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R U L E S
“DKB” FIS World Cup Nordic Combined
2009-2010

Legend: WC-NC = FIS World Cup Nordic Combined
COC-NC = FIS Continental Cup Nordic Combined

1. Calendar Planning, Entry and Appointment of the Competitions

1.1 “DKB“-FIS-World Cup Nordic Combined

- 1.1.1 Each National Ski Association is entitled to apply to the Nordic Combined Committee for WC-NC competitions (individual and team competition) by the pre-established deadline.
- 1.1.2 The application has to be made two years in advance and on the official FIS entry form. The application form must show the expiration date of the hill and course certificate.
- 1.1.3 The last WC-NC event in this competition season is the WC-NC final. In connection with the WC-NC final the overall WC-NC prize-giving ceremony will take place.
- 1.2 Appointment of the WC-NC-Events**
- 1.2.1 The Nordic Combined Committee examines:
- the suitability of the hill and course in question for WC-NC-competitions by means of the valid certificate
 - the suitability of the organizers in question for WC-NC-competitions by means of a selection criteria which includes, among other things, the guaranteed availability of an international TV-signal – suitable for live transmissions - for the entire duration of the competition.
- 1.2.2 According to the result of this evaluation and the proposed dates the Nordic Combined Committee establishes a provisional WC-NC-competition schedule for the upcoming five years. The final WC-NC-competition calendar for the current season requires the approval of the FIS Council.

1.3 Date Protection

1.3.1 Only one WC-NC-event can take place on the same date.

1.3.2 The International Championships (OWG + WSC) are protected as to their date which means that no WC-NC-competitions can take place.

1.4 Cancellations

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

1.5 Waxing Cabins

The Organising Committee is obliged to put necessary waxing and preparation cabins at disposal without any additional costs for the user.

2. Participation Right in WC-NC Competitions

2.1 Only competitors with a FIS-Code are allowed to be entered.

2.2 Allowed to start are:

- a) Competitors, who have already gained WC-NC-points;
- b) Competitors, who have gained at least one COC-NC point of the past or of the current season.

3. WC-NC Evaluation

3.1 Individual Competitions

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

- 3.1.1 In case of equality in points between competitors, each athlete receives the points corresponding to the rank (the following place is omitted).
- 3.1.2 A minimum of eight National Ski Associations must participate if a WC-NC competition is to count for the WC-NC evaluation.
- 3.1.3 **World Cup Standing**
The WC-NC points of all individual competitions of the current season will be counted for the WC-NC overall winner.
In case of an equality of points in the WC-NC standing the better ranking order of the different competitions will be used to decide the ranking.
If the competitors are still equal, the starting order will be drawn.
- 3.1.4 The current leader of the WC-NC overall evaluation receives the "WC-NC Leader bib", which he is allowed to keep. The "WC-NC Leader bib" has to be worn by the leader at the WC-NC-event, at the official winner's ceremony and at all official Ski Jumping trainings.
- 3.2 Team Competitions**
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| 1 st place = 400 points | 5 th place = 200 points |
| 2 nd place = 350 points | 6 th place = 150 points |
| 3 rd place = 300 points | 7 th place = 100 points |
| 4 th place = 250 points | 8 th place = 50 points |
- 3.2.1 In case of equality of points of teams, each team obtains the points corresponding to the rank. The following place is omitted.
- 3.2.2 At least eight National Ski Associations must participate if a WC-NC team competition is to count for the WC-NC Nations' Cup.
- 3.2.3 Starting order in team competitions
The starting order will be based on the reverse order of the actual World Cup Nations' standings.
- 3.2.4 **WC-NC Nation Cup**
The sum of the points of all competitors from one nation of all WC-NC competitions of the current season – including the points of the team competitions – will be taken into consideration for the WC-NC evaluation per nation.
In case of an equality of points in the WC-NC nations' evaluation, the better ranking order of the different competitions (individual as well as team competitions) will decide.

4. WC-NC Competitions

4.1 Number of Participants for the National Ski Associations

The number of participants will be calculated periodically according to:

- the World Ranking List (see art. 4.1.1)
- the standings of the actual COC-NC period

The basis for the calculation is:

- the top 50 competitors in the World Ranking List (with a maximum of seven (7) athletes per nation)
- the top three (3) of the COC-NC period.

However, a nation's quota is limited to a maximum of 8 athletes per nation.

- Apart from the nation's quota (according to the ranking list), each nation which has gained at least one (1) individual or team competition point during the past or the current competition season shall have a basic quota of one plus two (1+2) for a maximum of 2 x 5 periods.

4.1.1 FIS World Ranking List

The quota calculation as well as the payment of the travel expenses will be done according to the World Ranking List which is established according to the following criteria:

- The points system is the same as for the World Cup ranking (1st rank 100 points, 30th rank 1 point).
- The competition results of the 5 periods of the past World Cup season will gradually be replaced by the competition results of the 5 periods of the current World Cup season.
- This updating procedure is repeated after each of the periods, so that the 5 most current periods are used to calculate the World Ranking List.
- The 50 best competitors of this World Ranking List will be taken into consideration for the quota.
- The nations' quota is valid for the entire period that follows and is not affected by actual competition results.

4.1.2 Division into periods

The FIS World Cup NC calendar **2009/2010** is divided into the following five (5) periods:

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| 1st period: | 28.11.2009-20.12.2009 | (Kuusamo - Ramsau) |
| 2nd period: | 02.01.2010-10.01.2010 | (Oberhof – Val di Fiemme) |

3rd period: 16.01.2010-24.01.2010 (Chaux-Neuve - Schonach)

4th period: 30.01.2010-31.01.2010 (Seefeld)

5th period: 05.03.2010-14.03.2010 (Lahti - Oslo)

4.1.3. Starting quota in the official training and the competition round

Each National Ski Association is allowed to enter the number of athletes according to their nation's quota, but no more than eight (8) as a maximum.

Nations with quota one, two and three are allowed to enter one (1) athlete in addition.

Nations without a quota at all or with a basis quota (see art. 4.1) are allowed to enter up to two (2) athletes as a maximum.

The National Ski Association of the organising country has the right to enter an additional National Group (**group I**) up to a maximum of four (4) athletes for the official training and the competition round.

However, if an event program includes a team competition, the participating nations with quota less than four are allowed to enter up to a number of four (4) athletes as a maximum for the individual competition as well, as long as the conditions according to art. 2.2 are kept.

The maximum starting quota of the National Ski Association of the organising country is therefore 12 athletes for the official training and the provisional competition round/competition round, however, all other participating nations up to a maximum quota of eight (8) athletes.

If more than four (4) WC-NC competitions are planned to be carried out in one country, the hosting National Ski Association is only entitled to enter a National Group in a maximum of 4 competitions.

4.2 Competition Mode and Starting Order

4.2.1 WC-NC competitions

As a rule, a Nordic Combined competition consists of:

- the official training
- one provisional competition round (PCR) Ski Jumping
- one competition round Ski Jumping
- one 10 km race Cross-Country (Gundersen).

4.2.1.1 For the official training Ski Jumping, the trial and the provisional competition round/competition round the number of competitors will be divided into three groups.

The number sequence of the groups is as follows:

- **Group I of the organising country**
- **Group II (athletes without WC-NC points)**
- **Group III (athletes with WC-NC points).**

4.2.1.2 The starting order within the group will be determined as follows:

- Group I: draw or seeding through the organizing country
- Group II: draw
- Group III: reverse order of the actual WC-NC standings. For the first WC-NC competition of the season, the final WC-NC standings of the past season is decisive. As soon as athletes appear in the World Cup Standings, they are seeded in group III according to their ranking.

After the formation of the Seeded Group I and II, the Jury can make the draw before the official training. The team captains must confirm the draw at the next team captains' meeting.

In case of only one official training for two competitions carried out on the same hill (individual and team competitions or two individual competitions), only the single quota is allowed to start.

The competition schedule has to be published together with the invitation for the competition. Changes can be made by the Jury in case of „force majeure“.

4.2.1.3 **Trial round**

A trial round must be carried out before the provisional competition round/competition round (exception see ICR art. 525.1.1)

4.2.1.4 **Provisional competition round (PCR)**

The provisional competition round will be carried out according to the regulations for a competition round. The scores can be used as a result for the start of the CC race only if the actual competition round Ski Jumping cannot be carried out.

This score can be used only one time as a maximum for a weekend.

4.2.1.5 **Competition round Ski Jumping**

The Ski Jumping competition in Nordic Combined consists of one competition round.

4.2.1.6 **Cross-Country race**

The Cross-Country competition in Nordic Combined consists of a 10 km distance race (Gundersen).

4.2.1.7 **Formats**

The Nordic Combined Committee is entitled to use other formats in the World Cup series as long as the used format is described in the ICR.

5. WC-NC Prizes

5.1 Prize Money

The Organising Committee must provide prize money of at least the following amount in Swiss Francs (CHF) per competition:

Individual competition: **CHF 33`150.—**, divided between the top 20 athletes as follows:

CHF 50.— per World Cup point achieved.

1st place = 100 points = 100 x CHF 50.— = CHF 5'000.—

2nd place = 80 points = 80 x CHF 50.— = CHF 4'000.—

3rd place = 60 points = 60 x CHF 50.— = CHF 3'000.—

4th place = 50 points = 50 x CHF 50.— = CHF 2'500.—

5th place = 45 points = 45 x CHF 50.— = CHF 2'250.—

10th place = 26 points = 26 x CHF 50.— = CHF 1'300.—

20th place = 11 points = 11 x CHF 50.— = CHF 550.—

Team competition: **CHF 20`000.—**, divided between the top 3 teams:

1st place CHF 10`000.—

2nd place CHF 6`000.—

3rd place CHF 4`000.—

5.2 FIS World Cup Trophy

The winner of the Overall FIS World Cup Nordic Combined (including all individual World Cup competitions) receives the big World Cup trophy, which will be provided by the FIS.

5.3 FIS World Cup Medals

The first six competitors receive FIS World Cup medals.

5.4 FIS-Nations' Cup-Trophy

The winner of the FIS-Nations' Cup receives the FIS-Nations' trophy.

5.5 Provision of Awards

The trophies and medals will be provided by the FIS.

5.6 Presentation

The awarding ceremony for the overall winners will take place in connection with the World Cup final.

6. Reimbursement of Expenses

6.1 Nations' Quota for the Reimbursement of Expenses

The national quota for the participating nations will be determined as follows:

- A World Ranking List will be established using the results from the WC-NC competitions (art. 4.1).

From this World Ranking List will be included at the end of each of the 5 periods:

- the top 50 competitors in the World Ranking List (with a maximum of 7 athletes per nation)
- the top three (3) athletes of the current COC-NC period,
- as well as a basic quota.

- Each National Ski Association has the right to be reimbursed for a maximum of eight (8) athletes.
- The number of officials that have to be taken over will be determined according to the following standards:

Key for the quota of officials:

1 – 5 athletes	2 officials
6 – 8 athletes	3 officials

6.2 The following reimbursements must be paid to the teams according to the quotas determined in art. 6.1 for the reimbursement of expenses of the National Ski Associations.

6.2.1 Accommodation

Room and full pension in a good hotel in the competition resort for the duration of the event, beginning one night before the first official training resp. the following night after the last competition. Two single rooms per nation must be provided for nations with starting quota 4 and more.

An invitation and information packet must be sent by the organiser to each National Ski Association. Participating teams must enter their competitors prior to the published entry deadline. By doing so, secure their required number of booked room reservation. For booked room reservation not used, the organiser has the right to demand a cancellation fee from the National Ski Associations.

In case reimbursements of travel expenses for the nations concerned occur, the organiser has the right to deduct the cancellation fee directly from the reimbursement of the travel expenses.

By no means is the organiser or the hotel manager allowed, without agreement of the team captain, to demand the vacating of the rooms on the day of the competition.

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.

6.2.2 Travel expenses

The WC-NC organiser has to pay the following minimum reimbursement per person, according to the travel regions established by FIS for travel costs, based on Swiss Francs (CHF):

1. Organizers of group A have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A	CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group B	CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group C	CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group D	CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group E	CHF 700.—

2. Organizers of group B have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A	CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group B	CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group C	CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group D	CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group E	CHF 700.—

3. Organizers of group C have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A	CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group B	CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group C	CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group D	CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group E	CHF 700.—

4. Organizers of group D have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A	CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group B	CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group C	CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group D	CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group E	CHF 700.—

5. Organizers of group E have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A	CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group B	CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group C	CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group D	CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group E	CHF 250.—

- 7.4 The press-/media service has to be organised and performed according to the recommendations and guidelines of the International Ski Federation as well as the International Association of Ski Journalists (AIPS).

9. 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 Organizers are set forth in the ICR, 221.6 as well as chapter 1 of the FIS Medical Guide (containing Medical Rules and Guidelines).

9. WC-NC Report

- 9.1 The FIS TD is responsible for the report on the WC-NC competition. The writing and the prompt dispatch of the report to the FIS Office, together with the WC-NC result list, must be completed from the competition site!