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Rules
„WARSTEINER“ FIS World Cup Nordic Combined
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1. FIS World Cup Program

1.1 Entry

Each National Ski Association has the right to apply to the FIS for the organisation of a FIS World Cup event. The application for an event has to be made on an official FIS entry form two years in advance. The proposal for the event must come from the FIS member National Ski Association and not from an event organiser. National Ski Associations organising World Cup “B” competitions will be given priority in the calendar planning for the organisation of World Cup (A) competitions.

1.2 Appointment

The FIS World Cup Committee checks the jumping hill certificate, the homologation of the course, the capacity and the organisation of the site in question and establishes the provisional calendar of the FIS World Cup dates, which is approved later by the FIS Council.

1.3 Competition Periods

The FIS World Cup events are divided into three periods. In special cases, additional competitions may be placed onto the schedule to balance the number of events within that period.

1.3.1 First Period

From the 48th week (November 2007) until the 50th week (December 2007).

1.3.2 Second Period

From the 52nd week (December 2007) until the 4th week (January 2008).

1.3.3 Third Period

From the 7th week (February 2008) until the 10th week (March 2008).

1.3.4 Final

The last event of a ski season is at the same time the final with the victory ceremony of the FIS World Cup.

1.4 Cancellations

In the event that the selected site cannot be used, the respective National Ski Association must cancel the event(s) and this must be done at latest eight (8) days before the competition.

2. FIS World Cup Participants

2.1 General

The nomination for participation in a FIS World Cup is the duty of the National Ski Association. The individual National Ski Association has to nominate the athletes having the right to start in the FIS World Cup according to the qualification system. Thus, no athlete which is not nominated by the respective National Ski Association has the right to start. Each National Ski Association is responsible that those participants can master the jumping hill to be used.

2.2 Maximum Number of Participation

Each Ski Federation may enter up to maximum 8 athletes based on the current WRL. When a nation has more than the maximum the start right is granted to the best 8 athletes. The vacated WRL positions are displaced by the next corresponding qualified competitor. These displaced athletes from World Cup A have additional start right in World Cup “B”.

2.3 Competitors Quota First Period

The top 40 competitors (see art. 2.2) according to the final standings of the World Ranking List (WRL) **2006/07** are personally qualified to start. Each nation is responsible to notify the FIS of the retirement of any athlete by **30th June**. After these names have been given, a new list will be made containing the names of the 40 best active competitors. The FIS World Cup athletes' quota is based on this list. Sanctions will be made against nations that knowingly withhold it's notification to the FIS concerning the retirement of an athlete and thereby eliminating an available start position for the competition of the new season.

2.4 Competitors Quota Second Period

For the second period, the start quota will be based on the actual WRL standings at the end of the first period. The first forty (40) competitors (see art. 2.2) in the ranking list based on the competition results of the both FIS World Cup from the first period are qualified to start.

2.5 Competitors Quota Third Period

For the third period, the start quota will be based on the actual WRL standing at the end of the second period. The first forty (40) competitors (see art. 2.2) in the ranking list based on the competition results of the both FIS World Cup from the first and second period are qualified to start.

2.6 Basic Quota

Each nation who does not have an athlete in the qualified starting field (1st to 40th place in the WRL) for the A World Cup has the right of a basic quota. Conditions for such a quota must be fulfilled as follows:

- participation of the nation at the previous WSC (or OWG) and
- participation of the nation at the previous JWSC and
- the athlete must have reached 1 point in the WRL during the last season or in one of the past periods of the current season.

If all these conditions are fulfilled the competitor is allowed to start in the World Cup A until the end of the season.

2.6.1 Basic Quota for World Cup Organizer

Nations who organize World Cup A events have a right for 2 starting positions as a basic quota.

2.7 Additional Quotas

Additional quotas can only count if the competitor who gets this quota is not placed in the WRL under the best 40 or is part of the basic quota.

2.7.1 The first 8 competitors (Individual Gundersen and SPRINT) of the preceding FIS Junior World Ski Championships have the right to start, as well as the first 10 competitors (Individual Gundersen and SPRINT) from the previous FIS World Ski Championships or Olympic Winter Games, if entered by their National Ski Association.

After a year without OWG or WSC the results from the previous season are valid. If a JWSC cancelled no quotas will be transferred into the next season.

2.7.2 An injured quota can be given to those competitors having achieved at least one top ten finish in a FIS World Cup competition within the last year and who could not participate due to illness or injury. In such cases, a written application has to be made to the Executive Committee for a decision.

2.7.3 At the conclusion of each of the three FIS World Cup periods, the top three (3) FIS World Cup "B" point competitors, within a specific period, will be included within the FIS World Cup qualified group, if they are not qualified through the WRL.

2.7.4 The organising country having less than four (4) qualified competitors in the FIS World Cup receives an organiser quota in order to fill up their four possible starting places, including all additional quotas.

2.8 Exchanges of Athletes between World Cup A and "B"

An Exchange of an athlete has to be announced to the FIS Race Director on time.

For nations with:	(1)	1 – 5 qualified athlete(s)	1 exchange
	(2)	6 – 8 qualified athletes	2 exchanges
	(3)	more than 8 qualified athletes	3 exchanges

The number of qualified competitors included also all additional quotas.

3. Distribution of Points

3.1 Individual Evaluation

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

3.2 Team Evaluation

1st rank = 200 pts.	6th rank = 70 pts.	11th rank = 25 pts.
2nd rank = 150 pts.	7th rank = 60 pts.	12th rank = 20 pts.
3rd rank = 130 pts.	8th rank = 50 pts.	13th rank = 15 pts.
4th rank = 110 pts.	9th rank = 40 pts.	14th rank = 10 pts.
5th rank = 90 pts.	10th rank = 30 pts.	15th rank = 5 pts.

3.3 Team Sprint (Distribution in Individual points)

1st rank = 100 pts./50 pts.	12th rank = 22 pts./11 pts.
2nd rank = 80 pts./40 pts.	13th rank = 20 pts./10 pts.
3rd rank = 60 pts./30 pts.	14th rank = 18 pts./ 9 pts.
4th rank = 50 pts./25 pts.	15th rank = 16 pts./ 8 pts.
5th rank = 44 pts./22 pts.	16th rank = 14 pts./ 7 pts.
6th rank = 40 pts./20 pts.	17th rank = 12 pts./ 6 pts.
7th rank = 36 pts./18 pts.	18th rank = 10 pts./ 5 pts.
8th rank = 32 pts./16 pts.	19th rank = 8 pts./ 4 pts.
9th rank = 28 pts./14 pts.	20th rank = 6 pts./ 3 pts.
10th rank = 26 pts./13 pts.	21st rank = 4 pts./ 2 pts.
11th rank = 24 pts./12 pts.	22nd rank = 2 pts./ 1 pt.

4. FIS World Cup Evaluation

4.1 Individual Evaluation

The FIS World Cup winner is the participant having obtained, in the final evaluation the highest number of points. In this evaluation all points from the individual competitions and the splitting points from the Team-Sprint are valid. If two or more competitors have the same number of points at the final evaluation, the order will be determined according to the highest number of individual victories resp. according to the successive ranks in FIS World Cup events.

4.2 SPRINT Evaluation

The FIS SPRINT World Cup winner is the participant having obtained, at the final evaluation the highest number of points from all SPRINT events. If two or more competitors have the same number of points at the final evaluation, the order will be determined according to the highest point total of all SPRINT events resp. according to the successive ranks in FIS SPRINT events.

4.3 Evaluation per Nation

The sum of all FIS World Cup points from the best four participants of the same National Ski Association is taken into consideration for the evaluation per nation. These are added to the FIS World Cup points scored in team events. Points are scored by the best team per nation in team events or the two best teams per nation in team-sprint events. The team having scored the highest number of points is the winner.

4.4 World Ranking List

The world ranking list consists of the results of the two World Cup's (A and B). The common ranking of both World Cup's at the end of a period or the season is based on this list.

4.4.1 Classification of World Cup A points

In the World Cup A the results will be multiplied by 10. Additional points (9 – 1) will be distributed for the ranks 31 to 39.

4.4.2 Classification of World Cup B points

In the World Cup B the results will be multiplied by 2.

4.4.3 Penalty Calculation

If more competitions have been carried out in World Cup "B", the average of the achieved points in the period will be subtracted from the total points achieved in the period. In a period with less competitions in World Cup "B", the result of the average of the achieved points in the period, will be added to the total points.

That applies to:

a) the penalty calculation is made only for World Cup "B", for exceptions see d)

- b) negative penalties will be counted only for competitors participating in the additional competitions.
- c) Positive penalties will be counted based on the total number of competitions; irrespective of the number of the competitions participated.
- d) For competitors, who have started in both World Cups (A+B) during one period, the negative penalties will count for all points he has achieved during a period if necessary (also in World Cup A). These competitors will not get positive additions.

4.4.4 Classification of the "climber" into the World Cup A list

The WRL points of the "climbers" will be divided by 10 for the classification in the World Cup A list.

4.4.5 Classification of Competitors „Relegated“ to the World Cup B List

The WRL points of „relegated“ competitors will be divided by 2 for the classification in the World Cup "B" list and, if necessary, calculated with a penalty according to art. 4.4.3.

4.4.6 Exceptional Cases

Competitors according to art. 2.5 to 2.7 who are switching the Cup, will have their points from the former periods of a season calculated according to art. 4.4.4 and 4.4.5. Points which are obtained during a period, count only for the Cup in which they were achieved. Only at the end of the period the points are united in the World Ranking List.

5. Prizes

5.1 FIS World Cup Trophy

The winner receives the FIS-World Cup trophy as follows:

The FIS will provide the big World Cup trophy for the winner of the overall World Cup and the small World Cup trophy for the winner of the SPRINT Cup.

5.2 FIS World Cup Medals

The first, second and third placed competitors and the fourth to sixth placed receive FIS World Cup medals.

5.3 FIS Nations Cup

The winning nation receives the FIS Nations Cup.

5.4 Organisation of FIS Prizes

The FIS World Cup trophy, the small FIS SPRINT trophy, the FIS Nations Cup and FIS medals will be organized by the FIS.

5.5 Presentation

Presentation of the FIS trophies, FIS medals and the FIS Nations Cup take place after the last competition - the FIS World Cup finals.

6. Competition Mode

The FIS World Cup competitions are to be carried out according to the articles of the ICR, Book VII. An additional national TD and a Equipment controller can be nominated to support the Jury.

6.1 Waxing Cabins

The Organising Committee is obliged to put necessary waxing and preparation cabins at disposal without any costs for the user. This is also necessary for equipment companies, if they have their wishes in time to the OC.

6.2 Special Regulations

6.2.1 Starting Order

The starting order in the FIS World Cup will be determined by the actual FIS World Cup ranking. For the first event of each season the final WRL from the previous season is decisive, for the first event in each new period the actual FIS World Cup Ranking.

6.2.2 Start Quota and Qualification for Team Event

Each nation with a minimum of one (1) qualified competitor in the top 40 of current period or with a basic quota may start in a team competition.

6.2.3 Valuation of the Competition Periods

A competitor may only compete in an equal number of events (A + B FIS World Cup) that are within the scheduled period. Participation is counted when an athlete has started his first competition jump or has started the Cross-Country competition at a Mass start event. At an unequal number of organised competitions in one period, the equalisation for the WRL takes place by using a factor.

6.2.4 Mass Start

For the final round in a Mass start event of the Warsteiner FIS World Cup only the best 30 athletes are qualified according to the provisional result after Cross-Country and the first round of Ski Jumping.

6.2.5 SPRINT Start Format (Hurricane SPRINT)

As a second start format at a SPRINT event, it is possible to calculate the time differences after the jumping competition in metre differences. The calculation factor is 6 m/sec. (60 seconds off difference after the jumping competition will be 360 m start distance behind the leading athlete). A track will be prepared in a stadium with approximately 900m in a spiral order. All competitors will start at the same time. The start procedure will be the same as for the Mass start competition.

6.2.6 Individual Gundersen

In the World Cup A Individual Gundersen competitions, the participation of the final round is limited to the best 35 competitors.

6.2.7 SPRINT Compact Format

The SPRINT competition in compact format enables the possibility to combine both disciplines (Ski Jumping and Cross-Country) in a very short time. Only one starting time is fixed before the competition. The start of the second discipline will be fixed after the finish of the Jumping competition. A break of 25 minutes between the two disciplines is recommended. The basis to organise the SPRINT compact format is sufficient organisational arrangements and a suitable location of both competition sites.

6.2.8 SPRINT Qualification Format

In a series of 3 competitions, the final competition can be carried out as a Qualification Format. The WRL points of the first two competitions are the basis for the qualification of the final SPRINT. The 10 best athletes of the current World Cup standings are pre qualified. The total number of participants is limited to 30. The starting order is according to the current World Cup standings.

6.2.9 Mass Start Format with Bonus Sprints

Bonus Sprints will be carried out during the Cross-Country competition to increase the attractiveness of the Mass Start format. These Sprints are carried out on attractive areas on the Cross-Country course (preferably in the stadium by passing at the intermediate time). The athletes get bonus meters for the following jumping competition.

The following Bonus Sprints can be fixed for the 10 km Mass Start competition on a course of 2,5 km:

1 st Bonus Sprint	after the 1 st round (2,5 km)
2 nd Bonus Sprint	after the 2 nd round (5 km)
3 rd Bonus Sprint	after the 3 rd round (7,5 km)

Evaluation of the Bonus Sprints

1 st and 3 rd Bonus Sprints	1 st – 3 rd ranks	single valuation
2 nd Bonus Sprint	1 st – 6 th ranks	double valuation

Distribution of Bonus Meters

NH	Bonus Sprint No. 1 + 3	Bonus Sprint No. 2
	1 st rank = 2 m	1 st rank = 4 m
	2 nd rank = 1 m	2 nd rank = 3 m
	3 rd rank = 0,5 m	3 rd rank = 2 m
		4 th rank = 1,5 m
		5 th rank = 1 m
		6 th rank = 0,5 m

On the NH a maximum value of 8 m is possible.

LH	Bonus Sprint No. 1 + 3	Bonus Sprint No. 2
	1 st rank = 3 m	1 st rank = 6 m
	2 nd rank = 2 m	2 nd rank = 5 m
	3 rd rank = 1 m	3 rd rank = 4 m
		4 th rank = 3m
		5 th rank = 2 m
		6 th rank = 1 m

On the LH a maximum value of 12 m is possible.

The achieved meter values will be credited to the Cross-Country result.

6.3 FIS World Cup Bibs

6.3.1 FIS World Cup Leader - Yellow Bib

The FIS World Cup winner of the past season wears the Yellow bib at the season opening. The winner of the first FIS World Cup competition receives the Yellow bib of the leader and has to defend this bib at the following FIS World Cup competition. This means that the FIS World Cup Leader, who wears the Yellow bib, can be easily distinguished by the spectators, media representatives and other competitors. The members of the leading nation at the Nations Cup wear also the Yellow bib at Team events.

6.3.2 General

The competitor wearing the Yellow bib is allowed to keep it as a souvenir. On the bib the logo of the Nordic Combined FIS World Cup and the title sponsor is shown. The organiser has the possibility to print on this bib the name of the organizing resort and/or the commercial markings, etc. of the sponsor of the competition in question.

7. Payment of Expenses

7.1 General

For accommodation and full board the following rules are basic for the payment according to the competition program:

- In principle the accommodation must be paid from the day before the official training including the night after the competition.
- An additional day has to be covered for nations from another continent.
- In case of a competition tournament, the expenses of the competitors and officials for accommodation must be fully paid.

7.2 Payment for Competitors

For all FIS World Cup periods the first forty (40) active participants by name from the updated and revalidated WRL (art. 2.2) will be covered. This has to include the exchanged competitors (3) within Art. 2.8 .

7.2.1 Exchange of Athletes and Additional Competitors

Expenses for those mentioned in articles 2.7.1, 2.7.2 and 2.8 (1+2) will not be covered. However, the costs for accommodation have to be covered for the qualified competitors according to art. 2.7.3.

7.2.2 Payment for the Basic Quota

For those athletes having achieved one or two as a basic quota, the costs have to be taken over.

7.2.3 Payment for Officials

For each qualified nation within the payment quota (additionally to the basic quota), the expenses of one trainer or national leader must be covered. According to the number of qualified athletes, the accommodation for additional officials is also to be covered:

1 - 3 athletes = 1 trainer

4 - 6 athletes = 1 + 1 trainers

7 - 8 athletes = 1 + 2 trainers

7.3 Accommodation

7.3.1 General

As minimum reimbursement the organiser provides accommodation, a hotel of a good standard (extra bed is not allowed) with full board. The organiser has to provide the accommodation and meals according (including one beverage for each meal) to the number of days in articles 7.1.

7.3.2 For competitors and officials not included in the quota, the Organising Committee has to provide competitors and officials accommodation and meals at least 25% below the normal price at the place of question, whereby CHF 125,- is the maximum price. This is also valid for representatives from equipment companies for a maximum number of three (3).

7.3.3 Confirmation of Accommodation

The organising committee must be informed immediately about eventual changes to the originally registered size of team and their arrival or departure dates. The Organising Committee has the right to invoice the costs incurred for cancelled accommodation to the National Ski Associations.

7.4 Travel Expenses

Under the FIS World Cup rules, art. 7.2. and 7.2.2, the FIS World Cup event organiser must reimburse the travel expenses for the athletes, by name, that fulfill these requirements. In addition, the travel expenses of one trainer per nation are to be covered accordingly. The amounts of the costs to be covered are based on the FIS recognized travel regions of the world, see art. 7.5.

The organiser is responsible for transportation from the nearest located airport or railway station and to the competition areas. Beyond that transportation the teams must pay themselves.

If the organisers of a tournament work together, they may divide the travel costs. It is a tournament if it has a specific name and additional prize money. In this case, the travel will be calculated from the previous event. Transport arranged by the organisers can be deducted. The organisers must send an offer together with the invitation. The rule for travel expenses are to be agreed with the FIS Race Director and sent out well in advance to the National Ski Associations. The travel expenses vary between the different groups of nations. According to the size of the team qualified under point 7.2.1 - 7.2.3 the following minimum amounts apply:

- CHF 250.-- per participant within a travel region.
- CHF 500.-- per participant from and to the following regions:
1 → 2, 1 → 3, 2 → 3.
- CHF 1'000.-- per participant from and to the following regions:
1+2+3 → 4, 1+2+3 → 5, 4 → 5.

7.5 Division into Travel Regions

The FIS member nations are divided into 5 travel regions

Region 1 - Northern Europe

(DAN, EST, FIN, ISL, NOR, SWE)

Region 2 - East Europe

(BLR, BUL, GEO, LAT, LTU, RUM, RUS, UKR, UZB)

Region 3 - Middle and South Europe

(AND, AUT, BEL, BIH, CRO, CZE, FRA, GER, GBR, GRE, HUN, IRE, ITA, JUG, LIE, LUX, MON, NED, POL, RSM, SPA, SVK, SLO, SUI, TUR)

Region 4 - Overseas I

(ALG, CAN, EGY, IRA, ISR, LIB, MAR, MEX, RSA, SEN, SUD, SWZ, USA, ZIM)

Region 5 - Overseas II

(ARG, AUS, BRA, CHI, CHN, FIJ, GUA, HON, JPN, KAZ;KOR, PRK, MGL, NZE, PHI, PUR, URU, ISV)

7.6 Travel Expenses for TD, RD-Assistant, Equipment controller and Jumping Judges

The reimbursement of the expenses for the Technical Delegate, the TD-Assistant and the Jumping Judges is made according to the valid FIS-rule (ICR art. 507.2, 507.3), for the RD-Assistant and the Equipment controller the OC is responsible for the cost of travel and accommodation. The national TD (art. 6) must be paid by the OC.

7.7 Calendar Fees

The sanctioning fee for a FIS World Cup Nordic Combined event will be established at the FIS congress and will remain valid for that specific two years period.

8. Press and Media

FIS World Cup Press Coordinator

Support for the respective organisers' Chief of Press for general information, press service, prize giving press conference etc. is provided by a FIS World Cup Press Coordinator, appointed by the FIS or FIS World Cup Sponsor. The organisers are responsible for providing good working conditions, as well as consideration of his proposals and payment of expenses (travel accommodation and board). Prior to his travel the press coordinator must contact the organiser regarding the arrangements.

9. Prize Money

The organiser must offer a CHF 30'000.-- minimum prize money per individual and SPRINT event and CHF 20'000.- for a Team event. The payment will be done during the prize giving ceremony in cash or in convertible currency.

Individual: (1.-10.pl.)		CHF 30'000	Team: (1.-6.pl.)		CHF 20'000
1st place	CHF	12'000	1st place	CHF	8'000
2nd place	CHF	6'000	2nd place	CHF	5'000
3rd place	CHF	3'500	3rd place	CHF	2'500
4th place	CHF	2'500	4th place	CHF	2'000
5th place	CHF	2'000	5th place	CHF	1'500
6th place	CHF	1'500	6th place	CHF	1'000
7th place	CHF	1'000			
8th place	CHF	750			
9th place	CHF	500			
10th place	CHF	250			

10. FIS World Cup Reports

10.1 Reports

The FIS TD has to write the report on the FIS World Cup event. The completion and submission of this report to the FIS Office together with the result lists must be made immediately after the end of the event.

10.2 Result Lists

The result lists and the new FIS World Cup overall standings are to be sent immediately to the next FIS World Cup organiser.