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RULES FOR THE ALPINE FIS WORLD CUP

1. Organisation

Jury according to Art. 601.4 ICR

1.1 Downhill (incl. Combined DH) and Super-G

- With voting right:
 - the Technical Delegate
 - the Chief of Race of the Organising Committee
 - the Chief Race Director as Referee, appointed by the FIS
 - the Race Director as Assistant Referee, appointed by the FIS
- The Referee has the deciding vote in case of a tie.

1.2 Slalom (incl. Combined SL), Giant Slalom and parallel events

- With voting right:
 - the Technical Delegate
 - the Chief of Race of the Organising Committee
 - the Chief Race Director as Referee, appointed by the FIS
 - the Race Director as Assistant Referee, appointed by the FIS
- The Referee has the deciding vote in case of a tie.

1.3 Substitution of a Jury member

If due to "force majeure" one of the members of the Jury, nominated by the FIS is unable to participate, the referee appoints a qualified substitute. In the event that the referee is unable to participate, the FIS appoints a substitute.

2. Setting the course

2.1 Downhill

The Race Director sets the Downhill course in agreement with the nominated connection coaches.

The control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

2.2 Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom

The course is set by the coaches who are appointed by the coaches working group. The Super-G course setter sets the course in conjunction with the Race Director.

The control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

2.3 Parallel

The FIS Race Director sets the parallel courses. The control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

3. Qualification

3.1 General

3.1.1 Qualification standards

The qualification standards will be established before each season, based on an agreement with the Committee for Alpine Skiing.

The standards cannot be modified during the season. A competitor without any results during the previous season will not be included in the respective event quota calculations (Art 7.1.5 FIS Points Rules).

3.1.2 *Women's and men's qualifications*

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

3.2 **Basic quota**

Each National Ski Association affiliated with FIS may enter one (1) competitor in FIS World Cup races taking into consideration the following conditions:

Slalom / Giant Slalom

Minimum requirements:

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

For Men's events:

Competitors must be ranked within the first 150 of the valid FIS point list in the event concerned or within the first 30 of the WCSL in one of the following events SL, GS, SG, DH or AC.

Downhill / Super-G

Minimum requirements:

Maximum 80 FIS points in the respective event according to the valid FIS points list (valid also for 500 points competitors and those qualified from Continental Cups).

For Men's events:

Competitors must be ranked within the first 150 of the valid FIS point list in the event concerned or within the first 30 of the WCSL in one of the following events SL, GS, SG, DH or AC.

Alpine Combined (AC)

Minimum requirements:

For Alpine Combined with DH a maximum of 80 FIS points in DH is required and for Alpine Combined with SG a maximum of 80 FIS points in AC, SG or DH is required.

Only for women's events: National Ski Association, whose quota is six (6) or less competitors, (Basic quota one [1] + national quota five [5]) may participate in each Alpine Combined with a maximum of six (6) competitors. These competitors must only fulfill the minimum requirements.

For Men's events:

Competitors must be ranked within the first 150 of the valid FIS point list in the event concerned or within the first 30 of the WCSL in one of the following events SL, GS, SG, DH or AC.

Parallel events

Minimum requirements:

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

3.3 **National quota**

For each event a national quota is calculated periodically according to the World Cup Starting List (WCSL). The periods are adapted to the respective calendar planning and fixed before the start of the competition season. The quota is established on the basis of the number of competitors per nation, classified within rank 1 to max. 60 of the WCSL in the event concerned. There is no moving up.

A National Ski Association may enter a maximum of eight (8) (seven [7] for Men's competitions) additional competitors (under consideration of art. 3.2). A competitor without any results during the previous season will not be included in the respective event quota calculations (Art. 7.1.5 FIS Points Rules).

3.3.1 *Replacement of competitors*

Qualified competitors from within the national quota can be replaced by competitors ranked within the first 60 of the WCSL or within the first 120 ranked (80 for men's events) on the valid FIS points list, each in the respective event,

or by competitors who have at least 500 WCSL overall points (if the conditions according to art. 3.2 are fulfilled).

3.3.2 *Replacement of competitors in Parallel*

Qualified competitors from within the national quota can be replaced by competitors ranked within the first 60 of the WCSL or within the first 200 of the Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL), or ranked within the first 120 (80 for men's event) on the valid FIS points list of GS/SL or by competitors who have at least 500 WCSL overall points (if the conditions according to art. 3.2 are fulfilled).

3.4 **Higher quotas for organising countries**

In all countries that organise FIS World Cup races, the National Ski Association, whose quota is less than six (6) competitors (Basic quota [1] + National quota [5]), may participate in each race with a maximum of six competitors (1 + 5).

Qualified competitors of a Continental Cup (art. 3.8) of the organising country are included within the maximum number of six (6) participants.

3.4.1 *Points limit*

For higher quotas, only those competitors are admitted who are classified within the first 350 ranked on the valid FIS points list in the respective event. In Parallel within the first 500 ranked of the PWSL.

3.5 **Number of participants at the race / Downhill training**

A team may enter a maximum of nine (9) Women's and eight (8) Men's active competitors for each event (not included are competitors from art. 3.8).

For teams up to a size of 7 qualified competitors, 2 additional competitors are allowed to participate in the official training for Downhill and double Downhill.

For teams of 8 and more qualified competitors, 3 additional competitors are allowed to participate in the official training for one Downhill, 4 in case of two Downhill competitions.

These additional competitors for training must fulfill the minimum requirement of a maximum of 80 FIS points in Downhill.

For men's event see art 3.2

3.5.1 *Quotas for DH and AC training*

In case of DH and AC at one site, the maximum number of competitors entered for training may not exceed the higher quota (basic quota + national quota + COC winner + additional competitors for training) plus 50%.

3.6 **Limitation for SL / GS / DH in 2 runs**

Limitation for the 2nd run (Slalom / Giant Slalom / DH):

only the first 30 competitors from the 1st run are qualified.

This limitation is not valid for the Alpine Combined (see art. 9.5.1).

3.7 **Qualified competitors of the Continental Cups**

EC 3, NAC 2, FEC 1, SAC 1, ANC 1

3.7.1 *Qualification for the FIS World Cup of the COC Overall Winners*

Qualified competitors of the Continental Cups according to the Continental Cup rules qualify to start in the respective events of the FIS World Cup in addition to the national quota in the season following the result (Southern Hemisphere: same season) if they are classified within the first 350 of the valid FIS points list in the event concerned.

Their costs for accommodation, food and beverage must additionally be paid by the Organising Committee.

If the COC overall winner is already qualified in the event concerned, the National Ski Association cannot apply for an additional starting spot for the overall winner.

3.8 Registration and entries

National teams must use the FIS online registration system for entries and FIS season accreditation requests. The Organisers are only allowed to accept entries submitted within the communicated deadlines and through the FIS online entry system. Team entries without participating athletes will not be considered.

4. Payment of expenses

4.1 Competitors

4.1.1 Quotas

Accommodation, full board and beverages have to be paid by the Organisers for all competitors according to the World Cup quotas published by FIS, provided that the competitors participated on the competition day.

If competitors are injured after their arrival on site, the costs will be paid after presentation of a medical certificate. However, this is only valid for competitors who, according to the rules, are qualified for the competition itself.

The quotas for the payment of accommodation, full board and beverage are calculated on the basis of the national quota (maximum eight competitors per event, seven for men). Only if a team has a national quota, the OC must also pay for the competitor of the basic quota.

The expenses of the competitors who started with 500 WCSL points (or more) and qualified competitors of the Continental Cups (art. 3.8.1 - Officials not included) are also included.

4.1.2 Duration

All expenses for accommodation and food incl. non-alcoholic beverages must be paid according to the precisions below, from at least the night before the first official training day / official free skiing, until the morning after the last competition at which the competitor participated. This is also valid if the races do not take place on consecutive days.

Under no circumstances is the Organiser or the hotel manager allowed to demand the vacating of the rooms by the teams on the day of the competition.

Precision:

For participation at an event with:

one Downhill or Alpine Combined with DH	=	4 days, 5 nights*
one Downhill + SG, or + GS or SL, or + a second Downhill or + Alpine Combined with DH	=	5 days, 6 nights*
one technical event or SG or Alpine Combined with SG	=	2 days, 3 nights
two technical events or one technical event + SG or + Alpine Combined with SG	=	3 days, 4 nights
three competitions incl. at least one DH	=	6 days, 7 nights*
three competitions without DH	=	4 days, 5 nights
Mixed Team Parallel	=	1 day, 2 nights

*if less than three DH training days are scheduled the duration can be reduced.
(Individual parallel events are regulated as one technical event)

Arrival/Departure

The Organiser only has to pay for the accommodation and full board according to the World Cup rules.

Only if an earlier arrival date is requested by the team leader according to art. 4.4, an agreement may be made with the Organiser regarding the duration. In any case the above-mentioned precisions cannot be extended.

Additional costs due to an early arrival or a late departure have to be paid by the teams.

In case of late arrival or early departure there is no right of compensation. In necessary cases, the Chief Race Directors can decide special agreements.

Upon request of a Team Captain the Organiser (or Hotel) must hand over a corresponding confirmation after regular settlement is made. The confirmation is valid for the group of persons registered through the FIS online system.

4.1.3 Precision

Latest when the start lists are ready, the Organiser must hand out to the Team Captains a voucher which shows the total number of nights for free accommodation and full board (art. 4.1 & 4.2) and the total number of persons (art. 4.3) who pay the maximum price of CHF 120.-- for accommodation and full board.

4.2 Officials

4.2.1 Quota

For officials of teams with a national quota respectively competitors with 500 WCSL points (or more), the costs for accommodation, full board incl. non-alcoholic beverages must be paid as follows (taking into consideration art. 4.1.1, 2nd paragraph):

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

Precision:

In case of an event with one or more Downhills resp. SG, AC or an event with one or more technical events, costs must be paid for the higher event quota (max. 10 persons) from the official day of arrival until the day of departure after the last race.

In case of an event with DH, SG or AC in connection with GS or SL, costs must be paid for the higher event quota + 50% (rounded up / max. 15 persons) from the official day of arrival until the day of departure after the last race.

4.2.2 Duration for payment of expenses

The duration for the payment of expenses as well as the regulation of arrival / departure must correspond to the regulation for competitors as mentioned in art. 4.1.2.

During this period allocation of single rooms per team must be made according to the following table:

1 to 3 officials	=	1 single room
4 to 6 officials	=	3 single rooms
7 officials or more	=	5 single rooms

4.3 Additional officials / Service Personnel

The total number of additional officials and / or service personnel per country registered through the FIS online entry system is limited and depends on the total number of different athletes who started in training and competitions of the event:

up to 3	different competitors	6	persons
4 - 6	" "	9	"
7 - 8	" "	10	"
9 - 10	" "	11	"
11 - 15	" "	15	"
more than 15	" "	19	"

For these additional officials (all NSA accredited persons) / service personnel (SRS service staff related to a National Team) accredited by FIS, the maximum price that can be charged for accommodation with full board incl. non-alcoholic beverages must not exceed CHF 120.-- per day (or the equivalent) if these persons are registered through the FIS online entry system by the corresponding Team Captain and the accommodation is arranged by the Organising Committee (team accommodation).

This limited group of team service persons who are registered online in principle has the right to access the start area and eventual catering tent / team hospitality for athletes.

In case of a justifiable suspicion of abuse, the OC has the right to ask the Team Captains to present the relevant FIS season accreditations.

4.3.1 *Ski Racing Suppliers (SRS)*

Ski Racing, Management and Marketing personnel with a FIS ID card who are not directly related to a national team cannot be entered for World Cup events by a national team. These officials must be entered by their company, using the FIS online entry system mandatory, based on the actual SRS name list.

4.3.2 *SRS Service*

Ski service personnel of a SRS member company, including members of test team, in the sector of ski boots, poles, protectors, etc, which are not directly related to a national team must be entered by their company, using the FIS online entry system mandatory, based on the actual SRS name list.

SRS can distribute the following maximum quota to their SRS member companies for this category:

- Competitions with one tech event only: 20 total SRS quota
- Competitions with SL, GS or PAR: 25 total SRS quota
- Competitions with DH or SG or AC: 25 total SRS quota
- Competitions with DH, SG or AC and SL or GS: 30 total SRS quota

The Organiser must provide a minimum of 5 single rooms.

By events with women and men competitions on the same venue, the above quotas apply separately for each gender.

For these SRS service professionals the maximum price that can be charged for accommodation with full board incl. non-alcoholic beverages must not exceed CHF 120.-- per day in a double room or CHF 240.-- per day in a single room (or the equivalent).

SRS will take the responsibility for their members in case of no-show and related to payments. The Organising Committee has the right to invoice SRS all no-show at the actual late cancellation or no-show costs. The late

cancellation and no-show costs can be charged to SRS only after the official entry deadline.

4.4 Right of accommodation

Each National Ski Association has to announce to the Organisers the expected total number of team members (competitors, coaches, accompanying persons and service personnel) five (5) weeks before the first event and furthermore the Organisers must be informed latest seven (7) days before the official 1st training (speed) or event (tech) about the names of the team members, eventual changes to the arrival date and the originally registered size of team (incl. officials and service personnel according to art. 4.3), as well as an eventual withdrawal from the event. If this is not done, the Organising Committee will invoice the costs incurred for cancelled accommodation (art. 4) to the National Association concerned.

Teams or persons who register late have no right for the reservation or the payment of accommodation expenses.

4.4.1 Guests

The National Ski Association may enter guests and additional accompanying persons of the team through the online entry system.

The guests and additional accompanying persons of the teams are not basically having the right of accommodation at the team's lodging.

The Organiser may offer special packages (accommodation, transportation, etc.) through their guest hosting program. National Ski Associations must request and agree to the terms from the Organising Committee minimum 7 days prior to the official arrival day.

4.4.2 Maximum price at the World Cup Finals

For stakeholders (not directly related to a national team) and/or special guests of the FIS Alpine World Cup, that are officially entered according to the announced entry deadlines, and whose accommodation has been reserved through the LOC, the maximum price for accommodation with half board shall in any case not exceed the maximum price of CHF 250.--.

4.5 Quality of accommodation

The Hotels for the officially entered teams and SRS must at least meet the requirements of the international three-star category.

4.5.1 Ski rooms

The Organising Committee must make available heated working facilities (facilities in the hotels, containers, separate facilities in larger infrastructures) to prepare and store skis and other ski equipment. These facilities shall have a surface of minimum 15 m² (reference surface for two workstations) with height of 2.40m. They shall be equipped with sufficient power and electricity sockets and be adequately ventilated. They shall be lockable. Such facilities can be requested only for team and SRS service personnel specified as servicemen (servicemen code) on the online entry (4.3). These facilities must be available from the official arrival date.

4.5.2 Waiting Room

The OC has to put at the disposal of the competitors a special heated and separate waiting room near the start or finish area in which the competitors can stay during training intervals and/or between the two runs of a competition. No separate waiting room has to be organised if the finish area or means of transport to the start are within the resort itself.

4.5.3 *Team Hospitality*

The Organising Committee is required to provide appropriate team hospitality at the competition site(s) for the athletes, coaches and service personnel. The team hospitality area should be large enough to enable these team members 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 and proper reserved washroom facilities nearby.

4.6 **Full board and beverages**

4.6.1 *Quality and quantity of meals*

Food must be healthy, plentiful and correspond to the needs of highly competitive athletes.

The meals must meet at least the following guidelines:

Breakfast: Bread, butter and jam, milk, coffee with milk or tea. Choice of eggs, cheese, sausages and different kinds of Muesli, yoghurt and fruits (breakfast buffet).

Lunch: Choice of at least two menus:
soup or appetizer, 200 g meat (steak, etc.) poultry or fish, in agreement with the teams. Vegetables or other supplements, cheese, fruit or deserts.

Dinner: Same as lunch.

A sufficient quantity of non-alcoholic beverages is to be included with the meals.

Furthermore, in agreement with the Team Captains the hotels have to serve a small snack (tea and sandwiches) in the afternoon.

4.6.2 *Mealtimes*

The hotel must adapt itself to the needs of the schedules, which depend on the training and competition program. For instance, for Slalom and Giant Slalom events, in general, breakfast is served very early in the morning. For Downhill, daily training is over at approx. 2:30 p.m. and the hotel must be able to provide hot meals on the return of the racers and their coaches.

4.6.3 *Place of meals*

Breakfast and dinner must, if possible, be served at the actual hotel. The Chief Race Directors will decide during summer inspections whether alternatives are acceptable.

4.6.4 *Information of agreement*

The OC is responsible for informing the hotel management of the agreements with regard to accommodation, full board and of the daily program, including eventual changes.

4.7 **Final**

Special regulations are valid for the Final.

4.7.1 *Duration of payment*

- For SG, GS, SL and Mixed Team Parallel according to art. 4.1.2 and 4.2.2, for DH according to the inspection agreement.
- Payment for competitors placed 1st - 3rd in the Overall World Cup must be from their day of arrival until the day of departure after the last competition of the Final.

4.7.2 *Quota for the payment of expenses Competitors*

- All qualified competitors.

Officials

The last list of World Cup quotas is taken as the basis for the payment of expenses for officials (according to art. 4.2). Thereof the following regulations are given:

- For DH / SG costs must be paid for the higher of both quotas until the day of departure after the SG.
- For GS / SL costs must be paid for the higher of both quotas until the day of departure after the last competition.
- In case of overlapping (departure SG / arrival GS or SL) costs must be paid for the highest quota + 50%.

4.7.3 *Additional officials and service personnel*

The regulations of art. 4.3 are valid.

4.7.4 *Arrival / Departure*

The regulations regarding arrival / departure (art. 4.1.2) are also valid for the Finals.

4.8 **Internet access**

Athletes, team members and servicemen are entitled to free of charge Wi-Fi access within the Team hospitality, the Team area in the Finish area and in the Team hotels. Any costs for this access are the responsibility of the Organiser. The Organiser should also provide free of charge high speed Wi-Fi access to the media in the Finish area.

4.9 **Car parking**

The Organiser should provide free of charge outdoor parking for the athletes, team members and servicemen at the accommodation area, in the finish area and at the cable car/lift bottom station or in their near vicinity (within approx. 5 minutes walk). In case that the parking lot is not within the finish area, the Organiser should secure a designated area, as close to the finish area as possible, where teams will have the possibility to unload/load their equipment.

5. **Travel expenses**

The Organising Committees of FIS World Cup events are required to pay to the participating teams the travel expenses for the best 45 competitors on the valid starting list who started in the race, for Alpine Combined according to the valid starting list of the 1st run, if the competitor started the 2nd run.

For individual Parallel (PAR) events the qualification run is an integrated part of the parallel event. The Organising Committee is required to pay travel expenses for the best 45 competitors on the valid starting list.

If a competition is interrupted or canceled after the official arrival day, the travel expenses must also be paid to the corresponding teams (according to the starting list 1 - 45), if they are present on site.

Depending on the group of countries, the travel expenses differ.

5.1 **Groups of National Ski Associations**

Group A:

ALB, ALG, AND, AUT, BEL, BIH, BUL, CRO, CYP, CZE, EGY, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR, ITA, LIB, LIE, LUX, MKD, MLT, MNE, MON, MAR, NED, POL, POR, RSM, ROU, SEN, SVK, SLO, SRB, SUI, TUR, ZIM,

Group B:

ARM, AZE, BLR, DEN, EST, FIN, GEO, ISL, KAZ, KGZ, LAT, LTU, MDA, NOR, RUS, SUD, SWE, TJK, UKR, UZB,

Group C:

BAR, BER, BHA, CAY, CMR, CAN, CRC, DOM, GUA, MEX, PUR, USA

Group D:

ARG, ASA, AUS, BOL, BRA, CHI, CHN, COL, ESA, ETH, FIJ, GHA, HKG, HON, IND, IRI, ISV, JAM, JPN, KEN, KOR, KUW, LES, MGL, MAD, NEP, NZL, PAK, PER, PHI, PRK, RSA, SWZ, THA, TPE, TRI, UAE, URU, VEN

5.2 Expenses

The following expenses have to be paid by the Organisers of FIS World Cup events to the National Ski Associations, including VAT if applicable:

1. Organisers of Group A have to pay:

- for competitors from a country in Group A	CHF	500.--
- for competitors from a country in Group B	CHF	750.--
- for competitors from a country in Group C	CHF	1'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group D	CHF	2'000.--
2. Organisers of Group B have to pay:

- for competitors from a country in Group A	CHF	750.--
- for competitors from a country in Group B	CHF	500.--
- for competitors from a country in Group C	CHF	1'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group D	CHF	2'000.--
3. Organisers of Group C have to pay:

- for competitors from a country in Group A	CHF	1'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group B	CHF	1'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group C	CHF	500.--
- for competitors from a country in Group D	CHF	1'000.--
4. Organisers of Group D have to pay:

- for competitors from a country in Group A	CHF	2'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group B	CHF	2'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group C	CHF	1'000.--
- for competitors from a country in Group D	CHF	500.--

5.3 Events with two (2) or more competitions

If in one event at the same resort, there are two (2) or more competitions carried out, the Organising Committee has to pay the above travel expenses for each qualified competitor only once.

5.4 Payment of travel expenses

The Organiser must pay the expenses electronically by bank transfer to the respective National Ski Association latest seven (7) working days after the last competition. An itemized confirmation of payment must be provided to the authorized person of the National Ski Association and included in the bank transfer details. Bank transfer fees are covered by the Organiser.

5.5 Other travel arrangements

Exceptions to this rule can be made by the FIS Council, in case a FIS World Cup Organiser offers charter flights free of charge for the participating teams or there are special agreements between the FIS and an individual Organising Committee.

6. Prize money

The Organiser must make available at least CHF 132'000.-- per race for prize money (excluding VAT). For individual competitions (DH, SG, GS, SL, PAR and AC) this sum is divided between the thirty (30) best competitors (for Mixed Team Parallel see special rules). The amount of prize money must be communicated to FIS before October 15th.

If more than one competitor is on the same rank, the amount of the next rank(s) is added and divided by the number of competitors concerned.

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

A one-time late payment charge of CHF 999 will apply for LOC from the 31st day after the last competition day or 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 TIN (Tax Identification Number) or similar.

The NSAs are responsible for entering the personal bank information for each athlete using the Athlete Registration module in the FIS Member Section.

Receipts must be provided to the athlete electronically and a copy needs to be transmitted to FIS latest three days after the final competition at the respective venue. 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 athlete. 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. This information with the amount must be stated on the receipt transmitted to the athlete. The athlete is responsible for any applicable withholding/income taxes.

The LOC must assist the athlete 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.

7. Insurance

With reference to Art. 212 of the ICR.

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

8. Starting times and starting intervals

8.1 Starting times

The fixed starting times have to be strictly observed. In case of postponements a decision is taken by the Chief Race Director.

8.2 Starting intervals

The Chief Race Director determines the starting intervals, up to max. 2 minutes 30 seconds (for a small number of competitors only) and TV breaks together with TV and OC (after considering TV transmission, length, most interesting parts of the course, TV sequences, etc.).

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

8.3 TV Breaks

TV Breaks, are an integrated part of the start intervals. TV breaks (maximum 3 min 30 sec for Tech events; maximum 4 min. for Speed events) will normally take place after 15, 22 and 30 competitors. Duration of TV breaks is counted from start of a competitor to start of the next competitor.

9. Enrollment of competitors / starting order

9.1 Enrollment for SL, GS, AC, DH, SG and DH training (for Parallel events see special rules)

9.1.1 The best 30 for SL, GS, AC, DH, SG and DH training

The best 30 competitors present are enrolled according to the actual WCSL in the given event (quota adjusted), in case of a tie, according to FIS points in the given event. Those competitors, whose actual total number of WCSL points (sum of World Cup DH, SL, GS, SG, PAR, AC + OWG / WSC) is at least 500, in GS and SL follow after the 1st group (1 - 15), in AC, DH, SG and DH TRA after bib 20 according to their WCSL event points (in case of a tie according to FIS points), if they are classified within the first 30 competitors present on the WCSL in the actual event.

9.1.2 Enrollment after the 30th competitor

Competitors with at least 500 WCSL points, who do not fulfill the requirements according to art. 9.1.1, are enrolled after the 30th competitor (starting order according to the event WCSL, if not available, then according to FIS points). In Alpine Combined those competitors without AC FIS points follow according to the FIS points in the given event.

Thereafter the competitors are enrolled according to FIS points (in case of a tie according to WCSL event points).

Those competitors who are classified in positions 31 – 35 of the valid WCSL in the event, will be enrolled after 45 according to their FIS points, if they are not ranked in the best 45 competitors present.

9.1.2.1 Competitors with injury status

- who were injured for a minimum of 8 months and
 - who had at least 500 WCSL points at the moment of injury and
 - no longer have 500 WCSL points at the moment of their first start at a WCSL event after injury and
 - who are not enrolled within the top 30 on the board and
 - whose injury status has been accepted,
- will be enrolled after the 30th competitor with their event points (WCSL/FIS points).

This rule is limited to maximum of 3 starts per WCSL event, irrespective of the effective start position in the respective competition, but it is not limited to the first season after returning from injury.

Competitors with injury status, who had at least 500 WCSL points at the moment of injury, will be enrolled after the 30th competitor with their event points (WCSL/FIS points) for a maximum of 3 starts per WCSL event for a maximum of two seasons after returning from injury.

9.1.2.2 Competitors without injury status

- who were injured for a minimum of 8 months and
- who were ranked in the top 15 of the WCSL event concerned at the moment of injury and

- who are not enrolled within the top 30 on the board at the moment of the first start at a WCSL event concerned will be enrolled after the 30th competitor with their event points (WCSL/FIS points).

This rule is limited to a maximum of 3 starts (1 start in AC) in the WCSL event concerned, but is not limited to the first season after returning from injury.

Competitors without injury status, who had at least 500 WCSL points at the moment of injury, will be enrolled after the 30th competitor with their event points (WCSL/FIS points) for a maximum of 3 starts per WCSL event for a maximum of two seasons after returning from injury.

9.1.2.3 *Competitors without injury status*

The winner of the Overall Title of a COC Tour (EC, NAC, SAC, FEC, ANC) who was subsequently injured for a minimum of 8 months and was unable to start in any FIS race the year the qualification was achieved (COC 5.4 Personal Qualification for World Cup), will be granted a personal World Cup qualification limited to the first returning season subsequent to the injury, excluding World Cup Finals.

9.2 **Starting order for SL, GS, and AC (if 1st run = SL)**

- GS / SL: 1st group (1 – 15), 2nd group (16 – 30)

The best seven (7) competitors will be drawn between start numbers 1 – 7 and the remaining competitors between 8 – 15. This will take place by double draw. The double draw may be done electronically.

In case of competitors with the same WCSL points enrolled in the 7th, 15th or 30th position, the group would be extended to include these competitors.

To determine their enrollment order in this case, the tie will be overridden according to FIS points in the given event.

If there is still a tie, a draw will be done.

Starting order for individual Parallel, see special rules for World Cup Parallel.

9.3 **Starting order for DH, SG and Alpine Combined (if 1st run = DH or SG)**

The best ten (10) competitors present (quota adjusted) of the corresponding event WCSL will be drawn between start numbers 6 – 15, the competitors 11 – 20 between start numbers 1 – 5 and 16 – 20. Competitors with at least 500 WCSL points will receive start numbers right after 20, followed by the remaining competitors from the group 21 – 30, who will be drawn between the remaining start numbers up to 30.

In case of a tie in the corresponding event (10th, 20th or 30th position of the enrollment), the tie is overridden (broken) according to FIS points in the given event.

If there is still a tie, a draw will be done.

Exception for the World Cup Final: all competitors without World Cup points in the event concerned will not be included in the draw and will therefore start according to their enrollment.

9.4 **Public Bibdraw / presentation**

In case of a SL, GS, (AC if 1st run = SL) event, competitors 1 to 15 on the board are obligated to meet at a certain time for the public draw.

In case of a DH, SG or AC event, competitors 1 to 10 on the board are obligated to meet at a certain time for the public draw.

In case of a PAR event, competitors 1 to 16 on the board are obligated to meet at a certain time for a public presentation.

If competitors miss a public draw or presentation without excuse or don't attend in time, they will automatically be enrolled according to their event FIS points after start number 45 (the 500-point rule isn't applicable).

Additionally, a sanction up to CHF 999.-- may be pronounced. In case of recurrence, this sanction may be increased to CHF 5'000.--.

9.4.1 *Award ceremonies*

Top 6 athletes on the unofficial result list at the end of the competition must remain in the finish area until the end of the protest time.

9.5 **Starting order 2nd run**

In competitions held in two runs (DH, AC, SL and GS) the best 30 qualified for the second run of the event shall start in reversed order of the times achieved in the first run.

9.5.1 *Alpine Combined*

All competitors who complete the 1st run correctly have the right to start in the 2nd run.

After clearing up the start list for the 2nd run (there is no moving up to the top 30), the maximum best 30 competitors of the 1st run start in the order of the times achieved in the 1st run, followed by competitors according to their times of the 1st run (31st, 32nd, etc.).

9.6 **Leader bib**

The World Cup leader in the corresponding event starts with the red leader bib, which may be different than specified in Art. ICR 606.1.

10. **Points**

10.1 **Schedule**

Competitors ranked 1st to 30th (single events and combined) are awarded points in accordance with the following schedule:

1 st	place	100	points	16 th	place	15	points
2 nd	"	80	"	17 th	"	14	"
3 rd	"	60	"	18 th	"	13	"
4 th	"	50	"	19 th	"	12	"
5 th	"	45	"	20 th	"	11	"
6 th	"	40	"	21 st	"	10	"
7 th	"	36	"	22 nd	"	9	"
8 th	"	32	"	23 rd	"	8	"
9 th	"	29	"	24 th	"	7	"
10 th	"	26	"	25 th	"	6	"
11 th	"	24	"	26 th	"	5	"
12 th	"	22	"	27 th	"	4	"
13 th	"	20	"	28 th	"	3	"
14 th	"	18	"	29 th	"	2	"
15 th	"	16	"	30 th	"	1	"

10.2 **Time difference from the winning time**

If a competitor's overall time (at combined events the total running times of both events counting for the Combined) is more than eight (8) percent greater than the winning time, irrespective of the rank achieved, no points and prize money will be awarded.

10.3 **Several competitors tied for the same position**

If several competitors are tied for one of the top thirty positions in a race, each of the competitors who are tied receives the points corresponding to that position. The remaining competitors receive the points corresponding to their official classification in the race.

10.4 Addition and deletion of points for the World Cup Starting List

10.4.1 Addition

After each OWG (1st - 15th), WSC (1st - 15th) and FIS World Cup event (1st – 30th)

10.4.2 Deletion

After each OWG, WSC, and FIS World Cup event.

10.4.3 The points that will be deleted after each race

The sum of WCSL points of the past season in the respective event will be divided by the number of WCSL races that shall be carried out in the respective event during the current season. This will establish the points that will be deleted after each race.

If a cancelled race will not be rescheduled, the deletion will follow after the respective Final competition.

10.4.4 Retirement and Return to Competition

The official retirement becomes valid through the notice of withdrawal of the National Ski Association to FIS.

A re-inscription after September 1st will not be considered in the WCSL.

Art. 5.6 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules are valid :

5.6.1 Athletes who have been identified by FIS for inclusion in FIS's Registered Testing Pool shall continue to be subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements of the International Standard for Testing unless and until they give written notice to FIS that they have retired, no longer satisfy the criteria for inclusion in FIS's Registered Testing Pool and have been so informed by FIS.

5.6.2 Athletes who have given notice of retirement to FIS may not resume competing unless they notify FIS at least six months before they expect to return to competition and makes themselves available for unannounced Out-of-Competition Testing, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of the International Standard for Testing, at any time during the period before actual return to competition.

5.6.3 National Ski Associations/National Anti-Doping Organisations may establish similar requirements for retirement and returning to competition for Athletes in the national Registered Testing Pool.

10.5 FIS points list and PWSL

In addition to the WCSL, the FIS points list and respective PWSL published periodically are also valid for the FIS World Cup.

11. FIS World Cup Final

11.1 Qualification

The following are qualified in the respective event:

11.1.1 The first twenty-five

The first twenty-five (25) competitors according to the World Cup standings. There is no shifting or replacement.

11.1.2 500 World Cup points

Competitors who have achieved at least 500 World Cup points during the current season. If 500 points are achieved during the Final, the competitor is qualified for the following events of the Final.

- 11.1.3** *World or Olympic Champion and Junior World Champion*
The World or Olympic Champion and the Junior World Champion are qualified for the Finals of the same season in the given event.
There is no shifting or replacement.
- 11.2** **Enrollment FIS World Cup Final**
The 15 best ranked competitors are enrolled according to the World Cup standings of the event concerned, followed by those competitors with at least 500 World Cup points, if they are classified within the best 25 competitors on the valid World Cup standings in the event concerned and then those competitors with World Cup event points up to # 25. The remaining competitors with World Cup points will follow. The enrollment is made according to World Cup event points - if available and FIS points.
- 11.3** **Starting list, public draw / handing over of starting numbers**
The starting list and public draw / handing over of starting numbers is made according to art. 9.2 and 9.4 - 9.6 (World Cup points).
- 11.4** **Points allocation**
At Final competitions, only the first 15 ranked competitors obtain World Cup and WCSL points (according to the official scale art. 10.1).
- 12.** **Classification**
- 12.1** **General**
- 12.1.1 *Formula*
The formula determining the overall classification, the classification of each event and the classification by nation is established before each season, based on a proposal of the Sub-Committee for Alpine FIS World Cup.
- 12.1.2 *Number of results*
The formula will specify the number of results counting for the classification of the whole season.
- 12.1.3 *Women and men*
The formula will be the same for women and men.
- 12.1.4 *Modification during the season*
In no case can the formula be modified during the season.
- 12.2** **Competitors having attained the same rank**
- 12.2.1 *Number of places, equal number of points*
If at the end of all the events, a number of competitors are placed equally within the top six (6) positions in the overall classification, or, if in the classification of the events a number of participants have achieved an equal number of points, then they shall be placed according to the number of their 1st places, then their 2nd places, 3rd places, etc.
If they cannot be classified by this system, they will each receive the medals corresponding to their placing.
- 12.3** **Classification per event**
For the standings in each event (women and men) all results (World Cup points) of each competitor in the event concerned shall be counted.

12.4 Overall Classification

The overall individual standings will be counted for men and women on the basis of all results (World Cup points) a competitor has achieved in each of the six (6) events.

12.5 Overall Nations Cup Classification

The Nations Cup will be awarded to the team that achieves the highest total of World Cup points during the course of a season adding the total women's and men's points from the overall classification. In addition, the points of all competitors in race(s) which are eventually only valid for the Nations Cup will be added.

12.6 Nations Cup Women / Nations Cup Men Classification

The team which achieves the highest total of World Cup points in the overall classification during the course of a season will win the Nations Cup Women and Men. In addition, the points of all competitors from races which are eventually only valid for the Nations Cup will be added.

12.7 Mixed Team Parallel

According to the valid Mixed Team Parallel rules.

13. Awards

13.1 Winner of the FIS World Cup

The competitors who have won the overall classification will be named "Winner of the FIS World Cup".

13.2 Winners of the events

The winners of the events shall be honored as "Winner of the Downhill, Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Alpine Combined and Parallel World Cup". To award an event World Cup trophy at least two (2) events must be held in the current season.

13.3 World Cup Trophy

The winners of each event and the winners of the overall classification will receive a World Cup trophy.

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

13.4 World Cup Medals

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

13.5 Overall Nations Cup Awards

A Nations Cup will be presented to the team which, according to the formula, has accumulated the highest number of points (total points in the overall classification men and women) in the nations' classification.

13.5.1 Overall Ski Manufactures Award

An Overall Award will be presented to the best ski manufacturer according to the highest number of World Cup points scored through the season. (Points scoring formula: all World Cup events except TP, first six ranks, both genders)

13.6 Nations Cup Women / Nations Cup Men

A Nations Cup will be presented to the team which according to the formula has accumulated the highest number of points (total points in the general classification) in the nations' classification.

13.7 Provision of awards

The trophies and medals will be provided by FIS.

14. World Cup courses

14.1 Accreditation and access rights

Accreditations must be handed out to the teams. The FIS season accreditations for the different groups as well as special FIS access cards (for example press corridor, media centre, restricted finish area) are valid and will be accepted by the Organisers.

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

The OC must provide for the teams reserved parking within proximity of the hotel, the lifts as well as the finish area.

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

14.2 Training on World Cup courses

During the last five (5) days before the official start of the training / scheduled free skiing for a FIS World Cup event, or before the first competition, no training shall be allowed on World Cup courses - irrespective of the events and courses. In case of an infringement of this rule, the competitors concerned shall automatically be disqualified, or not allowed to participate in the competition concerned and the respective Organiser will not be considered for the allocation of a FIS World Cup event during the next two (2) years.

14.3 Non-essential changes

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

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

15. Duration

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

16. Approved Calendars

If calendars are already approved and a National Ski Association withdraws the approved location for an event, then the competitions revert to FIS for new allocation.

17. Homologation

All competitions can only be granted to Organisers who have valid homologated courses. The Organiser expressly confirms that all courses chosen for the Alpine FIS World Cup events have been homologated.

The courses, lifts and the situation of the finish area must conform to the criteria fixed for the FIS World Cup. Also, the basic preparation of World Cup courses must be guaranteed by snow-making facilities with sufficient capacity.

The Chief Race Director has the authority to use an alternative course, proposed by the Organiser. This alternative track however must guarantee a proper run of events, and in DH and Super-G races the Race Director has to give approval.

18. Prohibition from including additional races

The Organiser of an approved competition program is forbidden to add any additional race without request and support by the National Ski Association to the FIS and without permission of FIS.

19. Cancellation and new allocation of competitions / events

Basically, all cancelled competitions / events return to FIS.

19.1 Cancellation during an event and new allocation

Races, which have to be cancelled during an event due to "force majeure", or non-fulfilment of requirements will in exceptional cases be rescheduled at events which already figure in the calendar.

World Cup Finals: the schedule of events during the World Cup Finals cannot be changed.

Races, which have to be cancelled during the World Cup Finals, will not be rescheduled.

19.2 Cancellation within the prescribed period and new allocation

19.2.1 In the event that there is not enough snow on the course(s) selected for the races, the Organiser must cancel the event. This must be done ten (10) days before the official arrival day if it is a Downhill, Super-G or an Alpine Combined, and seven (7) days before the official arrival day if it is a Slalom, Parallel or a Giant Slalom. Exceptions to these deadlines can only be approved by the FIS Chief Race Director.

If the event consists of a Downhill or a Super-G and one or more technical events, the cancellation of the Downhill or the Super-G (10 days before the official arrival day) is also valid for the technical events.

FIS can nominate experts as snow controllers who inform the Chief Race Directors about the conditions.

19.2.2 A cancellation includes all races of the event. FIS decides about a possible new allocation on the originally scheduled dates.

19.3 Unusual conditions

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

In order to allow the realization of a race, the Chief Race Director can shorten the course, relocate it, or if necessary, appoint a Downhill in two runs. For a Downhill in two runs, the rules according to art. 3.6 are valid. Agreement with TV must be made by the Chief Race Director as early as possible.

19.3.1 Termination and classification of a competition

The jury is authorized to terminate a competition and to decide, if the race is to be classified.

A competition can be terminated, if the competitors are endangered by external disturbing influences, if conditions are irregular or the proper running of the race is no longer guaranteed (for example through fog, wind gusts, rain, etc.) and a completion of the race on the same day under regular conditions can no longer be expected. There is no right of appeal under art. 647 of the ICR in regard to termination.

19.3.2 A competition that only consists of one run can be classified if at least the best 30 on the starting list have started.

19.4 Interference with another FIS World Cup race

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

19.5 Races after the FIS World Cup Final

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

20. Rescue – Medical Support Requirements

The Organiser shall set up and operate during all competition times (training and competitions) an appropriate rescue service. Medical Support Requirements for FIS Event Organisers are set forth in the ICR, 221.6 as well as chapter 1 of the FIS MEDICAL GUIDE (containing Medical Rules and Guidelines).

21. TV / advertising rights

21.1 Television rights

Reference is made to the FIS Rules, ICR 208 concerning television rights.

21.2 Advertising rights in the competition area

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

22. Status of injured persons

22.1 WCSL points of the previous season

In all cases the deletion of WCSL points of the previous season follows automatically during the current season according to art. 10.4.3 of the FIS World Cup rules, in order to keep the WCSL current.

22.2 Application for status as injured

If due to injury a competitor has started not more than four (4) times per event, once (1) in AC at FIS races during the period from October 15th to April 15th, the National Ski Association may in any case apply for the approval of a status as injured in the WCSL for the upcoming season - in any case until April 30th. If the status as injured is approved according to the World Cup rules, the competitor will be enrolled in the WCSL of the respective event(s) for the coming season.

22.2.1 Pregnancy

In the case that the pregnancy medical certificate is approved (art. 4.6.1.4 FIS points rules) art. 22.2 (World Cup rules) applies.

22.3 Enrollment

Enrollment is in all cases made in the WCSL published after the Final of the season.

22.3.1 *No start or a maximum of 1 start per event*

If a competitor starts at a maximum of one FIS competition of the event concerned in the season, the penalty is calculated according to the competitor's WCSL rank before the beginning of that season.

22.3.2 *Participation*

If competitors have participated at least at two WCSL competitions in the event(s) concerned during the season:

- the penalty is calculated according to the competitor's WCSL rank at the moment of the injury (irrespective of the event)
- in case of participation at a WCSL event after the injury, the penalty is calculated according to the competitor's WCSL rank at the moment of their last WCSL participation (irrespective of the event).

22.3.3 *Retired competitors*

Retired competitors are automatically deleted from the WCSL at latest after 1 season without participation at FIS events.

22.4 **Scale for penalties according to ranks**

Rank	Penalties
1 - 5	4
6 - 10	6
11 - 15	8
16 - 20	10
21 - 25	12
26 - 30	14
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23. **Matters of contention**

For all matters of contention that cannot be solved by the existing rules, the Chief Race Director has to make a decision.

24. **Control and supervision**

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

25. **Rules of FIS**

The ICR Volume IV is valid for all further regulations.

JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE RACE DIRECTORS AND THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE IN ALPINE WORLD CUP EVENTS

Chief Race Director as Referee and Race Director as Assistant Referee; art. 1.1 of the Alpine World Cup Rules and art 601.4.9 ICR

I. Fundamentals

1. Due to the implementation of separate set of rules valid for events of the Alpine World Cup, the Chief Race Director assumes the job of a Referee while the Race Director takes over the position of the Assistant Referee. The fact that the Referee has the final decision results in a shift of authority, regarding mainly the technical realm (that is the areas blocked off for the time of the race, namely starting area, track, finish line), whereas the Technical Delegate is involved in administrative tasks (meaning the total field of work with the exclusion of the technical part).
2. In order to avoid conflicting authority, it seems advisable and necessary to provide a detailed job description.
3. In individual cases it will depend whether a decision, responsibility or other authority refers more to the technical or rather to the administrative domain. In all critical cases, that is in cases where the Technical Delegate as well as the Chief Race Director are competent to make certain decisions, the final decision lies with the Chief Race Director, meaning the decision concerning the authority is binding. However, the Chief Race Director should by all means avoid assuming authority which clearly falls into the technical area.
4. However, there are certain tasks and responsibilities which according to the given set of rules are directed towards both the Race Directors (Referees and Assistant Referee) and the Technical Delegate; the shift authority is therefore twofold:
 - a) the Chief Race Director takes over the job of the Referee, assigned to him according to the ICR
 - b) the Chief Race Director takes over some tasks of the Technical Delegate as well, as assigned by the ICR, limited however to the technical aspect of this work (the Referee is the Chair of the Jury as well).According to the World Cup rules, the Race Director assumes the tasks of an Assistant Referee. In this position, the Race Director has the final decision regarding the technical equipment and the implementation of safety measures on the race track. These rules are valid for the Olympic Winter Games as well as for World Championships.
5. The following is an attempt to illustrate what kind of activities are assigned to the Chief Race Director, the Race Director and the Technical Delegate which ones can be assigned to all of them, according to existing rules valid for the Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cup.

II. The Chief Race Director

1. **Art. 601.4.5**
 - is the Chair of the Jury and conducts the meetings
 - 601.4.5.4 in the case of a tie, the Chief Race Director has the casting vote
 - 601.4.6.3 has the right to make the motion to exclude a competitor for lack of physical and technical ability

- the decisions of the Chief Race Director are binding for the Race Director (Assistant Referee), in so far as they do not refer to technical equipment and to safety measures on Downhill and Super-G tracks
- Slalom and Giant Slalom: right to change the course, including the omission and addition of goals; in case the Chief Race Director is alone on the tracks, the decision is final.

2. Art. 601.4.9.1 (Technical section)

- inspects the competition courses
- checks whether there are any training tracks
- spot checks the gate panels
- collaborates in the technical preparations of the race
- checks on the presence of sufficient radios for all members of the Jury
- takes note of the accreditation and authorization for entry to the competition course
- checks on the location of the television towers and sees that they are adequately protected if necessary
- checks the locations of the first aid service along the course as well as the organisation of the medical care
- if necessary, appoints members to the Jury
- in case a World Cup race cannot be carried out on the homologated course owing "force majeure", the Chief Race Director has the authority to move the race to a "substitute course" proposed by the Organiser. This is on the explicit condition that the necessary homologation measures can be fulfilled. For Downhill and Super-G there is only the possibility of shortening the run on a homologated course. The minimum prescribed vertical drops must, however, be observed in every case.

3. Other ICR art.

- supervises the technical and organisational conduct of the event
- penalizes violations of rules (art. 224) in the technical realm
- presents to the FIS proposals for changes in the competition rules on the basis of practical experience at the event in question
- decides on questions which are not covered or are insufficiently covered by the FIS Rules, in so far as these have not already been decided by the Jury and do not fall within the scope of other authorities
- has the authority to interrupt a race, if the prerequisites of art. 624 and/or 625 are present
- has the right to obtain support from the Organising Committee and all officials under its jurisdiction in all matters necessary for the fulfilment of his duties.

III. The Race Director (in Downhill and Super-G Events)

1. Has the right to:

- set the DH course after discussion with the nominated liaison coach (art. 2.1 WC rules)
- has the authority to change the course (DH/SG), including the removal and addition of gates; in case the Race Director is alone on the courses, the, decision is final
- inspect the competition courses
- order further safety measures to be implemented
- supervise the compliance with art. 704 concerning the official training
- spot check the gate panels
- collaborate in the technical preparations
- check the race courses in regard to preparation, marking, crowd control as well as the layout of the start and finish areas
- check on the location of the installations and see that they are adequately protected, if necessary

- be included in the decision-making-process regarding the choice of a substitute course.

IV. The Technical Delegate

1. Has the right to:

- review the homologation file and consult the Organiser regarding the existence of a special authorization
- if it is established that no homologation exists, it is the TD's duty to inform the Chief Race Director. The Jury must cancel the race (see ICR art. 650)
- read the TD reports concerning previous events at the site and check whether any improvements proposed in these reports have been carried out
- inspect the liability insurance certificate as required by art. 212.2 and report where necessary to the FIS
- inspect the competition courses
- supervise the compliance with art. 704 concerning the official training
- spot check the gate panels
- collaborate in the administrative and technical preparation
- check the official entry lists, incl. WCSL and FIS points
- be present in the race area during all official trainings
- take part in all meetings of the Jury and Team Captains
- work closely together with the officials of the Organising Committee and the FIS technical advisor
- check on the presence of sufficient radios for all members of the Jury (with separate frequencies)
- take note of the accreditation and the authorisation for entry to the competition course
- check over the race courses with regard to preparation, marking, crowd control, as well as the layout of start and finish areas
- supervises the course setting together with the Jury
- check on the location of the television towers and sees that they are adequately protected if necessary
- supervise the locations of the first aid service along the course as well as the organisation of the medical care
- check on all technical installations such as timekeeping, hand timing, communications, transport of people, etc.

During the race the TD must:

- be present in the competition area
- work closely with the Jury, the Team Captains and the coaches
- observe that the valid rules and directives with regard to advertising on clothing and race equipment are obeyed
- supervise the technical and organisational conduct of the event
- advise the Organisation concerning the observance of the FIS Rules and regulations and directives of the Jury.

After the race the TD;

- helps with the compilation of the Referee's report
- calculates the race and penalty points for the individual races. If these points are calculated by computer, it is the TD's duty to re-check the points and to confirm their accuracy with a personal signature. Above all, it is necessary to check the correct use of the corresponding F value for each event
- presents properly submitted protests to the Jury for decision
- signs the official result lists provided by the race secretary and gives the authorisation for the award ceremony
- oversees the electronic transmission and Timing Report (TDTR) xml files and completes the TD Report online immediately after the event

- must also check that the results are correct on the FIS website. For more information see Rules of the FIS Points.
- presents properly submitted protests to the Jury for decision (chair of the Jury is the Chief Race Director)
- presents to the FIS any applicable proposals for improvement in the administrative realm, for changes in competition rules on the basis of practical experience at the event in question.

4. Art. 601.4.9.4

- has the authority to decide on questions in the administrative realm which are not covered or are insufficiently covered by the FIS rules, in so far as these have not already been decided by the Jury and do not fall within the scope of other authorities
- works very closely with the Chief Race Director (Referee) and the Race Director (Assistant Referee).
- has the right to propose to the Jury the exclusion of competitors from participating in the race
- has the right to obtain support from the Organising Committee and all officials under its jurisdiction in all matters necessary for the fulfilment of her/his duties.

V. Common Authority

These are resulting from the general rule mentioned earlier on; it is possible that in individual cases, the Chief Race Director or the Race Director have to take other tasks than the ones assigned to them, for instance the inspection of homologation files, inquiries regarding special permits, inspection of TD reports concerning former events held in that particular location as well as the checking of proposed improvements and the filing of the referee minutes, etc.

Most of all, it seems important that all leading officials in a World Cup event approach their tasks with discernment and courage and with a commitment to co-operation and co-ordination. Of course, a unanimous decision is always the best one. The most important rule is that the Technical Delegate is respected as the official representative of the International Ski Federation at the place of the competition and as such has to fulfill all tasks associated with this position, including that of, for instance, representation of the FIS.