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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 proposal for the event must come from the FIS member 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 2005) until the 51st week (December 2005).

1.3.2 Second period

From the 1st week (January 2006) until the 4th week (January 2006).

1.3.3 Third period

From the 9th week (March 2006) until the 11th week (March 2006).

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.- 3rd rank	8 athletes = GER / SUI / FRA
4.- 8th rank	6 athletes = NOR / USA / AUT / JPN / CZE
9.- 12th rank	5 athletes = FIN / RUS / ITA / CAN
from 13th rank	4 athletes = SLO / EST / SVK / UKR / POL
without WC points	3 athletes = all other nations
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.	20th 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 point
9th rank = 40 points	
10th rank = 30 points	

4. World Cup“B“ Evaluation

4.1 Individual evaluation

The World Cup“B“ winner is the competitor who does not have the right to start in World Cup A (see art 2.4 Warsteiner FIS World Cup rules) at the last period and who gained the highest 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 competitor who gained the highest number of points in the sum of all SPRINT points in the SPRINT World Cup“B“. In the overall evaluation can be only those competitors that do not qualified in the last period to start in World Cup A (see art 2.4 Warsteiner FIS World Cup rules) or who have started at least two periods in the 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 Penalty Calculation

If more competitions have been carried out in World Cup "B", the average of the achieved points in the period will be subtracted from the total points achieved in the period. In a period with less competitions in World Cup“B“, the result of the average of the achieved points in the period, will be added to the total points.

That applies to:

- a) the penalty calculation is made only for World Cup“B“, for exceptions see d)
- b) negative penalties will be counted only for competitors participating in the additional competitions.
- c) Positive penalties will be counted based on the total number of competitions, irrespective of the number of the competitions participated.

- d) For competitors, who have started in both World Cups (A+B) during one period, the negativ penalties will counted for all points he has achieved during a period if necessary (also in World Cup A). These competitors will not get positiv additions.

4.4.4 Classification of the "climber" into the World Cup A list

The WRL points of the "climbers" will be divided by 10 for the classification in the World Cup A list.

4.4.5 Classification of competitors „relegated“ to the World Cup B list

The WRL points of „relegated“ competitors will be divided by 2 for the classification in the World Cup "B" list and, if necessary, calculated with a penalty 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 have 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" B" 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" B" medals

The first, second and third placed competitors and fourth to sixth placed receive FIS World Cup medals.

5.3 FIS Nations Cup

The winning nation receive the FIS Nations Cup.

5.4 Organisation of FIS Prizes

The FIS World Cup" B" trophy, the small FIS World Cup" B" SPRINT trophy and the FIS Nations Cup will be organized 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. At the beginning of the season, the World Ranking List of the previous year is important.

6.1.2 Valuation of the competition periods

A competitor may only compete in an equal number of events (A + B FIS World Cup) 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.

6.1.4 SPRINT start format (Hurricane SPRINT)

As a second start format at a SPRINT event, it is possible to calculate the time differences after the jumping competition in metre differences. The calculation factor is 6 m/sec. (60 seconds off difference after the jumping competition will be 360 m start distance behind the leading athlete). A track will be prepared in a stadium with approximately 900m in a spiral order. All competitors will start at the same time. The start procedure will be the same as for the Mass start competition.

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 organizing resort and/or the commercial markings.

7. Payment of Expenses

7.1 Payment for competitors

All nations have a quota of 4 competitors.

7.2 Payment for officials

All nations have a quota of 1 official.

7.3 Accommodation

7.3.1 General

The organiser has the task to provide the accommodation and the meals (full-board including 1 soft drink per meal) in an adequate hotel (except youth hostel) with a maximum of 3 person in a room with shower/bath and wc (competitors and Officials have to be separated). 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 costs for the full pension must be adapted to the standard of the hotel and to the customary at a place rates and must not exceed CHF 90,-.

7.3.2 Confirmation of Accommodation

The organising committee must be informed immediately about eventual changes to the originally registered size of team and their arrival or departure dates. The Organising Committee has the right to invoice the costs incurred for cancelled accommodation to the National Ski Associations.

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 Calendar Fees

The sanctioning fee for a FIS World Cup“B” Nordic Combined event will be established at the FIS congress and will remain valid for that specific two years period.

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“ organizer 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 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 organizer. 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.