local Organiser.

## **Equipment Committee**

Mandatory use of Airbag protector for Alpine events in the season 2024/25

3.5.2.1 Protector with airbag system

# 3.5.2.3 Technical specifications

- Once triggered, the inflation time must not be greater than 200 milliseconds (in the temperature range -20°C to +30°C)
- Once inflated, the airbag cushion should not deflate immediately but remain fully inflated for minimum 3 seconds.
- Once inflated, the airbag cushion should cover minimum one of the following areas: shoulders, neck, back, or chest.
- For body parts protected by aircushion: To assess the effect of energy absorption in the airbags, a specific test template must be used by the specified test institute. To meet the requirements, the maximum average impact value must be below 18 kN, and at least one of the impact values must be below 6 kN, based on European standard EN1621 protocols.
- The airbag must be designed so that unintentional deployment does not prevent athletes from continuing to ski.
- The maximum thickness of protectors (untriggered) with airbag technology must not exceed 45 55 mm.
- The airbag must include a back protector based on European standard EN1621-2.

The use of Airbag protector is recommended for alpine events.

## 3.5.2.4 The use of Airbag protector is determined for alpine events as follows:

- <u>Airbag system is strongly recommended for World Cup speed events in the</u> 2023/24 season
- <u>Airbag system is mandatory for World Cup / WSC / OWG speed events from the season 2024/25</u>
- <u>Airbag system is strongly recommended for COC speed events in the 2024/25 season</u>
- Airbag system is mandatory for World Cup / WSC / OWG and COC speed events from the season 2025/26

A non-removable FIS compliance label affixed to the protector, close to the neck, is standard. The label certifies compliance with the FIS equipment specifications and the supplier's safety standards (product description).



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