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The International Ski and Snowboard Federation / Fédération Internationale de Ski et de Snowboard (FIS) is the world governing body for alpine ski competition and various other snow sports.

Alpine competitions are run according to the FIS International Competition Regulations Book IV, (the ICR), annual rule updates known as Precisions and specific rule documents books governing competition equipment, timing equipment, quotas, FIS points / results, as well as standards (homologations) for infrastructure (gate poles, gate panels, race courses), etc.

In Canada, all alpine competitions are run per the current ICR, Precisions and specific FIS rule books. For legal and practical reasons, Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) has adopted certain modifications and/or additions to support domestic, non-FIS levels of competitions calendared under ACA sanction. The ACA approved modifications are documented in the ACA National Competition Rules Book (NCR book). Recommendations for domestic rules are generated by network of Provincial Alpine Technical Directors and the National Officials Committee.

ACA National race rules include ACA Points Rules and National Timing Rules that apply to ACA sanctioned non-FIS race events.

Please note that individual Provinces and Territories may adopt local rules, also, provided such local rules do not implement a lower standard in respect of athlete security, safety or fairness, particularly in respect of competition equipment, course specifications and timing systems. Please ensure that you are aware of these rules prior to racing. The host provincial organization can provide these specifics to all required parties.

FIS www.fis-ski.com

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PROVINCIAL TERRITORIAL SPORT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

Each PTSO may publish rules for competitions held under its sanction provided such rules do not go beyond the limits laid down in the FIS and national rules and that they do not increase risk to the participants.

Local rules for ski area and lift regulations, bib deposits, and other issues related to a specific event may be published for the event provided such rules do not go beyond the limits laid down in the present FIS and national rules and that they do not increase risk to the participants.

Except where specifically amended or changed by the rules set out in this document, all alpine competitions sanctioned by ACA must be organized in accordance with the current FIS Alpine ICR and current Precisions. National calendar competitions with different grounds of qualification may not go beyond the limits laid down in the present FIS rules.

Note that a national rule, with the “-CAN” suffix, may clarify, modify or add to the corresponding FIS rule, without going beyond the limits of the FIS rule. Where possible, national rule numbers will correspond to FIS rule numbers.



NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

200 Joint Regulations for Competitions

- 200.1-CAN All events in the national calendar must be held under the applicable National rules.
- 200.3-CAN **Participation** Competitions listed in the national calendar are only open to all properly licensed competitors entered by their PTSOs and clubs in accordance with current quotas.
- 200.4-CAN **Special Regulations** ACA may adopt rules and regulations to organize National and PTSO competitions with different grounds for qualification but only provided they do not go beyond the limits laid down by the present rules.
- 200.6-CAN Every legal sanction imposed and published in respect of a competitor, official or trainer will be recognized by ACA and the PTSOs respectively.

201 Classification and Types of Competitions

- 201.5-CAN **National Events** An event is a competition in a sport or in one of its disciplines. It results in a ranking and gives rise to the award of medals. ACA has the following level of events classified with national competitions:
- Entry Level
 - Recreational
 - National
 - Masters

204 Qualification of Competitors

- 204.1-CAN ACA or PTSO shall not support or recognize within its structure, nor shall it issue a license or approval to participate in National races to competitors who:
- 204.1.1-CAN have conducted themselves in an improper or unsportsmanlike manner or has not respected the anti-doping rules,
- 204.1.5-CAN knowingly compete or have competed against any skier not eligible according to the National rules,
- 204.1.6-CAN have not signed the ACA waiver,
- 204.1.7-CAN are under suspension.



205 Competitors Obligations and Rights

- 205.1-CAN The competitors are obliged to make themselves familiar with the appropriate FIS and national rules and must comply with the additional instructions of the Jury.
- 205.2-CAN Competitors are not permitted to use doping.
- 205.3-CAN Competitors have the right to inform the Jury of safety concerns they may have regarding the training and competition courses.

211 The Organization

- 211.1.1-CAN The organizer of a national competition is the person or group of persons who make the necessary preparations and directly carry out the running of the competition in the resort.
- 211.2-CAN **The Organizing Committee** The Organizing Committee consists of those members (physical or legal) who are delegated by the organizer and ACA. It carries the rights, duties and obligations of the organizer.

212 Insurance

- 212.1-CAN National calendar events are covered by the ACA liability insurance and include all members of the Organizing Committee, so long as they are operating within the expected realm of ski racing, including the particular rules and regulations for the national calendar events(s) and that the club and all participants are registered with ACA and their PTSO for the current season. The policy explicitly includes liability insurance claims by any accredited participant, including athletes, against any other participant including but not limited to officials, course workers, coaches, etc.
NOTE: Ski Quebec Alpin has a separate CGL policy from the ACA Policy as it relates to CGL insurance.
- 212.3-CAN All competitors participating in FIS events must purchase Sport Accident Insurance Program (SAIP) insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport and rescue costs including race risks as well as an appropriate third-party liability insurance.
- 212.3.1-CAN A competitor participating in FIS events and in an approved full-time program outside of Canada, or a FIS Masters competitor, may show proof of non-SAIP coverage to ACA, who will verify the insurance is adequate.
- 212.3.2-CAN A competitor participating in non-FIS events outside of Canada must purchase Sport Accident Insurance Program (SAIP) insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport and rescue costs including race risks as well as an appropriate third-party liability insurance.



213 Programme

A programme must be published by the organisers for each race listed in the national calendar, following ICR 213.

214 Announcements

214.2-CAN Organizers are bound by the rules and decisions of ACA or the PTSO in limiting the number of entries.

214.3-CAN Postponements or cancellations of competitions and programme alterations must be communicated to ACA or the PTSO, invited clubs and the appointed TD. Competitions moved to an earlier date must be approved by ACA or the PTSO.

215 Entries

215.3-CAN Competitions out of Canada

Only ACA is entitled to make entries for competitions out of Canada. Canadian athletes who enter, or attempt to enter a race, without valid permission from ACA are subject to disciplinary actions which may include, financial sanctions, suspension from racing and/or revoking of FIS license.

215.3.3 FIS Alpine

215.3.3.1-CAN Entry request for WC or EC races must be submitted online – see section (3) and (4) of:

[Guidelines to Accessing Peak Competitions](#)

215.3.3.2-CAN Intent to enter other races out of Canada, and NAC races in Canada, must be submitted online at

<https://alpinepoints.ca/raceRegistration/login/>.

A coach submitting Intents must be approved to represent athletes for the season, and for access to the Intent system.

For inquiries regarding Intents, email raceentries@alpinecanada.org.

215.3.3.3-CAN The Intent deadline is **ten (10) days** before the first Team Captains' meeting. Coaches should manage all Intent submissions and changes before this deadline.

215.3.3.4-CAN Competitors should have a maximum of 120 FIS points on the current points list in at least one discipline. Entry for athletes with greater than 120 FIS points in all disciplines is at ACA discretion.



215.3.3.5-CAN CAST and CAST D athletes are given first consideration within the applicable FIS quota.

215.3.3.6-CAN A draft entry, and wait list if applicable, will be sent to coaches after the Intent deadline. Coaches should review the draft, and email any further changes, to raceentries@alpinecanada.org before the final entry is submitted.

At the discretion of ACA, failure to provide adequate notice of changes may result in a monetary sanction to the coach, equivalent to the race entry fee.

215.3.3.7-CAN The final entry, and wait list if applicable, will be submitted between **five to three days** before the first Team Captains' meeting.

215.3.3.8-CAN Pulls made after the final entry should be emailed to the ROC and copied to raceentries@alpinecanada.org and the other coaches for their information. The ROC will manage the wait list if applicable.

215.3.4 FIS Children (CHI)

215.3.4.1-CAN PTSO to submit FIS Entry form, completed FIS athlete declarations, and copies of passports to raceentries@alpinecanada.org.

215.3.4.2-CAN The Intent deadline is **21 days** before the first Team Captains' meeting.

215.3.4 FIS Masters (MAS)

215.3.4.1-CAN PTSOs to submit one FIS Entry form to raceentries@alpinecanada.org.

215.3.4.2-CAN The Intent deadline is **14 days** before the first Team Captains' meeting.

215.3.5 FIS Ski Cross

215.3.5.1-CAN Submit entry for WC or EC to cmorrison@alpinecanada.org.

215.3.6 Non-FIS

215.3.6.1-CAN PTSOs to submit one FIS Entry form to raceentries@alpinecanada.org.

Competitors should have a maximum of 120 national points on the current points list in at least one discipline. Entry for athletes with greater than 120 national points is at ACA or PTSO discretion.

215.3.6.2-CAN The deadline is **five days** before the first Team Captains' meeting.



216 Team Captains' Meetings

216.4-CAN Team captains and trainers must obey the ICR and national rules and the decisions of the Jury and must behave in a proper and sportsmanlike manner.

221 Medical Services, Examinations and Doping

221.3-CAN Doping is forbidden.

221.6-CAN **Medical Services Required from Event Organizers** The health and safety of all those involved in a national calendar competition is a primary concern of all event Organizers. This includes the competitors as well as volunteers, course workers and spectators.

The Organizer / The Chief of Medical and Rescue Services must confirm with the technical delegate that the required rescue facilities are in place before starting the official training or competition. In the event of an incident, or issue that prevents the primary medical plan from being utilized, the back-up plan must be in place before recommencing the official training or competition.

222 Competition Equipment

222.1-CAN A competitor may only take part in a national competition with equipment which conforms to the nationally Approved Regulations. A competitor is responsible for the equipment that he uses (skis, bindings, ski boots, suit, etc.). It is their duty to check that the equipment they use conforms to the nationally approved specifications and general safety requirements and is in working order.



609 ACA U16 Regional Championships

609.1-CAN The events for ACA U16 Regional Championships, West and East, are:

- Slalom
- Giant Slalom
- Super-G and Super-G training
- ACA Fitness and Skills Combine

Optional events are:

- Team Parallel
- Ski Cross

609.2-CAN Initial Draws

All competitors who may compete in the series are included in the initial draws.

For the initial draw for technical events (SL, GS), all competitors are drawn in one group.

For the initial draw for speed event(s) (SG), all competitors are drawn in one group.

The initial draw is valid for two (2) races, after which another draw will be done.

609.3-CAN Start order 1st run

The start order for the first technical event will use the initial draw order.

The start order for the second technical event will start with the 2nd half of the initial draw, followed by the 1st half of the initial draw (i.e. “switch halves”). See tables below.

609.4-CAN Start order 2nd run

In competitions with two runs, the start order for the second run is the reverse of the first run start order.

Competitors with a first run DSQ or DNF are included in the second run start order and maintain their position in the reverse order.



Table 1 ACA U16 Regional Championships Start Order - **Sample 101 Competitors**

Race	Run 1	Run 2 (reverse)
1	1 → 101	101 → 1
2	51 → 101, 1 → 50	50 → 1, 101 → 51
100 total competitors, 50/51 in each "half"		

Table 2 ACA U16 Regional Championships Start Order - **Formula**

Race	Run 1	Run 2 (reverse)
1	1 → n	n → 1
2	(m + 1) → n, 1 → m	m → 1, n → (m + 1)
n = total competitors m = $\frac{n}{2}$, rounded down		

609.5-CAN Awards are given to the top 3 ranked for each gender:

- Fitness Combine
- Skiing Skills Combine
- Overall Fitness & Skills Combine
- SG
- GS
- SL

609.6-CAN Awards are given to the top 3 highest Overall points for each gender.

Overall points (see table below) are awarded based on ranking in:

- SG
- GS
- SL

Table 3 ACA U16 Regional Championships Overall Points

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



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Timing

- 611.2-CAN For zone, provincial, regional and national championships, electronic timers, start gates and photocells homologated by the FIS are required.
- For other events in the national calendar, electronic timers, start gates and photocells homologated by the FIS are recommended.
- A list of these approved devices is published on the FIS website.
- 611.2.1-CAN For PTSO Championships, ACA U16 Regional Championships, National Masters Championships, and Can-Am events, two synchronised electronically isolated timing systems operating in time-of-day must be used.
- For other events in the national calendar, one electronic timing system operating in time-of-day must be used. It is recommended to use a second electronically isolated timing system operating in time of day.
- 611.2.2-CAN Manual (hand) timing, completely separate and independent of the electronic timing, must be used for all competitions listed in the national calendar.
- 611.3.3-CAN A technical timing report is recommended. Timing report software can be downloaded from the FIS website.

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The Finish

- 615.2-CAN For Giant Slalom and Kinder Kombi races, the finish must be no less than 15 metres wide. In exceptional cases, the Jury may decrease this distance on the spot for technical reasons or because of the terrain.

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Super-G The Courses

- 1002.4-CAN Competition courses used for U16 and U14 Super-G should be homologated for SG or GS. For races on courses not homologated for SG or GS, a safety inspection by a PTSO Technical Advisor is required.



SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALPINE COMPETITION EQUIPMENT

1.1.2-CAN PTSOs may have further U18 specifications – refer to PTSO documents.

Parameter	Event	U14	U16 U18	Masters**
<i>ski length</i>	SG Women		183 _{Min}	180 _{Min} ***
	SG Men		183 _{Min}	185 _{Min} ***
<i>IN (cm)</i>	GS Women	188 _{Max}	188 _{Max}	175 _{Min}
<i>(±) 10mm</i>	GS Men	188 _{Max}	188 _{Max}	180 _{Min}
	SL Women	130 _{Min}	130 _{Min}	
	SL Men	130 _{Min}	130 _{Min}	
<i>Radius</i>	SG Women		30 _{Min}	
	SG Men		30 _{Min}	
<i>R (m)</i>	GS Women	17 _{Min}	17 _{Min}	
<i>(±) 1,5% + 1m preparation</i>	GS Men	17 _{Min}	17 _{Min}	
<i>tolerance for DH skis</i>	SL Women			
	SL Men			
<i>Width of the</i>	SG Women	65 _{Max}	65 _{Max}	
<i>waist of the ski</i>	SG Men	65 _{Max}	65 _{Max}	
	GS Women	65 _{Max}	65 _{Max}	
<i>bM (mm)</i>	GS Men	65 _{Max}	65 _{Max}	
<i>(±) 0.1mm</i>	SL Women			
	SL Men			
** no length restriction for Women above 55 and Men above 65 years of age				
*** GS Skis permitted. Minimum ski length for SG skis is compulsory				

3.5-CAN Competitors are allowed to protect all parts of the body with protectors that comply with standards set forth in FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment.

3.5.1-CAN Back protectors are recommended for U14 and older.

3.6.1-CAN The use of alpine skiing helmets is compulsory at all events. The helmets shall have no spoilers, nor protruding parts.

Helmets for U14 and older shall comply with standards set forth in FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment.

3.6.6-CAN Chin guards are recommended for SL only.



COMPETITION LEVELS

NON-POINTS RACES

Category	Age Group
Entry Level	6 – 11 years old
PTSO and National Points Series	12 – 99 years old
Master Series	18 years old and older

NON-POINTS PROGRAMS

Entry Level	Age Group
U10	8 – 9 years old
U12	10 – 11 years old

The major non-points racing program is **Entry Level** which the regulations and criteria are uniform across Canada with their own set of rules and criteria for children ages 6-11. The Entry Level series is training and racing program designated to encourage children to ski race without subjecting them to intense competitive pressures.

Running in conjunction with the Entry Level series is the Alpine Canada Strive Program that is an 8-level development framework from which to develop youth with a holistic approach, focusing on skill development, athletic development, fitness, health and life skills.

The Masters Alpine Series is a program that provides an opportunity for adults of all ages to participate in a structured racing program. Races are held in each of the provinces as well as national calendar events.

NATIONAL POINTS RACES

Category	Age Group
U14	12 – 13 years old
U16	14 – 15 years old
U18	16 – 17 years old
U21	18 – 20 years old

The above age groups are recognized across Canada and based on age as of Dec. 31.

POINT PROGRAMS

The points program is one in which each competitor must possess a current ACA competitor card and number. The races are entered into the national Points system.

The card system has been designed to accomplish several objectives:

- To provide a national registration system for competitors
- To provide a graduated points scoring system, the national Points list in each of the alpine disciplines
- To provide a means to measure the performance of a competitor upward through national levels
- To provide a record of all participants for insurance purposes

Competitors may not race in ACA sanctioned events that are submitted for input to the national points list without a valid competitor card. ACA sanctioned events include races that appear on national and provincial calendars.



RULES FOR THE ALPINE POINTS

National competitors are required to register annually with a PTSO and their registered club. Each athlete must also be a registered participant with ACA and hold a National Competitor card in order to appear on the national Points List.

The total number of race starts in a season is not monitored or limited, but ACA highly recommends following the guidelines on the number of competitions per age group be in-line with the LTAD.

Technical Delegate must confirm the computer race program being used provides correct ACA penalty calculation fill-ins and maximum values, and also provides correct competitor race points for all disciplines, SL, GS, SG, AC, DH.

All protests related to the scoring or non-scoring of a national race will be heard by the National Officials Committee. Protests must be directed to the National Officials Committee at officials@alpinecanada.org.

Athletes competing in FIS races in Canada, including but not limited to FIS, ENL, UNI, NJR, NJC, must seek approval from their PTSO prior to submitting race entries.

For athletes who plan to compete in UNI races, PTSOs must submit a list of athletes, including their UNI team affiliation, to ACA by October 15th.



4 Calculation Process

4.2 Points

4.2-CAN National Points

National points are calculated for races that have been assigned a NAT codex. A NAT codex can be assigned to a race for U14 and older.

National points are not calculated for races that have been assigned a REC codex. A REC codex can be assigned to a race for U12 and younger, or a race for U14 and older that will not count for national points.

4.2.1-CAN Base National Points List (BL) (*)

The national BL will be published July 1st.

4.2.1.1-CAN National BL Points Calculation

The athlete's national BL points in an event will be the lowest of:

- average of the best two results in the event during the past season
- average of the best result in the event during the past season and the previous season's national BL points
- best result in the event during the past season + 20%
- previous season's national BL points + 20%
- FIS points

4.5 Category Adder and Minimum/Maximum-Value

4.5.1-CAN

ADDER = 0

Z-value = 0.00

Minimum penalty = 0.00

Maximum penalty = 500.00

Maximum points = 500.00

The national F values are the same as the FIS F values.

See 1st page at <https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/alpine-skiing/fis-points-lists.html>.

KK F value = average of SL and GS F value

5.3 Printing Deadlines and Validity of the Individual Lists

The printing deadline is every Tuesday at 23:00 MT. The validity dates are Wednesday until the following Tuesday.



6 Instructions for Organizers and Technical Delegates

6.1-CAN Electronic Data Transmission for national results

The national results must be transmitted electronically at <https://alpinepoints.ca/results/upload/login/>, using the FIS Data Exchange XML Protocol (<ftp://ftp.fis-ski.com/Software/XML/>) with the following adjustments:

FIS Results XML	National Results XML
<Fisresults><AL_race><AL_raceinfo><Usedfislist>	<Fisresults><AL_race><AL_raceinfo><Usednatlist>
<Fisresults><AL_race><AL_classified><AL_ranked><Competitor><Fiscode>	<Fisresults><AL_race><AL_classified><AL_ranked><Competitor><Natcode>
<Fisresults><AL_race><AL_notclassified><AL_notranked><Competitor><Fiscode>	<Fisresults><AL_race><AL_notclassified><AL_notranked><Competitor><Natcode>

The TD should supervise the correct transmission of the results, and the TD should check if the results on the website are correct. For assistance, contact the PTSO or alpinepoints@alpinecanada.org.

6.1 Electronic Data Transmission of FIS race results *The results must be transmitted electronically and in the FIS format (email: alpineresults@fis-ski.com). The TD must supervise the correct transmission of the results and make a corresponding report online immediately after the event and the TD must check if the results on the website are correct. Results without TD and Timing reports will be no longer included in the FIS points list.*

6.1.1 Composition of the file name for the transmission of FIS race results:
- Nation of OC (three letters as listed in the FIS ICR)
- Codex (according to the FIS Calendar)
After the point: - xml
e.g. sample file name CAN1234.xml, where 1234 is the codex



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Quotas

- 7.1.7-CAN For CAN-USA country group: maximum 15 for the other nation, for FIS races organised in CAN or USA.
- 7.1.8-CAN CANADIAN ENTRIES IN FIS RACES IN CANADA**
- Within the total number of Canadian entries allowed in the FIS race (referred to as *FIS QUOTA_{CAN}*), which is governed by FIS rules, the allocation is as follows:
- 7.1.8.1-CAN **FIS Races in Canada, including Quebec Super Series Races only** (for Quebec non-Super Series FIS Races, see 7.1.8.2-CAN)
- CAST and CAST D athletes are given first consideration and are not part of any provincial allocation.
 - The allocation for each of the following provinces is ten: BC AB ON QC.
 - The allocation for the other provinces as a group combined is ten.
 - 14 days before the first team captains' meeting, the list of Canadian athletes intended for the race series, excluding CAST and CAST D, will be ranked by their current FIS points and the "top 30" will be identified for each event in the series (SL, GS, SG, or DH).
 - a. If a PTSO has more than 10 athletes in the "top 30", their allocation will be increased to the number of athletes they have in the "top 30".
 - NOTE: This is not an increase in general for the PTSO. If a "top 30" athlete is pulled from the PTSO allocation, the PTSO allocation will decrease accordingly, but will not fall below ten. If the number of "top 30" athletes in the allocation falls below ten, the PTSO may fill the allocation with other athletes, up to ten.
 - Any remaining entries, up to an overall maximum of *FIS QUOTA_{CAN}*, are available to the host PTSO to allocate as they choose.
- 7.1.8.2-CAN **Quebec non-Super Series FIS Races**
- The allocation for each of the following provinces is ten: BC AB ON QC.
 - The allocation for the other provinces as a group combined is ten.
 - Any remaining entries, up to an overall maximum of *FIS QUOTA_{CAN}*, are available to the host PTSO to allocate as they choose.
- 7.1.8.3-CAN ACA and PTSOs can agree to special PTSO allocations for certain FIS events in Canada, to be published in advance of the event in question.
- 7.1.8.4-CAN For Nor-Am races, CAST, CAST D, and PTSO teams are given first consideration. Others are ranked by FIS points.



OFFICIALS

REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION

To be recognized as a certified Official, an individual must be registered as a member of a PTSO and maintain their registration on an annual basis including with the national Officials tracking and certification database. Registration can be done at the ski club level, or through the official's home PTSO. Membership includes liability insurance while the Official is involved with race competitions/events/activities and working within their certification level. All officials are also required to ensure they are meeting the safe sport standards applicable to their official's level certification and the event in which they are participating in.

NATIONAL OFFICIALS PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

The national alpine officials' program is a structured and integrated program consisting of four levels of alpine Officials and four levels of Technical Delegates.

The following are the various levels of alpine Officials: After Level 1 – each requires specific practical experience to move on to the next Level.

- **Level 1** - entry-level course providing overall introduction to race organization and the various Officials positions
- **Level 2** – a detailed introduction to alpine ski racing and the roles and duties of various Officials positions. Specific practical experience is required.
- **Level 3** - designed for Officials with considerable practical experience, covers the duties of senior Officials, course preparation, maintenance and setting, as well as calculations of points and penalties
- **Level 4** - be recommended to the National Officials Committee by the PTSO Officials Chair. Level 4 Officials are the most experienced Officials, having showed a superior level of ability.
- **Regional Technical Delegate** – (only in Ontario) Level 2 Official requires certification following recommendation by the Divisional and PTSO Officials Chair
- **PTSO Technical Delegate – Technical (T)** Level 3 Official requires certification following recommendation by PTSO Officials Chair
- **PTSO Technical Delegate – Technical/Speed (T/S)** above qualification with speed experience and recommended by PTSO Officials Chair
- **National Technical Delegate** - PTSO TD (T) &/or (T/S) or licensed FIS TD recommended by the PTSO Officials Chair to the National Officials Committee



MAINTAINENCE OF CURRENT LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION

Upon qualification, the initial period of certification is as follows:

Level 1 & 2	Three years
Level 3	Three years
Level 4	Two years

Once obtaining a specific level of certification, there are practical and, in some cases, other requirements to maintain certification after the initial period of certification has expired i.e. if an Official does not meet the criteria, then the certification is not extended past the initial certification period.

Minimum Requirements:

Level 1:	Activity as an Official
Level 2:	4 race days in a 3-year period and update every 2 years*
Level 3:	4 race days a year and update every 2 years*
Level 4:	4 race days a year, at the TD or Chief level or to the satisfaction of the Official Chair and Update every 2 years*

* The Update is at the discretion of the PTSO Officials Chair.

Note: Officials who do not meet these criteria will lose their official status and be removed from the Officials List.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICIALS

FIS EVENTS

Chief of Race	Level 3 Official
Referee	Level 2 Official or CSC Performance Level (Trained)
Start Referee	Level 2 Official
Finish Referee	Level 2 Official
Chief of Course	Level 2 Official
Chief of Gate Judges	Level 2 Official

NON-FIS SPEED EVENTS

Technical Delegate	PTSO Speed Technical Delegate
Chief of Race	Level 2 Official
Referee	CSC Development Level (Trained) and Level 2 Official, or PTSO Speed Technical Delegate
Assistant Referee	Same as for Referee, except CSC coach certification not mandatory
Start Referee	Level 2 Official
Finish Referee	Level 2 Official



NON-FIS TECHNICAL EVENTS

Technical Delegate	PTSO Technical Delegate
Chief of Race	Level 2 Official
Referee	CSC Entry Level (Trained) and Level 2 Official, or PTSO Technical Delegate
Start Referee	Level 2 Official
Finish Referee	Level 2 Official

NON-POINT RACES

It is recommended that the execution of races in this category follow the organization structure described in section 4.3 with an assigned Technical Delegate and a Jury. It is understood that in the interest of promoting alpine racing at the grass roots, it is not always practical to do so. To that end, the use of Technical Advisors (Level 2 and higher Officials with practical race experience to assist Entry Level events is recommended. The host Club executive should assign an experienced club Official as a technical advisor to work with the ROC and assist with planning and completion of EL race event.

MASTERS RACES

For ACA sanctioned Masters Races, Jury and certification of Officials is the same as PTSO guidelines for non-FIS Technical events and for SG events. The Technical Delegate will be appointed by the PTSO Officials Chairman and will be a minimum PTSO TD. Participating competitors cannot be part of the Jury.

Technical Delegates are appointed as follows:

PTSO RACES

TDs for races are appointed PTSO Officials Chair or their designate. In making these appointments, consideration is given to the level of race, its location and the qualifications of the TD.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, CAN-AM

TD is appointed by PTSO Officials Chair or designate.

ACA U16 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TDs are appointed by the National Officials Chair in consultation with the National Officials Committee.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR RACE COURSES

Vertical drops and number of turns

Except as noted below, the technical specifications of the ICR for Alpine apply.

*** Only in the event that the resort does not meet minimum standards may the below table be taken as a recommendation***

		U21	U18	U16	U14
SG	Max VD	Per PTSO Technical Committee Published Standards		450	
	Min VD			250	
	DC			8% - 12%	
GS	Max VD	Per PTSO Technical Committee Published Standards		350	
	Min VD			200	
	DC			13% - 18%	
	Distance			27m	
SL	Max VD	Per PTSO Technical Committee Published Standards		160	
	Min VD			100	
	DC			32-38% (+/-3)	
	Distance			12m Delay gate max distance turning pole to turning pole: 15m	10m Delay gate max distance turning pole to turning pole: 15m

		U21	U18	U16	U14
KK (608.12)	Max VD			200	
	Min VD			120	
	DC			10-12%	
	Distance (SL/GS)			ICR 608.9.3.2	
	Distance (GS/SG)			ICR 608.9.3.2	
Parallel	VD	Min 50 Min length 160M			
	NG	Min 15			



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

See current ICR and Precisions for CHI technical specifications as a guideline for the jury, taking into account course specifications. Juries, on the recommendation of the Referee and Course Setter, may approve course setting / change of direction counts that the juries feel necessary for the security of the athletes, taking into consideration age group, turn shape achievable using the equipment available to the mean of the field, length of the course due to lack of steepness, etc.

U10 and U12 SL may use stubby poles.

SLALOM* (Women & Men)

U14-U16:

U14: Minimum 2 and maximum 4 hairpin combinations and minimum 1 and maximum 2 vertical combination consisting of maximum 3 gates.

U16: Minimum 3 and maximum 6 hairpin combinations and a minimum 1 and maximum 3 vertical combinations consisting of 3 – maximum 4 gates.

*It must also contain a minimum of one and a maximum of 3 delayed turns.

The course should have no special technical difficulties. Flex poles must be light poles (25-28.9 mm)

NOTE: Only those gates requiring a change of direction are to be counted.

NATIONAL RACE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

See current ICR and Precisions for technical specifications as guidelines for the jury, taking into account course specifications. Juries, on the recommendation of the Referee and Course Setter, may approve course setting / change of direction counts that the juries feel necessary for the security of the athletes, taking into consideration age group, turn shape achievable using the equipment available to the mean of the field, length of the course due to lack of steepness, etc.

For ACA U16 Regional Championships and Canada Winter Games, course setting must follow the FIS ICR.

NATIONAL MASTER'S TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

National Master's race technical requirements are a combination of FIS level and FIS CHI level rules. The combination of rules was approved by the National Master's executive in 2008 to best suit the needs of the age groups from 18 - 85 years of age

Changes from the FIS Master's rules include:

- shorter minimum and maximum vertical drops for SG, GS and SL.
- AC - Children's min/max # of gates
- GS – minimum VD of 12%

The race jury will decide on all technical requirements.

For further information as it relates to masters racing, please review the FIS Joint Regulations for Alpine Masters.