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# Specifications for Competition Ski Equipment

## A. Definition

### General Principles

The FIS Council shall be the sole authority for determine whether the use of a name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinguishing sign complies with the FIS Rules and Guidelines; and

The FIS reserves the right to further interpret and/or supplement these Rules and Guidelines in order to help ensure that their spirit and purpose are respected.

## 1. Competition equipment

The term „competition equipment“ implies all items of equipment used by athletes in competitive skiing, including clothing and implements that serve a technical function. The entire competition equipment forms a functional unit. In this connection the following points must be observed:

- a) the principle of safety
- b) the principle of fairness

### 1.1 Effective Manufacturer

“Effective Manufacturer” means the enterprise which itself manufactures the Competition Equipment and/or effectively controls and manages the manufacturing of the Competition Equipment under its own responsibility through customary subcontracting processes, and whose Competition Equipment is effectively offered on the market to end users. If requested by FIS, the manufacturer shall provide documentary evidence of such commercial activities at retail level (such as manufacturing activity in the market of the relevant Competition Equipment, including control over the manufacturing process, retail activity and marketing expenditures linking the brand to the relevant piece of equipment) as a condition for the commercial markings to be accepted as a Manufacturer’s Identification as further defined in these Specifications.

### 1.2 Manufacturer’s Identification

“Manufacturer’s Identification” means the trade name, brand, logo, or other designation of the Effective Manufacturer under which the particular Competition Equipment is manufactured and commercially offered to the market.

The Manufacturer’s Identification must be a sports equipment brand, which means that the Manufacturer’s Identification is principally used for Competition Equipment and is (i) not principally used for non-sports equipment, and/or (ii) cannot be confused with a similar or identical article used in another line of business, unrelated to Competition Equipment.

### 1.3 Competition implements

Competition implements refer to equipment which fulfil essential functions during the competition, but which can be separated from the actual competition.

Examples: skis, bindings, boots, poles, clothing, protectors, helmets, ski goggles.

#### **1.4 Additional equipment (accessories)**

Additional competition equipment (accessories) are those components or implements which exert an influence on the technical function of the competition equipment and which are attached directly to the equipment by means of recognised fastenings. Such accessories do not perform essential functions during the competition.

Example: parablocks, plastic tip covers, additional weights, protectors, cut resistant undergarment.

#### **1.5 Auxiliary equipment**

Auxiliary equipment refers to those components of the competition equipment which do not fulfil an essential function, and which do not fall under the heading of additional equipment

Example: measuring instruments.

### **2. Procedures for the Acceptance of New Developments in Competition Equipment**

Article 222.4 of the ICR reads as follows:

New developments must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest, for the following season. During the first-year new developments can only be approved provisionally for the following season and must be finally confirmed prior to the subsequent competition season

#### **2.1 Eligible applicants**

- a) Manufacturers or distributors of the innovation
- b) National Ski Associations
- c) Members of the Committee for Competition Equipment

The FIS Technical representative from each FIS Committee is eligible to submit applications only for new developments to the Committee for Competition Equipment. Manufacturers, distributors and National Ski Associations have to submit their applications to the respective FIS Technical Committee in advance to be decided whether the item is a new development or a further development of an existing product.

#### **2.2 Items for application**

Any significant new developments which are to be used as equipment in competitive skiing may be submitted for acceptance. It is solely the responsibility of the Committee for Competition Equipment to decide whether a new development conforms to the FIS „Competition Equipment Specifications“ taking into consideration the medical, legal and safety standpoints. The Committee can at any time, however, arrange the removal of an application with regard to items of equipment to be used in competition sport, in accordance with the decisions of these guidelines.

### **2.3. Prototype, samples**

The application must include a detailed description of the innovation. A prototype or sample must be submitted with the application. Relevant reports by scientific experts, as well as reports of experiences made by trainers or participants are to be submitted.

### **2.4. Decisions of the Committee for Competition Equipment**

The Committee for Competition Equipment deals with these applications at its next meeting. If the Committee is of the opinion that the item being presented conforms fully to the valid Specifications for Competition Equipment, this decision will be recorded in a relevant decision.

If the Committee reaches the conclusion that the innovation could be accepted in accordance with the relevant principles and decisions of the FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment in competition sports, the innovation can be provisionally approved for testing for the duration of the following season.

This approval can, however, also be conditionally accepted. On the grounds of fairness, exceptions can be made for certain competitions (Olympic Winter Games, World Championships, etc.).

However, the Committee for Competition Equipment can also take the following measures before provisional approval. These can be dealt with individually or together:

- a) requesting further information from the FIS Technical Committees, such as reports by experts and technical data
- b) seeking reactions from the FIS Technical Committees. These opinions must be submitted in writing and take the following factors into consideration:
  1. explanation with regard to the usefulness and necessity of the new developments
  2. opinions with regard to the safety of the new developments
  3. assurance that in accepting the new developments, the principle of fairness will be guaranteed
- c) soliciting reports by experts and further information through the Committee for Competition Equipment itself.

Should the new developments not conform to the principles of the FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment, either through the application itself, or during the course of the procedures, the use of the new developments in question will be banned in competition sport. This will also occur if, during the item's probation period, circumstances results which lead the Committee to decide that the new developments do not conform to the principles of the FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment. In such a case, the provisional approval will be rescinded, with immediate effect.

### **2.5. Proposals to the FIS Council**

Changes in the Specifications for Competition Equipment can be proposed to the FIS Council only after the approval of the Committee for Competition

Equipment - either by means of an initiative from the Committee itself or through an application of one of the National Ski Associations or Technical Committees to the Committee for Competition Equipment.

## B. Alpine Competition Equipment

### Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom, Slalom, Parallel

Measurements are valid only if they have been carried out by official FIS equipment controllers, complying the course of action under the condition the field of play described in the subsequent section.

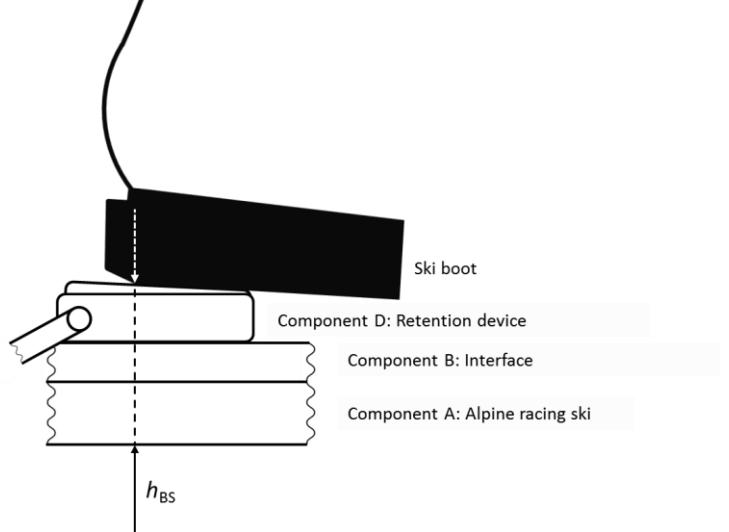
Measurements are valid at the time of measurement, irrespective of previous measurements.

## 1 Specifications of alpine competition equipment features

### 1.1 Functional Ski System (Ski, Interfaces, Release Bindings)

#### 1.1.1 Assembled unit

Parameter	Value
<a href="#"><u>Bearing surface height</u></a>	50 <sub>Max</sub>
$h_{BS}$ (mm)	
( $\pm$ )	



The diagram illustrates the assembled functional ski system. It shows a side view of a ski boot (Component A) attached to a ski (Component B) via a retention device (Component D). A vertical dashed line represents the bearing surface. The distance from the base of the ski to this surface is labeled  $h_{BS}$ . The diagram also labels the ski boot, Component D: Retention device, Component B: Interface, and Component A: Alpine racing ski.

### 1.1.2 Component A: Alpine racing skis

Parameter	Event	OWG/WSC/WC /WJC/COC (Level 0-1)	FIS/YOG/NCI/ ENL (Level 2-3-4)	U14	U16	Masters**
<u>ski length</u> <u><math>l_N</math> (cm)</u> <u>(±) ****</u>	DH Women DH Men SG Women SG Men GS Women GS Men SL Women SL Men	210Min 218Min 205Min 210Min 188Min 193Min 155Min 165Min	205Min 213Min 200Min 205Min 183Min 188Min 155Min 165Min *		183Min 183Min 188Max 188Max 188Max	180Min *** 185Min *** 175Min 180Min
						*155cm Men U18 (first year) at FIS]
						**No length restriction for Women above 55 and Men above 65 years of age
						*** GS Skis permitted. Minimum ski length for SG skis is compulsory
<u>Radius</u> <u><math>R</math> (m)</u> <u>(±) ****</u>	DH Women DH Men SG Women SG Men GS Women GS Men SL Women SL Men	50Min 50Min 40Min 45Min 30Min 30Min	50Min 50Min 40Min 45Min 30Min 30Min		17Min 17Min	30Min 30Min 17Min 17Min
<u>Width of the waist of the ski</u> <u><math>b_M</math> (mm)</u> <u>(±) ****</u>	DH Women DH Men SG Women SG Men GS Women GS Men SL Women SL Men	65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max	65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max		65Max 65Max 65Max 65Max	
<u>Width of the shoulder of the ski</u> <u><math>b_V</math> (mm)</u> <u>(±) ****</u>	DH Women DH Men SG Women SG Men GS Women GS Men SL Women SL Men	95Max 95Max 95Max 95Max 103Max 103Max	95Max 95Max 95Max 95Max 103Max 103Max			
<u>Tip height</u> <u><math>h_S</math> (mm)</u> <u>(±)</u>	DH/SG GS/SL	30Min 50Min	30Min 50Min			
<u>Tail height</u> <u><math>h_T</math> (mm)</u> <u>(±)</u>		10Max	10Max			

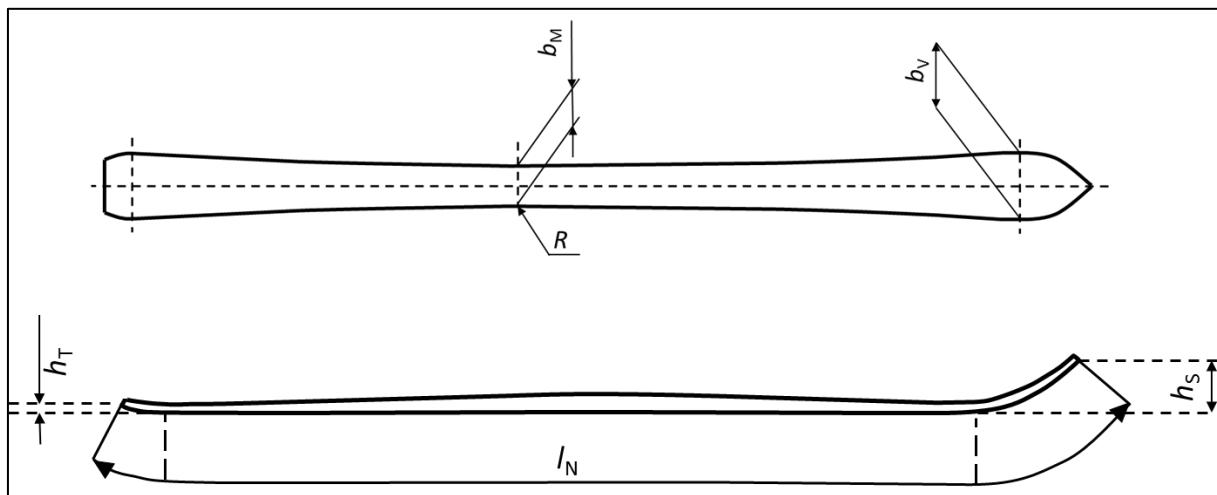
\*\*\*\* Marking on skis is mandatory. Ski length, Radius (except for SL), Width of the waist of the ski and Width of the shoulder of the ski (except for SL) must

be marked. Specific standardized FIS Labels intergraded in a non-removable way in the design attesting conformity with the FIS specifications for competition skis should be used. Labels can be used instead or in addition to measurement values. Manufacturers must confirm compliance with the equipment specifications annually.

#### **1.1.2.1 Geometric Features for Masters**

For MAS racers the specifications at 1.1.2 above in regard to ski length (except Super G), radius and profile width are recommendations. The minimum ski length for Super G skis is compulsory for MAS racers.

No length, width or ski radius restriction for Women above 55 and Men above 65 years of age.



#### **1.1.3 Component B: Interfaces (e.g. Plates, Lifters)**

Parameter	Specification
<a href="#">Width</a>	At each point of the interface, its width must not exceed the width of the running surface.

#### **1.1.4 Component C: Release Bindings**

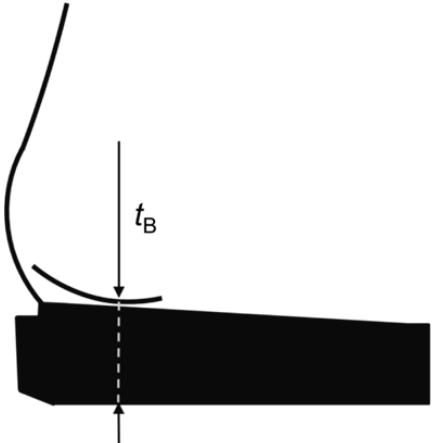
See [detail description](#)

#### **1.1.5 Component D: Retention Device**

See [detail description](#)

### **1.2 Ski boots**

Parameter	Category	Value
<a href="#">Thickness of ski boot soles</a>	Women, Men and U14 & U16	43 <sub>Max</sub>

$t_B$ (mm) <u>(±)</u>	U12 MAS	Should be the same as in the categories U14 and U16 $45_{\text{Max}}$ (Recommendation)
		

### 1.3 Ski poles

Metal baskets are not permitted.

### 1.4 Competition suits

Parameter	Event	Value
<u>Permeability</u> <u>(±)</u>	DH/SG/GS	30 l/m <sup>2</sup> /s
<b>+ Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for competition suits “CS2015”</b>		
Width of the label		30mm
Height of the label		45mm

### 1.5 Protectors

#### 1.5.1 Back protectors

Parameter	Value
<u>Thickness of back protector</u> <u>(mm) (±)</u>	$45_{\text{Max}}$

#### 1.5.2 Protector with airbag technology

Parameter	Value
<u>Thickness of protector with airbag technology (mm) (±)</u>	$55_{\text{Max}}$

### 1.5.3 Cut resistant undergarment

Parameter	Value
<a href="#">Cutting force (N)</a>	100 <sub>Min</sub>
<a href="#">Uncut length (mm)</a>	200 <sub>Min</sub>

Minimum values for 1 FIS-star (\*)

## 1.6 Crash helmets

Event	Safety Standards
<a href="#">DH/GS/GS/PAR</a>	ASTM 2040 EN 1077 (class A) EN 1077 (class A) at test speed of 6.8m/s
<b>+ Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for racing helmets “RH 2013”</b>	
Width of the label	10mm
Height of the label	15mm
<a href="#">SL</a>	Minimum standards: ASTM 2040 EN 1077 (class B)

## 2 Tolerances for measurements of alpine competition equipment

### 2.1 Functional ski system/Ski boots/ Protectors

#### 2.1.1 Tolerance values

Parameter	Tolerance Value
<a href="#">Bearing surface height (<math>h_{BS}</math>)</a>	0.1mm
<a href="#">Ski length (<math>l_s</math>)</a>	10mm
<a href="#">Radius (<math>R</math>)</a>	1,5% + 1m preparation tolerance for DH skis
<a href="#">Width of the waist of the ski (<math>b_M</math>)</a>	0.1mm
<a href="#">Width of the shoulder of the ski (<math>b_V</math>)</a>	0.1mm
<a href="#">Tip height (<math>h_S</math>)</a>	2mm
<a href="#">Tail height (<math>h_T</math>)</a>	2mm
<a href="#">Thickness of ski boot soles (<math>t_B</math>)</a>	0.5mm
<a href="#">Thickness of back protector</a>	1mm
<a href="#">Thickness of protector with airbag technology</a>	1mm

#### 2.1.2 Procedure in case of negative primary result

Report from the Jury designated controller to the Jury. Temporary confiscation of the equipment. Measurements to be repeated three times (3

x) in the presence of the Jury and if desired, the Athlete concerned and/or maximum two representative(s) named by her/him. All three (3) measurement values are to be minuted according to requirements. Generation of an arithmetical average from the three (3) measurements. Declaration of the calculated value according to the protocolled values (Truncation/Rounding according to ISO 80000-1-> if the figure to be omitted at the first decimal place is a 0,1,2,3 or 4, then round down otherwise round up). The Tolerance will be subsequently added to the calculated value. This value will then be compared with the Specification.

## 2.2 Competition suits

### 2.2.1 Tolerance values

Parameter	Tolerance Value
<a href="#"><u>Permeability</u></a>	3.0 l/m <sup>2</sup> /s

### 2.2.2 Procedure in case of negative primary result

If one measurement is less than 30 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec the following procedure will be carried out:

- The competition suit will be re-tested at six different randomly selected spots
- The two extreme values (highest and lowest) will not be taken into consideration
- The average value of the four valid measurements is built. The result is served with 0.1 l/m<sup>2</sup>/s Graduation
- Thereafter a tolerance of 3 l/m<sup>2</sup>/s is added. This serves the final value of the measurement
- The final value of the measurement will be compared against the specification.

## 3 Detailed description of alpine competition equipment

### 3.1 Functional Ski System (Ski, Interfaces, Release Bindings)

#### 3.1.0 Definition

Functional Ski System is the assembled unit of the single components: (A) ski, (B) interfaces, (C) release bindings and (D) retention device.

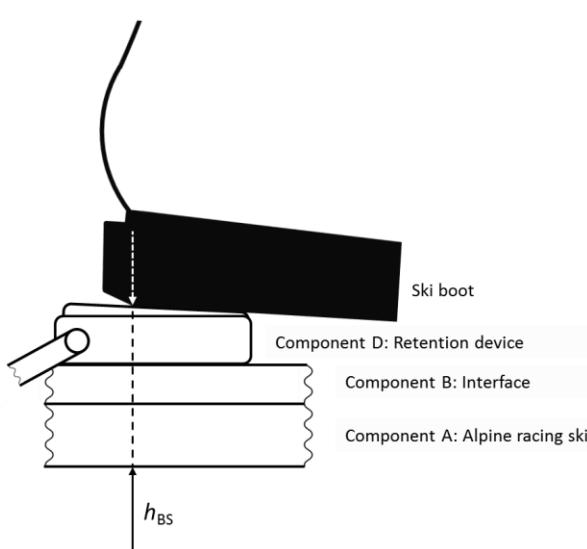
#### 3.1.1 Assembled unit

##### 3.1.1.1 Definition

The assembled unit contains the ski, interfaces, release binding and a retention device.

### 3.1.1.2 Geometric Features

#### 3.1.1.2.1 Bearing surface height ( $h_{BS}$ )

Definition:	Distance between the bottom of the running surface of the ski and the ski boot sole.	
Related ISO Norm		
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>	
	For $h_{BS}$ , the maximum rectangular distance from the running surface of the ski to the contact area between the bearing surface of the ski boot and the bearing surface of Component D has to be considered.	
Description of measurement:		
Measuring device:	Caliper	Accuracy class: DIN 862 Graduation: 0.01mm
Measuring value documentation	e.g. 49.25mm	
Additional Information	Note: The overall standing height of the athlete is the sum of bearing surface height and thickness of the ski boot soles. However the overall height is not specified, instead the individual specifications for bearing surface height and thickness of the ski boot soles apply.	

### 3.1.2 Component A: Alpine racing skis

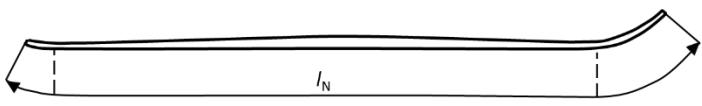
#### 3.1.2.1 Definition

Skis, predominantly for use in Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom racing on suitable terrain and utilising the force of gravity. In order to allow

transmission of lateral forces, the edges of the running surface of the ski are made mainly of a hard material resistant to wear and tear.

### 3.1.2.2 Geometric features

#### 3.1.2.2.1 Ski length (nominal length; $l_N$ )

Definition:	Length of the running surface measured between the ski tail and the ski tip used for the indication of the size of the ski.	
Related ISO Norm	ISO 6289	
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>	
Description of measurement:	Determine the length of the running surface measured between the ski tail and the ski tip ( $l_N$ ). 	
Measuring device:	Measuring tape	Accuracy class: EC- CLASS II Graduation: 1mm
Measuring value documentation	e.g. 188.3 cm	
Marking on ski	Mandatory	
Additional Information	<p>Precision for the length of Slalom Skis:        When a ski tip different from the main body of the ski is used, the measurement will only be taken into account to the extent it covers a surface corresponding to the natural shape of the ski.</p> <p><b><i>The manufacturer must mark the tip showing the limit of the natural shape and thereby allow an easy measurement.</i></b></p> <p>To prevent doubt, specific designs of ski tips as part of the main body of the ski are allowed.        Recommendation for children younger than 12 years:        Use only one pair of skis in all events if the ski length is shorter than 130 cm.</p>	

#### 3.1.2.2.2 Radius of side cut ( $R$ )

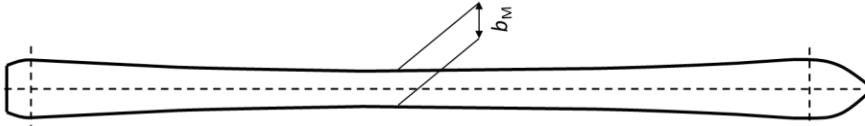
Definition:	Approximation of the average radius, $R$ , allowing global specification of the lateral outline of the ski.
Related ISO Norm	ISO 6289
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>

	<p>In principle the procedure is to follow that of ISO 6289 and additionally a specification that is predetermined by the FIS is to be respected.</p> <p>The side cut radius <math>R</math> is calculated by using the following formula:</p> $R = \frac{l_{kR}}{2000(b_{HR} + b_{VR} - 2 b_M)}$ <p>where</p> <p><math>l_{kR} = 0.9 h + 0.8 l_2</math></p> <p>with</p> <p><math>b_M</math> narrowest width of the running surface in the central section of the ski; in millimeters (mm), graduation in 1/100mm; e.g. 64.91mm</p> <p><math>l_{kR}</math> distance between the lines <math>b_{HR}</math> and <math>b_{VR}</math>, in mm; e.g. 1656mm</p> <p><math>h</math> distance between <math>b_M</math> and the rear end of the ski, in mm; e.g. 880mm</p> <p><math>l_2</math> distance between <math>b_M</math> and the front end of the ski; in mm; e.g. 1070mm</p> <p><math>b_{HR}</math> width of the running surface at <math>0.9h</math> from <math>b_M</math>, in mm, graduation in 1/100mm; e.g. 80.36mm</p> <p><math>b_{VR}</math> width of the running surface at <math>0.8l_2</math> from <math>b_M</math>. in mm; e.g. 88.07mm</p> <p>Description of measurement: <math>R</math> radius of side cut, in metres (m), graduation 1/100m; e.g. 35.17m</p>
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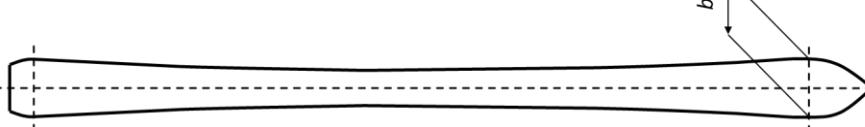
	<p><b>FIS Specification regarding ISO 6289:</b></p> <p>As the formula of the existing method of measurement intends to reflect the un-falsified (distortion free) measurement of a radius, this requires that between Point <math>b_{VR}</math> and Point <math>b_{HR}</math> a continuously differentiable and monotone curved arch should remain sustained (for example, without a flex point between these two positions).</p> <p>To achieve the requirement stated above the identification of the radius of the side cut must be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at each point along the distance from <math>b_M</math> to <math>b_{HR}</math> the width must be smaller than at <math>b_{HR}</math>.</li> <li>• at each point along the distance from <math>b_M</math> to <math>b_{VR}</math> the width must be smaller than at <math>b_{VR}</math>.</li> </ul> <p>Should one of the criteria set out above not be fulfilled the related ski does not meet the specifications.</p>
Measuring device:	Measuring tape (length measurements)
	Accuracy class: EC-CLASS II Graduation: 1mm
Measuring value documentation	Caliper (width measurements)
	Accuracy class: DIN 862 Graduation: 0.01mm
Marking on ski	Mandatory

3.1.2.2.3 Width of the waist of the ski ( $b_M$ )

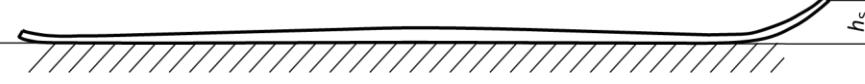
Definition:	Narrowest width of the running surface in the central section of the ski.
Related ISO Norm	ISO 6289
Specification	<a href="#">Tolerances</a>

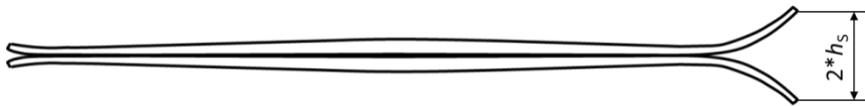
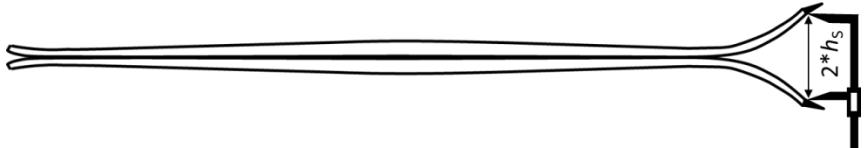
	Determine the narrowest width of the running surface in the central section of the ski ( $b_M$ )
Description of measurement:	
Measuring device:	Caliper
	Accuracy class: DIN 862 Graduation: 0.01mm
Marking on ski	Mandatory

### 3.1.2.2.4 Width of the shoulder of the ski ( $b_V$ )

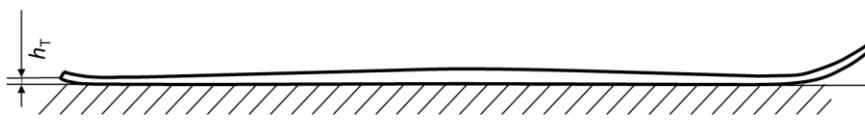
Definition:	Maximum width of the running surface in the forward section of the ski (Ski shovel section).	
Related ISO Norm	ISO 6289	
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>	
	Determine the maximum width of the shovel section of the ski ( $b_V$ )	
Description of measurement:		
Measuring device:	Caliper	Accuracy class: DIN 862 Graduation: 0.01mm
Measuring value documentation	e.g. 101.82mm	
Marking on ski	Mandatory	

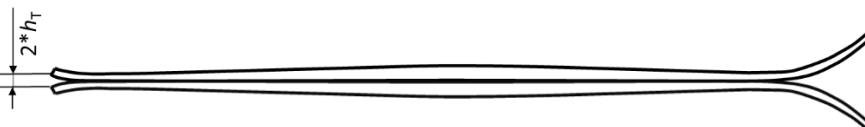
### 3.1.2.2.5 Tip height ( $h_S$ )

Definition:	Height of the underside of the tip measured from a planar surface with the ski body pressed against the surface.
Related ISO Norm	ISO 6289
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>
	Determine the height of the underside of the tip measured from a planar surface with the ski body pressed against the surface ( $h_S$ ).
Description of measurement:	

	<p>To simplify the measurement in the field, the flat surface is generated by pressing both skis together. Then following the Norm the distance between the two tips can be determined and the value then divided by two (2). This value then represents the height of the ski tip.</p> <p>Measurement of standard ski tips:</p>  <p>Measurement of special ski tips: The reference point is the factory marking that is required on special constructions. All parts positioned ahead of this reference point must also meet the specifications.</p> 		
Measuring device	<p>Caliper</p> <table border="1" style="float: right; margin-left: 10px;"> <tr> <td>Accuracy class: DIN 862</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graduation: 0.01mm</td> </tr> </table>	Accuracy class: DIN 862	Graduation: 0.01mm
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Measuring value documentation	<p>e.g. 52.23mm → 52mm Truncation/Rounding according to ISO 80000-1; see art. 2.1.2</p>		
Marking on ski			

3.1.2.2.6 Tail height ( $h_T$ )

Definition:	Height of the underside of the tail measured from a planar surface with the ski body pressed against the surface ( $h_T$ )
Related ISO Norm	ISO 6289
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>
Description of measurement:	<p>Determine the height of the underside of the tail measured from a planar surface with the ski body pressed against the surface.</p>  <p>To simplify the measurement in the field, the flat surface is generated by pressing both skis together. Then following the</p>

	<p>Norm the distance between the two tails can be determined and the value then divided by two (2). This value then represents the height of the ski tail.</p> 
Measuring device:	Caliper
	Accuracy class: DIN 862 Graduation: 0.01mm
Measuring value documentation	e.g. 15.36mm → 15mm Truncation/Rounding according to ISO 80000-1; see art. 2.1.2
Marking on ski	

Labels "World Cup" attesting conformity with FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition skis, OWG/WSC/WC/WJC/COC. (Level 0-1)



Labels "FIS" attesting conformity with FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition skis, FIS/YOG/NC. (Level 2-3-4)





Width: 20mm Height: 30mm

*Label attesting conformity for level 0-1 is also valid for level 2-3-4*

Overall height of sectional view

No limitations.

**3.1.2.2.7 Camber**

No limitations.

**3.1.2.2.8 Running surface**

No limitations

**3.1.2.2.9 Running Groove**

No limitations

**3.1.2.3 Flexibility**

No limitations with regard to the rigidity in all grades of flex.

**3.1.2.4 Mass**

No limitation with regard to weight and distribution of mass.

**3.1.2.5 Construction**

**3.1.2.5.1 Type**

No limitation with regard to composite structure.

**3.1.2.5.2 Ski components**

- Running surface: no limitations with regard to material and dimensions.
- Torsion box: no limitations with regard to material and dimensions.
- Edges: no limitations with regard to material and dimensions.
- Top surface: no limitations with regard to material and dimensions.
- Core: no limitations with regard to material and dimensions.

### **3.1.2.6 Durability**

With regard to the mounting of bindings, the ISO 8364 must be observed.

### **3.1.2.7 Additional equipment**

3.1.2.7.1 No additional equipment is permitted which

- a) makes use of foreign energy (e.g. heaters, chemical energy accumulators, electric batteries, mechanical aids, etc.)
- b) causes or intends to cause changes in the outer conditions of the competition to the disadvantage of fellow competitors (e.g. changes to piste or snow)
- c) increases the risk to the users or other persons, when used for the purpose for which it was intended.

## **3.1.3 Component B: Interfaces (e.g. Plates, Lifters)**

### **3.1.3.1 Definition**

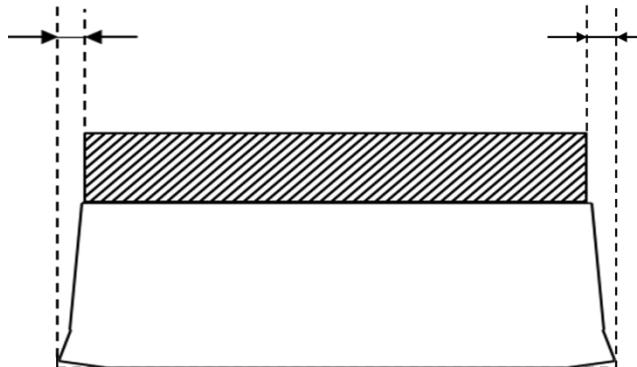
Functional component, mounted between skis and release bindings.

### **3.1.3.2 Geometric features**

Interfaces can be mounted if the following conditions are taken into consideration:

3.1.3.2.1 Width of the interface

At each point of the interface, its width must not exceed the width of the running surface.



## **3.1.4 Component C: Release Bindings**

### **3.1.4.1 Definition**

Ski binding, which releases the boot from the ski, when during alpine ski racing conditions certain loads reach pre-set values.

### 3.1.5 Component D: Retention Device

#### 3.1.5.1 ***Definition***

Retention device for alpine skiing is a ski brake which is designed to slow down a ski which has come off after the release of a ski binding. The use of skis without ski brake during competitions or official training runs is prohibited. The functioning of the binding's release mechanism must not be compromised by the method of its mounting.  
(See ICR art.222.1).

## 3.2 Ski boots

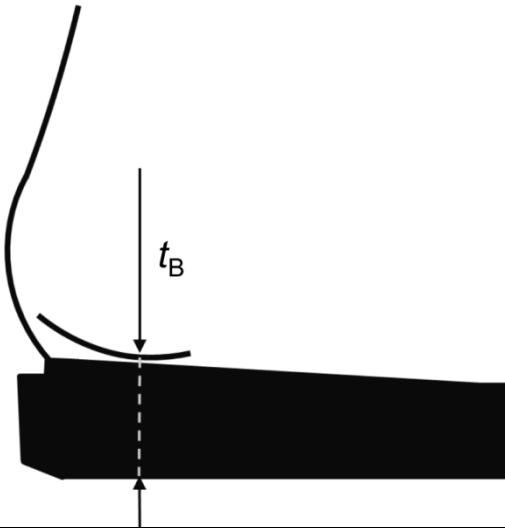
#### 3.2.1 ***Definition***

Ski boots are robust footwear developed specifically for skiing, offering protection against jolts and bumps as well as injury from ski edges and other external influences. The ski boot encloses the foot firmly, while at the same time allowing the movement necessary for skiing techniques, in that the ankle has the room it needs to flex, but at the same time facilitating the transfer of every steering movement completely to the ski (according to ISO 5355).

#### 3.2.2 ***Geometric features***

##### 3.2.2.1 ***Thickness of the ski boot soles ( $t_B$ )***

Definition:	Distance between the bottom side of the ski boot sole and the base of the heel including all hard and soft parts.
Related ISO Norm	
<u>Specification</u>	<u>Tolerances</u>
Description of measurement:	Determine the thickness of the ski boot soles by measuring the distance between the ski boot sole and the base of the heel including all hard and soft parts ( $t_B$ ).

		
Measuring device:	FIS measuring device	Accuracy class: DIN 862 Graduation: 0.01mm
Measuring value documentation	e.g. 42.12mm	
Note: Information regarding the measuring device is available on request at FIS!		

Note: The overall standing height of the athlete is the sum of bearing surface height and the height of the ski boot soles. However the overall standing height is not specified as independent parameter, instead the individual specifications for bearing surface height and thickness of the ski boot soles apply.

### 3.3 Ski poles

The ski pole is an item of equipment, the function of which is to aid the skier and facilitate balance. National and international rules establish the minimum requirements for ski pole tips, grips, shafts, baskets, straps, length, etc. Owing to risk of injury, metal baskets are not permitted.

### 3.4 Competition suits

<a href="#">Specification</a> (see also: FIS ICR art. 606.2)
<a href="#">Measurement tolerance</a>

Competition suits used in DH, SG and GS, and clothing worn underneath, such as undergarments, etc., must have a textile surface on the inside and

the outside. The surfaces may not be plasticised or treated by any chemical means (gaseous, liquid or solid) and must have a minimum permeability of 30 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec. Seams may only exist in order to join the portions of the suit. Outer tucks and darts are not allowed. The competition suits must be equally porous in all parts, both from the outside in and from the inside out. Minimum air permeability is established whereby the unstretched fabric must show a medium air permeability of a minimum of 30 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec under 10 mm of water pressure (with a measurement tolerance of 3.0 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec.).

**Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for competition suits (DH/SG/GS):**

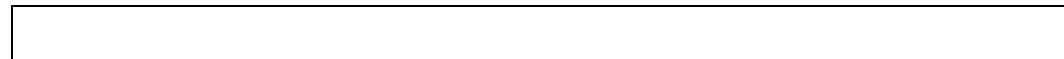
Fulfilment of requirements is to be attested by a specific standardized conformity label affixed in a non-removable way at the back of the lower left leg above the top of the ski boot cuff area of the competition suit in a location, which is and shall remain visible during competition. The conformity label is shown below. The conformity label shall include the following text: «Conforms to FIS Specifications CS 2015». Labels affixed by manufacturers shall comply with the actual specifications.

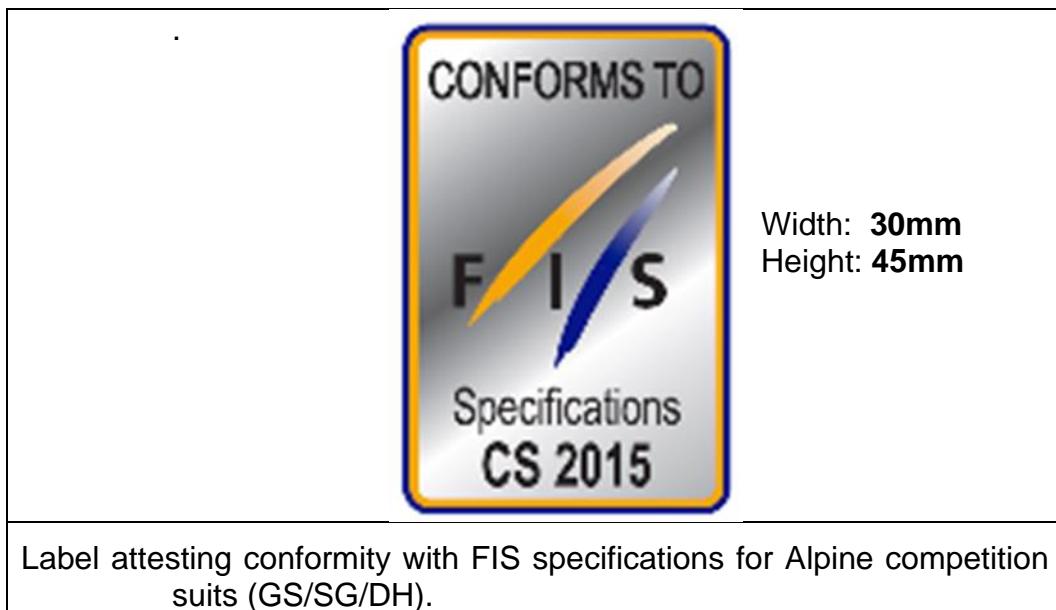
The conformity label attests that the manufacturer and NSA are guaranteeing that the surfaces of the competition suit are not plasticised or treated by any chemical means (gaseous, liquid or solid) and that they have a minimum permeability of 30 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec with a measurement tolerance of 3,0 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec.

For level 0 and 1, athletes with competition suits without label will not be permitted to start (ICR art 627.7). Scheduled controls of different materials will still be offered to the NSA's and manufacturers as determined by the FIS Controller. A maximum of 4 test patches per NSA will be permitted per session.

According to the World Cup testing procedures of past seasons, the controllers will determine pre competition testing sessions. The NSA's will have the opportunity to make a control on their World Cup competition suits prior to the competitions.

This control only gives a confirmation that the material being tested may conform to the FIS Specifications.





### **Examination of materials, suits**

The guidelines for minimum air permeability established by the Control Procedures/Equipment Working Groups in collaboration with the Federal Institute for Materials Control are valid. Multi-layered materials are accordingly permitted for alpine competition suits and undergarments, as long as they conform to the air permeability requirements in question.

## **3.5**

### **Protectors**

Competitors are allowed to protect all parts of the body with so called protectors in all events:

It remains in the athlete's/NSA's discretion and responsibility to individually decide about the use of protectors.

In Downhill, protectors may not be integrated into the competition suit itself.

In all events these protectors must be worn underneath the conforming competition suit. (Exception forearm protection used in SG, GS and SL and shin protection used in SL)

Protectors must fulfil the 30 litre permeability measurement with a measurement tolerance of 3.0 litres per m<sup>2</sup>/sec with the exception of the back, shoulder, scapular region, chest, arms and legs. The anatomical body shape may not be changed.

#### **3.5.1 Back protectors**

Specification
<a href="#"><u>Measurement tolerance</u></a>

### **3.5.1.1 *Definition***

The back protector is an additional item of equipment, which protects the athlete's back against weather and external forces.

### **3.5.1.2 *Specifications***

The back protector must adapt to the anatomical bend of the athlete's spine and lie flat against the body. The top edge of the back protector must be situated in the area of the spinal column and may not go above the 7th cervical vertebrae (C7). The maximum thickness must be in the middle part and may not exceed 45 mm; the thickness reduces at the edges of the back protector. Designs with the alter to improve aerodynamic properties are forbidden. The back protector must be worn underneath the competition suit.

### **3.5.1.3 *Recommendation for specifications for children***

Children under 12 years, U14 and U16 should use back protectors.

## **3.5.2 Protector with airbag technology**

<a href="#">Specification</a>
<a href="#"><u>Measurement tolerance</u></a>

### **3.5.2.1 *Definition***

Airbag protector for alpine skiing is an additional piece of protective equipment based on an inflatable aircushion, electronically inflated with the aim to improve the protection level for athletes which are participating in alpine competitions.

### **3.5.2.2 *General Specifications***

The presence of this device must not limit the freedom of movement for the athletes during competition. The airbag system must only be activated when the algorithm detects a crash situation and is triggered autonomously (without any voluntary intervention).

Protectors with airbag technology must be worn underneath the competition suit, and fulfil the requirements given in art. 3.5 (Protectors).

Annually, manufacturers are required to state their compliance of the FIS equipment specifications. Each manufacturer confirms the reliability of the airbag system bears sole responsibility for the function and guarantees the innocuousness of their products in terms of materials and design. A non-removable FIS compliance label affixed to the protector is mandatory. The label certifies compliance with the FIS equipment specifications and the supplier's safety standards (product description).

### **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 55 mm.
- The airbag must include a back protector based on European standart EN1621-2.

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

- Airbag system is strongly recommended for World Cup speed events in the season 2023/24 season
- Airbag system is mandatory for World Cup /WSC/OWG speed events from the season 2024/25
- Airbag system is strongly recommended for COC speed events in the 2024/25 season
- 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).



### 3.5.3 Cut resistant undergarment

#### 3.5.3.1 Definition

Cut-resistant undergarment are clothing items designed to improve the athlete's protection against cut injuries.

#### 3.5.3.2 Specifications

In order to provide appropriate protection, the cut-resistant undergarment must be correctly sized and will adapt well to the movements of the body without impeding them. This protective clothing must be made with a textile design and the surfaces must not be plasticised or treated by any chemical means (gaseous, liquid or solid)

The cut-resistant undergarment must be worn underneath the competition suit.

#### 3.5.3.3 Technical specifications

The cut-resistant undergarment, which corresponds to the specifications of the FIS-DITF test standard 2021, is intended to provide supplementary protection and is not intended to provide complete cut protection.

Basic definition parameters are:

The minimum uncut measuring length for 1-FIS-star level: 200mm, cut resistance at cutting force of 100N

For 1-FIS-star level the entire garment must meet the minimum parameters. Repeatability, 4 out of 5 tests of the same textile must have a cut resistance of at least 200mm in 3 directions of the textile: 0° / 45° / 90°, the direction with the lowest cut resistance value defines the FIS-star-level.

Force (N)	100	200	300	400	500
FIS-star	*	**	***	****	*****

Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for cut resistant undergarment.

Fulfilment of requirements is to be attested by these standardised conformity labels, affixed on the outer side of the protection garment.

"Conforms to FIS Specifications CRU 2021" and depict the achieved FIS-star(s) level.

The conformity label certifies that the manufacturer has obtained the required certifications (FIS-DITF 2021) and obtained a test protocol confirming that the cut-resistant undergarment textile fulfils the above requirements. Upon request, the certification documentation and test protocol must be submitted to FIS.



Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for cut resistant undergarment.

#### **3.5.3.4 General reminder**

It is reminded that the manufacturers remain the only entities liable in regard of product liability in connection with manufactured cut resistant undergarment. It is further reminded that cut resistant undergarment must be worn in strict compliance with manufacturer instructions of use, and do not by any means offer an absolute protection against the consequences of accidents.

#### **3.5.3.5 Alteration/modification/additional element**

The undergarment shall be used without alteration/modification, as certified by the manufacturer.

Cut resistant undergarment with FIS conformity label is recommended for all events and levels.

### **3.6 Crash helmets (Racing helmets)**

[Specification](#)

#### **3.6.1 General Principles**

The use of crash helmets is compulsory at all FIS alpine ski events.

The crash helmets shall have no spoilers, nor protruding parts.

The crash helmets models shall comply with safety standards set forth below in regard to the specific events.

#### **3.6.2 Safety standards**

The crash helmets used in the respective alpine ski events shall satisfy the following safety standards:

##### **3.6.2.1 DH/SG/GS/PAR**

Requirements:

- Helmet model to fulfill and to be certified under both ASTM 2040 and EN 1077 (class A)

- In addition Helmet model to pass an additional specific test under EN 1077 test procedure but at higher test speed of 6.8m/s
  - o Additional test to be effected through CEN laboratories. The laboratory shall issue a test protocol showing that the tested model passed the EN test requirements at the increased speed.

**Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for racing helmets (DH/SG/GS/PAR):**

Fulfilment of requirements is to be attested by a specific standardised conformity label affixed in a non-removable way at the back of the helmet in a location which is and shall remain visible. The label shall in particular not be covered by the goggle strap. The conformity label is shown below. It shall include the following text: «Conform to FIS Specifications RH 2013». Labels affixed by manufacturers shall comply with the specifications set forth in the attachment.

The conformity label attests that the manufacturer has obtained the required certifications (EN 1077 A and ASTM 2040) and obtained a test protocol confirming that the concerned helmet model fulfils the requirements set forth above under 3.6.2.1. Upon request, the certification documentation and test protocol shall be provided to the FIS.



Width: 10 mm  
Height: 15 mm

Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for Alpine racing helmets (DH/SG/GS)

### **3.6.2.2 SL**

#### **Requirements:**

- Helmet model to be certified under EN 1077 (class B) or ASTM 2040 as minimum standards
  - o NB1: soft ear padding is allowed
  - o NB2: crash helmets fulfilling higher safety standards can be used a fortiori in SL. This includes:
    - EN 1077 (Class A), SNELL 98 and all helmets fulfilling the GS/SG/DH specific standard described above.

#### **Labels:**

Compliance with the above requirements is attested by the corresponding certification label (e.g. CE label) and/or by the conformity label set forth above under 3.6.2.1 (i.e. helmets fulfilling the requirements for GS/SG/DH can be used in SL).

### **3.6.3 General reminders**

It is reminded that the manufacturers remain the only entities liable in regard of product liability in connection with manufactured helmets. It is further reminded that crash helmets must be worn in strict compliance with instructions of use and do not offer an absolute protection against the consequences of accidents.

### **3.6.4 Alteration/modification/additional element**

The helmets shall be used without alteration/modification, as certified by the manufacturer. Furthermore, no additional element/equipment shall be affixed on the surface of the helmet.

### **3.6.5 Helmets rules for Masters**

Helmets rules for Masters In all events, competitors and forerunners are obliged to wear a crash helmet, as per the requirements stipulated in section 3.6 and all sub-sections therein.

## **3.7 Ski goggles**

Ski goggles are devices protecting the eyes against weather and rays with optically correct lenses. Their aim is to guarantee good, contrast-free visibility in all weather conditions. The use of ski goggles is recommended. It is prohibited to reshape the ski goggles in order to obtain aerodynamic advantages.

## **3.8 Ski gloves**

Gloves offer protective covering against weather and external forces. The wearing of gloves is urgently recommended. Reshaping the glove, the application of a plastic coating on the outer surface, or the use of skai (imitation leather) with the aim of attaining more aerodynamic features, are not allowed. The glove must not reach beyond the elbow. Protective padding along the entire length of the glove is permitted. The use of

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protective guards in the form of shields, which are pulled over the glove, is permitted.

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