



ALPINE CANADA ALPIN

2015-2016

National Rules & Policies

In accordance to Alpine Canada Alpin National Competition Rules and current FIS Regulations

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1.0 National Equipment Rules

1.1 National Head Protection Rule

Helmet Regulations

Ski helmets specific to alpine skiing are mandatory at all times and must be in accordance with FIS compliant rules.

Transitional rule 2015-2016 for U14 & U16 (GS, SG, DH)

Alpine Canada Alpin is following the transitional rule for the 15-16 season regarding introduction of new FIS helmet regulations. No changes will be made for helmet rules within Canada for the 15-16 season.

The new helmet rules will be applicable to Canada in the 2016/2017 season.

Please note that USSA have introduced the new helmet rule for all U14 & U16 races in the 15-16 season. Any athlete attending a USSA race must conform to the USSA helmet rule for 15-16 and beyond.

It is highly recommended that any U14 and older athletes requiring new helmets look to purchase the new FIS approved models moving forward. Athletes will be able to wear the higher conformity helmet (SNELL 98 and new FIS standard) for the 15-16 season should they choose to.

FIS sanctioned events including FIS children's races are governed by the FIS equipment rules.

Please refer to the FIS website for a full details of the new FIS helmet rules and regulations.

1.2 Competition Equipment Specifications NON-FIS

As per the FIS 2015-2016 specifications for competition equipment and commercial markings.

	U14	U16 & U18*
1.2.1.1 SKI LENGTH SKI LENGTH MEASUREMENT TOLERANCE OF +/- 1CM SG Ladies SG Men SL Ladies SL Men GS Ladies GS Men	 >=130 >=130 <=188 <=188	 >=183 >=183 >=130 >=130 <=188 <=188
1.2.1.3 RADIUS (MINIMUM) SG Ladies SG Men GS Ladies GS Men	 17 17	 17 17
1.2.1.2.1 PROFILE WIDTH UNDER BINDING GS	<=65	<=65
2.1.2 MAX STANDING HEIGHT (SKI/PLATES/BINDING)	50	50

*Legend

>=MINIMUM

<=MAXIMUM

U18 Equipment standards at PTSO discretion.

1.3 FIS Equipment Rules

All CAN registered athletes competing in FIS events for the 2015-2016 season must compete with equipment that respects FIS rules. This includes International Children Races. For further details in relation to FIS equipment rules please see the following link:

http://www.fis-ski.com/mm/Document/documentlibrary/NordicCombined/04/30/53/Competitionequipment_1516_12082015_clean_jr_English.pdf

2.0 Race Entries & Eligibility

This policy has been implemented to support a strong domestic development system that supports the principles of ACA's long term skier development model.

2.1 FIS Races In USA

2.1.1 Quota

As a country group CAN-USA (rules for the FIS alpine points 7.1.7) Canada and USA are allowed a maximum 30 competitors for each nation for races organized in a country of that group (CAN-USA).

CAN-USA have a working agreement however to limit the number of competitors to 15 in each other's FIS competition unless the nations have come to a prior agreement.

Prior agreements include competitions that have been granted an exception to the country group of 30, were they can fill the total field to 140 respecting other nations quotas. These can be found in the 15-16 season northern precisions.

Any exceptions or extensions to the above mentioned quota items is at the discretion of the two national governing bodies (ACA-USSA) and must be delivered via a formal written request prior to the race or race series. Within Canada these requests must come from the PTSO to the NSO.

2.1.2 Points

As a minimum standard to be considered for qualification to race in the US athletes should have at least 120 points or better in one of the disciplines being contested in any series. Entry for athletes with greater than 120 FIS points is at PTSO discretion.

2.1.3 Entries

All race entries for international FIS races including USA events, must be submitted online via the use of the online registration system. This is a mandatory race entry system for all international races.

The registration system requires FIS entries to be generated at minimum 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the first race day.

Website URL: <http://fisraceentrycalendar.alpinecanada.org>

For athletes that wish to be entered within the 14 day time frame, entries MUST be submitted to raceentries@alpinecanada.org on an official FIS entry document with coaches included. Additional entries will not be accepted within 24hours of the first Team Captains' meeting.

This system is a nationally provided registration system and is mandated by Alpine Canada Alpin.

Ski Cross is not currently integrated into this online system and for the 2015-2016 season entry sheets must be submitted with the 14 day time frame to raceentries@alpinecanada.org . As we move forward we endeavor to expand the current online system to encompass ski cross.

Failure to provide adequate notice in regards to entry changes can result in a monetary sanction fee to the coach equivalent to the race entry fee. This sanction is at the discretion of ACA.

It must be noted that national team athletes have priority in all international (including USA) races and their entry can be accepted up to 24hours of the first Team Captains' meeting.

2.2 FIS Races Outside of North America

2.2.1 Quota

Out of country quota is always managed by ACA. Current quota numbers can be found on the FIS website and must be noted varies by category i.e. FIS-UNI, CHI, ENL, NJR, NJC.

2.2.2. Points

As a minimum standard to be considered for qualification to race in competitions outside of North America, athletes should have at least 60 points or better in one of the disciplines being contested in any series. Entry for athletes with greater than 60 FIS points is at PTSO discretion.

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Europa Cup races are reserved for CAST athletes or CAST coaching staff invitees.

*Canadian athletes without valid permission from ACA who enter, or attempt to enter a race are subject to disciplinary actions which may include, revocation of ACA membership and no possibility to enter FIS races for a 1 year period.

*All racers holding a CAN FIS license residing fulltime outside of CAN that do not qualify on the above criteria will NOT be granted entrance into FIS races outside of North America.

2.3 International Children (Kinder) Races

Official entries for all Kinder races must be submitted to the athletes respective PTSO following the same time periods as international FIS race entries. It is the PTSO's responsibility to forward entries to ACA in the applicable time frame.

2.4 FIS Races Within Canada

Athletes racing out of province but within Canada, must seek approval from their PTSO prior to submitting race entries. Races include FIS, NJR, NJC, ENL and FIS-UNI.

2.4.1 Quota

Responsibility of for assigning host-quota is as follow.

- For provincial series (series where events take place only in one province): the host PSO,
- For regional series (series that take place regionally (East or West) in more than one province or, also regionally, across borders: the concerned PSOs,
- For national events: ACA.

Priority when assigning quotas can follow one of three principals:

1. Based purely on points (either GS + or the concerned event),
2. Based on the development structure within the territory (i.e. NST, PST, etc.),
3. A combination of both.

3.0 Nor-Am Series

All athletes with a valid FIS license are eligible to compete in Nor-Am competitions without restrictions relating to their points or performance at other FIS races.

Each province is restricted to their (PTSO) allocated quota compiled and distributed by ACA annually.

Each province is allowed to use the PTSO allocated quota at its discretion. All other entries will be ranked by FIS points within the respective quotas.

4.0 FIS-UNI Competitions

Each province must submit to ACA no later than October 15th a complete list of their athletes that are competing for a US Academy, College or University (AUC) team on the ACA provided excel document. The list of AUC athletes is shared with the USSA annually.

4.1 Eligibility

Athletes must meet the following criteria to be classified eligible for FIS-UNI racing.

Only athletes who hold a valid CAN FIS license, and attend approved AUC institutions meeting minimum enrollment standards (minimum 3 courses, 9 credit hours or equivalent in the term of which they are competing in a FIS-UNI competition) will be classified as FIS-UNI athletes for quota purposes.

As per the Rules for FIS-UNI competitions the competitor must be older than 16 and less than 28 yrs of age.

All athletes **MUST** be listed on the AUC document on file with ACA in order to be eligible to race as a FIS-UNI athlete. Any changes to an athlete's enrollment or student status must be reported to ACA as soon as possible, failure to do so could lead to sanction.

Athletes shall be allowed to participate in FIS-UNI competitions for a maximum 5 academic years.

4.2 Quota

As per the FIS-UNI Rule book – Deviations from FIS-Rules (ICR), CAN-USA have a special quota of 20 athletes with a maximum of four (4) non-university athletes accepted without the status of 'student' within the quota. In Canada, host non-student quota will be six (6) with four of these six athletes entered based upon the quota section principles. If the event is part of a provincial series, two non-student quotas will be assigned to other PSO based on points. Should they remained unclaimed, the host PSO can claimed them and assign them according to the principles of the quota section.

The maximum number of participants is 140.

Host-Nation unused quota (CAN). If the maximum number of participants (140) is not reached, the start list cannot be filled with non-student athletes.

4.3 Entries

Race entry procedures for USA FIS-UNI races follows the same online registration process as FIS races in the USA.

For CAN FIS-UNI races please send entries within the same time parameters to the listed race entries administrator on the FIS website.

For further FIS-UNI applicable rules please refer to the FIS website.