



World Pro Ski Tour™

Rules and Standards for Competition

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World Pro Ski Tour™ Rules and Standards for Competition

The Following rules and regulations will be applied to all World Pro Ski Tour (WPST) and all World Pro Ski Tour events. It is the competitor's obligation to know and understand each of the rules and standards.

The event organizer and Racer Body reserves the rights to change, amend, add to or delete any of the Official Rules and Standards of Competition.

The Rules and Standards of Competitions shall be enforced by the Event Director, Tournament Director and Jury, Racer Board and the Tour Owners. The Tournament Director will have the final say concerning all aspects of competition. **(WPST Rules version 1 dated 1-1-2018)**

I. BASIC RULES OF COMPETITION

All competitors participating in the World Pro Ski Tour and World Pro Ski Tour sanctioned events are expected and required to abide by all rules and regulations set herein.

Each World Pro Ski Tour member will be assigned a Bib and bib number the start of each World Pro Ski Tour season to be used through the season. All non-members will be assigned a temporary bib number and bib for each individual event entered. If a bib is lost a cost of \$50 will be issued to reissue a new bib.

Competitors are required to wear their assigned bibs on the outside of race uniforms while competing in World Pro Ski Tour qualifiers and races. **RACERS WHO APPEAR AT THE START WITHOUT THEIR ASSIGNED BIB WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE STARTING GATES.**

In World Pro Ski Tour Qualifying Events, a competitor who appears at the start without his assigned bib will be pulled out of his start position and will be granted a solo qualifying run at the end of the first qualifying round, provided the racer appears at the start prior to the end of the round. If the racer fails to appear at the start with his bib, he will forfeit his chance to qualify. If the racer appears at the start during the second run, he will be granted a single solo run at the end of the round.

In World Pro Ski Tour Races, if a racer who appears at the start without his bib, he will be given two pair to run to get his bib. If the racer does not appear at the start with his bib, he will forfeit the round and his assigned opponent will automatically advance. The racer who advances will be allowed to make one test run on his assigned course.

The assigned protocol for filing protests is outlined later in the rule guide. Any racers who do not follow the assigned protocol will have his protest dismissed. Protests will be filed with and only with the tournament director of finish judge.

All racers will be expected to act in a professional manner at all times. Any racer who physically or verbally assaults any member of the on-hill staff or any other competitor will be immediately disqualified from the race and fined \$100.

II. RACER BOARD & COMMITTEE

1. The Race Board and Committee will be comprised of Racers, Race Director and/or Tournament Director and WPST Staff. The voting of the board and committee will take place at the WPST first event of the ski season prior to qualifying.

III. THE COURSES

A. Course Setting

1. The course will be designated as Red Course skier's left and Blue Course skier's right (looking down the hill).
2. All gates will consist of two poles and a panel. Turning pole and the outer pole will be FIS "Type A" flex poles. The panels should be FIS homologated for GS/SG/DH. Use of two tall

poles and a triangular gate panel is allowed if necessary.

3. The two courses will be set as identically as possible using a triangulation method. The distance separating the two courses will be 6 meters (20') in Slalom and 8 meters (26') feet in Giant Slalom. The Course Committee reserves the right to increase these measurements should the steepness of the hill warrant a change.
4. Artificial jumps will be built into the course. Two for Slalom and three for Giant Slalom. No jump shall exceed 1.5 meters (5') in height.
5. A new course will always be set for the Dual Race.
6. The course setter and assistant will be appointed by the racer board. In the absence of such, with the discretion of the TD one will be appointed, i.e. staff member or racer.

B. Course Approval

1. The Course Committee is comprised of the Course Setter, Assistant Setter and the Tournament Director.
2. Only the Course Setter is allowed to test the course with one trial run. Should the course setter fail to qualify for the competition, a new course setter will be assigned to replace him for his course setting responsibilities.
3. The Course Committee will begin course inspection at least one half hour before the posted inspected time and be responsible for course approval. Any changes should be made before posted inspected time. Final course approval will be made by the Tournament Director. The Racer Board reserves the right, by majority vote, to insist on any changes.

C. Course Inspection

1. The courses will be open for inspection for one hour prior to the start of the race or introductions. Racers are not allowed on the courses before that time.

D. Course Changes or Maintenance

1. If any course changes or maintenance is necessary during the Dual Race, it will be done after the round is completed.
2. If any course change or maintenance is necessary during a round of the Dual Race then that round will be restarted. If any course change or maintenance is necessary during the Qualification Race, the first run would be restarted.
3. If there are scheduled breaks between the rounds of a Dual Race, the Course Committee and Tournament Director may request maintenance or forerunners.
4. Should any course changes take place once the race has started, the racers will be given time to inspect any such changes.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS

1. All racers must participate in qualifying races in order to compete in the Dual Races. Certain exceptions may apply.
2. When only one Dual Race is scheduled for an event, the Qualification Race will be the same discipline. When two or more Dual Races are scheduled for an event, there may be a single Qualification Race in any one of the scheduled disciplines for all of the Dual Races in that event.
3. Separate Qualification Races will be held for Super-G and Downhill.
4. The qualification Race Course will be a Dual Course. The racers will be split into two

equal groups.

5. The Qualification Race is a timed completion which is the total elapsed time of the racers on their assigned course from the starting gate to the finish line.
6. The number of qualifiers for the Dual Race is **32**. The racers will take one run on their assigned course and the fastest 8 after the first run on each course will qualify. All racers will switch courses and take a second run. The fastest 8 racers on each course in the second run, excluding those racers who qualified in the first run will also qualify for the Dual Race or Races.
7. The start order within each seed group will be reversed for the second run.
8. If there is a tie for 8th place on the same course after the first run, both racers qualify. The number of qualifiers in the second run on that course would be reduced accordingly.
9. If there is a tie for the last qualifying position in the second run on the same course, the racer with the faster first run time would qualify. If both racers disqualified or tied in the first run, a run-off would take place.
10. Should all skiers from one course who are attempting to qualify, fail to finish the second run, a third run would take place on that course for the remaining qualifying positions.
11. If the number of racers for the qualification race is less than **32**, the fastest qualifier(s) will be given a bye in the round of **32** bracket.
12. When there is a cash award given for the fastest qualifier, it will be awarded to the racer with the fastest combined time after two runs. In case of a tie, the award will be split.

V. THE DUAL RACE

1. The **32** racers who qualify for the Dual Race are placed in the race ladder according to the seeding system used or off single fastest qualifying times for that dual race which is the same discipline as the qualifying race.
2. The Dual Race is a head-to-head elimination tournament. Times are measured by differential timing, which means the amount of the time that one racer beats the other after two runs. The racer with the larger aggregate differential time after two runs is the winner.

Example:

1st Run: Racer A on red course beats Race B on blue course by .265
2nd Run: Racer B on red course beats Racer A on blue course by .366
Racer B advances to the next round by a margin of .101

3. A match in the Dual Race consists of two runs with the racers switching courses after the first run.
4. The winner of each match advances to the next round, starting with the round of **32**, to the round of 16 and so on to the finals.
5. The two racers who lose in the semi-finals will compete for 3rd and 4th place in a consolation round held as the first match in the finals.
6. Introduction of the racers may take place during the event. All racers in the competition must be present five minutes prior to the start of the introductions at the designated area. When introduced, the racers will ski alongside their assigned course and may ski over the

jumps.

VI. SEEDING

A. Qualification Race

1. The starting order for the qualification round will be divided into seeds. Each seed will have a maximum of **16** racers.
 - 1st Seed: WPST members with points
 - 2nd Seed: WPST members without points
 - 3rd Seed: Racers who are not WPST members
2. Racers will be ranked according to their WPST ranking in the same event as the Qualification Race.
3. Each seed will be split in half with one half racing on the blue course and the other red. The placing of racers will be done by draw beginning with seed pair 1 and 2, placing them on either the red or blue and continuing with pair 3 and 4 and so on until all ranked racers are placed.
4. After the racers have been placed, their running order will be determined by draw.
5. The starting order will begin with the first seed in both the first and second run.
6. The starting order in each seed will be reversed for the second run.

B. Dual Race

1. The qualifying racers for the Dual Race will be seeded in the formatted race ladder (example pg. 12) by either the Qualifying Time Method or by the Seed and Draw Method.
2. The WPST Ranking List will be used to determine the seeding for the Seed & Draw Method.
3. When the qualifying discipline is different than that of the Dual Race, the Seed and Draw Method will be used to seed the Dual Race.
4. When both scheduled races are of the same discipline, the first race will be seeded by each racer's fastest single qualifying time and the second race by the seed and draw method. When the races are different disciplines, the Seed and Draw Method will be used to seed both races.
5. With the Qualifying Time Method, any time ties will be broken by WPST rankings then Tour Standings.
6. Any racer who has qualified for an event but does not intend to compete, they must inform the Tournament Director (T.D.) at least 30 minutes prior to inspection. Failure to notify the T.D. will result in a fine.
7. A racer who has withdrawn prior to the start of the round of 16 will be replaced by an alternate.
8. The first alternate will be the non-qualifying racer with the fastest single time off either course, and so on. All withdrawn racers will be replaced by alternates prior to the start of the first round only.
9. The withdrawn racer will receive the points and prize money for the round of 16. The alternate would receive all prize money less awarded to the withdrawn racer for the round of 16. Alternates will not receive points for competing and may not use results from competing as an alternate towards the world ranking list.

VII. SCORING SYSTEM

1. Points for Qualifying which will be applied toward the Tour Standings will be awarded to

the fastest combined Qualifiers as follows:

Fastest Combined Qualifier	5 Points
Second Fastest Combined Qualifier	3 Points
Third Fastest Combined Qualifier	1 Point

2. A racer may earn a maximum of 10 points in Qualifying during the season. If a racer has reached the 10-point maximum, he can then prevent other racers from earning points by placing in the top three in the combined Qualifying times.
3. Points received in Qualifying for the World Championships shall not count for the overall Tour standings. This is a stand-alone event. Points earned in qualifying at the World Championships shall count toward the World Championship Title.
4. Point for the Dual Race will be awarded as follows:

1 st Place	40 points
2 nd Place	35 points
3 rd Place	30 points
4 th Place	25 points
Quarter Finals (5-8)	15 points
Round of 16 (9-16)	10 points
Round of 32 (17-32)	5 points

VIII. STARTS

A. Qualification Race - The Wand Start:

1. The Starting Cadence will be as follows:

The Starter will ask each racer:

“RED COURSE READY”

“BLUE COURSE READY”

The Starter will say:

“COURSES CLEAR”

“RACERS READY”

“3, 2, 1, GO”

2. This Starting Cadence shall remain consistent, “Red Course Ready or Blue course ready.”
3. Both racers must leave the start on “GO”.
4. Should a racer start before the call of “GO” a Barge (false start) will be called. Both Racers must stop. The racer committing a Barge will be disqualified from that run. The other racer would then restart alone after the next pair.
5. Should a Racer start more than one second after the call “GO”, he would be disqualified from that run. A Barge would not be called. The Start Referee has sole discretion to call late starts.
6. The courses will have separated elapsed timing.
7. THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY TO THE QUALIFICATION RACE: If a racer is not present or ready to start, the next pair will run. If that racer is still not ready, he will be disqualified from that run and the racer he was paired with will take a solo run.
8. Should a timing malfunction happen the racers affected will be given an immediate re-run.
9. If a racer is interfered with during his run, he would receive an immediate re-run.
10. If a racer is not ready to start, he must verbally acknowledge this to the starter when asked “Red Course Ready”.

B. Dual Race – The Dead Horse Start through doors.

1. In the Dual Race, the start method is known as a Dead Horse Start.
2. The Cadence for both types will be as follows:

The Starter will ask each racer:

“RED COURSE READY”

“BLUE COURSE READY”

The Starter will say:

“COURSES CLEAR”

“RACERS READY”

The Doors will open.

3. If a racer is not ready to start, he must verbally declare this to the starter when asked if his course is ready.
4. Once the Start Cadence has begun a racer may not touch any part of the starting system other than the kickboard.
5. If a Malfunction is called both racers must stop and return to the start. If one racer fails to stop, he must return to the start as soon as possible to the start. The restart will take place as soon as the racer is ready and before the next round.
6. If a racer is not present or ready for his start, the next pair will start. If that racer is still unable to start, he will be disqualified from that run and his opponent may then take a solo run.

IX. FINISHES

1. All racers must break the timing light at the finish in all events. Any race failing to break the beam will be disqualified.
2. In the event of a timing malfunction during the tournament race, the racers will take an immediate Re-Run on the same course.
3. Ties after two runs: A third run will be held alternating courses. Should the racer who won the second run also win the third run, he would be the winner. Otherwise, a fourth run will be held alternating courses. The winner will be determined by the time differential between the third and fourth runs.

X. DISQUALIFICATIONS

A. Time Penalty

1. During the first run of a match in the tournament race, a disqualification or failure to finish will result in a time penalty being assessed to the offending racer.
2. During the second run of a match in the Dual Race, any racer who is disqualified or fails to finish will lose the match.
3. The time penalty going into a 2nd run shall be 2% of the number of direction changes in the course. For example, if there are 26 direction changes, the time penalty would be .52 seconds.
4. A racer who is beaten by more than the Time Penalty will be awarded the Time Penalty for that run.

B. Disqualifications During Qualifications and Dual Races

1. The T.D., who has final say considering all aspects of race related articles, shall position himself on the hill where he is provided the maximum view of the race course.

2. Interference: Any racer who skis into the other racer's course causing contact to occur between either racer's body and/or equipment will be disqualified. Any racer who skis into the other racer's line causing him to alter his race line so as to avoid a collision will be disqualified.
3. A racer who feels he has been interfered with may continue to ski the course and await Jury decision at the finish. He may also stop at any time and request a jury decision; however, if there Jury decides there has been no interference, he will be disqualified.
4. Racers may employ any blocking technique they choose to move the gate out of their path, including the "cross-blocking" technique. The feet and skis are the only parts of the body which must pass on turning side of the gate. Hooking an arm or arms through the gate panel is not grounds for disqualification. As an official jury member, you must watch both racers pass by each gate in your zone. If either racer does not pass by each gate with both feet on the turning side of the gate, you must radio the chief of course and report the infraction immediately.
5. If there has been interference or a disqualification, the Jury and Tournament Director must make and announce the decision promptly.
6. Crossing into the other racer's line without causing interference is not grounds for disqualification.
7. Spraying snow into the other racer's face is not grounds for disqualification.
8. Knocking a gate in the other racer's course is not grounds for disqualification. If caused because of slalom pole failure, there will be a re-run.
9. Any racer whose feet and skis do not pass around the proper side of the turning pole will be disqualified.
10. A racer who does not properly pass all gates will be disqualified.
11. A racer who misses a gate and stops below the missed gate may not continue.
12. A racer who has fallen or skis off course may continue skiing the course providing he has not been otherwise disqualified.
13. A racer may not re-enter the course after being disqualified.
14. The racer who is disqualified on the second run of a match or who is beaten by more than the time penalty will lose the match.
15. Should both racers DQ at the same point in time, the winner will be the racer who was in the lead.
16. Should both racers DQ at different points in time, the winner will be the racer who was second to disqualify.
17. Should both racers DQ at the same time and place; the run is considered a tie.

XI. ADDITIONAL ON HILL RULES

1. Failure to follow the published rules will results in a fine and/or suspension from competition.
2. The on-hill fines will be one hundred US Dollars (\$100) and the off-hill fines will be fifty dollars (\$50). The tour owners, racer board and T.D. reserve the right to impose higher fine amounts for serious infractions.
3. Skiing over the jumps at any time other than during actual competition is forbidden except during introductions.

4. Skiing through the course at any time other than during actual competition is forbidden.
5. Racers are not allowed on the race hill prior to the official inspection time.
6. There will be no skiing around gates or between courses outside of actual competition. There will be no shadowing the course.
7. There will be no use of the starting gates in any way except during competition.
8. There will be no alteration of any part of the race course or the race hill by anyone other than the Course Committee and T.D.
9. There will be no discussion of the rules or protests made to Jury members except by the racers involved during competition.
10. The assigned course setter and assistant setter must be present at the arranged time for setting duties.
11. There will be no additions, deletions or changes to the rules while an event is in progress. An event is considered in progress at the start of inspection.

XII. PROTESTS

1. All protests must be made to a Jury member only by the racer(s) involved. The racer(s) may use an interpreter.
2. When a racer wishes to protest, he may finish his run and make his protest immediately to the Finish Referee. Protests referring to the start may be made to the Start Referee. All protests must take place immediately.
3. The protesting racer will be charged twenty-five U.S. dollars (\$25) which will be deducted from his paycheck. If the protest is allowed, the fee will not be deducted.
4. Four Jury members will be appointed by the Race Director and/or T.D. The Jury will consist of a Start Referee, a Finish Referee and two on-hill Referees. The Racer Board reserves the right to appoint one of its members as an additional member of the Jury.
5. The T.D. will be responsible for all final decisions of the Jury after he has consulted with the appropriate Jury members.
6. Final decision pertaining to the start will be made by the Start Referee. Final decisions pertaining to the race course and finish will be made by the T.D.

XIII. FINES AND OTHER RULES

A. Fines

1. Each racer is responsible for his behavior.
2. The T.D., Racer Board and Tour Officials may impose fines. All money must be paid in U.S. dollars to the World Pro Ski Tour to be held in a separate account for the Racer Board. All appeals of any fines shall be made to the Racer Board by the racers in question.
3. Any racer whose behavior reflects badly on the tour shall be fined and/or suspended.
4. Any racer abuse of banners, race officials, ski area personal, spectators, fellow competitors or tour personnel shall be fined and/or suspended.
5. Any racer who intentionally obstructs the progress of an event will be fined and/or suspended.
6. Any throwing of equipment in the race area may result in a fine.

- All fines must be paid before a racer is allowed to compete.

B. Additional Rules

- Any racer wishing to compete must be present at registration and the racer meeting. Under unavoidable circumstances, the entry may be accepted by phone.
- Racers who do not personally show up for registration and racer meeting will automatically start at the end of their seed, unless unavoidable circumstances occur.
- All official functions, awards ceremonies, press conferences and parties must be attended by all race qualifiers.
- A rookie is any racer who has not competed in more than two WPST events prior to the beginning of the current year.
- In recognition of the value of the Tour and in consideration of the opportunity to compete for the prize money afforded to members of the tours as outlined in the Pay Out Schedule, each member agrees to follow limitations:

No member of the World Pro Ski Tour will compete in any other professional dual ski racing event, other than WPST sanctioned races, during the current ski season, and at the option of WPST, will refrain from similar conduct during the current season. No member will ski for prize money or receive prize money from any other entity other than WPST, unless written permission to ski in other events has been granted by the President of the World Pro Ski Tour. Exemptions to this are FIS World Cup, FIS European Cup and FIS North American Cup parallel events.

- The violation of this agreement shall terminate the member’s right to compete and receive further prize money from the World Pro Ski Tour for the current year.

XIV. PURSES

- The amount of the Purse and its distribution will be determined by the Tour Operator. All race qualifiers must receive an award at least equal to the amount of the entry fee.
- When a purse is offered for the combined results of two or more races, the placing will be determined by the total accumulated points in those races. Ties will be broken by the highest finishes. If a tie still exists for first place, a runoff will take place consisting of two runs, alternating courses on the same courses as the last race. Assignment to Red or Blue Courses will be determined by a coin toss. If a runoff is not possible, the award will be split.

XV. PAY-OUT CHART

- The T.D. has the final discretion to formulate the Pay-Out Chart based on the available purse for the race or other considerations.
- As a general guideline, based upon a \$32,000 purse example, the pay-out would be as follows:

1 st	\$10,000	31.25%
2 nd	\$5,000	15.625%
3 rd	\$3,000	9.375%
4 th	\$2,000	6.25%
1/8	\$4,000/4	1.25% (\$1000 per racer not advancing out of round of 8)
1/16	\$4,000/8	1.25% (\$500 per racer not advancing out of round of 16)
1/32	\$4,000/16	1.25% (\$250 per racer not advancing out of round of 32)

XVI. ATHLETE RELEASE FORM

- All athletes must sign a World Pro Ski Tour Athlete Release & Indemnification Agreement prior to racing in any event hosted by The World Pro Ski Tour. See Addendum A.

ADDENDUM A

WORLD PRO SKI TOUR™ ATHLETE RELEASE & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that skiing or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person’s physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, or property loss. I hereby assume full responsibility for and the risks of bodily injury, death or property damage as a result of participating, officiating, observing, working or otherwise being involved in a skiing event whether caused by negligence of another or otherwise.

I hereby take the following action for myself, my children, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns: a.) I agree to waive, release and discharge World Pro Ski Tour, all participating ski areas and corporations, event promoters, coaches, operators, officials, sponsors, advertisers, real estate owners, lessors and lessees of the premises, and the officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents thereof (hereinafter “Releases”) from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind, which arise out of or relate to my participation in, observation of, work for, or any other involvement in or my traveling to and from the event, EVEN IF CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, that is, their failure to exercise reasonable care; b.) I agree not to sue any of the Releases mentioned above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released, or discharged herein; and c.) I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them. Should any claim or action be asserted in contravention of this agreement, I or my successor shall be liable for all expenses including LEGAL FEES incurred by the Releases.

This waiver, release and indemnification agreement specifically embraces each and every event sanctioned, authorized, or promoted by the persons or entities mentioned above during the entire season and applies to each and every event.

I hereby authorize any licensed physician, emergency medical technician, hospital or other medical or health care facility to treat me for the purpose of attempting to treat or relieve any injuries received arising out of or relating to a World Pro Ski Tour™ skiing event. I authorized any such medical provider to perform all procedures deemed medically advisable in attempting to treat or relieve any such injuries. I consent to the administration of anesthesia as deemed advisable. I realize and appreciate that there is a possibility of complications and unforeseen consequences in any medical treatment, and I assume any such risk for and on behalf of myself.

If any claim or action is brought, I agree that it shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Oxford County, Maine or the U.S. District Court of Maine and no other jurisdiction, and it shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maine.

In the event that any provision(s) of this waiver is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and unenforceable, the remaining terms and provisions herein shall continue in full force and effect.

I hereby affirm that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, I have read and voluntarily signed this document, and I understand its contents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

Birthdate: _____

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