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FIS MASTERS RULES ALPINE

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B) International Competition Rules Masters Alpine Skiing (“ICR-Masters”)

MA 1) PRINCIPLES:

The purpose of these rules is to provide alpine skiers above 30 years of age (“MASTERS”) with a system

- to compete with other skiers of similar age and physical ability in the spirit of fairness and sportsmanship,
- to achieve long lasting physical fitness and health by offering desirable goals to train for,
- helping to promote an environment of friendship and understanding among sportspeople of all nations,
- to promote competitive skiing around the world

MA 2) ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS:

Participation is limited to male and female skiers who are members of their National Ski Association and reach the age of 30 years by December 31 of the current “Competition Year”. A Competition Year starts on July 1.

Example:

- a racer born between Jan 1 and Dec. 31, 1975: qualifies for MASTERS Racing for the first time in the Competition Year 2005/2006 (starting July 1, 2005).

MA 3) AGE GROUPS AND CLASSES:

Organizers are requested to use the precise terms for each class (as shown in this chapter) in all official papers (esp. results and starting lists).

<u>MEN</u>	<u>Category A (Group A):</u>	<u>Category B (Group B):</u>
Class	A – 1 (30 – 34)	Class B – 6 (55 – 59)
	A – 2 (35 – 39)	B – 7 (60 – 64)
	A – 3 (40 – 44)	B – 8 (65 – 69)
	A – 4 (45 – 49)	B – 9 (70 – 74)
	A – 5 (50 – 54)	B – 10 (75 – 79)
		B – 11 (80 – 84) etc.
<u>LADIES</u>	<u>Category C (Group C):</u>	
Class	C – 1 (30 – 34)	Class C – 6 (55 - 59)
	C – 2 (35 – 39)	C – 7 (60 – 64)
	C – 3 (40 – 44)	C – 8 (65 – 69)
	C – 4 (45 – 49)	C – 9 (70 – 74)
	C – 5 (50 – 54)	C – 10 (75 – 79) etc.

The number of participants per country is not limited. (except restrictions agreed upon for FIS World Criterium)

MA 4) COURSES:

All competitions must be carried out on FIS-homologated courses with the following vertical drops:

a) Slalom:

min. 120 m – max. 180 m all Categories

Number of courses: Separate courses have to be set for the Categories B/C and A (World Criterium: Separate courses for each Category are mandatory)

b) Giant Slalom:

min. 250 m – max 350 m Category A
min. 200 m – max 300 m Category B/C

Number of courses: Separate courses for B/C and A are preferred, but racing on one course is permitted if 2 race courses are not available. Install 2 starts from different level platforms. (World Criterium: Separate courses for each Category are mandatory.) – see rule MA 33)

c) Super-G:

Min. 300 m – max 400 m all Categories

The course of a Super-G in MASTERS Races has to be suited for MASTERS Skiing – shorter, with smaller radius curves and slower than a regular international Super-G.

MA 5) EQUIPMENT RULES AND CONTROLS:

A) Rules for skis, plates and boots:

Referring to “FIS Specifications for Competition Equipment” the following Equipment Rules are the most important to MASTERS Racing:

Minimum Ski Length and Radius:

	<u>Length:</u>	<u>Radius:</u>
<u>a) Slalom:</u>		
Men:	165 cm	-
Ladies:	155 cm	-
<u>b) Giant Slalom:</u>		
Men:	185 cm – 5 cm tolerance = 180 cm	21 m
Ladies:	180 cm – 5 cm tolerance = 175 cm	21 m
<u>c) Super-G:</u>		
Men:	185 cm without tolerance	21 m
Ladies:	180 cm without tolerance	21 m

In relation to the last sentence in Chapter “4) COURSES” Giant Slalom Skis may be used in Super-G.

For all disciplines:

- No length restriction for Ladies above 60 and Men above 70 years of age.

Maximum Height of Skis/Plates and Ski Boot Soles:

Max. Distance from ski bottom to boot sole: 55 mm

Max. Distance from boot sole to base of foot: 45 mm

B) Rules for Crash helmet:

See rule MA 11) (Safety)

C) Controls:

- The TD is responsible for checking racers for compliance with the FIS Equipment Rules.
- However, he is obliged to check a racer's equipment if asked by a competitor or Team Captain. Controls should preferably be made before the start. The TD may delegate this duty to other members of the jury (start referee!)
- No protest fee will be charged if a complaint is made before the start. The regular protest fee applies if the complaint is made after the accused racer has started.

MA 6) ENTRIES:

- The entries (using FIS Entry Forms, including year of birth, FIS MASTERS code numbers and current points) have to be sent by a National Ski Association and must arrive at the organizing committee not later than 24 hours before the first draw, preferably 4-7 days before the first race (World Criterium: a minimum of 10 days is mandatory).
Late entries can be admitted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- Each National Ski Association bears the responsibility that their entered competitors have signed the FIS Athletes' Declaration and are licensed to compete internationally.

MA 7) THE DRAW:

FIS-MASTERS points are used to seed the racers in each class (regular FIS-points are also to be recognized). The first seed (between 2 and max. 15 racers per class, with the number of racers to be determined by the Jury according to size and point gaps in the seeding list in each class) is drawn, followed by racers in the ascending sequence of their points. Competitors without points are drawn last.

MA 8) RACE POINTS - FIS MASTERS POINTS:

a) Race Points:

- Race Points (leading to FIS MASTERS points) are calculated separately for each Category (A, B and C), with the fastest racer of his Category receiving 0 points. No penalties to be calculated by the Race Organizers, these will be done when the results are handled at the FIS office.

b) FIS MASTERS Point List:

- The FIS Masters Point List is prepared and published by the FIS-Office at least once a year, using the best 2 results of the last 15 months. For additional updated lists during the same Competition Year the points of the current Competition Year up to the time preparing them are to be included. Point Lists

are planned for the Beginning of the Competition Year, in November and the week before the World Criterium.

- Slalom points are given for Slalom, Giant Slalom points for GS and Super-G. GS-points are used for the draw in GS and Super-G (and also recommended in Downhill where applicable).
- All FIS Masters Races which are directed by a FIS-Technical Delegate and are listed in the FIS-Calendar receive points valid for the FIS MASTERS Point List. Fixed penalties are established by the S/Committee for MASTERS Racing for different levels of races:

WCM –	FIS World Criterium MASTERS Alpine Skiing	0 pts. penalty
FMC –	FIS MASTERS CUP	0 pts. penalty
ALP –	Int. Alpengcup	15 pts. penalty
MAS –	FIS Masters Race	50 pts. penalty

- see also rule MA 58)

MA 9) RUNS PER RACE:

a) Slalom:

Slalom has to be raced in 2 runs, C/B and A to race on separate courses. Course setting has to be organized in a way that course inspection on one course is possible while the race continues on the other course.

In an exceptional case that conditions force the Jury to cancel the second run, the S/Committee may declare a one run slalom as valid.

b) Giant Slalom:

It is optional whether Giant Slalom is raced in one or two runs.

c) Super-G:

In one run.

MA 10) STARTING ORDER AND START INTERVALS:

a) Starting Order:

- Principally the ladies (Cat. C) start before the men (Cat. B), younger men (Cat. A) to start last. The jury may decide differently only if advantageous for C and B.
- Within Categories older classes start before the younger ones.

- Starting order Second Run:

Following the "Bibo-Rule" the fastest 5 racers from the first run – in each 5-year class – start first in reverse order, the other racers follow in the order of their first run times.

b) Start Intervals:

The Jury decides on start intervals, normally 30 seconds.

For men above 75, ladies above 70 and between classes not shorter than 1 minute. After a visibly slow racer a longer (double) interval is recommended.

MA 11) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK:

a) Risk:

- Principally MASTERS race at their own risk. All competitors have to sign FIS Athletes' Declaration Forms which are to be collected by their National Ski Associations.

b) Safety:

- Crash helmets are mandatory for Super-G and Giant Slalom.
- In case that bad weather, snow conditions, course preparation or visibility endanger the completion of a correct race, the Jury decides about continuation, interruption, postponement or cancellation of the race. The main concern has to be put on safety and health of the competitors.

MA 12) RACE-APPLICATION AND TECHNICAL DELEGATE (TD):

a) Race Application:

- To be awarded a FIS MASTERS Race Organizer, a FIS Application Form has to be submitted through the National Association.

b) Technical Delegate:

- A Technical Delegate gets appointed. His expenses are to be paid by the Organizers, according to the FIS Rules, ICR 602.5.
- In addition to directing the race and filing the TD-Report it is the responsibility of the TD that complete Results are mailed to the following persons (electronically and hard copies):
 - To the MASTERS Secretary in the FIS-Office for inclusion into the MASTERS Point List and filing,
 - Results of FIS MASTERS Cup only (including World Criterium) to the responsible person for the Overall Point Calculation of the FIS MASTERS Cup ("MASTERS World Cup")
 - Hard copies only to the Chairman of the S/Committee MASTERS and the National MASTERS Chairman.
 - On addresses and Computer Formats see rule MA 58)
 - On TD's duties to check on Equipment Rules see rule MA 5)b)

MA 13) INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RULES – ICR

These MASTERS Rules are part of the FIS International Competition Rules. Wherever there is no specific MASTERS Rule, the Rules of the General ICR apply.

C) Regulations and Guidelines for the Organization of FIS Masters Races

I) GENERAL REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZERS

MA 21) DEFINITION

- "Regulations" are mandatory like Rules
- "Guidelines" are recommendations, based on years of experience directing and racing MASTERS Races and conceived to help avoiding frequent mistakes.

MA 22) - TYPES OF COMPETITIONS:

International MASTERS Races are run under the auspices of the International Ski Federation (FIS), as follows:

- "FIS World Criterium MASTERS Alpine Skiing" (WCM), organized yearly
- "FIS MASTERS Cup" (FMC), about 18-25 races yearly, ladies and men, with Overall MASTERS Cup Winners at the end of the season according to the World Cup System and with a Final Event at the end of the Competition Year.
- "International Alpencup" (ALP), comprising presently 5 Giant Slaloms for men, with a final event and overall winners by points
- Other international "FIS MASTERS RACES" (MAS) as listed in the FIS-Calendar.

MA 23) - RULES RELEVANT FOR MASTERS RACING:

- FIS - ICR MASTERS Alpine Skiing
- FIS - General ICR
- These "Regulations and Guidelines" including „Specific regulations“
- FIS MASTERS Point List, published at least once a year by FIS-Office
- FIS Calendar MASTERS
- Homologation Rules for courses

MA 24) THE ICR MASTERS ALPINE SKIING SPECIFIES:

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MA 25) TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Suitability of Race Courses according to FIS Rules, as defined in FIS-Homologation Rules for the specific disciplines SL, GS and Super-G.
- Most important is a slalom hill allowing two parallel courses.
- Except for big events it is possible to use one set of timing equipment, one finish area, and one group of gatekeepers, side slippers and officials.
- Two separate GS-courses are preferred, but one is possible except for World Criterium.

MA 26) PREPARING A RACE:

- Obtaining National Ski Association approval, apply to organise a race at least one year in advance,
- Apply with FIS Application Form through your Nat. Ski Ass. in April or May,
- Get a copy of all relevant rules for MASTERS races,
- If you want, suggest a TD of your preference to be appointed by the head of your national TD Forum (may come from your own country),
- Make an arrangement with your local Lift Company for reduced, preferably no cost Ski Passes for racers and accompanying companions,
- Make sure your computer software is suitable for MASTERS Racing and compatible with the needs of the FIS-Office – see rule MA 58)
- Prepare Race Programs to be distributed in time to the MASTERS Representatives of all Ski Associations concerned, officials and competitors (at least 3-6 weeks before the event, possibly at a preceding race) - see rule MA 51)
- Organise an accommodation reservation centre (your local Tourist Office?), be sure to have different price categories provided.
- Communicate about one month before the race with an experienced MASTERS Official in your Ski Ass. or FIS invite him to help you training your local team in details of the organisation.
- Arrange the Race Office, our racers will appreciate a friendly approach by your team!

MA 27) OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Set up connections with the Media - local, regional and national Press, Radio and TV companies.

- Undertake local publicity
- Website
- Acquire sponsors for advertising, paper, start numbers, start and result lists, placards or financial support etc.
- If event runs over 2 or more days, organise social events (e.g. cocktail party) for competitors, ideally between 18 and 19, 30 hrs. and possibly with the day's prize giving where eventual program changes can be announced.
- The Organizers are responsible to provide prizes for the top 3 in each class (possibly 5 at major events) and for the winner in each Category.
- Organise daily prize giving's; that on the final day should be as early as possible near the Finish Area to enable an early departure of the competitors.

MA 28) FEES

When being awarded a FIS MASTERS Race the Organizers are required to transmit without delay the prescribed FIS Calendar Fee through their Nat. Ski Ass.

After the race:

The Organizers are also requested to transfer without further notice to the "International MASTERS Fond" part of the Entry Fees taken in. It is determined by the number of Entry Fees collected from each competitor for each race entered. A detailed list of the Fees transferred is to be enclosed with the result lists mailed to the Chairman of the S/Committee MASTERS.

The following Fees are payable within two weeks from the last race to:

„International MASTERS Fond“
Acct. Nr. 164-053-450
HYPO TIROL BANK, BLZ. 57000
IBAN Code: AT 89 5700 0001 6405 3450
S.W.I.F.T. Code: HYPT AT 22

Fees:

FIS MASTERS Cup:	Euro 1,50 per competitor and race
Int. Alpengcup:	Euro 0,75 per competitor and race
other FIS Races:	Euro 0,50 per competitor and race

Bank Transfer to be arranged „without charges for the beneficiary“

Until having paid for a previous race an organizing resort may not be appointed with another MASTERS race.

The International MASTERS Fond is controlled by the S/Committee MASTERS: Account payments may only be made to the benefit of International MASTERS Racing (Example: Trophies for the Overall MASTERS Cup Winners).

II) RACE COURSES

MA 31) COURSESETTING:

The Organizers are responsible for providing experienced course-setters. General ICR-Rules apply, except where there are specific ICR MASTERS Rules (e.g. relating to vertical drop, course characteristics etc.)

- Flowing and rhythmical courses should be set near the fall line, avoiding pitfalls.
- Avoid setting very fast courses with dangerous jumps.
- Avoid special measures for reducing speed, such as sharp turns or long traverses.
- Provide hard, machine packed courses, preferably on manmade snow, continuously maintained by course workers to ensure equal conditions for all competitors.
- All race courses must be FIS-homologated for the appropriate discipline.
- The race should be decided by skill and good technique and not by crashes and disqualifications! First priority has to be put on the safety of the racers.

MA 32) SLALOM:

- Set open, rhythmic courses with the aim to avoid too many falls.
- See rule MA 4)a) concerning separate courses for C/B and A Categories.
- Recommended Race Order (if you have only one set of officials at your disposition):
- 1st Run for C and B competitors, followed by
- 1st run for A competitors; at the same time 2nd run setting and inspection by C and B competitors.
- 2nd run for C and B competitors, at the same time 2nd run setting and inspection for A competitors, followed by
- 2nd run for A competitors.

For the second run start order see rule MA 1o)a)

MA 33) GIANT SLALOM:

- Can be executed in 1 or 2 runs on the same day (2nd run start order: The “Bibo-Rule” is to be followed as in Slalom)
- Ideally there should be 2 separate courses for the Categories B/C and A. Where this is not possible, it is acceptable to use a shortened version of the A-course for the Categories B/C. In this case after the races of C and B the course is to be re-prepared for Category A. If ruts or rocks are showing it is recommended to reset the inner poles no more than 1 meter. The general line is not to be altered, therefore no additional inspection. To avoid protests this should be agreed upon at the Team Captain’s Meeting.
- Recommended Start Interval: 30 seconds – see rule MA 10)

MA 34) SUPER-G:

- Avoid extreme speed, risky jumps and undulating courses, and take particular notice of dangerous areas and a safe finish area run-out. Try to avoid blind gates!
- MASTERS Super-G has to be set to the ability of MASTERS racers – shorter, with smaller radius curves, therefore slower and safer than a regular international Super-G. It has to be considered that GS-skis with 21 m radius are permitted – see rules MA 4)c) and MA 5)c).

III) CONDUCT OF THE RACE

MA 41) WARM UP:

Free skiing inside the designated Race Slope is forbidden and must be strictly controlled. Where possible a parallel warm-up piste is to be provided.

MA 42) COURSE INSPECTION:

In soft snow conditions, when inspection by side-slipping through the gates would damage the piste and therefore cannot be permitted, it is not sufficient to make an announcement at the Team Captains' Meeting. To reach all racers, they have to be informed at the start, the gates should be cordoned-off, or slanted poles planted on the line in the gates.

MA 43) START INTERVAL:

Run the race swiftly, choosing the shortest reasonable Start Interval (30 seconds) - see rule MA 10) b)

MA 44) ESSENTIALS:

Especially for Slalom: Keep interruptions between two runs as short as possible, by planning to reset the course and course inspection immediately after finishing the first run.

IV) ADMINISTRATION

MA 51) RACE PROGRAM AND PROGRAM PLANNING:

a) Race program:

It should be presented in 2 languages, including English, and contain:

- Name of Race Organizers, Ski Resort, Dates of Races
- Organizing Committee, Officials, Sponsors
- Program of events and Team Captains' Meetings
- Registration deadline - see rule MA 6) – and addresses
- Entry fees and Lift Pass costs
- Technical details on race courses and their location
- Details for Prize giving and social program
- Accommodation details with address, E-mail, Tel. Nr., Fax of the accommodation office
- Access details (e. g. road map, street plan of resort, area map)

b) Program Planning:

If there are 2 or more races, it is advisable to plan the least time consuming event (GS?) for the last day to facilitate early departure of competitors.

MA 52) ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES, FIS-CODE

a) Entries:

- see rule MA 6) on Entries
- Team Captains are required to double check actual participation of their competitors entered – for each race – to reduce the number of non-appearances at the start.
- National MASTERS Chairman are encouraged to introduce appropriate reasonable measures for racers notoriously missing to appear at races without excuse, not paying their entry fee.

b) Entry Fees:

- Currently, entry fees are not to exceed € 15,- (or equivalent) per race and person. They are collected individually upon the distribution of the start numbers (see also rule MA 74) concerning World Criterium).

c) FIS-Code:

Every racer participating in FIS MASTERS races has to have a FIS code, used for identification purposes and electronic data transfer. Logically one person is entitled to one FIS code only. It can be requested by a National Ski Association (with correctly spelled name, indicating gender, nation and birthdate) at the FIS-Office and obtained by return mail (usually on the same day) during office hours.

MA 53) TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS AND DRAW

- These should be arranged at approx 17 hrs before the evening meal and an eventual cocktail reception or prize giving, except the day before the first race – suggested at 18 or 19 hrs in respect of late arrivals.
- It is suggested that only Team Captains should attend and participate, racers as listeners only if enough space is available.
- Draw – see rule MA 7)

MA 54) RACE OFFICE AND NOTICE BOARD

- The Race Office should be easy to find and clearly identified
- Information Boards are to be provided outside the office, accessible also outside office hours, they are also valuable at Lift Station (top or bottom) and at the start.
- Please consider that Team Captains cannot reach all their racers as they arrive individually and stay at different places.
- Information needed: Schedule, lift opening times, location and time for bib collection and award party, lift passes, piste access details, start lists, previous results, social programme.

MA 55) WAX ROOM:

For major competitions, a ski preparation room should be provided, particularly if hotels are unable to provide such facilities

MA 56) START NUMBERS:

- The racers will collect them individually. The issue of the start numbers must be very well organized because of the limited time to collect entry fees and lift pass payments – give them out by Category (A, B, C) and have sufficient helpers to do this. Prepare sufficient start lists for issue. There should be separate start lists for each category (eventually combine B/C).
- In big events consider to distribute a portion of the start numbers in the Race Office on the evening before race day.

MA 57) RESULT BOARD AT FINISH:

- Important: a Result board must be provided at a safe location in the finish area on which to publish times (each age class should be shown separately).
- A multi-lingual announcer should be available in the finish area. An electronic display at the finish is recommended.

MA 58) RESULTS LIST AND PENALTIES:

a) Results List:

- In the results list each racer has to be identified (besides correct spelling of the name) with Code Nr., Nation Symbol and Year of Birth.
- There should be a copy for each competitor, distributed as soon as possible, and no later than the prize giving. They must be broken into appropriate age-classes (30-34, 35-40, 40-44 etc.). If possible, Categories B/C should be published separately from Category A.

b) Penalties:

- Race penalties are not to be calculated, since all Masters Races are considered “zero-point” races. Hence, for each race there will be 3 racers with zero points, one for each of the Categories C, B and A.
- According to the Standard of races fixed penalties are being added in the FIS-Office when race points get transferred into the FIS MASTERS Point List – see rule MA 8)

c) Mailings:

- One set each of the Official Results is to be mailed electronically using a FIS compatible format – XML – to:

- 1) For having results put on Website: alpineresults@fisski.ch
- 2) For calculation of the FIS MASTERS Point List: longhi@fisski.ch
Including TD and Timing Reports
(if not possible, FAX to +41-33-244-6171 Attention Mrs. Prisca Longhi)
- 3) For Overall MASTERS Cup Point Calculation: roger.edme@freesurf.ch
(only results of FIS MASTERS Cup including World Criterium)
Preferred format: PDF (Acrobat), or DOC (Word), or TXT (ASCII Delimited).

HARD COPIES of the Results (1copy each) are to be sent to:

1) For Filing:

Mrs. Prisca Longhi
FIS - International Ski Federation
Blochstraße 2
CH-3653 Oberhofen/Thunersee

2) For Filing and Controls:

Mr. Roger Edme
6 Chemin de Bellevue
CH-1180 Rolle
Switzerland

3) To the Chairman FIS S/Committee for MASTERS Racing :

Dr. Harald HERBERT
Bachinggasse 6a
A-6370 Kitzbühel

4) To the MASTERS Chairman of your NATIONAL Ski Association

MA 59) PRIZE GIVING:

- see also rule MA 27)
- An Awards Ceremony should be undertaken in a festive manner, using the traditional "3-step winners' podium", Presentation of prizes, sound system, speaker, access for spectators and music.
- For one-day races, it should be organized shortly after the race in or outside a nearby restaurant. For two-day events, a cocktail reception is recommended on the first day before dinner time (approx. 18.00) with your local dignitaries and speeches, including the awards for this day. On the second day, somewhat shorter, Prize giving near the Finish Area, a short time after the race to facilitate a rapid departure of the competitors.
- For longer competitions, treat these in a corresponding manner to two-day events.
- As a rule, the top 3 in each class get prizes (possibly 5 at major events), which are to be supplied by the race organization. Honour also the best time of the day and/or the Category winners.

MA 60) SOCIAL PROGRAMME:

- see also rule MA 27)
- It is very important that every Masters Event offers the opportunity to mix socially with racing friends from other nations. Hence, you are asked to:
- For one or two-day events – see rule MA 59) above
- Where the competition extends over several days, 2 or more social gatherings could be organized – including welcome cocktail and an end-of-championships banquet.
- Evening events after dinner and before race days have proved to be unpopular.

MA 61) SPONSORS:

Contracts and support by sponsors are left to the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

D) “FIS WORLD CRITERIUM MASTERS ALPINE SKIING” – SPECIFIC REGULATIONS:

MA 71) OFFICIAL TITLE:

English: “FIS World Criterium MASTERS Alpine Skiing”

German: “FIS Weltkriterium MASTERS Ski Alpin”

French: “FIS Criterium Mondial MASTERS Ski Alpin”

Italian: “FIS Criterium Mondiale MASTERS Sci Alpino”

The full official title is to be used in all publications: Result Lists, Race Programs, on Medals etc.

MA 72) ANNUAL EVENT:

The Criterium is to be organized annually, preferably in late March, over 5-6 days with Super-G, GS and SL, plus an additional GS valid for FIS MASTERS Cup. The “World Championship” Races also count as FIS-MC races.

MA 73) LIMITS ON PARTICIPATION:

a) for Organizers:

- The number of competitors is limited to appr. 400 – 500 depending on the quality of the Organization. Exceptions have to be sanctioned by the S/Committee MASTERS.
- If there are less than 400 competitors, the Organizing Nation is permitted to make up the difference.
- In case of too large numbers expected communicate with the S/Committee Chairman and the big Nations to limit the number of their participants.
- Aiming to help the Organizers getting a manageable number of participants, the S/Committee MASTERS has the right to limit the number of participants per Nation.

b) for Teams:

- Only competitors with FIS MASTERS Points are accepted, with the following exceptions:
- Every Nation can add to its Team a maximum of plus 20 % of racers without points (example: 40 plus 8).
- Nations entering less than 10 competitors holding points may fill up their team to a quota of 10 racers.

MA 74) ENTRY CLOSING AND FEE PAYMENT:

a) Entry Closing:

- Entries for the Criterium close 10 days before the first race. National Chairmen are asked to give estimates on their number of participants in monthly intervals before the event.

b) Fee Payment:

- Entry Fees are paid individually upon arrival in exchange for their racing number or Lift pass – see also rule 52)b). Organizers are entitled to collect entry fees from racers before the first race, for all disciplines they are entered. On the Entry Forms an accurate specification of the disciplines planned to start in is required!
- See rule MA 52)a) on Team Captains' duties to help reducing the numbers of DNS (did not start).

MA 75) MEDALS:

The Organizers are responsible for providing Medals in Gold, Silver and Bronze for the top 3 racers in each class, with a valuable appearance and a minimum diameter of 75 mm, worthy for World Criterium.

One side has to show the official title of the Event, name of Resort, year, discipline and the ranking to be recognized. The backside may show a presentation of the resort or a sponsor (if not dominating). A model has to be approved by the S/Committee Chairman before ordering production.

The Awards Ceremony should be organized in a festive manner appropriate to a World Criterium.

MA 76) BANQUET:

As a social highlight an elegant Dinner Banquet (preferably sponsored) should be organized towards the end of the event, but not on the day of expected departures. If connected with an Awards Ceremony, access must be possible without payment.

MA 77) "PERSONALIZED BIB SYSTEM:

Considering the large field of racers at the Criterium it can be helpful to give out only one bib for the whole week (identifying the racer) rather than a new bib every day (perhaps for the racers to keep as a souvenir). This can save waiting lines and many working hours of handing out and collecting bibs. But the system can only be successful if the following measures are taken:

- a) Start List:
Besides listing the racers in the order of departure, the actual bib numbers as worn by the racers have to be stated in a second column.
- b) In order to enable gatekeepers to clearly identify a racer missing a gate, the gatekeepers have to mark every single racer on their start list whether he correctly passed a gate or not. When racers arrives wearing bibs not following the normal sequence of their start order, they may not be identified correctly when needed. Inform your gatekeepers to keep "calling contact" with their neighbours to double check bib numbers of racers passing.
- c) To avoid identical bib numbers use only one complete set of bibs (on special order) for the whole field! In the worst case no more than 2 sets of clearly different colours, separating B/C and A.
- d) Preparing bibs for distribution (1 to appr. 500) arrange ascending numbers in the order from "old to young" (assigned by the year of birth), Ladies first, then Men, in the sequence of the Categories C, B to A. This helps racers to identify age groups and estimating their starting time when watching the race.

E) “FIS MASTERS CUP FINALS” – Specific Regulations:

MA 81) OVERALL MASTERS CUP

Each year there is an “Overall MASTERS Cup Winner” in each class, corresponding to the “FIS World Cup”. In all FIS MASTERS Cup Races (appr. 18-25 per Competition Year, 4 of them reserved for North America) the first 15 racers in each class receive FMC-Points to be added up throughout the year.

MA 82) POINT CALCULATION:

Winner is the racer accumulating the highest number of points taking into account his 7 best rankings of the season - regardless of the discipline. To enter the Final Classification points have to be achieved in a Minimum of 5 races.

Points for rankings:

1st=25, 2nd=20, 3rd=15, 4th=12, 5th=11 etc. until 15th=1.

MA 83) TIE BREAK RULE:

In case of a tie in points for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, the tie is to be broken according to the following system:

- a) Winner is the racer showing the lower sum of race points of the 7 best placings after the last race.
- b) In case that his 8th or 9th etc. best result is an equal ranking to his 7th best, those with the lowest race points have to be considered.

Example:

- A racer has 6 first places and 3 second places. If a tie is to be broken,
- the six first places are taken into consideration and their points are summed up (regardless whether some of his second or third places may have lower race points)
 - To find the seventh result to be considered, out of his 3 second places the one with the lowest race points will be considered.
 - c) The same rule applies (lowest sum of race points) if 2 or more racers achieve an equal sum of points from a different number of rankings (can be from 5, 6 or 7 races).

MA 84) ORGANIZERS' DUTIES:

The “FIS MASTERS Cup Finals” take place annually at the end of the Competition Year.

The Organizers are requested to fulfil the following specific duties:

Organizing 2 or 3 MASTERS Cup races (SL, GS, if possible Super-G) ending on a Saturday. (day of the Closing Banquet)

MA 85) COMPLETING OVERALL CLASSIFICATION:

The Organizers will receive an accumulated classification containing the points of all previous MASTERS Cup races up to the last event. In case that the responsible expert calculating these points should not be able to attend, the Organizers are responsible to complete the Classification between the last race and the Banquet on the same evening. Electronic software will be supplied. Completed Result Lists are to be printed to enable the performance of the Awards Ceremony.

MA 86) PRIZES:

The FIS S/Committee MASTERS will supply valuable Trophies for the first 3 Winners in the Overall Ranking of each class. In addition the FIS will supply appropriate Diplomas which have to be completed by the Organizers filling in the names of the Racer, Nation and Ranking (if not possible for all racers ranked in the Overall Classification, prepare at least 5 in each class for the Award Ceremony, the rest to be mailed later).

MA 87) AWARDS – CLOSING BANQUET:

A festive Dinner Banquet (If no sponsor is found it may be charged to the racers) is to be organized Saturday evening as an elegant opportunity for the year's Closing Ceremony, containing the race day's prize giving first, followed by awarding the Overall Trophies. It is to be performed by the S/Committee Chairman, assisted by the National MASTERS Chairman and the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

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