

DRAFT - FIS - ICR SNOWBOARD MASTERS

1) principles:

The purpose of these rules is to provide snowboarders above 30 years of age (= "MASTERS") with a system

- to compete with other riders of similar age and physical ability,
- to achieve longlasting physical fitness and health by offering desirable goals to train for,
- helping to promote the spirit of friendship and understanding among sportspeople of all nations,
- to promote competitive snowboarding around the world

2) eligibility of competitors:

The competition year is July 1st - June 30th of the following year.

In order to compete in International Snowboard Masters Competitions a competitor must have reached his 30th birthday before the end of the calendar year in question.

The right to compete starts at the beginning of the competition year (July 1st) even if a competitor has not reached his 30th birthday at that time.

3) age groups and classes:

<u>MEN</u>	<u>Category A (=Group A):</u>		<u>Category B (=Group B):</u>
Class	A - 1 (30 - 34)	Class	B - 6 (55 - 59)
	A - 2 (35 - 39)		B - 7 (60 - 64)
	A - 3 (40 - 44)		B - 8 (65 - 69)
	A - 4 (45 - 49)		B - 9 (70 - 74)
	A - 5 (50 - 54)		B - 10 (75 - 79)
			B - 11 (80 - 84) etc.

<u>LADIES</u>	<u>Category C (=Group C):</u>		
Class	C - 1 (30 - 34)	Class	C - 6 (55 - 59)
	C - 2 (35 - 39)		C - 7 (60 - 64)
	C - 3 (40 - 44)		C - 8 (65 - 69)
	C - 4 (45 - 49)		C - 9 (70 - 74) etc.
	C - 5 (50 - 54)		

The number of participants per country is not limited. (except restrictions agreed upon for FIS World Criterium)

4) entries:

- The entries (using FIS Entry Forms, including year of birth, FIS SNOWBOARD MASTERS code numbers and current points) have to be sent by a National Ski Association and must arrive at the organizing committee not later than 24 hours before the first draw.
Late entries can be admitted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- Each Ski Association bears the responsibility that their entered competitors have signed the FIS Athletes' Declaration and are licensed to compete internationally.

5) Draw:

FIS-MASTERS SNOWBOARD points are used to seed the racers in each class (regular FIS-points are also to be recognized). The first seed (between 2 and max. 15 racers per class, number to be determined by the Jury according to size and point gaps in the seeding list in each class) is being drawn, followed by racers in the sequence of their points. Competitors without points are drawn last.

6) FIS MASTERS SNOWBOARD points:

Only the Masters Points are taken into consideration. These points correspond to the average of the two best results in each discipline obtained during the validity period. The Masters Points are calculated for each competition on the basis of three separate classifications for the categories A, B and C according to item 2. The points are calculated separately for Big Air (BA), Half Pipe (HP), Snowboard Cross (SBX) and Alpine Events. Slalom (SL), Giant Slalom (GS), Parallel Slalom (PSL) and Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS) points will count for a single FIS Masters Snowboard Points List of Alpine events.

6.1- FIS Masters Snowboard Points List

At least two FIS Masters Points List will be calculated per competition year:

- one in June (end of Season)
- one in November

7) Starting Order:

- Principally the ladies (Cat. C) start before the men (Cat. B), younger men (Cat. A) to start last. The jury may decide differently only if advantageous for C and B.

8) Technical Delegates (TD):

The Organizing Committee must pay the expenses of the FIS Technical Delegate according to the FIS rules.

9) International Competition Rules - ICR

Wherever there is no specific MASTERS rule the general ICR apply.

10) Classification

The Organizing Committee must establish a general classification for the categories A, B and C for the FIS Masters Points and another classification for each age group in view of the prize. These ranking lists must be electronically sent to the FIS office for immediate posting at the FIS official website and also to the Sub-Committee for Masters Racers.

11) Specific Rules for WCM - FIS Masters Snowboard World Criterium

German: "FIS-Weltkriterium Masters Snowboard"
French: "FIS Criterium Mondial MASTERS Snowboard"
Italien: "FIS Criterium Mondiale MASTERS Snowboard "

11.1 Official Description

The full official title is to be used in all publications, results list etc. 'Masters World Championships' is only to be used as an unofficial sub-title.

11.2 Annual Activities

Races are to be run annually with Big Air, Half Pipe, Snowboard Cross and one or two Alpine Evens. These World Criterium races also count as Fis Masters Snowboard Cup races.

11.3 Limits on Participation

The numbers of competitors can be limited to 300. In the event that more than 300 competitor are entered and the organizers are willing to accept a larger number of participants, the FIS Sub-Committee for Masters Racers will decide on the distribution of the exceeding places between the participant Nations using the following criteria:).

- a) preference will be given to older competitors
- b) B+ C will have preference over A
- c) a maximum number of participants per age group will be decided
- d) a maximum number of participants per NSA will be decided
- e) preference will be given to competitors traveling from longer distances
- f) other criteria as defined on a case by case basis by the FIS Sub-Committee for Masters Racers

11.3.1 - Only competitors with FIS-Masters points will be accepted

11.3.2 - Every nation can add up to 20% of racers without points, up to their quota limit.

11.3.3 - Nations with less than 10 competitors may have a team of up to 10 racers.

11.3.4 - If there are less than 300 competitors, the organizing nation is permitted to make up the difference.

11.4 Entry Closing and Payment Dates

Entries for this competition close 10 days before the first race and the entry fees must be paid in advance up to at least one day before the first race. In order to be valid, entries must be made on an official FIS Application form

11.5 Prizes

The Organizer is responsible for providing World Championship Medals in gold, silver and bronze for the top 3 racers in each class. The medals must include the official title of the event, its location, the date and the position achieved. Honouring of winners should be in an open festive manner appropriate to a World Championship. The week should close with a festive dinner on the last, or one but last, evening.

12 Specific Rules for FMSC - FIS Masters Snowboard Cup

- 12.1 - The FMSC - FIS Masters Snowboard Cup will be held every year .
- 12.2 - To qualify to enter the final results list each competitor has to have a minimum of three valid results.
- 12.3 - Only the best seven results of each competitor will be counted for the final FMSC Ranking
- 12.4 - In case of a tie, the tie will be broken in favour with the competitor with the best 8th result.
If the tie persists, it will be broken with the next best result 9th, 10th, 11th, etc until a result is found that can break the tie. If two competitors have the exact same results, the tie will be broken in favour of the older athlete.
- 12.5 - The Sub-Committee for Masters Racers will decide on the Calendar of FMC events.

13 SPECIFIC RULES FOR FIS MASTERS SNOWBOARD CUP FINALS

The Finals of the FIS Masters Snowboard Cup is an annual event, closing the Winter season. Organizers have special requirements to fulfill:

17.1 Dates

The Finale should comprise 3 races (a SBX, a freestyle event and an alpine event)

17.2 Prizegiving

Prizegiving with Closing Party should be organized. Additional to the individual race results is the announcement and presentation for the overall FMSC Classification results (based on the 'old' WC AL points system: 25, 20, 15 etc).

17.3 Prizes

The Organizer should will provide prizes for the overall winners in each age group and in each category (1st, 2nd and 3rd places), in addition to certificates, which the organizers are responsible for completing.

17.4 Final Points Calculation

The Organizers will be provided with an accumulated points list for all FMSC races up to the Final, in order that the Organizers can calculate the overall FMSC results. The list will be prepared for completion, duplication and distribution by the Organizers.

1 GUIDELINES FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL MASTERS SNOWBOARD EVENTS

1.1. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZERS

1.1.2 Introduction

International Masters Snowboard Events are run under the auspices of the International Ski Federation (FIS), as follows:

- FIS World Masters Snowboard Criterium, recognized as the annual Masters Snowboard World Championship.
- FMSC (FIS Masters Snowboard Cup), with a final at the end of the season.
- Other international Continental Cup and FIS Masters Snowboard events as listed in the FIS Calendar.

1.1.2 Standard Regulations

- FIS Regulations in the ICR.
- Special Masters Snowboard rules.
- Masters FIS Point List.
- Masters events to be coordinated within annual Calendar.
- Homologation guidelines for courses.
- These regulations.

1.1.3 Masters Snowboard Rules, specify

- Eligibility of competitors.
- Participation
- Masters Snowboard FIS Points
- FIS Masters Snowboard Points List
- Draw
- Courses and tracks
- Technical Delegates
- Rules
- Classification

Specific Rules for WCSM - FIS Masters Snowboard World Criterium

Specific Rules for FMSC - FIS Masters Snowboard Cup

Specific Rules for FIS Masters Snowboard Cup Finals

Rules for the Organization of International Masters Snowboard Events

1.1.4 Technical Standards

Suitability of pists according to FIS guidelines, as defined in FIS-Homologation rules for the specific discipline.

1.1.5 Administration

Application requirements and initial arrangements for races include:

- Obtaining National Ski Association (NSA) approval.
- Formal application for race to FIS by NSA in the time frame determined by the FIS Office for the annual FIS Calendar by NSA
- WCSM, FMSC, and COM events have to be approved by the Sub-Committee for Masters Racers

Suggestion for TD nomination to head of national TD Forum (including own nation TD as appropriate).

- Arranging special lift passes for competitors (ideally cheaper, or for free) with local lift company.
- Printing of information leaflets (e.g. Program) and their distribution, in a timely manner, to NSAs, race officials (Masters organizers of participating nations) and competitors - at least 3-6 weeks before event, and possibly at a previous event.
- Organization of accommodation, accommodation office (Tourist Office?) - try to arrange several price classes to cater for all competitors.
- Communicate with key personnel among Masters organizers in NSAs about 1 month before event to finalize details.
- Arrange Race Office - a friendly approach by your colleagues is appreciated by the competitors.

1.1.6 Other Activities

- Set up liaison with the Media - e.g. local, regional and national Press, radio and TV companies.
- Undertake local publicity.
- Obtain sponsors for advertising, paper, start, numbers, results lists, placards etc.
- If event runs over 2 or more days, organize social event (e.g. party) for riders
- The Organizer is responsible for providing prizes for the top 3 in each class (possibly for top 5 at major events) and for the winner of each category.
- Organize daily prizegivings; that on the final day should be as early as possible, in the Finish Area, to facilitate early departure of competitors.

1.2 COURSES

1.2.1 General

- The Organizer is responsible for providing experienced course setters. ICR rules apply, except where there are specific Snowboard Masters Rules .
- In Alpine events flowing and rhythmical courses should be set down the fall-line, avoiding pitfalls and avoid special measures for reducing speed, such as sharp turns
(the basic concept is that older riders will reduce the speed themselves and advanced/younger riders need a flowing rhythmical course).
- All venues must be FIS-homologated for the appropriate, discipline.
(when applicable)

1.3 CONDUCT OF THE RACE

1.3.1 Warm-up

Warming up on the race pist is forbidden for Alpine events and must be strictly controlled. It is not sufficient merely to mention it at the Team Captains' Meeting. Where possible a parallel warm-up pist should be provided.

1.3.2 Course Inspection

In soft snow conditions, when inspection through the gates would damage the pist, the gates should be cordoned-off, or closed with a pole etc. Again it is not enough to merely mention this at: the Team Captains Meeting.

1.3.3 Start Interval

Keep the race moving at a reasonable tempo, by having a 30-40 sec start interval, or a start based on visual clearance of the pist. However, older runners (70+) should be given a longer start interval (ca. 60 secs). The starter should similarly give a longer interval between classes, and when a previous competitor is identified as a slower runner.

1.4 FURTHER GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORGANIZERS

1.4.1 Registration Form

(See under General Regulations for Organizers - E. Administration)

This should include:

- Name of organizer, location and time.
- (Honour Protection ..?), Organizing Committee, Official Posts iaw ICRs.
- Program of events and Team Captains' Meetings.
- Pist plan, registration timescales and address.
- Entry fees and lift pass costs.
- Details for prize giving and social program.
- Accommodation details - telephone and fax of accommodation office.
- Access details (e.g. road map/street plan of resort).
- Sponsorship opportunities.
- If there are 2 or more events, it is advisable to plan the shortest event for the last day to facilitate early departure of competitors.

1.4.2 Entries and entry fees

- Entries have to be made on official FIS Entry-forms by the NSAs. This is to certify that competitors are correctly licensed, and have completed the FIS Athletes' Declaration.
- Currently, entry fees are not to exceed Euros 15, - per race and per competitor .
- In accordance with Masters Snowboard Rules , entries must be received at least 24 hrs before the draw
- Entry fees are normally collected when start numbers are distributed. (See also special FIS rules for Masters Snowboard World Criterium).
- Team Captains are responsible for verifying their team entries before the Draw.
- National Masters Organizers are responsible for ensuring serious participation by their competitors to reduce non-appearances at races.

1.4.3 Team Captains, Meetings and Draw

- These should be arranged before the evening meal and winners' celebrations (approx 17.00hs). It is suggested that Team Captains and Riders should attend and participate. For the first Team Captain Meeting (arrival day), it is suggested to schedule the meeting to a later time (approx 20:00hs)
- Draw: By age class, with a first group of 2 to 15 competitors (natural point breaks and number of competitors is to be considered). After the first group, racers are drawn in point order; any racers without points are drawn at the end.

1.4.4 Race Office and Notice Board

- The Race Office should be easy to find and clearly identified.
- An information board is to be provided outside the office, so that it is easily accessible, before and during the race (racers arrive individually, often live far apart and cannot be easily reached by their team captains).
- Information Needed:
Program, lift opening times, location and time for bib collection and winner presentations, entry fees, lift passes (price, where supplied), pist access details, start list, previous results, social program.

1.4.5 Start: Numbers

- Daily issue and (polite!) collection in the finish area. Issue of start numbers must be very well organized because of the limited time to collect entry fees and lift pass payments - give them out by category (A, B + C) and have sufficient helpers to do this. Prepare sufficient start lists for issue. There should be separate start lists for each category.

1.4.6 Resultboard at Finish

- **IMPORTANT:** A Resultboard must be provided at a safe location in the finish area on which to publish times (each age class should be shown separately).The result of each competitor should be posted on the board immediately after its announcement.
- A multi-lingual announcer should be available in the finish area. A continuously running display at the Finish enhances information for spectators.

1.4.7 Result Lists

- There should be a copy for each competitor, distributed as soon as possible, and no later than the prize giving each evening. They must be broken into appropriate age-classes (30-34, 35-40, 40-44 etc.). If possible Categories B + C should be published separately from Category A.
- For inclusion in the FIS Masters Snowboard Point List, the Organizers must electronically transmit the results to the FIS Office using an appropriate software. Results should arrive at the FIS Office not later than 48 hours after the last race

1.4.8 Prizegiving - Honouring of Winners

(See above under General Regulations - 15.1.6 'Other Activities')

- Winner honouring should be undertaken in a festive manner, using the traditional '3-step' winners' podium.
- For one day event , this should be done in a communal manner shortly after the race.
- For 2-day events, we recommend a party on the 1st day. On the 2nd day, in the finish area, shortly after the race to facilitate a rapid departure of competitors.
- For longer competitions, treat these in a similar manner to the 2-day event.
- The top 3 in each class get prizes, which are to be supplied by the race organizers, irrespective of the number of competitors in each class.

1.4.9 Social Program

(See under General Regulations - 15.1.6 'Other Activities)

- It is very important that every Masters Snowboard Event should provide the opportunity to mix socially with colleagues from other nations. Hence, you are asked to promote hospitality, music, parties and other activities that help to promote the spirit of friendship and understanding among sportspeople of all nations and the core values of Masters Snowboarding.

1.4.10 Waxing Room

For major competitions, a waxing room should be provided, particularly if hotels are unable to provide such facilities.

1.4.11 Sponsors

Contracts and support by sponsors are left to the discretion of individual event organizers.