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R U L E S
FIS-World Cup" B " Nordic Combined
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1. World Cup" B " Closing Dates

1.1 Entry

Each National Ski Association has the right to apply to the FIS for the organisation of a World Cup" B " event. The application for an event needs to be prepared on an official FIS entry form and given two years in advance. The application must be completed by the FIS recognized National Ski Association and not from an event organiser.

1.2 Appointment

The World Cup Committee checks the jumping hill certificate, the capacity and the organization of the site in question and establishes the provisional calendar of the World Cup" B "- dates, which later receives the approval of the FIS Council.

1.3 Competition periods

The World Cup" B " events are divided into three periods. In special cases, additional competitions may be placed onto the schedule to balance the number of events within that period.

1.3.1 First period

From the 48th week (December 2001) until the 50th week (December 2001).

1.3.2 Second period

From the 1st week (January 2002) until the 3rd week (January 2002).

1.3.3 Third period

From the 9th week (February/March 2002) until the 10th week (March 2002).

1.3.4 Final

The last event of a ski season is also the final where the awards ceremony of the World Cup" B " is held.

2. World Cup“B“ Participants

2.1 General

Each National Ski Association qualifies its participants and is responsible that these participants can fully master the jumping hill to be used.

2.2 Number of Participants

The national entry quota will be based on the previous years WC“B“ Nations ranking list (the best 3 athletes per nation / per event). The following national entry quotas will be used for the 2000/01 season:

1.-	3.rank	8 athletes
4.-	8.rank	6 athletes
9.-	12.rank	5 athletes
13.-	17.rank	4 athletes
	without WC points	3 athletes
		National quota *: 6 athletes

* In addition, for North American WC“B“ competitions, a 12 athletes national quota is maximum. Both the US and Canada have a reciprocal agreement to start with this quota in each other's event.

3. Distribution of points

3.1 Individual evaluation

1st rank = 31 points	14th rank = 12 points
2nd rank = 27 points	15th rank = 11 points
3rd rank = 24 points	16th rank = 10 points
4th rank = 22 points	17th rank = 9 points
5th rank = 21 points	18th rank = 8 points
6th rank = 20 points	19th rank = 7 points
7th rank = 19 points	20th rank = 6 points
8th rank = 18 points	21st rank = 5 points
9th rank = 17 points	22nd rank = 4 points
10th rank = 16 points	23rd rank = 3 points
11th rank = 15 points	24th rank = 2 points
12th rank = 14 points	25th rank = 1 point
13th rank = 13 points	

3.2 Evaluation per nations

	Relay	Team-Sprint
1st rank	75 pts.	50 pts.
2nd rank	69 pts.	46 pts.
3rd rank	63 pts.	42 pts.
4th rank	57 pts.	38 pts.
5th rank	51 pts.	34 pts.
6th rank	48 pts.	32 pts.
7th rank	45 pts.	30 pts.
8th rank	42 pts.	28 pts.
9th rank	39 pts.	26 pts.
10th rank	36 pts.	24 pts.
11th rank	33 pts.	22 pts.
12th rank	30 pts.	20 pts.
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19th rank	9 pts.	6 pts.
20th rank	6 pts.	4 pts.

21th rank

3 pts.

2 pts.

4. World Cup“B“ Evaluation

4.1 Individual evaluation

The World Cup“B“ winner is the participant qualified to start in World Cup“B“ events at the start of the last period within a season and the participant having obtained the greatest number of points after the World Cup“B“ final event. If two or more competitors have the same number of points at the final evaluation, the order will be determined according to the highest number of individual victories resp. according to the successive ranks.

4.2 SPRINT evaluation

The SPRINT World Cup“B“ winner is the participant qualified to start in World Cup“B“ events at the start of the last period within a season and the participant having obtained the greatest number of points after the SPRINT World Cup“B“ final event. If two or more competitors have the same number of points at the final SPRINT evaluation, the order will be determined according to the highest number of individual SPRINT victories respectively according to the successive ranks.

4.3 Evaluation per nations

The sum of all World Cup“B“ points from the best three participants of the same National Ski Association is taken into consideration for the evaluation per nation. These are added to the World Cup“B“ points scored in team events. Points are scored by the two best teams per nation who achieve a result. The team having scored the highest number of points is the winner.

4.4 Prizes

The World Cup“B“ trophy for the individual winner, for the SPRINT-winner and the team winner, medals for 1st-3rd place and diplomas for 4th-6th place are provided by the FIS.

4.4.1 Winner of World Cup“B“

Winner of the World Cup“B“ is the competitor, who is the first on the World Cup“B“ ranking list after the final competition. He receives the World Cup“B“ trophy.

4.4.2 Winner of SPRINT World Cup“B“

Winner of the SPRINT World Cup“B“ is the competitor, who is the first on the SPRINT World Cup“B“ ranking list after the final SPRINT competition. He receives the small SPRINT World Cup“B“ trophy.

4.4.3 Nation`s Cup winner

The winner of the Nations Cup is the team with the highest points after the final competition, according to the rule 4.3.

5. Competition Mode

The World Cup“B“ competitions in principle are to be carried out in accordance to the articles of the ICR.

5.1 Special regulations

5.1.1 Starting order

The starting order for a World Cup“B“ event is determined by the actual World Cup“B“ ranking list. For the first event of each season and likewise for the first event in each new period within the season, the final World ranking list of the previous season or the past period is decisive.

5.1.2 Team-Sprint modus

The Team-Sprint competition is held according to the ICR rule 545. Prior to the start of the competition, the Jury must decide, based on the total number of teams entered for the event if it's necessary to start with an „A“- and „B“-final.

5.1.3 Evaluation of the periods

The number of World Cup and World Cup“B“ events held within a competition period must be the same in order to evaluate the World Ranking List. In a period when this situation does not occur, an equal number of events will be taken into consideration for the scoring of the World Ranking List. The cup competition in which more events have occurred will be scored by the dropping of the athletes poorest result (point event) within the period.

A competitor may only compete in an equal number of events that are within the scheduled period, i.e. World Cup and/or World Cup“B“ in combination. Participation is counted when an athlete has started his first competition jump.

5.1.4 Additional numbers

During the SPRINT, numbers are to be attached to the thighs (outside) for better verification of results.

5.1.5 Mass start

For the final round at the jumping competition of the FIS World Cup“B“ the two third of competitors are qualified according to the provisional result after Cross-Country and the 1st round.

5.2 World Cup“B“ Bib

The leader of the World Cup“B“ receives the green bib.

6. Payment of Expenses

6.1 Economical quotas for competitors

All nations have a quota of 4 competitors.

6.2 Economical quotas for officials

All nations have a quota of 1 official.

6.3 Accommodation

The organiser has the task to provide the accommodation and the meals for one competition at least three days and three nights and for a double competition at least four days and four nights. The maximum costs for full-board may not exceed CHF 80.-, however a lower price is recommended. In case effective costs due to local price level are higher than CHF 80.- they must be confirmed by the FIS World Cup“B” Coordinator.

6.4 Travel expenses

The travel costs have to be paid by the National Ski Associations.

6.5 Travel expenses for TD and Jumping Judges

The reimbursement of the travel expenses for the Technical Delegate, the TD-Assistant and the Jumping Judges is made according to the valid ICR-rules.

6.6 World Cup“B” Fees

The sanctioning fees for a World Cup“B” event will be decided at the FIS Congress and will be valid for a two year’s period. The World Cup“B” Nordic Combined sanction fee is charged in addition to the basic FIS calendar fee.

7. World Cup“B” reports

7.1 Task of the TD

The FIS TD has to write the report on the World Cup“B” event. The completion and submission of this report to the FIS Office together with the result lists must be made immediately after the end of the event.

7.2 Result Lists

The result lists and the new World Cup“B” Standings are to be sent immediately to the next World Cup“B” organiser.

7.3 Task of the Coordinator

The World Cup“B” Coordinator has the responsibility to assist the competition organizer with all elements of the event. This includes all questions that may arise during an event (competition time schedule, rules, equipment controls, etc.).

His lodging and meals during his stay at the event site are to be paid by the competition organiser.

The World Cup“B” Coordinator is responsible for working closely with his partner the FIS Race Director Nordic Combined.

At the FIS World Cup“B“ competitions the Coordinator, if he is present, has the task to represent the interests of the International Ski Federation. Within this role, he may participate in all jury meetings and may request that a jury meeting is going to be held.