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GENERAL RULES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The ISMF rules and guidelines consist of a set of rules and guidelines applicable for the standardised organisation of the ISMF events. The purpose of the text of the ISMF rules and guidelines is to outline the obligations, behaviour and rights of all persons at any level involved in the events organised by the ISMF.

All ISMF rules and guidelines are in English. They may be subject to modification of the language used, in so much as the context and the content of these documents will remain unaltered but the English language used within said rules may be subject to improvement in terms of grammar and clarity.

In the documents for ISMF rules and guidelines, the masculine gender used in relation to any physical person (for example, names such as official, athlete, referee, coach or pronouns such as he, they or them) shall, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary, be understood as including the feminine gender.

All amounts stated in Euro (EUR) may be payable in the local currency where the event is taking place converted at the applicable exchange rate at the present date.

2. DEFINITIONS

- Protester: A protester is an accredited individual entitled to file a protest according to the protestable matters.
- Appellant: An appellant is a party who files an appeal
- Respondent: A respondent is the party against whom an appeal is made

3. REFERENCES

This chapter refers to the following rules:

- Event Registration Rules
- Organisation Event Guidelines
- Athletes Participation Rules
- Technical Race Guidelines
- Sporting Rules
- Race Equipment Rules
- Ranking Rules
- Rules for Youth World Cup
- Rules for Long Distance Team
- Rules for Olympic Games
- University Sport Events - FISU Endorsed Event & FISU Games

4. ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in the ISMF rules and guidelines.

4.1. ISMF events

ACH: Asian Championships

AR: Assistant Referee

CC: Continental Cup

CCH: Continental Championships

EC: Event Coordinator

EJ: Event Jury

EUCH: European Championships

F: Female

FOP: Field of play

H: Heat

IR: Individual race
ITO: International Technical Official
JP: Jury President
LD: Long Distance
LDI: Long Distance Individual
LDT: Long Distance Team
LL: Lucky Loser
M: Men / Male
MC: Marketing & Media Coordinator
MoU: Memorandum of Understanding
MR: Mixed Relay race
MWCH: Masters World Championships
NACH: North American Championships
NC: National Cup
NCH: National Championships
NR: National Race
Q: Qualification/Qualified for
RM: Ranking Manager
RR: Relay race
S: Senior
SF: Semifinal
SP: Start position
SR: Sprint race
TCC (FISU): Technical Committee Chair
TD: Technical Delegate
TDA: Technical Delegate Assistant
TJ: Technical Jury
TR: Team race
U18: Under 18
U20: Under 20
U23: Under 23
V: Vertical
VAR: Video Assistant Refereeing
VK: Vertical Kilometer
VR: Vertical race
W: Women
WC: World Cup
WCH: World Championships
YWC: Youth World Cup
YWCH: Youth World Championships

4.2. ISMF meetings

PA: Plenary Assembly
TCM: Team Captain Meeting

4.3. International Federations/Associations/Bodies

CIC (FISU): International Control Committee
CISM: Conseil International du Sport Militaire (International Military Sports Council)
EU: European Union
EYOF: European Youth Olympic Festival
FISU: Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (International University Sports Federation)
IF: International Federation

IMGA: International Masters Games Association

IOC: International Olympic Committee

ISMF: International Ski Mountaineering Federation

ITC (FISU): International Technical Committee

LGC: La Grande Course

OG: Olympic Games

TAS-CAS: Tribunal Arbitral Du Sport - Court of Arbitration for Sport

UIAA: Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation)

WMWG: World Military Winter Games

WOG: Winter Olympic Games

WWMG: Winter World Masters Games

WWUG: Winter World Universiade Games

YOG: Youth Olympic Games

4.4. National Members

LOC: Local Organising Committee

NC: National Cup

NCH: National Championships

NM: National Member

NOC: National Olympic Committee

4.5. Ranking and results

DNF: Did not finish

DNS: Did not start

DQB: Disqualified for special behaviour

DSQ: Disqualified

IP: Intermediate Point

IRM: Invalid Result Mark

ITP: Intermediate Timing Point

LAP: Overlapped

NRL: Nation Result List

NWCR: Nation World Cup Ranking

NYWCR: Nation Youth World Cup Ranking

OMRRL: Olympic Mixed Relay Ranking List

OSRL: Olympic Sprint Ranking List

PP: Place Points

T0: Time zero (when the timing recording starts)

TP: Time Points

WRK: World Ranking

4.6. Anti-Doping

AD: Anti-Doping

APMU: Athlete Passport Management Units

BCO: Blood Collection Officer

DCO: Doping Control Officer

ITA: International Testing Agency

NADO: National Anti-Doping Organisation

RTP: Registered Testing Pool

TUE: Therapeutic Use Exemption

WADA: World Anti-Doping Agency

4.7. Equipment

CE: Conformità Europea (Certificate of European Conformity)

DVA: Détecteur de Victimes d'Avalanche (Avalanche Victim Detector), also called: Avalanche Transceiver (ATR)

GPS: Global positioning system

PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

TÜV: Technischer Überwachungsverein (Technical Inspection Association)

4.8. Commercial

MP: Manufacturers Pool

TV: Television

VAT: Value Added Tax

VIP: Very Important Person

4.9. Olympic Games

ACR: Accreditation

ITO: International Technical Official

LAR: Late Athlete Replacement

NTO: National Technical Official

OCOG: Organising Committee Olympic Games

QS: Qualification System

VOL: Volunteer



EVENT REGISTRATION RULES

This document provides information about registering events for the ISMF calendar.

All applications (refer to appendixes below for the official template) from the LOC must be submitted to its NM, who, after consideration, will then forward them to the ISMF office. Applications submitted directly to the ISMF office from the LOC will not be considered.

5. TYPES OF EVENTS

As far as possible, the ISMF undertakes to present a balanced World Cup calendar with equal number of races per each discipline per season.

Applications are considered by the ISMF for the following events:

5.1. World Championships

A several days event that must include Team, Individual, Vertical, Sprint and Relay races. For senior categories. Taking place every second year on odd years.

5.2. Youth World Championships

A several days event that must include Individual, Vertical, Sprint and Relay races. For youth categories only.

5.3. World Championships Long Distance Team

A one-to-four-day event for Senior category.

5.4. Masters World Championships

A one-to-four-day event for Master category.

5.5. Continental Championships

Single-day or multi-day events that feature races across one or more categories. The selection of categories and specific race formats is determined by the respective Continental Council, in agreement with the ISMF.

5.6. World Cup

A two or more days event for Senior category that must include at least two or more of the following disciplines: Individual, Sprint, Vertical or Mixed Relay races.

5.7. Youth World Cup

A two or more days event for U20 and U18 categories that must include at least two or more of the following disciplines: Individual, Sprint, Vertical or Mixed Relay races.

5.8. Continental Cup

A two or more days event for Senior and Youth categories that must include at least two different races. Continental Cups need at least two events. A Continental Cup can be a World Cup at the same time.

5.9. Series Events

A one to three days event with one or a combination of the following disciplines: Team, Individual, Vertical, Sprint or Relay races. The LOC may offer the event to particular categories or all categories.

5.10. Vertical Kilometer

A one-day event with one or a combination of the following disciplines: Vertical Kilometer (V1000) and Vertical Half Kilometer (V500).

5.11. National Events

The ISMF World Calendar shows all the races approved by the ISMF NMs: National Championship (NCH) or National Cup (NC) or National Race (NR).

The ISMF rules and guidelines which must be respected for hosting ISMF events are available on the ISMF website.

6. CRITERIA FOR HOSTING ISMF EVENTS

6.1. World Championships

Applicants must have previously held an ISMF World Cup event, a Continental Championships, a Youth World Cup, other ISMF events or have received a favourable ISMF report after a technical homologation visit before applying for the World Championships.

6.2. Youth World Championships

Applicants must have previously held an ISMF World Cup event, a Continental Championships, a Youth World Cup, other ISMF events or have received a favourable ISMF report after a technical homologation visit before applying for the Youth World Championships.

6.3. World Championships Long Distance Team

Applicants must have the approval of two ISMF technical consultants assessing the event in the previous three years before applying for the World Championships Long Distance Team.

6.4. Masters World Championships

Applicants must have received a favourable ISMF report after a technical homologation visit and fulfil all requirements for hosting Masters World Championships.

6.5. Continental Championships

Applicants must have previously held at least an ISMF series event and received a favourable ISMF report and fulfil all requirements for hosting Continental Championships. Under special circumstances, a Continental Championships may be organised in conjunction with a World Cup, subject to prior agreement with the ISMF Sport Department.

Continental Championships shall not take place during the same period of time as ISMF World Cup events.

6.6. World Cup

Applicants must have received a favourable ISMF report and fulfil all requirements for hosting a World Cup.

6.7. Youth World Cup

Applicants must have received a favourable ISMF report and fulfil all requirements for hosting a Youth World Cup.

6.8. Continental Cup

Applicants must have previously held a Series event and received a favourable ISMF report before applying to host a Continental Cup.

6.9. Series Events

Applicants must be part of a Regional or Continental Cup or be at least a high-level national race.

6.10. Vertical Kilometer

Applicants must have previously held Vertical races and received a favourable ISMF report before applying to host a VK event.

6.11. National Events

The National Events are under the responsibility of NMs. The application form should be sent to the ISMF to include the event in the ISMF calendar.

For National Events, refer to the respective National Rules & Guidelines.

If the results are transmitted to the ISMF in the required format, they will be taken into account for the World Ranking.

7. APPLICATION DEADLINES

All applications must be submitted and presented by the relevant NM.

Type of event	Application Period
2029 World Championships	1 September – 31 December 2026
2027 Youth World Championships	1 September – 31 December 2025
2027 Long Distance World Championships	1 January – 31 March 2026
2027 Masters World Championships	1 January – 31 March 2026
2028 Continental Championships	1 September – 31 December 2026
2026/2027 World Cup	Until 31 December 2025
2026/2027 Youth World Cup	Until 31 December 2025
2026/2027 Continental Cup	1 June – 31 October 2026
2026/2027 Series Events	1 June – 31 October 2026
2026/2027 Vertical Kilometer Events	1 June – 31 October 2026
National Events	All the year

The ISMF sports season lasts from 1 July to 30 June of the following year.

In the case not sufficient event applications were received to establish an ISMF event calendar, the ISMF reserves the right to postpone the deadline accordingly.

The ISMF prefers to establish long-term agreements. The LOC/NM can present applications in advance for maximum three consecutive years. These applications may also consider different types of events.

The application form necessary for registering events in the ISMF calendar is available online. Please make sure that the latest available version is used. It is possible to find it on the ISMF website.

To complete the application form, the LOC should send the ISMF the supporting documentation referred to the tracks for all categories (maps with the official colours, profiles with the necessary details, etc.) at the latest one month after submitting the application form. Any change requested by the LOC regarding track itineraries or schedules has to be presented in writing to and approved by the ISMF Sport Department in advance.

For registrations a certain rhythm for ISMF events shall be respected which is available upon request to the Sport Department.

8. APPROVAL PROCESS

The application process is non-binding. Submitting an application form does not guarantee selection or contractual approval. Final calendar decisions are made by the ISMF Council.

9. CALENDAR FEES

CALENDAR FEES		
Type of event	Calendar fees season 2025/26	Calendar fees season 2026/27
World Championships	7.500,00 EUR	7.500,00 EUR
Youth World Championships	4.000,00 EUR	4.000,00 EUR



World Championships Long Distance Team	5.000,00 EUR	5.000,00 EUR
Masters World Championships	4.000,00 EUR	4.000,00 EUR
Continental Championships	1.500,00 EUR	1.500,00 EUR
World Cup	5.000,00 EUR	5.000,00 EUR
Youth World Cup	3.000,00 EUR	3.000,00 EUR
Continental Cup	1.000,00 EUR	1.000,00 EUR
Series Events	500,00 EUR	500,00 EUR
Vertical Kilometer Events	500,00 EUR	500,00 EUR
National Events	Free	Free

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A: APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTERING EVENTS TO THE ISMF CALENDAR

This form is the official starting point for National Federations (NMs) and Local Organising Committees (LOCs) to express their interest in hosting an ISMF-sanctioned event. It applies to all event types under the authority of the ISMF, including the World Championships, World Cup, Youth World Cup, Continental Championships, Continental Cup, Long Distance World Championships, Masters Championships, ISMF Series and other events.

Purpose of this Application:

- To provide ISMF with the necessary information to evaluate the feasibility, readiness, and suitability of each proposed host.
- To initiate a structured dialogue between the LOC, the National Member, and the ISMF.
- To assess alignment with ISMF delivery standards as defined in the *ISMF Rules & Guidelines* and *ISMF Hosting Pack*.

Important Notes:

- This is a non-binding application. Submitting this form does not guarantee selection or contractual approval.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to enter the formal negotiation and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) stage, which precedes the signing of the Hosting Agreement.
- The ISMF will use the information provided to assess operational capacity, discipline compatibility, calendar balance, media viability, and alignment with strategic priorities.

Applicants are expected to review the *ISMF Rules & Guidelines* before completing the form and upon receipt of this application form, ISMF will share the *ISMF Hosting Pack* with relevant deadlines outlined.

For questions or clarification, please contact: office@ismf-ski.org.

Section A: General Information

Official Name of the Event:	
Event Location: <i>(Resort/ City/ Region/ Country)</i>	
Lead Contact Person: <i>(Name, Title, Organisation)</i>	
Email Address:	
Phone:	
Event Website <i>(If available):</i>	
First-time Host or Recurring Event?	
Previous ISMF Events Held: <i>(if any)</i>	

Section B: Proposed Event Details

Please complete the tables below by placing an "X" in the corresponding box(es) that apply to your proposed event. If applicable, provide additional details in the space provided.

Note: Final format and discipline allocation is subject to ISMF approval based on season calendar balance, discipline distribution, and strategic considerations.

Type(s) of Event:

World Championships:		Series:	
Youth World Championships:		National Event:	
Long Distance World Championships:		Open Race:	
World Cup:		Vertical Kilometer:	
Youth World Cup:		Technical Visit:	



Continental Championships:		Other: <i>(please provide details)</i>	
Continental Cup:			

Discipline(s):

Sprint:		Relay:	
Mixed Relay:		Team:	
Vertical:		Team (Long Distance):	
Individual (Classic Distance):		Vertical KM (1000m):	
Individual (Long Distance):		Vertical KM (500m):	
Are you willing to host alternative disciplines if requested by ISMF? (Yes/No)			

Category(ies):

Senior (Men/ Women):		Under 18 (Men/ Women):	
Under 23 (Men/ Women):		Masters (Men/ Women):	
Under 20 (Men/ Women):			

Proposed dates:

1 st Preference		2 nd Preference		3 rd Preference	
From:		From:		From:	
To:		To:		To:	
Are there any known conflicts (e.g. other major events, elections, holidays) on your proposed dates?					

Event schedule:

Please indicate the proposed event schedule corresponding to each set of preferred dates listed above. Use the race discipline name (e.g., Sprint, Individual, Vertical, Mixed Relay) under each day. Day 1 should align with the "From" date entered above for each preference.

Example: *Day 1: Sprint | Day 2: Individual | Day 3: Mixed Relay*. If fewer than 7 days are required, leave the remaining boxes blank.

	Day 1:	Day 2:	Day 3:	Day 4:	Day 5:	Day 6:	Day 7:
1st Preference							
2nd Preference							
3rd Preference							

Section C: Organisational structure

	Local Organising Committee:	ISMF National Member:
Legal Name:		
Registered Address: Street, #, ZIP/Post code: City: Country:		
Tax Identification Number: <i>(e.g. VAT)</i>		
Phone:		
Email:		
Who will sign the Hosting Agreement? <i>(Name/ email)</i>		

Local Organising Committee:

<i>(if other, please add)</i>	Name:	Phone:	Email:
LOC - ISMF Key Liaison:			
LOC President:			
LOC Race Director:			
LOC Media Contact:			

Section D: Venue & location

Official Name of Venue/ Ski Area/ Race Track:	
Venue Altitude (Base / Top in metres)	
Snowmaking Facilities Available?	Yes / No
Has the venue hosted past ISMF events?	Yes / No (please list event(s) and year(s))
Previous homologation or technical visit?	Yes / No
Suitability for proposed disciplines?	[Brief explanation]
Required permits and approvals in place?	Yes / No (please list any outstanding issues or known conflicts)

Section E: Accommodation

Price of accommodation options per person/day:	Option 1:	(half/full board options in EUR)
	Option 2:	(half/full board options in EUR)
	Option 3:	(half/full board options in EUR)
Distance from accommodation to venue:	Option 1:	Km
	Option 2:	Km
	Option 3:	Km
Other information:		

Section F: Transport

Will the LOC provide assistance with transportation?	To/ From Airport:	Yes / No (please provide details)
	To/ From Hotel to Venue:	Yes / No (please provide details)
	Other:	
	Other information:	

Section G: Media & Marketing

Has your event been Televised in the past?	Yes / No (please provide details)
Do you plan to use the ISMF media package?	Yes / No
If no, do you have capacity to meet ISMF broadcast/ media asset requirements?	(please provide details)
Do you have local partners who can assist with media operations?	Yes / No (please provide details)
Main event partners/sponsors:	
Other information:	

Section H: Financial

Indicative overall budget for the event:	
Main funding partners:	
For ISMF Series, please indicate the prize money and breakdown if applicable:	Yes / No (please provide details, keeping in mind gender equality is required)
Other information:	

Section I: Other

Any other information which could be important in the candidacy assessment (extra pages may be attached)	
For Series: will Anti-Doping test be carried out?	Yes / No (how many tests will be carried out)

Section J: Submission Check-list – Required Appendices

To complete your application, please attach the following documents and complete the tables below by placing an “X” in the corresponding box.

1	Course map on 1:25,000 scale using ISMF standard colours (green - ascents, red - descents, yellow – sections on foot)	
2	Race track profiles showing: distance, vertical gain/loss, boot pack sections, rope or crampon use, and checkpoints	

Section K: LOC Application Declaration

Please complete the tables below by placing an “X” in the corresponding box.

1	I have reviewed the ISMF Rules & Guidelines and understand the event delivery requirements.	
2	I understand the ISMF Event Hosting Process and acknowledge that this is a non-binding application.	
3	I acknowledge that submission of this form does not guarantee selection or calendar placement, and that final event formats will be approved by the ISMF.	
4	I confirm my intent to host the proposed ISMF Event, subject to the finalisation of the MoU and Hosting Agreement.	

Signed by LOC:

Name:	
Role:	
Organisation:	
Signature:	
Date:	

SECTION L: National Member Endorsement

The undersigned National Member confirms review of the submitted application and offers the following endorsement:

Favourable	
Unfavourable	
If unfavourable, please provide explanation:	

By providing a favourable opinion, the NM acknowledges and accepts the following:

- The application has been submitted in accordance with ISMF Rules and Guidelines.
- The NM will support the LOC throughout the application and event delivery process, including facilitating communication with the ISMF.
- If the event is approved, the NM commits to appointing and sending at its own cost the required number of National Referees. These referees must be available from two days prior to the first race until the final race day.



- These referees will be fully dedicated to the ISMF event and not assigned to any parallel or open races.
- Referees will work under the direction of the ISMF-appointed Referee Coordinator and Technical Jury.

Signed by NM:

Name:	
Role:	
Organisation:	
Signature:	
Date:	

SECTION M: DECISION OF THE ISMF

Favourable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unfavourable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If unfavourable, please provide explanation:		

Accepted event details

Type of Event:	
Discipline(s):	
Categories:	
Dates:	

Signed by ISMF:

Name:	
Role:	ISMF President
Signature:	
Date:	

Name:	
Role:	ISMF Vice-President Sport & Events
Signature:	
Date:	



ORGANISATION EVENT GUIDELINES

The official programme, event schedule, and track design of ISMF races must comply with the ISMF Rules & Guidelines.

In exceptional cases - including but not limited to adverse weather, insufficient snow, logistical constraints, or broadcast requirements - ISMF reserves the right to modify the scheduled dates, track layout, or overall event programme. Such decisions will be made by ISMF in consultation with the LOC, the ISMF Event Jury, and/or all involved ISMF bodies, as appropriate.

Should the LOC wish to propose any changes to the programme, schedule, or track design, a formal written request must be submitted to the ISMF Event Coordinator. These requests will be evaluated following the same consultation process outlined above.

10. GENERAL REMARKS

10.1. LOC, NM and ISMF

10.1.1. LOC

The administrative and legal statutes of LOCs are under the responsibility of the NM that registers the event. The ISMF headquarters must be informed of the internal structure of the LOC organisation and of the persons in charge of each of the areas mentioned in this document. The LOC is the group of persons or the entity which executes the right, duties and obligations related to the organisation of the ISMF events. The LOC shall make the necessary preparations and carries out the execution and funding of the race as a principle, the NM ensures the proper organisation of the races/event and may delegate all or certain tasks, rights and obligations related to the organisation of the races to an affiliated club or another legal entity which then becomes the LOC and party to all agreements made with the ISMF.

10.1.1.1. Specification of requirements

All members of the LOC shall have the appropriate knowledge and experience necessary to carry out their assigned duties as follows:

- The LOC shall use the ISMF official language (English) in all official documents and meetings (official programme, TCMs, ISMF Event & Technical Jury meetings, LOC meetings with international participation, etc.).
- The LOC should organise the event and the races in strict compliance with the applicable ISMF rules and Statutes in force.
- The LOC shall follow the reasonable instructions given by the ISMF.
- The LOC shall provide all necessary infrastructures, support and services (including power supply) necessary for the proper organisation of the entire event.
- The LOC shall carry out the tasks, rights and obligations defined in this agreement and in the ISMF rules.
- The establishment of the LOC shall not affect the liability of the LOC.

10.1.2. Relations between ISMF and LOC/NM

The LOC must name a person who will act as the official liaison between the organisation and the ISMF. Relations between ISMF and the LOC/NM will initially be carried out by the ISMF Event Coordinator and the ISMF Vice-President Sport and Events, and during the event also with the members of the ISMF Event & Technical Jury. The LOC must follow all ISMF rules maintaining close coordination with the ISMF offices and various responsible entities. The NM appoints the LOC to carry out the duties and responsibilities connected with organising the event. The NM has delegated the tasks, rights and obligations related to the organisation of the event to the LOC. All aspects defining the mutual obligations between ISMF/NM and/or LOC will be defined in a specific contract with the ISMF.

During the months preceding each event, the LOC should always keep ISMF updated on general organisation, any particularities, and deadlines or obligations to be fulfilled.

10.1.3. Agreement between ISMF, NM and/or LOC

An agreement will be signed between the ISMF, NM and/or LOC. This agreement will specify:

- Definitions
- Appointment of the organiser
- General obligations of the LOC
- The LOC
- Further officials
- The races
- The event schedules
- Race venue
- Participants and teams personnel
- Accreditation
- Equipment
- Timing and data
- Press and media
- Media and broadcast rights
- TV production
- Advertising rights
- Exploitation of advertising and commercial rights
- Services and considerations on advertising rights
- Intellectual property
- The event programme
- Representations and warranties
- Sustainability
- Medical services
- Insurance
- ISMF assistance
- Termination and consequences thereof
- Indemnity
- Waiver
- Assignment
- No joint venture
- Amendment
- Language
- Notices
- Severability
- Applicable law and arbitration
- Data privacy.

Any arrangements that are not provided for in the initial agreement will be settled by amendments between NM, LOC and ISMF.

10.2. ISMF meetings

The ISMF will arrange meetings with all appointed LOCs and their NMs in order to prepare for the events for the upcoming season and to share information with and among LOCs and NMs. The meetings will concern the general coordination of the calendar with dates and races and the general information about updates from ISMF regarding rules and guidelines, organisation and other general requirements and framework regarding the organisation of ISMF events. These meetings will be organised preferably online during the months from April to June n-1.

10.2.1. Pre-event preparation meetings

For the organisation of each event, the ISMF will invite the designated person within the ISMF Sport & Events Department, the ISMF Event Coordinator and the ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator to pre-event meetings. Follow up meetings will take place in order to coordinate and agree the packages for hosting and media services.

The LOC will be able to prepare for these meetings according to the organisational and media check-lists. These meetings will be organised preferably online, with new LOCs these meetings will take place on site (= pre-event visit), both taking place latest two months before the start of the season.

Following up on these meetings the LOC will stay in close contact with the ISMF Event Coordinator in order to update regularly on latest developments. Latest two weeks before any ISMF event an online pre-event meeting will be attended by the LOC key persons of each main area and ISMF staff and collaborators appointed for the event. This meeting is essential for a good coordination and cooperation among the various actors and to determine whether all items mentioned in the organisational and media check-lists in force have been analysed and were prepared accordingly by the LOC.

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

11.1. Administrative requirements

The LOC and the NM must take all necessary and useful administrative measures to ensure that the event takes place in the best possible conditions (aid and rescue, environmental issues, etc.).

11.2. Insurance

The LOC shall be responsible, at its own cost, for obtaining sufficient insurance coverage for the event including but not limited to the following minimum requirements:

- General liability insurance with a minimum coverage of five million euros (5,000,000 EUR) or equivalent in local currency, or any higher amount as required by local laws and regulations.
- The coverage shall include, at minimum, protection against third-party bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury claims.
- The insurance must cover all personnel present at the event who belong to the following categories: LOC (employees, contracted, and/or volunteers), ISMF staff (including employees and contractors such as ISMF Event & Technical Jury members, Technical Delegates, referees, etc.), and any ISMF Officials, if they are present at the event.
- The coverage must be valid for the entire duration of the Event, including setup and breakdown periods, starting 4 days before the Event and lasting until 2 days after the Event's conclusion.
- The LOC must provide the ISMF with a copy of the insurance policy certificate clearly outlining the coverage described above no later than 60 days prior to the event.
- If the coverage does not meet the term specified on the event agreement and the specified minimum insurance requirements, the ISMF reserves the right to obtain appropriate insurance coverage at the LOC's expense.

Optional (Event Cancellation): The ISMF recommends that the LOC secure a policy covering event cancellation, postponement, or curtailment due to a Force Majeure event.

11.3. Budget

The budget is the sole responsibility of the NM and the LOC. The NM and/or the LOC assume the event's financial risk, being entirely responsible for any losses and/or deficit, whilst also retaining any surplus in the event of a budget benefit.

The NM and/or the LOC must also abide by national legislation with respect to the payment of any local and/or national taxes that may apply to the event.

11.4. Responsibilities

Upon registering an event in the ISMF calendar, the LOC accepts the responsibilities entailed and agrees to collaborate with the ISMF and abide by ISMF rules as outlined:

- Strict working schedules must be adhered to.
- Full financial responsibilities are made clear in the ISMF rules.

- All events are subject to the ISMF Anti-Doping policy. Anti-Doping tests will be carried out according to WADA guidelines in relation to ISMF events. Testing may take place, before, after a race or at any other time even out of racing schedule.
- To find out more about ISMF collaboration and the presence of ISMF staff at events refer to the Organisation Event Guidelines.
- Pay to the ISMF the hosting and media fees corresponding to the type of event requested.
- Use the ISMF logo, provided by the ISMF complying with ISMF brand guidelines, on the LOC/event website and in all other means of communication.

In general, the LOC is responsible for:

- Signing the application form. The MoU and the agreement will be submitted primarily for high-level events, while other events of lower levels will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- The full board accommodation from the arrival until the departure of the ISMF staff and collaborators/providers.
- For the World Championships, the full board accommodation from the arrival until the departure of two ISMF representatives. The relevant transport costs will be included in the hosting fee.

11.5. Costs beared by the LOC

11.5.1. ISMF event hosting fee and media fee

Please refer to the LOC agreement in order to find out the list of services included in the ISMF event hosting & media fees together with the related amounts.

HOSTING FEE - DOWNPAYMENT	
2025/26 SEASON	
Amount valid for WCs/WCH	7.500,00 EUR
Amount valid for YWCs/CCHs	3.000,00 EUR
This amount will be required only in case of inclusion of the event into the ISMF calendar and upon signing the LOC agreement. Afterwards, it will be deducted from the total Hosting Fees. This amount is non-refundable.	

11.5.2. Prize money and awards

The LOC guarantees the minimum gross prize money in connection with each race according to the ISMF rules. The LOC is however entitled to pay a higher than the minimum prize money.

The LOC must pay the prize money within two weeks of the Award Ceremony. The ISMF office will provide the winners' bank details to the LOC within five days of the Award Ceremony. Starting from the 2025/26 season, ISMF will collect athletes' bank details through the ISMF licencing system.

11.5.2.1. World Championships

Prize money to be applied for the season seasons 2025/26 and 2026/27:

SENIOR CATEGORY					
PRIZE MONEY* (minimum)	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS				
	SPRINT	VERTICAL	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM	MIXED RELAY
1 st SM/SW	2.000,00 EUR	2.000,00 EUR	2.000,00 EUR	2.000,00 EUR**	2.000,00 EUR**
2 nd SM/SW	1.300,00 EUR	1.300,00 EUR	1.300,00 EUR	1.300,00 EUR**	1.300,00 EUR**
3 rd SM/SW	900,00 EUR	900,00 EUR	900,00 EUR	900,00 EUR**	900,00 EUR**
4 th SM/SW	600,00 EUR	600,00 EUR	600,00 EUR	600,00 EUR**	600,00 EUR**
5 th SM/SW	500,00 EUR	500,00 EUR	500,00 EUR	400,00 EUR**	400,00 EUR**
1 st U23M/W	500,00 EUR	500,00 EUR	500,00 EUR	-	-
2 nd U23M/W	300,00 EUR	300,00 EUR	300,00 EUR	-	-
3 rd U23M/W	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	-	-
4 th U23M/W	Gift			-	-

5 th U23M/W	Gift			-	-
TOTAL per category	6.300,00 EUR	6.300,00 EUR	6.300,00 EUR	5.200,00 EUR	5.200,00 EUR
TOTAL per race	12.600,00 EUR	12.600,00 EUR	12.600,00 EUR	10.400,00 EUR	5.200,00 EUR
TOTAL all races	53.400,00 EUR				

*The said amounts of prize money have to be considered gross which will be then deducted of any withholding tax in force in the LOC's nation.

**The amount has to be considered per team. The LOC should pay exact half amount to one team member and the other exact half amount to the other team member.

Prize money to be applied for the season seasons 2025/26 and 2026/27:

YOUTH CATEGORIES				
PRIZE MONEY* (minimum)	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			
	SPRINT	VERTICAL	INDIVIDUAL	MIXED RELAY
1 st U20M/W	300,00 EUR	300,00 EUR	300,00 EUR	500,00 EUR**
2 nd U20M/W	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	300,00 EUR**
3 rd U20M/W	150,00 EUR	150,00 EUR	150,00 EUR	200,00 EUR**
4 th U20M/W	Gift			Gift***
5 th U20M/W	Gift			Gift***
1 st U18M/W	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	-
2 nd U18M/W	150,00 EUR	150,00 EUR	150,00 EUR	-
3 rd U18M/W	100,00 EUR	100,00 EUR	100,00 EUR	-
4 th U18M/W	Gift			-
5 th U18M/W	Gift			-
TOTAL per category	1.100,00 EUR	1.100,00 EUR	1.100,00 EUR	1.000,00 EUR
TOTAL per race	2.200,00 EUR	2.200,00 EUR	2.200,00 EUR	1.000,00 EUR
TOTAL all races	7.600,00 EUR			

*The said amounts of prize money have to be considered gross which will be then deducted of any withholding tax in force in the LOC's nation.

**The amount has to be considered per team. The LOC should pay exact half amount to one team member and the other exact half amount to the other team member.

***The LOC shall provide both team members with a gift.

11.5.2.2. Continental Championships

The prize money amounts for the Continental Championships have to be decided by the respective Continental Council and the ISMF has to be notified no later than six months before the event. If such a communication is not received by ISMF, World Cup's prize money amounts will be applied.

In the exceptional case where a Continental Championship is organised in conjunction with a World Cup, there will be two podiums awarding the two different titles, but only the World Cup prize money will be awarded.

11.5.2.3. World Cup

Prize money to be applied for the season seasons 2025/26 and 2026/27:

SENIOR CATEGORY				
PRIZE MONEY* (minimum)	WORLD CUP			
	SPRINT	VERTICAL	INDIVIDUAL	MIXED RELAY
1 st SM/SW	1.500,00 EUR	1.500,00 EUR	1.500,00 EUR	1.500,00 EUR**
2 nd SM/SW	1.200,00 EUR	1.200,00 EUR	1.200,00 EUR	1.200,00 EUR**
3 rd SM/SW	800,00 EUR	800,00 EUR	800,00 EUR	800,00 EUR**
4 th SM/SW	600,00 EUR	600,00 EUR	600,00 EUR	600,00 EUR**
5 th SM/SW	400,00 EUR	400,00 EUR	400,00 EUR	400,00 EUR**

TOTAL per category	4.500,00 EUR	4.500,00 EUR	4.500,00 EUR	4.500,00 EUR
TOTAL per race	9.000,00 EUR	9.000,00 EUR	9.000,00 EUR	4.500,00 EUR
TOTAL all races	31.500,00 EUR			

**The said amounts of prize money have to be considered gross which will be then deducted of any withholding tax in force in the LOC's nation.*

***The amount has to be considered per team. The LOC should pay exact half amount to one team member and the other exact half amount to the other team member.*

In the exceptional case where a Continental Championship is organised in conjunction with a World Cup, there will be two podiums awarding the two different titles, but only the World Cup prize money will be awarded.

11.5.3. Event cancellation policy

In the event the LOC unilaterally cancels the event within two weeks before it starts, the downpayment will not be refunded and used to cover the costs for pre-event visit and other administrative and organisational costs already occurred.

In the case of cancellation of either the entire event or single races from the first day of work onwards the LOC will be responsible for all costs already occurred by ISMF or its providers/suppliers. The downpayment will not be refunded and will be withheld to cover mentioned costs accordingly. The hosting fee has to be agreed mutually between LOC/NM and ISMF.

11.6. Technical visit

Technical visits may be requested by any event which wishes to consider appearing the following season in the ISMF calendar. A technical visit does not give automatic entitlement to appearing in the ISMF calendar in future seasons. Fees for an ISMF technical visit are for the exact travel expenses and the daily allowance for the number of days of permanence of the ISMF staff on the race venue. Previous agreements have to be made between the ISMF and the LOC.

11.7. Pre-event visit

Following approval of a LOC to host a World Cup or World/Continental Championships, the ISMF may conduct a pre-event visit to assess organisational and technical readiness.

Pre-event visits occur generally between July and November, before the event. Up to two ISMF representatives may attend (typically from the Sport & Events and the Media & Communications Departments). All related costs are borne by the LOC.

12. ORGANISATION

Athletes, coaches and teams' staff members cannot be members of the organisation (LOC and ISMF).

12.1. National Member

12.1.1. National Member Staff & Officials

The National Members Officials & Staff are composed of:

- NM President or his/her representative;
- NM Official Representatives;
- National Referees.

12.1.2. Roles and responsibilities

12.1.2.1. National Referees

- Are appointed by the NM;
- Are paid by the respective NM or LOC;

- In the selection process, priority should be given to National Referees who are also ISMF Referees;
- If the NM does not have National Referees, the ISMF Referee Manager will appoint two ISMF Referees from other NMs;
- Should arrive at the race venue at least two days before the first scheduled race, as the ISMF Referees;
- Are considered part of the ISMF staff working at the concerned event;
- Carry out the tasks assigned by the ISMF Technical Delegate before the race;
- Carry out the tasks assigned by the ISMF Jury President during the race.

12.2. LOC

12.2.1. LOC Staff

All persons involved in the organisation of a race are named "members of the organisation". A list of names will be drawn up, communicated to the ISMF and displayed on the LOC/event website.

A typical LOC is composed of:

- LOC Race Director;
- LOC Tracks Directors;
- Gate Controllers;
- Treasurer;
- Administrative Officer (accreditations, ski passes, etc.);
- Press Officer (press and media relations, communication);
- Sustainability Officer;
- Person liaising with the ISMF;
- Person in charge of results;
- Person in charge of catering and accommodation;
- Person in charge of the Flower and Award Ceremonies;
- Person in charge of site management and equipment;
- Doctor and rescue team.

12.2.2. LOC Officials

LOC Officials are:

- LOC President.

12.2.3. Roles and responsibilities

12.2.3.1. The LOC President

The LOC President is in charge of the event for the NM and is the main contact person for the ISMF.

12.2.3.2. The LOC Race Director

- Is in charge of all issues relating to the ISMF event;
- Organises the ISMF event according to the ISMF rules;
- Is responsible for ensuring that the races meet all requirements of the ISMF rules;
- Decides whether the event takes place depending on conditions prior to the event (trails, weather, other environmental impacts, etc.);
- Is in contact with the staff on site from the LOC and the ISMF;
- Can request the assistance of the ISMF staff in agreement with the ISMF Event Coordinator;
- Validates where transition areas should be positioned and which track and equipment to be used for safety reasons (foot part, crampons, etc.). All these decisions should be made together with the LOC Track Director. The ISMF Technical Jury advises the LOC Race and LOC Track Director in these matters.;
- Is responsible for stopping the race in the case of accident, danger, safety, weather conditions, etc.;
- Is responsible for evacuating all participants from the race venue: athletes, staff and also spectators.

12.2.3.3. The LOC Sustainability Officer

- Is appointed by the LOC and validated by the NM hosting the event;
- Is familiar with sustainability concepts and any special rules in force in the hosting nation / is also familiar with ISMF sustainability policy and any related documentation;
- Is familiar with the environment of and requirements for ski mountaineering events;
- Is in charge of making a sustainable plan for the event in accordance with the ISMF sustainability check-list;
- Is involved in the organisation and execution of preparing and running the event;
- Cooperates with the LOC Race Director and the ISMF Event Coordinator to deal with any important issue concerning sustainability;
- Will fill out a final sustainability report in accordance with the ISMF sustainability check-list and communicate it to ISMF by the end of the event.

12.2.3.4. The Gate Controller

Gate Controller plays a critical role in verifying athlete passage through designated gates, particularly during the descent section of a race. His/her responsibilities and positioning are essential for ensuring fairness, safety, and accurate rule enforcement.

Gate Controller:

- Is appointed by the LOC or NM;
- Should preferably be certified National Referees, or experienced volunteers with proven competence;
- Prior to the race, is briefed and assigned specific tasks by the ISMF Technical Delegate;
- During the race, operates under the authority of the ISMF Jury President.

Responsibilities include immediate communication of any infractions (e.g. missed gates).

The descent is divided into multiple sections, each containing a maximum of 2 to 3 gates. One Gate Controller is assigned per section and must be positioned below the final gate of their section to maintain a clear and uninterrupted line of sight over all assigned gates.

In the case supporting evidence from VAR or official broadcast is available, this may be utilised in the monitoring and validation process.

12.3. ISMF

12.3.1. ISMF Staff

The ISMF Staff is composed of (maximum of roles):

- ISMF Event Coordinator;
- ISMF Technical Delegate;
- ISMF Jury President;
- ISMF Referees;
- ISMF VAR Operator;
- ISMF Ranking Manager;
- ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator.

Additional ISMF Appointments:

In addition to the core appointments of ISMF Staff, ISMF reserves the right to appoint the following roles at selected events:

- ISMF Assistant Referee
- ISMF Assistant Technical Delegate
- ISMF Assistant Jury President
- ISMF Assistant Event Coordinator.

These assistant roles may be designated as part of ISMF's internal training and development programme for technical officials and event personnel. Appointments are made at ISMF's discretion, taking into account operational needs, capacity-building objectives, and the level of the race.

12.3.2. ISMF Officials

The ISMF Officials are:

- ISMF Official Representative;
- Possible ISMF Bureau Members;
- Possible ISMF Council Members;
- Possible ISMF Ambassadors;
- Possible ISMF Staff/ Office holders;
- Possible Representative(s) of an ISMF Commission.

12.3.3. Roles and responsibilities

12.3.3.1. The ISMF Official Representative

- Is an ISMF Council Member;
- Is the representative of the ISMF in front of the NM representatives, nation and local authorities, the LOC President and other authorities that are attending to the event;
- Should foster political relations with the nation and local authorities, the NM and the LOC;
- Is the representative of the ISMF in all ceremonies and official institutional meetings;
- Is present in TCMs;
- Is informed about the schedule and protocol of all ceremonies before the event;
- Supervises the correct organisation of the ceremonies according to the ISMF rules and guidelines;
- Is informed about the general status of the event, including state of the signed contracts, approved insurances and other relevant information - last update: before the event;
- Is invited to the internal ISMF pre-event meetings and debriefings of the event;
- Is invited to the on-line or presential meetings with the NM/LOC previous, during or after the event (technical & media calls, briefings, debriefing, etc.).

12.3.3.2. The ISMF Event Coordinator

- Is appointed by the designated person within the ISMF Sport & Events Department;
- Coordinates the relation between the ISMF and the LOC;
- Ensures together with the LOC and the Sustainability Officer that the event is in compliance with ISMF Sustainability Guidelines;
- Coordinates the preparation and organisation of the event within the ISMF and its staff, especially the ISMF Jury President and the ISMF Technical Delegate;
- Is informed of the protocol drawn up by the LOC;
- Ensures the compliance of responsibilities as outlined in the ISMF and LOC agreement;
- Ensures that ISMF rules concerning Anti-Doping are followed;
- Is responsible for liaising with LOCs/NMs, ISMF Technical Delegates and appointed ISMF Referees concerning the general management of the event during the event;
- Is accountable for relations with the person in charge of the NM;
- Is in charge together with the ISMF Official Representative of relations with the National Officials of the NMs;
- Assures that ceremonies are carried out according to ISMF rules and guidelines;
- Writes an official report, incorporating the report of the ISMF Jury President and the online feedback form within three days after the last race day addressed to the designated person within the ISMF Sport & Events Department and the ISMF Office.

12.3.3.3. The ISMF Technical Delegate

- Is appointed by the ISMF Head of Sport & Events or their nominated delegate. The Technical Delegate controls the technical organisation and supervision of the races, working in close collaboration and coordination with the LOC Race Director, the LOC Track Director, the ISMF Jury President, and the ISMF Event Coordinator;
- Must be an ISMF Referee holding a valid ISMF Technical Delegate level;

- Advises the ISMF staff, the LOC Race Director and LOC Track Director on technical issues;
- Is the responsible in the ISMF staff on technical issues in the preparation of the races;
- Contacts the LOC and advises the organisation of the races and any technical requests from the LOC;
- Is responsible for approving the technical data received from the LOC;
- Must attend all Safety Committee meetings, if invited;
- Is in constant contact with the LOC Race Director and LOC Track Director during the event;
- Collaborates with the LOC to coordinate the work of volunteers or can delegate this task to an ISMF Referee;
- Is accountable for technical sector of the race;
- Ensures the integrity, safety, and fairness of ski mountaineering events by overseeing all technical aspects and ensuring compliance with ISMF Rules & Guidelines;
- Coordinates the ISMF Technical Team (ISMF Technical Delegate, ISMF Jury President, ISMF Referees, National Referees, implementation team and timekeeper) before the event and during the preparation of the race;
- During the race, can act as a referee by carrying out tasks assigned by the ISMF Jury President (e.g., to support in the start or arrival area);
- Controls and verifies the race tracks and the transitions to meet the requirements of ISMF rules and guidelines with the support of the ISMF staff;
- Controls that the set-up of the finish area and finish corridor (skating or on skins) are in compliance with ISMF rules and guidelines and coordinates this work with the LOC Track Director;
- Controls the set-up of the finish lines in coordination with the timekeeper (Photo Finish).

12.3.3.4. The ISMF Jury President

- Is appointed by the ISMF Head of Sport & Events or their nominated delegate and is responsible for monitoring the event to ensure that all rules and regulations are followed by athletes, officials, and the LOC;
- Is an ISMF Referee;
- Addresses any rule violations promptly and fairly, including making decisions on penalties or disqualifications as needed;
- Maintains accurate records of all rule enforcement actions, ensuring transparency and accountability;
- Must attend all Safety Committee meetings, if invited;
- Ensures compliance with ISMF rules and guidelines, and sporting fairness;
- Leads the ISMF Technical Jury and calls for its meetings;
- Together with the ISMF Technical Delegate coordinates the work of the ISMF Technical Jury;
- Coordinates ISMF and National Referees before the event, appoints the positions of Referees and Technical Delegate the day before the race and coordinates their work during the race;
- For Sprint and Mixed Relay race, validates with the ISMF Technical Delegate that the race track and FOP are according to the ISMF Rules & Guidelines. For Vertical and Individual races, this task can be delegated to the Referees and the ISMF Technical Delegate acting as a Referee;
- Makes decisions concerning any disputed points or issues that are not provided in the ISMF rules and guidelines;
- Is in constant contact with the LOC Race Director during the race or his/her representative;
- Supervises provisional ranking and performs an initial verification once the provisional results are available;
- Applies the penalties and signs the unofficial results;
- Receives protests submitted within the correct deadline as specified in the ISMF rules and guidelines;
- Signs official rankings;
- Writes an official report incorporating the feedback of the ISMF Technical Delegate and all ISMF Referees within three days after the last race day addressed to the ISMF;
- Is the ISMF accountable for the TCM and its content with the LOC Race Director;
- Is responsible for the results with penalties to be published on the bulletin board;
- Carries out tasks of the ISMF Event Coordinator in case he/she is not present at the event;

- Assigns the positions/tasks to the ISMF and National Referees latest the day before the race;
- Must inform the ISMF Event Coordinator, the ISMF General Director or the designated person within the ISMF Sport Department in the event he/she has written a report to be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission. The ISMF General Director or their nominated delegate will forward this report to the Disciplinary Commission.

12.3.3.5. The ISMF Referees

- Are appointed by the ISMF Referee Manager;
- Are ISMF Referees;
- Carry out the tasks assigned by the ISMF Jury President during the race;
- Carry out the tasks assigned by the ISMF Technical Delegate before the race;
- Ensure that the event is run according to the ISMF rules and guidelines;
- Attend TCMs;
- Can execute and coordinate the set-up of the start/finish area, transition area, track marking to be in compliance with the ISMF rules and guidelines following the instructions of the ISMF Technical Delegate;
- Can execute and coordinate the set-up of the start line in coordination with timekeeper;
- Follow the videos of the VAR system and live-stream (either remote or on site) and reports to the ISMF Jury President;
- Can be the responsible for the starting procedure during the race with equipment control (including bibs, transponders and GPS), starting position, starting signal and coordinates the LOC staff accordingly following the instructions of the ISMF Technical Delegate and/or of the ISMF Jury President;
- Can execute and coordinate the set-up of the track (including elements like diamonds in ascent or gates in descent) and transition areas (including entry and exit line) to be in compliance with ISMF rules and coordinates this work with the ISMF Jury President and the ISMF Technical Delegate;
- Can be responsible for the track and transition areas during the race and coordinates the LOC staff accordingly.

12.2.3.6. The ISMF VAR Operator

- Is appointed by the ISMF Referee Manager;
- Is an ISMF Referee;
- Is responsible for the set-up of the VAR system in transition and handover areas, the VAR tent next to the finish area and coordinates this work with the ISMF Jury President and the LOC Track Director;
- Attends TCMs;
- Is accountable for the VAR system during the race, provides the relevant information to the ISMF Jury President and coordinates the ISMF staff accordingly;
- Carries out the tasks assigned by the ISMF Jury President during the race;
- Should have up to two Referees acting as VAR Referees at the World Championships.

12.2.3.7. The ISMF Ranking Manager

The ISMF Ranking Manager coordinates all information concerning the rankings and results system.

Prior to the season, the ISMF Ranking Manager:

- Participates in the Rules Commission to understand, follow and propose evolutions concerning rankings and results (and close topics as categories, Athletes Participation Rules, etc.);
- Prepares the ISMF website to have an operative ranking system for the season (WC rankings, YWC rankings, WRK, CC rankings, etc.);
- Prepares, updates the ISMF timekeeping rules and contact each ISMF event's timekeeper to receive the races results in time and with the proper formats;
- Helps the ISMF Office to complete the ISMF calendar;
- Is accountable for Ranking Rules and coordinate the work on Ranking Rules.

During the season, the ISMF Ranking Manager:

- Ensures that ISMF rules and guidelines are followed and resolves any registration issues (categories, etc.);
- Prepares the start lists for the necessary ISMF events;
- Receives and treats the results from the timekeepers;
- Inputs the results in the ISMF ranking system to produce updated rankings;
- Publishes results on the ISMF website as soon as possible after each concerned race;
- Is present at the World Championships and the World Cup finals to produce and publish the necessary rankings;
- Updates the ISMF licences and follow the licence system;
- Provides the licence list to ISMF Office.

12.2.4. ISMF Referee Licence

The ISMF Referee Licence is available for active ISMF Referees.

This license is mandatory for ISMF international referees, who participate in events listed on the official ISMF calendars and/or events, that count towards the ISMF World Ranking.

To obtain the ISMF Referee Licence referee must complete the ISMF Referee Licence application form and submit it prior to the event they will officiate/participate.

The application must be jointly validated by the National Member (NM) and the ISMF.

The ISMF Referee licence will be free of charge until end of season 2025/26.

12.3. National Officials

12.3.1. National Officials licence and registration

The National Officials licence is only for members of national teams who want to be present at the ISMF events as accompaniment and support to the athletes.

To obtain the National Officials licence, applicants should create their own profile online on the ISMF website in order to generate the respective licence.

There will be three levels to choose from:

- Level 1: it will be for head coaches;
- Level 2: it will be for national coaches, technical and medical staff, etc.;
- Level 3: it will be for self-coaches. If an athlete already holds an ISMF Elite or Youth licence, they are not obliged to apply for the National Officials licence.

Each NM must validate the licence in time before the first event of the season on which coaches and national staff (National Officials) members will work.

Applicants agree to accept and abide by all ISMF rules mentioned in the licence.

Applicants or the respective NMs will have to pay for the National Officials licence by credit card directly during the licence application process. If the payment is not successful, the licence will not be validated by the ISMF and therefore will not be active. The cost of the National Officials licence is 100,00 EUR.

All coaches and national staff (National Officials) members are obliged to register for free for the ISMF events at which they will be present before the registration deadline previously specified.

13. LOC DOCUMENTATION

13.1. Prior to the event

The LOC has to:

- establish a website for the event providing all necessary general information in English language before 15 October of the current season. The LOC has to publish specific information about the event for athletes, the NMs, ISMF and the press no later than one month prior to the event. The website should contain the following elements:
 - detailed programme: schedule and respective locations for each day of the event including training sessions, TCMs, bibs distribution, race days with split times, ceremonies (Opening & Closing, Top5,

- Flower, Award and Overall, if present), race office opening hours with the specification of times for accreditation, any side events that the LOC organises (e.g., in the evening), etc.
- tracks: types of tracks and total ascents/descents with profiles;
- LOC contact information (phone, email, fax of the main contact person/central office/race office);
- information on how to reach the race venue (by car or public transport);
- accommodation and/or meals rates and how to book it/them with the respective deadline;
- any other important information that athletes and NMs should know.
- prepare a location and have the necessary means for taking samples for Anti-Doping controls, as provided in the texts of the WADA-AMA and the National Agency.
- It is mandatory to issue official accreditation (refer to the LOC agreement for the ISMF official template).

13.2. During the event

At the race office the LOC must provide:

- Event programme;
- Accreditation;
- Ski passes.

Free or reduced ski passes for athletes are required according to the LOC availabilities and to the event programme. When the race venue or training slope can only be reached by means of ski or chair lift or gondola, all athletes should receive free or reduced ski passes for each training, track inspection and race day.

The LOC has to provide free ski passes to coaches as follows:

- teams from 1 to 15 athletes: 2 ski passes
- teams from 16 to 25 athletes: 3 ski passes
- teams with 26 or more athletes: 4 ski passes

In agreement with the local ski resort, the LOC could provide for the use of the accreditation as a kind of ski pass to access the ski facilities.

For the event programme and accreditation, refer to appendixes.

14. MAIN ON-SITE LOCATIONS

The LOC must structure the event around the following locations:

14.1. Race office

Race office should be centrally located and clearly signed upon entering the resort.

At least one English speaking person must be present at the race office.

The calibrated scale must be available at the race office in the late afternoon of the day before the race, when the TCM is not held.

14.2. Media areas

14.2.1. Media office

The media office should be located close to the race office and the LOC Media Coordinator is responsible for the distribution and collection of accreditation and armbands, event programme and ski passes for media representatives during the event.

14.2.2. Mixed zone

An area reserved for members of the press should be set-up inside the finish area. Only people with a press accreditation will be able to access this area. The LOC is advised to set-up a board showing partners/sponsors logos, in front of which interviews may be conducted.

14.3. TCM room

The TCM room has to have a capacity for up to 30 National Officials, 10 LOC Officials and 5 ISMF staff with chairs, screen, projector, speaking system and a table for the board (presentation desk) for approx. 8 persons with name tags.

The TCM room requires a table next to a power outlet for the scale on which the weight of the equipment can be checked.

14.4. ISMF meeting room

The LOC has to provide a meeting room either during World Cups for ISMF staff and/or during Championships also for ISMF institutional meetings.

14.5. Commercial village

The commercial village is an area set-up near the finish and start area, which is reserved for LOC to host the LOC sponsors as well as other activities organised by the LOC and/or the ISMF, offices for press and various services for athletes (e.g., recovery zone, Wi-Fi, etc.). The commercial village is not covered by the TV camera range.

14.6. Spectators area

The spectators area should be set-up both at the start and finish area, but also along the track where spectators can watch the race. This area is to be marked under the LOC responsibility. The LOC must ensure the safety of the spectators (rescue teams, radio links, etc.).

15. ON-SITE ORGANISATIONAL ITEMS

15.1. Meals and accommodation

The LOC must organise and be financially responsible for catering and accommodation for the duration of the event for the ISMF personnel.

The LOC must provide a list of accommodation facilities (hotels, apartments, guest houses, etc.) as close as possible to the race location with a recommended price of 120 EUR/person (full board) and 100 EUR/person (half board). Accommodation facilities must include bathroom and toilet in room for 2-3 people and have access to WI-FI.

The organisation of the meals is highly recommended and is on charge of the NMs. The meals have to fulfil the following standards:

- at least two warm served main courses, additionally with choice for vegetarian / vegan food
- sport and carbohydrates-oriented meals with a fresh and healthy way of preparation
- consumption at the place of accommodation or nearby in a short walking distance.

15.2. On-site transportation

Shuttles services or any transport to reach the race venue should be coordinated by the LOC and be preferably free of charge.

A big enough car park near the start area of the race has to be reserved for athletes, coaches and organisation members.

The LOC should provide information about the possible connections from closest airport and the event venue.

15.3. Race bibs

15.3.1. Race bibs for World/Continental Championships

For World/Continental Championships with different categories, the bib numbers for the highest category (Senior) for each gender will start with the number "1" and the bib numbers for other categories for each gender will start with the numbers "101" (e.g., U20), "201" (e.g., U18).

The bibs for the World and Continental Championships have to follow the guidelines below:

- Blue for Senior/U23 Men**;
- Green for Senior/U23 Women** and U20 Men;
- Yellow for U18 Men and U20 Women;
- Pink for U18 Women.

**Specific mark/distinctive or colour on the bib to identify U23 athletes.

15.3.2. Race bibs for World Cups

For World Cup events, the bib numbers for each gender will start with the number "1".

The bibs for the World Cups have to follow the guidelines below:

- Blue for Senior Men;
- Green for Senior Women;
- White for the Open Race (if present).

15.3.3. Race bibs for Vertical Kilometer events

For VK events the bib numbers for each gender will start with the number "1" and follow the guidelines below:

- Blue for Men;
- Green for Women.

15.3.4. Further specifications

The size of the bib cannot exceed 16x16 cm on the backpack, and 13x18cm on the leg. The bibs must be placed on the backpack and on the front part of both thighs. If a backpack is not needed for Vertical race the bigger bib is reserved for the back of the athlete.

The registration team will assign the number series for the categories.

A bib list is provided by the ISMF Ranking Manager according to the timelines as agreed between the ISMF and the LOC.

At WCH and WCs, a red bib will be assigned to the first senior athlete (SW & SM) listed in the start list of individual races (Individual, Sprint, Vertical).

Individual races (Individual/Sprint/Vertical):

Bib numbers will be assigned in the order as follows:

- The current WC specialty ranking (bib #1 for the best Total Score)
- Then, the current WC overall ranking
- Then, the Year-1 WC overall ranking
- Then, random assignation.

Relay race:

- The numbers "X" are assigned according to the ranking at the previous race for the same title (for a World Championships n° N, athletes numbers are determined by their ranking at the World Championships n° N-1). If a previous ranking is not available for number assignment in a category, then numbers will be drawn.
- 1st athlete = X-1, 2nd athlete = X-2, 3rd athlete = X-3 and 4th athlete = X-4.

Mixed Relay race:

Gender bibs assignment: X.1 to the first starting athlete of the Mixed Relay's team, X.2 to the second starting athlete of the Mixed Relay's team

For WCH and CCH:

the numbers "X" are assigned according to the Nation Ranking List at the previous race for the same title (for a World Championships n° N, athletes numbers are determined by their ranking at the World Championships n° N-

1). If a previous ranking is not available or if the nation was not ranked, the last WC Mixed Relay ranking (per nation) will be used, then random assignment.

For WC, YWC, CC:

The bib numbers will be assigned according to the last WC Mixed Relay ranking published. The best nation ranked has bib #1.

If a nation has several teams, one additional team will be assigned one a second turn of bib assignment, respecting the WC Mixed Relay ranking order. Then a third turn, etc. One bib per nation at each turn will be assigned. For nations not already in the WC Mixed Relay ranking, a bib will be assigned following the last season WC Mixed Relay ranking, then the last WCH Mixed Relay Ranking, then randomly.

The colour of the bibs will be blue for both SM and SW at WCH and WCs. At WCH the colour of the bibs for the Youth category will be green.

Team race:

Bib numbers are attributed to the team according to the rank of the best athlete of the team in the last publication of the individual World Cup.

When a race comprises various stages, an athlete who is the leader of the World Cup whilst also leader of the race, may wear a bib that indicates the position as race leader (if there is a bib for this purpose).

The categories will be differentiated from each other through their sport numbers, which will have different numerical series.

15.4. TCM

Latest on the day before the race, recommendable starting no later than 18:00, the LOC organises the TCM chaired by the ISMF Jury President. All NMs participating in the race have to attend the TCM either represented by their head-coach or by self-coached athletes.

A specific template of the TCM for each race type is provided by the ISMF to every LOC.

The TCM must respect the following specifications:

- Members of the board at the TCM:
 - LOC President
 - LOC Race Director
 - ISMF Official Representative
 - ISMF Event Coordinator
 - ISMF Jury President
 - ISMF Technical Delegate
- Present at the TCM:
 - Speaker
 - ISMF Referees
 - LOC Track Director
 - Roll call of the NMs (National Representatives) attending.
- At the TCM the following information is provided:
 - Presentation of the name of the event officials;
 - Weather forecasts and snow conditions: snow quantity and quality, temperatures, wind speed, avalanche risks using the European scale, etc.
 - It is advisable that a meteorologist is present in the meeting (or in direct communication with the race) to predict the weather forecasts or snow conditions.
 - A track map and total ascents/descents profile specifying distance and ascent and descent for each section, transition areas, danger areas, checkpoints and waypoints, technical features, track refreshment areas, technical areas and additional information required for each race type.
 - Equipment specifically required for the race.
 - Race procedures:

- start (pre-race TCM, check of DVA and safety equipment, control of bibs and transponder, warm-up area, starting times, etc.);
- procedure to follow for athletes who do not finish the race;
- information on medical assistance procedures;
- cut-off times (if any) and race stoppages;
- short notice cancellation procedures;
- finish (equipment control);
- protests procedures.
- Event schedule with times and places: public transport to and from the race, car parks, Anti-Doping controls, results service, ceremonies, press conferences and other meetings and meals.
- Race services: place to deposit and collect clothing, changing rooms, showers, catering facilities, communication services and all other necessary information.
- Information about good environmental practices to be respected.

All this information will be displayed on the screen. The PDF file of the TCM must be available online latest within 30 minutes after the TCM. A pre-start TCM will be held 30 minutes before the start of the first race of the day to update the NMs on the latest available information.

The ISMF Event Jury has the right to change the schedule, if necessary, at any time. The ISMF Event Jury can decide to implement cut-off times at any moment of the race with the right to change the event for safety reasons.

15.5. Radios connection

The LOC must provide radios (at least 12 devices), for the ISMF Event Coordinator, the ISMF Technical Delegate, the ISMF Jury President, ISMF and National Referees and ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator. Radio links between the various race areas are compulsory and under the responsibility of the LOC.

The LOC has to inform to the coaches about free channels and the laws of the nation to avoid interference to others (Rescue services, ski mountaineering clubs, etc.).

16. PRIZE MONEY

16.1. World Cup and World/Continental Championships

A minimum prize money should respect the following requirements:

- Gender equality in prizes for podiums is compulsory.
- If there are less than 10 athletes classified in one category only the top three athletes will be awarded with prize money.
- In the case of a tie, the prize money will be shared at equal parts between the tie ranked athletes.

16.2. Overall and Specialty World Cup

General information:

- The Overall and Specialty World Cup prize money and cups/trophies are paid by the ISMF.
- Gender equality in prizes for podiums is compulsory.
- The Overall and Specialty World Cup prize money and cups/trophies are awarded at the final World Cup event.
- If a ranked athlete, who should attend the Overall World Cup ceremony, cannot participate in the final World Cup event because of health problems, the athlete must present a medical certificate to the ISMF Event Coordinator at least two days prior to the Overall World Cup ceremony in order to receive the prize money and cup/trophy.

OVERALL WORLD CUP				
Senior category				
Gender		Rank	Cup/Trophy	Prize money
W	M	1	YES	3.000,00 EUR
W	M	2	YES	2.200,00 EUR
W	M	3	YES	1.500,00 EUR

W	M	4	-	1.200,00 EUR
W	M	5	-	1.000,00 EUR
W	M	6	-	800,00 EUR
W	M	7	-	600,00 EUR
W	M	8	-	500,00 EUR
W	M	9	-	400,00 EUR
W	M	10	-	300,00 EUR
TOTAL for both genders (W & M)			6	23.000,00 EUR

OVERALL WORLD CUP U23 category				
Gender		Rank	Cup/Trophy	Prize Money
W	M	1	YES	300,00 EUR
W	M	2	YES	-
W	M	3	YES	-
TOTAL for both genders (W & M)			6	600,00 EUR

SPECIALTY WORLD CUP Senior category					
Discipline	Gender		Rank	Cup/Trophy	Prize money
Sprint / Vertical / Individual	W	M	1	YES	400,00 EUR
	W	M	2	YES	-
	W	M	3	YES	-
Mixed Relay	Nation		1 - 3	YES	-
TOTAL for both genders (W & M)			21	2.400,00 EUR	

NATIONS WORLD CUP RANKING			
Nation	Rank	Cup/Trophy	Prize Money
	1	YES	-
	2	YES	-
	3	YES	-
TOTAL	3		-

17. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Please refer to the relevant Appendix to find all types of ISMF Official Ceremonies with their description and details.

18. SUSTAINABILITY

The LOC acknowledges and agrees that sustainability is an important prerequisite in the organisation of the event. The LOC shall carry out its tasks under this agreement in a manner which duly considers the concept of sustainable development in compliance with the applicable environmental legislation and, whenever and wherever possible, serving to promote the protection of the environment.

The LOC must take all necessary measures to be in compliance with IOC rules.

In particular, the LOC should:

- Avoid designing tracks that cross areas with sensitive ecosystems.
- Discourage spectators from entering areas with sensitive ecosystems.
- Cause no deforestation or harm to reforestation areas.
- Protect ecologically sensitive areas.
- If necessary, restrict areas open to spectators and the media.
- Prepare the event in collaboration with (and not to the detriment of) any other activities organised in the mountain range when both organizations benefit the sustainable development goals.
- Minimise acoustic impact.
- Minimise the use of modes of transport (helicopters, groomers, snow mobiles, etc.).

- Not use explosives to trigger avalanches outside of ski resorts unless the LOC is authorised to do so.
- Provide sufficient amenities for the number of spectators and participants expected: toilets, specific public transport (buses) to and from start and finish areas, information about existing public transport (trains, buses, etc.).
- Rapidly remove race markings at the end of the race.
- Rapidly remove all waste material discarded by spectators and participants.
- Continue monitoring waste material even once the event is finished. Depending on the location and weather conditions, inspections and extra waste material, removal might be necessary during the summer season.
- Not use sound systems or billboards outside of the start and finish areas.
- Confine billboards and other means of advertising to the start and finish areas and to ski resort trails.
- Inform members of press and spectators on the importance of environmental protection.
- Ensure protection of ecologically sensitive areas by quality trail design and proper track marking.
- Use only natural biodegradable products for marking on snow.
- Protect flora. Zones that are not or only partially covered by snow must be prepared. If there is insufficient snow coverage, then the event should be cancelled or take place in another location.
- Ensure that athletes, supporters, spectators and the press remain on or close to the race track.

19. RACE SAFETY

Athlete safety must be guaranteed in every part of the race.

The LOC is responsible for the provision of medical services to provide maximum assistance to athletes involved in races. Such medical services must be available for athletes, officials, spectators and any other person attending, or being affected by, the races (being onsite at least an hour before the start of the race). The LOC must ensure compliance with the recommendations of the ISMF rules.

19.1. Rescue and emergencies

The LOC must provide a rescue service according to directives of the hosting nation including:

- A rescue plan (medical organisation planned for the event, relations with emergency services and hospital admissions). The rescue plan has to be sent to the ISMF office two weeks before the start of the event. It has to be signed by the Event Coordinator.
- Agreements involving specialised services.
- Agreements with the services of nearby ski resorts.

The LOC must forbid spectators to access dangerous areas.

The LOC Race Director must communicate to the other ISMF Event Jury members all injuries and incidents happened during the event.

19.2. Medical Organisation

The LOC must organise together with the race doctor (specialized in sports and mountain medicine) appropriate medical facilities for the race:

- First-aid at start/finish area;
- Medical equipment (with instructions) handed out to LOC rescue team positioned along the tracks;
- Facilities for Anti-Doping tests (see related chapter);
- A medical assistance area with ambulance (helicopter on site);
- Relations with the emergency services of the nearest hospital;
- Medical staff must be on the race venue at least two hours before the start of the race.

19.3. Safety Committee

The LOC Race Director is responsible for the race safety during the event, takes all the decisions about safety and is supported by a Safety Committee, according to the national and international legislation, which may be composed of:

- LOC Race Director;

- LOC President;
- LOC Track Director;
- Local authorities;
- Head of the LOC rescue team;
- Officials from state rescue services;
- Director of the local ski resort;
- LOC race doctor;
- NM Official Representative;
- National Technical Delegate.

The ISMF Officials/Staff may be invited to participate in Safety Committee meetings, without the right to vote or any legal responsibility:

- ISMF Official Representative;
- ISMF Event Coordinator;
- ISMF Jury President;
- ISMF Technical Delegate.

The LOC Race Director will decide about:

- Approving the tracks;
- Approving the general organisation of the event in terms of safety: protection of athletes, spectators and organisers, etc.;
- Approving organisation of rescues and emergencies;
- Modification or cancellation of a race for safety reasons, and approving alternative tracks;
- Ensuring that there is no or minimum risk of avalanche on the tracks.

The LOC has to provide a room for the meetings of the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee must take minutes of its meetings to be signed by the LOC Race Director and sent to the ISMF Event Coordinator.

19.4. Safety equipment

For safety reasons the LOC might decide the obligatory use of crampons/snow chains for any kind of accredited persons (staff, coaches, media, security) on the field of play.

During track inspection also coaches and other persons on the track are obliged to wear helmets and avalanche safety equipment if required for the race.

20. MEDIA & TV

The rules governing media and television coverage for ISMF events are established and formalised within the ISMF/LOC/NM Agreement.

21. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

The ISMF supports Anti-Doping policy via several programmes, in compliance with WADA and IOC guidelines. The ISMF successfully applies an Anti-Doping policy.

The Anti-Doping policy is a top priority of the ISMF together with NM. The ISMF has in place a programme of controls of selected athletes that may be in or out-of-competition during the year. The LOCs must contribute to the payment of costs for control (included in the hosting fee).

21.1. Anti-Doping Control Programme

This programme is managed, under the authority of ISMF, through an agreement with an external supplier specialised in Anti-Doping control.

The programme includes:

- RTP management and whereabouts information follow-up;

- Management and organisation of in and out-of-competition testing;
- The cost of testing (sample collections, Anti-Doping kits, shipment, analysis by a WADA-accredited laboratory), DCOs remuneration fees and travel expenses;
- The implementation and follow-up of Biological Passports;
- Education;
- APMU costs;
- TUE Management;
- Results Management;
- Long Term Storage;
- External supplier administrative costs.

In addition, for the in-competition tests, the LOCs are requested to appoint a person in charge of Anti-Doping, to arrange for the necessary location (doping control station) and equipment, as well as for a team of chaperons, as described below, and to cover for any related costs (except for the DCOs costs which are already covered in the framework of the ISMF/external supplier agreement). The LOCs have to provide the DCOs with meals and accommodation. The ISMF, in coordination with the external supplier, is available for any question from the LOC with regards to these requirements.

21.2. Doping Control Station

The location for carrying out doping tests must respect the recommendations and the technical characteristics set out by WADA in its International Standard for Testing in force, available on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org and above all show respect to the athletes subjected to the tests.

21.2.1. Test area

The area must be specific for the tests. It must respect the athletes' privacy and sense of modesty, confidentiality, and gender. These are particularly important when dealing with minors (under 18).

It includes a waiting room (see below), a processing room equipped with a large table and chairs, with an adjacent toilet.

21.2.2. The waiting room/area

The chaperons accompany the identified athletes to the waiting area and wait for the DCOs to proceed with the sample collection.

This area must:

- Be spacious;
- Have as many chairs as athletes and chaperons;
- Be heated;
- Be equipped with drinks for each athlete: individually sealed, non-caffeinated and non-alcoholic beverages, which includes a mix of natural mineral water and soft drinks (e.g., Gatorade, 7-Up, Fanta, Sprite, etc.);
- Have a storage area for the athletes' equipment (skis, boots, etc). This area must be sheltered and secure.

21.3. Anti-Doping staff

21.3.1. The DCOs

The DCOs are appointed and remunerated in the framework of the agreement with the external supplier. They contact the LOC and the ISMF Event Coordinator before the event.

21.3.2. The Chaperones

It is mandatory that, as of the time of their notification for doping control and until the completion of the doping control procedure. Athletes selected for doping control must stay under the chaperone's observation at all times after the conclusion of the race.

Chaperones who accompany the athletes must be:

- A man for each male athlete to be tested;
- A woman for each female athlete to be tested;
- There must be as many chaperons as athletes to be tested;
- They must be major of age and, wherever possible, have a good command of English language.

Training of the chaperones: training of the chaperones is as stipulated in the WADA standards and guidelines by the rules of the hosting nation's ruling body. In the case of lack of training the DCO in charge may organise an intensive training course, so as to ensure that the doping tests are carried out under the best possible conditions.

The chaperons have to agree that in the exercise of their duties on behalf of the LOC, they shall avoid any undue influence or other factors which may give rise to an actual or perceived conflict between their own personal interests or the interests of any other person and those of the LOC.

21.3.3. The person in charge of Anti-Doping from the LOC

He/she is appointed by the LOC and holds the following role:

- Reception of the whole staff: DCOs, chaperones.
- Ensuring the necessary means to carry out smooth doping control operations.
- Diligently planning of location, drinks, chairs, offices, etc.

The person in charge of Anti-Doping from the LOC must display discretion, efficiency and availability. This person should have a good knowledge of the English language.

The quality of the relationship between the athletes and those others involved, depends upon the good handling by the LOC Anti-Doping official prior to the tests.

21.4. Number of tests and selection of athletes to be tested

The number and the nature of tests, as well as the selection of athletes to be tested, is established by the external supplier, in the framework of its agreement with and under the authority of ISMF.

22. POLICY ON THE USE OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

22.1. Prohibition of alcohol and tobacco

The consumption, marketing and advertisement of alcohol and tobacco products are strictly prohibited at all ISMF races ad events, including all kinds of ceremonies where athletes are present.

22.2. Restrictions on advertising

The prohibition on the advertising of alcohol or tobacco products extends to, but is not limited to, the following accessories worn by athletes, officials and other accredited persons at ISMF events: clothing, footwear, headwear, sports equipment, sports apparel, bib numbers and similar items.

22.3. Prohibition of gifting alcohol or tobacco products

The gifting of alcohol or tobacco products to athletes is strictly prohibited.

22.4. Duty to good conduct

At team-organised festive events, whether organised by the LOCs or not, NMs and athletes are reminded of their responsibility to prioritise the best interests of the sport and maintain duty of good conduct. As such, NMs are strongly advised to discourage and/or supervise the consumption of alcoholic beverages to prevent excessive or irresponsible behaviours.

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APPENDIX B: SCHEDULE FOR ISMF EVENTS

For ISMF events a certain event schedule is obligatory, and the following elements have to be respected. TCMs can be combined in one. Bib distribution has always to take place the day before the respective race.

Single disciplines, such as Individual and Sprint races, shall always take place before the team races, such as Team and Relay races, as they are commonly qualification races for the respective team races.

Races with similar physiological effort, like Vertical, Individual and Team races or Sprint and Relay races, should take place on consecutive days as this helps the NM to plan the travels more efficiently.

World Cup with two races

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Arrival	Track inspection	Race 1	Race 2
Accreditation	TCM	Ceremonies	Ceremonies
	Bib distribution	TCM	Departure
		Bib distribution	

World Cup with three races, one rest day - Option A

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Arrival	Track inspection	Race 1	Race 2	Rest Day	Race 3
Accreditation	TCM	Ceremonies	Ceremonies	Track inspection	Ceremonies
	Bib distribution	TCM		TCM	Departure
		Bib distribution		Bib distribution	

World Cup with three races, one rest day - Option B

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Arrival	Race 1	Race 2	Rest Day	Race 3
Accreditation	Ceremonies	Ceremonies	Track inspection	Ceremonies
	TCM Race 1 + 2		TCM	Departure
	Bib distribution		Bib distribution	

Continental Championships

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Arrival	Track inspection	Race 1	Race 2	Senior Sprint race	Rest Day = Youth Sprint race	Race 4
Accreditation	TCM Race 1 + 2	Ceremonies	Ceremonies	Ceremonies	TCM	Ceremonies
Opening Ceremony	Bib distribution	Bib distribution	TCM		Bib distribution	Closing Ceremony
			Bib distribution			Departure

World Championships

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Arrival	Track inspection	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Rest Day	Race 4	Race 5
Accreditation	TCM	Ceremonies	Ceremonies	Ceremonies	TCM	Ceremonies	Ceremonies
	Bib distribution	TCM Race 2 + 3	Bib distribution		Bib distribution	TCM	Closing Ceremony
	Opening Ceremony	Bib distribution				Bib distribution	Departure

APPENDIX C: ISMF OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

General Organisation

The LOC is responsible for organising all official ceremonies according to the rules and protocol of the ISMF under the guidance of and agreed with the ISMF Event Coordinator. The programme of the ceremonies has to be agreed between both parties latest one month before the event. In the case of a delay or postponement of the ceremonies the LOC President and the ISMF Event Coordinator will agree on the new schedule.

General Regulations and Protocol

Ceremony	Summary / Purpose
Event Ceremonies	<p>Opening and Closing Ceremonies are compulsory for World Championships (WCHs) and Continental Championships (CCH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission of the proposed date, time, and attendance list at least one month in advance to the ISMF. - Use of uniform national flags for all delegations. - Speeches must be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes and conducted in English. - Optional inclusion of musical and/or cultural performances. - An athletes' and referees' oath must be included. - ISMF and LOC officials are required to be present and to coordinate the event. <p>These ceremonies may be held indoors or outdoors, provided there is a proper stage and sufficient seating. Hospitality (e.g., buffet) is encouraged. Attendance of athletes is optional.</p>
Opening Ceremony	<p>The Opening Ceremony must be organised the day before the first race and follow a strict sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegation parade (with optional national flags, 5–10 minutes). 2. Speech by the LOC President. 3. Presentation of ISMF officials. 4. ISMF flag handover to the LOC. 5. Speeches by local/regional representatives and National Member (NM) representatives. 6. Official declaration by ISMF referees. 7. Athletes' and referees' oath. 8. Opening speech and declaration by ISMF President or representative. <p>The event must be coordinated by ISMF and LOC representatives, with a maximum of one speaker per entity. No gifts are required. Athlete presence is optional.</p>
Closing Ceremony	<p>Held on the same day as the final race, the Closing Ceremony includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award ceremony for the last race. 2. Speeches by LOC President, local/regional authorities, and NM representative. 3. Combined and nations ranking podium presentations. 4. Closing speech and declaration by ISMF President or representative. 5. Return of ISMF flag from LOC to ISMF. 6. Presentation of an ISMF gift to the LOC. <p>This event may also be conducted indoors or outdoors with a stage. Presence of athletes is optional. No gifts are required.</p>
Athletes Ceremonies	<p>Award Ceremonies must be conducted according to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ISMF must receive the proposed date/time and list of attendees one month in advance. - Ceremonies begin with the youngest category, progressing in ascending age and placement. - Separate awards for each gender are required. - Athletes are called to the podium in order from 5th to 1st place. - Awards are to be presented by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place: ISMF representative • 2nd place: Host nation authority • 3rd place: NM representative • 4th–5th place: LOC representatives <p>Events must be held in a space with a proper stage and seating.</p>
Top 5 Presentation	<p>An optional Top 5 Presentation Ceremony may be held, often in combination with the Opening or Award Ceremonies:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Top 5 athletes are introduced individually. - Short speeches or presentations are allowed. - Photo opportunities may be provided. - Must be held the day before the race with stage setup. - Attendance of Top 5 athletes is required. No gifts are necessary.
Flower Ceremony	<p>Conducted immediately after each race, this ceremony honours the Top 3 finishers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes gather in the waiting area 5 minutes before. - Called to the podium in 3rd, 2nd, 1st order. - Flower or medal presentation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place: ISMF representative • 2nd & 3rd: LOC representatives - No national flags are shown, but sports equipment may be carried. - Anti-Doping or equipment controls occur after the ceremony. - Winner's interview is scheduled around broadcast needs. - Location: finish area backdrop. - Optional gifts or medals may be presented.
Award Ceremony	<p>A formal ceremony recognising the Top 5 athletes or teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes gather 5 minutes before. - National anthem for the winner is played (ISMF playlist). - Flags of the Top 3 finishers displayed. - Awards may include medals, trophies, or gifts. - Speech by the ISMF representative, and photo with the best male and female athletes. - No race equipment or flags are allowed on the podium. <p>The ceremony is held at least 20 minutes after the race or later, depending on conditions.</p>
Overall Cup Ceremony	<p>A separate ceremony organized at the finals of World Cup, Youth World Cup and Continental Cup to award season-long results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 in each discipline • Top 3 U23 overall • Top 10 senior overall • Top 3 nations - National anthems and flag presentations. - Speeches by ISMF and LOC representatives. - Optional photo sessions. - Held indoors or outdoors with a stage setup. - Attendance required from ranked athletes and national representatives.

Matrix

Event	Opening Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Overall Cup Ceremony	Race Type	Top 5 Presentation	Flower Ceremony	Award Ceremony
WCH	Compulsory	Compulsory	N/A	All disciplines	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
WC	Optional	Optional	Compulsory	All disciplines	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
YWC	Optional	Optional	Compulsory	All disciplines	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
CCH	Compulsory	Compulsory	N/A	All disciplines	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory
ISMF Series	Optional	Optional	N/A	All disciplines	Optional*	Optional*	Optional*
WCH LDT	Optional	Optional	N/A	Team/Individual	Optional*	Optional*	Optional*
MWCH	Optional	Optional	N/A	All disciplines	Optional*	Optional*	Optional*
Continental Cup	Optional	Optional	Compulsory	All disciplines	Optional*	Optional*	Optional*

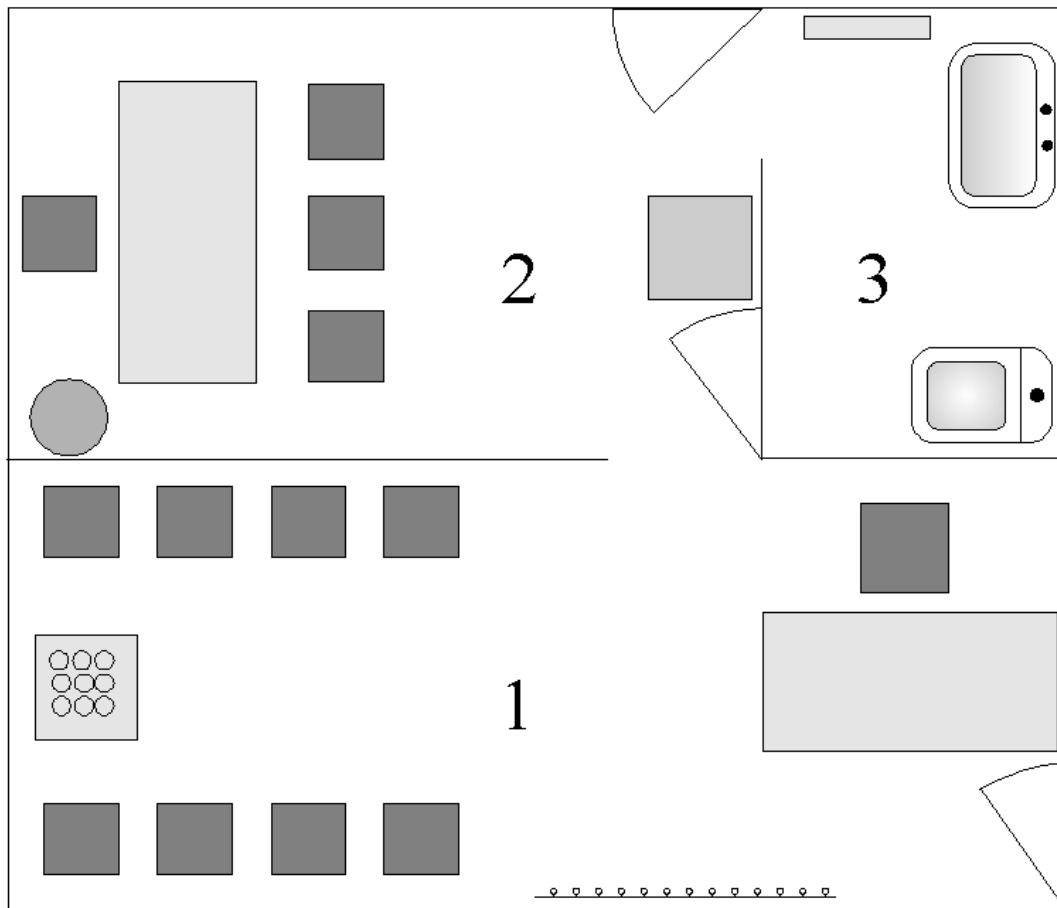
* To allow greater flexibility, ceremonies for the ISMF Series, WCH LDT, Masters WCH, and Continental Cups are optional; however, at least one of either the Flower Ceremony or the Award Ceremony must be held.



APPENDIX D: CHECK-LIST

The updated ISMF check-list - in both PDF and editable versions - is available on the ISMF website (<https://www.ismf-ski.org/webpages/official-texts/sport-regulations/>) at any time.

APPENDIX E: DOPING CONTROL STATION LAYOUT (EXAMPLE)



1. **Waiting Room**

- Refrigerator or Cool Box with sealed non-alcoholic drinks,
- Desk, Chairs, Hangers, etc.

2. **Administration / Processing Room**

- Desk, Chairs...
- Waste Bin, Paper Towels, Disposable gloves, etc.
- Refrigerator (Sampling storage), etc.
- Telephone or other Communication Device, Scissors, writing material, etc.

3. **Sampling Room (Toilet)**

- Water Closet, Wash Basin,
- Paper Towels, Hygienic Toilet Paper, Hooks.



ATHLETES PARTICIPATION RULES

23. PARTICIPATION

23.1. Categories

Category	Age range*	Year of birth	Notes
U12	11-12 years	2014-2015	Categories applicable for ISMF events
U14	13-14 years	2012-2013	
U16	15-16 years	2010-2011	
U18	17-18 years	2008-2009	
U20	19-20 years	2006-2007	
Senior	19+ years	2007 or before	
U23 Subcategory	19-23 years	2007-2006-2005-2004-2003	
Pre Master	35-39 years	1991-1987	
O40	40-44 years	1986-1982	
O45	45-49 years	1981-1977	
O50	50-54 years	1976-1972	
O55	55-59 years	1971-1965	
O60	60+ years	1966 or before	

* For the sports season n-1/n, the age taken into account is the age on 31 December of year n.

23.2. Team composition

For team composition the following guidelines have to be respected:

- The Mixed Relay race team is composed of one female and one male athlete.
- The Relay race team is composed of four athletes of the same gender.
- The Youth Relay race team is composed of one female and two male athletes.
- The Team race team is composed of two or three athletes of the same gender.
- The members of the team must have the same nationality and belong to the same NM.
- An athlete holding an ISMF licence who teams up with an athlete who does not have an ISMF licence cannot receive place points.

23.3. Quotas per nation

If a Championship takes place together with a World Cup, no quota shall be applied for the registration and the start lists will follow the World Cup ranking. Two result lists will be published: the Championships results applying the quota (only the first X athletes from each country will appear, where X is the allocated quota) and the World Cup results, which will include all athletes. This rule does not apply to Mixed Relay race.

The title of a World or Continental Champion grants a bonus quota to the NM in the corresponding discipline (except for Relay Race and Mixed Relay Race) for the following respective Championship.

If for any reason the race does not take place, or if there is no ranking, this bonus is applied in the following Championship.

23.3.1. World Championships quotas

Individual, Sprint and Vertical races:

- Senior: 4 M and 4 W
- U23: 3 M and 3 W (total of 7 Senior M and 7 Senior W)
- U20: 4 M and 4 W
- U18: 4 M and 4 W

Team race:

- Senior: 4 teams M + 4 teams W

Relay race:

- Senior: 1 team M + 1 team W
- Youth: 1 team

Mixed Relay race:

- Senior: 3 teams
- Youth: 2 teams

If a NM exceeds the maximum quota for the U23 category, additional U23 athletes may be entered in the Senior category. These athletes will not be eligible for U23 ranking and must be clearly designated as Senior-only by the coach in advance to the ISMF Office. In all cases, the maximum quota for the Senior category must not be exceeded.

23.3.2. Continental Championships participation

No athletes from NMs outside of the respective Continental Council may participate in the respective Continental Championships unless decided otherwise by the Continental Council 6 months before the event takes place.

23.3.3. Continental Championships quotas

Continental Championships quotas have to be decided by the respective Continental Council and the ISMF has to be notified no later than six months before the event. If such a communication is not received by the ISMF, World Championships quotas will be applied.

23.3.4. World Cup, Youth World Cup and Series quotas

There are no quotas for World Cup, Youth World Cup and Series.

24. ISMF LICENCES AND DOCUMENTS

Athletes must hold an ISMF licence to participate in ISMF events. All types of ISMF licences are only valid for one sports season.

The process to apply for any ISMF licence will be completely online via the ISMF website. There are no paper documents to be completed, signed and sent to the ISMF Office. Completion and various signatures will only be available electronically.

For each ISMF licence level there will be the possibility to upgrade to higher grades, only paying the extra cost from the lower grade. The upgrade process will be managed by the ISMF directly, without any intervention by the respective NM.

To obtain any ISMF licence, athletes should create their own profile online on the ISMF website in time to meet the race registration deadline for the first event of the season in which each athlete wants to participate.

All NMs and athletes agree to accept and abide by all ISMF rules mentioned in the ISMF licences.

Athletes and NMs are required to start the application process for any type of ISMF licence at least 7 working days before the registration process deadline for the first ISMF event in which the athlete intends to compete. If this timeframe is not adhered to, the ISMF reserves the right not to validate the licence in a timely manner (especially during the weekend).

24.1. ISMF Elite licence

The ISMF Elite licence is only for athletes belonging to national teams, who want to participate in ISMF World Championships and ISMF World Cups.

Following the creation of their own profile, athletes should contact their NM to obtain the validation of the ISMF licence.

The ISMF Office will invoice each NM for all ISMF Elite licences applied for during the season at the end of the season itself. The ISMF Elite licence for Seniors and U23s is 100,00 EUR per athlete, while for U20s and U18s is 60,00 EUR per athlete.

With the ISMF Elite licence, athletes can participate in all the events since the ISMF Elite licence is a top grade to all other minor ones.

24.2. ISMF Youth licence

The ISMF Youth licence is only for athletes belonging to national teams, who want to participate in ISMF Youth World Cups.

Following the creation of athletes' profile, each NM must validate the ISMF licence.

The ski mountaineering club of reference of a selected athlete must contact the NM of the own nation to proceed to obtain the ISMF Youth licence, since only the NM has the power to ultimately validate the ISMF licence. In the event that such NM does not have a national licence, it must provide the athlete with an official document valid as a pass.

The ISMF Office will invoice each NM for all ISMF Youth licences applied for during the season at the end of the season itself. The ISMF Youth licence is 30,00 EUR per athlete.

24.3. ISMF Competition licence

The ISMF Competition licence is only for athletes who want to participate in ISMF Masters World Championships, ISMF Series, ISMF VK (V1000 & V500) and Continental Cups/Championships.

Athletes will have to pay for the ISMF Competition licence by credit card directly during the ISMF licence application process. If the payment is not successful, the ISMF licence will not be validated by the ISMF and therefore will not be active. The ISMF Competition licence is 30,00 EUR per athlete.

NMs may have an overview with a blocking option on the application process for this type of ISMF licence.

24.4. ISMF Open licence

The ISMF Open licence is only for athletes who want to participate in Open races and National/Continental Series. The cost of the Open licence is 30,00 EUR, for the season 2025/26 is free of charge.

NMs may have an overview with a blocking option on the application process for this type of ISMF licence.

24.5. ISMF Number

The ISMF Number enables athletes to be included in the ISMF World Ranking.

All athletes with a National Licence Number who participate in eligible world ranking races will be registered in the ISMF database and assigned an ISMF Number.

24.6. Further specifications

Each NM must ensure that its athletes enrolled in ISMF events are:

- holders of a public liability insurance and a repatriation assistance policy covering any accidents involving athletes that may arise during journeys to and from the event and during the race;
- holders, if necessary, of an individual accident insurance;
- physically fit to take part in ski mountaineering races and holders, and if necessary, of a medical certificate in compliance with the national rules;
- authorised to take part in races. A letter from parents or the legal guardian for young athletes (minors) with respect to the legislation of each nation is requested.

25. REGISTRATION

25.1. General information

If a NM has any outstanding payments (e.g. membership fees, licence fees, competition fees), the ISMF will not permit the registration of its athletes for ISMF events until all dues are settled.

25.1.1. Nationality

NMs can only register athletes of the nation they represent (no foreigners). Athletes with dual nationality must choose which nationality they wish to use at the beginning of each season and then maintain it until the end of the concerned season.

In case an athlete changes the nationality during the qualification period, the athlete will only be ranked with the NOC he/she was competing for at the beginning of the qualification period.

25.1.2. Participation of ISMF and LOC staff

LOC staff members and ISMF officials cannot participate in an ISMF event in which they are officially involved.

25.2. World Cup and Youth World Cup

All athletes must be registered for the World Cups by the respective NMs via the ISMF website (by a specified deadline).

For the Youth World Cups, there are two possibilities of registration:

- to be done by the respective NM via the ISMF website (by a specified deadline which is mentioned during the registration opening);
- athletes have the possibility to register directly via the ISMF website (by a specified deadline which is mentioned during the registration opening), but with a final confirmation from the respective NM.

25.2.1. Registration fees

25.2.1.1. World Cup

The athlete registration fee at World Cups is 60,00 EUR per athlete/race.

25.2.1.2. Youth World Cup

The athlete registration fee at Youth World Cups is 40,00 EUR per athlete/race.

25.2.2. Late athlete registration

Late athlete registration for World Cups and Youth World Cups is not allowed.

25.2.3. Team composition

The composition of the teams for the Mixed Relay race has to be communicated to the ISMF office via email or other means of communication by a specified deadline which is mentioned during the registration opening. In this case, substitution of athletes is allowed. Further changes after this deadline will not be accepted.

25.3. World, Youth World and Continental Championships

All athletes must be registered for the World and Youth World Championships by the respective NMs via the ISMF website (by a specified deadline which is mentioned during the registration opening).

Continental Championships registration process has to be decided by the respective Continental Council and the ISMF has to be notified no later than six months before the event. If such a communication is not received by the ISMF, World Championships process will be applied.

At World/Continental Championships, U20 athletes will be able to choose for each single race the category in which they want to participate.

At World/Continental Championships, U18 athletes are allowed to participate in either but not both the Youth and the Senior category for Relay and Mixed Relay races. Therefore, they have to choose the category (Senior or Youth) for the relay races in which they want to participate when confirming the team's composition.

25.3.1. Registration fees

25.3.1.1. World and Youth World Championships

The athlete registration fee at World and Youth World Championships is 60,00 EUR per athlete/race.

25.3.1.2. Continental Championships

The athlete registration fee at Continental Championships has to be decided by the respective Continental Council and the ISMF has to be notified no later than six months before the event. If such a communication is not received by the ISMF, World Championships' athlete registration fee will be applied.

25.3.2. Late athlete registration

On the day before the concerned race (by a new specified deadline), coaches have the possibility to register additional athletes with a penalty of 100% of the athlete registration fee in addition to the latter (amount to be paid in cash on-site) at a location previously specified by the ISMF.

Further changes after the deadline set for athlete registration modifications will not be considered as the final start list will be generated and bib numbers assigned to the corresponding athletes.

25.3.3. Substitution and team composition

On the day before the concerned race (by a specified deadline), coaches have the possibility to substitute athletes for free at a location previously specified by the ISMF or via email or other means of communication. Substituted athletes will take the last bib numbers.

The composition of the teams for the Mixed Relay and Team races has to be communicated to the ISMF office via email or other means of communication by a specified deadline. Further changes after this deadline will not be accepted.

25.4. Masters World Championships

Athlete registration for Masters World Championships has to be done directly by the interested athletes via the ISMF website by a specified deadline.

The athlete registration fee for Masters World Championships has to be fixed between 40,00 EUR and 60,00 EUR per athlete/discipline at the discretion of the LOC.

25.5. Series, Continental Cups and other events

Athlete registration for Series, Continental Cups and any possible other event has to be done directly by the interested athletes via the event or LOC website. The LOC should implement the registration system by allowing athlete registration only and exclusively if the athlete has first applied for the necessary ISMF licence.

The athlete registration fees for Series and other events are at the discretion of the LOC.



TECHNICAL RACE GUIDELINES

The official programme, event schedule, and track design of ISMF races must comply with the ISMF Rules & Guidelines.

In exceptional cases - including but not limited to adverse weather, insufficient snow, logistical constraints, or broadcast requirements - ISMF reserves the right to modify the scheduled dates, track layout, or overall event programme. Such decisions will be made by ISMF in consultation with the LOC, the ISMF Event Jury, and/or all involved ISMF bodies, as appropriate.

Should the LOC wish to propose any changes to the programme, schedule, or track design, a formal written request must be submitted to the ISMF Event Coordinator. These requests will be evaluated following the same consultation process outlined above.

26. SPORT AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

26.1. The ISMF Event Jury and the ISMF Technical Jury

26.1.1. Composition

The ISMF Event Jury is composed of:

- ISMF Event Coordinator
- LOC Race Director
- ISMF Technical Delegate
- ISMF Jury President
- ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator.

The ISMF Technical Jury is composed of:

- ISMF Technical Delegate (as a referee role)
- ISMF Jury President
- ISMF Referees.

26.1.2. Competences and decisions of the ISMF Event Jury

The ISMF Event Jury has the competence to:

- make decisions in respect of the requirements of the ISMF rules and guidelines;
- make decisions concerning any issues for which the ISMF rules and guidelines might seem incomplete or unclear;
- make decisions not included among those of the ISMF Technical Jury, such as decisions regarding security and safety, advance or postponement of a race, cancellation of a race, etc.

Decisions are taken by the majority of members of the group. All members have right to vote.

In the situation of a tie, the vote cast by the ISMF Event Coordinator prevails. The ISMF Jury President carries out this task in case the ISMF Event Coordinator is not present at the event.

The vote of all members is required.

All ISMF Event Jury members are expected to participate in the pre-event and debriefing meetings organised in collaboration with the LOCs.

26.1.3. Competences and decisions of the ISMF Technical Jury

Restricted rights are applied to decisions on behaviour and protest (according to the related section in the Sporting Rules) when only the following circumstances apply:

- make decisions concerning any issues ISMF Sporting Rules;
- assess protests and decide on their outcome;
- ensure that Ranking Rules are respected;
- guarantee sporting fairness.

Decisions are taken by the majority of the group. All members have right to vote. In the situation of a tie, the vote cast by the ISMF Jury President prevails.

For decisions on protests, the vote of minimum three members is required.

All ISMF Technical Jury members are expected to participate in the pre-event and debriefing meetings organised in collaboration with the LOCs.

26.2. ISMF Jury Consulting Group

The ISMF Jury Consulting Group serves as an advisory resource to support the ISMF Event Jury in evaluating situations or topics that may impact race development. It offers diverse perspectives to assist the ISMF Event Jury in its decision-making process.

The Group may be convened at the discretion of the ISMF Event Jury.

It is composed of the following members, provided they are not directly involved in the matter under review:

- ISMF Event Coordinator
- ISMF Jury President
- ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator
- LOC Race Director
- Two Coach Representatives
- Male Athlete Representative
- Female Athlete Representative

The views of the ISMF Jury Consulting Group are non-binding and do not limit or override the authority of the ISMF Event Jury.

26.3. The Start and Finish areas

The start and finish areas contain technical installations necessary for the proper organisation and execution of the race. Both areas are of fundamental importance for the management aspects and advertising rights of the ISMF and the LOC. The start and the finish areas must be at the same location, have restricted access and must be fenced by nets or metal barriers.

Start and finish areas must comply with the following:

- Accreditation compulsory for access (for the athletes bib is acceptable);
- Fences to separate it from other areas (at least 15m long);
- Toilets;
- Medical assistance area;
- Spectators zone and visitors outside of the start and finish areas;
- Up to 8 athletes at the starting line;
- Not have an arch or narrow place the first 300m after the start.

The start area consists of:

- An area for controlling DVA (minimum one entrance/line);
- An area for controlling transponders;
- A race bib control area;
- Start list controllers (they take note of all numbers – minimum one entrance/line);
- People in charge of collecting athlete's personal effects at the start and handing them back at the finish;
- A start line marked on the ground;
- A warm-up area on the snow and big enough to allow the athletes to go up and down: area reserved for athletes and protected from public, if possible;
- Team zone: a place for the tents of the NMs (coaches, staff members who prepare the athletes' race equipment, etc.) closed by nets.

The finish area consists of:

- A tent with side walls and chairs for athletes to wait for the Flower/Award Ceremony;
- Two finish lines marked on the ground (one finish line when arrival in descent);
- System for timing, photo finish and video check;
- An area for controlling DVA (at the exit);
- An area for taking off transponders;
- Equipment control area (for DVA and other compulsory safety equipment). This area for controlling equipment, must be situated 15 to 30 meters after the finish line. This area is closed, and only authorised staff (ISMF Technical Jury and dedicated volunteers) may have access to it;
- Athletes should have access to a recovery zone immediately after equipment control;
- A bulletin board for displaying provisional results (including penalties).

The start and finish areas must be set-up in coordination with the:

- ISMF Event Coordinator;
- ISMF Technical Delegate;
- ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator;
- Implementation team responsible;
- TV Production Team responsible.

The typical start and finish areas for every race are presented in appendixes below. The appendix defines the typical organisation of the start and finish area, with particular attention to the aspects relating to the management of advertising rights.

26.3.1. Mass Start

This is the usual start method (but not exclusively) for Vertical, Individual and Team races.

Athletes are dispatched on several rows behind the start line. All athletes have the same start time (global T0) given by the starter order.

26.3.2. Time trial (interval start)

This is the start method for Sprint Qualification, and it could be used for other kinds of race if needed due to the track shape (safety or fairness) or for TV production reasons, validated by the ISMF Technical Delegate. In this case, athletes start one by one, with a time interval defined by the ISMF Technical Delegate, between 10 seconds and 120 seconds (usually 20 seconds or 30 seconds).

The set-up of the start is designed as follows:

- A start line: with a clock to show the timing to the athletes. The athlete can cross the start line only when there is a start time (time designated in the start list), more or less 3 seconds.
- Some waiting lines: before the start line. 3 to 5 athletes have to wait their start time in the bib order on this line (or these lines).
- An electronic line: placed 3 m after the start line (to avoid interference with waiting athlete). This not visible electronic line activates the recorded time (individual T0).

26.4. Race Organisation

26.4.1. Track change

Changes of the track are the responsibility of the LOC Track Director and the LOC Race Director. The ISMF Event Coordinator and the ISMF Technical Delegate must be informed immediately about such changes. Any changes to the tracks must be announced at least 45 minutes before the start to the NM.

26.4.2. Race delay or cancellation

Races may be delayed or cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, safety concerns or unforeseen technical problems. The decision to delay or cancel a race is taken by the ISMF Event Coordinator after consultation with the ISMF Event Jury.

Prior to athletes arriving at the start area, it may be necessary to delay the start due to above mentioned reasons. The new start time must be provided to all NM with adequate time in advance to the new start time not to have set off for the event. The start time may be delayed for up to a maximum of 2 hours after the scheduled time once the athletes are in the start area. The delay is confirmed by the ISMF in coordination with the LOC. A delay is called only when it is presumed that the condition causing the delay is likely to be resolved within the time limit as stated. During the maximum delay of 2 hours, athletes must have access to a warm waiting area, nutrition and toilets. Athletes are expected to be able to prepare immediately for the start during the maximum waiting period once they are called. No protests are accepted during the maximum waiting time of 2 hours. If the race does not start within the 2-hour time frame, the ISMF Event Jury will officially cancel the race.

26.4.3. Event or race reschedule

The possibility to reschedule an event or a race at a later date is entirely at the discretion of the ISMF. Such a decision will only be considered if it meets certain conditions, the LOC is in full agreement, the new date will not cause problems with the ISMF calendar and is not at one of the dates agreed at the ISMF Plenary Assembly for hosting national events and is considered appropriate by the ISMF media partners. Even when these conditions are met, rescheduling is not guaranteed.

In this case, the NMs, in consultation with the ISMF, should do everything within their power to ensure participation on the day scheduled for the rescheduling, if this was an inherent part of the event programme (as agreed in advance with the ISMF).

26.5. Results

Results are to be produced according to the procedure described in the ISMF rules.

The LOC must make arrangements so that:

- results (provided by the timekeeper) can be posted at the finish and in the welcome area;
- posting of results is to be announced;
- the place and time of results posting is stated;
- the provisional results must be posted within 15 mins of the first athlete or when 10 athletes have crossed the finish line and passed the control equipment. This is so any protests can be made. After this moment, new provisional results with the rest of the athletes will be posted approximately every 20min.

The timekeeper must send the final raking immediately once approved by the ISMF Jury President to the ISMF Ranking Manager and ISMF office.

27. RACES SPECIFICATIONS

FOP: It means the area where the races will be held from the athlete's entrance into the bib number control area, the track (including warm-up and race areas), the finish line, the exit area from equipment control, the award ceremony locations, and the airspace above these areas.

27.1. General features of ISMF races

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORIES	TOTAL ASCENT ¹	ESTIMATED DURATION ²⁻³	TEAM COMPOSITION
SPRINT	Short track with ascent, descent, and a part on foot with skis attached to backpack, which will take place in qualifying phases, heats, semifinals and final. Race held by heats of 6 athletes from heats to final. Track inspection time: 15min	SM/SW	70m maximum	Between 2min30-3min30s for the best SM/SW	
		U23M/W			
		U20M/W			
		U18M/W***			
VERTICAL	A single ascent on skis. No part takes place on foot with skis on backpack. Vertical race is possible off-piste but only along a sheltered track with a minimum	SM/SW	500 to 700m		
		U23M/W			
		U20M			
		U20W			

	width of 2 meters. The average gradient should be at least 15%. The area after the finish line must be completely flat or with a gentle slope, and at least 6m wide.	U18M*** U18W***	400 to 500m		
INDIVIDUAL	<p>The Individual race is a long technical race and should be off-piste whenever possible. Descents should be off-piste with natural features. Gates or chicanes should not be used unless strictly necessary for safety reasons.</p> <p>There should be minimum three (3) and maximum seven (7) ascents/descents. The longest ascent must not exceed 50% of the total ascent. Individual race should not be shorter than 1h15 min for the fastest athlete, with the exception of unfavourable weather conditions. In the longest ascent, if possible, it is recommended to include a part on foot (except for the first ascent).</p> <p>Out of the total ascent + descent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at least 85% must be raced with skis on feet; - at the most 10% should be raced on foot (footpaths, forest tracks, etc.), depending on the peculiarities of the race venue; - at the most 10% should be technical sections raced carrying skis on the backpack (ridges, couloirs, etc.). <p>U20M race on the same track as senior women.</p> <p>A fixed rope, where use of lanyards is compulsory, it is not recommended for individual race.</p>	SM	1300 to	1h 15min to 1h 30min	
		U23M	1600m		
		SW	1150 to 1400m		
		U23W			
		U20M	900 to 1200m		
		U20W			
		U18M*** U18W***			
TEAM*	<p>U20M race on the same track as senior women.</p> <p>A fixed rope, where use of lanyards is compulsory, it is not recommended for individual race.</p>	SM	2100 to 2400m	3h max for 1 st team	2 athletes**
		SW	1800 to 2100m		2 athletes**
RELAY*	<p>4 loops with 2 distinct ascents and descents each raced by each team member once, with a part on foot in the 2nd ascent. The first ascent should be at least 60m.</p> <p>Each relay leg must include 2 distinct ascents and descents.</p> <p>There is no qualification phase.</p> <p>A part of the second ascent requires a portion to be climbed on foot with skis strapped on the backpack. Each relay leg is run by a member of the relay team.</p> <p>In WCH and CCH, each athlete can participate in only one relay. That is to say that if a U18/U20 athlete participates in a senior relay, he/she cannot participate in the youth relay, or vice versa.</p> <p>For safety reasons it is better to include a short ascent (with skins on) before the handover, except for the last athlete of the Relay, who must proceed directly to the finish line.</p> <p>Track inspection time: 20min</p>	SM	120 to 150m	7-10min/loop	4 athletes****
		SW			4 athletes****
		Youth	3 athletes**** 1 U18M 1 U18W or U20W 1 U18M or U20W or U18W or U20M Start: U18W or U20W starting necessarily in 1 st lap		

MIXED RELAY	<p>Qualification phase followed by a final B (optional decided by the ISMF Event Jury) and a final A. The Mixed Relay race covers 4 loops, each with 2 ascents and 2 descents. Each athlete has to cover the loop twice alternately with the teammate. The loop contains a part on foot in the 2nd ascent and the first ascent should be at least 60m.</p> <p>The order of the final can be either W-M-W-M or M-W-M-W. The ISMF Event Jury will decide the best option (according to the track) to be communicated during the TCM of the previous day.</p> <p>In the case a team retires from the start that place cannot be taken by another team.</p> <p>A part of the second ascent requires a portion to be climbed on foot with skis strapped on the backpack. Each relay leg is run by a member of the relay team.</p> <p>In WCH and CCH, each athlete can participate in only one mixed relay. That is to say that if a U18/U20 athlete participates in a senior mixed relay, he/she cannot participate in the youth mixed relay, or vice versa.</p> <p>For safety reasons it is better to include a short ascent (with skins on) before the handover, except for the last athlete of the Relay, who must proceed directly to the finish line.</p> <p>Track inspection time: 20min</p>	Senior	120 to 150m	7-10min/loop	SW/SM U20W/M U18W/M (in WCH/CCH only)
		Youth			U20W/M U18W/M
					2 athletes The composition of the team cannot change from the qualification phase to the final.
VERTICAL KILOMETER	<p>A single ascent on skis which follows the general rules of the Vertical race. No part takes place on foot with skis on the backpack. VK race is preferred on-piste and with a minimum width of 6m. The area after the finish line must be completely flat or with a gentle slope, and at least 6m wide.</p>	SM/SW U20M/W	1000m	30 to 40min	
VERTICAL HALF KILOMETER		SM/SW U20M/W U18M/W	500m	15 to 20min	

¹ Only valid reference for track set-up.

² For orientation and reference for the best athletes SM only.

³ When outlining the race track, the priority is given to the total ascent and second to the estimated duration.

*Athletes holding valid ISMF licences are not allowed to take part in team races that count towards the ISMF Championships with team members of different nationalities.

** Can be 3 athletes on Continental cups, World cups, and ISMF series.

*** U18 categories cannot participate or be ranked on World Cup races.

**** The teams will be composed of athletes belonging to the same nation.

27.1.1. Special features for Sprint races

SPRINT RACE DESCRIPTION (SEE APPENDIXES)

1st PART: ON SKIS

<p>Approximately 30 to 50m of elevation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – After the start, approximately 200 m of moderate slope. – The slope then becomes steeper but has to be easily skiable (not too steep). – This part should be wide enough to allow athletes to overtake easily. – The track must not be plotted along slopes with a highly angled diagonal gradient across the transverse of the slope – if such a situation is naturally found on the terrain, then it must be modified to create a more regular slope. – If the slope is steep enough, the circuit should be a figure of '8' designed with diamonds and athletes can choose the most advantageous track. The total number of diamonds should range from 4 to 6 adjusted according to the terrain by the ISMF Technical Delegate. The diamonds can be either set up in a 2+2 / 3+2 / 2+3 / 2+2+2 pattern with a “power zone” of at least 10 m of linear distance in between. For the Mixed Relay race, the first diamond should begin earliest 10 m of linear distance after the exit of the transition area.
<p>2nd PART: ON FOOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Approximately 10 to 15m of elevation. – This part must have <u>at least three (3) parallel tracks. Must be possible change from one track to the others.</u> – The ascent is made with skis attached to the backpack.
<p>3rd PART: ON SKIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – After foot part approximately 10 m maximum of elevation.
<p>4th PART: THE DESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The slope should be wide, with an even packed surface. – The descent must be fitted out with turns. The use of blue and red flags/gates, or other safe and visible elements, is permitted. – The athlete must pass through each gate. – The descent should be arranged with features like jumps and bumps.
<p>5th PART: THE FINISH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The circuit must finish on a flat area or with a slight ascent, so that athletes must use the skating technique until the finish line. Depending on the terrain, upon decision of the ISMF Technical Delegate, the last part of the finish area can be done with skins on. – The last 20 m of the track will be set-up with a minimum of three wide lanes with a width approximately 3 m each. When the athletes enter to the finish area skating corridors have to yield the track to the athlete that arrived first and respect the corridor. To overtake the athlete must change the corridor. <p>The track is a loop: the finish line is very close to the start line.</p>
<p>MANAGEMENT OF THE TRACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A preferably heated tent/room (with seats) must be set-up close to the start area. Pre-start room. – The track should be completely closed off by netting. Only athletes and accredited press officials are allowed access. – The start and finish lanes are marked on the ground. – For the athletes and coaches, a path must be set-up to facilitate access from the finish area to the start
<p>TRANSITION AREAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Transition areas will be wide and fitted out in order to permit all 6 athletes to make transition with ease.

27.1.2. Special features for Vertical Kilometer events

A – Track

The LOC has to look for the most favourable conditions to be as faster as possible during the ascent.

Every +100m there will be a panel to show to the athletes how far is the arrival.

Steepest and straight as possible according to the grip conditions of the snow with the skins.

B – Start

The start for a VK will be decided in agreement between the LOC and the ISMF.

There are two possible options for the start:

- Option 1: Race against the clock - one by one every 20sec or 1min
- Option 2: Mass start.

C – Timekeeping

It is compulsory for the VK a split time every 250m+. A professional timing by transponder is also compulsory.

D - Certification for the ISMF Record (National, Continental and World Record)

For the official World Record it is compulsory a certificate from the official topography company of the hosting country with guarantee that there are 1000m+ with less tolerance than 1m.

27.2. Race Organisation

The final layout of the start, finish, transition areas, and track design is the responsibility of the LOC Race Director determined in accordance with the ISMF Rules & Guidelines and with respect to the LOC safety & security plan. Furthermore, the role of the ISMF Technical Delegate is to ensure that those rules & guidelines have been followed in the final design.

The LOC has the possibility to organise an Open Race alongside the ISMF event. This race has to be entirely managed by the LOC, without interfering with the ISMF races, this having different starting times, different ceremonies (both Flower and Award Ceremonies), etc. The Open Race is only allowed for Senior athletes and for the Vertical and Individual disciplines, while not for the Sprint.

27.2.1. The Start set-up

27.2.1.1. Start Area, Race Schedules and Start Times

The ISMF events starting/finish area must be compulsory set-up in coordination with the:

- ISMF Event Coordinator
- ISMF Technical Delegate
- ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator
- TV Production Team responsible
- Implementation team responsible (for sponsorship requirements)

The starting area is one of the main points of attention and interest of the race. In the starting area are the concentrated technical installations necessary for the proper organisation and conduct of the race. The starting area is of fundamental importance for the management aspects of the advertising rights of the ISMF and of the LOC. The start and the finish area must be at the same place. It is not allowed to use a handmade gate, only the ISMF official system.

The starting and the finish areas are restricted and surrounded by barriers and / or nets. They consist of:

- Nets to separate it from other areas (at least 15m long)
- Start area – An area for controlling DVA (minimum one entrance/line)
- Area for controlling transponders
- Starting/finish line marked on the ground (as provided in the Sporting Rules)
- Toilets
- Starting list controllers, who take note of all numbers, minimum one entrance/line
- A starter
- People in charge of collecting athletes' personal effects at the start and handing them back at the finish
- Warm-up area
- Race number control area
- Medical assistance area
- System for photo finish and video check
- Bulletin board for displaying provisional results (including penalties) as and when athletes come in.

Any changes to tracks must be announced 45 minutes before the start. If the start is delayed, announcements must be made every fifteen minutes.

A typical start area is presented in appendixes below.

(The World Cup start area must be set-up also in coordination with the ISMF communications team responsible for sponsorship requirements).

Start order and timings will be decided in conjunction between the ISMF Technical Delegate and the LOC.

World Cup races, it is strongly recommended to start before 09.00 or after 17.00, except for Sprint races which can be held as a nocturnal event, upon request.

For all World Cup races and Continental/World Championships, the ISMF Jury President is responsible to manage all the start procedure, including the position of the athletes on the start line and the final countdown.

27.2.1.2. Individual, Team or Vertical races start set-up

- The starter positions himself/herself in the starting area in a manner in which all athletes can easily hear his/her announcements.
- Use of a sound system is compulsory. All communications must be made in English.
- The starting area and the track should be groomed for 300m or 100m of total ascent after the starting line must be wide.
- Race starts and tracks must be planned so one category cannot be overtaken by the other category.
- Race starts and tracks must be planned so that open athletes cannot be overtaken by ISMF categories during the race.
- The start schedule has to be approved on the eve of the race by the ISMF Technical Delegate.
- A combined categories mass start will ONLY be allowed if approved by the ISMF Technical Delegate.
- On the starting lines there will be up to 8 athletes with a distance from 30/50 cm to 80/100 cm depending on the availability of space. The space between each line can vary from 1,80 to 2,50 m.

Tracks must be designed and set-up by LOC trail setters.

Open race at the same moment of individual World Cup race is not allowed, except special agreement with ISMF, and cannot interfere with the ISMF athletes.

27.2.1.3. Relay races start set-up

- Starting positions must be separated by 1.5m (to be adjusted depending on the terrain) with a maximum of 6 athletes in each line. Separation between lines of 2,5m each line;
- On uneven ground, the starting line should be positioned in a fair way for all athletes;
- Start Line Positions: Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6 - In the second line the athletes from Rank 7 to Rank 12 will be positioned following the same distribution of the first line;
- Athletes must remain in the handover waiting zone until relay handover.

27.2.1.4. Mixed Relay races set-up

A - Design of the track

One run consists of two different loops with ascents and descents. The total elevation of one run is 120-150 meters with at least 60m ascent on the first ascent and a foot part in the second ascent. The arrival to the finish area can be with or without skins subject to the decision of the ISMF Technical Delegate. One run shall be completed within 7-10 minutes for the best athlete (30-40 minutes for the best team).

B - Starting Area

A separate starting area will be set-up, giving space for 6 teams starting next to each other in the front line, the second starting line is 2,5 m behind. If the race venue does not allow a separate starting area, the latter can be positioned between the transition area and the handover area. The distance between starting line and entry handover area must be at least 5m.

C - Handover Area

The handover area is at least 6-10m wide and 15-20m long marked by an entry and exit line. Along the first half of the handover area there is free entrance from the waiting area for the following athlete to enter. After the exit line there is an exit area for the predecessor to exit the track. The handover area shall be slightly upwards and close to start and finish area. The entry line shall be approximately 20m after the transition area. The athletes shall distribute evenly along the width of the handover area waiting for their predecessor.

D - Coaches Area

A coaches area must be delimited along the track and reserved for accredited coaches.

E - Waiting Area

Only athletes have access, ideally some seats and tents shall be arranged.

F - Track Inspection

The entry gate for track inspection is open 10min, the track is closed for athletes after 20min from the start of track inspection. The track inspection has to be finished 20min before the first qualification.

G - Qualification

The qualification is done by each athlete alone against the time (individual start without handover). First all female athletes, afterwards all male athletes start their qualification with time trial every 30 seconds. The team leading in the World Cup will start last in qualification per gender. Inside a team the best ranked athlete in the specialty World Cup is taken into consideration for bib distribution. The total qualification time is calculated by addition of the single time of the female and male athlete per team.

H - Equipment control

Equipment control for the qualification run is done randomly. Equipment control for the finals is done for each single athlete.

I - Timekeeping

Transponder is compulsory. The intermediate time of each loop is published (1st loop up to entry line of handover area), if such a timekeeping is available.

J - Ranking

The ranking is done by the order of crossing the finish line. World Cup points for the Overall World Cup Ranking for national teams are assigned according to the position in the final of each best team per nation. For other information please refer to the ISMF Ranking Rules.

27.2.1.5. Sprint races start set-up

- Lanes are marked for the first 10 m of the track which will be at least 1,2m wide. Athletes must stay in their lane until leaving the designated area.
- For every category, the start will be the inverse order of the classification of the Sprint World Cup ranking, on the day of the race (N-1 ranking for the first race of the season). The non-classified athletes will start first with a randomly established start time.
- The start area is prepared with a start line and 6 corridors.
- Behind, in the qualifications every 2m there will be another small waiting line/place where the athletes will be waiting in order to the schedule of the start list.
- During the heats: Athletes are called to the pre-start room (warm tent) from 10 to 5 minutes before the start. The pre-start room should be warm and must contain chairs for at least 6 athletes.
- Start Line Positions for Heats, Semifinals and Finals: Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6.
- In case of false start, athletes are not stopped. The penalty will be directly applied to the athletes after crossing the finish line. False start penalty applies only if ISMF starting procedure is respected and if there is a camera video on the start line. The penalty applies for all athletes who commits the false start.
- During the heats sessions, a member of the ISMF Technical Jury may check the start video.
- Heats will start consecutively approximately every 5 minutes. Following instructions from the timekeeper.
- The recovery phases for all categories between the qualifications and the heats, the last heat and the 1st semifinal, the 2nd semifinal and the final must be at least 20 min, 25 min are recommended.

- For the finals, the speaker will call the athletes one by one, with a presentation of the athlete and nation of the athlete.
- For the sprint, the ISMF Event Jury, in order to make the race shorter and safer in the case of bad weather conditions, can take the decision to go directly to the final after the qualification stage with the best six places from the qualification. The ISMF Event Jury should take this decision before the start of the race and communicate it to the coaches and athletes, except in the case of sudden reasons that can suggest taking this decision later.
- A coaches area must be delimited along the track and reserved for accredited coaches.

27.2.2. Other important features for the track set-up

For a clear picture of how to set-up a kick turn please refer to the document called "ISMF instructions for a race track", section "Official texts", "Sport Rules".

If the track crosses or follows a marked ski trail, then the portion used by athletes must be separated from that used by others, by means of nets (or any other means making it impossible to cross the track by accident) both during ascents and descents. As far as possible these trails should be closed to the general public for the duration of the race.

- Important to avoid crosses in the track inside the same category and between different categories competing at the same time
- Junctions for different categories must be located where athletes arrive at low speed;
- Separations for different categories must be located at checkpoints or waypoints after transition area or in ascent where athletes arrive at low speed, never in descent; marked with arrows showing which direction should be followed by a given category;
- The tracks in corridors and in ridges will be used for ascents during the second half of the race;
- The parts where the use of the lanyard is necessary must be minimized. On the tracks in a corridor or on a ridge where there is one single lane, overtaking can only take place in the clearly marked zones. It is strongly recommended not to use any of those very technical parts on a World Cup or Continental/World Championships and ever must be validated for the ISMF Technical Delegate according that there is no other option.
- In the event of a risk due to high speed, then LOC tracers should set-up chicanes with signs in order to make athletes reduce their speed;
- LOC is responsible for adapting the speed of the athletes in function of:
 - the ground (forest - narrow trail - risk of dangerous fall - obstacles - ski trail);
 - the quality of the snow (hard, wet or crusty);
 - weather conditions (bad visibility - snow).

The LOC has an obligation to slow the athletes, by using appropriate means (track drawn in big curves), when:

- a dangerous speed may be reached;
- exceedingly steep slope;
- mass start in descent is not allowed.

The track is marked with flags of at least 150 cm² (300 cm² rigid round fluorescent flags highly recommended)

- Rectangular 15 x 20 cm
- Triangular 15 x 20 cm
- Round 15 cm of diameter

- Green (fluorescent flags): Moving with on skis with skins on;
- Red (fluorescent flags): Moving on skis without skins;
- Yellow (fluorescent flags): on the parts on foot;
- Large flags must be used during difficult conditions to reinforce marking (minimal height: 1.5m);
- Danger signs mark technically difficult or dangerous areas;
- Specific Danger Flag: to mark specific dangerous elements.



- Respect the environment

27.2.3. Transition area and check point

- The transition areas are all the designated locations where the athletes must change from one mode of travel to another.
- A transition area is a closed area (with nets, ropes, flags), reserved for the athletes and the qualified track staffers.
- The flags used to delimit the transition area will be of the colour of the next section (e.g., yellow if it is before a foot part, red if it is before a descent, etc.).
- A narrow gate (2m minimum for Individual/Team races and 3m minimum for Sprint/Relay races) controls the exit. An image sign will indicate the operation to be carried out.
- The entrance and the exit gates of the area should be clearly marked with a preferably blue line in the snow with environmentally friendly marking material as food colorants or others.
- Controllers must be equipped with radios and be able to communicate with race headquarters.
- Controllers also check safety issues.
- Controllers ensure that ISMF rules are followed and immediately report any offenses committed by athletes to race headquarters.
- Under instruction from race headquarters, the transition area chief must have enough authority to give instructions to athletes (for example: giving instructions to put on an extra layer of clothing, stopping the race under the authority of the LOC Race Director, etc.).
- Transition area will be positioned so that athletes reduce speed upon arrival and should be big enough to avoid problems according to the possible number of athletes making the transition manipulation at the same time (for example near the start needs to be so big). The design of the Transition Area should be done without giving more advantage to one place than other to avoid that all athletes will made the transition manipulation in just one small part of the area and not using all of it.
- At all times, the transition area chief must be able to inform the speaker at the finish on the advancement of the race – athlete racing order – times between athletes – etc.
- Athletes must pass through all transition areas or check points on the race.

27.2.4. Check Point

A check point is an area where the athletes bibs are noted. Check points may be located at transition areas. Controllers take note when athletes pass through their check point and record their arrival order + times + ranking if the race is neutralized or stopped.

27.2.5. Refreshment Area and Technical Point set-up

For Individual and Team races, the LOC must set-up a refreshment area (recommended fresh/warm water/tea, cereal bars, cakes) at the most appropriate location on the track. It must be approved by the ISMF Technical Delegate and, generally, it is placed at the beginning of an ascent, but separated of the transition area/technical point (with a line is enough), near the middle of the race. The refreshment area is also to be used by coaches who are not allowed to supply food and beverages at any other location. Garbage or trash bags must be present in the area and near the exit. The recommended length of the area is from 15 to 30 m.

The refreshment area must be limited by lines (entry/exit) on the ground, and a pictogram at the entry inform the athletes is recommended.

For Individual and Team races, the ISMF Technical Jury will decide one or, if it is necessary, more transition areas where it is possible to change the skis+bindings. In this case, the transition area will also be a technical point. The transition area close to the refreshment area will always be a technical point.

27.2.6. Relay handover area set-up

The LOC Race Director appoints a person in charge of the relay handover area, and the ISMF Technical Jury appoints an ISMF Referee in charge of the relay.

The handover area should be at least 6-10m wide and 15-20m long marked by an entry and exit line.

For safety reasons the relay could include a short ascent (Skins on) few meters before the handover. The arrival to the finish area can be with or without skins subject to the decision of the ISMF Technical Delegate.

Regarding the handover area for the Mixed Relay race, please refer to the dedicated paragraph.

27.2.7. The Finish set-up

The WC starting/finish area must be compulsory set-up following the ISMF design in coordination with the:

- ISMF Event Coordinator
- ISMF Technical Delegate
- TV Production Team responsible
- Implementation team responsible (for sponsorship requirements)
- A finish line marked on the ground, at least 10 cm wide, preferably situated in a skiable area. Steep descent slopes must be avoided.
If the arrival is in skating, there will be at least 3 corridors the last 20m with a minimum 3m wide. At the beginning of the corridor's area there will be a discontinuous line.
It is strongly recommended finish with skins on after a short ascent near the arrival.
- A second line, 10 cm wide minimum, will be marked 3 m after the official finish. Upon arriving in the finish area, athletes must pass over the second line before stopping (timings are taking at the first/official finish line).
- In the case of an arrival in descent there is only one finish line.
- A restricted finish area surrounded by barriers and / or nets.
- Transponder precision: 1/100 of second (one of hundred).
- All races must be timed with a precision of 1/10th of a second if coming from transponders and 1/100th of second once confirmed by photo finish. Intermediate times and final times by truncating the calculated net time (e.g., 38:24.38 becomes 38:24.3.).
- A person in charge of taking note of all the numbers of the athletes who cross the line (in the arrival order). In the sprint race, during the qualification time this person should note down also the arrival time of the athletes to have an extra document in case of technical problems.
- An area for inspecting equipment, designated "Equipment Control", situated 15 to 30 m after the finish line. This area is closed off. In this area, a controller inspects the equipment of the selected athlete according to the instructions issued by the ISMF Jury President.
- A podium for the first three athletes/teams.
- A bulletin board for displaying provisional results (including penalties) as and when athletes come in.
- A medical assistance area.
- In case of a doping test, a person of the LOC shall escort the athlete to the medical control area (the person must be of the same sex as the athlete)
- Toilets.
- A Referee from the ISMF Technical Jury in charge of finish procedures.
- Compulsory equipment controllers, with control sheets (see appendixes below).
- People in charge of handing back the athlete's personal effects that were left at the start.
- A press area with a spot for conducting interviews, near to the equipment control area and located inside the restricted finish area.
- A person from the LOC in charge of press relations will be present in the finish area to supervise interviews.

- The placement of the ISMF flags will be decided together with the ISMF Event Coordinator or ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator.

A photo finish system is mandatory on the finish line with the following features:

- A camera with a minimum framerate of one hundred picture per second (100 fps), parallel of the finish line and focused to the athlete's boots.
- A second camera, in front (perpendicular) of the finish line (minimum 25 fps) focused on the line and the bib number.

The photo finish will be watched when the timing between 2 (two) athletes on the finish line is less than 2 tens of second (<0.2").

For Vertical, Individual and Team races: if a photo finish cannot break a tie, the gain of the tie will be done to the athlete who have the advantage on the last picture before the line where an advantage is visible.

For Sprint races: if a photo finish cannot break a tie, the gain of the tie will be done to the athlete who have the best place then the best time on the previous phase.

For Relay races: if a photo finish cannot break a tie, the gain of the tie will be done to the team who have the best place on the last intermediate time before the handover at mid-race (between man a woman).

The photo finish will be published after the end of the race.

In case of a doping test, a person of the LOC shall escort the athlete to the medical control area following the provisions reported in the Organisation Event Guidelines.

The finish area must have people in charge of handing back the athlete's personal effects left at the start.

The finish area must also have a press area with spot for conducting interviews, near to the equipment control area and located inside the restricted finish area.

A typical finish area is presented in appendixes below.

27.2.8. Tracks and markings

The rules which govern the track design and marking are as follows:

27.2.8.1. Extreme weather or altitude

If the weather forecast predicts that the temperature could be extreme, the organiser must take in account when planning the race track (normally track B or C) according the following recommendations:

- the race is held on a more sheltered track (forest);
- the departure time is postponed until temperature raise to an acceptable level;
- the total ascent of the race may be reduced;
- to avoid areas which are known to be very windy (exposed ridges, certain passes, top of mountains).

ISMF will provide to the LOC 3 devices to measure the wind chilly temperature in start/arrival and highest point / coldest point.

The measurement will be done 40min before the start (before the pre-start TCM).

According to Wind Chill Temperature Chart in the appendixes.

If the Wind Chill temperature is in the minus 10°C to -20°C range (the moderate risk, orange in the chart) recommendations regarding cold weather protection should be made available to the athletes. Under such conditions it is responsibility of the athletes to seek the information and to follow the recommendations given by the organiser:

- a fourth compulsory layer for the descent can be imposed;
- if it is reasonably expected that the temperature will drop during the day, then further measurements will be done every 30 minutes and, if necessary, the race will be stopped.

If the Wind Chill temperature is colder than -20°C at any of the measurement points, the race must not start.

- The race can be delayed (if it is reasonably expected that the temperature will rise during the day)
- The race must be cancelled if the weather forecast does not expect the temperatures to rise significantly or wind to die down.

For special events where it is expected that the Wind Chill Temperature will be colder than -20°C (for example because the race profile imposes a particular high wind-exposed high point, or because it is a night event), ISMF Sport Department will send the proposal to the ISMF medical commission in order to find a tailored solution to be applied by the LOC.

27.2.8.2. Rules for racing in altitude

The Instruction from ISMF Medical Commission (in coordination with EXALT Centre expertise sur l'Altitude) feels that to minimise the risk linked to altitude:

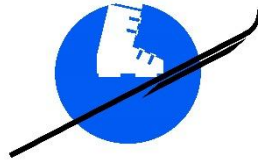
- Athletes should not spend more than 4 hours above 3500m
- No more than 2 hours above 4000m
- No racing higher than 4500m

Special information/warning must be sent out to coaches/athletes/ISMF officials if the residence/sleeping area is $>2500\text{m}$ in order to prevent altitude-related illness.

For a special event that requires going higher than 4500m, ISMF Sport Department will send the proposal to the ISMF medical commission in order to come up with a tailored specific solution for the race.

27.2.8.3. Further details

- First medical assistance has to arrive to any point of the track as soon as possible;
- Except due to critical weather conditions or major safety issues, the tracks of Vertical/Individual/Team races have to be ready (at least marked with some flags to indicate the main direction) on the day before the race concerned (in the morning), in order to allow inspection of the track;
- For Individual, Vertical and Team races: at least 30% of the race duration must be visible from one or two close points easily accessible by spectators. The original track (A option) should include inside the track for bad weather conditions (B option) and the emergency track (C option). To guarantee the safety during the race, a track with some laps and transit zone is the most recommended option;
- For Sprint and Relay races: 100% of the race duration is strongly recommended to be visible from one point (start/finish area recommended);
- For Vertical races: it is necessary to indicate every 100m of elevation from the start to the arrival with a plastic sign, banner or similar. A line on the floor is also recommended;
- It is recommended that wide transition areas should be placed just before technical portions and that special care should be taken to avoid "traffic jams";
- Slow down athletes and mark areas with little snow which might present a risk for athlete safety;
- Make sure that coaches, team managers, press members and spectators cannot place objects along the side of the track (except for rescue teams) and cannot invade the track;
- If skis are to be removed, then several wide flat areas should be prepared for this purpose supervised by a sufficient number of controllers;
- Platforms must be able to host comfortably a minimum of 10 athletes together during the race. Any platform reached by the athlete within the first 30min of the race must host comfortably 30 athletes at the same time. They can be organised in three platforms of 10 athletes;
- All transition areas are closed with nets, ropes or flags and must have a wide exit (2m minimum for individual/team races and 3m minimum for Sprint/relay race). They are reserved for the athletes and controllers only. Minimum of two controllers/check point;
- Transition areas are announced at the TCM and are indicated on the track by an official pictogram, with the recommended size of 297 mm x 420 mm DinA3, indicating the action to be carried out. These panels will be put in the entrance of every transition area (available full size on the ISMF website). For the Sprint and Mixed Relay races no such panels with pictograms are required.

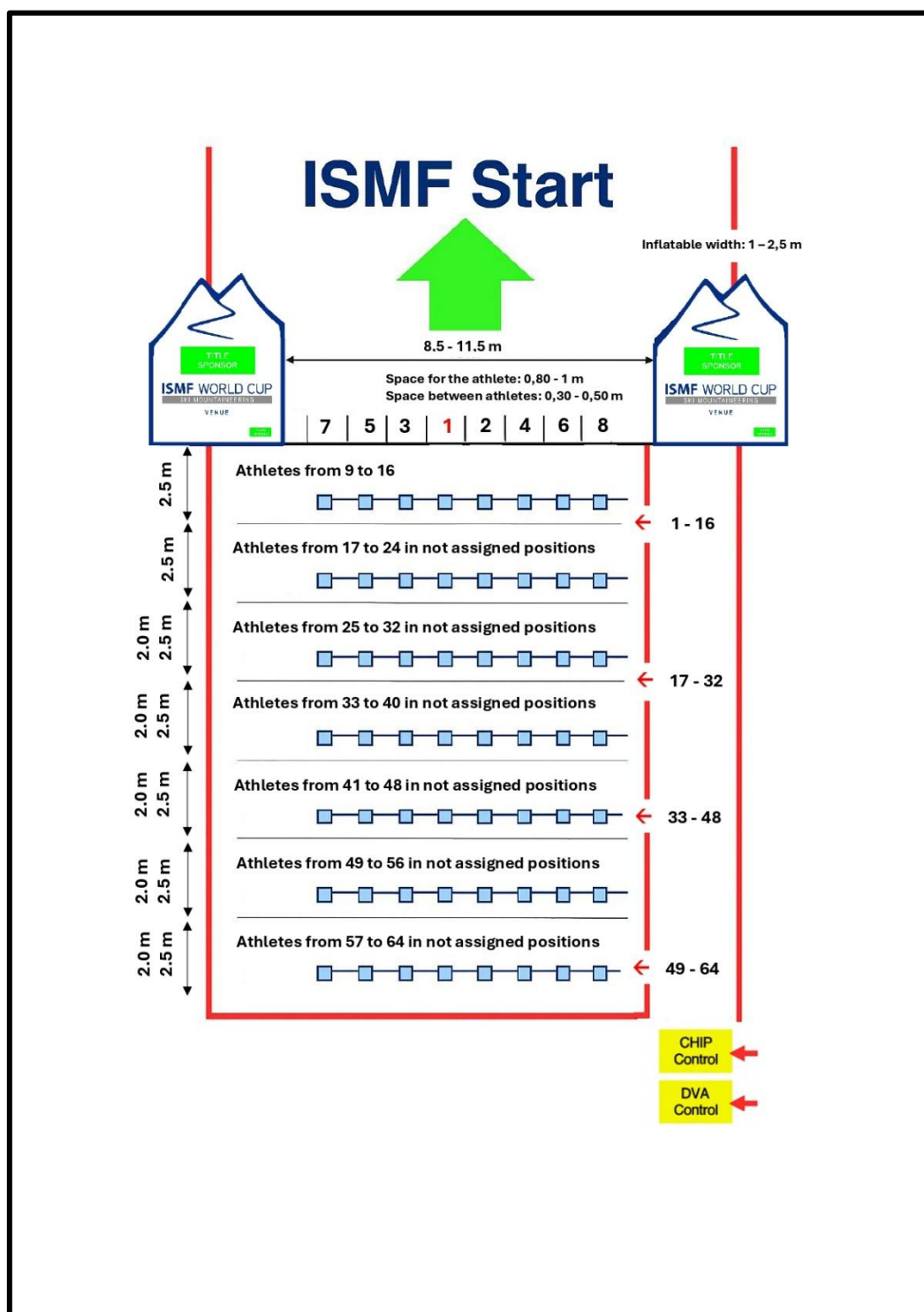


APPENDIXES

APPENDIX F: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS START AREA

Schematic example of the organisation of the start lines into the Start Area. The implementation team of ISMF will adapt the start area to the needs and the terrain.

This is the design with the maximum possible number of athletes per line for a mass start. If the start area is set up with fewer athletes per line, the number of athletes will also be updated accordingly for the subsequent ones.



APPENDIX G: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FINISH AREA

Regarding the set-up of the finish area, priority will be given to the layout presented in the first photo below. If the FOP does not allow for this implementation, the layout shown in one of the subsequent photos will be chosen. The set-up of the finish area must be agreed upon in advance through collaboration between the ISMF Technical Delegate, ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator, and LOC Race Director.

Finish line area guidelines

The finish line setup should be consistent across all disciplines and races. The finish corridor should have a minimum width of 8 m and a maximum of 14 m.

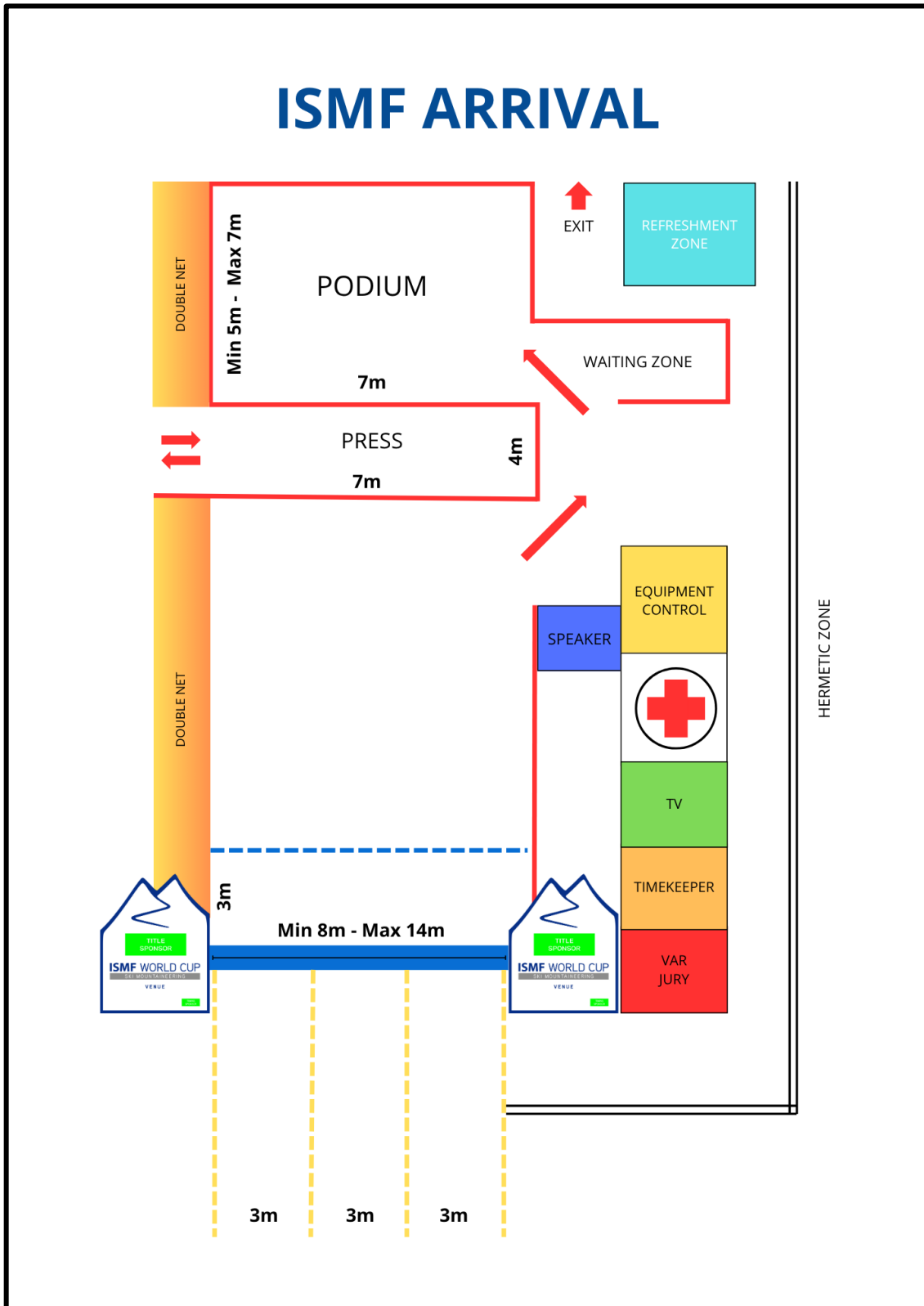
A dedicated media/press area should be positioned immediately after the finish line, ensuring:

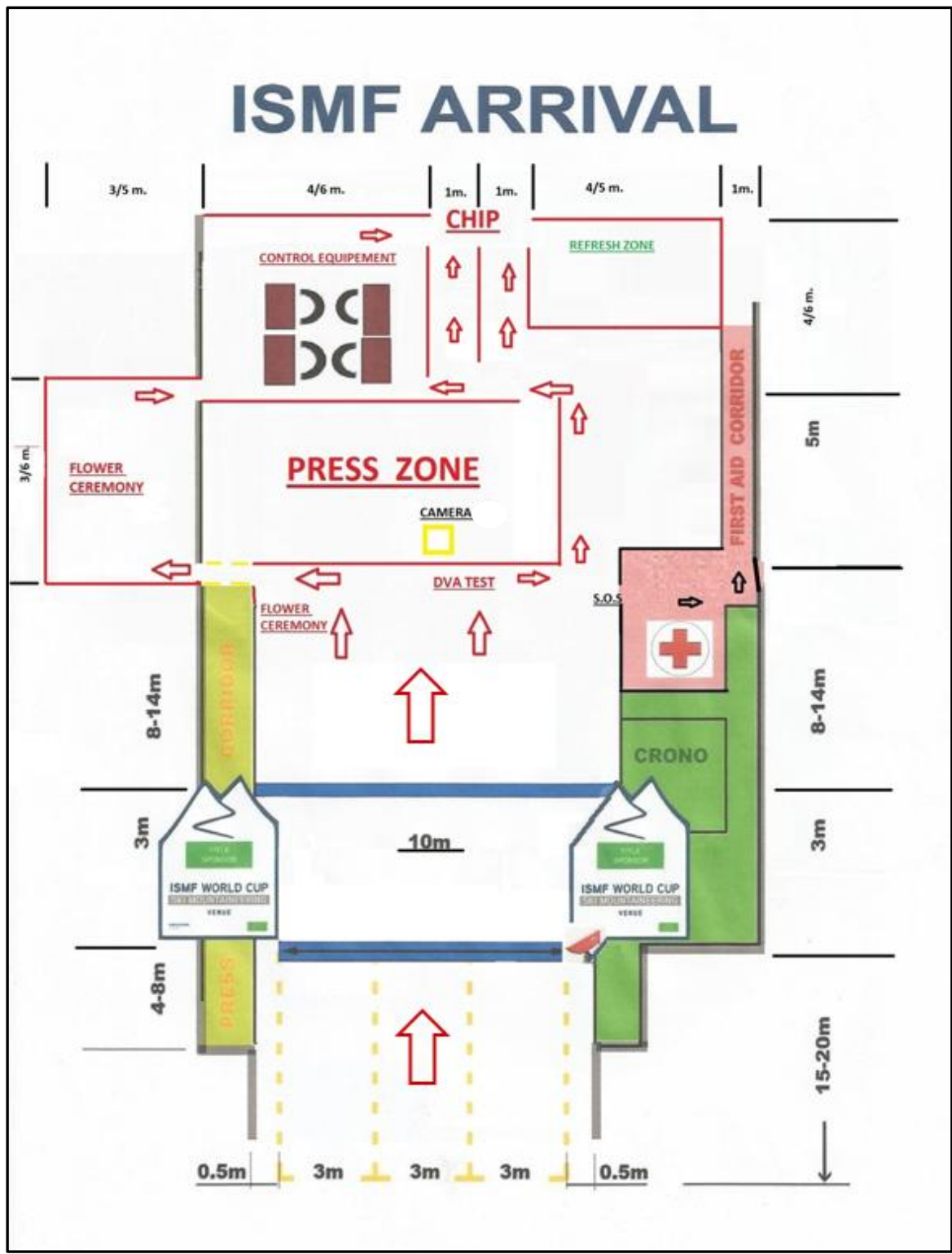
- A clear, unobstructed view of the athletes' arrival.
- Proximity to the podium zone to facilitate seamless TV coverage and interviews.
- The press zone should be sized according to the number of accredited media, with a minimum area of 7m x 4m, extendable as needed.

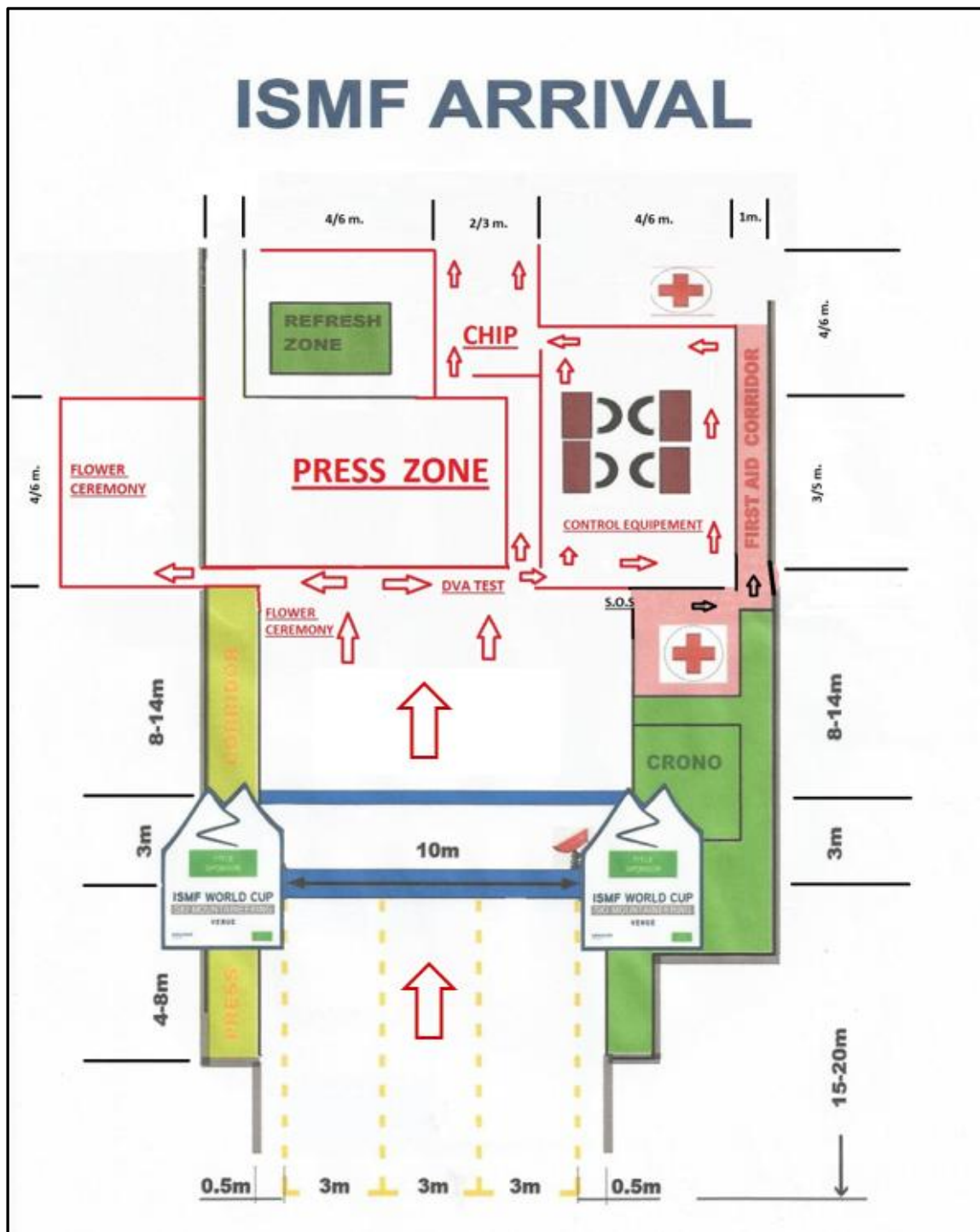
Access for media should be entirely separate from athletes, coaches, and staff. Media entry and exit points should not cross paths with athlete flow under any circumstance.

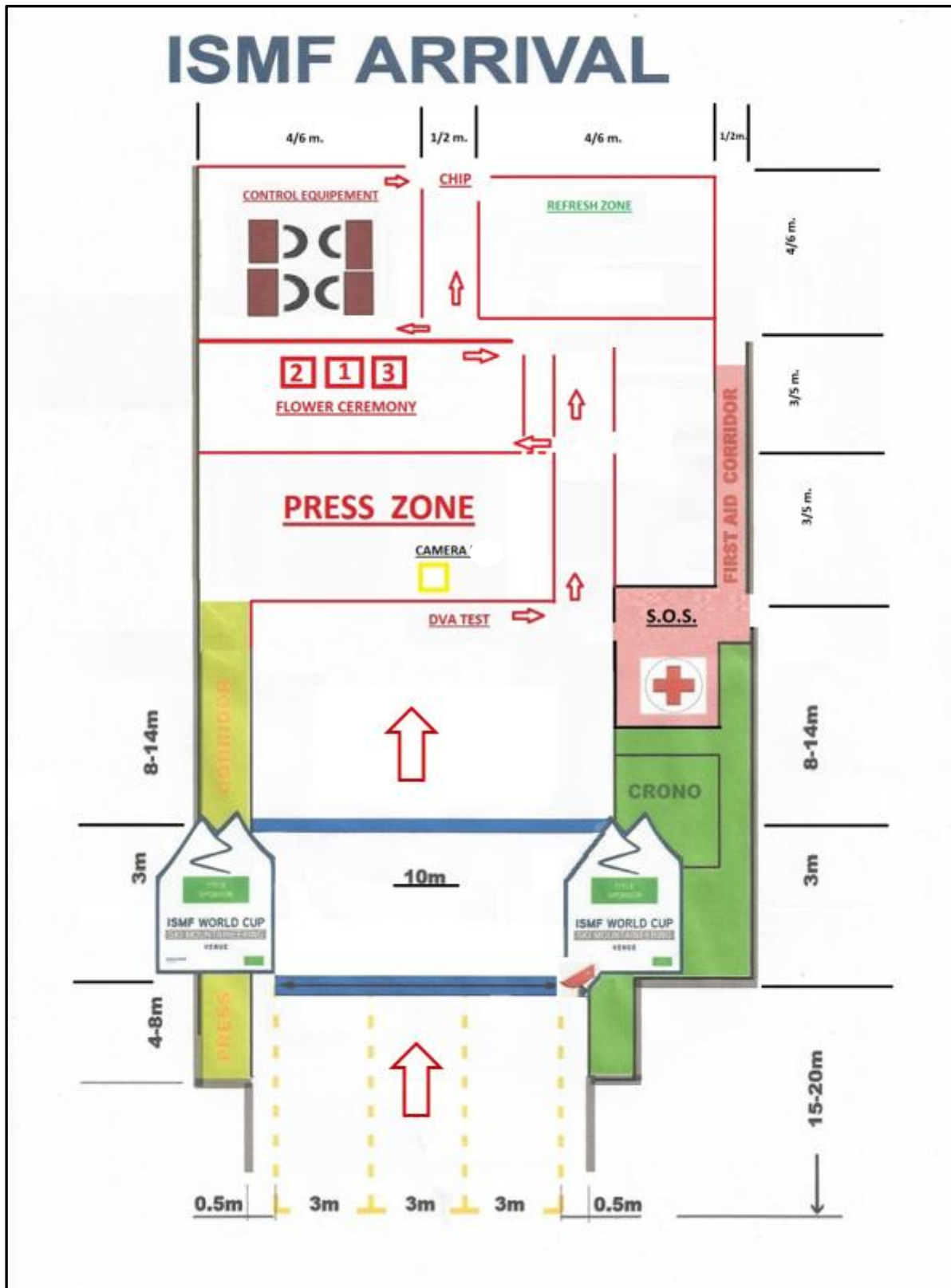
The Equipment Control Area should be located after the podium zone and before the refreshment zone, forming part of a fully restricted area accessible only to athletes, the LOC, and ISMF officials.

To prevent any exchange of material and ensure a secure environment, the entire finish area should be doubly secured using double fencing, netting, or bands, creating a hermetically sealed space.



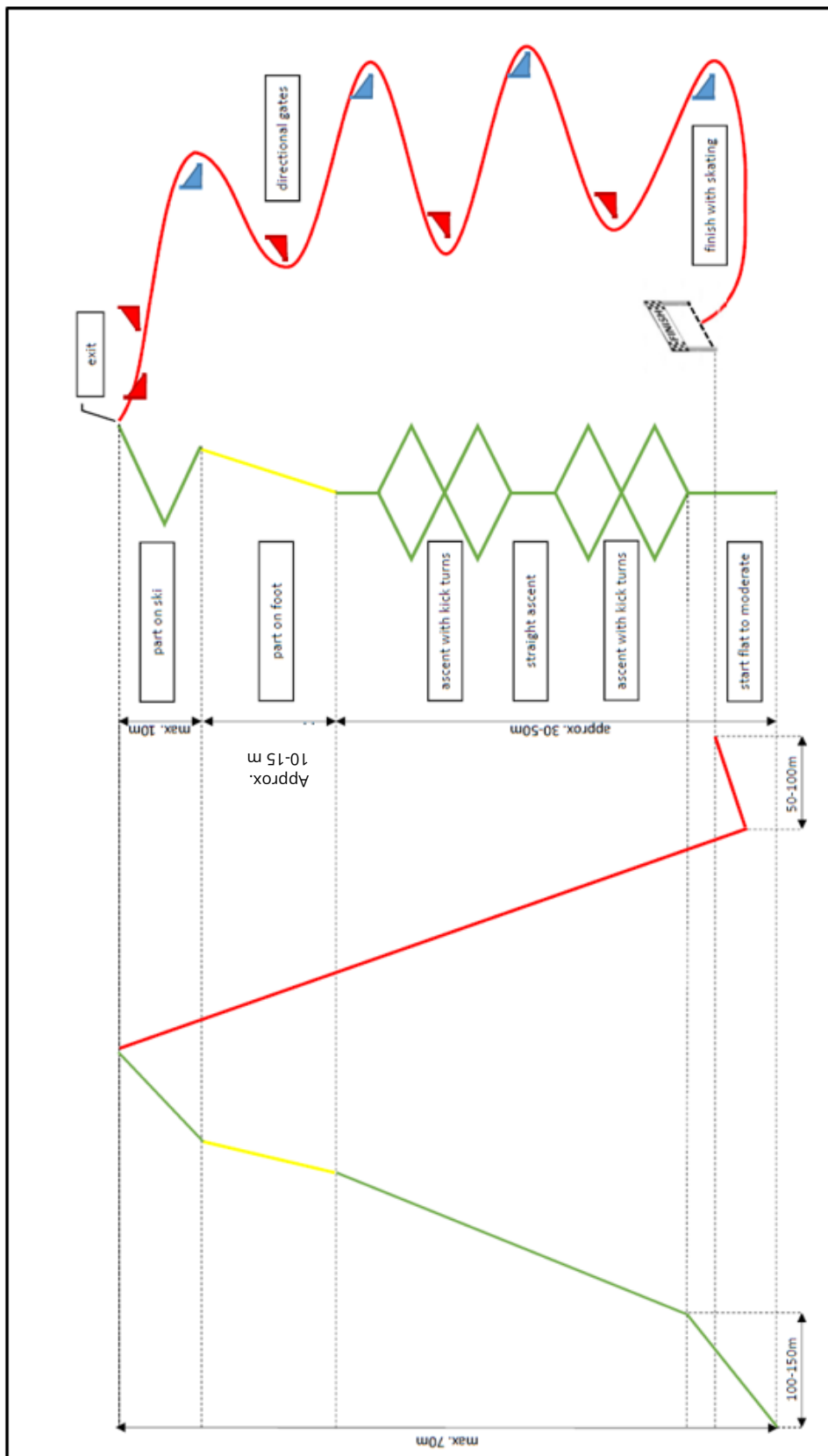






APPENDIX H: ALTIMETRIC PROFILE AND DESIGN OF THE SPRINT

After foot part: approximately 10 m maximum of elevation with skins on.



APPENDIX I: SPRINT RACE BRACKETS

A. If less than 12 athletes (applicable for all categories):

QUALIFICATION				FINAL	
Rank	Name	Qualified for Final	Line/Corridor	Rank	Name
1 st		Q	3	1 st	
2 nd		Q	4	2 nd	
3 rd		Q	2	3 rd	
4 th		Q	5	4 th	
5 th		Q	1	5 th	
6 th		Q	6	6 th	
7 th					
8 th					
9 th					
10 th					
11 th					

Ranking:

- From 1st to 6th place: following the position of the final.
- From 7th to last athlete: ranking by qualification time.

B. If 12 or more up to 23 athletes (applicable for all categories):

QUALIFICATION				SEMIFINAL 1			FINAL	
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF	Line/Corridor	Rank	Name	Qualified for Final	Rank	Name
1 st		1	3	1 st		Q	1 st	
2 nd		2	3	2 nd		Q	2 nd	
3 rd		2	4	3 rd		LL*	3 rd	
4 th		1	4	4 th		LL*	4 th	
5 th		1	2	5 th			5 th	
6 th		2	2	6 th			6 th	
7 th		2	5					
8 th		1	5					
9 th		1	1					
10 th		2	1					
11 th		2	6					
12 th		1	6					
13 th								
14 th								
15 th								
16 th								
17 th								
18 th								
19 th								

LL* The two best times of Lucky Losers will qualify for the final.

Position in the line/corridor for the final according to the best time in the semifinal. Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6.

Ranking:

- From 1st to 6th place: following the position of the final.
- From 7th to 12th place: semifinalists not qualified for the final, ranking as follows:
 - the order of arrival of each semifinal;
 - the best time of equal positions reached in semifinals. Example: 7th position = the best time between the two athletes who arrived fourth in each semifinal.
- From 13th to last athlete: ranking by qualification time.

C. If 24 or more up to 29 athletes (applicable for all categories except U18):

QUALIFICATION			
Rank	Name	Qualified for Heat	Line/Corridor
1 st		1	3
2 nd		3	3
3 rd		4	3
4 th		2	3
5 th		2	4
6 th		4	4
7 th		3	4
8 th		1	4
9 th		1	2
10 th		3	2
11 th		4	2
12 th		2	2
13 th		2	5
14 th		4	5
15 th		3	5
16 th		1	5
17 th		1	1
18 th		3	1
19 th		2	1
20 th		4	1
21 st		4	6
22 nd		2	6
23 rd		3	6
24 th		1	6
25 th			
26 th			

HEAT 1		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		1
2 nd		1
3 rd		1
4 th		
5 th		
6 th		

SEMIFINAL 1		
Rank	Name	Qualified for Final
1 st		Q
2 nd		Q
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

FINAL	
Rank	Name
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	
4 th	
5 th	
6 th	

HEAT 2		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		1
2 nd		1
3 rd		1
4 th		
5 th		
6 th		

SEMIFINAL 2		
Rank	Name	Qualified for Final
1 st		Q
2 nd		Q
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

HEAT 3		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		2
2 nd		2
3 rd		2
4 th		
5 th		
6 th		

HEAT 4		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		2
2 nd		2
3 rd		2
4 th		
5 th		
6 th		

LL* The two best times of Lucky Losers will qualify for the final.

Position in the line/corridor for the semifinals according to the best time in the heat and for the final according to the best time in the semifinal. Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6.

Ranking:

- From 1st to 6th place: following the position of the final.
- From 7th to 12th place: semifinalists not qualified for the final, ranking as follows:
 - the order of arrival of each semifinal;
 - the best time of equal positions reached in semifinals. Example: 7th position = the best time between the two athletes who arrived fourth in each semifinal.
- From 13th to 24th place: heat finalists not qualified for the semifinals, ranking as follows:
 - the order of arrival of each heat;
 - the best time of equal positions reaches in heats. Example: 13th position = the best time between the four athletes who arrived fourth in each heat.
- From 25th to last athlete: ranking by qualification time.

If there is no timekeeping for heats, semifinals and final, the ranking times will be taken from the qualification.

D. If 30 or more athletes (applicable for all categories except U18):

QUALIFICATION			
Rank	Name	Qualified for Heat	Line/Corridor
1 st		1	3
2 nd		4	3
3 rd		5	3
4 th		2	3
5 th		3	3
6 th		3	4
7 th		2	4
8 th		5	4
9 th		4	4
10 th		1	4
11 th		1	2
12 th		4	2
13 th		5	2
14 th		2	2
15 th		3	2
16 th		3	5
17 th		2	5
18 th		5	5
19 th		4	5
20 th		1	5
21 st		1	1
22 nd		4	1
23 rd		5	1
24 th		2	1
25 th		3	1
26 th		3	6
27 th		2	6
28 th		5	6
29 th		4	6
30 th		1	6
31 st			
32 nd			
33 rd			
34 th			
35 th			

HEAT 1		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		1
2 nd		1
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

SEMIFINAL 1		
Rank	Name	Qualified for Final
1 st		Q
2 nd		Q
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

FINAL	
Rank	Name
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	
4 th	
5 th	
6 th	

HEAT 2		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		1
2 nd		1
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

SEMIFINAL 2		
Rank	Name	Qualified for Final
1 st		Q
2 nd		Q
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

HEAT 3		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		1
2 nd		2
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

HEAT 4		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		2
2 nd		2
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

HEAT 5		
Rank	Name	Qualified for SF
1 st		2
2 nd		2
3 rd		LL*
4 th		LL*
5 th		
6 th		

LL* The two best times of Lucky Losers will qualify for the semifinal (1st for SF 1, 2nd for SF 2) and final.

Position in the line/corridor for the semifinals according to the best time in the heat and for the final according to the best time in the semifinal. Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6.

Ranking:

- From 1st to 6th place: following the position of the final.
- From 7th to 12th place: semifinalists not qualified for the final, ranking as follows:
 - the order of arrival of each semifinal;
 - the best time of equal positions reached in semifinals. Example: 7th position = the best time between the two athletes who arrived fourth in each semifinal.
- From 13th to 30th place: heats finalists not qualified for the semifinal, ranking as follows:
 - the order of arrival of each heat;
 - the best time of equal positions reached in heats. Example: 13th position = the best time between the five athletes who arrived third in each heat.



- From 31st to last athlete: ranking by qualification time.

If there is no timekeeping for heats, semifinals and finals, the ranking times will be taken from the qualification.

E. Example of Lucky Loser from semifinal to final:

SEMIFINAL 1				Qualified for Final	Ranking	Line/Corridor
Rank	Name	Bib	Time			
1 st		1	3:06,17	Q	#1	3
2 nd		11	3:09,22	Q	#3	2
3 rd		3	3:10,52	LL1	#5	1
4 th		4	3:11,83	LL2	#6	6
5 th		8	3:14,66			
6 th		17	3:16,87			

FINAL	
Rank	Name
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	
4 th	
5 th	
6 th	

SEMIFINAL 2				Qualified for Final	Ranking	Line/Corridor
Rank	Name	Bib	Time			
1 st		5	3:08,17	Q	#2	4
2 nd		2	3:14,34	Q	#4	5
3 rd		13	3:15,02			
4 th		9	3:15,96			
5 th		21	3:17,12			
6 th		7	3:18,45			

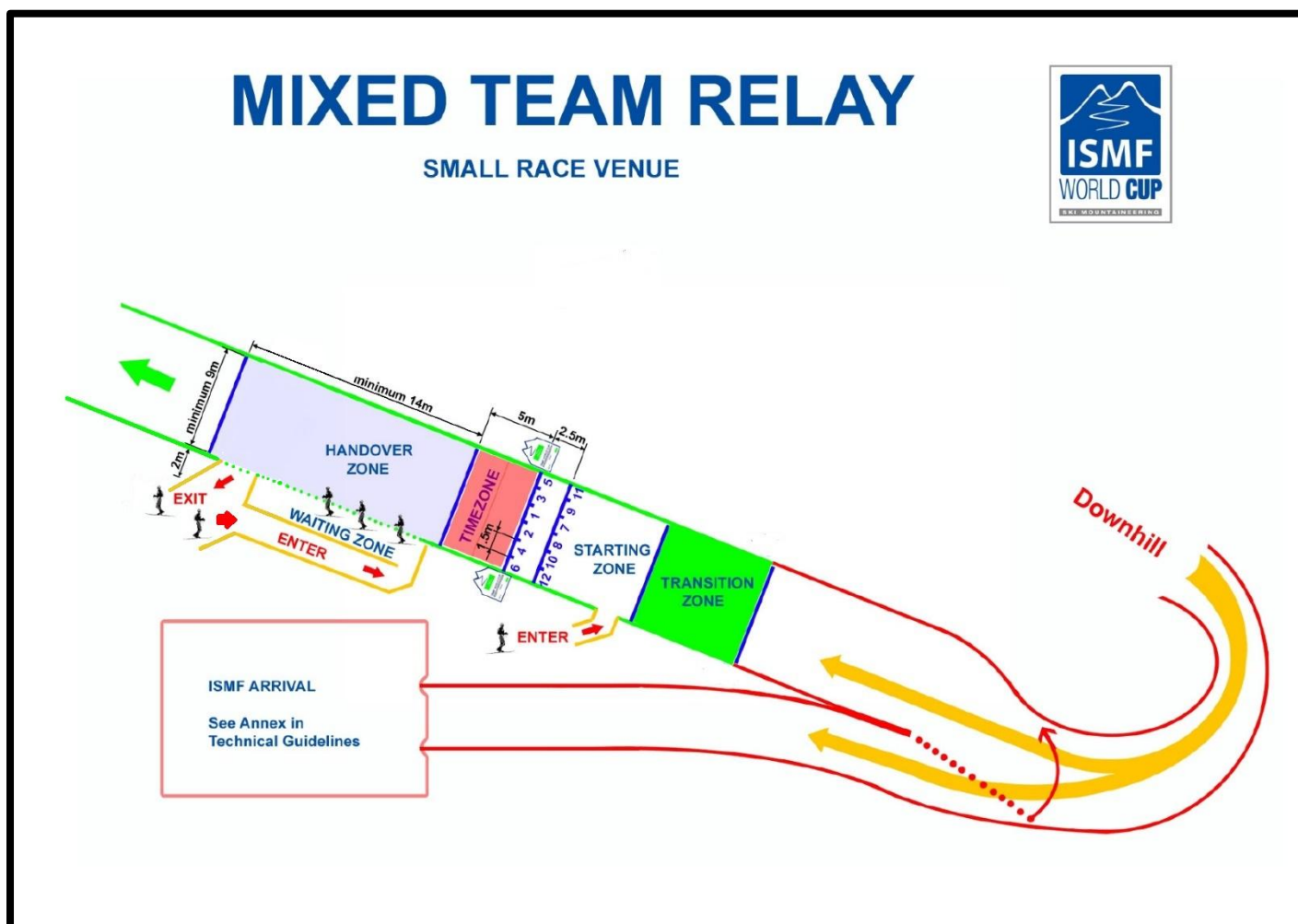
APPENDIX J: EXAMPLE OF SPRINT RACE SCHEDULE (TO BE ADAPTED WITH THE NUMBER OF ATHLETES)

The Sprint race schedule is established between the LOC Race Director, the ISMF Event Coordinator and the ISMF Marketing & Media Coordinator.

Number of female athletes:			33
Number of female quarterfinals:			5
Number of male athletes:			54
Number of male quarterfinals:			5
slowest race time			00:04
qualification start interval			00:00:20
Start time for Flower Ceremony:			11:45
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Start		Finish	
07:42			pre-start TCM
08:12		08:27	Senior Training
<i>1st athlete</i>	<i>last athlete</i>		
08:42:00	08:52:40	08:56:40	Qualification Senior Women
08:59:00	09:16:40	09:20:40	Qualification Senior Men
09:30		TBC	Start of Live-Streaming
09:33		09:37	1st 1/4 Final Senior Women
09:38		09:42	2nd 1/4 Final Senior Women
09:43		09:47	3rd 1/4 Final Senior Women
09:48		09:52	4th 1/4 Final Senior Women
09:53		09:57	5th 1/4 Final Senior Women
10:00		10:04	1st 1/4 Final Senior Men
10:05		10:09	2nd 1/4 Final Senior Men
10:10		10:14	3rd 1/4 Final Senior Men
10:15		10:19	4th 1/4 Final Senior Men
10:20		10:24	5th 1/4 Final Senior Men
10:32		TBC	Start of Live-TV
10:45		10:49	1st 1/2 Final Senior Women
10:53		10:57	2nd 1/2 Final Senior Women
11:04		11:08	1st 1/2 Final Senior Men
11:12		11:16	2nd 1/2 Final Senior Men
11:23		11:27	Final Senior Women
11:36		11:40	Final Senior Men
11:45		11:51	Flower Ceremony Senior Women / Men

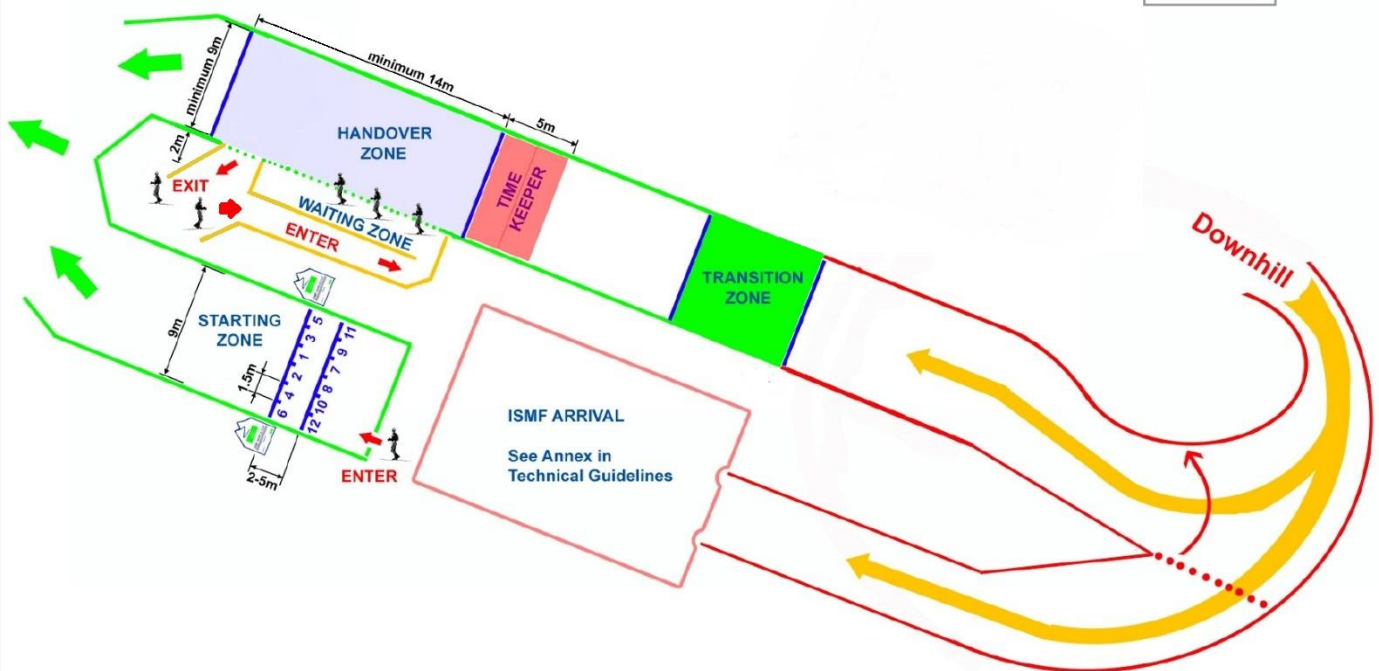
APPENDIX K: RELAY HANDOVER AREA

The Relay handover area may be subject to change depending on the characteristics of the field of play. The drawings below are examples.



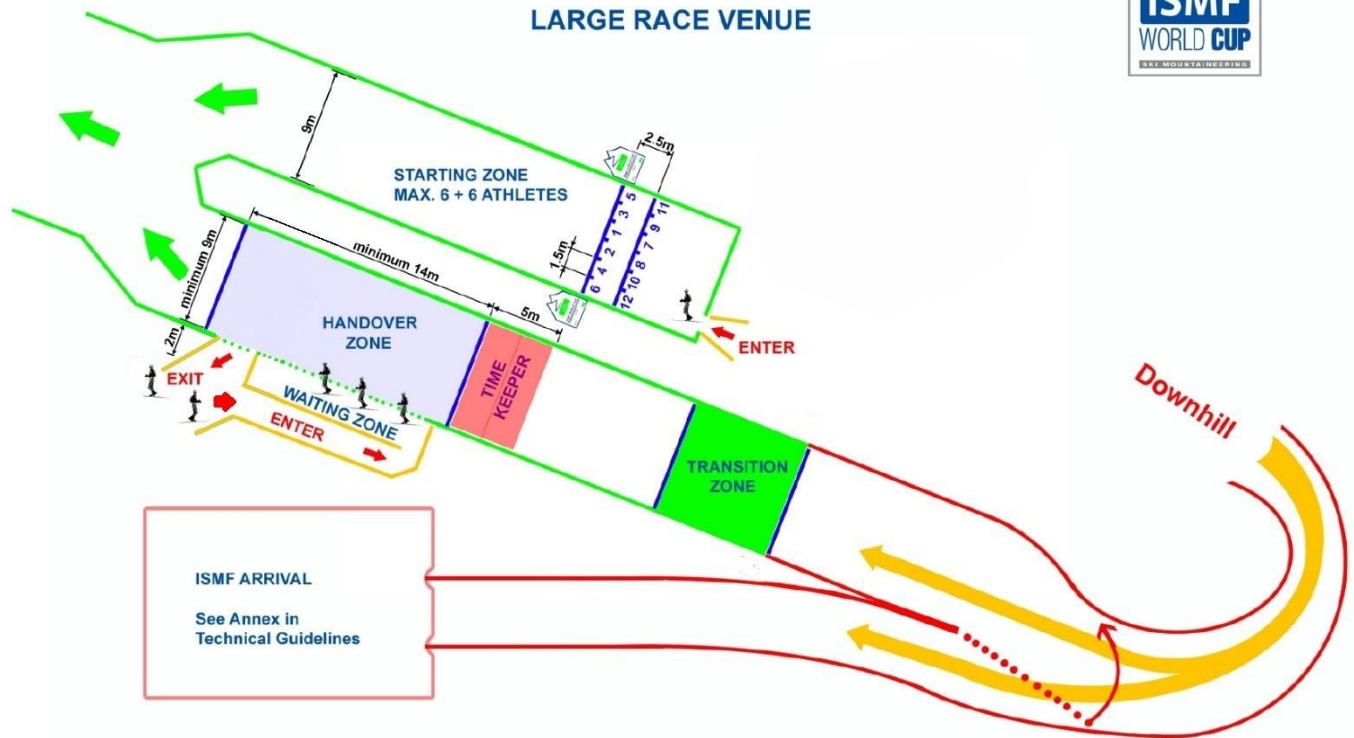
MIXED TEAM RELAY

MEDIUM RACE VENUE



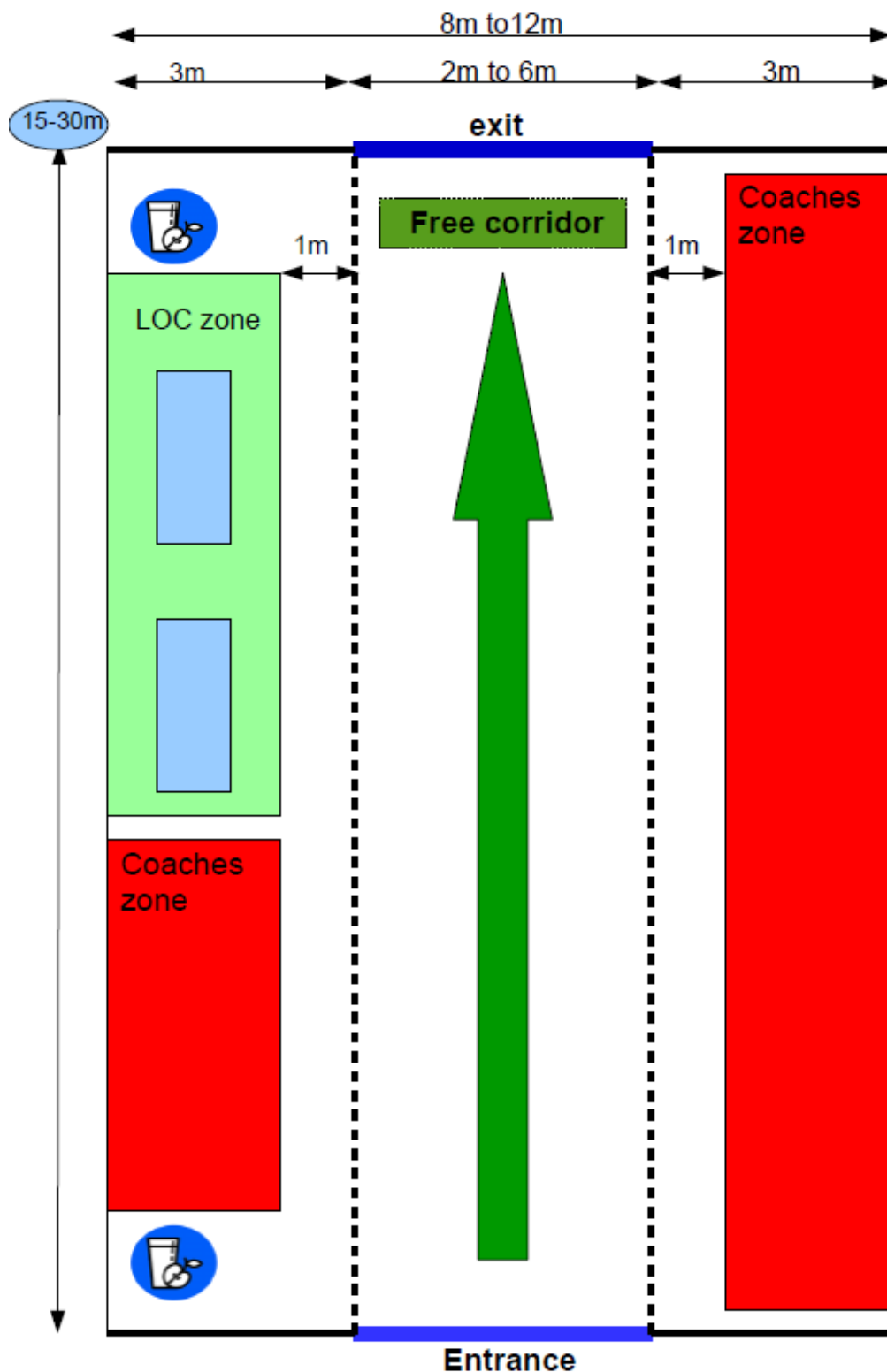
MIXED TEAM RELAY

LARGE RACE VENUE



APPENDIX L: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS REFRESHMENT AREA

Schematic example of the organisation of the start lines into the refreshment area. The implementation team of ISMF will adapt the Refreshment area to the needs and the terrain.





APPENDIX M: CONTROL SHEET

Name/number of checkpoint or waypoint: _____

Track: _____

Point chief: _____

Referees: _____

Rank	Hours	Minutes	Athlete		Rank	Hours	Minutes	Athlete	
			Num.	Comments				Num.	Comments
1					17				
2					18				
3					19				
4					20				
5					21				
6					22				
7					23				
8					24				
9					25				
10					26				
11					27				
12					28				
13					29				
14					30				
15					31				
16					32				



APPENDIX N: FINISH CONTROL SHEET

FOR EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION: REFER TO RACE EQUIPMENT RULES.																			
Numbers																			
COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT																			
DVA test																			
Passport or ID card (or copy) in the backpack																			
Skis																			
Bindings																			
Boots																			
Ski poles																			
Skins (one pair min.)																			
Helmet																			
Gloves																			
Backpack																			
3 layers up																			
2 layers down																			
Snow shovel																			
Snow probe																			
Survival blanket																			
Eyewear																			
Whistle																			
SUPPLEMENTARY EQUIPMENT																			
4 th layer																			
Ski cap or head band																			
2 nd pair of gloves																			
Head lamp																			
2 nd pair of eyewear																			
Crampons																			
Dynamic rope (one/team)																			
Harness																			
Via Ferrata kit																			
2 connectors																			
REMARKS																			

APPENDIX O: WIND CHILL CHART

		AIR TEMPERATURE (°C)																
		0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50	-55	-60
WIND SPEED (KM/H)	6	-2	-3	-4	-5	-7	-8	-14	-19	-25	-31	-37	-42	-58	-54	-60	-65	-71
	8	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-9	-14	-20	-26	-32	-38	-44	-50	-56	-61	-67	-73
	10	-3	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-15	-21	-27	-33	-39	-45	-51	-57	-63	-69	-75
	15	-4	-6	-7	-8	-9	-11	-17	-23	-29	-35	-41	-48	-54	-60	-66	-72	-78
	20	-5	-7	-8	-9	-10	-12	-18	-24	-30	-37	-43	-49	-56	-62	-68	-75	-81
	25	-6	-7	-8	-10	-11	-12	-19	-25	-32	-38	-44	-51	-57	-64	-70	-77	-83
	30	-6	-8	-9	-10	-12	-13	-20	-26	-33	-39	-46	-52	-59	-65	-72	-78	-85
	35	-7	-8	-10	-11	-12	-14	-20	-27	-33	-40	-47	-53	-60	-66	-73	-80	-86
	40	-7	-9	-10	-11	-13	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-47	-54	-61	-68	-74	-81	-88
	45	-8	-9	-10	-12	-13	-15	-21	-28	-35	-42	-48	-55	-62	-69	-75	-82	-89
	50	-8	-10	-11	-12	-14	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-49	-56	-63	-69	-76	-83	-90
	55	-8	-10	-11	-13	-14	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-63	-70	-77	-84	-91
	60	-9	-10	-12	-13	-14	-16	-23	-30	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-85	-92
	65	-9	-10	-12	-13	-15	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
	70	-9	-11	-12	-14	-15	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-80	-87	-94
	75	-10	-11	-12	-14	-15	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-59	-66	-73	-80	-87	-94
	80	-10	-11	-13	-14	-15	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95
	85	-10	-11	-13	-14	-16	-17	-24	-31	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-74	-81	-89	-96
90	-10	-12	-13	-15	-16	-17	-25	-32	-39	-46	-53	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-96	
95	-10	-12	-13	-15	-16	-18	-25	-32	-39	-47	-54	-61	-68	-75	-83	-90	-97	
100	-11	-12	-14	-15	-16	-18	-25	-32	-40	-47	-54	-61	-69	-76	-83	-90	-98	
105	-11	-12	-14	-15	-17	-18	-25	-33	-40	-47	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98	
110	-11	-12	-14	-15	-17	-18	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-70	-77	-84	-91	-99	



SPORTING RULES

The official programme, event schedule, and track design of ISMF races must comply with the ISMF Rules & Guidelines.

In exceptional cases - including but not limited to adverse weather, insufficient snow, logistical constraints, or broadcast requirements - ISMF reserves the right to modify the scheduled dates, track layout, or overall event programme. Such decisions will be made by ISMF in consultation with the LOC, the ISMF Event Jury, and/or all involved ISMF bodies, as appropriate.

Should the LOC wish to propose any changes to the programme, schedule, or track design, a formal written request must be submitted to the ISMF Event Coordinator. These requests will be evaluated following the same consultation process outlined above.

28. EQUIPMENT

Please refer to the document named "Race Equipment Rules" to get specific information regarding equipment.

It is strictly forbidden to change equipment during a race with the exception of one or more broken ski poles along all race track and/or skis and/or bindings in the technical zone(s) unless otherwise decided by the ISMF Technical Jury and communicated in the TCM.

The ISMF Technical Jury reserves the right to reject any equipment judged to be defective or inadequate. Infringement of these rules will be sanctioned by penalties, as described in below.

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT	TEAM	INDIVIDUAL	SPRINT	RELAY	VERTICAL
Passport/National ID card or a copy (in the backpack or race suit)**	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Skis	X	X	X	X	X
Bindings	X	X	X	X	X
Boots	X	X	X	X	X
Ski poles	X	X	X	X	X
Skins (one pair min.)	X	X	X	X	X
Helmet	X	X	X	X	X*
Gloves	X	X	X	X	X*
Backpack	X	X	X	X	X*
Three layers up	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Two layers down	X	X	X*	X*	X*
DVA	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Snow shovel	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Snow probe	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Survival blanket	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Eyewear	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Whistle	X	X	X*	X*	X*
SUPPLEMENTARY EQUIPMENT					
Fourth layer					
Ski cap or head band					
Second pair of gloves					
Head lamp					
Second pair of eyewear					
Crampons					
Second pair of skins					
Dynamic rope (one per team)					
Harness					
Via Ferrata kit					
Two connectors					

The athlete must bring all obligatory and supplementary equipment to the event.
During the TCM, the LOC will display the list of all the required equipment for the race.

For Vertical, Sprint and Relay races, if the entire race is on a secured ski slope and the weather conditions are favourable, the ISMF Technical Jury can decide to remove some elements of the compulsory equipment marked with yellow asterisk (X*).

** If passports/national ID card or a copy is not part of the compulsory equipment, they must still be accessible in the start area (teams area).

The athlete is responsible of his/her equipment.

If the ski brake is broken in the track inspection, the qualification, or any heat, the athlete cannot start the next phase of the Sprint/Relay race without both ski brakes working properly.

28.1. Items provided by the timekeeper

In the World Cups and World Championships the ISMF official timekeeper will provide the athletes with:

- Race bibs, which must not be folded or cut;
- Transponders, which must be placed in the appropriate box once the athlete has crossed the finish line or returned if the athlete decides not to start the race after the bib distribution;
- Transponders not returned during the season will be invoiced to the NM of the respective athlete who did not return the transponder with an amount of 110,00 EUR per transponder.

28.2. Equipment control

Equipment may be inspected at the finish area or at any other point on the track during the race (without stopping the athlete, the controller takes note as the athlete goes past).

The athlete is totally responsible for his/her equipment.

If an athlete has doubts about his/her equipment, he/she can have it checked by the ISMF Technical Jury at the end of the TCM the day before the race.

ISMF and LOC designates a reserved area for the inspection of compulsory equipment for the athletes. Equipment control is presided by a member of the ISMF staff, or a person designated by the ISMF Jury President.

The equipment and other devices inspection on the race day will be conducted as follows:

- At the start:
 - Individual inspection to control the good working order of avalanche transceivers for all athletes.
 - Taking note of all the numbers of the athletes.
 - Control of the transponders

- During the race:

The organisers will control DVA/transceivers.

- At the finish:
 - Athlete's equipment is inspected (systematic or random inspections according to the instructions issued by the ISMF Jury President). DVA control after finish line is compulsory for all athletes. DVA should be switched off only after the exit of finish area and control equipment area.
 - ISMF Referees will use calibrated scales and weights for equipment controls.

The ISMF Referees or designated person(s) will check the functioning of the ski brakes during the equipment control.

29. RACE ORGANISATION

29.1. The start

Any changes from the previous day's TCM must be announced 30 minutes before the start of the race during the pre-start TCM.

If the start is delayed, announcements must be made every 15 minutes in English at the start and pre-start / warm-up area.

29.1.1. Starting procedure

For the track inspection of the Sprint and (Mixed) Relay races, the track opening will be available for 20 minutes in total.

INDIVIDUAL - TEAM - VERTICAL	TIME BEFORE OFFICIAL START	SPRINT - RELAY
Avalanche victim detectors and equipment are inspected.	10-20 minutes	
Athletes are called to the start line.	5 minutes	Athletes are called to the start line.
Athletes are placed in starting position at the start line.	3 minutes 5 minutes (Mixed Relay)	Athletes are organised on the Pre-Start tent. After this moment the entrance to the pre-start tent will be closed.
The speaker will call "2 minutes to the start" in accordance with the ISMF Jury President or the delegated Referee.	2 minutes	
The speaker will ask for silence.	12 seconds	The speaker will ask for silence.

The ISMF Referees must verify that all the athletes have placed the front part of the skis totally behind the start line.		The ISMF Referees must verify that all the athletes have placed the front part of the skis totally behind the start line.
The ISMF Jury President or the delegated Referee calls: "Take your marks," After this command is given, athletes must stay stationary and in their position.	About 4 seconds	The ISMF Jury President or the delegated Referee calls: "Take your marks." After this command is given, athletes must stay stationary and in their position.
The ISMF Jury President or the delegated Referee will call: "Set." After this command is given, all athletes must remain stationary and in their set position.	1-2 seconds	The ISMF Jury President or the delegated Referee will call: "Set." After this command is given, all athletes must remain stationary and in their set position.
Start signal pistol or whistle.	0 seconds	Start signal pistol or whistle.

29.1.1.1. False start

A false start applies when the ski crosses the start line between the "set" command and the start signal. In the case of a false start, athletes are not stopped; the penalty will be directly applied to the athletes after he/she crosses the finish line. False start penalty applies only if the ISMF starting procedure is respected and if there is a camera video on the start line. The penalty applies for all athletes who commits the false start.

29.1.1.2. Specifications for Individual, Team, Relay or Vertical races

A pole position starting system is compulsory for the top World Cup athletes, according to the current World Cup ranking. If it is the first race of the season, the Specialty World Cup Ranking of the previous season will be adopted. In case there is not a ranking to be adopted, a random system will be used.

The Team and Relay race starting positions are decided by adding together the WC ranking of each of the two teammates.

Race Schedule for Relay:

- Track inspection time for Youth teams (20min)
- 20min rest
- Youth Race
- Track inspection time for Senior Women teams (20min)
- 20min rest
- Senior Women Race
- Track inspection time for Senior Men teams (20min)
- 20min rest
- Senior Men Race.

Race Schedule for Mixed Relay (In the WCH and CCH with youth mixed team, schedule will include first the youth race)

Only the best 12 teams qualify for the final, the quota per NM is one team. If the number of teams is less than 12 teams, there will also be a qualification in order to determine the starting order. The time between the last qualification and the final is 25min. Depending on the number of teams in the qualification (at least more than 24 teams) the ISMF Event Jury shall be able to decide to introduce a final B (also depending on weather conditions) with the second best 12 teams of the qualification. The quota per NM for the final B is two teams in WC and one team in WCH.

- Track inspection for the mixed teams (20min)
- 20min rest
- Qualification
- 25min rest time after the arrival of the last athlete of the qualification
- Mixed Relay top 12 final.

Qualifications. The start time and order will be displayed and cannot be modified. It will be done according to the number of athletes registered. An athlete will start every 30seconds, with all women going first, followed by all men. For the qualification the athletes will make just one lap, from the start to the finish line. The starting order will be given by descending bib.

The ranking of the qualification will be the summatory of the time of the women and man of each team.

29.1.1.3. Specifications for Sprint races (heats)

- Start Line Positions for Heats, Semifinals and Finals: Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6.
- During the qualification stage a single athlete starts every 20 seconds, timed against the clock.
- Semifinals composition: In the case of five heats, for the composition of the semifinals there will be two Lucky Losers. The Lucky Losers will be the two best times of the heats among athletes not qualified for the semifinals. It means that the two lucky losers can come from the same heat.
- Exception: If the timekeeper is not available to take times during the heats, the lucky loser from the heats will be the fastest two third-place athletes using the time from the qualification stage.
- Final composition: the two first athletes from each semifinal and two lucky losers with the two best times from both semifinals.
- Athletes during the heats, semifinals and final must be present in the pre-start tent 3 minutes before their start time. If an athlete does not arrive, that racer is not allowed to access to the start line and is prohibited from starting the heat.
- If an athlete, during the qualification does not arrives at least 1min before their starting time to the start line, that athlete is not allowed to start.
- In order to preserve the quality of the track, athletes cannot make direct descent race lines during pre-race track inspection. During this track inspection phase, the LOC will place slalom poles or nets across the 2 m close to the race gate, so athletes must go around them.
- For the sprint, in case of bad weather conditions, the ISMF Event Jury, in order to make the race shorter and safer, can take the decision to go directly to the final after the qualification stage with the 6 best places from the qualification. The ISMF Event Jury should take this decision before the start of the race and communicate it to the coaches and athletes in the TCM 30min before the start, except in the case of sudden conditions that may suggest taking this decision later. If the decision is done before the start the ranking points of the race will be included in the overall ranking.

SCHEDULE FOR SPRINT RACE:

Senior schedule follows the same one of Youth categories.

This schedule applies to all types of ISMF events (WCH, WC, YWC, etc.).

The entire youth race takes place before the senior race.

- Track inspection:
 - 15 min track inspection per category (women will have the track inspection first, while men will follow after 5 minutes of rest between the two categories)
 - 20 min rest
 - Just after the track inspection, forerunners are recommended.
- Qualifications:

**If there is a category Men or Women with less than 24 athletes, this category will start the qualification after the category that will compete in the heats scheduled to permit a longer recovery time. The ISMF will prepare the final schedule according to permit as longer recovery time as possible for all categories.

 - The start time and order will be displayed and cannot be modified. It will be done according to the number of athletes registered in each category to permit as most recovery time as possible with a

minimum of 20 min after the arrival of each category before the heats (usual schedule according to the registration of previous seasons). In agreement with the ISMF Technical Delegate, the starting order should be as follows:

- U20 Men
- U20 Women
- U18 Men
- U18 Women

- Senior Women
- Senior Men

The rest time between heats, semifinals and final will be 20 minutes minimum, 25 minutes recommended.

– Heats:

- Five or four heats with six athletes.
- If there are from 12 to 23 athletes registered for each category, the heats do not take place, and the best 12 athletes go directly into semifinals.
- If there are from 24 to 29 athletes registered, there will be 4 heats; if there are 30 or more than 30 athletes, there will be 5 heats.
- There is an in-line start (see placement on the start line), a photo finish or a video check is set-up.
- If there are 4 heats the first 3 athletes of each heat will go on to the semifinals. If there are 5 heats, the first two athletes of each heat, as well as the two "lucky losers" go on to semifinals.
- Lucky loser designation: (if 30 and more than 30 athletes registered) the two best times of the heats among racers not qualified for the semifinals. If the timekeeper is not able to take exact times during the heats, then the times for the lucky loser designation will be taken from the qualification.
- According to the number of athletes registered in each category and in agreement with the ISMF Technical Delegate, the starting order should be as follows:
 - Heats U20 Men
 - Heats U18 Men
 - Heats U20 Women
 - Heats U18 Women

 - Senior Women
 - Senior Men

– Semifinals (6 athletes every semifinal):

** Semifinals will not take place if there are less than 12 athletes registered.

- 2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers will go on the final.
- There is an in-line start (see placement on the start line), a photo finish or a video check is set-up.
- According to the number of athletes registered in each category and in agreement with the ISMF Technical Delegate, the starting order should be as follows:
 - Semifinal U18 Men
 - Semifinal U18 Women
 - Semifinal U20 Men
 - Semifinal U20 Women

 - Semifinal Women
 - Semifinal Men

– Final:

- There is an in-line start (see placement on the start line), a photo finish or a video check is set-up.
- Without semifinals, the starting order should be as follows:

- Final U18 Men (6 best times of the qualification)
- Final U18 Women (6 best times of the qualification)
- Final U20 Men (6 best times of the qualification)
- Final U20 Women (6 best times of the qualification)

- Final Senior Women (6 best times of the qualification)
- Final Senior Men (6 best times of the qualification)

- With semifinals, the starting order should be as follows:
 - Final U18 Men (2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers)
 - Final U18 Women (2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers)
 - Final U20 Men (2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers)
 - Final U20 Women (2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers)

 - Final Senior Women (2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers)
 - Final Senior Men (2 best athletes of every semifinal and two best times of lucky losers)

- During the qualifications, there will be a 2-minute break between each youth category (female/male U18 and female/male U20).
- The track will be open 15 min prior to the senior/U23 (for recognition) directly after the arrival of the last youth final and will be closed 15 minutes before the beginning of qualifications.

29.1.2. Did Not Start (DNS)

It is the responsibility of the athlete or their team captain to officially communicate a DNS status to either the ISMF Jury President or his/her designated representative.

This communication must occur as soon as the decision not to start is known and can be made verbally or in writing.

- If the bib has not yet been collected: The team captain must confirm at the TCM that the athlete/team will not start.
- If the bib has already been collected: The DNS must be communicated in person together with the return of the transponder.

The ISMF Jury President or his/her designated representative must immediately notify "timekeeping & results".

29.2. The finish

29.2.1. Finish procedure

The finish shall proceed as follows:

- times and finishing orders are established by the electronic timing system.
- In case of a photo-finish, the finishing order is established when the athlete's front foot crosses the entry of finish line;
- when the difference of time between two athletes is under 2/10 of a second, the photo-finish is compulsorily used;
- if an athlete falls while crossing the finish line, all of his/her body must cross the line without any outside help (except for teammates in team races) in order to declare a finish;
- the athlete should cross the second line in the arrival before stopping;
- for team races, teammates must finish together (less than 5 seconds between them) and the team's finishing time is that of the second teammate;
- the use of national flags (waving) is allowed at the arrival in the finish corridor.

For technical specifications of the finish area, refer to the Technical Race Guidelines.

29.3. Mixed Relay and Relay race

A - Team presentation at the start area

All members of the team must be present in the pre-start tent 5 minutes before the start for the media presentation of the team.

B - Handover

Handover must take place inside the entry and exit line of the handover area. Lines are considered part of the handover area. Handover is done by touching with the hand of the predecessor any part the body including the backpack (not the poles) of the successor. At the moment of the contact the skis of both athletes must be within the handover area.

The athletes shall only enter the handover area when they see their partner entering the previous transition area. The predecessor must leave the track via the exit area within 10 seconds. After the handover the athletes should leave the zone immediately and should not hinder the handover of the other teams.

The relay is exchanged when the finishing athlete touches with his/her hand any part of the following athlete's body including the backpack.

Relay exchanging must take place inside the handover zone. This zone is defined between a preferably entry blue line and a preferably exit blue line. At the moment of the body/hand contact, both skis of each athlete must be inside the zone of the (touching the line is not allowed) handover area.

For safety reasons, it is better to include a short ascent (with skins on) before the handover. The last athlete of the Relay can arrive either directly to the finish line (by skating) or with skins on (short ascent) depending on the conditions of the race venue.

C - Final heat

Start Line Positions: Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6 - In the second line the athletes from Rank 7 to Rank 12 will be positioned following the same distribution of the first line.

Final A composition with a maximum of 12 teams (quota of one team per NM in the WC and quota of one team per NM in WCH and CCH).

Depending on the number of teams in the qualification the ISMF Event Jury shall be able to decide to introduce a final B (also depending on weather conditions). Final B with a minimum of 6 teams (quota of two teams per NM in the WC and quota of one team in WCH and CCH).

Without a final B, the ranking is defined by the qualification time.

D - Overlapping

An athlete is considered as overlapped in a Relay race, when between this athlete and the leader of the race (first athlete) there is not any unused transition area between them. In this case the overlapped athlete will be stopped when entering the next transition area. From this moment the athlete will leave the track and move safely to the finish area without interfering the race.

The overlapped teams will be ranked in the final results (without time) according to their ranking at their last intermediate timing point (code "LAP"). If two or more teams are overlapped, the time taken at the last ITP reached is taken in account to determine the ranking within these teams.

E - Technical zone

The ISMF Technical Jury can decide to set up a technical zone to be installed next to the first "skins on" transition area.

29.4. Conduct of athletes during the race

29.4.1. Flag colour

The sections marked with green flags must be carried out on skis with skins affixed to the underside of the skis and with bindings secured to the boots in ascent mode.

The sections marked with yellow flags must be carried out on foot with skis on the backpack or in the hands if allowed by the ISMF Technical Jury.

The sections marked with red flags must be carried out on skis without skins affixed to the bases of the skis, and with bindings secured to the boots in descent mode.

The boots must be locked during all the descent parts marked with red flags except in the case of broken equipment. In the case of broken equipment, athletes have to show it to the equipment control.

29.4.2. Follow the markings

Athletes must follow the track markings closely in ascent and descent.

In ascent, the athletes must go in the direction of the next flag. In case of a kick turn you should follow the marked tracks; it is not allowed to cut.

In descent the athletes must go in the direction of the flags.

All dangerous and/or unsportsmanlike behaviour will be sanctioned.

29.4.3. Through by the gates or waypoint

If there is a gate (two sets of two poles with a panel of the same colour or one set of two poles) along the tracks (ascent and descent), the athletes have to go through them.

Gate system:

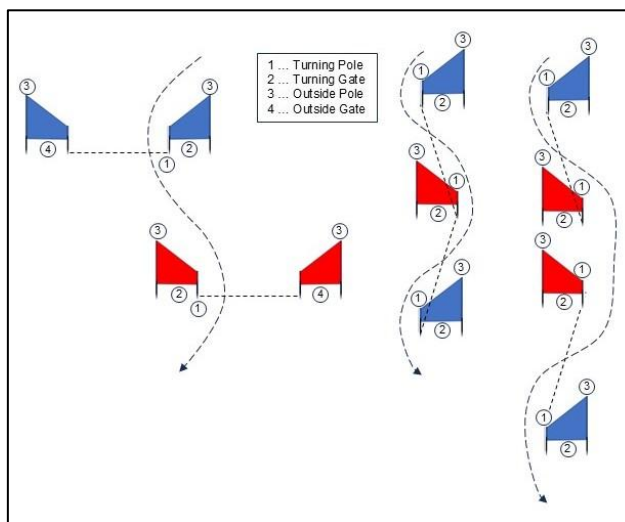
- Poles:
 - Made with soft and flexible material like polycarbonate, PVC or polyurethane.
 - Flexible base. Protective caps at the tops.
 - The small pole maximum 60 cm upper the snow surface.
 - Diameter 27 to 35 mm.
- Panel:
 - 2 sets with differentiated colours, as Red / Blue
 - Shape trapezoidal or triangular to indicate the direction.
- Size:
 - Long height: 80 to 110 cm
 - Small height: 5 to 35 cm
 - Width: 100 to 150 cm

In reference to the above-mentioned materials, a technical sheet or similar document should be made available from the reputable manufacturer.

A gate has been passed correctly when both the athlete's ski tips and both feet have crossed the gate line. The gate line, where a gate consists of two pairs of poles holding gate panels between them, is shortest imaginary line between the turning pole and the outside gate at snow level. The gate line, where a gate consists of one pair of poles holding gate panels between them, is shortest imaginary line between the turning pole and the next turning pole at snow level.

If an athlete misses a gate, the error can be corrected only if:

- the athlete has not yet passed through the gate line of the subsequent gate, and
- progress to the missed gate will not interfere with other athletes.
- The athlete should pass through the gate in the direction of the turn, in the order and direction set by the track.



In order to make it easier for athletes to identify the correct passage through the gates. The direction can be indicated with red flags and/or with a line marked on the snow, preferably in blue paint.

29.4.4. Foot part

Skis must be carried on the backpack using two (2) fastening straps designed for this purpose (skis cannot be carried in shoulder straps and must remain fastened to the backpack of the athlete). In the event that the skis or one ski detach from the backpack, the athlete must stop to reattach the skis.

In special circumstances, within sections marked by yellow flags during Individual or Team races, the ISMF Technical Jury may permit athletes to carry their skis in hand.

29.4.4.1. Foot part with crampons

If crampons are mandatory in the foot part and a crampon detaches from the boot or the sole, then the athlete must stop to reattach the crampon immediately.

29.4.5. Transition area

A – Athletes must pass through all the transition areas or check points present on the race track.

B - Transition area is marked by an entry and an exit line, preferably in blue paint. Lines are considered part of the transition area. If another type of limit is used, it must be defined at the TCM.

C - The flags used to mark the transition area will be of the colour of the next section (e.g., yellow if it is before a foot part, red if it is before a descent, etc.).

D – Athletes must carry out all transition manipulations required inside the transition area. Only removal or attachment of pole connections and engagement of the rear part of the binding can be done outside of the transition area.

E – The entry and exit lines are inside the transition area. The athlete must stay inside the transition area while he/she is doing a transition manipulation. It is a penalty if a ski on the ground and attached to the boots crosses the line or any part of the athlete touches the snow at any location outside of the transition area.

F - Prior to starting transition manipulations, ski poles must be placed on the ground, next to the athlete. The athlete can start his/her transition manipulation when his/her hands are free of poles. It is not allowed throw the poles before stopping. The ski poles may not be picked up while the athlete is performing the transition manipulations until the end of the manipulation. The athlete must pick up the ski poles before leaving the transition area. The athlete can move the poles during the manipulations to bring them closer. This applies to

when the athlete takes off/puts on skins or crampons, packs/unpacks skins or crampons, unfastens/fastens skis to the backpack.

G - The athlete must remain in the same place from the beginning to the end of the transition manipulations procedures. However, standard movements necessary to carry out the manipulation are allowed.

H - The athlete must pick up both poles at the end of the transition manipulation. If, unfortunately, another athlete interferes with his/her pole(s), or if one/both pole(s) is/are broken, the athlete can continue without one/both pole(s).

I - Special situation: If an athlete encounters a problem with their equipment (unclipped toe piece, unlocked boot, etc.) the athlete can correct the deficiency. If any part of the athlete's skis is within a transition area, poles must be placed on the ground before correcting the deficiency. If the athlete's skis are completely outside of transition area, the deficiency can be corrected without placing poles on the ground.

29.4.6. Skins

Athletes may have skins outside of race suit or backpack only during transition manipulations; at all other times they must pack their skins either inside their ski suit or place them in their backpack. The exception is for one pair of skins to be applied to the ski bases during appropriate times.

29.4.7. Skins storage

Skins must be stowed securely inside the athlete's race suit or backpack while they are not in use on skis or during manipulation.

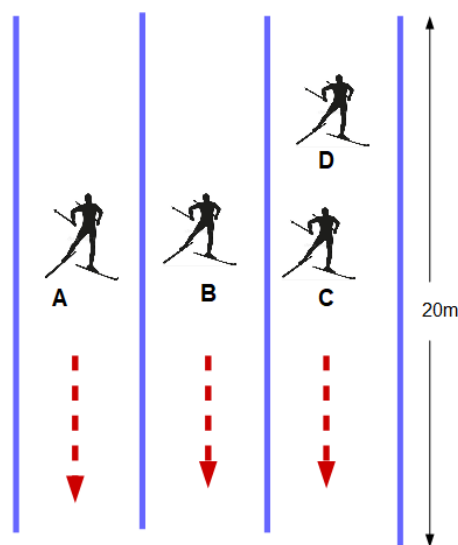
Definition of "stowed":

- Skins may remain partially visible but must be clearly inserted or tucked inside the race suit or backpack.
- Skins must not be carried in the athlete's hands except during active manipulation.
- Skins must not be placed in any other location other than the athlete's race suit or backpack.
- In Team races, an athlete may stow their teammate's skins in their own race suit or backpack if needed.

29.4.8. Arrival in skating

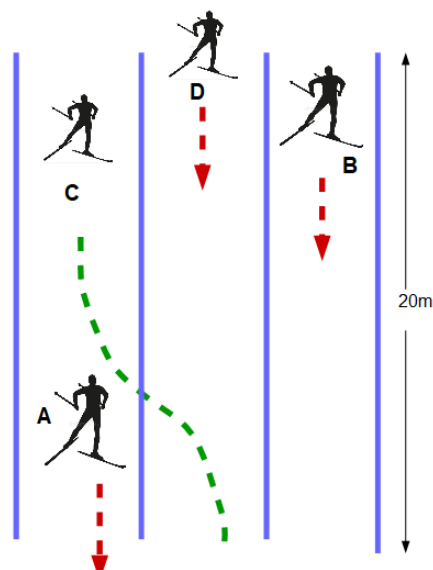
When the athletes enter to the finish area, skating corridors have to yield the track to the athlete that arrived first and respect the corridor. To overtake, the athlete must change the corridor.

**Arrival in the corridors
(compulsory change the corridor
to overtake and not disturb the
athlete in front of you)**



In this case the athlete D can not overtake

**Arrival in the corridors
(compulsory change the corridor
to overtake and not disturb the
athlete in front of you)**



In this case the athlete C can overtake

29.4.9. DVA

Athletes have to ensure that their device is functioning properly throughout the entire race. Athletes must keep their DVA in emission until they have passed through equipment control at the finish line.

29.4.10. Earphones

Earphones are forbidden during any ISMF races. They are allowed during the warm-up.

29.4.11. Via Ferrata kit

On stretches using a fixed rope, where use of lanyards is compulsory, athletes must not at any time detach themselves from the fixed rope. When passing a point anchoring the fixed rope, the athlete must clip the second karabiner onto the following part of the rope before removing the first karabiner. Any breaches to these safety rules will be penalised.

29.4.12. Wear all layers

The LOC Race Director or a checkpoint/waypoint chief may compel athletes, at any point on the track, to wear their windbreakers, caps or any other item of compulsory equipment.

29.4.13. Outside assistance

No outside assistance is allowed.

Exceptions:

- changing a broken pole. He/she may change a broken pole anywhere and with anyone.
- changing a broken ski and/or binding. He/she may change a broken ski and/or binding only in the technical zone close to the refreshment area and/or a technical zone authorised by the ISMF Technical Jury.
- refreshments only in the areas authorised by the ISMF Technical Jury.
- athletes must render assistance to fellow athletes in distress or any kind of danger. The ISMF Technical Jury will take into account the ranking of the previous transition zone or the intermediate time if it is more favourable than the final position.

Abandon:

- An athlete having difficulties may give up on his/her own initiative or be forced to give-up by decision of the LOC Race Director or one of the doctor's present.
- Giving up (by own initiative or forced) must take place at a checkpoint or waypoint according to the procedure described during the TCM except under extreme circumstances. For team races, if one team member gives up then the other will be told to give up and must follow instructions given by the controllers. Every athlete having withdrawn MUST inform the ISMF Jury President (or his/her representative) upon arrival at the finish area. The athletes having withdrawn may also be subject to doping control.

29.4.14. Respect the environment

Athletes must respect the environment. Athletes must leave any rubbish in only the dedicated trash bag between the two lines marking the entrance and the exit of the refreshment areas. Penalties will be applied to athletes seen littering or abandoning equipment on the track (including in the transition area) or for any other poor environmental conduct.

29.4.15. For team races

- Team members must leave the transition area together (i.e., before crossing the line which marks the exit of the transition area). This means that both members have finished transition manipulation when the first teammate crosses the exit line.
- Each athlete must carry his/her own backpack throughout the entire duration of the race with all the required equipment (except skis).
- In team races, an athlete may only carry his/her teammate's skis if there are two separate sets of two fastening straps for carrying skis on his/her backpack that comply with the rules.
- Assistance is only allowed between team members. It is forbidden to use a rope or an elastic to tow his/her teammate during the first 15 minutes of the race during descents and in the parts defined by the ISMF Technical Jury and announced in the TCM. If the use of ropes is not mandatory during a descent, as in the traverse of a glacier for example, the rope (or elastic) must be put in the backpack or in the race suit during descents.
- The members of a team must not be separated by more than 30 seconds in ascents and more than 10 seconds in descents. All teams will be subject to surprise inspections throughout the track. The two teammates cannot have an interval of more than 5 seconds between them on the finishing line.

29.4.16. Offences to the LOC, ISMF officials or ISMF image

29.4.16.1. Behaviour of athletes and coaches

Athletes and coaches must respect the LOC, the officials and the image of the ski mountaineering during the race and during all events. These behaviours will be analysed by the ISMF Technical Jury. In case of need, the Disciplinary Commission of the ISMF will decide the sanction in less than a month.

29.4.16.2. Non presence at ceremonies

Athletes not present at any kind of official ceremonies related to ISMF events, except for medical reasons or proof of flight time with authorisation of the ISMF Jury President before the ceremony, will be penalised.

The following official ISMF ceremonies are concerned:

- Bib presentation (Top five - if foreseen by the LOC)
- Top3 presentation (Top three - if foreseen by the LOC)
- Flower Ceremony (Top three) – A Flower Ceremony podium with the first three athletes will take place shortly after their arrival for press coverage. After the Flower Ceremony the 3 top athletes will pass to the equipment control done by LOC staff under the responsibility of the ISMF Technical Jury. The athletes are allowed to have their race equipment on this podium.
- Award Ceremony (Top five)
- Overall World Cup Ceremony:

- Specialty World Cup Ceremony (Top three)
- U23 Overall World Cup Ceremony (Top three)
- Senior Overall World Cup Ceremony (Top ten)
- Nation World Cup Ceremony (Top three nations, at least one representative person per nation).

The athlete concerned or his/her coach must inform the ISMF Jury President in good time (at least before starting the ceremony) if the athlete will not be present at one or more ceremonies listed above, even if the athlete is not present in person at the event in question.

In the case the excuse is not accepted, the ISMF Jury President will apply the penalty.

Prize money will be still awarded in the case of medical justified absence or cases of force majeure and if the ceremony takes place much later than scheduled.

In the case that the ISMF Jury President decides that the prize money will not be paid to the athlete, for any given reason, the LOC can keep the corresponding amount until final confirmation by ISMF Sport Department.

29.5. Safety/Event stoppage

The LOC Race Director, after having informed the ISMF Jury President or/and the ISMF Event Coordinator, can stop the race for safety reasons or sporting fairness. A report of the decision will be drawn up immediately.

30. ESTABLISHMENT OF RESULTS

The results, approved by the ISMF Jury President and displayed as, and when, athletes finish, with full results available immediately after the last athlete crosses the finish line and passed the equipment control. The ranking is carried out by adding the finishing time to any penalties incurred by the ISMF Technical Jury. At World Cups and World Championships, the timings/results are produced by the ISMF timings provider. Provisional results are displayed after the first athletes cross the finish line.

If there are no means to decide between athletes, then a tie is declared.

Championships, Cups and World ranking are treated as described in the Ranking Rules.

30.1. Penalty Under Review Process

If a potential infraction is reported, the athlete in question will be marked in the results as “penalty under review” or “penalty under investigation”. Upon receiving the report, the ISMF Jury President or their designated person should promptly inform the ISMF timekeeper and the TV production team of the exact location and nature of the potential penalty.

Once the review is completed by the ISMF Jury President, the penalty will either be confirmed or dismissed. The official results will be updated accordingly before being declared final.

30.2. Offences and penalties

A. General - for infringements not specifically cited				
For the infringements not cited in the following tabs (B, C, D, E, F), the ISMF Referee uses scale A				
#	Offences	Penalties		
		Team and Individual races	Vertical races	Sprint and Relay races
A.1	Cheating, unsportsmanlike or important safety fault	disqualification	disqualification	disqualification
A.2	Behaviour that may intentionally hinder	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
A.3	Minor technical error, involuntary negligence	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds

B. EQUIPMENT		
Any compulsory equipment required by the ISMF Technical Jury replaced during the race or lacking at a checkpoint or at the finish (except for broken ski poles/ski and/or bindings). Cumulative penalties are given for each piece of missing equipment.		
#	Offences	Penalties

		Team and Individual races	Vertical races	Sprint and Relay races
B.1	Skis, binding or boot not in compliance with the rules	disqualification	disqualification	disqualification
B.2	Ski and bindings or boot weight: between 1 and 20 grams missing	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds
B.3	Ski and bindings or boot weight: 21 or more grams missing	disqualification	disqualification	disqualification
B.4	<p>Missing equipment or equipment not in compliance with the rules for these items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DVA; - DVA without battery or switched off during the race or in backpack; - Snow shovel, probe; - Helmet, included but not correctly worn; - Ski brakes - If required: harness, lanyard, karabiners – Via Ferrata kit, head lamp, rope, crampon not in compliance with rules or missing at the start line. <p>No penalty for equipment broken during the race. Athletes have to prove equipment is broken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In case of broken equipment, minor cosmetic repairs can be accepted by the ISMF Jury President. 	disqualification	disqualification	disqualification
B.5	<p>Missing equipment or equipment not in compliance with the rules, for these items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clothes (for each item missing worn as written in ISMF Rules, survival blanket, gloves (included not worn correctly during the race), eyewear (excepted if not required by the ISMF Technical Jury), backpack, ski cap or headband, whistle, skins, passport/ National ID card or a copy. - Pole(s) and Ski(s) missing, one or both crampons. - Skins carried in the hands after the manipulation is completed and/or taken in the hands out of the transition area. - The loss of the skins. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined as: A skin falling completely to the ground and not recovered and stowed again. <p>No penalty for equipment broken during the race. Athletes have to prove equipment is broken.</p> <p>Voluntary abandonment of equipment, such as poles, is not permitted.</p> <p>For Sprint and Mixed Relay races: Crossing the finish line with both poles is mandatory, except in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pole(s) is/are pushed far away by another athlete in the transition area; - The pole(s) is/are blocked by a net or gate during the descent; - The pole(s) is/are lost during the descent, and for safety reasons, the athlete cannot return to recover it/them. <p>Involuntarily losing a pole in the descent without justification under the above exceptions will result in Penalty A.3.</p>	3 minutes (for each item missing)	1 minute	30 seconds

B.6	- DVA out of order at the finish line - Dead battery during the race - DVA switched off after the passage of the finish line, before the equipment control.	3 minutes	1 minute	N/A
B.7	Crampon or crampons missing in a foot part with crampons	disqualification	N/A	N/A
B.8	Head lamp not switched on	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
B.9	Transponder or electronic system missing at the start line	No start	No start	No start
B.10	Transponder or electronic system missing at the finish line	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds

C. BEHAVIOUR

Ignoring correct racing technique required for a given section of the track, disrespect of marking and of track itinerary, any actions considered to be dangerous or jeopardising race safety or the proper running of the race, unsportsmanlike conduct.

#	Offences	Penalties		
		Team and Individual races	Vertical races	Sprint and Relay races
C.1	False start	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.2	Missing checkpoint - Voluntary or involuntary	disqualification	disqualification	N/A
C.3	Not following the correct track on a ridge	disqualification	disqualification	N/A
C.4	Missing a Gate (descent section) - Voluntary or involuntary	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.5	Having dangerous and/or unsportsmanlike behaviour by not closely following the track markings in ascent/descent	disqualification	disqualification	disqualification
C.6	Disregarding instructions given by an official on the track (at the start, at checkpoints or waypoints, at the finish).	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.7	Not respecting the indicated mode of locomotion (e.g., skiing down a section indication as being on foot etc.). According to the point 29.4.1. (Conduct of athletes during the race - 1. Flags colours) In the case of broken equipment, the athlete will not be penalized if he/she does everything possible to avoid destroying the trail.	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.8	Walking without crampons on a section where crampons are compulsory (except broken equipment controlled by the controller).	Disqualification or 3min if crampons broken	N/A	N/A
C.9	Incorrect fastening of skis on the backpack (less than two fastening points).	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds
C.10	Incorrect stowage of the skins.	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds
C.11	Crampons without straps clipped on the ankles.	3 minutes	N/A	N/A
C.12	Crampons outside the backpack.	3 minutes	N/A	N/A
C.13	Ski poles not placed flat on the ground in a transition area.	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds
C.14	Not clipping the karabiner to a compulsory rope.	3 minutes	N/A	N/A
C.15	Not yielding the track or disrespecting finish area skating corridor rules.	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds
C.16	Pushing, shoving, or making another athlete fall.	Voluntarily: disqualification	Voluntarily: disqualification	Voluntarily: disqualification

C.17	Not rendering assistance to a person in distress or in danger.	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.18	Receiving outside help: except for changing broken ski in the technical zone <i>and/or</i> poles (everywhere on the track).	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.19	Disrespecting the environment.	3 minutes	1 minute	30 seconds
C.20	Disrespecting or insulting anyone participating in the event (ISMF Event & Technical Jury, officials, athletes, organisers, spectators, etc.) or any behaviour that can damage ISMF and ski mountaineering during the race	Disqualification and the ISMF Technical Jury must prepare a report and refer the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the ISMF		
C.21	Disrespecting or insulting anyone participating in the event (ISMF Event & Technical Jury, officials, athletes, organisers, spectators, etc.) or any behaviour that can damage ISMF and ski mountaineering during the event except during the race	The ISMF Technical Jury prepares a report and refers the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the ISMF		
C.22	Non presence at ceremonies	No prize money	No prize money	No prize money
C.23	Incorrect manoeuvre in the transition area	30 seconds	10 seconds	3 seconds
C.24	In case of abandon or DNS the athletes who does not inform the organisation will start in the rear part in the following race.	The athlete will start in the rear part in the following race (100,00 EUR)	N/A	N/A

D. SPECIFIC PENALTIES FOR TEAM RACE

#	Offences	Penalties
D.1	Team members not together when leaving a check point or transition area.	1 minute for each transition area.
D.2	Team member not carrying own compulsory equipment of the ISMF list in own backpack throughout the duration of the race or at the finish line (exception for skis). The ISMF Technical Jury will decide and inform in the TCM about the supplementary equipment of the ISMF list.	Disqualification
D.3	Athlete carrying a teammate's skis without fastening them correctly to backpack.	1 minute
D.4	The members of a team must not be separated by: - more than 30 seconds in ascents; - more than 10 seconds in descents. All teams will be subject to surprise inspections throughout the track.	1 minute (for each control point)
D.5	Interval of more than 5 seconds between the members of a team on the finishing line	In the event of intervals exceeding 5 seconds between team members, each additional second will incur a penalty adding the same number of seconds. E.g.: 15 second interval = 10 excess seconds. Penalty = 10 excess sec + 10 penalty sec = 20 sec. Interval of 1 min 5 sec = + 1 min. Penalty = 1 excess min + 1 penalty min = 2 min.

D.6	Using a rope (or elastic) on a part of the track where it is strictly forbidden	3 minutes
D.7	The rope/elastic not put away securely in backpack or inside the race suit.	1 minute

E. SPECIFIC PENALTIES FOR RELAY RACE		
#	Offences	Penalties
E.1	Incorrect relay handover (as defined in the rules).	1 minute
E.2	The same athlete races two legs.	Disqualification
E.3	Pushing outside handover zone	1 minute

F. SPECIFIC OFFENCES & PENALTIES for COACHES & NATIONAL OFFICIALS BEHAVIOUR		
#	Offences	Penalties
F.1	Not respecting designated areas for coaches, or areas with limited access.	The ISMF Technical Jury prepares a report for the Disciplinary Commission of the ISMF, who will decide a possible sanction
F.2	Not rendering assistance to a person in distress or in danger.	
F.3	Assisting own athletes (with the exception of changing broken ski and/or poles).	
F.4	Disrespecting or insulting anyone participating in the event (ISMF Event & Technical Jury, officials, athletes, organisers, spectators, etc.) and/or disrespecting a decision of the ISMF Event & Technical Jury.	
F.5	Infringement of any other rules not cited above.	

30.3. Results in the event of race stoppage

In the event of a race being stopped, final rankings shall be established based on the last Intermediate Point (IP) reached by each athlete.

- If not all athletes reach the same IP, the ranking will be determined by grouping athletes according to the most advanced IP each has reached.
- Within each group, athletes will be ranked based on:
 - *Intermediate Timing Point (ITP)* times (if timing is available), or
 - *Checkpoint order* (if only order is recorded).

Definitions:

- *Intermediate Point (IP)* refers to any recorded location on the course.
- *Intermediate Timing Point (ITP)* refers to an IP with official time capture.

Ranking Process:

- 1) Group athletes based on the furthest IP reached.
- 2) Rank each group:
 - By Total Time (if at an ITP), inclusive of any penalty time incurred **before** the stoppage.
 - By arrival order (if at a checkpoint only), where penalties are not considered unless resulting in disqualification (DSQ).

Penalties:

- For ITPs: All penalties incurred before the athlete stoppage will be added to the recorded ITP time.
- For checkpoints: Penalties are disregarded unless they result in DSQ.

Withdrawals:

- Athletes who withdrew before the moment of stoppage will be marked as DNF.

ISMF Technical Jury Authority:

- The ISMF Technical Jury shall assess whether the resulting classification is fair and valid for World Cup and World Ranking purposes.

Sprint Event Specificity:

If a Sprint race is stopped:

- Results will be based on the last completed phase (e.g., Qualifications, Quarterfinals, or Semifinals).
- Athletes will be ranked using tie-breaking rules from the last completed phase:
 - First by place,
 - Then by time,
 - If required, using results from the previous phase.

30.4. Protests

A protest is a formal complaint filed in a race by eligible individuals within a specific time period and under the predefined requirements as outlined below:

Protestable Matters

Protests may be filed against the following:

- Penalties according to the Offenses and Penalties section (except those referred to in C. 20, C.21 and F.);
- The unofficial or provisional results, only in case of technical error (timing or ranking display);
- Conduct of an athlete or/and a coach concerned offenses A.1 and A.2;
- A technical error in the race's official results.

Non-Protestable Matters

Protests cannot be filed during the heats and semifinals of sprint races due to the established schedule and timing constraints. Any infringement observed by an ISMF Referee or ISMF Jury President will result in a penalty after validation, and no protests will be accepted.

Eligibility to File Protests

Protests may be filed by accredited individuals at the event, referred to as the protester, as follows:

- Any National Official representing an ISMF National Member;
- The athlete (in the absence of the first).

Requirements

Protest filed for consideration must meet, without excuse, the following formal requirements, otherwise, it must not be considered for review:

- The protest form, as outlined in the ISMF Rules and Guidelines (see related appendix), must be duly completed and filed to the ISMF Technical Jury within the designated time limit.
- The protest must include a payment of 50,00 EUR payable in cash. The payment will only be refunded if the protest is accepted.

Time Limit

Protests must be filed within the following time limit after the unofficial or provisional results are displayed on the designated bulletin board:

EVENT	TIME LIMIT
World Cup / World Championships / Continental Championships / Youth World Cup (Sprint and Relay races)	5 minutes
Vertical races, Individual races and Team races	15 minutes

In any other situation not previously mentioned, the eligible individual for filing a protest shall have a maximum of 15 minutes from the moment when the decision or situation, as described in Article 1, occurs, to file the protest.

Resolution

- Upon the consideration of a protest, the ISMF Technical Jury should respond in writing within 1 hour of the protest filing, unless otherwise specified.
- The ISMF Technical Jury will decide to either:
 - Accept the protest, by revoking the penalty, or other applicable.
 - Reject the protest and confirm the original decision.
- Once the decision of the Technical Jury is official the result status will change straight to “official”.
- The protest may be appealed if meets the specified requirements.

30.4.1. Appeal

An appeal is a formal procedure to request the Jury of Appeal to review the decision upon the protest made by the ISMF Technical Jury provided it meets the following requirements:

Requirements

- Formal: No specific format, however, the document must include each and every one of the following points:
 - Clear identification of the party(ies).
 - Inclusion of the protest filed and the corresponding reply, with a clear indication of the date and time of its receipt.
 - A thorough and reasoned description of the relevant facts, substantiated by appropriate evidence.
 - A comprehensive explanation of the ISMF rules and guidelines that have been affected.
 - A concise conclusion or plea summarising the appellant's position and the reasons for seeking a reconsideration of the decision.
 - The appeal must be duly signed by the President (or their representative) of the respective ISMF National Member.
- Fee: Appeals must be accompanied by proof of a 100,00 EUR fee payment to ISMF. This fee will not be refunded if the appeal is rejected.
- Time limit: Appeals must be filed within 10 hours for Championships/World Cup finals and 48 hours for World Cup events from the exact time of receiving the reply to the protest delivery.
- Filing: Only appeals that comply with all the previous requirements must be filed to the email address juryofappeal@ismf-ski.org. If an appeal does not comply with each and every one of the requirements it will be dismissed without exception.

30.4.2. Jury of Appeal

Purpose

The Jury of Appeal is established to provide fair and impartial authority or resolving appeals arising from decisions made upon protest.

Composition:

- The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of an odd number of members, with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven persons holding voting rights and up to two members without voting rights. These members will be officially appointed by the ISMF Council at the beginning of each season, upon the nomination of the ISMF Referee Manager and/or other ISMF Officials. The ISMF Council reserves the right to appoint additional members during the season if deemed necessary. Appointed members shall perform

their duties throughout the official season calendar, preparing their availability and the roles assigned among their members for each race to fulfil the following functions:

- Members with right to vote:
 - Chair of the Jury: This individual will preside over the Jury of Appeal.
 - Vice-Chair of the Jury of Appeal: An expert in the ISMF rules and guidelines, preferably member of the Rule Commission.
 - Other Jury Members: These individuals are expected to offer valuable insights and contribute to the decision-making process.
- Members with no right to vote:
 - Secretary of the Jury of Appeal: shall facilitate the proceedings and ensure that relevant documentation and information are properly maintained.
 - Expert / Advisor: provide their expertise in specific areas, relevant inputs and support but do not have the right to vote on decisions.

Restrictions:

To ensure impartiality and fairness, the following conditions shall apply to the members of the Jury of Appeal:

- None of the members can also be part of the ISMF technical staff or be part of the LOC during the same event.
- Members of the Jury of Appeal shall not be present during any deliberations of the Jury concerning any Appeal that affects, directly or indirectly, an athlete of their own nation. However, in cases where a substitute for a member from a different nation cannot be found, that member must confirm his/her impartiality.
- Only one member per nation is allowed to participate. Members of the same nationality cannot participate simultaneously.
- All members shall disclose any potential or actual conflict of interest that may affect their ability to remain impartial during the proceedings. If a member reveals such a conflict, they will be replaced by another member.

The Chair of the Jury of Appeal shall request the withdrawal of any member implicated by the situations mentioned above if the Jury member has not already withdrawn.

Initial review on the Appeal

The Secretary of the Jury of Appeal shall review received appeals to ensure compliance with formal requirements and shall take one of the following actions:

- a) Admits the Appeal: If the appeal satisfies all prescribed formal requirements
- b) Dismiss the Appeal: In the event that the appeal fails to meet the stipulated requirements, the Secretary shall dismiss the appeal and inform the concerned parties, thereby establishing the final decision (not subject to review by any other authority).

Scheduling the Hearing

If the appeal is admitted, the Jury of Appeal shall convene within 24 hours of receipt of the appeal to schedule the date of the hearing as promptly as possible. The parties concerned shall be duly notified of the chosen date through email.

If witness testimony is required, the parties shall bear the sole responsibility for communicating their witnesses to provide such testimony on the selected day and time for the hearing.

Meeting Format

The meeting format (in-person, virtual, or hybrid) is determined by the Chair.

Hearing Procedure

- Attendance and Representation: The appellant and respondent (“parties”) are entitled to attend the hearing. Failure to attend the hearing may result in the Jury of Appeal rendering a decision in their absence. Only

under exceptional circumstances, and subject to the Chair's approval, may the parties be substituted by an accredited representative. In the case of the attendance of witnesses, their presence is likewise subject to the Chair's approval, and they may be present solely to deliver their testimony.

- Privacy of the Hearing: The hearing will be conducted privately and will not be open to the public unless otherwise stated by the Chair.
- Explanation of Hearing Process and Rights: The Chair of the Jury of Appeal will explain the hearing process and the rights of all parties involved.
- Assessment of Appeal: The Secretary of the Jury will assess the appeal admissibility based on the formal ISMF requirements received within the relevant timeline. At the Chair's discretion, the Secretary of the Jury may be instructed to read the appeal.
- Presentation of Evidence, Parties Statements and Expert Opinions: The Vice-President of the Jury will present the submitted evidence to the rest of the attendees. The Jury of Appeal will hear from each party, allowing adequate time for the parties to provide their arguments. Then with permission from the Chair, the witness may speak briefly. After hearing all parties, the Jury of Appeal may elaborate questions as deemed necessary.
- Decision Making: The Jury of Appeal will consider all evidence and expert opinions and make a decision by a simple majority vote. Following deliberation, the possible outcomes include:
 - Appeal Accepted: The original decision is revoked.
 - Appeal Rejected: The original decision is confirmed.
 - Partial Acceptance: Aspects of the original decision may be modified while others are upheld.

Communication

The decision will be communicated immediately to the parties present and provided in writing upon request. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned and may not be challenged in any other forum according to article 37.4 of the ISMF Statutes.

30.5. Podiums

The winners of each category receive awards (refer to Organisation Event Guidelines). Team heads must make sure that award-winners wear the official uniforms of their nation and are present at the Award Ceremony.

Podiums for ISMF races will take place before any other podiums.

The last day of the event, the Award Ceremony should take place before 2 pm.

30.6. Doping

Doping is strictly prohibited (Refer to the Anti-Doping section in the Organisation Event Guidelines).

In the event of Anti-Doping controls, athletes must submit to tests or be liable to sanctions.

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APPENDIX P: PROTEST FORM

- Only written protests on official ISMF form submitted before the appropriate deadline will be accepted by members of the ISMF Technical Jury.
- All protests must be accompanied by the sum of 50,00 EUR (in cash).
- A separate protest form must be completed for each incident and each form accompanied by the sum stated in the rules.
- The person that submits a complaint must support his/her arguments by quoting specific points of the rules.

ORGANISATION			
EXACT NAME OF THE RACE:			
EXACT DATE OF THE RACE:			
LOC / NM:			
CLUB OR ASSOCIATION:			
RACE			
<i>TYPE OF RACE</i>		<i>TYPE OF EVENT</i>	
Individual race		World Championships	Men
Team race		World Cup	Women
Vertical race		Continental Championships	Senior
Sprint race		ISMF Series	U23
Relay race		Other event	U18- U20
PROTEST			
Person in charge of filing the protest:			
NM:			
Phone number:			
Name(s) of athlete(s) involved:			
Bib number of athlete(s) involved:			
DETAIL OF THE EVENTS			
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At, the / / (DD/MM/YY)

Signature

Exact time : HH:MM

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The ISMF Jury President

Exact time : HH:MM



RACE EQUIPMENT RULES

31. EQUIPMENT

The equipment listed hereafter is required for all ISMF events, including track inspections and official trainings.

The athlete is responsible of his/her own equipment.

Equipment type	Personal Protective equipment (PPE)	Technical equipment (not PPE)	Other
Equipment	Helmet, DVA, crampons, rope, harness, connectors and via ferrata kit, eyewear	Skis, binding, probe, shovel, boots, poles, survival blanket, gloves, backpack, whistle, headlamp, skins	Clothes
Production	must be produced by a supplier that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is registered in a chamber of commerce and industry. - Is registered for VAT in the nation of origin (Intra community number for the EU or similar manufacturers). - Has a product liability insurance, which covers the use of the equipment in ski mountaineering. 		No specific requirement
Standards	The labelled safety equipment must be CE and/or UIAA and/or other relevant international standards marked or comply with the requirements of a European rule in force (except for the helmets)	ISMF equipment rules	See marketing rules (e.g. IOC rule 50)
Modification	without any modifications, except by those authorised by the manufacturer in the written information supplied with the equipment. The athlete must have the written authorisation with the specifications of the modifications from the original manufacturer if it affects the structural integrity of the equipment and/or compromise the safety for the athlete and for others. This authorisation must be presented to the ISMF Technical Jury, if requested.	small adjustments which do not affect the structural integrity of the equipment and/or compromise the safety for the athlete and for others can be made. The athlete must have the written authorisation with the specifications of the modifications from the original manufacturer if it affects the structural integrity of the equipment and/or compromise the safety for the athlete and for others. This authorisation must be presented to the ISMF Technical Jury, if requested. Modifications with mandatory authorisation letter from the manufacturer: SKI BOOTS: system to lock the descent position of the boot	Can be modified

31.1. Equipment description for all ISMF events

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	CE or UIAA
A passport or a national ID card or copy	Required to be stowed away in the backpack or race suit. Every athlete must present an official ID document (passport or national ID card) or a copy if required.	

<p>A pair of skis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – with metallic edges covering at least 90% of their length; – minimal width of at least 80 mm in the front, 60 mm under the boot and 70 mm in the rear part; – ski length must be of at least 160cm for men and 150cm for women. <p>The skis will be measured according to the method «Rolling».</p> <p>Minimal weight for skis and bindings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Men: 780 grams per ski. – Women: 730 grams per ski. 	
<p>Bindings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – which allow heel movement during ascents and are blocked for descents; – they may or may not be equipped with security straps; – the binding system must have both a lateral and a forward complete release system (the boot is allowed to completely separate from the ski). The lateral release (front part) has to be lockable manually (without the use of <i>any tool</i>). – If a binding is TÜV certified, the locking mechanism is not necessary. <p>The use of ski brakes is compulsory. Athletes without ski brakes cannot participate in the race.</p> <p>Ski brakes: Retention device for ISMF events which is designed to slow down a ski after a ski binding release or ski loss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ascent position: Arrangement of the ski brake during the ascent phase – Descent position: Arrangement of the ski brake during the descent phase. – Braking position: Arrangement of the ski brake when set in descent position and the boot is released from the binding. <p>Mixed bindings (front part from one manufacturer and rear part from another one) are not allowed.</p> <p>Boots and bindings must be set according to the manufacturer's instructions in order to guarantee optimum function of the release systems and the best protection of bindings and ski structure.</p>	
<p>Boots</p>	<p>Minimal weight for boots (shell and dry inner): Men and U20 Men: 500 grams All Women categories & U18 Men: 450 grams</p> <p>In case of bikini liners, only the shell must cover the ankles. Each boot must have at least two (2) independent closing systems. Boots must be designed to be used with metallic crampons. Cross-country ski boots and bindings or equivalents are strictly forbidden.</p> <p>Sole:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Notched rubber soles. – The notched soles have to cover the 100% of the boot sole. – The minimum notch depth is 4 mm. – The minimum surface area of 1 cm² per notch. – There must be at least 8 notches under the heel and 15 under the front part of the sole. <p>Modified boots by a second manufacturer are allowed only if there is a formal agreement between the two manufacturers, which is specified in the written information supplied with the modified part.</p> <p>Athletes in the U18 and lower category are not allowed to wear/use full carbon structured boots (including carbon composites or similar: Kevlar, aramite, etc.).</p>	
<p>A pair of ski poles</p>	<p>Carbon or other material Maximum diameter of 25 mm With non-metallic baskets.</p>	

A pair of removable anti-slipping skins	Skins originating from wild animals are strictly forbidden. The skins have to cover at least 40% of the snow contact length of the ski. The skin tip attachment system is an integral part of the skins (for example: the elastics). Use of adhesive tape is forbidden on the skins for environmental reasons.	
Upper body clothing	Athletes must wear a long-sleeved ski suit or long-sleeved layer, designed to cover the arms to the wrists. Sleeves may be rolled up but must still cover the arms up to and including the elbows. This is the compulsory layer. In addition, the following upper-body layers may be required depending on weather conditions. The ISMF Technical Jury will decide whether each must <i>be worn, carried in the backpack, or is not required</i> : – <i>Additional Layer A (Base Layer)</i> : • A body-hugging top (long-sleeved, short-sleeved, or sleeveless). • Sports bras are not accepted as a base layer. – <i>Additional Layer B (Outer Layer)</i> : • A long-sleeved windbreaker jacket, appropriately sized to fit over other layers.	
Lower body clothing	Athletes must wear ski pants or a ski suit covering the entire length of the legs. Underwear only is not permitted. This is the compulsory base layer. The following lower-body layer may be required depending on weather conditions. The ISMF Technical Jury will decide whether it must <i>be worn, carried in the backpack, or is not required</i> : – <i>Outer Layer</i> : • Windbreaker pants made from breathable material, sized to fit over the base layer.	
An avalanche victim detector	Also called DVA or ARVA, that conforms to standard EN 300718 457 kHz frequency. The DVA has to be equipped with a 3 antennas receiving system. The DVA has to be worn in a closed pocket (zipper only) inside of the race suit at the belly level or as defined by the manufacturer.	YES
A helmet	Conforming to: - UIAA 106 and EN 1077 class B standards. - EN 12492 and EN 1077 class B standards. Helmets must be used (chin-strap has to be fastened) during the whole race (from the start to the finish line).	YES
A snow shovel	Conforming to ISMF standards (refer to appendixes).	
A snow probe	Conforming to ISMF standards (refer to appendixes).	
A survival blanket	The minimum surface area of 1.80 m ² . Modifications subsequent to manufacture are not allowed. The term "survival blanket" is as defined by the manufacturer.	
A pair of gloves	That covers the entire hand up to the wrist - to be worn throughout the duration of the race.	
A pair UV-protection eyewear	Recommended for the athletes (refer to appendixes).	
A backpack	With sufficient carrying capacity to hold all the equipment required and listed by the rules and requested for the race, with two rear and/or lateral fastening straps for carrying skis. In the event of cooperation between teammates, the carrier's backpack must have two independent sets of fastening straps for skis. If the backpack has an independent crampons pouch, the pouch must be securely fastened to the back of the backpack (using Velcro straps, etc.). Crampons must be secured in the appropriate compartment of the backpack worn on the back.	
A whistle		
SUPPLEMENTARY EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE ISMF TECHNICAL JURY		
A pair of metallic crampons	That conforms to UIAA standard 153, with at least 10 spikes. The two front spikes must adjust to fit the athlete's boots. They must have the original safety straps that should be properly fastened to all crampons during the on-foot portion of the race. When crampons are not worn on boots, they must be packed in the backpack or in the independent pouch carried on the back, with spikes facing each other.	YES
A harness	Conforming to UIAA standard 105	YES

Via Ferrata kit	With energy absorbing system for use in Via Ferrata Kit conforming to UIAA standard 128.	YES
Two (2) connectors - Via Ferrata kit connectors	That conform to UIAA standard 121. When the lanyard and the 2 connectors are not in use, they must be put away in the backpack or wrapped around the waist.	YES
An additional upper body thermal fleece layer of clothing	(Fourth layer with long sleeves) The sleeves must fit the athlete well. The fourth layer is comprised of thermal clothing which must have a minimum weight of 250 grams for women and 280 grams for men.	
A ski cap or headband		
A second pair of gloves	that must be thermal and wind-proof.	
A Head lamp in full working order;		
A second pair of UV-protection eyewear	Recommended for the athletes (refer to appendixes).	
A dynamic rope	That conforms to UIAA standard 101, with a minimum diameter of 8,5 mm and a length of 30 m.	YES
Skins	The ISMF Technical Jury has the right to request additional skins.	
Wax	Use of fluorinated wax or tuning products containing fluorine is prohibited for all ISMF events (disciplines and levels).	

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX Q: ISMF SNOW PROBE STANDARD

The manufacturer has to define the probe as a “rescue snow probe” and make a self-certification confirming that it meets this ISMF standard:

- Minimum external diameter: 10 mm
- Minimum total length: 240 cm
- When loaded without shock with a mass of 3 kg as in figure 1, the probe should not break or leave permanent deformations and should not go out of the supports or hooks the supports (with certain models, the locking system or the metallic point are prominent, and they prevent the exit of the supports).

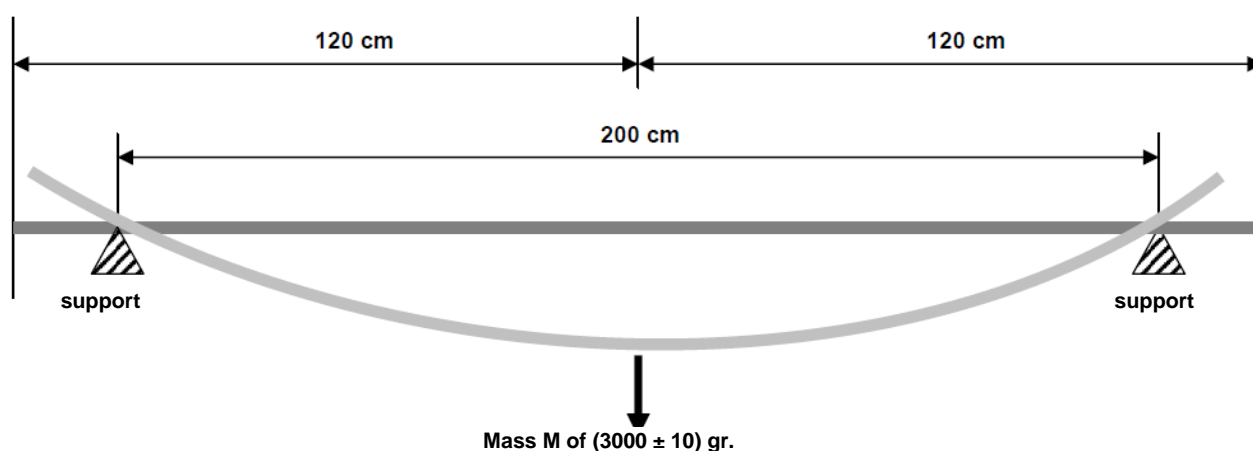


Figure 1

- When loaded without shock with a mass of 20 kg as in figure 2, the probe should not break and the different parts of the probe shall still fit one inside of the other.

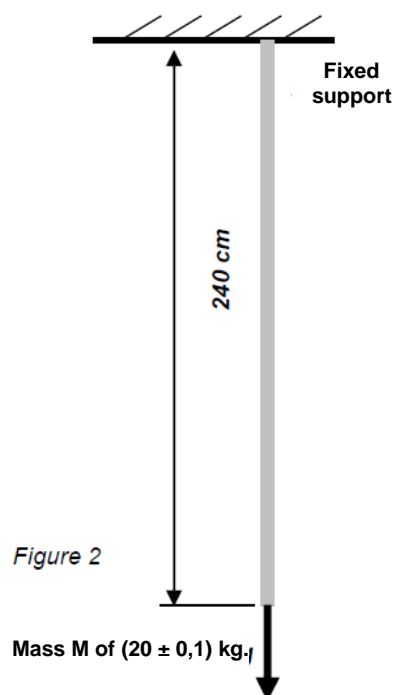
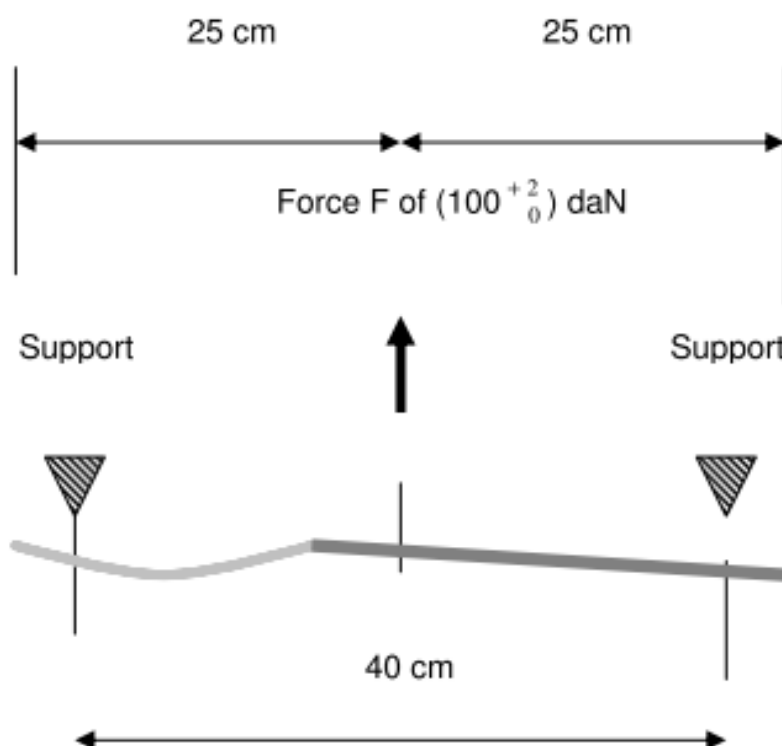


Figure 2

APPENDIX R: ISMF SHOVEL STANDARD

- A snow shovel in compliance with the ISMF standard here stated, defined by the manufacturer as a "rescue snow shovel".
- The equipment concerned directly with safety cannot be modified; except for modifications performed or authorized by the manufacturer.
- The manufacturer has to define the shovel as a "rescue snow shovel" and make a self-certification confirming that it complies with the ISMF standard:
- Minimum shovel surface including a square of 20 cm x 20 cm.
- Test method: place a piece of 20 X 20 cm cardboard under the shovel: no part of the cardboard must be visible.
- Minimal total length of the shovel in working configuration: 50 cm.
- The shaft has to end in a T or L shape, so the athlete is able to push down / leverage the handle.
- The test sample for the strength test shall be conditioned for at least 1 h at $(-20 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$. The test shall be carried out at $(23 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$. The test shall begin within 2 min from removal of conditioning.
- Strength test: When loaded with a speed of $(100 \pm 10) \text{ mm/min}$ as in figure 1, the shovel shall be capable of withstanding a static force of at $(100 +^2_0) \text{ daN}$ over a period of $(60 \pm 5) \text{ s}$.
- The test sample shall not break, nor go out of the supports, and no permanent deformations are admitted on any part of the shovel.

Figure 1



APPENDIX S: RECOMMENDED EYEWEAR PROTECTION CHART

Catégorie de protection	Transmission visible	Transmission UVB	Race
Catégorie 0	80% à 100%	Max. 8% à 10%	Night race
Catégorie 1	43% à 80%	Max. 4,3% à 8%	Scandinavian race
Catégorie 2	18% à 43%	Max. 1,8% à 4,3%	
Catégorie 3	8% à 18%	Max. 0,8% à 1,8%	Daylight race
Catégorie 4	3% à 8%	Max. 0,3% à 0,8%	



RANKING RULES

32. DEFINITIONS

Category results: result for one category (including its subcategories) - e.g.: Senior Results

Finish Time: Time taken at the finish line

Penalty Time: Additional time due to penalties applied

Place Points: attributed to athletes depending on their results in a given race irrespective of the race coefficient.

Place: athlete's position in the Category Results of a race

Race coefficient: attributed to the race depending on the previous ranking of the best athletes to finish.

Rank: athlete's position in a ranking

Ranking points: attributed to individual athletes, teams or countries and used to establish their position in race ranking.

Ranking score: accumulation of points obtained by one athlete during the ranking's period with all the races taken in account

Ranking: list of athletes based on the ranking score

Result: it applies to a race, list of the athletes based on the time of race or place order following the Sporting Rules, all categories merged

Time Points: depend on the ratio of an athlete's finish time and that of the winner given as a percentage for each race, used to decide between dead heats.

Total Time: Sum of Finish Time (or ITP Time in case of race storage) with Penalty Time. The Total Time is used to produce the race result ranking.

WRK points: points attributed to an athlete following his/her place and the race level for the WRK

33. APPROVED EVENTS

Only events that meet the following requirements will be taken into account for ISMF rankings:

- events announced in the ISMF calendar;
- with the participation of at least 3 athletes with ISMF licence;
- general compliance with ISMF rules;
- Transmission of results according to the ISMF results protocol.

34. MEANS OF RANKING

34.1. Place Points

The following points are awarded to athletes and teams depending on their results for each race in which they participate.

PLACE POINTS									
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	100	11	45	21	30	31	20	41	10
2	90	12	43	22	29	32	19	42	9
3	81	13	41	23	28	33	18	43	8
4	73	14	39	24	27	34	17	44	7
5	66	15	37	25	26	35	16	45	6
6	60	16	35	26	25	36	15	46	5
7	57	17	34	27	24	37	14	47	4
8	54	18	33	28	23	38	13	48	3
9	51	19	32	29	22	39	12	49	2
10	48	20	31	30	21	40	11	50	1

After 50th place, each athlete will be awarded one place point.

34.2. Time Points

Time Points depend on the ratio between the athlete's time and the winner's time (percentage).

Time Points are calculated as follows:

$$P_x = T_1 / T_x * 100$$

T_x = time of the athlete or team X, in seconds

T₁ = time of the winner (individual or team), in seconds

P_x = Time Points of athlete or team X

Times are to the second, and percentages to the nearest hundredth.

For example: Athlete A wins the race in 2 hrs 00'00", athlete B finishes second in 2 hrs 03'30" and athlete X is 30th in 2 hrs 15'45". The results of the race are:

A: place points = 100; time points = 100.00

B: place points = 95; time points = 7200 / 7410 * 100 = 97.16

X: place points = 51; time points = 7200 / 8145 * 100 = 88.39

34.3. Total Point Place tie

Rank with Total Point Place tie breaks:

The following methods will be used in case of Total Point Place tie:

- a/ The rank then the number of best place.
The athlete with the best place then the higher number of this best place will be ranked in the first place of the tie.
- b/ Next level of best place.
If tie is not broken after a/, the rank then the number of second level best place will be used, then, if necessary, the number of this second level best place. Then rank and number of third level, etc.
- c/ If tie is not broken with a/ then b/, the Time Point of each athlete in the tie will be used. The athlete with the higher total of TP will be ranked in the first place of the tie. In Sprint and Mixed Relay, Time Points are attributed based on the Qualification phase times.
- If tie is not broken with a/ then b/ then c/, the tie will not be broken.

35. RANKINGS

35.1. Continental and World Championships rankings

35.1.1. Country ranking

The country ranking is calculated by summing the Place Points of athletes who count for country ranking.

The number of athletes taken into account for country ranking and the coefficients allocated for each event are detailed in the table below.

For the U23 category, only PPs awarded in U23 ranking are taken into account.

For example, if during an individual event, an U23 finishes 1st in the U23 ranking and 3rd in the Senior ranking and is 1st for his/her country in both U23 and Senior categories, then his/her Place Points from the U23 ranking count with a coefficient of 1, whereas the place points of the Senior athletes from the same country who finished 2nd count with a coefficient of 1.

Type of event	Individual		Team	Vertical		Relay		Mixed Relay		Sprint	
	Senior Men & Women	U23, U20, U18 Men & Women	Senior Men & Women	Senior Men & Women	U23, U20, U18 Men & Women	Senior Men & Women	Youth Relay event	Senior Men & Women	Youth Mixed Relay event	Senior Men & Women	U23, U20, U18 Men & Women

Coefficient	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Number of athletes /teams that count towards country ranking, Men and Women	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Country ranking points

- = (sum of Place Points of the country's first individual male Senior athlete)
- + (sum of Place Points of the country's first individual female Senior athlete)
- + (sum of Place Points of the country's first individual male U23 athlete)
- + (sum of Place Points of the country's first individual female U23 athlete)
- + (sum of Place Points of the country's first individual male U20 athlete)
- +... etc. -

Countries can tie.

The country ranking will be considered to award the trophies for the World and Continental Championships.

35.1.2. Medal Table

A Medal Table is made for each World and Continental Championships.

The ranking will be determined by:

- The Gold medal number
- Then Silver medal number
- Then Bronze medal number.

35.1.3. Combined Senior Championship ranking

Combined Senior Championship rankings are calculated by adding the Place Points obtained by Senior athletes (both for men and women) from the three best results out of the following races: Team, Individual, Vertical, and Sprint Race.

Senior men combined ranking points = PPs for Individual races + PPs for Team races + PPs for Sprint races + PPs for Vertical races – PPs of the worst result out of the 4 races. In the event of a tie, the final ranking is determined using time points.

If one or more of the following races: Team, Individual, Vertical, and Sprint race cannot be held during the Continental or World Championships, then the combined ranking will be calculated by adding the place points obtained during all the remaining races.

35.2. Continental Cups rankings

The Continental Cups follow the same rules as the World Cups (see sections 34.1, 34.2 and 35.3), the only difference being that:

- Athletes from other continents can participate and be ranked on the race results.
- If the athlete and/or team are from the continent hosting the Cup, then their place points count towards the Continental Cup ranking and WRK.
- If the athlete and/or team are not from the continent hosting the Cup and if the event is open, their place points count towards the WRK.
- In order to be ranked in a Continental Cup, athletes/teams must:
 - have participated in at least one of the races that count for ranking.

35.3. World Cup and Youth World Cup rankings

35.3.1. General principles

The ISMF Sport Department organises each season the World Cup's and Youth World Cup's calendars (Number of events, number and type of races, locations...). The World Cup concerns the Senior category and its sub-category (U23) as defined by the Athletes Participation Rules. The Youth World Cup concerns the categories U20 and U18.

35.3.2. Rankings per athlete and per nation

The World Cup circuits gives rise to different rankings.

Each ranking done per athlete for men and for women, except Mixed Relay World Cup ranking done per nation.

35.3.3. Scoring

The score is the accumulation of the Place Points earned during the World Cup season for an athlete or a nation.

35.3.3.1. Scoring for Mixed Relay races

For each Mixed Relay World Cup race, a Nation Ranking List (NRL) is produced.

The NRL is based on the race result list and keep only the best team of each NM. After this adjustment, the Place Points are attributed following the adjusted result.

The score of the Mixed Relay World Cup is per nation and calculated from the NRL Place Points at each race.

35.3.4. Tie

In case of Tie in any ranking, Time Points will be used to rank the athletes or nations.

35.3.5. World Cup Overall ranking

This ranking is based on the athlete's score for the Individual races, Vertical races, Team races and Sprint races of the World Cup season.

35.3.6. Specialty World Cup ranking

It is only for the World Cup circuit (Senior category).

The ranking is based on the athlete's score (or Nation for Mixed Relay Specialty) for the considered specialty of the World Cup season.

A Specialty World Cup ranking is made only if there is a minimum of three specialty races scheduled for the season.

A Specialty World Cup Final ranking is awarded only if there is a minimum of three specialty races with Official Results during the whole season.

Disciplines concerned and produced rankings:

- Sprint race World Cup
- Vertical race World Cup
- Team race World Cup
- Individual race World Cup
- Mixed Relay race World Cup (by nation)

35.3.7. Youth World Cup

The Youth World Cup circuit consists of the following rankings:

- U20 Overall ranking for women and for men
- U18 Overall ranking for women and for men
- Nation Youth World Cup ranking

35.3.8. U23 Ranking

The U23 Overall ranking is an extraction of the Senior ranking. The Place Points used are the Senior's PPs.

35.3.9. Nation World Cup Ranking (NWCR and NYWCR)

The NWCR is calculated by summing the PPS of the Senior ranking for the best athlete male and the best athlete female from Senior and U23 categories (this means four athletes could be taken into account for each race), or the best team of a nation for each World Cup race of the concerned circuit.

For the World Cup circuit, the NWCR is based only on Senior results.

For the Youth World Cup circuit, the NYWCR is based on U20 results and U18 results.

35.4. Specific rules for Sprint races

35.4.1. Result management for Sprint races

- 1st - 6th place: Position from the final
- 7th - 12th place: Semifinalists not qualified for the final round. The ranking order is established following:
 - the order of arrival of each semifinal
 - the best time of semifinals with the equal position reached.

Example: 7th position = the best time between the two athletes who arrived fourth in each semifinal.

If there are 30 or more athletes:

- 13th - 30th place: Quarter-Heat finalists not qualified for semi-final round. The ranking order is established following:
 - the order of arrival of each heat
 - the best time of heats with the equal position reached.

Example: 13th position = the best time between the four athletes who arrived third in each heat.

- 31st and more: Ranked by qualification time.

If there are 24 - 29 athletes:

- 13th - 24th place: Heat finalists not qualified for semifinal round. The ranking order is established following:
 - the order of arrival of each heat
 - the best time of heats with the equal position reached.

Example: 13th position = the best time between the four athletes who arrived fourth in each heat.

- 25th - 29th place: Ranked by qualification time.

If there is no timekeeping for heats, semifinals, finals, the ranking times will be taken from the qualification.

Tie break rule:

For non-qualified to heats, in case of tie on timing, athletes will share the same rank (sorted by bib number).

For tie in position 30th, the best bib number will be qualified for heats (this is the best ranked athlete in WC sprint ranking).

For tie during heats phase: photo-finish will be used. If ties cannot be broken by photo-finish, the position on qualification phase will be used to break the tie. This also applies to break the tie for Lucky Losers.

For tie during semifinals: photo-finish will be used. If ties cannot be broken by photo-finish, the rank in the heats phase will be used to break the tie. If still tied, then by their time in the heats phase and then the qualification position.

For tie during final: photo-finish will be used. If ties cannot be broken, the rank in the semifinals phase will be used to break the tie. If still tied, then by their time in the semifinals phase and then the heats position then the heats time.

35.4.2. Ranking of IRM athletes for a Sprint race

	IRM			
	DNS	DNF	DSQ	DQB
Qualification	Not ranked (DNS)	Not ranked (DNF)	Not ranked DSQ	Not ranked
Heats	- latest place of the heats Tie: by qualification time	- latest place of the heats (but before DNS) Tie: by qualification time	Not ranked DSQ	Not ranked DQB

	(e.g.: 29 th and 30 th)	(e.g.: 27 th and 28 th)	(each athlete gains 1 place)	(each athlete gain 1 place)
Semifinal	- latest place of the heats Tie: by heat position and time (in 2 nd) (e.g.: 11 th and 12 th)	- latest place of the heats Tie: by heat position and time (in 2 nd) (e.g.: 9 th and 10 th)	Not ranked DSQ	Not ranked DQB
Final	- latest place of the heats Tie: by semifinal position and after semifinal time (e.g.: 5 th and 6 th)	- latest place of the heats Tie: by qualification time (e.g.: 3 rd and 4 th) Tie: by semifinal position and after semifinal time (e.g.: 3 rd and 4 th)	Not ranked DSQ	Not ranked DQB

35.5. World Ranking (WRK)

35.5.1. General principles

The World Ranking represent sporting excellence with the larger number of ski mountaineering athletes and races. To reach this goal and reflect the sport values, races will be organised by level. The place obtained in a race result following the level the race will awarded some WR points accumulated for the World Ranking.

35.5.2. WRK period

The World Ranking accumulated the results for a period of 2 years. The WRK points of a race will be removed from the athlete WRK score the day after the second anniversary the considered race's date.

35.5.3. WRK score

The WRK score does the accumulation of the WRK Points earned during the WRK period.

35.5.4. WRK points

Each race with the results provide to the ISMF Ranking Manager following the WRK results protocol will be take in account in the WRK.

The WRK points awarded from a race depend on the race's WRK Level.

WRK Level	WRK points for the winner	1 st proposal	Other
1	1300	OG	
2	1200	WCH	
3	1000	WC	
4	800	CCH + YWC	
5	600	CC + World Series	
6	400	Continental Series	
7	200	NCH	The 5 best results maximum (=1000 pts)
8	100	NC	The 5 best results maximum (=500 pts)
9	50	Regional race	The 7 best results maximum (=350 pts)

There is a limit from the WRK points awarded in the level races 7, 8 and 9. Only the 5 best results will be taken in account for the level races 7 and 8, and the 7 best results for the level races 9.

35.5.5. List of World Rankings produced

The World Ranking will be produced for:

- Men (Senior category)
- Women (Senior category).

35.6. ISMF Series Ranking

The WRK will rank the athletes participating in ISMF Series.

35.7. National Events in WRK

The WRK will also rank the athletes participating in a National Event only if this event is compliant with the following requirements:

- it is registered in the ISMF World Calendar
- it transmits the results in the ISMF file format
- and participating athletes hold NM licence numbers, if existing.

The ISMF needs to know the clear criteria for participation.

36. RESULTS AND RANKING MANAGEMENT

The ISMF Ranking Manager is responsible for establishing World Cup, World and Continental Championships, Series and other ISMF events results and rankings.

The ISMF Ranking Manager will be in charge of updating the World Rankings.

Further specification for events where there is not the official ISMF timekeeper:

Within 24 hours after termination of the event, the LOC has to provide the ISMF Ranking Manager the official results of each race held during the event using the official format that the ISMF Office will send in due course.

36.1. Results status process

STATUS	DESCRIPTION	ACTIVATION
INTERMEDIATE	When all athletes have not finished. Timing by transponder Potential penalty will be indicated by flag/colour as soon as possible but not integrated in the timing	Automatic, with the first intermediate time
UNCONFIRMED	Timing by transponder or photo finish (TBC) Potential penalty will be indicated by flag/colour Penalty confirmed will be included only in the final/finish time	Automatic, when we have all the transponders/IRM on finish line
UNOFFICIAL	With photo finish times All penalties are displayed Start the protest period (5 minutes)	When ISMF approves this status (JP)
PROTESTED (optional)	When a penalty is protested	When ISMF gives the information (JP)
OFFICIAL	Official results	When ISMF gives the information (JP)

36.1.1. Results flag

FLAG	DESCRIPTION	ACTIVATION
PHOTO FINISH	Photo finish analysing	Automatic, when the gap between 2 athletes is under 0,2s (2 tens of second)
POTENTIAL PENALTY	ISMF Technical Jury analyses the VAR and can put a penalty	When ISMF gives the information (VAR room/JP)

37. RANKING PROTEST

A Ranking Protest contests an athlete's rank and/or ranking score from an ISMF ranking (final or provisional). This is not a process to claim against a result.

This protest must be submitted in writing by the National Team Captain during an event or by the NM President after the event, to the ISMF Office and the ISMF Ranking Manager as soon as possible from the publication of the ranking and within one month of publication.

In case of calculation error, the ISMF Ranking Manager is allowed to fix it and inform the ISMF Sport Department and the protester.

If the error concerned the athletes awarded during the End of Season ceremony, the ISMF Sport Department will take the appropriate action to fix it.

If the Ranking Protest is not accepted, the ISMF Ranking Manager will answer by writing to the author of the Protest. The protester could appeal to the ISMF Ranking Jury (composed by ISMF Event Coordinator, ISMF Referee Manager, ISMF Ranking Manager) until two weeks after the rejected protest notification.

In order to submit a Ranking Protest, the protester must use the form in the Appendixes of the Sporting Rules.



RULES FOR YOUTH WORLD CUP

Any rule not cited below obeys by the rest of ISMF rules.

38. REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING AN ISMF YOUTH WORLD CUP

All applications from the LOCs must be submitted to their NM, who after consideration, will then forward to the ISMF office. Applications submitted directly to the ISMF office from the LOCs will not be considered.

ISMF Youth World Cup events are reserved to U18 and U20 categories only.

There can be up to 4 ISMF Youth World Cup events per season.

It is strongly recommended to stage the event during the weekend (two consecutive days) with a rest day only in the case of three or four races.

An agreement between the ISMF, the NM and the LOC has to be signed.

On the communication side, the title "ISMF Youth World Cup" and the ISMF logo must appear in any kind of advertising material or mean of communication of the LOC and on its official website as well.

The LOC, for its part, must publicise the event as much as possible in the weeks leading up to it in order to increase its media visibility.

39. ATHLETES PARTICIPATION

ISMF Youth World Cup events are reserved to U18, U20 categories only.

This circuit is reserved to athletes of NMs and ski mountaineering clubs authorised by the NM.

Only ISMF licence holders with ISMF Elite or Youth licence can participate and be ranked in the ISMF Youth World Cup. The national licence* or the authorisation** from the NM is compulsory for the athletes of all categories participating in this circuit.

*Only for the NMs which have national licence.

** The NMs (which do not have national licence) have to provide the respective athletes with an official document valid as a pass to allow them to apply for the ISMF licence.

Accommodation is managed directly by the athletes or NMs. The ISMF will provide the relative information and the pertaining email address in due course.

40. ISMF STAFF AND SERVICES

Costs borne by the LOC (Event hosting fee with ISMF staff & services needed):

SERVICES RELATED TO EACH EVENT			
Anti-Doping service	Compulsory - through the respective NADO (National Anti-Doping Organisation)		
Timekeeping service	With a local company validated by the respective NM		
Starting numbers/bibs	To be coordinated with the selected timekeeper		
Awards	Please refer below		
Official speaker	To be validated by the respective NM		
ISMF Ranking Manager supervision	In coordination with the ISMF		
Ski pass (if the race takes place in a ski resort)	To consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ski pass for each ISMF official per race day + 1 extra day 		
Pre-visit for the event check and preparation (optional - at the discretion of the ISMF)	Around 1.100,00 EUR		
ISMF PRESENCE ON EACH EVENT			
ISMF PRESENCE	TRANSPORT EXPENSES ¹	DAILY ALLOWANCES ¹	ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES ²
ISMF Official Representative	Included	-	Full board accommodation
ISMF Jury President	Included	Included	Full board accommodation
ISMF Technical Delegate	Included	Included	Full board accommodation

1-2 National Referee* (Priority to ISMF Referees)	To be coordinated with the respective NM	Full board accommodation
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All costs are paid by the LOC directly to the ISMF. The exact amount will be established annually.

* The ISMF certified Referees from the NM hosting the event will have the priority to attend the event as National Referee of pertinence. If the NM hosting the event does not have National Referees, the extra Referee will be ISMF Referee from other countries.

1. The following costs are included in the Event hosting fee:

- Transport expenses from home to the event venue except for extra-continental and very long travels;
- Daily allowances as per specifications included in the table above.

2. The following costs are not included in the Event hosting fee but must be covered by the LOC:

- Accommodation expenses (food and lodging) from two nights before the start of the first race until the morning following the end of the event, if necessary (details to be communicated in due advance). Minimum 3 stars (three-stars) hotel with complimentary internet connection (single rooms).

41. ON SITE LOGISTICAL ORGANISATION FOR ATHLETES

41.1. TCM

The TCM must take place on the eve of the race and is only open to the coaches of the NMs and representative person of the ski mountaineering clubs.

41.2. Bibs

The race numbers (bibs) must have a specific numbering system and if possible, a different colour on the basis of the category of belonging.

Bib numbers are attributed to the athletes or teams according to the current individual ranking.

A bib list is provided by the ISMF Ranking Manager according to the timelines as agreed between the ISMF and the LOC.

42. RACE SPECIFICATIONS

For the general features of ISMF Youth World Cup events refer to the Technical Race Guidelines as the information can be applied to this circuit as well.

Please refer to the ISMF Sporting Rules in order to set correctly up the various areas of the race track, to follow the guidelines regarding penalties and offences, etc.

43. EQUIPMENT

As a supplementary equipment, only crampons, an additional upper body thermal fleece layer of clothing and a head lamp for a dark race can be required.

Please refer to the Race Equipment Rules in order to find out the equipment that athletes have to hold to compete in the ISMF Youth World Cup events.

The use of ski brakes is compulsory for all athletes participating in the ISMF Youth World Cup events.

44. RANKING

A specific ranking dedicated to the ISMF Youth World Cup events will be introduced on the ISMF website.

The awarding of race points will be carried out according to the ISMF Ranking Rules and the same will be done for the determination of the Overall ranking.

45. CEREMONIES, PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

Ceremonies, prize money and awards for ISMF Youth World Cup events:

PRIZE MONEY* (minimum)	ISMF YOUTH WORLD CUP			
	SPRINT	VERTICAL	INDIVIDUAL	MIXED RELAY**
1 st U20W/U20M	300,00 EUR	300,00 EUR	300,00 EUR	1 st Team
2 nd U20W/U20M	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	200,00 EUR	500,00 EUR***
3 rd U20W/U20M	100,00 EUR	100,00 EUR	100,00 EUR	2 nd Team
1 st U18W/U18M	150,00 EUR	150,00 EUR	150,00 EUR	300,00 EUR***
2 nd U18W/U18M	100,00 EUR	100,00 EUR	100,00 EUR	3 rd Team
3 rd U18W/U18M	75,00 EUR	75,00 EUR	75,00 EUR	200,00 EUR***
TOTAL	925,00 EUR	925,00 EUR	925,00 EUR	1.000,00 EUR
TOTAL/category	1.850,00 EUR	1.850,00 EUR	1.850,00 EUR	1.000,00 EUR

* The said amounts of prize money have to be considered gross which will be then deducted of any withholding tax in force in the LOC's nation.

** Considering that the categories in the Mixed Relay race of the YWC circuit are mixed, please consider the amounts based on the ranked teams and not on the categories the athletes belong to.

*** The amount has to be considered per team. The LOC should pay exact half amount to one team member and the other exact half amount to the other team member.

Any changes to prize money must be arranged in advance between the ISMF and the LOC.

(If possible) all Award Ceremonies have to be arranged in advance with the ISMF.

The Award Ceremony will take place immediately after the Flower Ceremony of each single category.

Podiums are compulsory for:

- the Top3 athletes of each category for each scheduled race for Flower Ceremony
- the Top5 athletes of each category for each scheduled race for Award Ceremony
- the Top3 athletes of each category winning the Overall ranking.

The ISMF will provide the medals for each race and category.

There will be no Specialty Youth World Cup rankings.

The ISMF will provide the LOC of the final Youth World Cup stage with necessary trophies for the Overall Youth World Cup Ceremony.



RULES FOR LONG DISTANCE TEAM

Any rule not cited below obeys by the rest of ISMF rules.

46. REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING AN ISMF LONG DISTANCE EVENT

ISMF Long Distance Races are for Senior and Master categories only.

ISMF Long Distance Individual or Long Distance Team World or Continental Championships: a long distance race individual or team, can be a one day race or more than one.

ISMF can decide to organise the LDI WCH and the LDT WCH every year.

A Series assessed by an ISMF Referee must be organised at most a season before hosting a LDI or LDT WCH.

47. ATHLETES PARTICIPATION

Only ISMF Elite licence holders can participate and be ranked in the ISMF LD event.

The teams are composed of 2 or 3 athletes of the same nationality and the same gender.

Composition Senior Team = any athlete 18 years old (during the year of the race) or over. For safety reason in LD events, the LOC can request to ISMF that athletes must be 20 years old or over.

48. REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee is at the decision of the LOC. The fee should include the race fee and full board accommodation. When possible, the LOC should also propose a registration fee including only the race fee. Accommodation is then managed directly by NMs.

The athletes or teams registration is done through the LOC website (English compulsory).

49. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN RACE

If there is an Open Race in parallel of the ISMF LD event, the Open Race must be managed so that LD event athletes are not jeopardized by Open Race athletes:

- **For stage with multiple race days:** The start of the LD event race will be decided on the eve of the race by the ISMF Technical Jury and the LOC Race Director. The start protocol of the following day(s) will be determined during the race application process of the previous years and will be subject to an agreement between the LOC and the ISMF.
- **For single race day:** The start of the LD event race will be decided on the eve of the race by the ISMF Technical Jury and the LOC Race Director.

Open race and ISMF LD event race must have separated and distinctive rankings. Only LD event results will have the mention of "World Championships".

The Open Race must have a different Award Ceremony. The LD World Championships event Flower Ceremony and Award Ceremony must be always before the Open Race ones.

50. ISMF STAFF AND SERVICES

Legend:

- YES: the relevant service cost is included in the hosting fee
- NO: the relevant service cost is not included in the hosting fee
- PRESENT: the relevant staff is present at the event & it is included in the hosting fee
- NOT PRESENT: the relevant staff is not present at the event

SERVICES	LD EVENT
Calendar fee	YES
Anti-Doping service	YES
Timekeeping service	The relevant cost is not included in the hosting fee, but the LOC must provide/supply it
Prize money	It is not included in the hosting fee, but the LOC must provide/supply it
Online registration through ISMF web site	NO

Starting numbers/bibs		The relevant cost is not included in the hosting fee, but the LOC must provide/supply it		
Speaker service		The relevant cost is not included in the hosting fee, but the LOC must provide/supply it		
ISMF Ranking Manager supervision		YES		
Pre-visit for the event check and preparation (optional – at the discretion of the ISMF)		NO - If necessary, it is to be considered as a separate cost		
Ski pass (if the race takes place in a ski resort): – 1 ski pass for each ISMF official per race day + 1 extra day – 1 ski pass for each person of TV Team (if present) per race day + 1 extra day		The relevant cost is not included in the hosting fee, but the LOC must provide/supply it		
ISMF PRESENCE	TRANSPORT EXPENSES	FINANCIAL ALLOWANCES	ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
ISMF Jury President	Included ¹	Included ¹	Full board accommodation ²	PRESENT
ISMF Referee	Included ¹	Included ¹	Full board accommodation ²	PRESENT
ISMF Official Representative	Included ¹	-	Full board accommodation ²	PRESENT
National Referee 1 (if possible ISMF Ref)	To be coordinated between LOC and respective NM	To be coordinated between LOC and respective NM	Full board accommodation ²	To be coordinated with LOC and respective NM
National Referee 2 (if possible ISMF Ref)	To be coordinated between LOC and respective NM	To be coordinated between LOC and respective NM	Full board accommodation ²	To be coordinated with LOC and respective NM
ISMF Media staff (2 persons)	Included ¹	If photographer is present, included ¹	Full board accommodation ²	NOT COMPULSORY
Anti-Doping doctors (2 persons)	included ¹	included ¹	Full board accommodation ³	NOT COMPULSORY – To be coordinated with ISMF Anti-Doping service provider
PRE-EVENT VISIT:				
Assessors (Up to 2 persons - typically from the Sport & Events and the Media & Communications Departments)	included ¹	included ¹	Full board accommodation ³	YES, in the event if the pre-event visit is done

All fees are paid by the LOC directly to the ISMF. The exact amount will be established annually.

The following costs are included in the Event hosting fees:

1 All transport expenses from home to the event venue except costs of extra-continental travel, plus daily allowance for duration of event.

The following costs are not included in the chart above and have to be covered by the LOC:

2 Accommodation expenses (food and lodging) from two nights before the start of the first race until the morning following the end of the event, details to be communicated in due advance. Minimum 3 stars (three-star) hotel with complimentary Internet connection (single and double rooms).

3 Accommodation expenses (food and lodging) from one night before the start of the first race until the morning following the end of the event, details to be communicated in due advance. Minimum 3 stars (three-star) hotel with complimentary Internet connection (single room).

The ISMF official speaker and timekeeper are recommended.

51. ON SITE LOGISTICAL ORGANISATION FOR ATHLETES

51.1. TCM

The ISMF LD event TCM should start no later than 18:00 (recommended) on the eve of the race and is only open to the coaches of the NMs.

51.2. Bibs

LD event race numbers (bibs) must have a specific numbering system and, if possible, a different colour. It is necessary to follow gender equality rules and use the same numbering for both Men and Women.

The first top 5 athletes or teams men and women must be present during the Opening Ceremony or bibs distribution.

Bib numbers are attributed to the team according to the rank of the best athlete of the team in the last publication of the individual World Cup.

When a race comprises various stages, an athlete who is the leader of the World Cup whilst also leader of the race, may wear a bib that indicates the position as race leader (if there is a bib for this purpose).

The categories will be differentiated from each other through their sport numbers, which will have different numerical series.

52. RACE SPECIFICATIONS

52.1. Technical details of the race track

Recommended race track following the rules below:

- At least 85% of the elevation must be raced with skis on feet;
- At the most 15% should be raced on foot - footpaths, forest tracks, etc.;
- At the most 15% should be technical sections raced carrying skis on the backpack -ridges, couloirs, etc..

The snow conditions, weather and the terrain define the final option.

The track can be the same for Men and Women.

Total ascent:

- For single race day: recommended from 3000m to 5500m;
- For stage with multiple race days: recommended 3500 m/ maximum a day.

Unless there are critical weather conditions or important safety issues, the tracks for individual/team race must be ready in the morning on the day before the race (10h00 maximum). There should be at least one track, with a few flags to give the main direction.

52.2. Starting order

Starting order and timings will be decided in conjunction between the ISMF Sport Department and the LOC.

For ISMF LD events the start time will be according to the duration of the race, snow conditions and weather, some special races can be at night.

53. EQUIPMENT

On stretches using a fixed rope, where use of lanyards is compulsory, athletes must not at any time detach themselves from the fixed rope. When passing a point anchoring the fixed rope, the athlete must clip the second karabiner onto the following part of the rope before removing the first karabiner. Any breaches to these safety rules will be penalised. Penalty for not clipping the carabineer to a compulsory rope (Penalty for each anchoring when the athlete is not correctly attached): Disqualification.

In addition to all the compulsory and supplementary equipment required in the ISMF Race Equipment Rules, LD event LOC might request the following supplementary equipment:

EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION
Lower body clothing: 3 rd layer	Soft shell double with fleece that fits the athlete well. The 3 rd layer is thermal clothing. See the race specific rules.
Dynamic rope	Specificity: Rope (UIAA standard 101) with a minimum diameter of 8,5mm
Ice axe	Minimum length 50cm, UIAA standard 152
Crampons	Crampons (UIAA standard 153) with steel spikes might be asked by the LOC
Others	Any other equipment requests for safety reasons

54. RANKING

Long Distance Nation Ranking for Continental and World Championships:

Type of event	LDI	LDT
	Seniors Men & Women	Seniors Men & Women
Coefficient	1	1
Number of competitors/teams that count towards country ranking, men and women	1	1

Only when a LD event is valid as World Championships, the quotas per nation are the following:

- Race with teams of 2 athletes: 4 SM teams + 4 SW teams
- Race with teams of 3 athletes: 3 SM teams + 3 SW teams.

The ranking of the LD race will only be valid if there is a minimum of 5 teams registered and starting the race. The ISMF will provide the medals.

55. PODIUMS AND AWARDS

Podiums are compulsory for the 5 first individual athletes or the 3 first teams of each category. Medals for the podiums of the World Championships will be provided by the ISMF.

If there are several podiums (Open Race, special awards, etc.), the World Championships podium always takes place first.

Precise information with the date, time and attending personalities must be sent to the ISMF office one month prior to the event. The Award Ceremony programme must be compulsorily agreed with the ISMF Event Coordinator.

56. PRIZE MONEY

Prize-money of any LD event must be agreed between the LOC and the ISMF prior to the event.



RULES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

57. GENERAL INFORMATION

These rules apply for Olympic Games events. Any rules not mentioned or specified below are subject to the other ISMF rules and guidelines.

58. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – OLYMPIC RANKING LISTS

Only athletes with a valid ISMF Elite licence and from an ISMF Full National Member (NM) will be considered for the Olympic Ranking Lists.

Athletes from ISMF Temporary Full National Members are eligible to be ranked according to the Olympic Ranking Lists, and their respective NOC is eligible according to these Qualification Systems from the moment the ISMF Temporary Full National Membership is approved by the ISMF Council.

ISMF Full National Membership is subject to ratification by the ISMF Plenary Assembly. Should the ISMF Full National Membership application not be ratified by the ISMF Plenary Assembly before the end of the Olympic Qualification Period, athletes from the National Member not ratified would be removed from the ORLs, and the respective NOC would be deemed ineligible according to these Qualification Systems.

For the avoidance of doubt, if an ISMF Full National Membership is not ratified by the ISMF Plenary Assembly, and athletes from the respective National Member are subsequently removed from the relevant ORLs, their individual race results will remain valid and unaffected. No retrospective adjustments will be made to race results, and this will not impact the calculation of Clause C.3 Performance Requirements concerning athlete eligibility under the Qualification Systems.

58.1. Olympic Mixed Relay Ranking List (OMRRL)

The OMRRL ranks the NOCs based on the results score accumulated with the Olympic Qualifying Mixed Relay Events.

Olympic Qualifying Mixed Relay Events circuit:

- all Mixed Relay races in the ISMF World Cup (WC) circuit during the qualification period
- and the Mixed Relay Senior race of the World Championships 2025.

58.1.1. Scoring

Place points scoring: Place Points are assigned by each Olympic Qualifying Mixed Relay Events following the Nation Result List (see 35.3.3.1).

Results number taken into account: The number (N) of results taken in account for the OMRRL score depends on the total (T) number of races with an official result from the Olympic Qualifying Mixed Relay Events circuit.

- If there are 4 races or less, all the results will be taken in account: $N = T$
- If there are 5, 6 or 7 races, there will be one drop result: $N = T - 1$
- If there are 8 or more races, there will be two drop results: $N = T - 2$.

Total score: The NOC's score on the OMRRL is the Place Points summation of the best N results.

58.1.2. Tie

In case of a tie, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. The first 5 (five) best results;
2. The sum of Time Points of the considered place point (5 results);
3. The best ranking per NOC from OMRRL results (World Cup and World Championships at the same level);
4. The second-best ranking per NOC from OMRRL results (World Cup and World Championships at the same level);
5. Etc.

58.1.3. Change of athlete's nationality

In case an athlete changes the nationality during the qualification period, the points gained for the NOC the athlete was competing for before changing the nationality remain with that NOC.

58.2. Olympic Sprint Ranking List (OSRL)

The OSRL ranks the athletes (and their NOCs) per gender based on the results score accumulated with the Olympic Qualifying Sprint Events.

Olympic Qualifying Mixed Relay Events circuit:

- all Sprint races in the ISMF World Cup (WC) circuit during the qualification period
- and the Sprint Senior race of the World Championships 2025.

58.2.1. Scoring

Place points scoring: Place Points are assigned by each Olympic Qualifying Sprint Events following the World Cup Place Points table.

Results number taken into account: The number (N) of results taken in account for the OSRL score depends on the total (T) number of races with an official result from the Olympic Qualifying Sprint Events circuit.

- If there are 4 races or less, all the results will be taken in account: $N = T$
- If there are 5, 6 or 7 races, there will be one drop result: $N = T-1$
- If there are 8 or more races, there will be two drop results: $N = T-2$.

Total Score: The athlete's score on the OSRL is the Place Points summation of the best N results.

Athlete with a D5 quota place: Where an athlete's performance has resulted in the allocation of a quota place for their NOC as per clause D.5 of the [Milano Cortina 2026 Qualification System](#), the athlete will not be eligible for a quota place to be allocated to their NOC under clause D.6.

58.2.2. Tie

In case of a tie, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. The first 5 (five) best results;
2. The sum of Time Points;
3. The best ranking per athlete from OSRL results (World Cup and World Championships at the same level);
4. The second-best ranking per athlete from OSRL results (World Cup and World Championships at the same level);
5. Etc.

58.2.3. Change of athlete's nationality

In case an athlete changes the nationality during the qualification period, the athlete will only be ranked with the NOC he/she was competing for at the beginning of the qualification period.

58.3. Specification of Olympic Qualification System item C.3.C: "Performance Requirements"

Regarding "ISMF U18 Youth World Cup" and "U18 ISMF World Championships 2025", eligible events to achieve the performance requirements include the following:

- ISMF World Championships 2025: Youth Mixed Relay race and U18 Sprint race
- ISMF Youth World Cup events during the Olympic Qualification Period: Youth Mixed Relay races and U18 Sprint races.

58.4. AIN Quota

Quota places for AIN (Athletes Individuels Neutres) are included within the overall Ski Mountaineering quota for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. In accordance with the AIN Participation Criteria approved by the ISMF Council (19 June 2025), AIN athletes may only qualify through the individual methods described in sections D.5 and D.6 of the Olympic Qualification System.

59. ORGANISATION

59.1. Bib numbers

Bib numbers will be assigned according to the OSRL and OMRRL. The best athlete/NOC in the OSRL/OMRRL will have the bib # 1 etc. Athletes eligible via Mixed Relay and not ranked in OSRL and nominated by NOC will be placed last in the bib distribution. In case of a tie, the International Federation (IF) Delegate will flip a coin to break the tie.

59.2. Team Captain Meeting (TCM)

It is compulsory for a representative from each NOC to be present at the TCM, confirming the presence during the roll call. During the TCM, all data from NOCs and athletes will be checked, verified and signed by the NOC representative.

59.3. Late Athlete Replacement (LAR)

Late Athlete Replacement allows an athlete already entered into the Games to be replaced after the Sport Entries Deadline in the event of a medical condition or exceptional circumstance, in accordance with the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy. The LAR policy is applicable to quota place allocated to NOCs and facilitates the possibility for the NOC to replace an athlete after the sport entries deadline, if they meet the necessary criteria.

59.4. Reallocation further to entries deadline

Reallocation further to entries deadline refers to the reassignment of quota places due to a NOC not being able to fulfil their accepted quota with an eligible athlete.

59.5. Substitution

If an entered athlete cannot start due to force majeure (medical certificate required), another athlete already registered in the Olympic Winter Games may take his/her place. The substitution must take place no later than 60 (sixty) minutes before the start of the track inspection.

59.6. Starting procedure

Athletes must be present in the pre-start area 5 (five) minutes before the start of the race. If not present, the ISMF Technical Jury could disqualify the athlete/team (Did not start - DNS).

59.7. Timekeeping

All races must be timed with a precision of 1/10th of a second if coming from transponders and 1/100th of second once confirmed by photo finish.

Intermediate times and final times are truncated to 1/10th of a second for reporting the official time (e.g., 38:24.38 becomes 38:24.3).

59.7.1. Photo finish

The photo finish will be watched when the timing between 2 (two) athletes on the finish line is less than 2 tens of second (<0.2"). The photo finish result has the priority on the timing.

If photo finish cannot break the tie:

- For Olympic Games, see Rules for Olympic Games
- For Sprint race, see rule 35.4.1
- For Mixed Relay race: the tie will be broken with the team rank of qualification (the best team rank gains the tie). If there is no qualification, the tie will be broken by the rank at mid-race (intermediate time point prior the second handover)
- For the other races (Vertical, Individual, Team, etc.): the tie will be broken by the rank at mid-race (using intermediate time point closer half of the race time).

59.7.2. False start

During Olympic Games, a false start applies when there is a clear visible movement of a part of the athletes' body between 0.4 to 0.1 seconds before the start gunshot verified in real time speed by the Jury President or his/her designated Referee.

59.8. Protest

The Protest Period starts when the unofficial result is signed off by the Jury President and the protest time (end of protest period) is published on the scoreboard and bulletin board.

The NOC representative must submit the protest in writing (protest protocol duly filled out) within 5 (five) minutes of the start of the Protest Period.

The ISMF Technical Jury has up to 5 minutes before the official start of the Victory Ceremony to respond.

Protest is only possible during:

- Sprint final;
- Mixed Relay final.

Due to the pressure of the timeline, protest is not possible during Sprint Heats and Semifinals.

59.9. Appeal

The submission time is reduced to 3 hours (Appeal Deadline). An appeal can be presented on:

- Sprint final;
- Mixed Relay final.

59.10. Coaching Area

During ISMF events and Olympic Games no outside assistance is allowed except in the specified Coaching Areas. For the Sprint Race and Mixed Relay Race only broken poles may be changed in the Coaching Areas, no other equipment (also if broken) may be changed. Entrance is only possible with a valid accreditation for only one coach per NOC. The limitations of the Coaching Areas must be respected. During the phases (qualification, heats, semifinals and finals) no entry to or exit from the Coaching Areas is possible. The Coaches in the Coaching Areas must respect the instructions communicated in the TCM (e.g. like wearing crampons or snow spikes).

59.11. Arrival in Downhill

Due to local conditions the arrival to the finish line for Sprint Race and Mixed Relay Race is possible in skiing mode. The set up of the last gates (affecting the speed of the athletes), the arrival corridors (either no corridor or up to three corridors), the finish line and the finish area (long and wide enough for stopping) must be implemented in close collaboration between the LOC Race Director and the ISMF Technical Assistant. Safety for and fairness between the athletes must be respected.

59.12. Pre-race equipment control

The ISMF Jury President may decide that the weighing of equipment, specifically skis and boots, is mandatory for all registered athletes on the days prior to the race. Athletes may also present replacement equipment for weighing and approval during this time. All equipment that passes control will be marked with a non-removable sticker.

If deemed necessary, the ISMF Jury President may request that the weighed and approved equipment be stored within the event compound to ensure its safekeeping.

In the event of breakage of approved equipment, the athlete may present the damaged item and request weighing and approval of replacement equipment before the start of the race.

At the finish area, checks may be conducted solely to verify compliance with compulsory equipment regulations and to confirm the presence of the official stickers on all previously weighed and approved equipment.

59.13. Roles and Responsibilities – Olympic Winter Games

To ensure clarity in staffing and reporting structures at the Olympic Winter Games, the following roles and responsibilities are defined:

ISMF-Appointed Staff:

Personnel appointed by the ISMF Bureau includes:

- IF Delegate
- International Technical Officials (ITOs)
- ISMF Senior Staff
- ISMF Staff
- ISMF Medical Officer
- ISMF Head of Media
- ISMF Equipment Technicians

OCOG-Appointed Staff:

Personnel appointed by the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG), with significant responsibilities in the competition's delivery, includes:

- Sport Director
- National Technical Officials (NTOs)
- Volunteers (VOLs)
- Forerunners
- Workforce
- Other event-specific operational staff

Reporting Structure:

- NTOs are nominated by the respective National Federation and report directly to the Jury President.
- Certain Volunteers (e.g. Gate Controllers) also report directly to the Jury President.
- All other OCOG-appointed personnel report through the OCOG competition management structure.

59.14. Competition Officials and ISMF Event/Technical Jury – Olympic Winter Games

To ensure clarity in the composition of Competition Officials and the ISMF Event/Technical Jury at the Olympic Winter Games, the following roles and rights are defined:

Competition Officials	Members of Event Jury with Right to Vote	Members of the Technical Jury with Right to Vote**
IF Delegate (= ISMF Event Coordinator)	IF Delegate*	
LOC Race Director	LOC Race Director	
ISMF Jury President	Jury President	Jury President
LOC Track Director		
ISMF Referee		Referee
ISMF Referee		Referee
ISMF Referee		Referee
ISMF Referee		Referee
ISMF Ranking Manager		
Head of ISMF Office		
ISMF Technical Assistant (= ISMF Technical Delegate)	Technical Assistant	

* In the event of a tie, the vote of the IF Delegate shall prevail.

** For a meeting of the Technical Jury, at least three voting members must be present.

The competencies of the ISMF Event Jury and Technical Jury are defined in Rules 26.1.2 and 26.1.3 of the ISMF Rules and Guidelines.

59.15. Track Inspection

The track during Track Inspection is only accessible for athletes and one accredited representative per NOC.

60. SPRINT RACE

60.1. Phases

Olympic Sprint race is composed of 3 (three) phases:

#	Name	Number	Athletes	Qualification
Phase 1	Heats	x 3	3 x 6	OSRL
Phase 2	Semifinals	x 2	2 x 6	From each heat, 3 qualified athletes directly + 3 Lucky Losers from all heats.
Phase 3	Final	x 1	1 x 6	From each semifinal, 2 qualified athletes directly + 2 Lucky Losers from all semifinals.

60.2. Heats – Start list composition

The athletes will be assigned to the heats according to the following pre-defined grid:

No.	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3
1	Bib #1	Bib #2	Bib #3
2	Bib #6	Bib #5	Bib #4
3	Bib #7	Bib #8	Bib #9
4	Bib #12	Bib #11	Bib #10
5	Bib #13	Bib #14	Bib #15
6	Bib #18	Bib #17	Bib #16

60.3. Position on the start line

Based on the ranking from the previous phase, athletes are ranked 1-6 and ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6. For the heats, the best athlete is defined by the bib number.

60.4. Semifinals – Start list composition

Semifinal 1		Semifinal 2	
Order to enter start area in the semifinal 1		Order to enter start area in the semifinal 2	
1*	H1#1	1	H3#1
1*	H2#1	2*	H1#2
3	H3#2	2*	H2#2
4	H3#3	4*	H1#3
5	LL1	4*	H2#3
6	LL3	6	LL2

H1#2 means the athlete finished second in the heat 1.

* For athletes with the same rank in the previous phase, the athlete with the best race time of the previous phase enters the start area first.

60.5. Finals – Start list composition

Athletes will enter start area following the order below:

FINAL - Start list order	
1 st	Fastest time of the semifinal winners
2 nd	Second fastest time of the semifinal winners
3 rd	Fastest time of the second-place semifinal finishers
4 th	Second fastest time of the second-place semifinal finishers
5 th	1 st Lucky Loser: fastest time among all semifinal finishers not yet qualified for the final
6 th	2 nd Lucky Loser: fastest time among all remaining semifinal finishers not yet qualified for the final

Tie rule: in case of tie on the times, tie will be broken by the position on the previous phase (that means, for the final, by the rank on heats) then by the time on this previous phase.

60.6. Tie after photo finish

In the event of a tie after a photo finish during heats, the athlete with the lower bib number will be ranked ahead in the tie (e.g., bib #7 is ranked ahead of bib #9). For ties in heats where two (or more) athletes are competing for the third Lucky Loser spot, only the athlete with the lowest bib number will qualify.

In the event of a tie after photo finish during semifinals or finals, the ranking will be determined first by the athlete's rank in the previous phase, and if still tied, by the best time in the previous phase. For ties involving the second Lucky Loser in the semifinals, the ranking will be broken by rank, then time in the previous phase, with only the top athlete in the tie qualifying for the final.

PHASE	RULES TO ORGANISE THE RESULT	TIE BREAK RULE IF PHOTO FINISH (inside unit)
FINAL	Place 1-6	Photo finish then semifinal rank then semifinal time
SEMIFINAL	Places 7-12 (non-qualified athletes): Rank in each semifinal Then semifinal time Then heat rank Then heat time Then Ex-aequo	Photo finish Then rank during heats Then time during heats Then bib number
HEATS	Places 13-18 (non-qualified athletes): Rank in each heat Then heat time Then Ex-aequo	Photo finish Then bib number

60.7. Final ranking

Athletes with the same rank in the semifinal or heats, which were not progressing to the next phase will be ranked according to their position and then their time during the previous phase. In the heats phase, ex-aequo is possible when athletes have the same time. In the semifinal, ranking is done by position, then semifinal time, then heat rank, then heat time, otherwise ex-aequo.

60.8. Invalid Result Mark (IRM)

Did not start (DNS) / Did not finish (DNF) during semifinal will be ranked in the last position of semifinalists (e.g., 12th position). In case of several athletes with DNS, the tie will be broken by the rank after the heats.

DNS/DNF during final will be ranked in the last position of finalists (e.g., 6th position). In case of several athletes with DNS, the tie will be broken by the rank in the semifinals then their semifinal time.

DNF athletes take the rank before the DNS.

Example with 2 DNS and 2 DNF in semifinals:

12th: DNS / 11th: DNS / 10th: DNF / 9th: DNF.

DNF in heats will not be ranked in the results but be listed and marked DNF in event summaries.

Disqualified (DSQ) / Disqualified for special behaviour (DQB) athlete will not be ranked at any phase of the event.

If a DSQ athlete is announced before the start of the next phase, the first athlete not qualified will replace the position of the DSQ athlete.

If DSQ or DQB athlete is announced after a phase, athletes ranked behind the DSQ/DQB athlete will gain one place.

60.9. Sprint Race LAR and Reallocation

60.9.1. Late Athlete Replacement

- If an athlete is not able to participate in the Sprint Race the LAR policy comes into effect.
- Any athlete for which an accreditation application has been submitted by the NOC by the ACR deadline may be used as a replacement, provided they meet the eligibility criteria set by the Qualification System (QS).
- All LARs are submitted **only** electronically, and notifications will be sent to all parties involved.

The LAR period starts with the Sport Entries Deadline from 27 Jan 2026 01:00 CET and ends on 18 Feb 2026 06:00 CET (or as per competition schedule). The LAR process must be completed no later than one (1) hour before the TCM for the Sprint Race.

60.9.2. Reallocation further to entries deadline

If a NOC cannot replace an athlete, the quota place will be reallocated provided that there are eligible athletes listed on ACR long-list and that there is sufficient time to conclude the process prior to one (1) hour before the TCM for the Sprint Race. The Reallocation period starts with the Sport Entries Deadline from 27 Jan 2026 01:00 CET and ends on 18 Feb 2026 06:00 CET (or as per competition schedule).

The quota place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible NOC according to the Olympic Sprint Ranking List (respecting the maximum NOC team size). The reallocation of quota places is gender specific and respects the criteria specified under section B of the QS.

Race Bibs will be assigned according to the Olympic Sprint Ranking List once all LAR and Reallocation processes are completed.

61. MIXED RELAY RACE

61.1. Start list

NOCs must provide the ISMF Race Office with the composition of the Mixed Relay teams 2 (two) hours before the TCM.

61.2. Phases

For the Mixed Relay race there will be only the final phase. Therefore, it could be possible to have more than 12 (twelve) teams at the starting lines. In this case the last bib numbers will be positioned on a third line in the starting area. There will be a maximum of 6 (six) athletes on each starting line.

61.3. Start list composition and position on the start line

The female athlete from each team will start the race and enters the start area. Bib #1 enters first, and entrance follows by bib number in ascending numerical order. Athletes are ordered on the start line from left to right (looking uphill) - Rank 5, Rank 3, Rank 1, Rank 2, Rank 4, Rank 6. In the second line the athletes from Rank 7 to Rank 12 will be positioned following the same distribution of the first line.

61.4. Invalid Result Mark (IRM)

Team with IRM (DNS, DNF, DSQ, DQB) will not be ranked in the results, but be listed in event summaries.

In case of DQB, each team ranked behind the DQB team will gain one place.

61.5. Tie after photo finish

In the event that a tie cannot be broken using the Photo Finish determination, the tie will be broken using the first of the concerned teams to cross the intermediate timing point immediately before to the relay handover at the middle of the race, after one run of X.1 athlete and X.2 athlete. If there is no intermediate time point just prior to the handover, the first team to cross the intermediate time point just after the handover from the X.2 athlete to the X.1 athlete will be used.

In the event of a tie at any intermediate time point, the team with the lower bib number will be ranked ahead in the tie (e.g., bib #7 is ranked ahead of bib #9).

61.6. Mixed Relay Race LAR and Substitution

61.6.1. Late Athlete Replacement

- LAR applies only when a NOC's ability to field a valid Mixed Relay team is compromised due to a verified medical condition or exceptional circumstance affecting an athlete, and when no eligible substitute of the same gender exists within that NOC's confirmed entries.
- For NOCs with more than one male and/or female athlete, LAR may be approved only if both athletes of the affected gender are medically or exceptionally unable to compete, and therefore no on-site substitution is possible.
- Any athlete for whom an accreditation application has been submitted by the NOC by the ACR deadline may be used as a replacement, provided they meet the eligibility criteria set by the Qualification System (QS).
- LAR applications will not be accepted if an eligible substitute is available within the confirmed entries of the same gender from the same NOC.
- All LARs are submitted **only** electronically, and notifications will be sent to all parties involved.
- All applications for LAR must be substantiated with comprehensive medical documentation and in the case of exceptional circumstance by the appropriate supporting documentation. Each application shall be subject to review by the IF Medical Doctor, and, where deemed necessary, by the IOC Medical Doctor. Prior to the submission of a LAR application, applicants must provide the ISMF with comprehensive supporting documentation, including medical or other relevant evidence, confirming that no eligible on-site substitution is available. The IF will review and verify this documentation before proceeding with the review of any LAR application.
- The LAR period starts after the Sprint Race concludes on 19 February 2026 (or as per competition schedule) and ends on 20 February 2026 at 06:00 CET.
- The LAR process must be completed no later than one (1) hour before the TCM for the Mixed Relay Race.
- After the Team Captains' Meeting, the standard substitution procedure applies until one (1) hour before the start of the track inspection.
- The LAR process must comply fully with the IOC LAR Policy.

61.6.2. Substitution

If an athlete entered in the Mixed Relay Race is unable to start due to a verified medical condition or exceptional circumstance, a substitution may occur. The substitute athlete must already be registered and accredited for Milano Cortina 2026.

The substitution period begins at the TCM for the Mixed Relay Race on 20 February 2026 and ends no later than 60 minutes prior to the start of track inspection on 21 February 2026.

The team's starting position will remain unchanged, and a revised start list will be issued.

Substitute athletes can only be athletes that have competed in the Sprint events.

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX T: EXTENDED TIMELINE – QUALIFICATION TO COMPETITION

Date	Milestone/Event
26 Sep 2025	Athlete Accreditation Long List (IOC Deadline)
21 Dec 2025	End of ISMF Qualification Period
23 Dec 2025	Publication of Olympic Ranking Lists and Athlete Eligibility List
30 Dec 2025	ISMF confirms quota allocations to NOCs
13 Jan 2026	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places
14–26 Jan 2026	Reallocation of unused quota places
26 Jan 2026, 23:59 GMT	Sport Entries Deadline (IOC)
27 Jan 2026, 01:00 CET	Sprint Race - Late Athlete Replacement period opens
27 Jan 2026, 01:00 CET	Sprint Race – Reallocation further to entries deadline opens
18 Feb 2026, 06:00 CET	Sprint Race – End of Late Athlete Replacement period
18 Feb 2026, 06:00 CET	Sprint Race – End of Reallocation further to entries deadline
18 Feb 2026	Sprint Race TCM
19 Feb 2026	Sprint Race
19 Feb 2026 (post-race)	Mixed Relay – Late Athlete Replacement period opens
20 Feb 2026, 06:00 CET	Mixed Relay – End of Late Athlete Replacement period
20 Feb 2026	Mixed Relay TCM
20 Feb 2026 at TCM	Mixed Relay – Substitution period opens
21 Feb 2026, 11:30 CET	Mixed Relay Race – End of Substitution period
21 Feb 2026	Mixed Relay Race



UNIVERSITY SPORT EVENTS

FISU Endorsed Event & FISU Games

62. INTRODUCTION

“International University Championships endorsed by FISU” is a special classification for University students to award the title of ski mountaineering University Champion.

The University Sport rules follows, except in the details exposed in the annex, the following documents:

- ISMF Rules & Guidelines;
- ISMF Rules for Youth World Cup.

63. PARTICIPATION

63.1. Category

It includes youth athletes at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event (i.e., born between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 2006), who are active University students. Proof of Students Cards has to be presented at the time of the accreditation.

63.2. Registration

The registration to this event should be done through the ISMF website and at the last minute on spot. ISMF Youth Athletes will insert the information about their student’s status directly in the licence. Proof of being University students (FISU certificate of Academic Eligibility or Students Card) has to be presented at the time of the accreditation.

63.3. ISMF Licence

The ISMF Competition Licence will be required for University Sport Events.

64. RACE FORMAT

64.1. Vertical

- A single ascent on skis. No part takes place on foot with skis on backpack. Vertical race is possible off-piste but only along a sheltered track with a minimum width of 2m. The average gradient should be at least 15%;
- The area after the finish line must be completely flat or with a gentle slope, and at least 6m wide;
- The total ascent of 300m (maximum 400m);
- Start order according to the WC/YWC ranking.

64.2. Sprint

Short track with ascent, descent, and a part on foot with skis attached to backpack, which will take place in qualification phases, heats, semi-finals and final. Race held by heats of 6 athletes from heats to final. The total ascent of 60m maximum.

- The qualification with individual start and 20 seconds start interval;
- Followed by heats/semifinals and finals per 6 athletes per heats;
- Lucky loser from heats to semifinals and from semifinals to finals;
- Final composition: the two first athletes from each semifinal and two lucky losers with the two best times from both semifinals;
- Athletes during the heats must be present in the pre-start tent 3 minutes before their start time. If an athlete does not arrive, that racer is not allowed to start;
- If an athlete, during the qualification does not arrive at least 1 minute before their starting time to the start line, that athlete is not allowed to start;
- Best time/position wins.

The heats will be for all categories that all athletes achieve their best visibility and compete in as many heats as possible. Therefore, the sprint race for all categories is shortened to max. 60m of total ascent.

64.3. Mixed Relay

The Mixed Relay race covers 4 loops, each with 2 ascents and 2 descents. Each athlete has to cover the loop twice alternately with the teammate.

- The qualification with individual start and 30 seconds start interval for each member of team 1M/1W. The sum of the qualification time defines the start position for Final A or Final B;
- Composition of team (1 M & 1 W);
- Start order for qualification according to the WC/YWC ranking;
- All members of the team must be present in the pre-start tent 3 minutes before the start for the media presentation of the team;
- Starting position is chosen according to the qualification time;
- The best team will be able to choose its start line position first;
- Final A composition with a maximum of 12 teams (quota of one team per NM);
- Final B with a minimum of 6 teams (no quota per NM) maximum 12 teams.

Track modifications are subject to the previous approval by the ISMF Sport Department or/and the Jury.

65. EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATION

As a supplementary equipment, only crampons, an additional upper body thermal fleece layer of clothing and a head lamp for a dark race can be required.

66. SPECIFICATION FOR FISU GAMES

66.1. General terms

The ski mountaineering events will be organised in accordance with the most recent ISMF Rules & Guidelines, except when specifically amended by these rules or by the FISU Games International Technical Committee (FISU Games ITC).

The programme and duration of the races will be fixed by the FISU Executive Committee in agreement with the LOC and the FISU Games ITC. In principle, the programme will last 6 days and will include the following events (2 or 3):

Men	Women
Sprint race	Sprint race
Vertical race	Vertical race
Mixed Relay race	

66.2. Entries

Each nation is authorised to enter a maximum of 8 athletes per gender (total 16 athletes).

In each event, each nation may enter:

- Individual events: maximum 6 athletes (per gender)
- Team events:
 - Mixed Relay race: maximum 2 teams per nation composed of 1 W and 1 M.

Only athletes with an ISMF Licence are allowed to participate in each ski mountaineering event.

At the first general technical meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official entry list of athletes.

Only with an accreditation card approved by the FISU International Control Committee (CIC) an athlete can be considered for the draw of a starting list and be entitled to participate in any of the races.

66.3. Deposit

Two months before the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games, all countries participating in individual sports must confirm their participation with the payment of a deposit of 375,00 EUR per athlete and official registered in the Quantitative Entry. The fee shall correspond to the participation fee for 5 nights (cf. General Regulations Art. 5.4.4).

66.4. FISU Technical Committee Chair, IF Technical Delegates & Technical Officials

66.4.1. Nomination

Assignment		Nominated by
TCC	FISU Technical Committee Chair	FISU
TD	ISMF Technical Delegate	ISMF
ITO	ISMF Referee (host nation)	ISMF
	ISMF Referee (international)	ISMF

The LOC must invite the ITOs no later than four months before the opening ceremony of the FISU World University Games.

66.4.2. Number

Assignment		Number of persons
TCC	FISU Technical Committee Chair	1
TD	ISMF Technical Delegate	1
ITO	ISMF Referee (host nation)	1
	ISMF Referee (international)	1

66.4.3. Payment obligations

Including: travel expenses, costs of stay and the daily allowance.

Assignment		Charged to
TCC	FISU Technical Committee Chair	FISU
TD	ISMF Technical Delegate	FISU
ITO	ISMF Referee (host nation)	LOC
	ISMF Referee (international)	LOC

Daily allowance according to FISU/IF rules are to be paid for the entire days of duty (including travel days) within two days after their arrival.

66.5. Jury composition

For all events (men and women) the Technical Jury must be nominated with the following members:

- ISMF Referee/President of the Technical Jury (FISU Technical Committee Chair nominated by FISU);
- ISMF Technical Delegate;
- Chief of Race (nominated by the LOC);
- National Referee (nominated by the NM) – no voting rights.

All Jury members must be able to communicate with the LOC and with all Jury members by radio during the races.