

FIS World Cup Snowboard Cross (SBX) - Course Testing Guidelines

General: Official course testing should happen prior to the first official training day. Testing should be announced ahead of time through the FIS SMS system, or email. Official course testing should be conducted, at the latest, one day prior to the first official training day.

If there is a need for exceptions to this protocol (e.g. teams travel delays, schedule changes,...) it must be confirmed with the FIS Race Director or the official FIS/RD representative. This also should be communicated in appropriate time prior to the testing.

Official final testing – Top 24 men top 8 women group: The final testing of the course should be done by test riders who are ranked in the top 24 men and top 8 women (current FIS WC standings at the time of the selection/FIS Ranking at seasons first WC) of both genders.

2 athletes for men and 2 for women should be randomly drawn out of the group of athletes applying to test (top 24 /8 only) for the next WC location/course during the current WC competition, usually during the TC Meeting before the finals. There should be at least one competitor from each stance (regular and goofy foot) to test. An athlete that tests in the current competition (WC, WSC, OWG) will be taken out of the testing pool and not be eligible to test in the next competitions (WC, WSC, OWG) unless there are no other volunteers.

The hosting nation: has the right to enter up to 3 adequate test riders, with a maximum of 2 per gender, out of the testing pool even if they had already tested at a competition before. One of the 3 athletes should be listed in the WC top 24, otherwise they can enter only 1 test rider per gender (2 maximum).

If the hosting nation does not have at least one athlete in the top 24 for men, an additional athlete will be drawn from the top 24 WC.

Filming: Video recording (helmet cameras, etc.) is not allowed to be done by the course testers themselves. Coaches are allowed to inspect the course together with the dedicated testers group, and all coaches may shoot video and watch testing from the inside of the race venue.

Non testing competitors: must not enter the race course at any time prior to the official trainings or the competition. The official testing should be made available to watch from dedicated viewing spots outside the boundaries/fences of the SBX course.

Athletes/teams obligations: In order to maximize the evaluation of the testing, the chosen test-athletes are required to adequately prepare to test the course by using race tuned boards and equipment. Competition crash helmets are mandatory. It is under the obligation of the respective testers' nation to inform the Race Director, in time, if a selected athlete cannot take part in the test (injury or travel issues). In that case the RD can nominate a substitute.

Construction phase testing: There can be construction phase testing at any time during the build. This testing should not be conducted with competitors who are entered in the respective competition.

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