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R U L E S
„RUHRGAS“ FIS World Cup Ski-Jumping
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Legend: WCJ = FIS World Cup Ski-Jumping (including Ski-Flying)
COCJ = FIS Continental Cup Ski-Jumping
GPJ = FIS Grand Prix Ski-Jumping

1. Calendar Planning, Entry and Appointment of the Competitions

1.1 „RUHRGAS“-FIS-World Cup Ski-Jumping

1.1.1 Each National Ski Association is entitled to apply to the Sub-Committee for Calendar Planning for WCJ competitions (individual and team competition) by the pre-established deadline.

1.1.2 The application has to be made two years in advance and on the official FIS entry form. The application form must show the expiration date of the hill certificate.

1.1.3 If the competitions are carried out at different sites, the dates must be fixed so that there is an interval of at least one day for training between the competition dates.

1.1.4 The last WCJ event in this competition season is the WCJ final. In connection with the WCJ final the overall WCJ prize-giving ceremony will take place.

1.2 Appointment of the WCJ-Events

1.2.1 The Sub-Committee Calendar Planning examines:

- the suitability of the hill in question for WCJ-competitions by means of the valid hill certificate
- the suitability of the organizers in question for WCJ-competitions by means of a selection criteria which includes, among other things, the guaranteed availability of an international TV-signal – suitable for live transmissions - for the entire duration of the competition.

- 1.2.2 According to the result of this evaluation and the proposed dates the Sub-Committee Calendar Planning establishes a provisional WCJ-competition schedule for the upcoming two years. The final WCJ-competition calendar for the current season requires the approval of the FIS Council.

1.3 Date Protection

- 1.3.1 Only one WCJ-event can take place on the same date.
- 1.3.2 The International Championships (OWG + WSC) and one other week-end provided in advance for are protected as to their dates which means that no WCJ-competitions can take place.

2. Participation Right in WCJ Competitions

- 2.1 Only competitors with a FIS-Code are allowed to be entered.

2.2 Allowed to start are:

- a) Competitors, who have already gained GP or WCJ-points;
- b) Competitors, who have gained at least one COCJ point of the past or of the current season.

3. FIS WC Evaluation

3.1 Individual Competitions

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

- 3.1.1 In case of equality in points between competitors, each athlete receives the points corresponding to the rank (the following place is omitted).
- 3.1.2 A minimum of eight National Ski Associations must participate if a WCJ competition is to count for the WCJ evaluation.

3.1.3 FIS World Cup Standing

The WCJ points of all individual competitions of the current season will be counted for the WCJ overall winner.
In case of an equality of points in the WCJ standing the better ranking order of the different competitions will be used to decide the ranking.
If the competitors are still equal, the starting order will be drawn.

- 3.1.4 The current leader of the WCJ overall evaluation receives the "Yellow starting bib", which he is allowed to keep. The "Yellow starting bib" has to be worn by the leader at the WCJ-event, at the official winner's ceremony and at all official training.

3.2 Team Competitions

1 st place = 400 points	5 th place = 200 points
2 nd place = 350 points	6 th place = 150 points
3 rd place = 300 points	7 th place = 100 points
4 th place = 250 points	8 th place = 50 points

- 3.2.1 In case of equality of points of teams, each team obtains the points corresponding to the rank. The following place is omitted.

- 3.2.2 At least eight National Ski Associations must participate if a WCJ team competition is to count for the WCJ Nations' Cup.

- 3.2.3 Starting order in team competitions
The starting order will be based on the reverse order of the actual World Cup Nations' standings. Due to organisational reasons the result of an individual competition carried out on the same day may not be considered for the starting order.

- 3.2.3.1 In the second round, only the leading eight (8) nations from the first round are entitled to start. Before the start of the last group in the final round, there will be an info break, where the start order for the last group will be sorted into reverse order of the current standing.**

3.2.4 WCJ Nation Cup

The sum of the points of all competitors from one nation of all WCJ competitions of the current season – including the points of the team competitions – will be taken into consideration for the WCJ evaluation per nation.
In case of an equality of points in the WCJ nations' evaluation, the better ranking order of the different competitions (individual as well as team competitions) will decide.

4. WCJ-Competitions

4.1 Number of Participants for the National Ski Associations

The number of participants will be calculated periodically according to the World Ranking List (see art. 4.1.1) and the latest Continental Cup period.

The basis for the calculation is:

- the first **50** competitors of the World Ranking List,
- the first 5 competitors of the latest COCJ-period,
- one additional quota place for the leading nation in the Nation's World Cup as well as
- Apart from the nations' quota (according to the ranking list), each nation which has gained at least one (1) individual- or team competition point during the past or the current competition season shall have a basic quota of one plus **two** (1+2). This is also valid for points obtained from the SGP.

The nations' quota will be calculated according to these competitors.

A nations' quota is limited to a maximum of 8 athletes per nation.

The nations' quota relating to the reimbursement of expenses is based on the named athletes. Of course, the nations are allowed to enter other athletes for the competition, but they have no right to be reimbursed.

4.1.1

FIS World Ranking List

The quota calculation as well as the payment of the travel expenses will be done according to the World Ranking List which is established according to the following criteria:

- The points system is the same as for the World Cup ranking (1st rank 100 points, 30th rank 1 point).
- The competition results of the 5 periods of the past World Cup season will gradually be replaced by the competition results of the 5 periods of the current World Cup season.
- This updating procedure is repeated after each of the periods, so that the 5 most current periods are used to calculate the World Ranking List.
- In addition, the competition results of the SGP will be considered for the calculation of the nation's quota.
- The **50** best competitors of this World Ranking List will be taken into consideration for the quota calculation (plus the five (5) best competitors from the respective period of the COCJ).
- The nations' quota is valid for the entire period that follows and is not affected by actual competition results.

4.1.2

Division into periods

The FIS Grand Prix and FIS World Cup calendar **2003/2004** is divided into the following six (6) periods. Geographical and organizational aspects have been considered.

1st period: 09.08.2003-31.08.2003 (Hinterzarten - Innsbruck)

2nd period: 28.11.2003-21.12.2003 (Kuusamo - Engelberg)

**3rd period: 29.12.2003-06.01.2004
(Oberstdorf - Bischofshofen)**

4th period: 10.01.2004-25.01.2004 (Liberec - Sapporo)

5th period: 07.02.2004-15.02.2004 (Oberstdorf - Willingen)

6th period: 28.02.2004-14.03.2004 (Salt Lake City - Oslo)

4.1.3.

Starting quota in the official training

Each National Ski Association is allowed to enter the number of athletes according to their nation's quota, but no more than eight (8) as a maximum.

Nations with quota one and two are allowed to enter a number of two (2) athletes in addition. Nations with quota three are allowed to enter one (1) athlete in addition.

Nations without a quota at all or with a basis quota (see art. 4.1) are allowed to enter up to two (2) athletes as a maximum.

The National Ski Association of the organizing country has the right to enter an additional National Group (I-A-group) of the same number as the nations quota but at least five (5) for the official training and the qualification round (according to the article 2.1).

However, if an event program includes a team competition, the participating nations are allowed to enter up to a number of four (4) athletes as a maximum for the individual competition as well.

The maximum starting quota of the National Ski Association of the organizing country is therefore 16 athletes for the official training, however, all other participating nations up to a maximum quota of eight (8) athletes.

If more than two (2) WCJ-competitions are planned to be carried out in one country, the hosting National Ski Association is only entitled to enter a National Group in a maximum of 2 events (valid only for WCJ). For the SGP-series this right is reduced to one competition.

4.1.4

Starting quota in the competition

A qualification round reduces the number of competitors to 50, resp. to 30 at skiflying events.

4.2 Competition Mode and Starting Order

4.2.1 WCJ-competitions

As a rule, a jumping competition consists of:

- the official training
- a qualification and/or
- a trial round
- two scored rounds.

4.2.1.1 For the official training, the qualification and the first scored competition round the competitors will be divided into four groups.

The number sequence of the groups is as follows:

- Group I-A of the organizing country
- Group I and II (athletes without WCJ points)
- Group III (athletes with WCJ points)

4.2.1.2 The starting order within the group will be determined as follows:

- Group I-A: draw or seeding through the organizing country
- Group I and II: draw
- Group III: reverse order of the actual WCJ ranking. For the first WCJ competition of the season, the final WCJ ranking of the past season is decisive. As soon as athletes appear in the World Cup Standing, they are seeded in group III according to their ranking.

After the formation of the Seeded Group I-A, I and II, the Jury can make the draw before the official training. The team captains must confirm the draw at the next team captains' meeting.

In case of only one official training for two competitions carried out on the same hill (individual and team competitions or two individual competitions), only the single quota is allowed to start.

The competition schedule has to be published together with the invitation for the competition. Changes can be made by the Jury in case of „force majeure“.

4.2.1.3 Qualification round

4.2.1.3.1 Qualification Ski-Jumping

If more than 50 participants are starting in a WCJ competition all other jumpers except the 15 best in the current WCJ standing must participate in the qualification round.

The total score counts for the result.

In a WCJ competition with 50 or less participants, a qualification round is not used.

A jumper who has reached 90 % of the maximum length of the jumpers who have to be qualified but has a fall, has the right to participate in the competition in addition to the 50.

4.2.1.3.2 Qualification Ski-Flying

If more than 30 participants are starting in a WC Ski Flying competition all other jumpers except the 15 best in the current WCJ standing must participate in the qualification round.

The total score counts for the result. If the host nation has not at least four athletes or more within these 30, it is entitled to enter up to four in addition.

4.2.1.4 In extreme cases (for example limited training jumps, change of the inrun, lack of time, difficult weather conditions) the Jury can decide on a qualification round or a trial round.

4.2.1.5 In the qualification round, the Jury is entitled to change the starting gate for the qualified jumpers (15 best jumpers of the current WCJ-standing), in order to get the optimal in-run speed for the first competition round or to break off.

4.2.1.6 Trial round

If the qualification round is not held at all or not held on the competition day, a trial round must be carried out before the first scored round (exception see ICR art. 452.2.2)

4.2.1.7 For the first competitive round, only the 50 best jumpers (the 15 best in the current WCJ standing and the 35 best of the qualification round) are admitted. In case of a tie at the last qualified place in the qualification round, the total number of participants will increase accordingly. The pre-qualification for the 15 best in the WCJ standings is by name and can not be substituted. Irrespective of the actual number of pre-qualified jumpers, the total number of participants will be filled up to 50 (plus tied jumpers at the last qualified place or/and jumpers who have reached 90 % of the maximum length but had a fall, according to art. 4.2.1.3)

4.2.1.8 For the second competitive round (final), only the top 30 of the first competition round are qualified (plus jumpers tied at the last qualified place). They start with the same start number but in reverse order of the collective points score from the first competitive round.

4.2.1.9 A jumper, who has reached in the first round 90 % of the maximum length but had a fall, has the right to participate in the final in addition to the first 30.

4.2.1.10 The final round must start 15 minutes after the end of the first competition round. The jumpers who are not at the start on time are disqualified.

4.2.1.11 After the qualification round of jumps is completed, the TD is authorized to allow competitors with a ranking outside the top 50 to serve as forejumpers for the competition, if necessary.

4.2.2 KO System

The Jumping Committee is entitled to modify the above mentioned rules for the qualification and competition rounds.

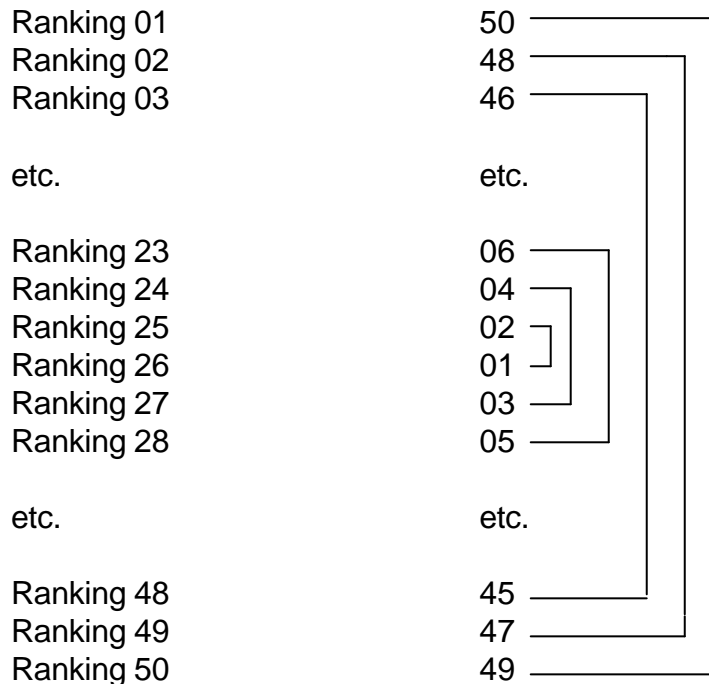
Based on a decision of the FIS Jumping Committee and with the approval of the FIS Council with the new modus, the number of participants in the first competition round will be reduced to the half (25 participants) for the final round by a comparison of performance in pairs (KO system) and filled up to a total of 30 participants with the five athletes (best loser) who have reached the best total score points.

- 4.2.2.1 The qualification round will be carried out in the same way as up to now, with one exception that the score (the total score points achieved) is not only decisive for the participation in the first competitive round but also for the starting order.
The qualification round must in any case be carried out the day before. If this is not guaranteed, the new modus cannot be used.
- 4.2.2.2 The first competition round is contested by 25 pairs of jumpers so that exactly 50 athletes have to be selected in the qualification round.
It is therefore not possible to increase this number in case of several competitors in equal last places or maximum distance with too low a total score because of a fall.
In order to respect fairness and to ensure a clear decision, the following rules are to be observed:
- 4.2.2.2.1 In the qualification round all jumps should be executed with same length of the inrun. In exceptional cases the Jury is entitled to change the in-run gate or to break off for the qualified jumpers.
- 4.2.2.2.2 The results of the fixed qualified jumpers must be integrated in the results of the qualification round. In case of a reduction of the in-run gates the remaining field of jumpers will be sorted according to their scored results in a separate group which will be seeded as the best.
In case of lengthening of the in-run gates or break off, the jumpers concerned will be seeded according to their WCJ ranking as the best. In case of a non-participation this is a total score of zero points, which means the last place (see also 4.2.2.3).
- 4.2.2.2.3 In case of a very bad jump (i.e. fall) and therefore a ranking which would be below the qualification limit, a fixed qualified jumper will be listed in the last position (see also 4.2.2.3).
- 4.2.2.2.4 If two or more jumpers obtain the same total score in the Qualification round, the athlete with the higher start number will be ranked in the better position (see ICR art. 433.4).
- 4.2.2.3 Based on these rules, the following system is in place for the ranking of the qualification round:
Based on the total scores achieved, firstly a normal ranking from positions 1 to 50 is to be established. Those fixed qualified jumpers who did not participate in the qualification round will be ranked in the last places until 50th position in the order of their start numbers (see ICR art. 433.4).
If in addition fixed qualified jumpers have obtained a position below the qualification limit, those jumpers will be ranked in the places directly before them within the limit.
Therefore those jumpers are to be eliminated, who had to qualify but only achieved these last positions with their total score.
- 4.2.2.4 The following particular matters are to be noted:
If not all the jumpers in the 15 best positions of the actual WCJ ranking participate, only the lower number of athletes are qualified as fixed. This means that the following positions in the actual WCJ ranking (16th, 17th etc.) do not move up.
The difference of up to 50 participants for the first scoring round will be filled by athletes from the qualification round.

- 4.2.2.5 For the first competition round the pairs of jumpers are to be established as follows:

Ranking in the qualification round = Start order in the first scoring round

will be the start number



- 4.2.2.6 The pairs will start in the following order:

Start no. 26	against start no. 25	as 1st pair
Start no. 27	against start no. 24	as 2nd pair
etc.	etc.	etc.
Start no. 49	against start no. 02	as 24th pair
Start no. 50	against start no. 01	as 25th pair

- 4.2.2.7 As a result of the comparison in pairs the jumper with the better total scoring reaches the final round. If the two jumpers competing against each other achieve the same total score, the jumper with the lower start number will advance.

- 4.2.2.8 Those 25 athletes will participate in the final round who have qualified for the final in the KO elimination. In addition there are the five losing jumpers which have the best total scores. In exceptional cases of a lower number of winners, the number of losing jumpers will be increased. The number of participants for the second round can also be increased through tied jumpers on the last qualified place or/and jumpers who have reached 90 % of the longest jump (art. 4.2.1.3) but had a fall.

- 4.2.2.9 The starting order in the final round results from the reverse ranking order of the total scores in the first scoring round. In case of equal total scores the jumper with the higher starting number will jump first.

The overall score of the competition is determined by the total scores from both competitive rounds, i.e. the sum of both total scores.

4.2.3 Ski-Flying competitions

The WCJ-events in Ski-Flying have to be carried out according to the World Cup rules for Ski-Jumping as well as according to ICR art. 454.

4.2.4 If the final of the World Cup is carried out as a Ski-Flying event, only the present top 30 ranked competitors of the current World Cup standings may start at the last individual competition day. If the host nation has less than four athletes within these 30, it is entitled to enter up to four in addition.

4.3 In order to guarantee that actual and appropriate information on the Jury's decisions regarding the competition is given to the media- and TV representatives as well as to spectators at the jumping hill, the Jury has the duty to forward corresponding information to the media representatives and the announcer. The Race Director of the FIS is commissioned with this task.

4.4 For all WCJ competitions, the use of video-distance-measuring according to the special regulations established by the FIS Jumping Committee is mandatory.

5. WCJ Prizes

5.1 FIS World Cup Trophy

The winner of the Overall FIS World Cup (including all individual Ski-Flying respectively all individual Ski-Jumping World Cups) receives the big World Cup trophy, which will be provided by the FIS.

5.2 FIS World Cup Medals

The first three competitors receive a FIS World Cup medal.

5.3 FIS World Cup Diplomas

The 4th, 5th and 6th classified competitor receives a diploma.

5.4 FIS-Nations' Cup-Trophy

The winner of the FIS-Nations' Cup receives the FIS-Nations' trophy.

5.5 Provision of Awards

The trophies, medals and diplomas will be provided by the FIS.

5.6 Presentation

The awarding ceremony for the overall winners will take place in connection with the World Cup final.

6. Reimbursement of Expenses

6.1 Nations' Quota for the Reimbursement of Expenses

The national quota for the participating nations will be determined as follows:

- A World Ranking List will be established using the results from the Summer Grand-Prix and WCJ competitions (art. 4.1). This will determine the expense quota to be covered during each period and the specific names receiving reimbursement.

The expense quota will be re-calculated at the end of each of the 6 periods and updated to include the **50** best competitors in the over-all World Ranking List, plus the addition of the top 5 competitors from the current COCJ standing list and one quota place in addition for the leader of the Nation's Cup as well as the basic quota.

- Each National Ski Association has the right to be reimbursed for all their athletes mentioned in this quota (personal quotas), up to a maximum of 8 athletes. Each nation is allowed to replace one (1) athlete mentioned in the nations' quota with another athlete.
- The number of officials that have to be taken over will be determined according to the following standards:

Key for the quota of officials:

1 – 5 athletes	2 officials
6 – 8 athletes	3 officials

- 6.2 The following reimbursements must be paid to the teams according to the quotas determined in art. 6.1 for the reimbursement of expenses of the National Ski Associations.

6.2.1 Accommodation

Room and full pension in a good hotel in the competition resort for the duration of the event, **beginning one night before the first official training resp. the following night after the last competition.** An invitation and information packet must be sent by the organizer to each National Ski Association. Participating teams must enter their competitors prior to the published entry deadline. By doing so, secure their required number of booked room reservation.

For booked room reservation not used, the organizer has the right to demand a cancellation fee from the National Ski Associations.

In case reimbursements of travel expenses for the nations concerned occur, the organiser has the right to deduct the cancellation fee directly from the reimbursement of the travel expenses.

By no means are the organizer or the hotel manager allowed, without agreement of the team captain, to demand the vacating of the rooms on the day of the competition.

6.2.2 Pocket money

Ski-Jumping: an equivalent to CHF 15.— per person and day.

Ski-Flying: an equivalent to CHF 30.— per person and day.

6.2.3 Travel expenses

The WCJ-organizer has to pay the following minimum reimbursement per person, according to the travel regions established by FIS for travel costs, based on Swiss Francs (CHF):

1. Organizers of group A have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group B CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group C CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group D CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group E CHF 700.—

2. Organizers of group B have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group B CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group C CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group D CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group E CHF 700.—

3. Organizers of group C have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group B CHF 400.—
- for quota from a country in group C CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group D CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group E CHF 700.—

4. Organizers of group D have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group B CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group C CHF 600.—
- for quota from a country in group D CHF 250.—
- for quota from a country in group E CHF 700.—

5. Organizers of group E have to pay:

- for quota from a country in group A CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group B CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group C CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group D CHF 700.—
- for quota from a country in group E CHF 250.—

6.2.3.1 The FIS members are divided into five travel- resp. organizer-regions as follows:

- 1) Northern Europe Group A
(DAN, EST, FIN, ISL, NOR, SWE)
- 2) East Europe Group B
(BLR, BUL, GEO, LAT, LTU, RUM, RUS, UKR, UZB)
- 3) Middle and South Europe Group C
(AND, AUT, BEL, BIH, CRO, CZE, FRA, GER, GBR, GRE, HUN, IRE, ITA, LIE, LUX, MON, NED, POL, RSM, SPA, SVK, SLO, SUI, TUR)
- 4) Overseas I Group D
(ALG, CAN, EGY, IRA, ISR, KAZ, LIB, MAR, MEX, RSA, SEN, SUD, SWZ, USA, ZIM)
- 5) Overseas II Group E
(ARG, AUS, BRA, CHI, CHN, FIJ, GUA, HON, JPN, KOR, PRK, MGL, NZE, PHI, PUR, URU, ISV)

6.2.3.2 Charter arrangements (flight, train, bus, ship) may be organized and charged for by the OC or between several OC's (coordinated arrangements); this offer must be made in writing and be included in the program or invitation. The teams must confirm their acceptance or refusal to the organizers within the official entry deadline.
Bus journeys should be limited to 400 km.

6.2.3.3 The transfer from and to the airport will be organized and covered by the organizer, as long as the resp. National Ski Association has informed the OC of the members of the team, arrival day, arrival time and the flight number.

- 6.2.4 The designated Technical Delegates (TD), the Assistant TD and the Jumping Judges have to be paid according to ICR art. 405.4.

7. FIS WCJ Title Sponsor / Advertising / Media Service

- 7.1 The FIS signs an agreement with the official FIS World Cup title or presenting sponsor or with an agency.
- 7.2 The "FIS World Cup Organizer contract", concluded between FIS and the NSA/OC respectively club, contains all advertising matter to be strictly observed by the parties involved.
- 7.3 The OC's Chief of Press will be supported by the FIS World Cup press coordinator, nominated by the FIS, for general services regarding PR information, press service, winners press conference etc. The OC has to pay for his travel, accommodation and board. Prior to his travel the press coordinator must contact the organizer regarding the arrangements.
- 7.4 Each WCJ organizer must, before the beginning of winter, inform his national "news agency" in time and make sure that, immediately after the WCJ competition the WCJ result list or at least the WCJ point ranks will be distributed by this agency.
- 7.5 **The press-/media service has to be organised and performed according to the recommendations and guidelines of the International Ski Federation** as well as the International Association of Ski Journalists (AIPS).

8. WCJ Report

- 8.1 The FIS TD is responsible for the report on the WCJ competition. The writing and the prompt dispatch of the report to the FIS Office, together with the WCJ result list, must be completed from the competition site!
- 8.2 **Result Lists**
After each WCJ competition, the result lists and the new standings of the WCJ overall evaluation must be sent immediately to the next WCJ organizer.

9. FIS Grand Prix Ski-Jumping

The WCJ rules will be analogue applied for the Grand Prix serie with exception of a modified rule for pnts. 6.2.2 and 6.2.3.