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# **RULES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF FIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **A BASIC RULES**

### **1. FIS own Competitions**

- 1.1 The FIS World Championships (WSC) are the FIS own competitions. Participation is open to all National Ski Associations affiliated to the FIS. They are to be organised in accordance with the FIS Rules and under the control of the FIS (ICR art. 202.1.1).
- 1.2 The FIS Council appoints the National Ski Associations together with the Organisers of FIS World Championships in all disciplines.
- 1.3 Candidates for the organisation of FIS World Championships must provide the FIS with a written confirmation stating that they are prepared to conform in all respects with FIS Rules for the organisation of FIS competitions (art. 201.3.1 ICR) and must sign a contract stipulating all rights and obligations of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) immediately after the election as Organiser.

### **2. Year and Dates**

- 2.1 The FIS World Championships in the Alpine, Nordic, Freestyle, Snowboard and Freeski events are organised every uneven year.
- 2.2 FIS Ski Flying World Championships are organised every even year.
- 2.3 In order to have the FIS World Championships carried out under the best possible snow conditions the Alpine events should, in principle, be organised in the first half of February, the Nordic events in the second half of February and the Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski competitions in February between mid-January and mid-March (southern hemisphere: July/August).
- 2.4 **Cancellation**

In case there is not sufficient snow on the courses, the FIS World Championships will be cancelled. If necessary FIS will organise a snow control 14 days prior to the first official training day to determine whether or not it is possible to carry out the competitions.
- 2.4.1 Any competitions that have to be cancelled for any reason during the Championships will not be carried out after the Closing Ceremony at a later date or at another site. The event(s) will be cancelled and no medals awarded.

### **3. FIS World Championships and other International Events**

During the period when FIS World Championships take place, no FIS World Cups in the respective discipline may be held in any other nation without the special permission of the FIS Council. The competitions in art. 201.3.3 and 201.3.4 ICR do not come under this rule. Demonstration events for other sports, special competitions etc. may not take place within the official FIS World Championships programme.

### **4. Organisers of FIS World Championships**

4.1 The organisation and the carrying out of FIS World Championships are delegated by FIS to a National Ski Association and a location and a LOC.

4.2 The FIS Council elects the organising National Ski Association and the location for the Alpine, Nordic, Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski events at least 5 years before the respective FIS World Championships and at least 4 years before the FIS Ski Flying World Championships are to take place.

4.2.1 A National Ski Association shall only be allowed to submit applications for the organisation of FIS World Championships for the election at least 2 years after having organised FIS World Championships in the same discipline(s) within its' nation, i.e. a National Ski Association can only organise World Championships in the same discipline(s) once every 8 years.

4.3 Per decision of the FIS Council (November 2001) the election procedure is as follows:

The FIS Council shall elect the Organisers in a closed meeting;

- An absolute majority of votes shall be required and,
- If an absolute majority is not reached in the first ballot, the Candidate receiving the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated and so on until one Candidate has received an absolute majority;
- In the case of a tie for the last place or places a second ballot will be taken between those who tied.
- All Council Members irrespective of their nation of origin shall have the right to vote.
- The results of the voting shall be published, including the number of votes for each Candidate in each round, at the ceremony after the official announcement of the selected organising city.

According to the FIS Statutes, Article 30.3:

- The President can vote. When the vote is tied, he has the deciding vote.

4.4 The National Ski Association appoints a LOC for the FIS World Championships.

## **B RULES FOR APPLICATIONS, CONTROL OF CANDIDATES, ETC.**

### **5. Applications for FIS World Championships**

#### **5.1 Financial and Administrative Conditions**

A National Ski Association wishing to organise FIS World Championships must send a written application to the FIS Secretary General according to the FIS Rules at the latest by 1st May the year before the election meeting is to take place together with a registration fee and guarantee for training days.

Until 31st October the FIS Council has the right (veto right), to decide if the application shall be accepted or not.

##### **5.1.1 Registration fee and guarantee for training days**

- Alpine World Ski Championships CHF 400'000 + 200 training days
- Nordic World Ski Championships CHF 150'000 + 200 training days
- Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski World Championships CHF 125'000 + 200 training days
- Ski Flying World Championships CHF 100'000

5.1.2 For repeat candidatures for consecutive Championships, Candidates will be entitled to a 25% reduction in the registration fee for the second consecutive candidacy and a 50% reduction for the third and further consecutive candidacies.

##### **5.1.3 Election of Organisers**

According to the decision of the 1996 Congress in Christchurch, the FIS Council shall elect the Organisers of the following FIS World Championships during the Congress Week:

- the Ski Flying World Championships
- the Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski World Championships
- the World Ski Championships in the Nordic events
- the World Ski Championships in the Alpine events.

##### **5.1.4 Non-refundable winner fee and training days**

After the election, the elected Organisers of FIS World Championships shall have to pay the following non-refundable fee and offer the following number of training days:

- Alpine World Ski Championships CHF 1 million + 600 training days
- Nordic World Ski Championships CHF 400'000 + 600 training days
- Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski World Championships 400 training days

5.1.5 The FIS Council fixes the financial and administrative conditions for a FIS World Championship application.

5.1.6 In principle a Candidate may only submit an application for one FIS World Championship in the same year, since there is considerable interest in hosting the different events throughout the ski world. In the case of the Freestyle Skiing, Snowboard and Freeski events a joint candidacy for both disciplines is encouraged since they use the same facilities such as halfpipe, big air, cross and slopestyle courses.

**5.2 The Application shall include the following:**

5.2.1 Written confirmation that the Candidate agrees to conform in all respects with FIS Rules for the organisation of FIS competitions per article 1.3 of these rules.

5.2.2 A statement that the Candidate - to the best of its ability - will not allow any discrimination in regard to affiliated National Ski Associations or their individual members on account of racial, religious, political, gender or other grounds.

**5.3 Questionnaire**

As soon as possible after 1<sup>st</sup> May, FIS will provide each Candidate and its National Ski Association with a detailed questionnaire for completion by 1<sup>st</sup> September prior to the meeting with the inspection group, to include, but not limited to the following subjects:

5.3.1 Interest and Support for the Candidacy  
Dates and Competition Schedule  
Transport  
Accreditation  
Accommodation and Meals  
General sports organisation / Venues and Facilities  
Legacy  
Personnel Management / human resources / Volunteers  
Weather / Meteorological Conditions  
Sustainability / Environmental protection and Management  
Medical / Health Services  
Ceremonies and Prizes  
Commercial Rights, Marketing and Hospitality  
Broadcast Operations and Media Services  
The Ski Festival - Spectator services  
Communications and Promotional Activities  
Legal aspects  
Organisation Structure and Financing  
Security  
Immigration and Customs

5.3.2 Any other information of value for the Candidate and FIS.

**5.4 Guarantee and Timetable**

If, at the time of filing the application for the organisation of FIS World Championships, the technical conditions of the competitions - as, for example, courses, facilities and accommodation - are not yet ready, the Candidate must be able to guarantee that all necessary arrangements will be undertaken and ready within the years remaining before the events are to take place. The Candidate must present a timetable within which all works are to be completed in detail, giving a time-limit for each phase of the work to be finished.

**6. Control of Candidatures and Recommendations to the FIS Council**

6.1 The FIS Council appoints an inspection group of experts including the professional staff, which shall investigate the suitability of the Candidate from all viewpoints, and above all the technical aspects, accommodation facilities

and travel, the general organisation, marketing and media issues and the financial aspects.

- 6.2 The inspection group shall submit a written report to the National Ski Associations, Technical Committee Chair and the FIS Council.
- 6.3 The inspection group shall prepare a report for the FIS Council which shall in principle differentiate between the following qualifications:
  - 6.3.1 The Candidate site is suitable without reservations;
  - 6.3.2 The Candidate site is suitable if, within two years, all works (for which a detailed time-table is established) will be finished;
  - 6.3.3 The Candidate site is not suitable.
- 6.4 In the event that members of the inspection group carry out an inspection visit, the Candidates for FIS World Championships must pay their accommodation and board during the visit.
- 6.5 Should the Candidate not be able to keep to the time-limits given (art. 5), it will be deprived of the organisation of the FIS World Championships. These will then be given to the best other qualified Candidate. Decisions in this respect are made by the FIS Council.
- 6.6 **Regulations and Instructions for Candidates**  
Candidates have to follow the regulations and instructions according to the special rules stated in annexe 1.

## **C DISCIPLINES, EVENTS, NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, DIRECT CONTROL**

### **7. Disciplines, Events, Daily Programme**

- 7.1 **The FIS World Championships are carried out:**
  - 7.1.1 in Nordic events
  - 7.1.2 in Ski Flying
  - 7.1.3 in Alpine events
  - 7.1.4 in Freestyle Skiing and Freeski events
  - 7.1.5 in Snowboarding events
  - 7.1.6 in Grass Skiing, Speed Skiing, Telemark and Roller Skiing events (separate rules)
  - 7.1.7 at one site or several sites (several National Ski Associations).
  - 7.1.8 New Events are admitted no later than three years before specific FIS World Championships.
  - 7.1.9 A single event cannot simultaneously give rise to both an individual and a team ranking.

**7.2 The Nordic Programme shall include the following FIS World Championship Disciplines and Events:**

**7.2.1 Cross-Country**

Men

50 km Mass Start

15 km Individual Start

15 km/15 km Skiathlon

Sprint

4 x 10 km Relay

Team Sprint

10 km Qualification race

Women

30 km Mass Start

10 km Individual Start

7.5 km/7.5 km Skiathlon

Sprint

4 x 5 km Relay

Team Sprint

5 km Qualification race

**7.2.2 Ski Jumping**

Men: Individual competitions on normal and large hills, team competitions on normal and large and mixed team competition on the normal hill.

Women: Individual competition on normal and large hills, team and mixed team competition on the normal hill.

**7.2.3 Nordic Combined**

Men: Individual Gundersen NH / 10 km (Ski Jumping normal hill and 10 km Cross-Country race)

Individual Gundersen LH / 10 km (Ski Jumping large hill and 10 km Cross-Country race)

Team NH / 4 x 5 km (Ski Jumping normal hill and 4 x 5 km Cross-Country Relay race)

Team Sprint LH / 2 x 7.5 km (Ski Jumping large hill and 2 x 7.5 km Cross-Country Relay race)

Women: Individual Gundersen NH / 10 km (Ski Jumping normal hill and 5 km Cross-Country race)

**7.3 Ski Flying**

Individual and Team competition

**7.4 The Alpine Programme shall include the following FIS World Championship Events:**

Downhill, Super-G, Alpine Combined (separate Downhill/Super G and Slalom), Giant Slalom, Slalom, Mixed Team Parallel, Parallel, Qualification Races

**7.5 The Freestyle Ski and Freeski Programme shall include the following FIS World Championship Events:**

Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials, Aerials Mixed Team, Halfpipe, Ski Cross, Big Air, Slopestyle

- 7.6 **The Snowboard Programme shall include the following FIS World Championship Events:**  
Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross, Snowboard Cross Mixed Team, Big Air, Slopestyle
- 7.7 The events shall be decided by the FIS Congress.
- 7.8 The daily programme shall be approved by the FIS Council in co-operation with the FIS Technical Committees, the LOC of the FIS World Championships and the Electronic Media and Marketing Rights Holder(s).
- 7.9 The whole FIS World Championships programme in Nordic disciplines shall be carried out, as a rule, in a maximum of 12 days; Alpine within 14 – 16 days; the FIS Ski Flying World Championships within 4 days, the Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski programme in a maximum of 12 – 14 days.

## **8. Eligibility and Citizenship of the Competitors**

To be eligible for entry in FIS World Championships the competitor must be a citizen of the nation of which National Ski Association he has a licence and prove this with a valid passport (ICR 203).

### **8.1 Age Groups**

The age groups eligible for entry are defined in the respective discipline International Competition Rules (ICR). The FIS competition year is July 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. In order to compete, a competitor must have reached his birthday before the end of the calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>) in question. The right to compete starts at the beginning of the competition year (July 1<sup>st</sup>) even if the competitor has not yet reached his birthday at that time.

## **9. Number of Participants and Officials**

### **9.1 The maximum number of participants from each nation and the qualification levels shall be:**

9.1.1 Nordic events - Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined

#### **9.1.1.1 Cross-Country**

12 men, 12 women, plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.

To be eligible for entry in FIS World Championships the cross-country competitors must have fewer than 700 FIS points in the last FIS points list (distance or sprint) as published before the deadline for the provisional team selection.

Competitors who have reached at least one result better than or equal to 90 FIS points distance for the men and 120 FIS points distance for the women during the last 365 days, will be allowed to start in the distance competitions (Interval Start, Skiathlon and Mass Start).

A qualification competition will be scheduled for the athletes who did not reach these requirements. The athletes who have reached the above requirements are not allowed to start in the qualification race. The top 10 ranked competitors

will be allowed to start in the Interval Start competitions as part of their nation's quota.

The top 10 ranked competitors will be allowed to start in the Skiathlon and Mass Start competitions as part of their nation's quota under the condition that they have fewer than 180 FIS Distance points for the women and 140 FIS Distance points for the men in the current FIS Distance points list.

- 9.1.1.2 Ski Jumping  
Men 6 competitors, Women 5 competitors plus the competitors according to art. 9.3
- 9.1.1.3 Nordic Combined:  
Men 6 competitors, Women 5 competitors plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.
- 9.1.2 FIS Ski Flying World Championships  
Maximum 6 competitors plus the competitors according to art. 9.3
- 9.1.3 Alpine events  
No more than 24 competitors with a maximum of 14 of either gender in the Alpine events plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.

Minimum requirements:

Slalom/Giant Slalom: FIS points in one of the five disciplines (DH, SL, GS, SG, AC) on the valid FIS points list.

Downhill/Super G/Alpine Combined (with Downhill): Maximum 80 FIS points in the event according to the valid FIS points list.

Alpine Combined: A maximum of 160 FIS points in the event according to the valid FIS points list and a maximum of 80 FIS points in Downhill are required.

Parallel: Maximum 140 FIS Points in one of the five events (SL, GS, SG, DH or AC) on the valid FIS points list.

\*In the event that there are more than approximately 120 entered competitors for the Giant Slalom and Slalom, a qualification race will take place as part of these races.

- 9.1.4 Freestyle Skiing and Freeski events  
Maximum 36 participants with a maximum of 20 competitors of either gender plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.
- 9.1.5 Snowboard events  
Maximum 36 participants with a maximum of 20 competitors of either gender plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.
- 9.1.6 The quota allocation system for the combined Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski World Championships is published in the Precisions for the World Championships.

## 9.2 **Number of participants in each single event**

In each single event no more than 4 competitors per National Ski Association plus the competitors according to art. 9.3, are entitled to start.

- 9.2.1 Official Training Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined and Ski Flying  
A maximum number of 6 athletes (Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Women 5 athletes) may take part in the official training plus competitors according to art. 9.3.

9.2.2 Alpine Events

Special and Alpine Combined Downhill: A maximum number of 6 athletes may take part in the official training in each event plus competitors according to art. 9.3.

9.2.3 Mixed Team Parallel Alpine (TP)

Maximum number of Nations allowed to participate in the Mixed Team Parallel is 16. The best 15 nations on the World Cup Nations Cup standings after the last World Cup race prior to the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships are automatically qualified for the Mixed Team Parallel. If the host nation is not in the best 15 nations, it is qualified as the 16<sup>th</sup> nation.

If 15 (or less) automatically qualified nations from the World Cup Nations Cup standing are entered (including the host nation), the nation(s) with lowest PWSL ranks result, based on the calculation made by adding the PWSL ranks of the best four (4) athletes (two (2) women and two (2) men) entered for the Mixed Team Parallel will have the possibility to start until there are 16 nations entered. The regulations for the Mixed Team Parallel are published on the FIS Website under "Rules for the Mixed Team Parallel".

9.2.4 Snowboard Cross Mixed Team (BXT)

Qualification of the Team Event

The eligible \*teams will be sorted according to the addition of the ranking of the two competitors per team by using the best ranking of WC and FIS-Points. If they are tied after using the sum of the best rankings, the sum of the second best ranking will be used. If they are tied after using the sum of the third best rankings their position will be decided by a draw.

\*Eligibility requirements: according to the necessary minimum FIS points for participation in individual SBX. Furthermore all participants have to be entered as a part of their nation's regular quota for the individual competition.

Conducted with 8, 12 or 16 mixed teams. The top 4, 6 or 8 ranked teams in the team-seeding list have the right to enter their 2<sup>nd</sup> team before all other teams can enter their 1<sup>st</sup> team, if their 2<sup>nd</sup> team is within the top 4, 6, 8 ranked teams. Therefore the nations teams are chosen for entry by moving down the team-seeding list, choosing the highest 2 ranked teams from each nation out of the top 4, 6 or top 8 teams. Afterwards all eligible teams can enter their number 1 team first. Then starting at the top of the list again to choose the second (if any) ranked team from each nation, repeating as necessary, until 8, 12 or 16 teams have been reached.

9.3 The reigning FIS World Champion/s has/have the right to participate at the next FIS World Championships in the event/s they won, in addition to the team quota, under the condition they are entered by the same National Association (this is valid only for the individual competitions and not for the team competitions). If however the World Champion/s is/are also entered for other events, they must be included within the overall team quota.

9.4 **The maximum number of team officials, medical and technical personnel per national team shall be:**

9.4.1 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships

Number of officials per discipline and gender (based on the final entry):

Cross-Country Women, Cross-Country Men, Ski Jumping Women, Ski Jumping Men, Nordic Combined Women, Nordic Combined Men = number of athlete(s) + 2 Team Officials (maximum number of participants according to art. 9.1.1.1 – 9.1.1.1.3)

<i>Number of starting competitors (per discipline and gender)</i>	<i>Number of officials</i>
1	3
2	4
3	5
4	6
etc	etc
12	14

#### 9.4.2 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships

Number of officials (per gender)

Number of competitor	coaches	physicians	technicians
3	3	2*	2
4 or 5	4	2*	2
6 to 14	5	2*	4

\*Medical personnel includes physicians, physiotherapists, etc.  
The figures of up to 14 competitors per gender applies to all nations. The quotas include the national team officials (team captains, etc.).

#### 9.4.3 Combined FIS Freestyle Ski, Snowboard and Freeski World Championships

For the different events and event groups, the total number of officials will be equaled (=) to the number of entered athletes (art. 9.2) plus (+) 2 Team Officials.

\*(maximum number of entered athletes plus athletes according to art. 9.3)

<i>Number of entered individual athletes (per event and gender)</i>	<i>Number of Officials</i>
1	3
2	4
3	5
4	6
5	7
6	8
7	9
8	10
9*	11
10*	12

9.4.4 Transferable accreditations for Team Officials  
up to 50% of the above number of team official accreditations may be exchanged during the Championships in order to accommodate different coaches and support staff in the different events. The accreditation card of the departed official must be returned to the LOC in exchange for a new one.

Access passes to the Team and Restricted Areas will be provided to the teams to distribute internally, based on the above quotas.

9.4.5 Each nation may register its President and Secretary General with the team entry for each of the disciplines.

9.4.6 Service Personnel  
Accreditation for service personnel will be determined during a bilateral discussion between SRS and the LOC. Access passes to the Team and Restricted Areas will be provided to SRS companies to distribute internally.

9.4.7 Extra Officials (per gender and discipline)

- up to 3 competitors: 3 extra officials
- 4 or 5 competitors: 4 extra officials
- 6 to 14 competitors: 5 extra officials
- 15 and more competitors: 6 extra officials (Nordic disciplines)

The LOC does not assume any responsibility for organising accommodation or meals for further additional officials.

9.4.8 National Ski Association Special Guests (per gender and discipline)

- up to 3 competitors: 3 special guests
- 4 or 5 competitors: 4 special guests
- 6 to 14 competitors: 5 special guests

9.5 **Access to the competition courses**  
Access to the competition course(s) is defined by the Jury and communicated at the team captain's meetings. Persons granted access to the competition course(s) and restricted areas shall be provided with an additional access card or other agreed identification.

## 10. Control by Race Directors, Technical Delegates and FIS Emergency Committee

10.1 All courses and Ski Jumping hills must be homologated by the FIS as well as inspected and approved by the respective FIS Race Directors.

10.1.1 For Cross-Country Skiing, Alpine Skiing, Freestyle Skiing/Freeski, Snowboarding the LOC must put at the disposal of all teams well, race-like prepared and fenced-off courses for warming-up and training. At least one of these courses must be available for the whole day, starting with the official day of arrival.

10.1.2 The LOC must provide sufficient qualified fore-runners/fore-jumpers according to the respective International Competition Rules..

10.2 The LOC is required to use safety material which conforms to the latest technical standards as well as to ensure that safety-nets and other protection equipment are tested every year.

- 10.3 Advertising banners on the competition courses must be in accordance with up-to-date systems and measures in accordance with the regulations for the FIS World Championships. They may in no case change the function of safety measures and must be placed before the first training, in so far as the course is ready, preferably before the inspection.
- 10.4 The FIS Council appoints the Technical Delegates, Jury Members and Technical Officials and establishes their official instructions.
- 10.5 The direct technical control of the FIS World Championships is exercised by the Technical Delegates (TD), FIS Race Directors, FIS Co-ordinators for Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Alpine, Freestyle Skiing, Snowboard and Freeski events according to the regulations defined in the respective International Competition Rules (ICR). The LOC must conform with the instructions and recommendations of the Technical Delegates/FIS Race Directors/Contest Directors.
- 10.6 **FIS Emergency Committee**
- During the FIS World Championships, FIS, in co-operation with the LOC of the FIS World Championships, establishes an official FIS Emergency Committee whose function is to control the entries in case of situations outside the regulations and to decide among other things, about postponements, cancellations of competitions, etc.
- 10.7 The FIS Council appoints the members of the Emergency Committee. As a rule, the following persons should belong to it:
- The FIS President
  - The FIS Secretary General
  - The FIS Race Directors/Contest Directors and Coordinators
  - The Technical Delegates
  - The Chair of the FIS Technical Committees concerned
  - The President of the LOC
  - The Secretary General of the LOC
  - The Chief(s) of Race / Competition

## **11. FIS Officials at FIS World Championships**

The FIS Council appoints the following officials for the FIS World Championships, who may not have responsibility for a national team or a national delegation (except for art.11.2.3), in addition to the FIS professional experts (Race Directors, etc.).

### **11.1 Nordic Disciplines**

- 11.1.1 One Technical Delegate for Cross-Country, who is also Chair of the Jury, one Assistant to the Technical Delegate and two further members of the Jury.
- 11.1.2 One Technical Delegate for Ski Jumping, two Assistants to the Technical Delegate.
- 11.1.3 One Technical Delegate for Nordic Combined and one Assistant to the Technical Delegate.

- 11.1.4 A total of 6 Jumping Judges for all Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined and Ski Flying events, whereby one may be member of the organising National Ski Association; the selection for the various events will be done by drawing lots.
- 11.1.5 One Chief Distance Measurer for all Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined and Ski Flying events.
- 11.2 **Alpine Disciplines**  
The organisation of the Jury conforms to the World Cup Rules:
- 11.2.1 2 Technical Delegates
- 11.2.2 A total of 12 Jury members for all alpine events (in total 14 Jury members, including the 2 Technical Delegates).
- 11.2.3 The Coaches Working Group draws Course Setters for the events slalom, giant slalom and super-g. They must belong to and be entered by a team as official trainers (art. 11 does not apply).
- 11.3 **Freestyle Skiing, Snowboard and Freeski Disciplines – Combined events**  
The FIS Council appoints in total 39 Officials
- 5 Technical Delegates
  - 8 Moguls/Aerials Judges
  - 1 Video Controller Moguls Aerials
  - 10 Snowboard Judges
  - 10 Freeski Judges
  - 1 Video Controller Cross/Parallel
  - 4 Referees
- 11.4 **Equipment Controllers and Medical Supervisors**
- 4 Competition Equipment Controllers for the Nordic events plus 1 representative of the FIS Medical Committee.
  - 2 Competition Equipment Controllers for the Alpine events plus 1 representative of the FIS Medical Committee.
  - 1 Competition Equipment Controllers for the Freestyle Skiing, Snowboard and Freeski events plus 1 representative of the FIS Medical Committee.
- 11.5 **Expenses for FIS Officials**  
The LOC is responsible for the payment of the costs of travel to/from and at the competition venue, accommodation and meals with soft drinks for the necessary period during their assignment for all FIS Technical Officials (Jury etc.). Daily remuneration of CHF 100.- is payable by the LOC to all FIS Technical Officials (Jury etc.) appointed by the FIS Council for each day of their assignment and the travel days [with the exception of the paid FIS staff]. The payment of travel, accommodation and daily remuneration also applies to the attendance of the Technical Delegates at the final inspection.
- 11.6 **LOC Key Technical Officials**  
The LOC's proposals for the Chief of Competition/Race and other key technical officials at the FIS World Championships have to be submitted to the FIS Council for approval in principle at the latest two years before the Championships in order that the persons concerned are fully involved with the preparations including test events.

**11.7 Organisational Aspects**

Facilities for the FIS Officials, Representatives, Juries and Technical Officials are defined in Annexe 4 to the Rules for the FIS World Championships.

**11.7.1 Hosts/esses, Translators or Assistants**

Hosts/esses, translators or assistants are to be provided for the Teams, as well as the FIS Juries and Technical Officials, to assist and provide information during the World Championships.

**11.8 Accreditation System**

The accreditation system is to be implemented by the LOC. The definition of the groups and categories as well as access takes place in agreement with the International Ski Federation.

**11.8.1 Right to Accreditation**

The purpose of accreditation is to identify persons and their roles at the FIS World Championships and allow them necessary access to perform their roles. It is a necessary working tool to manage the large number of persons participating while facilitating their movements in a flexible and secure manner.

Accreditation is not a sign of a privileged status, nor is it to be granted instead of an event ticket.

Under no circumstances may an accreditation or restricted access card be used for another person other than the one for whom it has been issued. Abuse or misuse of accreditation will lead to its withdrawal and refusal to grant access to future events.

**11.8.2 Access for Category Infinity (All Access)**

FIS and the LOC are empowered to define an extremely limited number of persons that have infinity accreditation with access to all areas and issue instructions to security regarding access. Only FIS and the LOC's management are jointly authorised to nominate persons to this group.

**11.8.3 Responsibility**

Designated persons will be named by FIS to answer questions related to accreditation and who have the possibility during the event to make corrections to accreditations and access rights through the accreditation office. The electronic media and marketing rights holders will nominate authorised person to handle accreditation approval for broadcasters and for sponsors. FIS and the LOC will share the responsibility for handling accreditation approval for the press holding media.

**11.8.4 Use of accreditation information**

The accreditation information collected by the LOC will be shared with FIS for analysis, event organisation, marketing, communication, legal researches (Antidoping) and development purposes, while applying all data protection legislation. The use of accreditation information by FIS shall be included in the LOC's terms and conditions to be accepted by each holder of World Championships accreditation.

The system of accreditation defining accreditation categories and access rights will be provided by the FIS Office.

## D INVITATIONS

### 12. Invitations to FIS World Championships

The LOCs of the respective FIS World Championships must issue invitations to participate in these competitions at the latest by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the Championships.

In accordance with the FIS rules, the invitations shall in principle contain the following information:

- daily programme of the competitions,
- maximum number of officials and competitors per nation (art. 9.1),
- maximum number of competitors with the right to start per nation and event (art. 9.2),
- citizenship (art.8.1), time-limits for entries (art. 13.2 - 13.4),
- place and time for the team captain meetings and draws
- information about accommodation, system for reservations and payment terms (art. 17.5)
- as well as other information of interest to the participating National Ski Associations.

### 13. Time-limits for Entry

Overview

Art.	When	What	Who
13.1	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Official Invitation to all National Ski Associations	LOC
13.2	3 months	Preliminary team entry	Each National Ski Association
13.3.1, 13.3.2	21 days before beginning of respective FIS World Championships	Provisional team selection	Each National Ski Association
13.3	24 hrs after the last FIS World Cup event before the respective Championships	Final team selection	National Ski Association
13.4	in principle 3 hrs before the draw (Jury decision)	Definite competition entry	National Ski Association/Team Captain

#### 13.1 Provisional Announcement

By 1<sup>st</sup> May preceding the Championships, the LOC shall submit to FIS the time-limits for entries to be included in the Official Invitation sent to all National Ski Associations on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The time of the time-limits as stated in art. 13.2 and art. 13.3 is 24.00 on the days concerned.

For corresponding accommodation reservations and payment conditions for the National Ski Association's team and officials, art. 17.5.5 applies.

#### 13.2 Preliminary team entry for each nation

The entry is made using the FIS on-line entry system stating the preliminary total number of the national team competitors, also giving details of the number of officials and the approximate number of competitors in each of the following groups of events. The due date is three months before the FIS World Championships takes place:

- 13.2.1 Nordic Events: Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Ski Jumping Mixed Team, Nordic Combined.
- 13.2.2 FIS Ski Flying World Championships in accordance with art. 9.1.2 (6 months before the competitions).
- 13.2.3 Alpine Events: Downhill, Super-G, Alpine Combined Giant Slalom, Slalom, Mixed Team Event, Parallel.
- 13.2.4 Freestyle Skiing and Freeski Events: Moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials, Aerials Mixed Team, Halfpipe, Ski Cross, Big Air, Slopestyle
- 13.2.5 Snowboard Event: Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross, Snowboard Cross Mixed Team, Big Air, Slopestyle
- 13.3 **Team Selection**
- 13.3.1 Provisional Team Selection  
21 days before the beginning of the competitions or the Opening Ceremony. Entry of the registered competitors with a valid FIS licence by name, with the preliminary number of participants in each single event defined in art. 13.2.
- 13.3.2 Alpine Events  
For alpine events only, up to 50 % more registered competitors with a valid FIS licence can be named, including the reigning FIS World Champions. These supplementary competitors have to be cancelled after the final team selection according to art. 13.3.3.
- 13.3.3 Final Team Selection  
The final team selection by name and event with numbers according to art. 9 are to be made at latest 24 hours after the final World Cup event preceding the respective FIS World Championships.
- 13.4 **Time-limit for definite entries**  
Definite entries per event, stating names and group classification of competitors according to the International Competition Rules.
- 13.5 **Deadline and Exceptions**  
Entries in accordance with art.13.3 that reach the LOC after the time-limit on the day stated (24.00) are not accepted. Exceptions to this are in the case of force majeure (illness, death, etc.)  
  
Should the above-mentioned exceptional cases occur (illness, death), the LOC may accept such entries in agreement with the FIS Race Director/Coordinator, FIS Secretary General and/or President.
- 13.6 **Place and Time for the Draw**  
The place and time for the draw of each competition are decided by the Race Committee in co-operation with the Technical Delegate/FIS Race Director/Contest Director and FIS Coordinator and communicated in the programme.
- 13.7 **Replacement of Athletes**  
Replacement of an entered competitor by a National Ski Association in case of injury or force majeure is only possible up to the deadline for definitive entries before the first team captains meeting of the respective event at the FIS World Championships (i.e. downhill training, ski jumping qualification) in accordance with the rules of the discipline concerned.

Changes or exchange of names on the entry lists are forbidden, unless there are exceptional reasons due to force majeure. Such cases will be assessed by the FIS Race Director/Contest Director, FIS Secretary General and/or President who may authorise a valid exchange. The LOC must accept such competitors.

## **E FURTHER RULES**

### **14. Anti-Doping and Medical Rules**

- 14.1 If any question or protest arises as to the gender of the athlete, FIS shall assume responsibility for taking the necessary steps to determine the gender of the athlete (ICR art. 221.4).
- 14.2 Anti-Doping control of all events is compulsory.
- 14.3 The LOCs of the FIS World Championships are responsible for the arrangements for the post-competition doping controls and if requested the gender verification. The costs for these arrangements are to be paid by the LOC.
- 14.4 The FIS Anti-Doping Rules compiled in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code define all by-laws concerning anti-doping controls. Details of the facilities and organisation are contained therein; the information below provides a brief summary:
- 14.4.1 The LOC shall provide a Doping Control Station that is used solely as a Doping Control Station for the duration of the event, be situated near to the location where the press conference is taking place (finish area, press conference vicinity).
- 14.4.2 The LOC is required to provide a chaperone coordinator who is experienced in the sports organisation of the event and a sufficient number of chaperones (six to eight per competition, cross-country sprint competitions 12, are normally required)
- 14.4.3 For individual events: each Athlete finishing in one of the top four places in the Competition, plus two other Athletes to be selected at random; or as outlined in the Test Distribution Plan communicated by FIS beforehand.
- 14.4.4 For Relay Events or other competitions in which awards are given to teams: One Athlete selected at random from each of the top four finishing teams, plus two Athletes selected at random from a randomly-selected team outside the top four finishing teams or as outlined in the Test Distribution Plan communicated by FIS beforehand.
- 14.5 For the Nordic Disciplines (Cross-Country and Nordic Combined) a specialist Agency appointed by FIS will carry out blood testing controls.
- 14.6 The LOC has to provide a Head of Medical Services, competition physician(s) and to organise competent medical services, first aid and evacuation of injured persons. The Head of Medical Services works according to the guidelines in the FIS Medical Guide and in close conjunction with the FIS Medical Supervisor in the preparation period and during the Championships. The specific

requirements concerning facilities, resources, personnel and team physicians are to be found in section 1 of the FIS Medical Guide containing Medical Rules and Guidelines.

## **15. Prizes and Prize Money**

### **15.1 At FIS World Championships, the following prizes are awarded:**

- 15.1.1 The large FIS medal in gold to the winner in each discipline. The large FIS medal in silver to the second in each discipline. The large FIS medal in bronze to the third in each discipline.
- 15.1.2 These Medals are supplied and paid for by the FIS.
- 15.1.3 The diploma to all participants classified in a FIS World Championship event.
- 15.1.4 Honorary prizes (souvenir prizes) to the three best participants in each discipline
- 15.1.5 Commemorative gifts to all team members (officials and active participants).
- 15.1.6 These prizes (art. 15.1.3 - 15.1.4) are supplied and paid for by the LOCs. The design has to be discussed with FIS.

### **15.2 Prize Money**

In addition to the medals and commemorative prizes presented by FIS and the LOC, the athletes will receive prize money. FIS and the LOC shall share equally the total amount of such prize money . The total amount of prize money to be paid shall be the same as that paid at the FIS World Cup competitions in the same season. Confirmation of the amounts shall be made by the FIS Council at its autumn meeting 15 months before the Championships.

The method of payment of the prize money shall be determined between the LOC and FIS.

- 15.2.1 Prize-money is paid out to the top six competitors in individual competitions and the top three teams in team competitions. The competitors are required to participate at the official medal ceremony for the respective competition:

#### Individual competitions

1 <sup>st</sup>	40%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10%
5 <sup>th</sup>	6%
6 <sup>th</sup>	4%

#### Team competitions

1 <sup>st</sup>	50%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	30%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20%

The payment of the CHF must be paid electronically by bank transfer latest seven (7) days after the last competition and receiving the bank information to the respective athlete's bank account, taking into consideration the local tax laws. For conversion into the currency of the athletes account the actual bank rate is applicable.

A one-time late payment charge of CHF 999 will apply for LOC from the 31st day after the last competition day and receiving the bank information for each late payment to each individual athlete. Excluded from this is a delay due to wrong or missing bank account information as provided by the Athlete. Also excluded are delays due to special regulations that require an individual local TIN (Tax Identification Number) or similar.

Receipts must be provided to the competitor electronically and a copy needs to be transmitted to FIS latest three days after the final competition. Bank transfer fees, including and any applicable value added tax (VAT) to those fees, as charged by the local bank must be covered by the LOC. Any banking fees levied by the recipient's bank, including taxes charged upon those fees, are the expense of the competitor. Any supplementary expenses that occur due to incorrect declaration of banking details will be charged by the LOC against the sum of money (respective prize money) that is to be paid out.

Any withholding tax required by local law, can be deducted by the LOC from the prize money. The athlete is responsible for any applicable withholding/income taxes.

The LOC must assist the competitors with matters relating to taxation of prize money in the country in which the competition is held including but not limited to evidence of the taxes withheld.

- 15.3 In order for a competition to be considered as a FIS World Championship event and for the official medals to be awarded, a minimum of 8 nations must be entered for team events and 8 nations be represented in individual competitions. This applies to all FIS disciplines (Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Ski Flying, Alpine Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Freeski, Snowboarding, Grass Skiing, Speed Skiing, Telemark, Roller Skiing).

## **16. Ceremonies**

In the official programme of the FIS World Championships, only the events and ceremonies related to the events may be included. In the official accompanying programme, only side events may be organised which meet the objectives of the FIS World Championships. This programme is to be agreed between the LOC and FIS.

The respective National Ski Association and LOC together with FIS have to organise the following official ceremonies in the FIS World Championship programme. The details for the running order of the ceremonies are stated in annexe 2:

- Opening Ceremony
- Winner Presentations
- Medal Ceremonies
- Closing Ceremony

## **17. Finances**

The Organising National Ski Association and its LOC shall plan and carry out the FIS World Championships at their own financial risk and at their own expense.

### **17.1 Division of Income**

The details for the division of income are defined in the contract between FIS, National Ski Association and the LOC.

For the Championships where no special contract has been agreed, the following conditions are valid:

FIS will retain:

- 17.1.1 10 % of the income from the sale of entrance tickets for the different FIS World Championships events.
- 17.1.2 40 % of the income from the sale for the media rights to the FIS World Championships (see also art. 18.3).
- 17.1.3 40 % of the income from the sale of stationary or moveable advertising sites within the competition area of the FIS World Championships.
  - 17.1.3.1 By "venue(s)" shall mean any and all places and areas at the Host City controlled by FIS and/r by the LOC, including without limitation the start and finish areas, competition courses, stadium and its immediate surroundings, ski jumping hills and spectators' areas, prize giving and ceremony areas.
- 17.2 The LOCs may, with the above exceptions, retain the remainder of the income in order to prepare and stage the Championships. Any profit from the Championships shall be used by the Organising National Ski Association for the promotion of Skiing or Snowboarding.
- 17.3 All financial transactions with the FIS shall be settled within 6 months after the closing of the Championships.

Should the amounts not be paid to the FIS according to the above rules, a penalty fee of 20 % for each following period of 3 months will be paid by the LOC.
- 17.4 The calendar fees for FIS World Championships in the respective disciplines are published by the FIS.
- 17.5 **Accommodation and Meals**
  - 17.5.1 At FIS World Championships in the Alpine and Nordic disciplines the maximum price per person (non-qualified athletes, team officials, President and Secretary General according to the quotas in 9.4.1, 9.4.2 and 9.4.4) for accommodation and three meals including non-alcoholic drinks with each meal may not exceed CHF 120 per day.

- 17.5.2 For extra team officials and special guests, according to the quotas defined in art. 9.4.7 and 9.4.8, that are officially entered and whose accommodation has been reserved through the LOC, the maximum price for accommodation with half board shall not exceed the maximum price at the same period the previous year in the same accommodation (plus/minus inflation), but in any case not exceed CHF 200.
- 17.5.3 At the FIS Freestyle Ski, Freeski Snowboard World Championships accommodation with full board including non-alcoholic drinks with each meal has to be guaranteed at a maximum of CHF 100 per day for athletes and team officials in the team quota. For extra team officials and special guests (art. 9.4.7 and 9.4.8), art 17.5.2 applies.
- 17.5.4 In general accommodation for the athletes and team officials within the quota must be provided from at least two days before either official training or the Opening Ceremony (whichever is earlier) until and including the day after the Closing Ceremony. For any further specific requirements refer to the Hosting Agreement. Under no circumstances may the LOCs or the hotel manager demand vacating of the rooms by the teams on the day an athlete is competing. Only the actual number of nights may be charged, no minimum stay may be demanded.

Rooms may have a maximum of two beds and a bath or shower, or apartments with a maximum of two beds per sleeping room and a bath or shower. Single rooms have to be provided according to the following table:

1 to 3 officials:	1 single room
4 to 6 officials:	2 single rooms
7 officials or more:	3 single rooms

Accommodation for the teams has to be as close as possible to the competition area and meet “3-star category” as a minimum. The LOC is required to make available payment by credit card.

17.5.5 **Reservation and Payment of Accommodation**

Each National Ski Association has the right to accommodation arranged by the LOC at the conditions contained in these Rules. National Ski Associations are required to comply with the reservations and payment conditions in the information published by the LOC and communicated at the same time as the Announcement for Entries by 1<sup>st</sup> July of the year preceding the Championships.

The instructions for accommodation reservation and payment terms defined by the LOC will permit changes to be made to the reservation up to 3 months before the Championships (art. 13.2 Preliminary team entry).

At the deadline of 21 days before the beginning of respective FIS World Championships (13.3.1 Provisional team selection), a National Ski Association may change its' accommodation reservation by a maximum of 20% of the total nights without payment of a penalty. In case of force majeure (injury or other serious reason) after this deadline and not having the possibility to replace this athlete, a room cancellation may still be accepted. Requests for additional accommodation are subject to availability.

The LOC's terms for payment of accommodation will apply to athletes not qualified for free accommodation, additional periods for qualified athletes, as well as for team officials.

If this information is not communicated by the National Ski Association to the LOC by the published deadlines before the Championships, the LOC has the right to invoice the costs incurred for cancelled accommodation to the National Ski Association concerned.

Teams or persons who register late and do not observe the published deadlines have no right to the reservation or the payment of accommodation expenses, and will be subject to payment of cancelled accommodation.

Accommodation is not to be covered by the LOC for athletes or team members suspended by FIS during the World Championships period.

#### 17.5.6 **Food and Beverages**

Food must be healthy and plentiful and must correspond to the needs of highly competitive athletes. Meals must meet at least the following guidelines:

Breakfast: Different kinds of bread (whole wheat, white), butter and jam, coffee or tea with milk and breakfast cereals, "muesli", fruit juice, choice of eggs, cheese and ham or sausages.

Lunch/Dinner: Three-course meal including a variation between pasta, meat, fish. A sufficient quantity of non-alcoholic beverages. Vegetarian food must also be available for all meals.

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

#### 17.5.7 **Team Hospitality**

The LOC is required to provide appropriate team hospitality at the competition site(s) for the athletes, coaches and service personnel with adequate refreshments. The Team hospitality area should be large enough to enable the athletes to prepare and/or relax in a secure, comfortable environment. The area should be equipped with adequate seating, heating and provide healthy warm and cold food and beverages, proper washroom facilities and free Wi-Fi connection. Depending on the location of the Team's accommodation in relation to the competition venue(s) and the competition programme, it may also be necessary to serve lunch at the team hospitality.

Furthermore, heated and separate waiting room(s) have to be put at the disposal of the competitors near the start area(s) in which the competitors can stay during trainings, as well as between the runs, heats or rounds of a competition.

#### 17.5.8 **Internet access**

Athletes, team members and servicemen are entitled to free Wi-Fi access within the Team hospitality or the Team area in the Finish area and in the Team hotels, or other area(s) designated by the Organiser wherever feasible. Any costs for this access are the responsibility of the Organiser.

#### 17.5.9 **Use of Ski Lifts, Transportation and Parking for Teams**

The LOC must put at the disposal of the Teams reserved parking at the hotels, near to the lifts, as well as the finish area(s). During training and competition, priority must be given to the competitors, coaches, team personnel and officials on all lifts serving the runs concerned.

Transportation free of charge for Teams that do not have their own means of transport must be assured by the LOC from the hotels to the lift/finish area(s) and back to the hotels.

For transfers from and to the airport, the World Cup Rules of the relevant discipline are applicable.

**17.6 Service Personnel**

Logistical arrangements for service personnel (accommodation, transportation, parking) will be reviewed during a bilateral discussion between SRS and the LOC.

**17.6.1 Team containers, ski preparation and storage**

The LOC is required to provide Team and Ski Racing Suppliers (SRS) heated working containers, ski preparation and storage facilities with sufficient power and electricity sockets, adequately ventilated and lockable, in accordance with the regulations and specifications for each discipline. Definition of the number of ski rooms required, as well as their location will be determined by the LOC together with the FIS competition management and Ski Racing Suppliers (SRS). Such facilities can be requested only for team personnel specified as service personnel (service personnel code) on the entry form or on the FIS approved SRS list.

For teams that wish to bring their own waxing truck, these must be registered with the LOC according to the defined deadlines in the invitation for entry.

**17.7 Qualification for Free Accommodation**

Competitors who qualify according to the following criteria are entitled to free accommodation with full board including non-alcoholic drinks with each meal for the duration of their participation. Participation is defined from the day (evening meal) before the first official training until after the competition (including lunch). The number of nights free accommodation with full board for qualified competitors is in principle as defined below. The system is adapted to the respective Championships programme and is published by the LOC in the team invitation, following agreement with FIS:

**17.7.1 Free Accommodation - Nordic Disciplines**

One male and one female athlete of those FIS affiliated National Ski Associations without an athlete qualified according to the below-mentioned limitations:

- Cross-Country  
All athletes, male and female, having achieved at least one result better than 75 FIS Cross-Country points
- Ski Jumping / Ski Flying  
All athletes who qualify for participation in FIS World Cup and Ski Flying competitions
- Nordic Combined  
All athletes who qualify for participation in FIS World Cup competitions

For the Nordic Disciplines: Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined the number of nights of free accommodation for qualified competitors who participate in the respective competition is 4 nights per competition. The

maximum number of nights of free accommodation with full board cannot exceed the total duration of the Championships. For Ski Flying the maximum number of nights is 5. The free accommodation with full board applies specifically to the qualified athlete and is non-transferable.

#### 17.7.2 **Free Accommodation - Alpine Disciplines**

All athletes, male and female, ranked within the first 500 competitors of the current FIS points list with a maximum of 24 athletes per National Ski Association but not more than 14 athletes of one sex. For those FIS affiliated National Ski Associations without competitors ranked within the first 500 competitors, one male and one female competitor are qualified for free accommodation with full board.

Downhill: 6 nights

Super-G: 4 nights

Giant Slalom: 4 nights

Slalom: 4 nights

For competitors who are participating in a number of different events, the number of nights for the various combinations of events will also be published in the team invitation. The maximum number of nights of free accommodation with full board cannot exceed the total duration of the Championships. The free accommodation with full board applies specifically to the qualified athlete and is non-transferable.

17.7.3 For the Nordic and Alpine disciplines, in the case of only one male or one female qualified athlete, the National Ski Association is entitled to free accommodation for the non-qualified athlete of the other gender.

17.7.4 In addition, the current FIS World Champions in the Nordic, Alpine, Freestyle Skiing, Freeski Snowboard disciplines will benefit automatically from free accommodation with full board for the event in which they are reigning World Champion.

17.7.5 Each athlete is entitled to receive free of charge two tickets from the LOC for each competition in which they are competing.

17.7.6 The transport on ski lifts, mountain railways, etc. shall be free of charge during the days of the official training and the competition. The competitors, the officials of the different National Ski Associations, the members of the Juries and FIS Officials and the Members of the FIS Council are entitled to these advantages.

17.7.7 The LOC of the FIS World Championships is obliged to take over 50 % of the expenses for room and breakfast of all FIS Council Members from the day of the Opening Ceremony until the day of the Closing Ceremony.

For the FIS World Ski Championships in the Alpine and Nordic Events, accommodation for the FIS Council Members is arranged within the contingent of rooms allocated to FIS according to the Hosting Agreement.

## 18. **Marketing and Media Rights**

The details are defined in the Hosting Agreement between FIS, National Ski Association and the LOC. If no special contracts have been agreed, the following conditions are valid:

18.1 All Marketing and Media Rights of the FIS World Championships are the exclusive property of the FIS.

18.2 The FIS shall negotiate the sale of the Marketing and Media Rights for the Alpine and Nordic Championships directly with interested parties. For the other Championships the FIS will decide on a case by case basis whether to sell the rights separately, and shall keep the NSA and LOC informed. The FIS Council shall make the final decision on the choice of marketing and media partner of the Championships. See art. 17.1.2 regarding the sharing of income.

## **19. FIS Corporate Identity** (according to annexe 3)

## **20. Security**

The LOC is responsible for ensuring that the necessary measures are taken with the responsible authorities in regard to security services.

## **21. Information and General Report to the FIS**

21.1 The organising National Ski Association shall keep the FIS informed about the work in progress and submit the defined documents and material to upload to the FIS World Championships transfer of knowledge system.

21.2 A written progress report shall be provided to the FIS Council every six months with details of the activities and preparations. A presentation in person including images and plans shall be made to the Technical Committees at their spring and autumn meetings, as from the first technical meetings following the election (generally in the autumn) and concluding with the technical meetings after the Championships (in spring).

21.3 A short report shall be made to the delegates at each of the FIS Congress' after the election of the Organiser with a final report delivered at the Congress following the Championships.

21.4 At the conclusion of the Championships, the LOC shall submit the various reports to be uploaded into the FIS World Championship transfer of knowledge system, and distribute a report on the FIS World Championships to all participating National Ski Associations.

## **22. Study Groups**

Study Groups from the future Organisers and Candidates of FIS World Championships and Olympic Winter Games are entitled to be accredited to attend the Championships with a maximum of 6 persons. (Separate Guidelines have been established by FIS and provided to the LOC).

22.1 The LOC is required to assist the Study Groups with the organisation of accommodation.

22.2 A Study Group coordinator is to be appointed by the LOC to prepare a programme to inform the Study Groups about the organisation of the Championships, assist with accompanying the groups and facilitate their access to the necessary areas.

22.3 In addition to visiting the venues and meeting LOC officials, meeting(s) during the Championships with the Study Groups, the LOC representatives and FIS should be organised as part of the Study Group programme.

**23. Technical Rules**

All further technical rules concerning the FIS World Championships are included in the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR).

**24. Contract between FIS, National Ski Association and Host City**

Immediately after the election, the National Ski Association concerned and the official representatives of the host city shall sign a contract with FIS detailing all rights and duties of the Organiser.

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## **Annexe 1**

# **Candidatures for FIS World Championships: Regulations and Instructions**

### **Preamble**

Bids to host the FIS World Championships offer Candidate cities/resorts exceptional opportunities to promote their image throughout the world. It is however necessary that there are limits on expenditure for the candidacy.

Consequently, the FIS Council has assisted Candidate cities by setting out the following instructions which contribute to reasonable modest expenditure, while they give Candidates scope to do their best when presenting their bids.

For this reason, the following regulations apply to Candidates, National Ski Associations, FIS Committee Members and any other party involved in the Candidature.

## **1. Candidature Files**

- 1.1 All files, documents, reports and other papers (hereinafter "candidature files") sent or presented by the Candidate in connection with their candidatures shall be established on A4 format paper (20.9 x 29.6 cm), a larger format being acceptable only for topographical plans or maps as digital files and sent electronically; Their presentation and appearance shall be simple and designed in an economical way.
- 1.2 The candidature files established in conformity with paragraph 1.1 above must contain all the facts, information and data necessary for the examination of the candidature.
- 1.3 Other digital material may accompany the candidature files. It is, however, recommended that the Candidate should in such cases limit its expenditure in relation to such material, notably by avoiding wherever possible the production of special and costly material in connection with their bids, by making use of pre-existing material.

## **2. Promotion of the Candidates and Candidacy**

### **2.1 Period of candidacy**

Promotion of the Candidate and candidacy is valid from the completion of application formalities (official application letter with confirmation of the adherence to the FIS Rules, payment of registration fee and guarantee for free training days). Promotion of a candidacy shall take place with dignity and moderation.

### **2.2 Visibility**

Candidates may present their candidacy logo "Name of Town/Resort, Year, Candidate for the FIS [Discipline] World [Ski] Championships on their promotional material such as information brochures, clothing. The Candidate

may adopt a logo, which includes the FIS logo. The Candidate logo is to be submitted to FIS for approval.

### **2.3 Candidates own Promotion and Communication**

The Candidate may create its own internet site, application (app) and social media pages for informative purposes. Internet site, app and social media pages may be in the language of the country concerned, as well as in English. Candidates must inform FIS of their official internet site, app and social media accounts before they are published.

### **2.4 Promotion and Communication through FIS Channels**

As a general policy all FIS World Championships Candidates will be given equal communication through the FIS channels, namely the FIS website and social media platforms will be used for promotion of the candidacies.

## **3. Participation and Representation of Candidates at FIS Meetings and FIS Competitions**

Definition:

"FIS Meetings" in the meaning of the present regulations shall be understood as all official meetings of all bodies or committees of the FIS and the National Ski Associations (Congress, Calendar Conference, Technical Committees), including the FIS World Championships, Olympic Games, FIS World Cup events or other competitions.

### **3.1 Candidate Delegations, Number of Official Delegates**

3.1.1 Candidates are asked to keep to the strict minimum the number of persons making up the delegations which they send to FIS meetings.

3.1.2 On the occasion of FIS meetings, the number of official delegates for each Candidate is limited to a maximum of six persons, who will alone be entitled to be accredited and, wherever possible, accommodated in the hotel/s housing all the participants at the FIS meetings. Other persons accompanying the official delegates will not have the status of official delegates, nor will they be entitled to any advantages, such as special rates, which may be associated with such status.

### **3.2 Exhibitions and Events**

3.2.1 A small exhibition of all Candidates for the FIS World Championships shall be officially organised during the respective International Ski Congress or other meeting at which the election of the Organiser by the FIS Council shall take place. The stands will all have the same dimensions and designs, with the details being agreed with all the Candidates during the common inspection of the Congress location with FIS in the autumn before the Congress.

3.2.2 Candidates are not permitted to exhibit or arrange events of any kind, including artistic or sporting events, on the occasion of FIS meetings or events. Nor shall they take part, in any form whatsoever, in any exhibitions or events organised by third parties on the occasion of FIS meetings and connected in any way whatsoever with their candidature.

### **3.3 Distribution of Information**

The Candidates understand that they may not make any visible promotion in the hotel or in the town of the FIS meetings using banners, posters, etc. An information brochure about the candidacy may be distributed during the FIS meetings. A dedicated desk for all Candidates' information brochures will be arranged by FIS in the most appropriate location, generally in the area of the coffee breaks. Additionally FIS will set up a visual identification of the Candidates on a roll up or screen.

### **3.4 Receptions**

Candidates shall refrain from organising receptions, such as cocktail parties, buffets, breakfasts, lunches, dinners or other banquets of whatever kind on the occasion of FIS meetings.

### **3.5 FIS Congress**

3.5.1 In order to enable Candidates to discuss their bids with members of the FIS, one room or suite may be used by each Candidate in the hotel housing the participants at FIS meetings. However, Candidates shall refrain from using premises outside the FIS hotel, such as restaurants, villas, inns, boats, yachts, club houses, residences or other salons to receive members of the FIS during such FIS meetings.

3.5.2 A single collective "announcement reception (winners cocktail)" will be organised immediately following the election by the FIS Council of the Organiser of the Championships. Generally the election shall take place during the International Ski Congress week. The costs for the reception will be divided between the elected Organisers of the FIS World Championships in each discipline.

### **3.6 FIS World Cup Competitions**

The Candidate may display its candidacy at FIS World Cup competitions in its nation. Venue and competition area visibility must conform to the FIS Advertising Rules.

### **3.7 National Team/s identification**

The National Team/s in the discipline concerned may display the candidacy logo on their warm-up and competition suits in accordance with the specifications in the FIS Rules for Commercial Markings.

## **4. Relations between Candidates and FIS Members**

### **4.1 Visits by Delegations or Representatives of Candidates to FIS Members and National Ski Associations**

Candidates must refrain from sending delegations or representatives to visit voting members in their countries. However, an exception to this principle is authorised for a single visit of two persons at most - if the Candidate deems such visit indispensable - to those voting members of the FIS who do not themselves visit the Candidate and who will have informed the FIS of their agreement to receive a delegation or representatives of the city/resort in question. Each Candidate concerned must inform the FIS in advance of any visits organised on this basis.

Furthermore, presentation of candidature files is allowed to voting members by the diplomatic or consular representatives of the nation of the Candidate accredited to the nation of the members concerned. However, such presentations shall not be combined with receptions.

#### **4.2 Presents, Liberalities or other Benefits, Conflicts of Interest**

Candidates, as well as all third parties acting for them, on their behalf or in their favour, are only permitted to give voting members - as well as their National Ski Associations, their blood relations, relatives by marriage, guests or companions - gifts or other benefits in relation to their dealings with FIS or in conjunction with their involvement in FIS activities which:

- i. have a symbolic or trivial value, will have no influence on the execution or omission of an act that is related to their official activities or falls within their discretion as not being contrary to their duties;
- ii. do not create any pecuniary or other advantage;
- iii. do not create a conflict of interests, and which shall in no case exceed CHF 100 (or equivalent) per person.

Any gifts or other benefits not meeting all of these criteria are prohibited. If in doubt, gifts shall not be offered or accepted.

Not included in the above-mentioned total of CHF 100 are the cost of candidature files and accompanying documents.

Furthermore, Candidates and any third parties acting for them or on their behalf or in their favour are forbidden to conclude with voting members, their National Ski Associations, their relations, relatives by marriage, their guests or companions, agreements, transactions or any other contracts; the same applies to all juridical persons represented by such persons or in which such persons hold an interest.

As a principle the Candidate may not invite FIS Council Members.

#### **5. Scope of the Present Regulations**

The provisions of the present regulations apply to FIS Council Members, Candidates, and, mutatis mutandis, to all leaders and delegates of National Ski Associations and to all staff, advisers, agents and other consultants or experts associated with the candidacy.

#### **6. Sanctions**

The FIS Ethics Commission has the right to bring any violation of the present regulations to the knowledge of the FIS Council, whole FIS family, as well as all the Candidates.

In the event of a serious breach of the present regulations, the FIS Ethics Commission may further propose to the FIS Council or FIS Congress that it excludes the Candidate having breached the regulations from the contest for the FIS World Championships.

Furthermore, all other provisions of the ICR, the [Rules for the FIS World Championships](#) and the [FIS Code of Ethics](#) are reserved.

## **Annexe 2**

### **Official ceremonies**

#### **1. Opening ceremony of the FIS World Championships**

##### **1.1 Official part**

- Procession with background music: entry of all participating national delegations with athletes, headed by the bearer of the national flag and nation's sign, followed by the officials from the organising National Ski Association and LOC.
- Presentation of the national flag: Some representatives of the LOC carry a large national flag. During the flag raising, the National hymn of the organising nation is played.
- Presentation of the FIS flag: 4 to 6 representatives from the previous FIS World Championship Organisers carry the large FIS flag with the FIS emblem. At the same time, a further representative of the previous Organisers carries a hand-held flag with the FIS logo.
- Handover of the flag: The previous FIS World Championships Organiser hands over the FIS hand-held flag to the FIS President. The FIS President hands it over to the current FIS World Championships LOC representative. Parallel to this, the representatives of the previous FIS World Championships Organiser hand over the large FIS flag to the representatives of the actual FIS World Championships Organiser.
- Hoisting the FIS flag with FIS fanfare (long version).
- Welcome speech by a maximum of two official representatives of the organising nation.
- Opening speech by the FIS President or one of the FIS Vice Presidents named by the FIS President, with the declaration that the FIS World Championships are open.

##### **1.2 Closing part**

After the official opening part as defined above, the LOC has the possibility to present performances which correspond to the theme of the World Championships, together with the culture and traditions of the organising nation.

#### **2. Programme at competitions**

##### **2.1 Opening**

- Each FIS World Championships competition shall be opened by a short ceremony. The FIS fanfare and the official announcement with the full name of the FIS World Championships and the competition must be presented by the speaker and shown on the video wall.
- Further possible elements might be:
  - presentation of flags of participating nations by children,
  - national anthem of the organising nation
  - cultural animation programme

## 2.2

### **Winner Presentation**

- Each FIS WSC event shall be concluded by an official winner presentation.
- For this purpose a winner podium with corresponding infrastructure (back wall and carpet) shall be set up in the finish area. The design of the infrastructure should be developed in conjunction with the FIS and the marketing rights holder.
- It is necessary to have enough presentation space, direct access for the successful athletes, space for photographers and broadcasters and for unilateral interviews in the area surrounding the podium.
- In principle, the presenters of the prizes are appointed by the LOC.  
Due to the live TV coverage the presentation should take place immediately after the official confirmation of the competition results by the jury. Set up of the podium infrastructure should begin as soon as the last athlete crosses the finish line.
- Order of the presentation:
  - Formation of the top 3 athletes, honorary guests and hostesses on the red carpet either side of the podium.
  - Opening of the official winner presentation by FIS fanfare.
  - Announcement of the winner presentation by the speaker, who calls the full name of the FIS World Championships and the completed competition.
  - Announcement of the ranked athletes by first name, last name, nation from 3<sup>rd</sup> place down to 1<sup>st</sup> place with suspense-creating music. Athletes move from the carpet directly on to the podium as their name is announced.
  - Announcement of the honorary guests and honouring of the athletes with the handover of flowers/presents by the honorary guests in order from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place Solemn background music.
  - In honour of the successful athletes, the national flags are hoisted and in honour of the winner, the national anthem is played.
  - Announcement of the closing of the winner' presentation. Honorary guests depart accompanied by the hostesses. Athletes remain for a photo session with ski/snowboard equipment.

## **3. Medal ceremony of the FIS World Championships**

### **3.1 Infrastructure and logistics**

- Podium: An attractive large podium (minimum 5x10m) must be prepared by the LOC. Each podium must have sufficient space for up to six athletes in the case of a team competition. The height of the individual podium places is terraced from the top (1<sup>st</sup> place) down to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The covering of the podium ground should reflect the character of the occasion (e.g. red carpet). A table for the preparation of the medals and gifts of honour shall be provided next to the podium. For the handover of the medals, they must be placed on presentation trays or cushions.
- Advertising: The creation and design of the podium and the back-wall must be coordinated in detail with the FIS and the marketing rights holder.
- Flags/hymns: FIS flag and FIS World Championship flag shall be hoisted on tall flagpoles near the podium. Four flagpoles shall be provided to hoist the flags of the successful competitor nations at the ceremony. These flagpoles should be placed near the podium within the view of the winning athletes.

Before the ceremony, the LOC shall verify the correct selection of national flags and anthems.

- Meeting point: A meeting room (green room) shall be provided for all persons involved (athletes, honorary guests). This place can also be the starting point for the procession of the persons involved.

The LOC shall arrange for transportation of the athletes, to and from this meeting point.

- The FIS World Championships medals will be presented by the FIS President. In case he is not present, the FIS representative to handover the medals will be chosen by the FIS, while the LOC is responsible for the honorary persons who will hand over the gifts of honour (see art. 15.1.4). No presents of sponsors may be given to athletes at the official medal ceremony.

### 3.2 **Pre-programme to the ceremony**

The LOC can organise a pre-programme before the ceremony, subject to the agreement of FIS in advance.

### 3.3 **Medal ceremony**

- Announcement of the medal ceremony by the speaker with the full name of the World Championships, the name of the competition for which the ceremony is staged and the FIS fanfare (short version).
- Entry of honorary guests and athletes with background music guided by hostesses. Depending on the formation and the planned order, the hostesses can lead the entrance carrying the FIS World Championships medals.
- Welcome and introduction of the personalities, who will honour the winners: "The medals are presented by the President of the FIS [first name], [last name], potentially accompanied by a Vice President of the FIS or a FIS Council Member [first name], [last name], [nation]. The gifts of honour will be handed over by [first name], [last name], [function]".
- The athlete order of entry/march onto the stage: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In the case of Team Events only the top 3 places are awarded medals.
- Positioning on the stage: First, the athletes shall stand behind the podium. Honorary guests stand on one side, hostesses on the other side of the podium (near the table with FIS medals and gifts of honour).
- Proclamation of the winner in the language of the organising nation, in English and if possible in the language of the winners. The ranking must be announced from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- Announcement:
  - >Winner of the bronze medal [year] [first name], [last name], [nation]  
(the third placed steps onto the podium)
  - >Winner of the silver medal [first name], [last name], [nation]  
(the second placed steps onto the podium)
  - >Winner of the gold medal and FIS World Champion [year] [first name], [last name], [nation]  
(the winner steps onto the podium)

- After all athletes are announced and standing on the podium, presentation of the medals begins

Announcement:

>[first name], [last name], [function], will now present the medals to the successful athletes together with [first name], [last name], [function]

- The medal presenter goes (seen from the front-side) from the left side of the podium and the hostess comes from the right side carrying the FIS medal on a presentation tray/cushion.
- The medal presenter takes the medal from the cushion and presents it to the 1st placed athlete. He congratulates the athlete with a handshake. The accompanying presenter presents the FIS pin (Alpine/Nordic WSC only) to the athlete and congratulates the athlete with a handshake. The same procedure follows directly afterwards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed athletes.
- Afterwards the honorary guests of the LOC hand over the gifts of honour to the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> placed athletes.
- Solemn music during honouring of the athletes.
  
- Announcement:  
In honour of the successful athletes, the national flags are hoisted and in honour of the winner, the national anthem is played.
- Playing of the national anthems of the winner.
- During the playing of the national anthem of the winner, the three national flags shall be hoisted. In case of a tie all (four) national flags of the athletes on the podium (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>) shall be hoisted.
  
- Announcement:  
Closing of the official ceremony. Departure of all persons announced by the speaker (honorary guests, hostesses, Athletes 1, 2, 3 remain on the podium for official photographs.
  
- Photo/TV & film action for press, film, radio and television with the successful athletes on the podium should be directed by the photo coordinator of the LOC.

#### 3.2.4 **Closing part**

Following the official part of the medal ceremony, the programme can be closed by the Organiser with individual performances such as fireworks, concert, and show acts.

### 4. **Closing ceremony of the FIS World Championships**

The closing ceremony normally takes place directly at the end of the last competition including the competition medal ceremony.

#### 4.1 **Official part**

- Announcement of the Closing Ceremony by the speaker with the full name of the FIS World Championships and the FIS fanfare (short version).
- Entry of all participating national delegations with flag bearers and nation signs followed by the entry of the officials from the organising National Ski Association accompanied by background music.

- Closing speech from the President of the LOC or the representative of the nation.
- Closing speech by the FIS President or one of the FIS Vice Presidents designated by the FIS President.
- Lowering the flag of the organising nation.
- Lowering the FIS flag by members of the LOC.
- Presentation of the FIS flag: 4 to 6 representatives of the FIS World Championships Organiser carry the large FIS flag with the FIS emblem. At the same time, another representative carries a hand-held flag with the FIS logo.
- Handover of the flag: the FIS World Championship LOC hands over the hand-held flag to the FIS President. The FIS President hands over the hand-held flag to the next FIS World Championship LOC. The representatives of the LOC hand over the large FIS flag to the representatives of the next LOC. During the handover the long version of the FIS fanfare is played.
- Both LOCs march away with the large FIS flag accompanied by music, followed by the national flag bearers.
- There is the possibility that the next FIS World Championships Organiser shows film material on the video wall and gives a speech inviting to the next Championships.
- The officials march out.

## **5. Planning / Preparation**

All ceremonies are to be planned based on the above guidelines. Adaptations to the procedures, based on logistical and infrastructure reasons, may be considered but they must be discussed with and approved by the FIS.

Details of the venue, infrastructure and a presentation of a draft of the ceremony programme should be made available during the official FIS final inspection at the latest.

Two months prior to the World Championships a detailed programme (running-order, text of speakers) for the different ceremonies shall be presented to the FIS for approval.

## Annexe 3

### FIS Corporate Identity

#### 1. Preamble

The official title, the World Championships event logo and the wordmark FIS and/or FIS logo have to be incorporated within the sports competitions, advertising elements, signage, TV graphics, published information material, print and digital publications as well as print and TV promotional advertising. The rules for the use of the FIS logo and the FIS snowflake (medal) as stated in the latest edition of the FIS Brand book have to be respected.

#### 2. Elements

##### 2.1 FIS and the title of the event

The official title of the Event to be used is:

FIS World Ski Championships

FIS Alpine World Ski Championships

FIS Nordic World Ski Championships

FIS Freestyle Ski, Freeski Snowboard World Championships

##### 2.2 The FIS logo incorporated in the Official World Championship Event Logo

The integration of the wordmark FIS and/or FIS logo in the World Championship event logo is obligatory.

The World Championship event logo should be supported by a complete 'World Championship Corporate Design'. The outline and concept are to be agreed between the LOC and FIS.

#### 3. At the Competition Venue(s)

In conjunction with the 'Venue Décor' or Event Dressing of the sports infrastructure and advertising elements on the field of play, the FIS Logo and the official FIS World Championship event logo should always be used. All Marketing installations have to respect the relevant FIS Advertising Rules in force at the time of the Championships.

#### 4. Signage and Event Decor

The above elements (FIS World Championship logo; FIS logo) are also to be used to promote the FIS World Championships on the signs in the resort, in the region, on the access roads to the venue(s) at the World Championship airport, official FIS hotel, etc.

The extensive use of Event Dressing in the venue(s) is encouraged to give a strong identity to the Championships.

#### 5. TV Graphics

The official FIS World Championships TV graphics will be used for the International Signal. The LOC and FIS shall consult the Rights Holder in relation to the design and content in connection with the official FIS World Championships TV graphics.

All TV-on screen identification has to be in accordance with the applicable FIS- and on screen TV identification rules.

**6. Advertising and Information Material**

On all advertising and information material both the World Championship event logo and FIS logo are to be incorporated. This includes press releases as well as timing and data information such as starting lists, result lists, standings, analysis, etc.

**7. Printed Advertising**

On all printed and/or electronic advertising both the World Championships event logo and FIS logo are to be incorporated, this includes:

- FIS World Championships Programme
- FIS World Championships Media and Broadcasters' Guides
- FIS World Championships Team Guide
- FIS World Championships Spectators Guide
- FIS World Championships Volunteer Guide
- Posters
- Accreditation
- World Championship diplomas of the LOC
- All start, result lists and standings
- Website and associated social media and other digital channels

## Annexe 4

### FIS Organisational Aspects

Details about the facilities for FIS Officials, Representatives, Juries and Technical Officials are to be finalised with the FIS representative(s) during an on-site inspection 12 to 18 months before the Championships.

#### 1. FIS Hotel

The number of rooms required for the FIS Officials is defined in the Hosting Agreement between FIS, the LOC and the National Association. A desk should be set up in the hotel to provide information and support the organisation of transportation.

#### 2. FIS Office(s)

The LOC is to provide sufficient space for an office at the FIS Hotel and the competition site(s). The technical equipment for the FIS Office will be agreed between the parties concerned and include internet connection, phone, printer, lockable cupboard, table and chairs for meetings, etc. and light refreshments.

#### 3. Competition Management Facilities - Jury and FIS

At the competition venue, each FIS Jury requires a separate, equipped room for jury meetings, video analysis with the necessary equipment, as well as with power, internet connection, printing, storage for sports equipment and hanging racks for ski clothing.

Refreshments should be provided permanently, and due to the unpredictable working times and issues arising, flexible arrangements for lunch and/or dinner (depending on the competition programme) arranged there or nearby.

The location of the jury rooms should be near to the timing and data services and (sub-)race office.

#### 4. Transportation - Shuttle Service

A shuttle service is to be provided for each Jury and the Technical Officials, as well as the FIS President, FIS Secretary General and FIS Council Members.

Accreditation for parking and access is to be provided for FIS officials' vehicles at the competition venues, press centre and other operational venues where there is limited parking space.

#### 5. Organisation of Communications

The LOC is required to provide local mobile phones to enable permanent contact with the members of the FIS Emergency Committee and key FIS appointed officials.

In the planned overall communication network for the LOC (telephone, sms, radios etc.), a separate Jury channel is required for each discipline within the radio system, as well as an additional separate channel for the FIS professionals. Approximately 10 radios are required for each Jury and 6 to 8 for the FIS.