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GUIDELINES  
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# Introduction

The World Snowboard Federation plays a pivotal role in uniting and supporting National Snowboard Associations (NSA) and Event Organizers worldwide.

The World Snowboard Federation (WSF) sanctions and coordinates numerous events, sets standards, and promotes snowboarding on a global scale. Notable events like the World Rookie Tour offer young and emerging athletes' opportunities to showcase their talents and advance in the sport. By providing a platform for cooperation, the WSF promotes the development of the sport through close collaboration with its member NSAs. The NSAs play a central role in the development of snowboarding at the national level and make a significant contribution to the promotion of the sport worldwide. NSAs are responsible for organizing regional and national competitions, supporting and developing athletes, and ensuring compliance with international standards and rules. These guidelines have been created for our member associations to guide them in their efforts to grow and develop national competitions. In these guidelines, the WSF explains the structure, processes and initiatives to promote and develop young talent in competitive youth snowboarding. The document outlines the athlete pathway, event pipeline, event management system, global competition calendar, World Rookie Rank, event conduction, and the education, training, and best practices for officials. This guide is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the supporting activities and to explain and introduce the associated terminology.

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# 1. Athlete Pathway

## 1.1. Sports and Athlete Development

Establishing a clear pathway for athletes from first contact to peak performance and ensuring consistent support and development at every stage.

Youth is our future. The WSF has the objective of enabling the NSAs to shape the development path of athletes in the grassroots sector. The following framework concept for sport and athlete development serves as a basis for orientation in sport promotion and is intended to support the NSAs in continuously expanding their commitment in the areas of animation, motivation and entry into competitive snowboarding. This includes the establishment of open entry guidelines at the grassroots level, as well as the more difficult but clearly defined qualification paths for the top events. While many of our athletes might not make it to the top of the sport as competitors, the positive side effect would be the creation of lifelong participants, future technical delegates, judges, coaches, leaders, fans and supporters.

	WORLD SNOWBOARD FEDERATION						FIS			
ATHLETE PATHWAY	FOUNDATION			TALENT			ELITE		MASTERY	
STAGES	F <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	M
AGE GROUP	U8	U11	U13	U15	U18	U18	U19   U18	18+	18+	18+
WSPL Event Classification	NON-ELITE						PRE-ELITE		ELITE	
Level	3	3	3	4	4	3	2   2	2	1	1
Name	Grassroots	Grassroots	Grassroots	Amateur	Amateur	Challenger	Challenger and Pro	Pro	Elite	Elite
CHARACTER	PASSION SPORTS - RECRUITING AND RETAINING						PERFORMANCE SPORTS - REWARDING AND ENTERTAINING			
DESCRIPTION	Animation	Education	Motivation	Potential Identified	Emerging	Developing	Podium Potential	Podium Ready	Podium	Podium
PARTICIPATION	PLAY	LEARN	GAME	SPORT ... TRAIN AND COMPETE						
PATHWAY	Learning and acquiring the basics of snowboarding by playing in the snow and practicing off-snow movements	Introduction to snowboarding through developments by appropriate educational programmes	Enhance enjoyment in freeriding and participation in grassroots programs and events	Performance potential identified through initial demonstration of skills	Performance potential is verified through holistic athlete profiling supported by Club individual performance plans and benchmarking	Consistent as a Pre-Elite athlete and refinement of holistic skills through effective, deliberate programming	Breakthrough and preparation for transition through elite individual program plans, benchmarking, competition preparation and exposure	Achievement of an Elite status through senior national selection and representation	Achieving podium success in Elite competitions such as world championships, olympic games and world cups	Sustained elite competition success over multiple high performance cycles

## 1.2. International Snowboarding Agreement

A Unification of International Snowboarding Agreement has been signed by the WSF and the **International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS)**. The WSF recognizes the FIS as the supreme international authority for skiing and snowboarding. This includes sole responsibility for the international calendar of events, Olympic pathway and Olympic status. The FIS recognizes the WSF as the supreme international authority for the sport of snowboarding at grassroots and youth levels. The development of snowboarding in various nations is supported by targeted programs and initiatives to promote and spread the sport from the ground up. These guiding principles are part of a shared initiative by FIS and WSF to further develop snowboarding.

The goal is to strengthen all aspects of the competitive sport that promote careers, culture and livelihoods. WSF and FIS agree that the athletes and the culture of snowboarding should always be heard and represented as an important value, as they are the pulse of snowboarding. Without the athletes, there is neither WSF nor FIS. The acknowledgements by the two parties represent an agreement to define responsibility for the snowboard competition pathway structure, from grassroots to the Olympic Winter Games.



## 2. Event Pipeline

Developing an event pipeline that supports all competition levels is essential as it provides the guidance for Nations to work within and ensures a structured pathway for athletes to reach their full potential.

### 2.1. The Importance of Establishing an Event Pipeline

The aim is to create strong and unique events that promote the sport and are marketable. A clearly understandable event pipeline is to be established, ranging from regional to national and international levels. Good and fair interaction and progression between the different levels with well-defined steps to rise should be ensured. Uniform rules and standards shall be provided to ensure fair and consistent competitions. The event pipeline will be underpinned by the current thinking on best practices in coaching and athlete development, as well as ethics in performance coaching, in regard to age and stage of learner needs for training and performance/competition. It is crucial that all stakeholders achieve full agreement with their responsibilities fully defined, including WSF and FIS officials, NSAs and independent organizers.

### 2.2. Ensuring a Strong Structure

Clearly structured levels of competition are critical to the development of athletes. They provide opportunities to test skills, confirm talent, learn from experience, and identify potential to excel at higher levels of snowboarding. Additionally, they support the growth and development of athletes as individuals within a sporting community and culture.

### 2.3. The Five WSPL Event Levels

This guide outlines the five event levels and their key characteristics, goals, and requirements to help NSAs align their events with the WSF Athlete Pathway. Provide clarity to athletes and stakeholders about the structure and expectations at each level. By understanding these levels, NSAs can ensure that their competitions are effectively integrated into the athlete development process, enhancing the overall experience and progression for all participants.

## 2.3.1. One Star: Grassroots Level ★

<b>Playground for gaining competition experience</b>
<p><b>Objective</b> Talent identifying and laying the foundations for future success. Making friends and having fun while learning, performing, and creating.</p>
<p><b>Target Group</b> Children and young athletes who are taking their first steps in competitive snowboarding. The focus is on having fun. This level is primarily for local and regional participants.</p>
<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain first competitive experience</li> <li>• Development of basic skills (technical, tactical, mental)</li> <li>• Observation by coaches and talent scouts</li> <li>• Focus on local and regional contest series</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transition criteria</b> Regular participation in competitions, positive skill development, and interest in further progression. This level is the stepping stone to the next stage, the national Level 2 «Amateur».</p>
<p><b>Basic Organizational Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– WSF License C or higher is mandatory</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommended Judging Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Head Judge</li> <li>– 2 Judges</li> <li>– (min. 1 Head Judge and 2 Judges (HJ serves as a scoring judge))</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OC Staff and Human Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ often organized by clubs, shops, brands, and motivated individuals</li> <li>○ relying on volunteer work</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Material and Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Course Element Size</li> <li>○ Basic equipment and facilities, often borrowed or donated from local organizations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Costs and terms (Budget) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sanctioning Fees</li> <li>– Low costs, relying on volunteer work and community donations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 2.3.2. Two Stars: Amateur Level ★★

<b>Launch pad for emerging riders</b>
<p><b>Objective</b></p> <p>Talent confirmation and continuing to have fun learning about yourself as a learner and performer. Learning to support others in their learning, performance, and creativity.</p>
<p><b>Target group</b></p> <p>Riders with proven potential who are already training in a support program and competing at a higher level. This level is mainly aimed at ambitious riders who want to compete at a national level.</p>
<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of talent at the national level</li> <li>• Encouraging athletes to try different disciplines like slopestyle, halfpipe, and big air.</li> <li>• Participation in regional and national competitions</li> <li>• More intensive training with a focused emphasis</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transition criteria</b></p> <p>Top placings in national competitions, consistent improvement in performance, and motivation for higher goals is the stepping stone to the next stage, the continental competition Level 3 «Challenger».</p>
<p><b>Basic Organizational Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Judge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– WSF License C or higher is mandatory</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommended Judging Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Head Judge</li> <li>– 3 Judges minimum</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OC Staff and Human Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– often organized by clubs, shops, brands, and motivated individuals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Material and Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Course Element Size</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Costs and terms (Budget) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sanctioning Fees</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### 2.3.3. Three Stars: Challenger Level ★★★

<p><b>Continental proving stage for national champions</b></p>
<p><b>Objective</b></p> <p>Preparation for professional snowboarding. Continuing to enjoy learning and performing. Gaining appreciation and knowledge of international performance standards.</p>
<p><b>Target group</b></p> <p>This platform offers top riders the opportunity to showcase their skills beyond national borders and compete with the best from other NSAs on a continental level.</p>
<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refinement of skills and techniques</li> <li>• Beginning of specialization in certain disciplines (slopestyle, halfpipe, big air)</li> <li>• Participation in national and continental competitions</li> <li>• More intensive training with a focus on physical and mental preparation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transition criteria</b></p> <p>Top placings in continental competitions, ability to compete with top international athletes. This level is the stepping stone to the next stage, the international competition Level 4 «Pro».</p>
<p><b>Basic Organizational Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Judge License B is mandatory</li> <li>• Recommended Judging Panel             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Head Judge</li> <li>– 3 Judges minimum</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OC Staff and Human Resources</li> <li>• Material and Infrastructure Course Element Size</li> <li>• Costs and terms Sanctioning Fees</li> </ul>

## 2.3.4. Four Stars: Pro Level ★★★★★

<b>Progressive high-performance snowboarding events</b>
<p><b>Objective</b></p> <p>World-class performance</p>
<p><b>Target group</b></p> <p>Professional athletes who compete at the highest level in snowboarding and strive for international success. For advanced athletes, the focus is on outstanding performance and progressive competition.</p>
<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in international competitions (World Cups)</li> <li>• Focus on top performance and continuous improvement</li> <li>• Competition with other top athletes on an international level</li> <li>• Professional training and support</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transition criteria</b></p> <p>Regular participation in World Cups, top placings in international competitions, and recognition as one of the best athletes in the discipline. Through continued competition and improvement, athletes advance to the next stage, Global Competition Level 5 «Elite».</p>
<p><b>Basic Organizational Requirements</b></p> <p>These are mostly FIS events with clearly defined guidelines for the various positions within a professional organizing committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Head Judge</b> License A is mandatory</li> <li>• <b>Recommended Judging Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Head Judge</li> <li>– 3 Judges minimum</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>OC Staff and Human Resources</b></li> <li>• <b>Material and Infrastructure</b> Course Element Size</li> <li>• <b>Costs and terms</b> Sanctioning Fees</li> </ul>

## 2.3.5. Five Stars: Elite Level ★★★★★

<b>The pinnacle events of snowboarding</b>
<p><b>Objective</b></p> <p>Perfection, progression and inspiration. At this level, an athlete has reached the global mastery level</p>
<p><b>Target group</b></p> <p>Consists of a select group of athletes who have achieved world-class performances and are among the very best in freestyle snowboarding</p>
<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most prestigious events (World Cups, X-Games, World Championships, Olympic Games)</li> <li>• Competing with the world’s elite and consistently achieving top placements</li> <li>• Pushing the boundaries of snowboarding and setting new standards</li> <li>• Inspiration for other athletes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Basic Organizational Requirements</b></p> <p>These are mostly FIS events with clearly defined guidelines for the various positions within a professional organizing committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Head Judge</b> License A is mandatory</li> <li>• <b>Recommended Judging Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 Head Judge</li> <li>– 3 Judges minimum</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>OC Staff and Human Resources</b></li> <li>• <b>Material and Infrastructure</b> Course Element Size</li> <li>• <b>Costs and terms</b> Sanctioning Fees</li> </ul>

## 2.4. WSPL Event Classification

The classification of events is crucial to the integrity, fairness, and safety of snowboarding competitions worldwide. The classification system is categorized into five levels, with each event level having several inherent characteristics that promote the progressive development of riders from grassroots to elite, while ensuring adequate representation of the sport at each level. This structured approach promotes an equitable event pipeline, as athletes are ranked according to their ability. In accordance with the agreement between FIS and WSF to collaborate, FIS oversees elite athletes, and WSF focusing on developmental events.

Levels / Criteria	★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
	Grassroots	Amateur	Challenger	Pro	Elite
Max. Points	300	400	600	800	1000
Min. Points	100	100	200	300	600
FIS Categories	JUN, NJC	NC, FIS	CoC (EC, NAC, AC, ANC, SAC), NC, UVS, AWG, EYOF	WJC, YOG, CoCP (ECP, NCP)	WC, OWG, WSC
WSF Categories	World Rookie Events, Regional events or small Nation Events	World Rookie Fest, National Events, well visited independent Series	World Rookie Finals, Mountain Mash	Spring Battle, X-Games (depending on classification decision)	Dew Tour, Spring Battle, X-Games (depending on classification decision)
Min. WSPL Entry Points	-	-	EC: 75 SS/BA, - HP	EC: 75 SS/BA, - HP	WC: 230 SS/BA, 120 HP

## 2.5. WSF Event Classification Rules

The organizer can request a certain classification based on the requirements outlined in this document. In case of questions or doubt regarding the classification, the WSF Event staff will contact the organizer regarding the classification.

## 2.6. The Classification Advisory Group

The correct classification of events in the competition calendar is crucial for the placement of athletes and their qualifications for important competitions. The purpose of the Classification Advisory Group (CLAG) is to provide a forum of FIS and WSF Park and Pipe experts who will act together in the interest of the sport as a whole and provide sound advice on the integrity, accuracy and fairness of the World Snowboard Point Lists (WSPL) established by the FIS and WSF. The CLAG advises, monitors, and research issues and proposes actions in the form of recommendations and plans to improve and implement the respective snowboard classifications and points lists in a fair and equitable manner for the community and consensus. The CLAG is composed of a Chair, a Vice-Chair and several members, including park and pipe experts, to ensure a fair representation of nations, genders, WSF and FIS. The CLAG does not have any independent decision-making authority, unless it is designated to do so by the FIS Park and Pipe Subcommittee or the WSF through a formally delegated power of attorney. The above mission statements and goals are reviewed and updated annually by the CLAG and subsequently approved by the FIS and the WSF.



## 2.7. WSPL Event Requirements

Requirements are developed for several reasons, primarily to ensure that all levels of competition meet certain standards and maintain consistent safety measures.

Levels / Criteria	★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
	Grassroots	Amateur	Challenger	Pro	Elite
Course Element Size	M&S, Family	L&M	L	XL	XL
Course Nr. Elements (SS)	2 (min 1 Air or Rail)	3 (Min 1 Air or Rail)	4 (min 1 Air/Rail)	4 (min 2 Air / 2 Rail)	5 (min 2 Air / 2 Rail)
HP min Size/Lenth (m)	10'	12' 60m	12' 80m	18' 100m	22' 140m
Entry system FIS	Open	Open, FIS Quota Rules	FIS Quota Rules	FIS Quota Rules	FIS Quota Rules
Entry System WSF (Independent Events)	Open	Open or World Rookie Rank	Open, Point List max 30% Wildcard or WSPL/ World Rookie Rank	Open, Point List max 25% Wildcard or WSPL	Open, Point List max 20% Wildcard, WSPL
TD / Supervisor	Level C (Head Judge)				
Head Judge	Level C certified by WSF	Level C certified by WSF	Level B certified by FIS	Level A certified by FIS	Level A certified by FIS
Judges	Level C recommended	Level A,B,C	Level A,B,C	Level A,B,C (only one level C)	Level A
Nr of Judges incl. Head Judge	min 2	min 3	min 5	min 5	min 6
Videosupport Judging	-	optional	SS recommended	SS/HP necessary BA recommended	SS/BA/HP necessary
Live Stream or TV	-	-	optional	very recommended	necessary
Prize Money	Recommended 200 USD all in kind	Recommended 500 USD all in kind	Recommended 1000 USD all in kind	10'000 USD per ranking	20'000 USD per ranking
Field Size Men (min. invite/available)	should not be defined	should not be defined	should not be defined	FIS 30 Independent 10?	16
Field Size Women (min. invite/available)	should not be defined	should not be defined	should not be defined	FIS 20 Independent 8?	12

## 2.8. WSF Event Disciplines

The WSF supports snowboarding events like Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air, Rail Jam, Quarter Pipe and Banked Slalom. Except for Banked Slalom, which is timed, all the other events are judged. Here's a quick rundown of each one.

### 2.8.1. Halfpipe (HP)

Riding the pipe is all about good board control. Pull off impressive tricks, airs, rotations and flips with stylish grabs. The higher and more creative the maneuvers, the better.

### 2.8.2. Slopestyle (SS)

The Slope Style course is like one big playground. Shredding through a park full of kickers, rails, and boxes. The goal is to create a flowing run with a variety of tricks, combining all elements as stylishly as possible.

### 2.8.3. Big Air (BA)

Big Air is the ultimate rush. Approach the jump from the inrun, take off from a massive kicker, and execute big tricks in the air within just a few seconds. Perfect landings are a must.

### 2.8.4. Rail Event (RE)

Rail riding involves jumping on, sliding, grinding, and jumping off narrow rails. It requires courage, good technique, and a good sense of balance. In competitions, creativity and difficulty are key.

### 2.8.5. Quarter Pipe (QP)

A Snowboard Quarter Pipe allows riders to jump into the air, showcasing a single trick while aiming for maximum height, amplitude, technical difficulty and style.

## 2.8.6. Banked Slalom (BSL)

Racing on a track with banked turns requires precise technique and an intuitive feel for the line. It's all about getting the fastest time.

## 2.9. International Standards for Judging These Disciplines

Efficient allocation of resources ensures that each discipline is well supported and meets international standards. To ensure accurate judging, minimum requirements for Head Judges at lower-level events and the number of judges must be established. For higher-level events, video is used to support judging decisions, and media coverage is provided through live streaming or television broadcasts. Finally, the prize money for the competitions is determined. More information is provided in the FIS Judge Manual and the upcoming WSF Judge Manual

## 3. WSF Calendar

By providing a centralized platform for event information, the WSF Calendar helps to promote and organize youth snowboarding on a global scale.

A coordinated competition calendar for snowboarding offers several advantages. Firstly, it enables better planning and coordination of events, which minimizes scheduling conflicts. Secondly, it promotes a more even distribution of participants, which leads to more exciting and diverse competitions. And thirdly, it helps teams to plan their season in the long term, leading to better preparation and performance. This chapter outlines a structured guideline for NSAs and event organizers on how to effectively enter their snowboarding events into the WSF online registration system. By following these directives, organizers can ensure that their events are accurately represented and easily accessible to potential participants.

### 3.1. Calendar Age Groups

The WSF has harmonized the age groups with the FIS, as creating a global ranking without a framework is challenging. Therefore, we count on the cooperation of the NSAs to respect the following age groups for Youth Events. The U-categories listed are already established in most NSAs and aligned with the FIS (ICR).

Youth Age Groups	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
U11 (Supergrom) no global ranking	2015	2016	2017	2018
	2014	2015	2016	2017
U13 (Supergrom)	2013	2014	2015	2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015
U15 (Grom)	2011	2012	2013	2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013
U18 (Rookie)	2009	2010	2011	2012
	2008	2009	2010	2011
	2007	2008	2009	2010

Adult Age	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Adults	2006	2007	2008	2009
	2005	2006	2007	2008
	2004	2005	2006	2007
	and older	and older	and older	and older

### 3.2. Event Review and Update

Regularly review and update the event information to ensure accuracy and keep participants and fans all over the world informed of any changes.

## 4. Event Submission

Event dates and information are uploaded to the WSF calendar via the WSF Event Management System. The focus is on youth competitions with 1-star, 2-star, and 3-star levels. After successful submission and processing, your event will be listed in the WSF Event Calendar. In this chapter, you will find the most important details for a successful publication.

The WSF differentiates between events that do you in a ranking and events that go onto the WSF calendar only.

### Rankings are provided for the following disciplines:

- Halfpipe (HP) including Quarterpipe (QP),
- Slopestyle (SS) including Rails (Ra)
- Big Air

### The following disciplines can go onto the calendar.

- Banked Slalom Tour
- Snowboard Cross SBX
- Race
  - Parallel Giant Slalom PGS
  - Slalom - SL
  - Giant Slalom -GS
  - Parallel Slalom -PSL

## 4.1. WSF Event Submission Policy

### 4.1.1. WSF Membership

Event organizers and promoters who are members of the WSF or are affiliated with a WSF member may submit events to the WSF calendar. If your organization is not a WSF member or is not affiliated with a WSF member, you must first become a WSF member before submitting events.

### 4.1.2. Sanctioning of Events

Each event submitted must be sanctioned by the WSF before it can be published in the WSF Calendar. After the event, once the results have been submitted, the event results will be included in the World Rookie Rank.

### 4.1.3. Sanctioning fee

Event Fees apply per discipline (SS, HP, BA) per gender (M, F). The fees are based on the event level.

For events that do not go on a ranking (per below) a calendar fee applies.

GRASSROOTS:	Men:	100 €
	Women:	100 €
Amateur:	Men:	200 €
	Women:	200 €
Challenger:	Men:	400 €
	Women:	400 €
Pro:	Men:	800 €
	Women:	800 €
Elite:	Men:	1 000 €
	Women:	1 000 €

#### 4.1.4. Calendar Fee

For all events that do not contribute to the ranking, a calendar fee of 25,-€ applies. This calendar fee covers the entire Event. If the event is canceled, no refund of the calendar fee will be issued.

The Calendar Fee must be paid for the following disciplines.

- Banked Slalom Tour
- Snowboard Cross SBX
- Race
  - o Parallel Giant Slalom PGS
  - o Slalom - SL
  - o Giant Slalom -GS
  - o Parallel Slalom - PSL

For all other disciplines there the sanctioning fee includes the calendar fee. In case the event is canceled only the calendar fee has to be paid.

#### 4.1.5. Registration Deadline

All event registrations must be submitted at least 14 days before the competition date. The World Snowboard Federation will review and approve registrations submitted by this deadline. Registrations received after the 14-day deadline will not be accepted.

### 4.2. Key Points for Event Submission

#### 4.2.1. Multiple Divisions

For the 2024/25 season, not only overall age groups, but also divisions within the various age groups can now be entered. Event organizers can submit and run as many divisions as they like within the same event instead of only allowing one overall result per discipline and gender.

## 4.2.2. Event information

The following fields are mandatory when submitting event information.

- Sport: *Snowboarding*
- Discipline: *Big Air*
- Event Name: *World Cup*
- Event Stop Name: *LAAX Open 2024*
- Competition Name: *Snowboarding Big Air*
- Gender: *Women*
- Federation (if applicable): *WSF*
- Competition Category: *Elite, Grassroots, Challenger etc.*
- Scoring Provider: *LiveHeats, RawMotion, TheBoardr etc.*
- Country, City, Venue: *Switzerland, Chur, [Venue Name]*
- Start Date, End Date: *18.10.2024, 19.10.2024*

**Schedule CSV template:** [link](#) (go to: File - Download as)

**API:** Documentation and authorization key upon request

## 4.2.3. Official Age Groups

It is highly recommended for an NSA to follow the official age groups as harmonized by the WSF/FIS.

## 4.2.4. Event Classification

WSF Youth Competitive Age group divisions cannot have a higher WSPL Event Classification than Challenger.

## 4.2.5. Operational Instructions

Events registration will be done via <https://skoryn.com>.

Detailed instructions are available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PgO-J-xKyUCQixsTQwHzV-HMpsktbjZsD9qCkjk0ISk/edit?usp=sharing>.



## 5. Result Submission

For the 2024/25 season, results can now be uploaded not only for overall age groups but also for divisions within the various age groups.

### 5.1. Procedure for Sanctioned Events to the WSPL

- Both parties are individually responsible to uphold the sanctioning requirement of their respective events in line with their current statues and event requirements
- The inclusion and classification of FIS and WSF affiliated events to the WSPL shall be agreed upon respectfully within the guidelines as set forth by each party.
- FIS sanctioned events will submit event results to FIS to be uploaded on the WSPL
- WSF sanctioned events will submit event results to WSF to be uploaded on the WSPL
- All events shall be granted entry to the WSPL an appropriate, proportionate, transparent, and non-discriminatory manner.
- This includes the acknowledgement of the existence of both parties and their treaties.
- Every Effort should be maintained to avoid conflicting calendaring of similar top tier events to allow for the best participation of the top athletes without conflict.

### 5.2. Data Upload Tool

Results can be submitted at <https://skoryn.com> .

Detailed instructions are available at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PgO-J-xKyUCQixsTQwHzV-HMpsktbjZsD9qCkjk0ISk/edit?usp=sharing> .

## 5.3. Standard Data

The following data points are the minimum requirements to be provided for each competition.

### Results:

- Full Result:
- Overall Rank: *1*
- Athlete First Name: *Mari*
- Athlete Last Name: *Fukada*
- Date of Birth (DOB): *01/01/2007* (dd/mm/yyyy separated by slash)
- Nation (IOC Code): *JAP*
- Gender: *Female*
- Result: *36.7*
- Ranking Points (if applicable): *80000* (no . or ,)
- Prize Money (if applicable; currency US\$): *75000* (no "." or ",")

### Each Round Result:

- Round Number: *2*
- Round Name (if applicable): *Semi-Finals*
- Round Rank: *1*
- Heat/Group (if applicable): *1*
- Athlete First Name: *Mari*
- Athlete Last Name: *Fukada*
- Date of Birth (DOB): *01/01/2007* (dd/mm/yyyy separated by slash)
- Nation (IOC Code): *JAP*
- Gender: *Female*
- Result: *36.7*
- Each Run Score:
  - o Run 1: *9.2*
    - Judge Scores (if available): *9.7; 9.5; 8.5; 8.7; 9.5* (separated by semicolon)
  - o Run 2: *9.2*
    - Judge Scores (if available): *9.7; 9.5; 8.5; 8.7; 9.5*
  - o Run 3: *9.2*
    - Judge Scores (if available): *9.7; 9.5; 8.5; 8.7; 9.5*
  - o Run 4: *9.2*
    - Judge Scores (if available): *9.7; 9.5; 8.5; 8.7; 9.5*

## 5.4. Premium Data

The following data points on run level are in addition to the above mentioned minimum requirements. The more detailed data can be provided the deeper and more valuable the statistics and insights. If even more data points can be provided (e.g. GPS info, speed, etc.) Wyldata can implement those as well and design a custom way to receive and store the data. These more detailed data points can only be delivered via API.

**API:** Documentation and authorization key upon request

### Each Run Score:

- Run 1: 36.7; 1 (the "1" indicates this run score counts towards the round score)
- Judge Name & Scores: Antony Stunt;9.7; 1, Thomas Thin;9.5;0, Silvio Star;8.5;1, Bernd Bresco;8.7;1, Flavio Turner;9.5;0 (the "1" indicates this judge score counts towards the run score. The "0" indicates it does not count towards the run score)
- Trick Names: Kickflip;1, Crooked Grind;1, 360 Flip to Nose Manual to 360 Flip out;1, Heelflip over the Ledge;0, Nollie 360 Flip;1 (the "1" indicates this trick was landed. The "0" indicates this trick was not landed)
- Run 2: 36.7; 1
- Judge Name & Scores: Antony Stunt;9.7;1, Thomas Thin;9.5;0, Silvio Star;8.5;1, Bernd Bresco;8.7;1, Flavio Turner;9.5;0
- Trick Names: Kickflip;1, Crooked Grind;1, 360 Flip to Nose Manual to 360 Flip out;1, Heelflip over the Ledge;0, Nollie 360 Flip;1
- Run X: xxx; x

Any questions or need support?

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### 5.4.1. Event Classification for Youth Age Groups

Youth Age group divisions cannot have a higher WSPL Event Classification than Challenger.

### 5.4.2. Minimum number of participants

Any event division must have at least ((3)) competitors for ranking inclusion.

### 5.4.3. World Rookie Ranking – competition year

The Rookie Ranking is calculated using the same set of results as the WSPL, but only includes athletes who meet the age requirements for their age group at the start of the current competition year. (see Point 5.1 The Competition and Calendar Year).

## 5.5. World Rookie Ranking – Website

The World Rookie Rank can be accessed at  
<https://www.worldsnowboardfederation.org/wrr>

## 6. World Rookie Ranking

The World Rookie Rank is the global youth ranking for competitive snowboarding, initiated and supervised by the WSF. This is where young snowboarders showcase their skills and compete for top rankings, finding their way up in the world of snowboarding.

### 6.1. Shaping the Next Generation of Snowboarding

By recognizing a wide range of young riders, the World Rookie Rank shapes the competitive landscape of snowboarding and encourages broader participation. The World Rookie Rank fosters the ambition and development of young athletes, making the next level of competition more attractive and accessible. Maintaining a comprehensive and strategically focused youth ranking strengthens the entire system and becomes relevant to NSAs in their selection of competitors and seeding lists. As a basis for tracking performance, the World Rookie Rank can create exciting marketing opportunities from grassroots to elite.

### 6.2. World Snowboard Points List (WSPL)

The WSPL is the international ranking system for snowboard freestyle events. FIS is the owner of the WSPL and holds the rights to the system. The WSPL is operated by Wyldata on behalf of the FIS. Thanks to the cooperation between the FIS and the WSF, using the same WSPL platform, calculation base and algorithm, it is possible to filter competition results in the youth age groups and process them into the World Rookie Rank.

## 6.3. The Annual Ranking System

The World Rookie Rank provides a structured and transparent process for the annual recognition and development of young talent. Riders earn points throughout the year based on their performance at different levels of competition. These points are aggregated into a regularly updated ranking that reflects the placements of the best riders. At the end of the competition year, the rankings are finalized, and the top riders are recognized and honored.

### 6.3.1. The Competition Year

The competition year begins on the first day of July and ends on the last day of June of the following calendar year. The “mid-point of the Competition Year” is December 31st. Age eligibility for a single Competition Year is determined by reference to age at this date.

### 6.3.2. The Calendar Year

All competitor ages for the purpose of determining eligibility to participate in competitions shall be expressed in terms of the anniversary of birth (birthday) that the competitor will reach during the calendar year (January 1st – December 31st) that contains the start of the Competition Year in which the competition is scheduled.

### 6.3.3. Ranking Age Groups

Youth Age Groups	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
U13 (Supergrom)	2013	2014	2015	2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015
U15 (Grom)	2011	2012	2013	2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013
U18 (Rookie)	2009	2010	2011	2012
	2008	2009	2010	2011
	2007	2008	2009	2010

## 6.4. World Rookie Rank Points Calculation

The World Rookie Rank has an adapted logic based on the WSPL. The following factors are considered for the calculation and distribution of points:

### 6.4.1. Defining the Event Level – the WSPL Classification system

For each event, maximum and minimum points are awarded based on the five progressive levels of the WSPL event classification system. Higher-level competitions offer more points, while lower-level events offer fewer points. Due to the mechanics of the WSPL the exact distribution of points may vary slightly from competition to competition.

### 6.4.2. Defining the Points Level – the P & R Value

Two factors determine the points level of an event and, consequently, the points that a rider receives for their individual placing in a competition. Each event division is awarded points based on the general values, known as P (points) and R (rank) values, according to the mechanics of the WSPL. The event WSPL classification also includes minimum and maximum points caps. Only 1 to 3 start events counts towards the World Rookie Rank. FIS Juniors Worlds, World Rookie Final and Youth Olympic Games are excluded

### 6.4.3. Quality of Field – Quality of participants

The quality of the field of participants also plays a role. A victory against strong competitors is rated higher than a victory against weaker opponents. The quality of the field for a specific competition is determined by calculating a field quality value for each competition result. The value calculation process evaluates the top-ranked riders who competed in the competition as per the most current World Snowboarding Points

List at the time the competition took place in the respective discipline:

1. For men, the EIGHT(8) top-ranked riders will be evaluated
2. For women, the FIVE(5) top-ranked riders will be evaluated
3. If none of the riders on the result is ranked on the current points list, the minimum points level is applied

### 6.4.4. Size of Field – Number of participants

The more athletes taking part in a competition, the higher the score for the lower places. The ranking points a rider gets attributed for his/her placement depend on the points level of the competition and the total number of ranked riders on the final result. As a general rule, the ranking points for a certain placement are higher in larger fields than in smaller fields.

For Example: A rider who finished 10th at an event with 100 ranked competitors will get more points for his placement, than a rider finishing 10th on a result with 25 ranked competitors.

## 6.5. Types of Rankings

To accommodate different perspectives, the World Rookie Rank provides several types of rankings. These include rankings based on individual or combined age groups, as well as those covering specific disciplines or all freestyle disciplines collectively.

It must be considered that the Halfpipe ranking may also include results from the Quarter Pipe discipline. And the Slopestyle ranking may also include results from the Rail Jam discipline. (as long as not single discipline on WSPL).

### 6.5.1. Discipline Rankings - Separated Age Groups (Individual)

In this type of ranking, girls and boys are individually listed, and all age groups are considered. A separate ranking list is provided for each of the four freestyle disciplines HP, SS, BA and RE.

Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
<b>U13 (Supergrom)</b>		<b>U15 (Grom)</b>		<b>U18 (Rookie)</b>	
• HP Ranking		• HP Ranking		• HP Ranking	
• SS Ranking		• SS Ranking		• SS Ranking	
• BA Ranking		• BA Ranking		• BA Ranking	

Calculation:  
The average of the three best results.

## 6.5.2. Discipline Rankings - Combined Age Groups (Overall)

In this type of ranking, girls and boys are individually listed and all three age groups are combined. A separate ranking list is provided for each of the four freestyle disciplines HP, SS, BA and RE.

Boys	Girls
<b>U18   U15   U13 (Rookie+Grom+Supergrom)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HP Ranking</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SS Ranking</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BA Ranking</li> </ul>	

Calculation:  
The average of the three best results.

## 6.6. Comprehensive Judging Considerations

Comprehensive considerations about judging ensure that all valuation aspects of a ranking are thoroughly taken into account.

### 6.6.1. Ranking & Judging Criteria

**Overall Ranking:** A sufficient overall ranking can only be achieved by overall-judging. Each gender - regardless of age - must be ranked on one scale e.g. all men's = one ranking, all women = one ranking.

**Overall-Judging:** Each gender - regardless of age - must be judged on one scale.



## 7. Judge Training and Certification

The education, training and certification of judges involve online and offline programs, ensuring thorough preparation and professional development. The WSF provides comprehensive training and certification for amateur and junior judges, as well as education for parents, coaches and the media through online and offline programs. Mentoring, training and certification of judges as well as networking and knowledge sharing events promote quality and professionalism in snowboard competition judging.

### 7.1. WSF C-Level Judge Education

The primary objectives of the WSF Judge Education program are to ensure that nations have enough qualified judges and to guarantee that events are evaluated by individuals with the appropriate expertise. This C-level training serves as a gateway to FIS B- and A-level judge training, providing a clear pathway to the highest levels of judge competence.

The structure of the program also allows media, parents, and coaches to participate, helping them learn more about freestyle snowboarding in general and judging in particular.

The combined online and offline education addresses the limited time available to teach everything in a clinic and the high cost for a single nation to produce judge education material, especially including video content.

### 7.2. Certification

The certification consists of three parts:

1. **Online Training:** Including or excluding trick knowledge training.
2. **Offline Session:** Can also be held online but requires attendance during the sessions.
3. **Online Test:** Practical and theoretical.

While the education is free, there is a fee for the certification test.

- Individuals can pay online directly (50 Euro).

- Female judges can request free vouchers from [judging@worldsnowboardfederation.org](mailto:judging@worldsnowboardfederation.org)
- NSAs can buy discounted vouchers (WSF members get a great discount). Actual cost of the discounted vouchers needs to be clear.
  - For not Member
    - NSA's 50 Vouchers 2000,- Euro
    - NSA's 25 Vouchers 1000,- Euro
    - NSA's 10 Vouchers 500,- Euro
  - For Members
    - NSA's 50 Vouchers 1400,- Euro
    - NSA's 25 Vouchers 750,- Euro
    - NSA's 10 Vouchers 300,- Euro

### 7.3. Re-certification

Re-certification is required every two years. However, judges at levels A and B are exempt from re-certification under the C level program

### 7.4. Mandatory Head Judge C License

For lower level events such as Grassroots, Amateur or Challenger, an NSA shall appoint a Head Judge with at least a WSF C License. This ensures that the results can be included in the World Rookie Rank and that a high standard of quality is maintained.

Judge training is accessible via the WSF Academy, further information can be found on the WSF website.

## 7.5. The Official Pathway

Judge Level	Pathway for new starters	Pathway for judges with C level experience	Pathway for judges with A+B level experience
<b>National → C Level</b>	Full WSF online course including Test	Simplified WSF online course including Test	Nothing needed as long as in A+B certification. Exception:
	Real live/In person clinics by WSF accredited instructors and certification through WSF		
	Recertification according to WSF Rules (every 3 years plus comps) and with shorter updates.		If a judge will be downgraded or does not recertify based on present rules, the judge would need to recertify under C-level with simplified training
<b>A + B Level</b>	Per FIS rules - C Level required (to ensure they get the basics right and have some experience)		not required
	FIS Online Training		
	In person clinics by FIS		
	Recertification plan according to FIS ICR		

## 8. Conducting Events

The goal is to provide organizers of WSF events with a comprehensive set of guidelines. The WSF wants to support the smooth running of the events and guarantee the highest level of quality according to the level of competition. These guidelines cover everything that needs to be done before, during and after the event. Organizer is a club, region, or NSA in cooperation with a mountain resort.

### 8.1. NSA Event Manager

A person responsible for the event management regarding the organization and implementation of events in an NSA should be appointed to the WSF.

### 8.2. Technical staff

The positions listed below are merely recommendations from the WSF and should be taken into account to a greater or lesser extent depending on the competition level.

#### 8.2.1. Contest Director

The contest director is responsible for the organization of the event on site. He coordinates the technical staff and act as the contact person for the organizers. At the same time, it ensures the quality assurance of the course and maintains continuous contact with the shape crew.

#### 8.2.2. Technical Delegate (TD) or Head Judge (HJ)

The TD or Head Judge is appointed by the NSA. This person is responsible for monitoring compliance with the regulations.

#### 8.2.3. Judging

The judging team consists of a Head Judge and a number of Judges as described in the overview of the individual competition levels.

## 8.2.4. Evaluation

The judges should be provided with a modern evaluation system. This system can, but does not have to be, the Liveheats system.

## 8.2.5. Race Office support

A person to manage the race office. This person will coordinate the distribution of bib numbers, and the creation of start lists.

## 8.2.6. Logistics

The logistics of the event materials need to be carefully planned in advance, and a specific person should be designated for this task.

### 8.3. Checklist Technical Staff

Here is an approximate estimate of the expected staffing requirements

<b>Construction and maintenance of halfpipe/slopestyle</b>	
PAX	Job description
2-4	Shaper team with experience

<b>1-2 days before the competition</b>	
PAX	Job description
2-4	Shaper-Team
2	Transportation + assembly material
2	Infrastructure (container, tent, electricity...)

<b>On the day of the competition</b>	
PAX	Job description
1	Contest director
2	Race Office
1	TD
1	Head Judge
2-5	Judges
1	Tabulation
2	Starter
2-4	Shaper
2-4	Kicker Safety (SS) depending on course length
2	Slope rescue

<b>Immediately after the last competition</b>	
PAX	Job description
5	Dismantling of the material and transportation

## 8.4. Checklist Material

Here is an approximate estimate of the expected material requirement

Material on Site	Quantity	Place
Power connection start, finish & judging container	3	Competition area
Shovels/rakes	4/4	Competition area
Starting pegs	4	Competition area
Barrier fences entire course + finish area	sufficient	Competition area
Padding for protection	sufficient	Competition area
Drills with spare batteries	2	Competition area
Heated container for judges (incl. electricity)	1	Competition area
Small table for evaluation	1	Competition area
Tables for judges	2	Competition area
Chairs for judges	8	Competition area
Gift table for prize distribution	1	Prize giving area
Winner's podium	1	Prize giving area
Catering for helpers	sufficient	To be defined
Lift tickets for organizer personal	sufficient	Bottom station
Lift tickets for athletes + coaches	according to registrations	Bottom station

Additional material	Quantity	Place
Beachflags	approx. 20-25	Competition area
Advertising banners	approx. 10	Competition area
Sound system	1	Competition area
Drill with spare batteries	2	Competition area

Flags for kicker safety (only for slopestyle)	5	Competition area
Paint splashes and color	1	Competition area
Evaluation system incl. tablets for judges	1 Box	Judge Container
Printer	1 Box	Judge Container
Stationery Judges	1 Box	Judge Container
Live-Results Tablets	min. 3	Judge Container / Start
Bib numbers	min. 100	Race Office
Computers & Printers	1	Race Office
Device for electronic payment	1	Race Office
Radios with 2 free channels	approx. 6-12	Race Office

Race Office	Quantity	Place
Room approx. 5mx5m	1	tbd
Internet connection (if no 4G)	1	tbd
Table or counter	1	tbd
Large tables for start number distribution	2	tbd
Chairs	4	tbd

TC Meeting (also possible online)	Quantity	Place
Room for 40 people with seating	1	tbd
Large tables	2	tbd
Chairs	40	tbd



## 8.5. Checklist Action Plan

This checklist is intended to give an approximate overview of the work to be done

### **6 Months before the event**

- Event Submission to WSF/EMS

### **Months before the event**

- Event information sheet; submit to WSF/EMS
- Event flyer; inform partners and stakeholders
- Organize staff
- Hotel; provide information
- Accommodation; booking for staff and officials (if necessary)
- Race Office; reserve the premises
- Room for TC Meeting, reserve the premises
- Reserve event material according to list
- Catering plan and reserve rooms

### **2-4 Weeks before the event**

- Inform regional helicopter rescue base
- Organize and inform rescue services
- Inform internal staff
- Confirm/customize staff accommodation reservations
- Display and distribution of posters and flyers
- Informing local media
- Material Transportation Planning

### **Week before the event**

- Prepare tickets
- Infrastructure in top shape (HP/SS/BA/BSL)
- Set up a judge container
- Install electricity
- Provide event material according to list
- OC meeting: Organizing the premises
- Secure/block off the competition area

### **Evening before each competition day**

- Provide tickets for rider and coaches
- OC Meeting
- Inform staff
- TC Meeting
- Define program and format

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