



## **PRECISIONS NORDIC COMBINED**

# **CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RULES (ICR)**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Section**

**203 Change of Licence to participate in FIS Races**

203.3 A National Ski Association may only issue a FIS licence to participate in FIS races when the competitor has proven his/her nationality and therefore eligibility by submitting a copy of his/her passport and signed the Athletes Declaration in the form approved by the FIS Council and returned it to his National Ski Association. All forms from under-age applicants must be counter signed by their legal guardians. Both the copy of the passport and signed Athletes Declaration must be made available to FIS on request.

203.4 During the FIS licence year, a competitor may only participate in International FIS competitions with a FIS licence to participate in FIS races issued by one National Ski Association.

203.5 Application for a change of FIS Licence Registration  
All applications to change licence registration from one member National Ski Association to another are subject to consideration by the FIS Council at its Meetings in the spring. In principle an application to change licence registration will not be granted unless the competitor demonstrates his/her personal association with the new nation.  
Prior to submitting an application to change licence registration a competitor must possess the citizenship and passport of the country for which he/she wishes to compete. In addition, the competitor must have had his/her principal legal and effective place of residence in the new country for a minimum of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the request to change registration to the new country/National Ski Association. —eAn exception to the two year residency rule may be waived where-if the athlete wais born in the territory of the new country, or whose mother or father is a national of the new country. Furthermore the competitor is required to submit a detailed explanation with the application about his/her personal circumstances and the reason for requesting a change of licence registration.

203.5.1 If a competitor has already participated in FIS calendar events for a National Ski Association, he/she must have the written agreement to be released from the former National Ski Association in addition to the citizenship, passport and residency requirements in art. 203.5 before the new National Ski Association may submit a request to FIS for a change of registration.

If such a written agreement is not given, the competitor may not participate in any FIS calendar events for a period of twelve months from the end of the last season in which he competed for his present National Ski

Association, nor may he/she be issued with a licence to participate in FIS races by the new National Ski Association.

These rules are also valid when a competitor has more than one nationality and would like to change National Ski Association licence registration.

203.5.2 The FIS Council reserves the right in its absolute discretion, to grant or to decline to grant, a change of licence notwithstanding the fulfilment of the aforementioned conditions where it deems ~~there to be truly exceptional circumstances and~~ it is contrary to the spirit of the rule and in the best interests of ~~snow sport~~the International Ski Federation to do so (e.g. to decline to grant a change of licence if a member National Ski Association tries to "import" a competitor).

203.5.3 In the event that a competitor does not fulfill all the criteria required to apply for a change of National Ski Association licence registration, ~~T~~he onus shall be on the ~~athlete-competitor~~ to demonstrate in writing to the satisfaction of the FIS Council that ~~such~~ exceptional circumstances exist and it is in the best interests of the International Ski Federation to grant the change.

203.5.4 Every ~~A~~ competitor ~~automatically loses~~will retain his ~~old~~ FIS points if he changes his National Ski Association. ~~The FIS Council may grant exceptions for justifiable cases under the condition that the former National Ski Association granted the release of the competitor.~~

203.5.5 In the event that any of the documents for an application to change licence registration submitted by the National Ski Association (letter of release from the former National Ski Association, passport, residency papers) are found to be false, the FIS Council will sanction the competitor and the new National Ski Association.

#### Jury Notification

205 Competitors Obligations and Rights

205.1 The competitors are obliged to make themselves familiar with the appropriate FIS rules and must comply with the additional instructions of the Jury. Competitors must also follow the FIS rules regulations, and instructions of the Jury.

205.3 Competitors must follow the FIS rules regulations and instructions of the Jury. As stated in the Athletes Declaration, competitors have the right to inform the Jury of safety concerns they may have regarding the training and competition courses. More details given in the corresponding discipline rules.

#### **225 Appeals Commission**

225.1.2 The Chairman shall appoint 3 members, which may include himself, to the Appeals Commission from the Discipline Rules Sub-Committee ~~(or Discipline Committee~~ if there is no Rules Sub-committee) for each case appealed or submitted to be heard, whose decisions shall be by majority vote.

**522 The Competition**

522.1 The Jury shall decide the length of in-run (starting place) to be used. Once a majority decision has been reached on the start to be used, its length must remain the same for the entire round of jumps unless the round is stopped and restarted. No jumper is permitted to use a greater length of in-run (higher start) than that determined by the Jury.

At WCJ, WSC, SFWC and OWG the Jury is allowed to change the in-run gate within the same competition round. Such a decision must be based on a unanimous decision and only if the so called "wind- and gate compensation system" is used.

525.2.10 Change of poles or skis  
In all competitions poles may be changed.  
A single ski or a pair of ski may be changed in individual competitions, only if an "equipment exchange box/zone" is placed at the course.  
In the case of a ski exchange, the competitor must do it outside of the track without help from any other people.

**525.2.12 Position for a Competitor at the Start**

The competitor must have his feet ~~behind~~ in front of the start line and remain stationary ~~before the starter gives his starting commands~~. The poles remain stationary and should be placed ~~in front of~~ behind the starting line.

**525.2.13 Early Start for a Competitor**

Each competitor is responsible himself to start at the right starting time. A competitor who starts too early must come back and pass through the starting line again. In this case, his starting time will be the time on the start list.

Competitors who do not re-cross the starting line after an early start must be disqualified. To cross the marked starting line with the tip of the first crossing shoe marks the beginning of the race. In order to get a clear presentation of evidence, adequate technical equipment must be installed in the starting area to cover the start procedure (video control).

Elimination of the following ICR article:

~~**525.2.4 Ski Marking**~~

~~**525.2.4.1** For purposes of control, both skis are marked immediately before the start. The competitor must come to the official marking place in person and in due time wearing his starting bib.~~

~~**525.2.4.2** At OWG, WSC, JWSC and WC-NC competitions, the ski marking must contain the starting number of the competitor.~~

#### 527.4.1 **Cross-Country Calculation Table**

The points or time differences between the competitors and to the winner of the Jumping competition or Cross-Country competition will be calculated for establishing the result difference between the competitors. This calculation based on the Nordic Combined table. The value of either time or points must be mathematically rounded depending on the competition format.

According to the length of the race course the following tables will be used. For the calculation a six decimal point place is used:

10 km course:	1 min.=	15 points
5 km course:	1 min.=	15 points
2 x 7.5 km course	1 min =	15 points
4 x 5 km course:	1 min =	45 points

Conversion tables by deviating distances are to be specified in sole responsibility of the National Ski Associations.

#### ICR - Introduce Team-Sprint as a new Team Competition format

#### 544 **Team-Sprint**

##### 544.1 **Competition Realisation**

The competition consists of team ski jumping and a 2 x 7.5 km Cross-Country competition skied over short laps which have to be completed by both team members. A team consists of two competitors who must participate in and complete both disciplines (Ski-Jumping and Cross-Country).

##### 544.2 **Calculation**

The calculation is based on the appropriate meter and point value according to the art. 527.2.3.2 and 527.4.1. For the final result list the ranking must be fixed, if necessary with technical help. In case of two or more athletes arriving at the finish line with the identical times a decision is made by the use of the photo finish video or by finish referee (art. 514.2.5). In case when no visual differences between competitors can be determined with the assistance of the technical equipment, the same rank will be given in the final result. For cup competitions, the same points will be awarded. The calculation of the jumping result is the average of both jumps these points for each team will be used for the calculation of the start time differences for the Cross-Country.

##### 544.3 **Special Regulation**

The start order for the jump event is based on the actual Nation's Cup ranking. For WSC or JWSC it's only possible to start with one team per Nation, the start numbers will be distributed in the reverse order of the nation's ranking. For World Cup or COC the number of participating teams will be according to the specific event rules.

The 2 x 7.5 km Sprint is to be carried out using laps of 1500 m in length, where the competitors exchange off after each lap.

After both competitors have completed two laps, the elimination modus will start, whereby the team/s which is/are overlapped is/are must abandon the competition and will be taken out by the Jury. The Nations Cup points will be awarded based on the actual standing of the team when it was taken out from the competition. Only one team per nation will get points.

The exchange area must be designed in such way, that all teams are assigned a preparation area-box (approx. 1.5 m width and 2.5 - 3 m in length). Each area-box is fenced with an opening to the exchange zone, ~~with all~~ All assigned areas-boxes situated within the prepared 30 to 40 m tag zone. The competitor who is not skiing must wait in his box or in this an area behind. ~~He can be coached and make preparations to his skis.~~ For each box is one (1) service personal for ski preparation allowed.