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WORLD CUP**



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## 1. Invitation

The Organizing Committee (OC) must send out an official invitation at least 8 weeks before the competition with all the necessary information (date and type of competition, OC-address with Tel. + Fax and e-mail address, preliminary schedule, deadline for entries etc.)

## 2. Organization

### Jury

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

- With voting right:
  - the Technical Delegate
  - the Chief of Race of the OC
  - the FIS Race Director
  - the Head Judge acts as Referee in Halfpipe, Big Air and Slopestyle

#### 2.2 Snowboard Cross (SBX)

- the Technical Delegate
- the Chief of Race of the OC
- the FIS Race Director
- the Chief of Finish

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

#### 2.4 Substitution

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

#### 2.5 Connection Coaches

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

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

## **2.6 Forerunners**

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

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

## **3. Setting the Course**

### **3.1 Parallel Slalom and Parallel Giant Slalom**

The course setter is appointed by FIS.

Control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

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

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

### **3.2 Snowboard Cross and Slopestyle**

The course is set under guidance by the FIS Race Director. Control and approval are carried out by the Jury.

## **4. Qualification**

### **4.1 General**

#### *4.1.1 Qualification standards*

The qualification standards will be established before each season.  
The standards cannot be modified during the season.

#### *4.1.2 Ladies and men's events*

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

## 4.2 World Cup Quotas

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

### PGS, PSL, SBX, BA

- Maximum per country/event (max. 2 per gender, except BA max. 3 men) 3
- Personal spot for the World Cup winner 11/12 in the respective event plus 1
- Hosting nation per event and gender plus 6
- Additional spots per country and gender 1-7

(see Quota-Calculation-Additional Spot sheet 2012/2013)

Additional spots up to a maximum of 7 per gender and event are awarded for each rider ranked in the top 30 of last season's WC standings (top 40 for SBX men).

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the additional spots will be recalculated. All 2012/2013 World Cup results until February 4<sup>th</sup>, will be included in the calculation. There has to be a minimum of 3 competitions per event in the current season and only an increase but no decrease of the quota is possible. (Personal spots WC winners 11/12 will not change during the season)

- Top 3 competitors, from the hosting continent, out of the final CoC Standings 11/12 will receive a personal spot in the respective event. NAC/EC and AC winners from the preceding season and SAC and ANC winners from the same season. Personal Spots for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athletes, will be awarded only if those athletes have achieved a minimum of 200 FIS points (one result of at least 400 points or two results that when averaged equal 200 or higher) from their respective event in their CoC. plus 1-3
- Additional spot due to injury: An injured competitor within top 10 of the WC Standing of the respective event at the time of the injury who is not active anymore during the current season will receive a personal quota spot for the entire next season. An injury status as such will only be valid for the next season and (in case of no starts) the season after. Proper document(s) has to be submitted to the FIS office according to the FIS Rules.

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

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

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

### (HP, SBS)

- Max per country/event (max. 3 per gender) 5
- Personal spot for the World Cup winner 11/12 in the respective events plus 1
- Additional spots per country and gender 1-7

(see Quota-Calculation-Additional Spot sheet 2012/2013)

Additional spots up to a maximum of 7 per gender and event are awarded for each competitor ranked in the top 50 of the last FIS Points List HP, SBS or BA (only men) of the previous season, whichever is the highest number.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the additional spots will be recalculated.

All 2012/2013 FIS competition results until February 4<sup>th</sup> will be included in the calculation. There has to be a minimum of 3 competitions per event in the current season and only an increase but no decrease of the quota is possible. (Personal spots for WC winners 11/12 will not change during the season).

- Hosting nation per event and gender minimum
- Hosting nation additionally per event up to a maximum of 30 (filling up the starting field to HP max 140 per competition, max 120 per gender and SBS max 120 per competition, max 100 per gender).
- Top 3 competitors from the hosting continent in the Final CoC Standings of the previous season will receive a personal spot in the respective event:  
NAC/EC and AC winners from the preceding season and SAC and ANC winners from the same season. Personal Spots for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked competitors will be awarded only if those competitors have achieved a minimum of 200 FIS points (one result of at least 400 points or two results that when averaged equal 200 or higher) from their respective event in their CoC.

**plus 1 - 3**

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

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

For the first two World Cup competitions per event of the 2012/2013 season there will be no minimum FIS points required.

#### 4.2.1 *WCSL List – Injury*

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

### 4.3 **FIS World Cup Finals**

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

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

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

## 5. Payment of Expenses

### 5.1 Resorts and Organizing Committees

Lodging, food (half board) and transportation must be guaranteed at a maximum of CHF 50 (CHF 80 for HP and SBS) per day (max. 2 people per room/2 beds) for each competitor and official. The quotas for the payment of lodging, food are calculated on the basis of the World Cup Quotas (see point 4.2.).

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

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

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

### 5.2 Quota for Officials

For officials (representatives of a National Ski/Snowboard Association, trainers, doctors, technicians and official accompanying persons) of teams with a World Cup quota the costs for lodging, food (half board) must be guaranteed at CHF 50 per day according to the following:

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

### 5.3 Additional officials

For five (5) additional officials or accompanying persons and for service staff of a National Ski/Snowboard Association, the maximum price that can be charged for halfboard must not exceed CHF 70 per day (or the equivalent) if they are listed on the official entry form by the corresponding Team Captain and the accommodation is arranged by the Organizing Committee. The number of those officials is limited to 25% of the total quota.

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

### 5.4 Service Personnel

For service personnel accredited by FIS, who are in addition to the officials covered by point 5.2 and 5.3, the maximum price that can be charged for half board must not exceed CHF 70 per day (or the equivalent) if they are listed on the official entry form by the corresponding team captain and the accommodation is arranged by the Organizing Committee.

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

## 5.5 Duration

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

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

### 5.5.1 Arrival/Departure

The Organizer only has to guarantee accommodations for CHF 50 resp. (CHF 80 for HP and SBS) per day according to the World Cup rules.

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

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

## 5.6 Right of Accommodation

Each National Ski/Snowboard Association has to announce to the Organizers the expected total number of team members – split up in female and male (competitors, coaches, accompanying persons and service personnel) by the deadlines fixed and announced in the OC invitation (40 days before the first competition day). Furthermore the Organizers must be informed at the latest 8 days before the first competition day about the names of the team members, changes to the arrival date and the originally registered team size. If this is not the case, the Organizing Committee is allowed to invoice the costs for cancelled accommodations to the respective National Association.

Teams or persons who register late have no right for the reservation or the guarantee of CHF 50 resp. (CHF 80 for HP and SBS) per day.

### *Hotel:*

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

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

The OC and the hotels have to accept credit cards.

Team captains, doctors and therapists are to be lodged in single rooms.

### *Storage/Preparation of Snowboard*

The hotel or the OC has to make one or more heated rooms for storing the boards available. There must be a possibility to lock these rooms. They must have an area

of minimum 4 x 3 meters per service-man, the height must be at least 2.40 meters. They must be equipped with tables and adequate electricity.

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

## **5.7 Food and beverage**

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

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

The meals have to meet at least the following guidelines:

Breakfast:	Different kinds of bread, butter and jam, coffee with milk and tea. Choice of eggs, cheese, sausage and different kinds of "cereal".
Lunch/	Choice of at least two menus:
Dinner:	Soup or appetizer, 200 g meat (steak, etc.), poultry or fish, in agreement with the team captains. Vegetable or other side-dishes, cheese, fruit or desserts. Non-alcoholic beverages (as occasion demands) of 0.5 litre.

Vegetarian food should also be available.

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

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

## **5.8 Mealtimes**

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

## **6. Payment**

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

## **7. Prize Money**

The Organizer must make available at least CHF 25'000 (equivalent in Euro/US\$) per Event/gender for prize money. For individual competitions this sum is divided between the 10 best competitors per race/gender (At Alpine events only where the prize money is equal to or exceeds CHF 30'000/race/gender the payment will be down to the 16<sup>th</sup> place). The amount of prize money and its method of distribution must be communicated to FIS.

The payment must be made after the awards ceremony in US\$ or Euro – cash only. The full amount without local tax reduction should be paid out. The competitor must sign that he/she confirms to declare the money according to his/her own national

and local tax laws. In any case, the local tax laws must be considered and the OC must advise the competitors about tax rates and assist in case of problems. The OC should publish a schedule of the taxes and the actual prize money paid.

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

## **8. Insurance**

With reference to Art. 212 of the ICR.

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

## **9. Starting Times**

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

## **10. Starting Intervals, Starting Order and Draw**

### **10.1 Starting intervals**

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

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

### **10.2 Starting order**

#### **Group 1**

The best 16 in PSL/PGS/SBX/HP/BA/SBS competitors present will be drawn according to their highest ranking on the WC points list or FIS points list (published 6 times a year) in the respective event. (If competitors are tied the higher points in

the second category will decide their position. If they are still tied their position will be decided by a draw). First group in PSL/PGS and SBX can be drawn by a double draw (public draw). If the draw is not public it should be done by computer. First group in HP, BA and SBS will be randomly drawn (computer).

### **Group 2**

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

### **In General**

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

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

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

For the first two World Cup events of the 2012/2013 season there will be no minimum FIS points required:

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

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

For the first two World Cup events of the 2012/2013 season there will be no minimum FIS points required:

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

### **10.3 Public Draw**

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

### **10.4 Leader bib**

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

## 11. Points

### 11.1 Schedule

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

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

### 11.2 Points Calculation Process

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

### 11.3 **Several competitors tied for the same position**

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

### 11.4 **FIS points list**

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

## 12. **Awards**

### 12.1 **Winner of the Snowboard World Cups**

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

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

#### 12.1.1 *Formula – Overall:*

The overall winners will be calculated as follows:

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

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

### 12.2 **Winners of the events**

The winners of the 6 events shall be honored as "Winner of the Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom, Halfpipe, Snowboard Cross, Big Air or Slopestyle FIS World Cup".

#### 12.2.1 *Formula – Event:*

The event winners will be determined as follows:

All counting results in the event are added together.

Throw away results:

Number of Competitions	Number of Drops
1-6	0
7-12	1
13-18	2
etc.	

### **12.3 World Cup Trophy**

The winners of the 6 events will receive small World Cup trophies while the overall classification winners will receive large World Cup trophies.

### **12.4 World Cup Medals**

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

### **12.5 Nations Cup Ladies / Nations Cup Men**

A Nations Cup will be presented to the team with the best results.

Formula Nations Cup:

The best four results per competition per gender per nation will be added.

### **12.6 Provision of awards**

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

## **13. World Cup Courses**

### **13.1 Access rights**

The FIS season accreditations for the different groups are valid and will be accepted by the Organizers.

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

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

### **13.2 Training on World Cup courses**

If training is allowed during the five (5) days before the official training day for a Snowboard World Cup competition this is to be made available for all competitors who have entered and not restricted. For official trainings all World Cup venues must provide enough training areas for a minimum of 4 PGS/PSL training courses. Under special circumstances the Race Jury or FIS Snowboard Race Director may make exceptions.

In adequate snow conditions the Race Jury or the Race Director may allow extra training on the race hill.

### **13.3 Halfpipe**

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

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

#### 13.3.1 *Qualifications Halfpipe*

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

### 13.4 **Snowboard Cross**

One day of training is mandatory.

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

#### 13.4.1 *Qualification Snowboard Cross*

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

### 13.5 **Slopestyle**

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

#### 13.5.1 *Qualifications Slopestyle*

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

### 13.6 **Non-essential changes**

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

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

### 13.7 **Result List**

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

Freestyle: Name of the different tricks

Alpine: Minimum 2 split times

SBX: Minimum 3 split times and with ranking

## **14. Duration**

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

## **15. Homologation**

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

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

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

## **16. Prohibition from including Additional Races**

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

## **17. Substitution of a Competition**

### **17.1 Force majeure / non-fulfillment of requirements**

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

### **17.2 Cancellation**

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

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

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

### **17.3 Unusual conditions**

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

### **17.4 Interference with another Snowboard World Cup Race**

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

### **17.5 Races after the Snowboard World Cup Final**

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

## **18. Rescue Service – Medical Support Requirements**

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

## **19. TV / Advertising Rights**

### **19.1 Television rights**

Reference is made to the FIS Rules concerning television rights.

### **19.2 Advertising rights in the competition area**

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

### **19.3 Advertising on starting bibs**

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

## **20. Matters of Contention**

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

## **21. Control and Supervision**

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

## **22. Rules of FIS**

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