

Premium European and NorAm Cups

Guidelines for Organisers

FIS	International Ski Federation
WSPL	World Snowboard Points List
OC	Organising Committee
Hosting Nation	National Federation of the country where the event takes place

1. **Information: The Premium Europa and NorAm Cups**

The goal is to have a clear and smooth path for Athletes from Continental Cup level to World Cup level. The quality of the parks and pipes should be similar to WC level.

The Premium events are awarded by double points compared to “regular” CoC’s. The nations send their athletes in the rankings (WSPL & FIS) around 25 - 100, which assures good points: approximately 500 - 700 WSPL and 240 - 320 FIS Points.

2. **Benefits**

2.1 Starting Fee & Tickets

The target is 80 - 120 athletes per event. All athletes will pay an entry fee and lift tickets. It is up to the OC/ hosting nation to define:

- The costs for lift tickets
- The split between hosting nation, OC, ski resort

3. **Requirements**

3.1 Local Organising Committee (OC)

The local OC takes care that the guidelines are fulfilled. The OC provides enough manpower to fill all necessary spots in the list *Manpower*, and makes sure that the necessary event material is organised and on place as it is described in the list *Material*. The OC takes care of the transportation of all event material from the bottom station to the competition venue. The OC is the contact body for the Nations, FIS CoC/ EC Coordinator and Head Judge.

3.2 Course

The OC / the resort offers a Pro Level Slopestyle, Halfpipe or Big Air. The size of the kicker(s) and the difficulty of the rails/boxes should be at the same level as for a World Cup. For safety reasons there should be 2 take offs (1 big, 1 small) if the table of a kicker is bigger than 16m. Only at the number of elements in Slopestyle or the length of the Halfpipe, compromises might be accepted.

3.3 Calendar Fee

- FIS Continental Cup Level: 250 CHF

3.4 Officials & Judges

FIS provides

- 1 CoC/ EC Coordinator and or 1 Official FIS TD
- 1 FIS Head Judge
- 6 FIS Judges

The OC covers the costs for these officials according to the following rules:

- Minimum 100 CHF per competition day, training and travel day
- Expenses

3.5 Electronic Result System & Judges Support

The results have to be done with a scoring system that supports the judges. The minimum requirement is a screen for the head judge with the actual ranking of the competition and the scores and rankings of each judge. Personal screens for each judge with their own ranking are recommended.

A good view of the whole course for the judges has to be guaranteed. Most slopestyle courses will need a minimum of video judging with the help of 1 or 2 Wireless Camera Systems or similar.

The results need to be published (as unofficial) at least after each round. There should be a live scoring system at the start and/or finish, or through an app posting the scores and ranking. The minimum requirements are a scoreboard at the start.

The results need to be sent in at the same night a competition ends to FIS by xml. The hosting nation is responsible for the fact that the guidelines from FIS are fulfilled and the uploads are done without problems nor delays.

3.6 Race Office & TC Meeting

There will be a TC Meeting every evening before a training and competition day. Therefore, a room, close to the venue and hotel has to be reserved with chairs for 30 - 40 persons and 3 tables.

The Race Office needs to be at a place with easy access at the bottom of the station. If the room is big enough it is ideal to hold the TC Meeting there as well.

The Race Office shall be staffed with minimum 3 people during the rush hours (registration, before and during TC meetings). The hosting nation will provide the OC with knowhow.

3.7 Rescue Plan

The OC needs to fill in the medical plan. This form needs to be signed by the responsible event or federation doctor. A paramedic with rescue equipment on place is the minimum requirement. The paramedic needs to be supported by minimum two slope patrol teams with sledges (one as back up in case the first team has to leave. The presence of an emergency doctor on location would be the best situation.

Additionally, the OC prepares a medical info sheet: who's the event doctor, where is the hospital located, important phone numbers, ...

3.8 Accommodation Officials (Judges, TD's, ...)

The OC provides accommodation for the officials at the minimum level of a 3 Star Hotel or apartments that fulfil the same standard.

There is a maximum of 2 people per room (for judges, shared rooms/apartments can be accepted as well). The FIS COC/EC Coordinator and TD require a single room.

3.9 Music Installation & Announcer

The OC has to provide a good sound system and an announcer/speaker who is up to date in the freestyle scene speaking local language and English.

4. Regulations

4.1 Invitation & Incriptions

The OC/ hosting nation sends an invitation to all National Federations from the continent and to FIS (Kathrin Hostettler).

4.2 Entry Fee & Lift Tickets

See the specific chapters per continent in the CoC rule book for entry fees and lift ticket pricing.

If an entry fee is charged, the amount and payment must be included in the official invitation.

4.3 Rules

The OC and all participants have to accept the FIS Rules. By following the guidelines, the essential parts which concern the organiser will be fulfilled. The FIS CoC/EC Coordinator and / or TD will be responsible that the competition is organised according to the rules.

There will be a jury in case of delicate decision like change of program caused by weather, protests or necessary rule changes forced by unexpected external influences. The members of this Jury are FIS CoC/ EC Coordinator, TD, Chief of competition, Head Judge.

4.4 Accommodation Teams

See CoC Rule Book

4.5 Communication/Sponsors

For EC and NorAM Premium events the FIS European Cup/NorAm Cuplogo has to be integrated on following communication (if they are used/printed by the OC):

- Flyers and Posters
- Programs & Folders
- Invitation
- Start list, result List, etc
- Website & Social Media

A short clip of the event is delivered within 2 days after the event to be posted on local and FIS media.

4.6 Categories & FIS Points

The FIS Continental Cup Rules are used to restrict athletes fields and calculate quota spots for the nations and additional sport for the hosting nation (see Rules for the FIS Continental Cup EC 2.2.).

https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1637568956/fis-prod/assets/CoC_Rules_SB_FS_FK_2021_22_clean_Fall_21.pdf

However, organisers can choose to have open quota. This has to be discussed beforehand with the FIS CoC/EC Coordinator and stated in the invitation.

4.7 Competition Jury

The competition Jury is formed by the COC Coordinator, TD, Head Judge and the Chief of Competition. The Chief of Competition is provided by the OC or hosting Nation.

4.8 Competition Format

The qualifications can be held as Double Up format, depending on the number of athletes and conditions. How the video judging (SS) is conducted plays an important part on the decision to use Double Up or not. The heats shall have 20 - 30 Athletes. The actual programme should be: 1 day training (mandatory), 1 day qualifications, 1 day (semi) finals. Night finals can take place the same day as qualifications. In case of bad conditions, the programme may be shifted inside each of these three days. The CoC/ EC Coordinator and HJ will help finding the correct Format adapted to the Athletes Field, Weather conditions and Video Judging protocol.

4.9 Insurance

The organiser must have a liability insurance with coverage of at least CHF 1 million for all members of the Organising Committee. FIS shall provide its employees and appointed officials, who are not members of the Organising, with liability insurance when they are acting on behalf of the FIS.

5. Tables

5.1 Manpower & Staff

Provided by FIS	Name	Arrival	Departure
COC/EC Coordinator/TD		2-3d before	Max 1d after
Race Office		1d before	Max 1d after
Head Judge 1		1d before	Max 1d after
Judge 1		1d before	Max 1d after
Judge 2		1d before	Max 1d after
Judge 3		1d before	Max 1d after
Judge 4		1d before	Max 1d after
Judge 5		1d before	Max 1d after
Judge 6		1d before	Max 1d after
Provided by OC/Hosting Nation	Name	Arrival	Departure
Result manager 1	Judge system	2d before	Max 1d after
Speaker		Night before	Max 1d after
Paramedic		1d before	Max 1d after
Photographer		1d before	Max 1d after
Video guy		1d before	Max 1d after
4 Experienced shapers		2d before	Max 1d after
3-5 Safety Staff at the Slope Style modules		1 st training day	Max 1d after
2 Starters		1 st training day	Max 1d after
5 Crew for transport and building up venue		2-3d before	Max 1d after
12 Side slippers with ski's for HP & BA		1 st training day	Max 1d after
5 Clean up & transportation crew		After the event	Max 1d after

5.2 Material

Material organising nation	Numbers	Location
Electricity points	3 units	Judges, music, speaker
Hammers	2	Set up crew
Sticks	2	Set up crew
Shovels/Rakes	4/4	Set up crew
Start zone (tent, ...)	1	Start
Fences for finish area	According to location	Finish
Covers in case of dangerous Obstacles near the course	According to location	
Drill with extra batteries	2	Set up crew
Container for judges	1	Depending on location
Little table for evaluation	1	Judges
Tables for Judges	2	Judges
Chairs for Judges	8	Judges
Scoreboard	1	Start/Finish
Podium for award ceremony (can be made in snow)	1	Depending on location
First Aid point	According to location	
Lift tickets officials	According to staff list	
Lift tickets Riders	60-120	
Music system +Tent	1	On course/Finish
Flags to indicate safety on kickers	6	On course
Colour + colouring machine	2	On course
Scoring systems	Sufficient	Judge container
Printer	1	Judge container

Wireless camera for judging	1-2	On course
Judges material (memory boards, pencils, ...)	1 set of materials	Judge container
Bib numbers	200	Race Office
Computer & Printer		Race Office
Cash desk	1	Race Office
Walkie Talkies with 2 free channels	12	Race Office

Race Office		
Room ca. 25m ²		1
Internet connection		1
Copy machine		1
Table		1
Big table for bibs distribution		2
Chairs		4

TC Meeting		
Room for 40p		1
Large table for OC, head judge, TD		2
Chairs		40

6. Preparation Check List

6.1 Two / Three months before the event

- Organisation/tasks description/responsibilities within local OC
- Reservation accommodation staff
- Reservation Race Office
- Reservation room TC meeting
- Send out event program to tourist offices
- Reservation of event material
- Planning catering
- Send out invitations towards teams & riders
- Set up cooperation with tourist office to help teams regarding accommodation

6.2 Two/Four weeks before the event

- Information towards local medical services about program
- Confirmation/Changes in accommodation staff
- Set up local advertising: posters, banners, ...
- Information towards local media
- Planning transportation materials

6.3 One week before the event

- Prepare tickets staff
- Prepare judge container
- Prepare courses, including safety nets
- Prepare electricity
- Set up event material according to list
- Transportation material

6.2 Day before the event

- Prepare lift tickets for riders and officials (trainers, staff)
- Prepare TC meeting
- Information meeting with volunteers