

IPC PARA ALPINE SKIING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Section 1: Regulations

300 Joint Regulations for all Competitions

300.1 All competition on the IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar must be organised in accordance with IPC Handbook and IPC Alpine Skiing Rules and Regulations.

300.2 Participation and Recognition of National Organisations

Competitions listed on the IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar are only open to properly licensed competitors entered by their National Paralympic Committees (NPC) or recognised FIS National Ski Association and in accordance with quotas established for the respective competition.

Only one national organisation per nation will be recognised to enter athletes into IPC competitions. However, the NPC will maintain the exclusive right and recognition to enter athletes from their nation in the Paralympic Winter Games and IPC Alpine Skiing World Championship.

300.3 Sanctions / Penalties

Every legal sanction or penalty imposed on and published in respect of a competitor, official, trainer or Federation/ Association will be recognised by the IPC and the National Paralympic Committee or recognised FIS National Ski Association respectively.

300.4 Special Regulations

The IPC Alpine Skiing STC can authorise a National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or recognised FIS National Ski Association (NFS) to use the existing rules and regulations to organise national or international competitions sanctioned or approved by the IPC.

300.5 Technical Control

An IPC Technical Delegate with FIS Technical Delegate certification and recognised by the IPC Alpine Skiing STC must supervise all competitions listed in the IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar.

301 Type of Competitions

The following types of Alpine Skiing competitions are sanctioned by the IPC and are subject to regulations regarding participation and/or qualification:

- Paralympic Winter Games (PWG)
- IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships (WCH)
- IPC Alpine Skiing World Cups (WC)
- IPC Alpine Skiing Continental Cups (COC)
 - IPC European Cup (EC)
 - IPC Nor Am (NAC)
 - IPC Asian Cup (AC)
 - IPC Southern Hemisphere Cup (SH)
- IPC National Championships (NCh)
- IPC National Ski Cups (NSC)

301.1 Paralympic Winter Games (PWG)

Event Types

The event types that may be considered for the Paralympic Winter Games are as follows:

EVENT	GENDER
Downhill	Men and Women
Super-G	Men and Women
Giant Slalom	Men and Women
Slalom	Men and Women
Super-Combined (DH/SG & 1 SL Run)	Men and Women

301.2 IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships

The IPC Alpine Skiing World Championship will be organized every two (2) years specifically the year following the Winter Paralympic Games and the year prior to the Winter Paralympic Games. In order to hold an IPC World Championship an organiser must have hosted an IPCAS event one (1) year prior.

Event Types

The event types that may be considered for the IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships are as follows:

EVENT	GENDER
Downhill	Men and Women
Super-G	Men and Women
Giant Slalom	Men and Women
Slalom	Men and Women
Super-Combined (DH/SG & 1 SL Run)	Men and Women
Team Event	Men and Women Combined

301.3 Alpine Skiing World Cups, Continental Cups, and International Alpine Ski Races for Athletes with a Disability

Event Types

The event types that may be considered for the Alpine World Cups, Continental Cups and International Alpine Ski Races are as follows:

EVENT	GENDER
Downhill	Men and Women
Super-G	Men and Women
Giant Slalom	Men and Women
Slalom	Men and Women
Super-Combined (DH/SG & 1 SL Run)	Men and Women
Team Event	Men and Women Combined

301.4 **World Cup Trophies**

A World Cup Trophy for the winner and medals for the top three (3) ranked athletes will be awarded for each medal event and in the overall ranking competition.

Guides will also receive awards.

In the team ranking competition, a Trophy will be awarded for the top three (3) ranked nations.

The IPC Alpine Skiing STC will provide the Trophies and Medals.

301.5 **European Cup Trophies**

A European Cup Trophy for the winner and medals for the top three (3) ranked athletes will be awarded for each category only in the overall ranking competition.

Guides will also receive awards.

In the team ranking competition, a Trophy will be awarded for the top three (3) ranked nations.

The IPC Alpine Skiing STC will provide the Trophies and Medals.

303 **IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar**

303.1 **Bidding and Announcement**

303.1.1 Each National Paralympic Committee or recognised FIS National Ski Association is entitled and encouraged to apply for the organising of the IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships and all other competitions as list under article 301 in accordance with the regulations outlined in the IPC Handbook, Section II.

303.1.2 The IPC Alpine Skiing STC will hold an annual meeting each spring to prepare the Calendar for the following season. The calendar deadline is October 1, prior to the competition year.

303.1.3 The IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar will be published on www.paralympic.org
The races on the IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar designated under the patronage of FIS will also be published on the FIS website.

303.1.4 Competitions that appear in the IPC Calendar may only take place on homologated FIS courses. The homologation certificate number must be indicated when applying for the race.

303.1.5 In the event that an NPC or an NSF appoints a race organiser it shall send the IPCAS a copy of the written agreement between the NPC-NSF and the race organizer.

304 **IPC Alpine Skiing Race License (IPCAS License)**

304.1 All athletes and guides competing are required to have a valid IPCAS License. Each NPC must purchase the licenses for their athletes and their guides on a seasonal basis as detailed below:

- by July 1st for all NPCs in the Southern Hemisphere countries
- by October 1st for NPCs from all other countries

Each athlete and each guide must pay a 50 € fee.

When paying after the above deadlines, the fee will be doubled to 100€.

New athletes or guides, who have never held an IPCAS license, are allowed to compete in IPCAS races by paying a 50€ fee at any time during their first season and must submit the Athlete's Eligibility Code Form

All new athletes obtaining an IPCAS license will have to be IPCAS Internationally Classified during the competition year of application. Until the athlete has been IPCAS Internationally Classified, he/she will be designated PNS (Paralympic New Status), and will compete in the highest class in their category (VI, Standing, Sitting) and may only compete in the technical events of level 2, 3 and 4.

After paying the IPCAS License fee, the competitor will be eligible to be included in the IPCAS Points List.

304.2 IPCAS License is valid only after the athlete/guide has signed and returned the Athletes' Eligibility Code Form to the IPC Alpine Skiing STC. All forms from under-age applicants must be counter-signed by their legal guardians. A current list of all eligible athletes is available on the IPC website www.paralympic.org

By signing the Athletes' Eligibility Code form, the athlete/guide confirms possession of valid insurance for training and competition and assumes full responsibility, through the nominated National Association.

304.3 The National Paralympic Committee or recognised FIS National Ski Association must guarantee that all athletes registered for an IPCAS License accept the Rules of the IPC Handbook, the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook and the relevant technical rules of the FIS ICR.

304.4 The IPCAS License will only be issued to athletes/guides who meet the requirements of the IPC Nationality Code.

304.5 The IPCAS License will only be issued to athletes/guides who meet the requirements of the IPC Alpine Skiing minimum age limit requirements as follows:

304.6 The competition year is 1 July - 30 June of the following year.

304.7 In order to be eligible for competition, the athletes/guides must turn 15 years old during the competition year. The exception is that a 13 year old athlete/guide may compete in the technical events of level 2, 3 and 4

304.8 The right to compete starts at the beginning of the competition year (July 1) even if the athlete/guide has not yet reached the required age limit for the designated competition(s).

304.9 An athlete/guide whose licence has been suspended may have a new licence issued after the respective NPC or NFS has proven that any sanctions imposed have been fulfilled.

305 Race License Pre-requisites

305.1 The IPC Alpine Skiing STC will not issue a licence to any athlete/guide who:

305.2 has behaved in a manner that violates the principles of Fair play or does not comply with the regulations outlined the IPC Anti-Doping Code;

305.3 accepts or has accepted, directly or indirectly, any money / payments for their participation at competitions;

305.4 has not signed the Athletes' Eligibility Code Form;

- 305.5 does not meet the conditions outlined in the IPC Nationality provisions in the IPC Handbook or age limit requirement outlined in article 304.7; and
- 305.6 is under suspension.
- 305.7 With the issuance of a licence and race entry the National Paralympic Committee or recognised FIS National Ski Association confirms, that valid and sufficient accident insurance for training and competition is in place for the competitor and guide and assumes full responsibility.

306 Competitors Obligations and Rights

- 306.1 Athletes and guides are obliged to make themselves familiar with the IPC Handbook, the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook, and the relevant technical rules of the FIS ICR and must comply with the additional instructions of the Jury.
- 306.2 Athletes and guides are not permitted to compete while under the influence of any substances or methods prohibited by the IPC Anti-Doping Code.
- 306.3 Athletes and guides must follow the IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook and instructions of the Jury.
- 306.4 Athletes and Guides who do not attend the award ceremonies without an approved absence may lose their claim to any prize granted including prize money.
- 306.5 Athletes and guides must behave in an appropriate and sportsmanlike manner towards members of the Organising Committee, officials and the public.
- 306.6 Athletes and guides are prohibited from betting on the outcome of competitions in which they are participating.

307 Organisation of Competition

307.1 The organiser

- 307.1.1 The organiser of an IPC competition is the person or group of people who make the necessary preparations and directly carry out the running of the competition in the resort.
- 307.1.2 If the National Paralympic Committee or FIS National Ski Federation itself is not the competition organiser, it may appoint an affiliated club or ski resort to be the organiser.
- 307.1.3 The organiser must ensure that accredited persons accept the regulations regarding the competition rules and Jury decisions.

307.2 The Organising Committee

The Organising Committee consists of those members (physical or legal) who are designated by the contracted party supplying the race service and approved by the IPC. It carries the rights, duties and obligations of the organiser.

- 307.3 Organisers that hold competitions involving competitors not qualified under art. 304 - 306 have contravened the IPCAS Competition Rules and appropriate measures will be taken against them by the IPC.

308 **Insurance**

308.1 The organiser must take out liability insurance for all members of the Organising Committee. The IPC shall provide its employees and appointed officials, who are not members of the Organising Committee (e.g. TD, administrator personnel, medical supervisor, etc.), with liability insurance when they are acting on behalf of the IPC.

308.1.2 Before the first training day or competition, the organiser must be in possession of a binder or cover notes issued by a recognised insurance company and present it to the Technical Delegate. The Organising Committee requires liability insurance with coverage of at least €700,000; whereby it is recommended that this sum is at least €2 million. Additionally, the policy must explicitly include liability insurance claims by any accredited participant, including athletes, against any other participant including but not limited to officials, course workers, coaches, etc.

308.2 **Competitor Insurance**

308.2.1 All Athletes and guides participating in competitions on the IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar must carry accident insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport, rescue costs including race risks and repatriation costs. The National Paralympic Committee or recognised FIS National Ski Association is responsible for adequate insurance coverage of all the athletes they license and enter into an IPCAS race.

308.2.2 The National Paralympic Committee or recognised FIS National Ski Association or their athletes/guides must be able to show proof of the respective insurance coverage at any time on request of the IPC Alpine Skiing STC, one of its representatives or the organising committee.

309. **Invitation/Programme**

A programme, must be provided by the respective organisers to the IPC for approval and publication for each competition listed in the IPC Calendar that must contain the following:

309.1 name, date and place of the competitions, together with information on the competition sites and the best ways of reaching them,

309.2 technical data on the individual competitions and conditions for participation,

309.3 names of principal officials,

309.4 time and place for the first team captains' meeting and the draw,

309.5 timetable for the beginning of the official training and the start times,

309.6 location of the official notice board,

309.7 time and place for the prize giving,

309.8 final date of entry and address for entries, including telephone, fax and e-mail address.

310. Competition Administration and Fee Regulations (Athletes and Organizing Committees)

310.1 Race-Registration Package

Athlete registration must be conducted through a competition registration package approved by the IPC Alpine Skiing STC for each IPCAS Race and each organizer.

310.2 Accommodation and Lift Fees – Races Level 0 and 1 WC and EC (and optional for level 2, 3 and 4)

- The fee is set at a maximum of 65€ per athlete/day (Half board / lift ticket) for 2009/2010. This will be adjusted annually subject to IPCAS STC review.

Half board: Breakfast and Dinner provided

The standard services provided by the LOC should comprise the following:

- double room in a minimum of three star hotel style accommodation
- serviced apartments (including kitchen facilities) for up to 6 athletes – maximum cost athlete/day →50€
- a number of wheelchair accessible rooms, calculated at a minimum of 35% of the total number of entries
- Wax rooms must be wheel chair accessible (if necessary) and the size should always allow two (2) m2 per athlete
- The organiser can charge up to a 30% of the total accommodation invoice for payment one month prior to the event. Failure to pay this invoice by the deadline may result in cancellation of the accommodation.

310.3 **Race Entry Fee (Athletes)**

The race entry fee is the amount that must be paid per athlete, for each race and each official downhill training run on the programme, to the LOC.

In the case of a Super Combined event where the SG will be used as a race and awarded, the entry fee must be paid.

This Race Entry Fee is non-refundable.

The amount payable per competition type is as follows:

COMPETITION TYPE	RACE FEE AMOUNT
Paralympic Winter Games	N/A
IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships	According to IPC Competition Fee
IPC World Cup, IPC European Cup, Asian and South Hemisphere Cup Races	10 €
NORAM Races	Up to 30 €
All other IPC Races	10 €

310.4 **Competition Sanction Fee (Organizing Committee)**

An Organizing Committee is required to pay all competition sanction fees to the IPC no later than 15 working days before the first day of competition.

This Competition Sanction Fee is non-refundable.

Pending sanction fees from the LOC to the IPC may result in a non scored event.

The fees for each type of race for season 2009/2010 will be as follows:

COMPETITION TYPE	FEE PER RACE
Paralympic Winter Games	N/A
IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships	As determined by IPC
World Cup	1000 € per race
European Cup & Asian and South Hemisphere Cup Races	350 € per race
NOR-AM Races	150/500 € per race
All other IPCAS Races	100 € per race

311 **Competition Entries**

The IPC Alpine Skiing STC or the IPC Race Director will cancel a competitor's entry in a race/event if at the second Team captain's meeting his/her delegation has not covered the full costs of participation.

- 311.1 All entries must be sent so that the Organising Committee receives them before the final date of entry. The organisers must have a final and complete list not later than 24 hours before the first draw. Special entry timelines and procedures shall apply for the Paralympic Games and IPC Alpine Skiing World Championships.

311.2 National Paralympics Committees, and recognised FIS National Ski Association are not permitted to enter the same competitors in more than one competition on the same date.

311.3 **Only National Paralympic Committees, and/or recognised FIS National Ski Associations are entitled to submit entries for IPCAS Races.** All entries will minimally include the following information:

- Athlete/Guide Registration Number, (IPCAS Code)
- Family Name
- Given Name
- Gender
- Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY),
- Name of National Paralympic Committee, and recognised FIS National Ski Association;
- Designation of the Event (s) to be entered
- Sport Class

311.4 The LOC will reject any entry/entries that do not comply with the above requirements.

312 Team Captains' Meetings

312.1 The time and location of the first team captains' meeting and of the draw must be shown in the programme. The invitations for all other meetings have to be announced to the team captains at their first meeting. Emergency meetings must be announced in good time.

312.2 Representation by a substitute from another nation during discussions at team captains' meetings is not allowed.

312.3 Team Captains and coaches must comply with the IPC Rules and Regulations and relevant FIS ICR, the decisions of the Jury and respect the principles of Fair play.

313. Draw

313.1 Competitors' starting order for each event and each discipline is decided according to a specific formula by draw and/or point order.

313.2 The competitors entered by a National Paralympic Committee or National Ski Association will be eligible for the draw only if the organiser has received their written entries before the closing date.

313.3 If a competitor is not represented at the draw by a team captain or trainer, they will only be drawn if their participation is confirmed by telephone, telegram, e-mail or telefax by the beginning of the team captains meeting.

313.4 Draw competitors not present during the competition must be named by the TD in his report, indicating if possible the reasons for absence.

313.5 Representatives of all the nations taking part must be invited to the draw.

313.6 If a competition has to be postponed by at least one day, the draw must be done again.

314 **Publication of Results**

314.1 The unofficial and official results will be published in accordance with the rules for the specific event.

314.1.1 Transmission of Results

For all international competitions, there must be direct communication between the Start and the Finish.

In the data service area, access to the internet (at least ADSL speed) is required for World Cup, World Championships and Paralympic Games.

314.2 The data and timing generated from all IPC competitions is at the disposal of IPC, the organiser, the National Paralympic Committee, the National Ski Association and participants for use in their own publications, including websites. Use of data and timing on websites is subject to the IPC Internet Policies.

315 **Competitor Medical Examinations and Compliance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code**

315.1 The National Paralympic Committee or the recognized FIS National Ski Federation is responsible for the fitness of their competitors to race. All athletes, male and female are required to undergo a thorough evaluation of their medical health. This evaluation is to be conducted within the athlete's own nation.

315.2 All athletes must comply and are subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the IPC Anti-Doping Code.

315.3 For the Visually Impaired category, guides can also be eligible for anti-doping controls.

315.4 **Medical Services Required from Event Organisers**

The health and safety of all those involved in an IPC competition is a primary concern of all event Organisers. This includes the competitors as well as volunteers, course workers and spectators.

The specific composition of the medical support system is dependent on several variables:

- The size and level of the event being held (World Championships, World Cup, Continental Cup, NC, IPCAS level, etc.)
- The estimated number of competitors, support staff and spectators
- The scope of responsibility for the Event Medical Organisation (competitors, support staff, spectators) should also be determined.

The Organiser / The Chief of Medical and Rescue Services must confirm with the race director or technical delegate that the required rescue facilities are in place before starting the official training or competition. In the event of an incident, the back up plan must be in place before recommencing the official training or competition.

316 **Competition Equipment**

316.1 A competitor may only take part in a competition on the IPC Alpine Skiing Calendar with equipment as outlined by the IPC Rules and Regulations and FIS ICR equipment guidelines and as modified with approval by the IPC Alpine Skiing STC. A competitor is responsible for the equipment that they use (skis, sit-skis, bindings, outriggers, ski boots, suit, etc). It is their duty to check that the

equipment they use conforms to the specifications and general safety requirements and is in working order.

316.2 The term “competition equipment” encompasses all items of the equipment that an athlete uses in competition, including clothing and apparatus with technical function.

316.3 New competition equipment developments have to be approved by the IPC Alpine Skiing STC. The IPC does not take any responsibility for the approval of new technical developments, which at the time of introduction may contain unknown dangers to the health or cause an increase in the risk of accidents.

316.4 New developments must be submitted to the IPC Alpine Skiing STC for consideration for the season that follows no later than May 1st of the present competition year. The first year new developments can only be approved provisionally for the following season and must be finally confirmed prior to the subsequent competition season.

316.5 The FIS Committee for Competition Equipment publishes equipment by-laws annually. Only after review and approval by the IPC Alpine Skiing STC will the above-mentioned bylaws be adopted or adopted with modifications as appropriate for IPC Alpine Skiing.

In principle unnatural or artificial aids, which modify the performance of the athletes and/or constitute a technical correction of the individual's physical predisposition to a defective performance, as well as competition equipment, which endanger the health of the competitors or increase the danger of accidents are to be excluded.

316.6 Obscene names and/or symbols on clothing and equipment are forbidden.

316.7 Advertising on Competition Equipment

The advertising on material and equipment which is worn during IPC Paralympic Winter Games and other IPC sanctioned competitions must conform to the IPC Manufacturing and Trademark Guidelines. Please refer to Manufacturing and Trademark Guidelines.

317 Gambling on Competitions

Competitors, trainers, team officials and technical officials are prohibited from betting on the outcome of competitions in which they are involved.

318 Technical Authority and Control

318.1 Before and during the competition season or on submission of protests to the IPCAS STC, the IPCAS Race Director or the FIS TD at the competition concerned, controls can be carried out by designated official IPC Equipment Controllers.

318.2 In the absence of equipment controllers, equipment issues are to be dealt with by the Jury.

318.3 In cases of protest against items of the competition equipment, the losing party will bear the cost of the investigation.

319-327 Discipline Procedures and Sanctions

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328. Duties and rights IPCAS Officials

328.1 Duties and rights of the IPCAS Race Director

GENERAL

- This position is a paid position of IPCAS. The IPC Race Director is not a member of the IPCAS STC but works in conjunction with the STC.
- The position's responsibilities apply to all WC, PWG, and WCH events.
- To work together with the STC during the process of calendar Planning for all IPC Alpine Skiing competitions in collaboration with each Regional Head of Competition.
- Ensures that all deadlines comply with the standards and requirements of the IPC AS Rulebook – ICR FIS Technical Rules.
- Responsibilities to ensure that all the technical requirements of the contract with the event organizer are fulfilled within the proper deadlines.
- Reports to IPC STC and IPC Management

RACE DUTIES

- Assumes the role of the Referee **in all the World Cup and WCH events** and has all the following rights and obligations.
- The IPC Race Director chairs the Jury.
- Draws the start numbers
- Inspects the course immediately after it is set, alone or accompanied by members of the Jury.
- Has the authority to change the course by taking out or adding gates. If the Referee inspects the course alone his decision is final. The course setter must be informed of such changes if he was not present at this inspection.
- Receiving the reports of the start and finish referees and the race officials about the infractions of the rules and the gate faults at the end of the first run, and again at the end of the race.
- Must check, sign and post the Referee's minutes immediately after each run at the finish hut, and also on the official notice board, a list with the names of the competitors disqualified, the gate numbers where the faults occurred, the names of the gate judges who noted the faults leading to the sanctions and the exact time the disqualifications were posted.
- Reports to the IPC in all special cases or in the event of a difference of opinion among the Jury members or in the case of severe injury to a competitor.
- Works with the nominated course setter for DH events and has the authority to change the course (DH/SG), including the removal and addition of gates; in case he/she is on the courses by himself/herself, his/her decision is final;

- In a force majeure slope change situation, the Chief of Race must consult with the IPCAS Race Director before any decision to change the slope is made.

Before the first Team Captain's Meeting, the IPCAS Race Director:

- Inspects the race track and the safety measures
- Has the authority to order further safety measures to be implemented
- Works with the LOC to determine possible training venues
- Confirms course equipment homologation
- Participates in technical preparations
- Checks the race courses in regard to preparation, marking, crowd control as well as the layout of the start and finish areas
- Checks the position of TV installation, advertising and safety measures if necessary
- Ensures that Race Results have been confirmed by the TD and correctly submitted to the IPC Race Administrator on site and/or at IPC Headquarters.

Section 2: Rules Common to Alpine Events

To avoid any misunderstanding over the technical organization of IPCAS races, the FIS ICR 600 rules are used except for those that refer to the FIS Council, the World Cup Rules, Age limits.

For equipment rules see IPC specifications.

For Appeals see IPC regulations

600 Organization

601.2 Appointments by the IPC Alpine Skiing Sport Technical Committee

601.2.1 In IPC World Cup Races
- the Referee and
- for speed events, the Assistant Referee

601.2.2 For Paralympic Winter Games and IPC World Championships
- all Jury members

601.2.3 In all other level of races the Technical Delegate appoints:
- the referee and
- for speed events, the Assistant Referee

601.4 The Jury

The following members of the Jury, who are members of the Organising Committee, are responsible for technical matters within the closed competition areas:

- the Technical Delegate
- the IPCAS Race Director (see regulation 328)
- the Referee
- the Chief of Race
- the Assistant Referee for Downhill and Super-G
- the Start Referee (PWG and WCH)
- the Finish Referee (PWG and WCH)

602 The Technical Delegate (TD)

602.1 Assignment of the Technical Delegate (TD)

602.1.1 For PWG, the IPC Alpine Skiing STC will recommend a TD to the IPC Governing Board for appointment.

For WCH/WC the IPC Alpine Skiing STC will appoint the TD.

For all other races ICR rules will apply.

603 Course Setter

603.2 Appointment

603.2.1 For PWG/WCH/WC the IPC Alpine Skiing STC will appoint the course setter taking into consideration the NPCs participating in the event.

603.2.2 For European Cups and Continental Cups the Head of Competition appoints the course setter

603.2.3 For all other competitions entered in the IPCAS and in the FIS Calendar the appointments are made by the Jury.

613 Start

613.2 Specification of the Start Gate

The start gate must be adjustable from 40 cm height for standing athletes to 80 cm height for sit-skiers. The distance between the start posts for sit-skiers must be 80 cm.

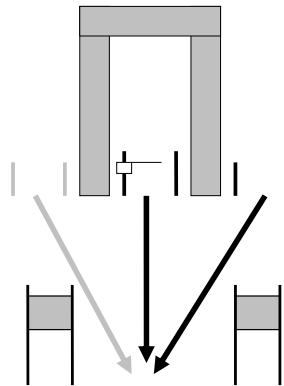
613.2.1 Start Adaptations for the visually impaired

In the B-classes the guide cannot pass through the starting gate.

The start area includes an adequate space for the guide (recommended one (1) meter on each side), always in relation to the first gate of the course.

The space should be equal to the start position and with the same elevation as the competitor.

The start ramp shall be prepared in such a way that the guide can stand relaxed on the starting line and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the start.



613.3 Start Procedure

An IPCAS athlete must put his poles or outriggers in front of the start line or where indicated (except for sit-skier) and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the start only with the help of poles or outriggers. The outriggers or poles must be in a fixed position on the snow before the start.

For sit skiers no running start is allowed. The ski tip must be forward of the starting wand. The outriggers must be still and in contact with the snow.

613.5 Start Timing

The start timing shall measure the exact time the competitor crosses the start line with his leg below the knee except for sit-skier (start gate height for sit-skier is 80 cm)

621 Group Draw and Starting Order

621.2 The IPCAS points list must be used for the ranking of competitors. If a competitor does not appear in the last valid IPCAS point list, he will be assigned to the group of competitors without points.

621.3 Starting order by category:

- Starting order is: Visually impaired – Sitting – Standing

- Starting order in Slalom races is: Visually impaired – Standing - Sitting

In situations where course and weather conditions require, the Jury has the ability to change the start order.

621.3.1 **Start Groups**

- The starting order of the competitors in all alpine competitions is determined by their IPCAS Points as follows:
- A maximum number of athletes in a starting group for all IPC Alpine Skiing competitions is 15 athletes.
- Only Athletes with 100 IPCAS Points or less will be drawn by random in the Starting group.
- If there are more than 15 athletes with less than 100 IPCAS Points only the best 15 will be in the 1st starting group
- The rest of athletes in a category with less than 100 IPCAS Points (over 15) and the athletes with more than 100 IPCAS Points will be ranked by points, following the determination of start groups for the first starting group.

Additionally the FIS ICR rule 621.3 is used.

Within the first groups the draw will be random.

621.11 **STARTING ORDER FOR THE SECOND RUN**

In competitions with two runs, the starting order of the second run is determined by the results list of the first run except for the first 15 ranked athletes, who will start in reverse order of finish. If more than one competitor is ranked 15th, the competitor with the lowest bib number will start first.

622 **Start Intervals**

622.2 **Start Intervals in IPC Races**

The start can take place in each discipline at variable intervals as determined by the Jury. The competitor on the course does not need to cross the finish before the next competitor starts; class B1 before the next competitor starts must nearly complete the course.

660 **Gate Judges' Instructions**

661.2 If an athlete or his guide does not pass a gate (or a gate marker) correctly according to art. 661.4 the gate judge must immediately mark the following on the check card in the columns provided:.

661.4 **Correct Passage**

661.4.1 A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitor's ski tips and both feet have passed across the gate line. If a competitor loses a ski, without committing a fault, then the tip of the remaining ski and both feet must have passed the gate line. Athletes with one ski/boot or boot-plate of the mono-ski, must have correct passage.

661.4.2 In Parallel Slalom, the passage is correct when both ski tips and both feet have passed outside the gate marker in the direction of the turn (art. 661, fig. 3). Athletes with one ski/boot or boot-plate of the mono-ski, must have correct passage.

Section 3: Particular Rules for the Different Disciplines

In all IPCAS competitions and disciplines, the IPCAS Vertical Drop specifications apply.

700 Downhill

702.3 Particular Regulations for the Course Layout

For the courses on the sport category Sitting and Visually Impaired skiers, multiple jumps and multiple compressions should be eliminated. The FIS ICR – 703.2 applies.

800 Slalom

For IPCAS Slalom races, poles with a diameter of 27mm must be used.

1000 Super-G

1002 The Courses

1002.1 For the courses on the sport category Sitting and Visually Impaired skiers, multiple jumps and multiple compressions should be eliminated. The FIS ICR – 703.2 applies.

1100 Combined Competitions

1101 Super-Combined

This competition consists of one (1) DH/SG and one (1) Slalom run, combined time (both runs with similar times).

1210 Team Competitions

Both genders must have representation in the team **and in the result**, in the following way:

Results calculation will take the best three results of the team, being mandatory to have at least one result of each gender.

At least **two Categories** from Visually Impaired, Sitting and Standing must be represented in the team's composition.

Nations may enter more than one team and maximum 2 teams in the event.

The competitors of the individual teams must be named before the draw. The placing of the teams will be determined by addition of the race times.

IPCAS points will be awarded only if the individual disciplines are conducted according to the rules of the ICR.

1210.4 IPCAS points will be awarded only if the individual disciplines are conducted according to the rules-

1220 Parallel Events

- Parallel-Slalom
- Basic ICR-Rules
- No IPCAS Points

Section 4: Special Rules

1260 IPCAS Points Calculation

1260.1 Calculation IPCAS Points – The Average of the Two Best Race Point Results:

The average of a competitor's best two results in each discipline during the validity period will be used for the evaluation of the IPCAS points. (from 2010/2011 it will be based on 13 months).

1260.2 IPCAS Race Points Calculation:

The race points will be calculated according to the alpine formula.

1260.3 IPCAS Race – Penalty Calculation:

The IPCAS – Race Penalty Calculation will be calculated in accordance with the current Rules of FIS Race Points penalty calculation, applying IPCAS parameters.

1260.4 IPCAS Race Points – Small Field Adder (1-3 Competitors in the Result)

The Small Field Adder (SFA): If only one, two or three Athletes are ranked in the result, an additional small field adder will be added to the calculated penalty as follows:

- Single Result adder (SFA-S) 37,5 points
- Double Result adder (SFA-D) 25,0 points
- Triple Result adder (SFA-T) 12,5 points

(This rule will be reviewed annually by the IPCAS-STC)

1261 IPCAS - POINTS LIST (IPCAS-PL)

IPC will publish an updated IPCAS-Points List on the first day of each month. Note that the published points list for July, August, September and October will include athletes who had a valid licence in the previous competition year.

The IPCAS Point List is only available electronically at www.paralympic.org

1263 IPCAS POINTS LIST – POINT PENALTY VALUES:

IPCAS – A – Penalty (IPCAS-AP) 25 %

IPCAS – B – Penalty (IPCAS-BP) 50 %

IPCAS – C – Penalty (IPCAS-CP) 100 %

Downhill min. 10 - max. 52 points

Slalom min. 10 - max. 28 points

Giant Slalom, min. 10 - max. 40 points

Super G, Super Combined min. 10 - max. 40 points

1264 **PENALTY CALCULATIONS:**

1264.1 **Penalty – No Result (Including Doping Cases):**

If there is no result available in the calculation period, an IPCAS-CP will be added to the last valid IPCAS- Points List that the athlete had achieved in previous seasons. The Athlete must maintain their IPCAS- License throughout this timeframe.

1264.2 **Penalty - Only One Result:**

For a competitor who has obtained only one result during the calculation period in Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Super-Combined or Downhill, an IPCAS-BP will be added to his result.

1264.3 **Penalty - Injury Status (IS):**

If an Athlete is injured and request IS through their NPC using the official IPC Form, they must maintain a valid License throughout the status period.

An athlete may only use one IS at a time.

Penalty Calculation – Time period of IS:

The penalty is calculated by using the athlete's points from the valid IPCAS-Points List at the time athlete starts their IS. The penalty is then calculated using the following criteria.

IPCAS-PL:

From the first day of IS until the end of the present Season the IPCAS-Points will remain unchanged. For each subsequent season an IPCAS-AP will be added to the last valid IPCAS-Points List at the start of the IS

Additional Considerations:

If an athlete starts in an IPCAS race before completing 3 months in IS the above calculations will not apply. The athlete cannot receive consideration under this section.

Upon returning to competition and having participated in more than ten (10) races, or a maximum of 4 races in any given discipline, the IS consideration will be deleted and the athlete's IPCAS-Points List points will be calculated using the average of the two best results to date. The IS will be deleted in all events.

In situations where the Athlete has returned from IS and they achieve two results (prior to finishing 4/10 results discussed above) that are better than their IPCAS points using the IS criteria, the average of these two better results will be used to calculate their IPCAS points.

1264.4 **Penalty - Study Break (SB), Professional Obligation (PO) Status**

An athlete who requests an SB / PO through their NPC using the official IPC Form, must maintain a valid License throughout the status period.

An athlete may only use one of these provisions at a time.

Penalty Calculation – Time period of SB / PO:

The penalty is calculated by using the athlete's points from the valid IPCAS-Points List at the time the athlete starts their SB / PO. The penalty is then calculated using the following criteria.

IPCAS-PL:

From the first day of SB / PO until the end of the present Season the IPCAS-Points will remain unchanged. For each subsequent Season an IPCAS-AP will be added to the last valid IPCAS-PL at the start of the SB / PO

Additional Considerations:

If an athlete starts in an IPCAS race before completing 3 months in SB / PO the above calculations will not apply.

The athlete cannot receive consideration under this section.

Upon returning to competition and having participated in more than ten (10) races, or a maximum of 4 races in any given discipline, the IS consideration will be deleted and the athlete's IPCAS-Points List points will be calculated using the average of the two best results to date. The SB / PO will be deleted in all events.

In situations where the Athlete has returned from SB / PO and they achieve two results (prior to finishing 4/10 results discussed above) that are better than their IPCAS points using the SB / PO criteria, the average of these two better results will be used to calculate their IPCAS points.

1265 **World Cup and Continental Cup Point System**

World Cup Point System

For the IPC Alpine World Cup the same System used to determine the FIS World Cup points shall be used. Only those Athletes that are within the 15% from the best adjusted time score Points.

World Cup Individual/Overall Results

To calculate the individual/overall World Cup ranking all results from a World Cup season are added. .

In the event of a tie for the top three places, Race Points Calculation in the discipline's races will be used to break the ties.

World Cup Nation Ranking

To calculate the WC Nations Ranking, all the results from the Overall World Cup races per nation will be added.

European Cup Point System

To calculate the Individual/Overall European Cup Rankings, all the race results from the European Cup season will be added.

In the event of a tie for the top three places, Race Points Calculation in the discipline's races will be used to break the ties.

European Cup Nation Ranking

To calculate the European Nation Ranking all results from the Overall European Cup races per nation will be added.

1270 Participation in IPC Competitions

The STC Committee will publish every year after the May meeting the criteria for participating in IPC competitions.

- 1270.1 A hosting nation of a World Cup may apply one (1) month before the race to the IPC Alpine Skiing STC for a maximum of 6 wildcards in technical events (Slalom and Giant Slalom).

Section 5: Specific Rules for IPC Alpine Skiing

1300 Technical Rules

1301 Special Rules for Standing Athletes

Athletes Competitors in classes LW 2 and LW 9 skiing with one ski are not allowed to use the free limb in contact with the snow to gain speed or to keep balance. Any violation of this rule will cause a disqualification.

1302 Special Rules for Visually impaired Athletes

1302.1 In all Visually impaired categories the athlete and his guide are a team and must belong to the same NPC/NSF. Therefore, visually impaired athletes and their guides will be trained and entered by their NPC or recognised FIS National Ski Association. Athlete and Guide must be from the same Nation.

1302.2 For all B-classes the use of a guide is obligatory.

1302.3 Guide Visually Disability

For reasons of safety guides must dispose of a suitable vision. The visual field must be within normal limits and the visual acuity in one eye at least 0,5 and in the other eye at least 0,2 (with best correction). The NPC's are responsible to guarantee the guides' visual eligibility.

1302.4 Guidance must be by voice and/or radio communication. Voice amplification between guide and competitor is accepted. No other means of communication is allowed during alpine races.

1302.5 No physical contact between the guide and competitor is allowed during the race.

1302.6 All competitors in class B1 must wear blacked-out goggles during the competition. The model of the blacked-out goggles is optional, but they can be tested and passed by the jury.

1302.7 Competitors and their guides are permitted to sideslip or snow plough at low speed, through the gates but never more than 3 consecutive gates, during the official inspection, if approved by the jury.

1302.8 In a case that a Guide is sanctioned, the same provision governing athlete sanctioning apply.

1303 Guides

1303.1 All guides must guide VI athletes from in front.

1303.2 The distance between guide and athlete in technical events (Slalom and Giant Slalom) must not exceed two direction changes and in speed events (Downhill and Super-G) must not exceed one direction change. Failure to satisfy this definition of the team will lead to disqualification.

1303.3 The guide must pass through all gates.

1303.4 All guides must wear the supplied competition bibs.

The guide bibs must meet the following specifications:

- Have a clearly visible "G" in front and the IPC Alpine Skiing on both shoulder fronts.

- The back of the bib may be a different colour to accommodate the needs of the visually impaired competitor.
- Bibs will be individually numbered for identification.

If a guide bib is lost or damaged, the IPC Alpine Skiing STC will charge the athlete a fee of 100 Euros.

1304 Microphones

Public address systems, snow machines or other noise must be kept to a minimum at the start, finish and on the entire race course for all visually impaired competitors.

1305 Course Preparation

The course crew must be trained to prepare the course for the alpine skiing for athletes with a disability in order to avoid race interruption. In Slalom, the course on all sides of the turning pole must be kept clear of snow build-up to allow for the stabilizers.

1306 Equipment Specifications

1306.1 The FIS rule on binding heights and ski boots will only apply to all the Standing and Visually Impaired classes.

1306.2 A ski needs no ski brakes if the ski is screwed to the sit-ski. A sit-ski needs a braking device on both sides of the seat.

1500 Check List For Slope Specifications in IPC Alpine Skiing Competitions - Vertical Drop (VD), Number of Gates (NG) and Flags.

Competition Discipline		PWG - WCH - WC	COC	NC & IPCAS
DH	VD	450- <i>800m</i>	400- <i>800m</i>	1 Run: 400-500m 2 Run(*): 350-500m
	NG	as required	as required	as required
	Flag	1,00 x 0,75 red (blue)	1,00 x 0,75 red (blue)	1,00 x 0,75 red (blue)
SG	VD	400 - 600m	350 - 600m	300 - 500m
	NG/D C	10% (min. 30) (Number of direction changes)	10% (min. 30) (Number of direction changes)	10%
	Flag	0,75 x 0,50 red & blue	0,75 x 0,50 red & blue	0,75 x 0,50 red & blue
GS	VD	300 - 400	250 - 400	200 - 250
	DC	11% - 15% (Number of direction changes)	11% - 15% (Number of direction changes)	13 - 15%
	Flag	0,75 x 0,50 red & blue	0,75 x 0,50 red & blue	0,75 x 0,50 red & blue
SL	VD	140 - 220	120 - 200	80 - 140 3 Run: min. 50m
	DC	30% - 35 % of the vertical drop +/-3 direction changes/	30% - 35 % of the vertical drop +/-3 direction changes/	30% - 35 % of the vertical drop +/-3 direction changes/
	Poles *	27mm	27mm	27mm

1582 Race Levels valid for Season 2009/2010

Category	Race Level	Category Adder	Minimum Penalty	Maximum Penalty
PWG, WCH, WC	0	0	0	0
COC (EC, NORAM)	1	5	10	999
COC (Asian Cup & SH Cup)	2	10	15	999
NC	3	20	35	999
IPCAS Race	4	30	40	999

New F Values (Season 2009/2010)

DH: 1350
SL: 610
GS: 880
SG: 1030
SC: 1000

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

AS	Alpine Skiing
IPC	International Paralympic Committee
IPCAS	International Paralympic Committee Alpine Skiing
STC	Sport Technical Committee
WCH	Alpine Skiing World Championships
WC	World Cup
COC	Continental Cup
EC	European Cup
AC	Asian Cup
FIS	Fédération Internationale de Ski (International Ski Federation)
ICR	International Competition Rules (of FIS)
NAC	NorAm Cup
NC	National Championship
NG	Number of Gates
NPC	National Paralympic Committee
LOC	Local Organising Committee
PWG	Paralympic Winter Games
SHC	Southern Hemisphere Cup
TD	Technical Delegate
VD	Vertical Drop