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RULES FOR THE SNOWBOARD FIS WORLD CUP 2018/2019

1. Invitation

The Organizing Committee (OC) must send out an official invitation 90 days before the competition with all the necessary information (date and type of competition, OC-address with Tel. + Fax and e-mail address, preliminary schedule, deadline for entries etc.)

2. Organization

Jury

2.1 Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS), Parallel Slalom (PSL), Halfpipe (HP), Big Air (BA), and Slopestyle (SS)

- With voting right:
 - the Technical Delegate
 - the Chief of Race of the OC
 - the FIS Race Director (PAR/SBX) / FIS Contest Director (HP/SS//BA)
 - the Head Judge acts as Referee in Halfpipe, Big Air and Slopestyle

2.2 Snowboard Cross (SBX)

- the Technical Delegate
- the Chief of Competition appointed by the OC
- the FIS Race Director
- the Referee

2.3 Jury Chairman

For all Jury decisions the FIS Race Director may act as a Chairman. In case of a tie the Chairman has the deciding vote.

2.4 Substitution

If due to "force majeure" one of the members of the Jury, nominated by FIS is unable to participate, the FIS Race Director appoints a substitute.

2.5 Connection Coaches

A maximum of 2 coaches from different nations with no vote and not from the host nation will advise the Jury on issues relating to the competitors and coaches. When possible there should be different coaches for each competition.

The team captains will elect the connection coaches at the beginning of the season. Connection coaches may not be competitors entered in the event.

2.6 Forerunners

OC shall arrange qualified forerunners (competitors registered with FIS to participate in international FIS competitions) per event as follows:

- 6 Forerunners for SBX Events
- 6 Forerunners for Parallel Events
- 1-3 Forerunners for HP/BA/SS Events

3. Setting the Course

3.1 Parallel Slalom and Parallel Giant Slalom

The course setter is appointed by FIS.

Control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

It is recommended to set around 25 gates in PSL and PGS, with a horizontal distance (turning pole to turning pole) of between 10-14 m in PSL and 20-25 m in PGS.

In PSL/PGS the distance between the center of the start gates will be 9 meters. In PGS it is possible to adjust the first part of the course (the first 2-4 gates) to allow for the distance between the courses to be a minimum of 9 meters (this is also possible in PSL). The first gate (red and blue course) should be set the same distance apart (9m) as the start gates. It is recommended to have a maximum course length for PSL up to 30 seconds and maximum course length for PGS up to 40 seconds.

3.2 Snowboard Cross and Slopestyle

The course is set under guidance by the FIS Race Director/Contest Director.

Control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

4. Qualification

4.1 General

4.1.1 Qualification standards

The qualification standards will be established before each season.

The standards cannot be modified during the season.

4.1.2 Ladies and men's events

These standards can be different for ladies and men's events.

4.2 World Cup Quotas

Each Association affiliated with FIS may enter the following number of competitors based on World Cup quotas.

PGS, PSL, SBX

- Basic Quota (BC)
Basic Quota of 3 (max. 2 per gender) for the competitors
the minimum points level* for the respective event **3**
- Personal spot for the Junior World Champion of the previous season
in SBX, PGS and PSL **1**
- Personal spot for the World Cup winner of the previous season in
SBX, PGS and PSL **1**
- Additional WC Hosting Quota (HQ) per organization of a WC competition/
Location per gender of the previous season in the respective event
(PGS, PSL, PAR Team, SBX, SBX Team) up to max. 2 per gender
and event group (PAR/SBX) **1**
- Hosting nation per event and gender **6**
- SBX Team event: the hosting nation gets one extra spot per gender up to
a maximum of 3 teams (all competitors have to be eligible acc. 2716.3.
- Additional Quota (AQ) spots per nation and gender **1-6**
Each competitor ranked in the top 30 ladies/ 40 men of the
FIS Points Base List
(See Quota-Calculation-Additional and Basic Spot sheet for current season)

- World Cup Quota will be recalculated using the end of January FIS Points List and
only an increase but no decrease of the Quota is possible. Any personal spot will
not change during the season

- Top 3 competitors, from the hosting continent, out of the final CoC Standings
of the previous season will receive a personal spot in the respective event.
NAC/EC and AC winners from the preceding season and SAC and ANC
winners from the same season.
Personal Spots for the 2nd and 3rd ranked athletes, will be awarded only
if those athletes have achieved a minimum of 120 FIS points
(one result of at least 240 points or two results that when averaged equal
120 or higher) from their respective event in their CoC. **1-3**

- If one individual competitor earns multiple personal spots in the same event, only
the spot earned in the highest category will be used. The other unused spots will
be awarded to the next ranked athlete in the respective category.

- Additional spots due to injury: An injured competitor within the Top 10 of the World
Cup Standings of the respective event at the time of the injury who is not active
anymore during the current season will receive a personal quota spot for the entire
next season. An injury status as such will only be valid for the next season and (in
case of no starts) the season after. Proper document(s) has to be submitted to the
FIS office according to the FIS rules.

***Competitors minimum Participation Requirements:**

A minimum of 50 Alpine FIS points is required to start in an Alpine event.

A minimum of 50 SBX FIS points is required to start in a SBX event.

World Cup Quotas (HP, SS, BA)

Each Association affiliated with FIS may enter the following number of competitors based on World Cup quotas.

Nations earn World Cup quotas based on the number of competitors, per gender, within the combined list based on the WSPL (issued at the end of the season) and the Basic FIS points list of each season

(the combined list includes all competitors from both lists and they are ranked using the average of their rankings in both lists – ties will be broken using the WSPL) and based on the following:

***Basic Quota:**

- Nations receive a basic quota per gender 1

***Nations Basic Quota Requirements:**

A minimum of 200 WSPL points or 100 FIS points in Slopestyle

A minimum of 100 WSPL points or 50 FIS points in Halfpipe

A minimum of 100 WSPL points or 50 FIS Points in Big Air or Slopestyle

Whichever is higher for Big Air

During the season, Basic Quotas can be earned immediately upon achieving the minimum points requirements. *This will be limited to 1 Basic Quota spot per gender and only for Nations that have no current World Cup quotas

Additional Quota:

Rank 1-15:

- Maximum per nation/gender 14

Rank 16-50:

- Maximum per nation/gender 2
 - 0-4 spots out of the Top 15 2
 - 5 spots out of the Top 15 1
 - 6 or more spots out of Top 15 0

The quotas for Big Air will be calculated using the rankings from Big Air or Slopestyle whichever is higher.

Example: If a Nation has earned 6 or more out of Top 15 quota spots per gender, they are excluded from earning additional quota spots.

If a nation has earned 5 quota spots they can earn 1 additional spot.

If they have earned 4 or less quota spots they can earn max. 2 additional quota spots.

- Maximum quota spots per gender is 7 except for the ones earned in the top 15 and - additional host nation spots and personal spots.
- Host Nation additional spots per gender 6
- Personal spot for the World Cup winner from the previous season in the respective event. Personal spots earned in BA or SS

- count for SS and BA 1
- Personal spot for the Junior World Champion from the previous season in the respective event 1
- Top 3 competitors from the hosting continent in the Final CoC Standings of the previous season will receive a personal spot in the respective event:
NAC/EC and AC winners from the preceding season and SAC and ANC winners from the same season. Personal spots earned in BA or SS count for SS and BA (winner only). Personal Spots for the 2nd and 3rd ranked competitors will be awarded only if those competitors have achieved a minimum of 120 FIS points (one result of at least 240 points or two results that when averaged equal 120 or higher) from their respective event in their CoC.
- Additional WC Hosting Quota (HQ) per organization of a WC competition / Location per gender of the previous season in the respective event (HP, SS,) up to max. 2 per gender (Only valid from season 2018-2019 onwards).

During the season, Basic Quotas can be earned immediately upon achieving the minimum points requirements. *This will be limited to 1 Basic Quota spot per gender and only for Nations that have no current World Cup quotas.

- Additional spots due to injury: An injured competitor within the Top 10 of the World Cup Standings of the respective event at the time of the injury who is not active anymore during the current season will receive a personal quota spot for the entire next season. An injury status as such will only be valid for the next season and (in case of no starts) the season after. Proper document(s) has to be submitted to the FIS office according to the FIS rules.
- World Cup Quota will be recalculated using the end of January FIS Points List and only an increase but no decrease of the Quota is possible. Any personal spot will not change during the season
- If one individual competitor earns multiple personal spots in the same event, only the spot earned in the highest level category will be used. The other unused spots will be awarded to the next ranked athlete in the respective category.

(See Quota-Calculation-Additional-Basic-Spot sheet for the current season)
Competitors Minimum Participation Requirements:

A minimum of 10 FIS points in HP, BA or SS is required to start in a SS event.
A minimum of 10 FIS points in HP, BA or SS is required to start in a HP event.
A minimum of 10 FIS points in HP, BA or SS is required to start in a BA event.

4.2.1 *WCSL List – Injury*

An injured competitor within top 10 of the WC Standing of the respective event at the time of the injury, who is not active anymore during the current season, will receive a personal quota spot for the entire next season. An injury status as such will only be valid for the next season and (in case of no starts) the season after. Proper document(s) has to be submitted to the FIS office according to the FIS rules.

4.3 Big Air City Events

4.3.1 *Entry procedure Ladies and Men's Big Air events*

Due to the special circumstances (limited amount of time, snow production etc.) to run BA city events with both genders and to keep the course in proper and safe World Cup conditions there is a need to limit the amount of competitors participating.

4.3.2 *Maximum Numbers of competitors*

- Total of 60 competitors:
- 40 men (2 heats)
- 20 ladies (1 heat)
- In addition there is a restricted hosting nation quota of 4 competitors per gender. Unused spots after the deadline for entries can be reallocated to the hosting nation up to a maximum of 6 spots per gender.
- 3 spots for men and 2 for ladies as a waiting list in case somebody cannot participate at the last moment for whatever reason.
- If one gender does not reach the allocated number (40 M, 20 L) at the 30 day deadline for entries then the remaining spots can be shifted to the other gender.

4.3.3 *Entry System Procedure*

In order to allow a fair and correct Entry System the following Procedure will take place:

- Invitation to send out 3 months prior to the first competition day
- Latest 30 days prior to the 1st competition day nations have to send in entries according to the new quota calculation for Basic and Additional quotas. Entries that are not done within the deadlines will not be kept in consideration.
- All competitors entered will be sorted according to the highest rank between the combined slopestyle list and the combined BA list, which is a combination between the FIS Base List and the WSPL updated end of May.
- The top 40 men and top 20 ladies within the generated ranking list will be granted a personal spot. The respective nations are allowed to replace the Name of two competitor spots per gender according to their own needs. The spot in the entry-ranking list will stay.
- The names will be confirmed to the NSAs 28 days prior the competition NSAs should communicate to FIS/OC, 2 weeks prior the competition day if any competitor that has been granted a spot will not be able to participate. This will allow reallocating the open spots.
- All the open spots within the 2 weeks will be reallocated to the next competitors entered and ranked in the combine list as described above and informed by OC-FIS.
- Once allocated and confirmed the top 40 men and 20 ladies entered there will still be the possibility to send the next 3 men and 2 ladies in the combined ranking list. Such competitors will be allowed to train, forerun and if there are pull outs during the training sessions get added to the competitors list. These competitors will be announced once entries are forwarded.

- During the draw the only changes that will be permitted are one Name change per Nation and withdrawals with the addition of the competitors in the waiting list if there should be open spots.

4.4 FIS World Cup Finals

For participating in the World Cup Finals the existing World Cup Quota will be valid.

4.4.1 In case of multidisciplinary events the possibility remains to restrict the amount of competitors participating in the World Cup Final as follows:

- Only the top 50 competitors (each gender) of the event World Cup ranking list (personal spot) are allowed to start in the FIS World Cup Finals. Nations quota and basic quota do not apply.
- Only hosting nation quota and additional spot for winners of SAC/EC/NAC/AC and ANC will remain. One additional spot (personal) for the winners of the previous Junior FIS World Championships in the respective event. The winners in each of the Parallel events will receive a spot for both, the PSL and PGS.

5. Payment of Expenses

5.1.1 Resorts and Organizing Committees

Lodging, food (half board) and transportation must be guaranteed at a maximum of CHF 80 per day (max. 2 people per room/2 beds) for each competitor and official. The quotas for the payment of lodging, food are calculated on the basis of the World Cup Quotas (see point 4.2.).

The organizer can offer free accommodation. In this case it is the teams' task to provide their own meals. This is only acceptable if fully furnished apartments (ie. including kitchen facilities, bed sheets, towels, etc.) are provided.

The number of competitors per country may not exceed the total quota

There are restrictions for officials (coaches, doctors, team staff) and official accompanying persons:

5.1.2 BA, SS and HP organisers who choose not to provide Lodging, food (half board) and transportation at a maximum of CHF 80 per day for each competitor and official are not entitled to charge participation fees.

The organiser can offer free accommodation. In this case it is the teams' task to provide their own meals. This is only acceptable if fully furnished apartments (ie. including kitchen facilities, bed sheets, towels, etc.) are provided.

5.2 Quota for Officials

For officials (representatives of a National Ski/Snowboard Association, trainers, doctors, technicians and official accompanying persons) of teams with a World Cup quota the costs for lodging, food (half board) must be guaranteed at CHF 80 per day according to the following:

For	a	team	up to	3	competitors	who started	3	officials
"	"	"	"	4	"	"	4	"
"	"	"	"	5	"	"	5	"
"	"	"	"	6	"	"	6	"
"	"	"	"	7	"	"	7	"
"	"	"	"	8 and more	"	"	10	"

5.3 Additional officials

For five (5) additional officials or accompanying persons and for service staff of a National Ski/Snowboard Association, the maximum price that can be charged for halfboard must not exceed CHF 110 per day (or the equivalent) if they are listed on the official entry form by the corresponding Team Captain and the accommodation is arranged by the Organizing Committee. The number of those officials is limited to 25% of the total quota.

Example: 8 competitors + 10 officials or accompanying persons = total quota 18.
25% of the total quota 18 = 4.5 (this number has always to be rounded up).
5 additional officials or accompanying persons would be allowed.

5.4 Service Personnel

For service personnel, who are in addition to the officials covered by point 5.2 and 5.3, the maximum price that can be charged for half board must not exceed CHF 110 per day (or the equivalent) if they are listed on the official entry form by the corresponding team captain and the accommodation is arranged by the Organizing Committee.

5.5 Duration

All the expenses for lodging and food must be applied to all nights before the official start of the competition (but not longer than four nights before the first competition day) until the morning after the last competition day. The Organizer or the hotel manager are not allowed to demand the hotel check-out of the teams on a competition day. Allocation of single rooms per team must be made according to the following table:

up to 3 officials	= 1 single room
up to 5 officials	= 2 single rooms
7 officials or more	= 3 single rooms

5.5.1 Arrival/Departure

The Organizer only has to guarantee accommodations for CHF 80 per day according to the World Cup rules.

Additional costs due to an earlier arrival or a later departure have to be agreed upon by the organizer and the teams.

In case of late arrival or early departure there is no right to the maximum guarantee of expenses. In necessary cases, the FIS Snowboard Race Director can decide special arrangements.

5.6 Right of Accommodation

Each National Ski/Snowboard Association has to announce to the Organizers the expected total number of team members (competitors, coaches, accompanying persons and service personnel) by the deadlines fixed and announced (40 days before the first competition day) in the OC invitation (90 days before the first competition day).

Furthermore the Organizers must be informed at the latest 8 days before the first TCM about the names of the team members, changes to the arrival date and the originally registered team size. This needs to be done using the FIS Online Entry

system. If this is not the case, the Organizing Committee is allowed to invoice the costs for cancelled accommodations to the respective National Association. Teams or persons who register late have no right for the reservation or the guarantee of CHF 80 per day.

The requirements for provisional and final entries are subject to the delivery of an approved athlete photo according to the athlete photo standards of FIS. If there is no approved athlete photo the entry is not allowed.

Hotel:

The hotels for the teams must at least meet the requirements of the international three star category and has to be as close as possible to the competition area. Possibilities for Internet access are requested. Lodging for competitors and coaches must be provided in rooms with bath or shower and a maximum of 2 beds (separate beds).

Breakfast and dinner must be served at the actual hotel if possible. FIS representatives will decide during the summer inspections whether alternatives are acceptable.

The OC and the hotels have to accept credit cards.

The hotel should offer separate treatment space for the team doctors and therapists (e.g. access to spa massage rooms,)

Storage/Preparation of Snowboard

The hotel or the OC has to make one or more heated rooms for storing the boards available. There must be a possibility to lock these rooms. They must have an area of minimum 4 x 3 meters per service-man, the height must be at least 2.40 meters. They must be equipped with tables and adequate electricity.

The OC has to provide a heated and separated waiting room near the start or finish area where competitors can stay during training intervals and/or between the runs of a competition. No separate waiting room has to be organised if the finish area or the means of transport leading to the start are next to the competition site.

5.7 Food and beverage

Food has to be healthy and of sufficient quantity. It has to correspond with the needs of top-competitors.

Breakfast has to be served from 6 o'clock (even earlier in some cases).

The meals have to meet at least the following guidelines:

Breakfast: Different kinds of bread, butter and jam, coffee with milk and tea. Choice of eggs, cheese, sausage, fresh fruits and different kinds of "cereal".

Lunch/ Choice of at least two menus:

Dinner: Soup or appetizer, 200 g meat (steak, etc.), poultry or fish, in agreement with the team captains. Vegetable, salads or other side-dishes, cheese, fruit or desserts. Non-alcoholic beverages (as occasion demands) of 0.5 litre.

Vegetarian food should also be available.

If the teams have no beverages with their meals, a compensation of CHF 12.00 per day per person must be paid.

Furthermore the hotels should serve a small snack (tea and sandwiches).

5.8 Meal Times

The hotel must adapt itself to the needs of the schedules of the training and the competitions (for instance, in general, breakfast is served very early in the morning). The OC has to inform the hotel management about the FIS-agreements concerning accommodation and food, and about the daily program including changes of the schedule.

5.9 Participation Fee

A mandatory Participation Fee (competitors only) of a maximum of CHF 30 per official training for HP, SS, BA, SBX and competition day (HP, SS, BA, SBX, PAR, including team events) will be charged to all entered competitors, based on the program in the official invitation. The invitation should clearly state the total amount to be paid by each competitor and event. The total amount cannot be more than CHF 120 per competitor.

Double participation (e.g. HP and SS): the participation fee only has to be paid once (e.g. 2x Training-, 1 Qualification-, 1 Final day) or respectively up to the maximum of CHF 120.

In case the Qualification and the Finals are on the same day, the participation fee has to be paid for one day only.

6. Payment

The team leader of each nation is responsible to guarantee the payment of the expenses of his respective nation directly to the OC or hotel. The Organizing Committee must accept credit cards as a form of payment.

7. Prize Money

The Organizer must make available at least CHF 25'000 (equivalent in Euro/US\$) per event/gender for prize money. For individual competitions this sum is divided between the 10 best competitors per race/gender (at PAR and SBX individual events only, where the prize money is equal to or exceeds CHF 30'000/race/gender the payment will be down to the 16th place). For the SBX and PAR Team events the prize money is CHF 15`000 minimum and it will be distributed in between the top 3 teams per competition/gender. If the competition consists of mixed teams it will be distributed by the top 3 teams. The amount of prize money and its method of distribution must be communicated to FIS.

The payment can be made at or right after the awards ceremony in cash or electronically by bank transfer. If the payment is done electronically by bank transfer, this has to be done no later than seven (7) working days after the last competition, taking into consideration the local tax laws.

An itemized confirmation of payment must be provided to the competitor electronically. Bank transfer fees and value added tax (VAT) are covered by the Organiser.

The OC must assist the competitors with matter relating to taxation of prize money in the country in which the competition is held.

7.1 Prize Money Breakdown

Distribution (in %):	1-10	1-16
1 st place	45.00%	45.00%
2 nd place	23.50%	23.50%
3 rd place	12.50%	12.50%
4 th place	6.00%	6.00%
5 th place	3.00%	3.00%
6 th place	2.50%	2.50%
7 th place	2.25%	2.25%
8 th place	2.00%	2.00%
9 th place	1.75%	1.00%
10 th place	1.50%	0.65%
11 th place		0.35%
12 th place		0.25%
13 th place		0.25%
14 th place		0.25%
15 th place		0.25%
16 th place		0.25%

Distribution (in %): 1-3 (for the team events only)

1 st place	60%
2 nd place	30%
3 rd place	10%

8. Insurance

With reference to Art. 212 of the ICR.

Before the first training day or competition, the Organizer must be in possession of a binder or cover note issued by a recognized insurance company and present it to the Technical Delegate. The Organizing Committee and its members require liability insurance with coverage of at least CHF 3'000'000 (3 million).

9. Starting Times

FIS and the Organizer have to fix the starting times which may not be changed. If the starting times have to be changed for any reason, the OC can only change them after consulting FIS and the host broadcaster. In case of postponements during the competition, the decision is made by the Jury.

10. Starting Intervals, Starting Order and Draw

10.1 Starting intervals

The FIS Race Director determines the starting intervals, together with OC and TV (after considering TV transmission, length, most interesting parts of the course, TV sequences, etc.).

On the competition day, decisions about eventual changes (weather conditions, etc.) are made by the Jury.

10.2 Starting order

Group 1

The best 16 in PSL/PGS/SBX*HP/BA/SS competitors present will be drawn according to their highest ranking on the WC points list or FIS points list (published 6 times a year) in the respective event. (If competitors are tied the higher points in the second category will decide their position. If they are still tied their position will be decided by a draw). First group in PSL/PGS and SBX can be drawn by a double draw (public draw). If the draw is not public it should be done by computer. First group in HP, BA and SS will be randomly drawn (computer).

Group 2

Competitors with points will be ranked according to their higher points on the World Cup points list or the FIS points list in Parallel/SBX*/BA/HP/SS. In HP/BA/SS group 2 can be seated in heats according to their World Cup ranking.

In General

Alpine competitors must have a minimum of 50 Alpine FIS Points to start in an Alpine event. Competitors with less than 50 Alpine FIS points are not allowed to start.

SBX competitors must have a minimum of 50 SBX FIS points to start in a SBX event. Competitors with less than 50 SBX FIS points are not allowed to start.

HP competitors must have a minimum of 10 HP FIS points. Competitors with less than 10 HP FIS points are not allowed to start.

BA competitors must have a minimum of 10 HP/BA/SS FIS points. Competitors with less than 10 HP/BA/SS FIS points are not allowed to start.

SBS competitors must have a minimum of 10 HP/BA/SS FIS points. Competitors with less than 10 HP/BA/SS FIS points are not allowed to start.

If a competitor is not represented at the draw during the TC Meeting, he/she will be removed from the draw according to ICR rule no. 217.3.

***SBX**

Seeded groups without timed runs (exception in extraordinary circumstances)
The competitors will be seeded according to their actual FIS Points standing.
In FIS WC (SBX) competitions, the competitors should be seeded using the current World Cup Ranking list or FIS Points List, whichever is higher.

10.3 Public Draw

If several competitors miss a public choice/draw of starting numbers they will be drawn within the highest numbers (for example 16, 15, 14,...); if only one competitor misses, he (she) will obtain the highest number.

10.4 Leader bib

The World Cup leader in the corresponding event starts with the World Cup leader bib, which may be different than specified in Art. 2017.2 (ICR). Failure to wear the leader bib could result in a sanction.

11. Points

11.1 Schedule

Competitors ranking first to maximum 100th are awarded points in accordance with the following schedule:

1 st place	1000 points	35 th “	20 points	69 th “	9,8 points
2 nd “	800 “	36 th “	19,7 “	70 th “	9,5 “
3 rd “	600 “	37 th “	19,4 “	71 st “	9,2 “
4 th “	500 “	38 th “	19,1 “	72 nd “	8,9 “
5 th “	450 “	39 th “	18,8 “	73 rd “	8,6 “
6 th “	400 “	40 th “	18,5 “	74 th “	8,3 “
7 th “	360 “	41 st “	18,2 “	75 th “	8,0 “
8 th “	320 “	42 nd “	17,9 “	76 th “	7,7 “
9 th “	290 “	43 rd “	17,6 “	77 th ”	7,4 “
10 th “	260 “	44 th “	17,3 “	78 th “	7,1 “
11 th “	240 “	45 th “	17,0 “	79 th “	6,8 “
12 th “	220 “	46 th “	16,7 “	80 th “	6,5 “
13 th “	200 “	47 th ”	16,4 “	81 st “	6,2 “
14 th “	180 “	48 th “	16,1 “	82 nd “	5,9 “
15 th “	160 “	49 th “	15,8 “	83 rd “	5,6 “
16 th “	150 “	50 th “	15,5 “	84 th “	5,3 “
17 th “	140 “	51 st “	15,2 “	85 th “	5,0 “
18 th “	130 “	52 nd “	14,9 “	86 th “	4,7 “
19 th “	120 “	53 rd “	14,6 “	87 th ”	4,4 “
20 th “	110 “	54 th “	14,3 “	88 th “	4,1 “
21 st “	100 “	55 th “	14,0 “	89 th “	3,8 “
22 nd “	90 “	56 th “	13,7 “	90 th “	3,5 “
23 rd “	80 “	57 th ”	13,4 “	91 st “	3,2 “
24 th “	70 “	58 th “	13,1 “	92 nd “	2,9 “
25 th “	60 “	59 th “	12,8 “	93 rd “	2,6 “
26 th “	50 “	60 th ”	12,5 “	94 th “	2,3 “
27 th “	45 “	61 st “	12,2 “	95 th “	2,0 “
28 th “	40 “	62 nd “	11,9 “	96 th “	1,7 “
29 th “	36 “	63 rd “	11,6 “	97 th ”	1,4 “
30 th “	32 “	64 th “	11,3 “	98 th “	1,1 “
31 st “	28 “	65 th “	11,0 “	99 th “	0,8 “
32 nd “	26 “	66 th “	10,7 “	100 th “	0,5 “
33 rd “	24 “	67 th ”	10,4 “		
34 th ”	22 “	68 th “	10,1 “		

11.2 Points Calculation Process

Points will be awarded to 90% of the ranked competitors, maximum to place 100. The calculated 90% will be always rounded up (e.g. 41,1 % - FIS points to place 42).

11.3 Several competitors tied for the same position

If several racers are tied for the same position in a race, each of the tied competitors receives the points corresponding to that position. The remaining competitors receive the points corresponding to their official position in the race.

11.4 FIS points list

The FIS points list published periodically is also valid for the Snowboard World Cup.

12. Awards

12.1 Winner of the Snowboard World Cups

The competitor who wins the Snowboard Freestyle overall classification is the "Winner of the Snowboard Freestyle FIS World Cup".

The competitor who wins the Snowboard Parallel overall classification is the "Winner of the Snowboard Parallel FIS World Cup".

12.1.1 Formula – Overall:

The overall winners will be calculated as follows:

The points from all World Cup Snowboard Freestyle Results (Halfpipe, Slopestyle and Big Air) will be added together to determine the Overall Champion in the Snowboard Freestyle events. A maximum of 6 events are taken into consideration regardless of the event where the results are achieved.

The points from all World Cup Snowboard PSL and PGS Results will be added together to determine the Overall Champion in the Snowboard Parallel events.

Tie Breaking: The highest total of the best event decides - if still tied, the number of first rankings, if still tied the number of second rankings, etc. decides.

12.2 Winners of the events

The winners of the 8 events shall be honored as "Winner of the Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross, Big Air, Slopestyle, Parallel Team* or Snowboard Cross Team** FIS World Cup***".

* Teams will be listed by nation (eg.: USA 1, (name/name), AUT 1 (name/name, AUT 2 (name/name)).

A nation team can only accumulate World Cup points for one combination of two named athletes during the season. Whenever a nation team is ranked once within the season, it cannot be changed for the accumulation of World Cup points.

An athlete can only be on the event podium once.

**Teams will be listed by nation (e.g. USA 1, (name/name), AUT 1 (name/name) AUT 2 (name/name)).

***A minimum of 3 competitions must be completed for an event title and trophy to be awarded.

12.2.1 Formula – Event:

The event winners will be determined as follows:

All counting results in the event are added together.

12.3 World Cup Trophy

The winners of the 8 events will receive small World Cup trophies while the overall classification winners will receive large World Cup trophies.

12.4 World Cup Medals

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked competitors of each event and of the overall classifications will receive medals.

12.5 Nations Cup Snowboard World Cup

Formula Nations Cup:

The highest 2 WC points per competition per gender per nation will be added.
All Team Event competitions will count for the Nations Cup

12.6 Provision of awards

The trophies, Nations Cups and medals will be provided by FIS.

13. World Cup Courses

13.1 Access rights

Free access to the ski area as well as transportation on cable cars, lifts, etc. must be granted to all competitors, coaches, accompanying persons, service personnel, media representatives and officials.

The access to the race course is only possible when specially allowed by the Organizers after clear agreement with the FIS Snowboard Race Director.

13.2 Training on World Cup courses

For PAR events no gate training on the competition course is allowed within 5 days prior to the competition. For official trainings all World Cup venues must provide enough training areas for a minimum of 4 PGS/PSL training courses.

13.3 Halfpipe

All World Cup Halfpipe must be within the approved specifications and must have a grooming machine specifically designed for Halfpipe preparation and approved by FIS for World Cup use. Training periods must be observed. A minimum of 2 days of training before the competition day are to be provided. If there is a separate Qualification and Final day one day of training is adequate. The Jury may reduce this period under special conditions. Failure to do so may have an influence on future scheduling decisions by FIS.

For future HP World Cup organisers a 22 Ft HP Grinder must be used. Current World Cup organisers (those mentioned in the long term calendar 2011-2014) using a 18 Ft HP Grinder can apply for future World cups but the 22 Ft HP will be prioritised in defining the calendar.

13.3.1 Qualifications Halfpipe

The Jury will decide before the team captains meeting which format will be used (based on field size and time, one or two days event): heat format, standard competition format or Olympic format (two run HP qualification for all competitors) for HP competitions.

13.4 Snowboard Cross

One day of training is mandatory.

The Jury may allow two training days before the actual competition.

13.4.1 Qualification Snowboard Cross

The Jury will decide if there is one timed qualification run, two timed qualification runs (the better one counts) or a Jam Session Format for Qualification. See ICR 2705.1.2

13.5 Slopestyle

All World Cup Slopestyle must be within the approved specifications and must have grooming machines specifically designed for Terrain Park preparation (park machines, winch cat,) and approved by FIS for World Cup use. Training periods must be observed. A minimum of 2 days of training before the competition day are to be provided. If there is a separate Qualification and Final day one day of training is adequate. The Jury may reduce this period under special conditions. Failure to do so may have an influence on future scheduling decisions by FIS.

13.5.1 Qualifications Slopestyle

The Jury will decide before the team captains meeting which format will be used (based on field size and time, one or two day's event): heat format, standard competition format or two run SS qualification for all competitors.

13.6 Non-essential changes

In cases of immediate - non-essential but necessary - changes on the course, such as minor removals of gates, an additional inspection or training run is not necessary.

Details must be communicated to all Team Captains, and competitors must be informed by the referee at the start.

13.7 Result List

The official result list for WC and higher level events should list additional information:

Freestyle: Name of the different tricks

Alpine: Minimum 2 split times

SBX: Minimum 3 split times and with ranking

14. Duration

The Snowboard World Cup is held every year during the period from July 1st to March 31st.

15. Homologation

All competitions can only be granted to Organizers with FIS approved courses.

The courses and the situation of the finish area must conform to the criteria fixed for the Snowboard World Cup. Also, the basic preparation of World Cup, World Championship, and OWG courses must be guaranteed by snowmaking facilities with sufficient capacity for all events according to the following:

1. Resorts with glaciers which have proven able to conduct successful Snowboard World Cups, etc. during previous years and who are able to comply with FIS homologation standards and venue requirements for Snowboarding will not be required to have snow making capabilities (i.e. Kaprun, AUT).
2. New resorts with glaciers which are presented for Snowboard World Cups, etc., may be approved (without snow making) at the discretion of the FIS inspectors. The resorts must be able to comply with FIS homologation standards and venue requirements for Snowboarding.

3. All new non-glacier resorts must have snow making capabilities and must comply with FIS homologation standards and venue requirements for Snowboarding. Under special circumstances, FIS inspectors may approve resorts without snowmaking.

16. Prohibition from including Additional Races

The Organizer of an approved competition program is forbidden to add any additional race without being requested and supported by the National Ski/Snowboard Association and without being FIS approved.

17. Substitution of a Competition

17.1 Force majeure / non-fulfillment of requirements

Races which have to be canceled or postponed due to a "force majeure" or non-fulfillment of requirements are automatically returned to FIS and will be rescheduled whenever possible.

17.2 Cancellation

In case that there is not enough snow on the run(s) selected for the races, the Organizer must cancel the event(s). The OC has the duty to inform the FIS office about insufficient snow conditions or further reasons which make it necessary to cancel the event. This is to be done 10 days (HP, SBX, BA, SS) or 6 days (PSL, PGS) before the competition latest.

In case of insufficient snow conditions for races in the southern Hemisphere, the Organizing Committee must cancel the event(s) approx. 14 days before the starting time as published in the official program.

In special cases FIS can nominate an expert as snow controller.

17.3 Unusual conditions

In cases of unusual conditions, the FIS Snowboard Race Director has the authority to establish a suitable starting point below the minimal vertical drop. This will take place as early as possible.

17.4 Interference with another Snowboard World Cup Race

A replacement race must in no way interfere with another scheduled Snowboard World Cup race already listed in the Snowboard World Cup calendar. Postponed races also count as replaced competitions.

17.5 Races after the Snowboard World Cup Final

No races counting for the Snowboard World Cup may be rescheduled after the Snowboard World Cup Final. If several Snowboard World Cup races had to be canceled, the FIS Presidency will decide about a possible postponement of the Final.

18. Rescue Service – Medical Support Requirements

The Organizer is responsible for setting up and operating during all competition times (training and competitions) an appropriate rescue service. The Medical Support Requirements for FIS Event Organisers are set forth in the ICR, 221.6 as well as chapter 1 of the FIS Medical Guide containing Medical Rules and Guidelines).

19. TV / Advertising Rights

19.1 Television rights

Reference is made to the FIS Rules concerning television rights.

19.2 Advertising rights in the competition area

At all events published in the International FIS Calendar (especially FIS World Cup) the „FIS guidelines“ are valid for advertising opportunities in the competition arena, specifically the area covered by TV.

19.3 Advertising on starting bibs

It is not allowed to use hardware / producers` names and logos (snowboards, bindings, snowboard-shoes etc) on starting bibs.

20. Matters of Contention

For all matters of contention during a World Cup event that cannot be solved by the existing rules, the FIS Snowboard Race Director has to make the final decision.

21. Control and Supervision

The FIS Snowboard Race Director is responsible for the adherence to and observance of these rules.

22. Rules of FIS

The ICR Volume VI and the Precisions are valid for all further regulations.