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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 organisation 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 49th week (December 2003) until the 51st week (December 2003).
- 1.3.2 Second period**

From the 2nd week (January 2004) until the 4th week (January 2004).
- 1.3.3 Third period**

From the 7th week (February 2004) until the 11th week (March 2004).
- 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 (see 4.3). For nations who achieved World Cup“B” points the following entry quotas will be used:

1.-	3.rank	8 athletes	
4.-	8.rank	6 athletes	
9.-	12.rank	5 athletes	
	from 13.rank	4 athletes	
	without WC points	3 athletes	
National quota:	Europe		6 athletes
	Asia / America		8 athletes

3. Distribution of points

3.1 Individual evaluation

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

3.2 Evaluation per nations

1st rank = 200 points	11th rank = 25 points
2nd rank = 150 points	12th rank = 20 points
3rd rank = 130 points	13th rank = 15 points
4th rank = 110 points	14th rank = 10 points
5th rank = 90 points	15th rank = 5 points
6th rank = 70 points	16th rank = 3 points
7th rank = 60 points	17th rank = 2 points
8th rank = 50 points	18th rank = 1 points
9th rank = 40 points	
10th rank = 30 points	

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 at the World Cup “B“ list. 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 having obtained the greatest number of points in the SPRINT World Cup “B“. In the final ranking are only competitors, who are qualified to start in World Cup “B“ events in the last period or started at least during two periods for World Cup “B“. 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 best team per nation in team events and the best two teams per nation in team-sprint events. The team having scored the highest number of points is the winner.

4.4 World Ranking List

The world ranking list consists of the results of the two World Cup's (A and B). The common ranking of both World Cup's at the end of a period or the season is based on this list.

4.4.1 Classification of World Cup A points

In the World Cup A the results will be multiplied by 10. Additional points (9 – 1) will be distributed for the ranks 31 to 39.

4.4.2 Classification of World Cup B points

In the World Cup B the results will be multiplied by 2.

4.4.3 Supplementary Calculation

At an unequal number of organised World Cup "B" competitions, a supplementary calculation will be used as follows:

The sum of all points in a period at World Cup“B“ will be multiplied by a factor (per missing competition + 0,05 resp. an extra competition – 0.05 to number 1).

The obtained value will be mathematically rounded to an integer and added to the points of the World Cup "B". This applies exclusively for competitors who started in one Cup only.

- 4.4.4 Classification of the "climber" into the World Cup "A" list**
The WRL points of the climber will be divided through 10 for the classification in the World Cup "A" list.
- 4.4.5 Classification of competitors „relegated“ in to the World Cup B list**
The WRL points of „relegated“ competitors will be divided by through 2 for the classification in the World Cup "B" list and, if necessary, multiplied by a factor according to art. 4.4.3.
- 4.4.6 Exceptional cases**
Competitors according to art. 2.5 to 2.7 who are switching the Cup, will get their points from the former periods of a season calculated according to art. 4.4.4 and 4.4.5.
Points which are obtained during a period, count only for the Cup in which they were achieved. Only at the end of the period the points are united in the World Ranking List.
- 5. Prizes**
- 5.1 FIS World Cup Trophy**
The winner receives the FIS-World Cup trophy as follows:
The FIS will provide the big World Cup trophy for the winner of the overall World Cup and the small World Cup trophy for the winner of the SPRINT Cup.
- 5.2 FIS World Cup medals**
The first, second and third placed competitors receive FIS World Cup medals.
- 5.3 FIS World Cup diploma**
The 4th, 5th, 6th placed competitors receive a FIS diploma.
- 5.4 FIS Nations Cup**
The best nation receive the FIS Nations Cup.
- 5.5 Organisation of FIS Prizes**
The FIS World Cup trophy, the small FIS SPRINT trophy, the FIS Nations Cup, FIS medals and FIS diplomas will be organised by the FIS.
- 6. Competition Mode**
The World Cup "B" competitions in principle are to be carried out in accordance to the articles of the ICR, book VII.
- 6.1 Special regulations**
- 6.1.1 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.

6.1.2 Valuation of the competition periods

A competitor may only compete in an equal number of events (FIS World Cup + FIS World Cup "B") that are within the scheduled period. Participation is counted when an athlete has started his first competition jump or has started the Cross-Country competition at a Mass start event. At an unequal number of organised competitions in one period, the equalisation for the WRL takes place by using a factor.

6.1.3 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.

6.2 FIS World Cup "B" Bib

6.2.1 FIS World Cup "B" Leader - Yellow bib

The leader of the World Cup "B" receives the yellow bib.

6.2.2 General

The competitor wearing the Yellow bib is allowed to keep it as a souvenir. On the bib the logo of the Nordic Combined FIS World Cup "B" is shown. The organiser has the possibility to print on this bib the name of the organising resort and/or the commercial markings.

7. Payment of Expenses

7.1 Economical quotas for competitors

All nations have a quota of 4 competitors.

7.2 Economical quotas for officials

All nations have a quota of 1 official.

7.3 Accommodation

The organiser has the task to provide the accommodation and the meals (full-board including 1 soft drink per meal) in an adequate hotel (maximum 3 person in a room with shower/bath and WC). According to the number of competitions the organiser must take over the following costs:

Number of competitions*	Accommodation nights
1	3
2	4
3	5

*regardless of the duration of the competition.

The maximum costs for full-board per day is CHF 90.-.

7.4 Travel expenses

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

7.5 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.

7.6 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.

8. World Cup “B” reports

8.1 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.

8.2 Result Lists

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

8.3 Task of the Coordinator

The World Cup “B” Coordinator has the responsibility to assist the competition organiser 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.