

## **Application for membership of the International Ski Federation (FIS)**

### **Who May Apply**

According to the Statutes of the International Ski Federation (FIS) a National Ski Association (NSA) can be affiliated as a member, if it represents the majority of skiers in that country and of course only one ski organisation (one NSA) from each country, i.e. from each autonomous state respectively sovereign countries can become a member of FIS.

For nations who do not have ski activities taking place in their own country, it is in principle possible that the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) takes on the role of the NSA.

### **How to Apply**

A National Association wishing to become a member of FIS must apply in writing to the Secretary General describing the motivation of the organisation to become a member of FIS and its' goals. Accompanying this application must be a copy of the National Association's statutes and their national competition rules in English, French or German, as well as a statement giving the number of its affiliated clubs, the total number of individual members of the affiliated clubs and furthermore the names and functions of the persons in the Executive Board of the NSA. In case the applying Association does not yet have its own rules, it would be sufficient to declare that the FIS competition rules are applied for the national competitions of the country concerned.

### **Confirmations from national authorities**

Furthermore, together with the application, two written confirmations (with original signature) are required; from the National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the National Sports Ministry of the country concerned:

- to confirm the status of the applicant as an official NSA
- to state that they support the affiliation to the FIS

### **Provisional Membership Status**

According to the Statutes of the International Ski Federation the FIS Council can grant provisional membership for the period between two Congresses at an official Council Meeting, which take place in the spring and autumn each year (normally early June and November).

### **Participation and Organisation of FIS Competitions**

In the event that the FIS Council grants such provisional membership status the NSA in question may thereafter register its' competitors with FIS to enable them to participate in international ski events in all disciplines, including FIS World Championships and other competitions approved by the FIS, subject to the entry rules and qualification standards. It is also eligible to organise FIS Competitions in accordance with FIS International Competition Rules (ICR).

### **Ratification by FIS Congress**

The Council's decision to grant provisional membership status will, however, have to be ratified by the next International Ski Congress.

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