

2022 FWQ RIDER HANDBOOK

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0. PRELIMINARY NOTE

This handbook is subject to change. In very unusual circumstances and after careful consideration, FWT management may decide to adapt the current handbook to best deal with unpredictable changes we may face.

All members of the FWT Freeride community are expected to respect and follow local, regional, national, and governmental public health mandates during participation in FWT-sanctioned events.

Everyone's compliance and diligence are required to help minimize the risk of viral transmission and execute a 2021-2022 competitive series. Adherence will provide everyone with the best opportunity to compete and help to avoid event cancellations and ensure the future of the Qualifier and Junior freeride series.

1. CALENDAR

For the southern hemisphere competitions, the event name/dates/location/stars attribution will be announced by the end of June.

For the northern hemisphere competitions, the event name/dates/location/stars attribution will be announced by the end of November.

Additional events could be announced during the season.

2. REGISTRATION / RANKING RULES

NOTE: please note that the following rules only apply for Region 1 rider and Region 1 events. Region 2 riders and events follow IFSA rules which can differ slightly.

2.1. Tour Format

The FWQ Tour consists of a series of events with different point values from 1* to 4*.

The season starts the third Wednesday of April and ends the third Tuesday of April the following year. The FWQ ranking consists of the 3 best results of each rider during the season. Riders can participate in an unlimited number of events.

NOTE: season cut off dates are subject to changes. This based on potential postponed events during the season, which may be staged later in the season.

2.2. Minimum age

The minimum age is 18 for all FWQ events. No exceptions will be made.

The cut-off date is the third Wednesday of April of each year. A rider turning 18 years old before or on the third Wednesday of April will compete on the FWQ Tour. A rider turning 18 after the third Wednesday of April can choose to compete the whole season on the FJT Tour or can start competing on the FWQ Tour as soon as he/she turns 18 years old.

NOTE: riders qualified for the FJWC cannot compete at any FWQ event prior to the Junior World Championship.

2.3. Ranking/Regions

There are two rankings worldwide. Region 1 (Europe, Asia, Oceania) and Region 2 (USA, Canada, South America). Riders can compete and collect points anywhere in the world but will only be ranked in the region where the event was held. Riders cannot transfer the points earned from one region to the other, with the exception of Southern hemisphere events.

Points earned at events held in the southern hemisphere (New Zealand, Argentina...) will count towards both region 1 and region 2 rankings.

Example: an athlete (regardless of his/her nationality) who competes in NZ scores points on both region 1 and region 2 rankings. Points earned later on (e.g in the North American circuit) will only be added to the region 2 ranking but cannot be transferred to region 1 ranking.

If a rider wishes to change his nationality, he can only do so by providing proof of a new citizenship and a valid passport.

Riders can only change nationality once.

Riders who wish to change nationality can only do so during the May-November period of each year.

2.4. Tour titles

The winner of Region 1 has the title of "YEAR Freeride Qualifier Tour Champion Europe, Asia, Oceania".

The winner of Region 2 has the title of "YEAR Freeride Qualifier Tour Champion Americas".

The best three results count.

In case of podium ranking ties, the tie-splitter rule applies ([see chapter "FWQ Tour Ranking Ties"](#)).

2.5. National Champion

National rankings cumulate FWQ points scored by national riders. Only riders from the nation will be ranked. Riders can compete in as many events as they want. The maximum number of results counting for the national ranking / title is three (the 3 best results) and the minimum number of events is one (1).

In case of podium ranking ties, the tie-splitter rule applies ([see chapter "FWQ Tour Ranking Ties"](#))

The National Champion has the title of "YEAR *name of the country* Freeride Champion".

In case of podium ranking ties, the tie-splitter rule applies ([see chapter "FWQ Tour Ranking Ties"](#))

In the case when FWT has agreed to a one-day National event to award a title, this event will be called: "YEAR *name of the country* Cup". The winner of this event will have the title of: "YEAR *name of the country* Freeride Cup Winner". For example: "2022 Belgium Freeride Cup Winner".

There could be a different Cup Winner and a National Champion the same year.

2.6. FWT Qualification

For Region 1, the first 3 Ski Men and the first Snowboard Man will qualify for the FWT the following season.

The first Ski Woman and Snowboard Woman will qualify for the FWT Tour the following season.

PRELIMINARY NOTE: for a FWQ4* to count as such towards 2022 FWT qualification, 50% of the riders per discipline and gender have to be confirmed for the event (based on the seeding list on December 1st 2020).

Scenario 1: five or more 4* events: normal qualification system applies (3 best results count toward 2023 qualification)

Scenario 2: four 4* events: 3 best results count toward 2023 qualification

Scenario 3: three 4* events: 3 best results count toward 2023 qualification

Scenario 4: two 4* events: 2 best results count toward 2023 qualification

Scenario 5: less than two 4* events: no point accumulated that winter towards FWT 2023 qualification; therefore, athletes will not be automatically allocated a place on 2023 FWT. Riders will be selected based on Wild Cards.

Please note: all results are taken into account, regardless of the competition level (4*, 3* ...)

During the 2022 season, FWQ riders can compete in any of the 2 circuits (Europe Oceania, Americas) and qualify for FWT23 in the region / circuit they compete in. There will be one ranking per circuit based on event location, regardless of the athlete's nationality. If an athlete decides during the season to start competing in another circuit for the rest of the season, they can do so, but the previously earned points from the other region won't count in the new region.

If a qualified rider is hurt or decides not to compete before the season, then his/her spot will not go to the next rider on the list. It will be decided by the FWT management whether this rider will be replaced or not and by whom.

In extreme cases and special circumstances, if most riders within one region did not compete against each other and/or if there were not enough competitions to ensure a fair FWT qualification, the FWT management will re-evaluate the FWT qualification system and might not select the total of the 6 pre-defined FWQ2022 spots qualifying for FWT2023.

2.7. FWQ Tour ranking ties

In case of ties for the 3rd place ski or 1st place snowboard men, 1st place ski or 1st place snowboard for women at the end of the season, in each region, the split will be made accordingly:

- a. Best 4th result pointwise.
- b. Comparing the number of 1^{sts}, 2nd and 3rd places...in 4*, 3*, 2*, 1* for the counting 4 results
- c. Direct competition, who beat who at events where both riders entered.

2.8. Seeding list

To help FWQ events select athletes out of the hundreds of applications, we will use the worldwide seeding list. On this list, a rider's result stays for 52 weeks before disappearing.

The seeding list consists of the 3 best results of each athlete during the last 52 weeks.

The seeding list ranks riders as follow:

- Actual FWT riders
- Past year FWT riders not qualified for FWT anymore
- FWQ riders with 3 best results of last 52 weeks
- Frozen points riders are inserted accordingly or see chapter "Injuries/Pregnancy and Frozen Points".

At the end of the registration window, the FWQ organizer follows the seeding list to fill up their spots accordingly until they reach the maximum number of athletes they can host. Riders who are not ranked high enough and thus might have a hard time entering 4* or 3* events will have to go and score high points on lower-level events to move up the rankings.

2.9. SARS-CoV-2 pandemic specific seeding list 2021-2022

Due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic resulting in a cancellation of numerous events in 2020 and 2021, the period of 52 weeks for the Global Seeding List will be extended as follows:

Riders' results from 2019, beginning on March 1, 2019 will be included in the seeding list ranking. This adjustment has been made to prevent athletes from losing their seeding list ranking due to the cancellation of many events during the 2020 and 2021 season. For the time being, this system will be in place until the end of the 2022 season.

The top 3 results of all finishes from events within this period will be counted in addition to the running 52-week period.

2.10. Event registration and category split

FWQ riders have to register online on the FWT website www.freerideworldtour.com for all FWQ events.

Riders must use their real family name and first name to register (as written on ID / Passport).

Registrations will open about 6 weeks prior to the event and will close about 4 weeks before the event.

For all FWQ 2*, 3* and 4* events, riders will be accepted based on their current seeding list ranking.

For FWQ 1* events, a first-come first-serve registration system will be used.

NOTE on some FWQ 2* events, the Organizer could decide to keep a certain number of spots open for riders with no FWQ point on a first-come first-serve basis.

Riders will receive a confirmation email indicating whether they have been selected or not for the event they registered for. (4 weeks before the event).

Riders can cancel their registration at any time and at no cost before the registration period finishes.

Once registration closes, invited riders then have 3 days to cancel their registration if they do not wish to compete. After 3 days, credit cards will be debited, and the rider will be registered and confirmed. If a rider cancels his registration, the next rider on the list (seeding list or date), who tried to register, will receive an email confirming that he has 3 days to cancel his registration. The same process will repeat itself until the event is full.

NOTE that the waiting list is not a static list but will evolve as the seeding list evolves.

Depending on the number of spots available per event, an even percentage of riders who tried to register will be confirmed for the event. If a category has hardly enough registrations to have the minimum number of riders at the start, a higher percentage of riders from this category will be accepted.

If a category does not reach the minimum number of registrations (for example 8 SNB W registered for 10 spots), the event organizer shall distribute the remaining spots to the other categories.

If a category does not reach a minimum of 3 registrations, the category is cancelled, and the starting spots will be redistributed to the other categories (see chapter "Cancelled Categories").

If the event is not full once the normal registration period ends, all registered riders will be invited, and registrations will be re-opened. Riders registering during this period will be confirmed right away and credit cards will be debited immediately until the event is full.

In this case, riders will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and no longer according to the seeding list ranking.

For some events, there might be a two-way registration system. One way through Member Pro and www.freerideworldtour.com one other way directly with the Organizer. Whether the Organizer will use a first-come first-serve system or a different system, will be communicated prior to the event. FWT will use the seeding list system.

2.11. FWQ licence

To compete at one or all events, every rider including wildcards, will have to acquire their license. There are two different types of FWQ licenses:

FWQ one-event license: Region 1 **(25 €)**,

This license must be purchased by riders who wish to compete in only one event per year. If a rider who purchased a one-event license wishes to compete in more events, he/she will have to upgrade to a season license (only paying the difference).

In the case the rider purchased this license but was not able to register or was not accepted to any event, the one-event license is not refundable (as athletes can still benefit of the below)

This one-event license offers the following services:

- Discount on the FWT web shop and partners special offers
- Generating a unique number per athlete, avoiding spelling mistakes on starting lists and rankings.
- Automated registration window for all FWQ events on FWT website.
- Rider's results in the seeding and ranking list.

FWQ season license: Region 1 **(70 €)**,

This license has to be purchased by riders who wish to compete in two or more events.

In the case the rider purchased this license but was not able to register or was not accepted to any event, he/she can get a refund but only prior to April 15.

This season license offers the following services:

- Discount on the FWT web shop and partners special offers
- Generating a unique number per athlete, avoiding spelling mistakes on starting lists and rankings.
- Automated registration window for all FWQ events on FWT website.
- Rider's results in the seeding and ranking list.

Riders who for some reason did start at an event without a valid license will not be able to claim this result to count for their ranking.

2.12. FWQ athlete evacuation insurance

At events where the organizer is using the FWQ evacuation insurance, all riders will be obliged to purchase it. This insurance covers the costs of evacuation / snow patrol / ambulance / heli costs to hospital and back home if the private insurance of the rider does not cover it.

The 28 Euros insurance will be included in the registration fee. This mandatory evacuation insurance also covers some medical costs, but each rider should carefully check that they have a personal medical insurance valid in all countries where they are competing and that they are covered in case of participation in an extreme freeride contest (should they need extensive local medical treatment in case they can't be transported back home). In the disclaimers that each rider will have to sign when entering a contest, it will be mentioned that he has checked the above.

2.13. Cancellation / postponing & refund

Scenario 1: if the Organizer must cancel the event prior to arrival of the riders due to lack of snow, the event Organizer will refund each rider 100% of the insurance fee and 100% of the registration fee.

Scenario 2: if the Organizer must cancel the event because it could not be held during the weather window because of bad weather / too much wind / heavy snowfall /... there will be no insurance nor registration refund.

Cancellation policy for athletes: Athletes that sign up for an event are responsible for announcing their cancellation to FWT administration 8 days prior to the first possible competition day (first day of weather window). This allows enough time to find a replacement and for event hosts to plan the competition. If the 8-day period is missed, a registration refund cannot be guaranteed even if a replacement can be found. An athlete may sign up for more than one event during the same event period, and in this case, it is also their responsibility to cancel their spot 8 days prior to the event they want to withdraw from to secure a refund.

If a rider cancels their participation, they will be 100% refunded but must present a valid medical certificate to FWT Management SA. In this case the 8-day announcement limit does not apply but the rider shall announce it to FWT Management SA prior to the event and as soon as possible to allow a waiting list rider to take his place. The medical certificate must be sent latest 3 days after the event to FWT Management SA to qualify for a refund.

NOTE: in case of travel restriction due to SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, resulting in a rider not being able to make it to the competition, he/she will be 100% refunded if announced prior to the event by providing a proof of the restrictions in place preventing the rider to attend.

Postponed events:

FWT will refund any rider who must cancel his registration when an event is postponed to a new date.

If an event is postponed and riders must cancel, the remaining spots will be filled from the waiting list. If the event is still not full, registration will re-open. If the event is postponed for a second time, the confirmed riders will again have the chance to cancel and to receive a refund.

Riders who were confirmed for the first event but canceled for the second date will be asked first if they can now make it for the third date. Current seeding list ranking will determine the order of priority.

NOTE I: In case of registration or license refund, a three Euros credit card fee will be held by FWT to cover these costs.

2.14. Points for cancelled events

If an event is canceled, riders who were confirmed will score the following minimum points:

SKI MEN: rank 50

SKI WOMEN & SNOWBOARD MEN: rank 25

SNOWBOARD WOMEN: rank 20

Note: This rule will not be effective until the seeding list inclusion period has ended

2.15. Cancelled categories

For a category to count, there should be a minimum of three riders registered.

- If less than three riders are registered in one category, for example Snowboard women, the category is either cancelled OR the few riders who registered could compete in the Snowboard men category. They would be then judged as men and score the points of their ranking position in the men category.
- If three riders or more were registered and confirmed for an event but less than three showed up at the event, the category will still be confirmed, and the results will count.

- If three riders or more are on the starting list, but less than three show up at the start, the riders at the start will compete and the event will be validated.

2.16. Injuries / Valid absence / Pregnancy and frozen points

NOTE: For winter 2021-2022, seeding list points will not be frozen due to SARS-CoV-2 related sickness, travel restrictions or quarantine. Only riders who decide to, or have to skip the whole season due imposed pandemic restrictions will be able to freeze their points

An injured, validly absent or pregnant rider may retain their status on the Global Seeding List during the period of injury and for a recovery period following the injury, valid absence, or pregnancy by freezing their points. A rider's points will be "frozen" as of the week when the injury, or pregnancy occurred. In the event of a valid absence during an entire season the rider's points will only be frozen once the season has ended, dating back to the beginning of the season.

If a Freerider becomes injured during the season or must skip the season due to pregnancy, he/she must inform the FWT Administrative team in writing. The date and type of injury or valid absence must be explained and a valid medical or absence certificate must be presented in order to freeze an athlete's points until recovery. Valid absence may include spending a year abroad, not being able to travel because of restrictions or other reasons that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

a) Freezing your FWQ Points

The Frozen Points Protocol allows an injured rider to retain his/her seeding rights during the period of injury and for a period after he/she has recovered from the injury. To achieve this, a rider's points on the respective rankings will be "frozen" as of the week when the injury occurred and the rider will be ranked based on the frozen points on the respective ranking as long as the rider's status is injured or recovered. Upon receipt of a medical certificate, signed by a doctor, a rider's FWQ points will be frozen as of the week when the injury occurred.

b) Ranking Prefixes during Frozen Status (Injured/Recovered)

During a rider's period of injury, the rider will appear on the respective FWQ seed list as "frozen", as indicated by the injury-prefix " * ". During the period of recovery, the rider will appear on the respective FWQ seed list as "recovered", indicated by the recovery-prefix " + ".

c) Period of Injury/Recovery

The injury period of a rider shall last a maximum of 52 weeks from the date that the injury occurred. During this time, the rider status will be "Injured". If a rider does not resume competing within 52 weeks, his/her frozen status will be automatically changed from "Injured" to "Recovered".

The rider's ranking prefix will be changed from " * " to " + ". The rider will continue to be ranked based on his/her frozen points until one of the following conditions applies:

- 52 weeks have passed since the rider's status was changed to "recovered". In this case the rider's status will be changed to normal (removal of prefix), all frozen points will be dropped and the rider will be ranked based on his/her current points (which will be zero at this point because the rider has no more results)
- The rider has competed in a maximum of eight events since he/she recovered. In this case, the rider's frozen points will be dropped, and the rider will be ranked based on his/her current FWQ points (removal of prefix).
- The rider's current points for the respective FWQ are higher than the frozen points recorded on injury.

d) How an Injured Rider Should Request Frozen Points Status

Please submit a medical certificate, signed by a doctor, to FWT Management SA:

fwq@freerideworldtour.com. The medical certificate should include the date of injury and the approximate recovery period. Any request to freeze a rider's points needs to be submitted within

one week of the date of the injury. For any other questions regarding frozen points status, please feel free to contact: fwq@freerideworldtour.com.

ATTENTION: Points will be frozen on the SEEDING list, NOT on the ranking list!

2.17. Wild cards

For FWQ 4* events, there will be up to five (12) wild cards per event. Three (3) are in the hands of the local organizer, nine (9) are in the hands of FWT and are meant to allow more last minute access to FWT riders. Any unattributed Wild Cards spots will be filled with riders from the waiting list.

For other events, there will be up to five (5) wild cards per event. Three (3) are in the hands of the local organizer. They are meant to help the local organizer with special media or local needs. The two (2) remaining wild cards are in the hands of FWT that can give them to talented riders without enough points to be qualified through the seeding list. Those wild cards can earn prize money and can be on the podium and will score FWQ points. Wild card riders must register for the event on the FWT website and must purchase an FWQ license.

In case there is a qualifying event prior to the FWQ main event, additional wild cards could be given to the top spots of the qualifying event. The number of wild cards would be communicated by FWT and the Organizer prior to the event. There could be up to ten (10) wild cards in total. Eight (8) in the hands of the local Organizer for the winners of the qualifying event and two (2) in the hands of FWT.

2.18. Transgender rule

In case a rider has a gender change, in order to compete in the new gender category, this rider will have to provide FWT with a valid new passport identity and provide FWT with proof of his/her new gender hormone levels every year prior to each season (July for southern hemisphere events, December for northern hemisphere events).

3. EVENT & COMPETITION FORMAT

3.1. Number of participants

A minimum number of 3 participants per category are needed to validate a category (See "Cancelled Categories").

A maximum of 140 participants in total can be accepted for an FWQ event.

3.2. Qualifications and Finals

There could be various types of event formats: events in one day, events over two days with a qualification day and a final day, with a new score for final day and events over two days, combining scores of both days with or without a cut after day 1.

If an event is made of 2 competition days and for weather reasons the finals cannot take place, the results of the qualifications will count as final results but with the points of one star less than the finals. (3* for a 4* event and so on...).

NOTE: if the Organizer knows before the event starts that there will only be one day of good weather, he can decide and announce to all riders that instead of one qualification run and one final run, or a day 1 and a day 2, there will only be one run for all riders and that run will count as a final result.

If he does so, the planned number of FWQ stars* will still be attributed.

In an event with a qualification day and a final day, riders not making the cut for the final day will be added at the end of the result list of the final day. They will get the points according to the ranking list of the final day.

3.3. Natural vs Man-made Venues

There can be different types of freeride competitions:

- Pure big mountain: The face is untouched, and the riders ride it as it is.
- Competitions with man-made kickers can be part of the FWQ tour but with a maximum of 2* level.
- Freeride competitions based on time only (derby), with individual ranking can be part of the FWQ Tour but with a maximum of 2* level.

3.4. NS, DNF, DNS and DQ

NS, for No Score: A rider who loses a ski or any mandatory equipment (see the list in 3.9. Mandatory equipment) during his run will get a NS (No Score) on the final ranking list. No other loss of material will be sanctioned as NS.

No points will be deducted by the judges for the loss of a pole. Example: if a skier loses a pole while pushing out of the starting gate without committing any mistake he/she won't be penalized (no points deducted), however, if the loss of poles is the result of a loss of control, the judges will penalize the loss of control. But as skiing without poles may affect the riding technique, balance or overall control, points could be deducted for the poor skiing caused by the missing pole.

A snowboarder who has to take off his board or unbuckle one foot from his board at any time during the run will get a NS unless specified at the riders meeting. For example: If the Finish or a segment of the venue is hard to access without pushing, snowboarders will be allowed to take off their board without getting a NS then.

All riders who are NS are ranked behind the last rider of the competition who isn't NS. If more than 1 rider per category are NS, the NS riders will be ranked following their scores up to the loss of ski/mandatory equipment or unstraps the board. Example: In an event with 20 riders in which 4 riders lost a ski, the 4 riders are ranked from the 17th to the 20th place depending on the score the judges gave them up to the point they got a NS. A NS rider will get the points and the prize money of his/her place in the event ranking.

NOTE: riders who lose a ski (or unstrapped a snowboard) have to take the easiest route down to the finish line. They are not allowed to ride their originally planned line with jumps and risk another fall and/or loss of ski, which would result in further time delay for the event.

NOTE II: a rider who would finish his line after losing a ski or unstrapping his board may be sanctioned and may not receive any or part of his prize money for this event.

DNF, for Did Not Finish: A rider who can't finish his run due to injury, or who rides through a closed area, will get a DNF (Did Not Finish) on the final ranking list. He will be ranked like the NS, after every other riders who didn't get NS or DNF. Example: in an event with 20 riders in which 4 riders were NS and 1 DNF, the 5 riders will be ranked separately and behind the other riders from the 16th to the 20th place depending on the score the judges gave them up to the point they either got a NS or a DNF. A DNF rider will get the points and the prize money of his/her ranking.

DNS, for Did Not Start: A rider qualified for the event, who travelled to the event but not showing up at the start (because of an injury for example) or showing up at the start but missing any mandatory equipment. The rider will get a DNS (Did Not Start) on the event ranking list. He will get the points of the last ranked rider after all NS and DNF. In an event's final day with 20 riders in which 4 riders did not start, the 4 riders are tied in 20th place and all will score the points of 20th place. DNS riders receive the Prize money of the place they are ranked in.

DQ, for DisQualified: A rider is disqualified if he/she does a major fault such as riding the venue before the contest, having unethical behavior towards other FWT riders, hosts, FWT employees... The DQ rider is ranked last after all NS, DNF and DNS, does not score any points and doesn't earn any prize money for that event. DQ Athletes could face sanctions like multiple events ban (see point: 12. FWT CODE OF CONDUCT & DUTIES TOWARD FWT).

You must have a score to be on the podium. In case we have less than 3 riders with scores, we could have a podium with one or two riders only. If all riders lose a ski during their run, there will be no winner. All the riders will score last position ranking points. (For example, all riders are getting the points of the 7th place in an event with 7 riders at the start who all lost a ski.)

3.5. Weather Rule

If the competition is stopped due to weather conditions or any other happening (decision taken by Competition Director after consulting with the Head-Judges and the Head of Security), the Event Organizer can validate the competition results if more than 2/3rd of the competitors have started (=66,7%). In this case, the prize money will be fully paid to riders.

For the avoidance of doubts, if the weather waiting period and weather forecasts present additional alternatives, AND if the event budget allows, the Event Organizer may decide to organize a rerun of all competitors. This decision is at the Event Organizer's sole discretion, after consulting the different sources including weather forecasts, Advisors, etc...

In the case of a rerun, the results of the cancelled day are not taken into consideration.

If the rerun cannot achieve more than at least 2/3^{rds} of the field of riders, then the first run day will count as the final result.

If the re-run achieves anything in between 2/3^{rds} of riders to full field of riders, then only the rerun results count.

In case of a serious accident, the Event Organizer may decide, at his sole discretion, not to validate the competition results even if 2/3^{rds} of the competitors have started.

For 2-day competition formats, if weather doesn't allow a second day or doesn't allow to the completion of the first day. There could be many scenarios in which the event could go on. The organizer and the advisor will decide upon the format, here a few possible scenarios:

Qualification day and final day format:

In case of bad weather not allowing for a completion of the final run and if more than 2/3^{rds} of the riders per category have completed their descent, the race is validated. The riders who could not start will be ranked after the judged riders, according to their ranking on qualification day.

In case of bad weather not allowing for the completion of the final run and if less than 2/3^{rds} of the riders per category have completed their descent, the final is cancelled and the results of this FWQ event are based on qualification day, with 1* less value.

In case of bad weather not allowing for the completion of the qualification run and if more than 2/3^{rds} of the riders per category have completed their descent, the race could be validated if the weather does not allow for a second competition day.

c¹) If a second competition day is possible with a long enough weather window, the best decision is to re-run the entire qualification run.

c²) If a second competition day is possible with a short weather window, the best decision is to run only the riders who did not start on day 1 and combine the 2 days to have one qualification ranking. Then on the next possible day within the weather window, have the final run. Again, if no other day of competition is possible, the combined day1 / day2 results could be the final result.

Day 1 and Day 2 combined format:

In case of bad weather announce before the event, the Organizer can decide to only do one run and not a qualification and a final run. If this decision is announced ahead of the event (minimum D-1) then the planned level of competition (star grading *) will be held as planned.

In case of bad weather not allowing for the completion of day 2, Day 1's result will be the final result but with 1* less value.

In case of bad weather not allowing for the completion of Day 1 and if more than 2/3^{rds} of the riders per category have accomplished their descent, the race could be validated if the weather does not allow for a second competition day.

b¹) If a second competition day is possible with a long enough weather window, the best decision is to re-run the entire field of Day 1.

c²) If a second competition day is possible with a short weather window, the best decision is to run only the riders who did not start on day 1 and combine the 2 days to have one ranking. Then on the next possible day within the weather window, have a day 2. Again, if no other day of competition is possible, the combined day1 / day1' results could be the final result.

3.6. Training on Competition Venues

The FWQ Organizer shall close the competition venue(s) 30 days prior to the event or latest after the last snowfall.

If competitors were to be seen riding the competition venue(s) after the time the Organizer announced it, the Organizer has the right to disqualify these riders.

Riding the competition venue(s) before they are officially closed is permitted.

3.7. Drone filming on competition venues

As for riding the competition venue, it is forbidden for riders to use personal drones to film the face 30 days prior to the competition.

Only drone footage / pictures shot by the Organizer may be given to all competitors.

3.8. Radio communication while riding

Communication with a rider during his run with any device (radio, cellphone...) is forbidden.

3.9. Mandatory equipment & equipment check

All riders must wear the following mandatory equipment for their run, in case of a loss of mandatory equipment during a run, the rider will get a NS:

- Snowboard/skis (or assimilate: Splitboard, Monoski, Telemark skis ...)
- Helmet
- Back protection. It should be a CE certified protection. Backpacks with integrated protection are not considered as valid back protections!
- Probe. (A metallic probe of 240cm or greater is highly recommended)
- Shovel. (A metallic shovel is highly recommended)
- Avalanche transceiver on the body, switched *ON* and with fresh batteries! ("3 antennas" transceiver is highly recommended)
- RECCO reflector. All riders will receive a RECCO reflector that they will have to wear during all competitions. It is recommended to put the Recco in the boot, between the liner and the shell, as the boot is the less likely equipment to be torn off by an avalanche.

An avalanche transceiver check of every FJT rider will be made at each event. This check could be done either at the bottom of the hike on the way up to the start or in the pre-start area.

A back protection check and content of the backpack will be done before the riders start. The airbag backpack must be in working order and ready to be used.

If a rider doesn't have all his mandatory equipment, he will not be allowed to start (DNS).

On top of these mandatory equipment listed above, there are some more mandatory equipment to enter the events. They aren't mandatory at every event and are not mandatory to ride down the venue, but possibly to reach the start of some venues. Every rider should have the following "hike" mandatory equipment to start the season. The list of these will be given at each event's riders meeting and could be any of the following:

- Harness with 2 lanyards/slings with energy absorbers and 2 carabineers.
- Touring equipment (snowshoes, splitboard or touring skis)

Finally, all riders must wear their BIB at all time during official happenings such as: opening ceremony, face inspection, competition, prize giving ceremonies (only for riders on the podium)

NOTE: it is forbidden to compete with a GoPro/action camera on a mouth mount.

3.10. Prize giving ceremony

NOTE: Prize Giving ceremony setup must follow local & national rules regarding SARS-CoV-2 pandemic regulations.

Riders who made the podium must be present at the prize giving ceremony to receive their prizes.

Only valid reasons (injury...) will be accepted by the Organizer to justify not being present at the prize giving ceremony. The Organizer must be informed if a rider cannot make it to the ceremony. Without warning, an Organizer could decide to retain the distribution of prizes/prize money.

4. Riders Meeting

4.1. Mandatory meeting

Riders meeting are held the day before the competition or on the morning of the competition and are mandatory for all riders. It is mandatory for security reasons, as points such as snow conditions, potential closed areas on the face, access route to the start, event schedule or potential additional mandatory safety gear (harness) are points which will be discussed during riders meeting.

The Organizer will decide and communicate if the riders meeting is happening the day prior or the day of the event.

NOTE: for FWQ 4* events, the riders meeting will always be on the day before the event.

Riders who cannot attend the riders meeting for valid reasons must announce themselves to the Organizer to get their security speech and BIB number at some other time.

Riders who cannot attend to any riders meeting at all will not be allowed to start and will get a DNS.

4.2. SARS-CoV-2 pandemic Rider's Meeting

Riders Meetings will adapt to SARS-CoV-2 pandemic local regulations. This will depend on local / national policies and governmental public health rules. Depending on the regulations in place, riders and safety meetings may be held online or onsite, the day before the competition or on the day of the competition, depending on the event organizer. However, attending these meetings and reading through all documents provided is mandatory for all participating athletes.

Most likely riders may have to follow the bellow process:

- 1) A **FIRST RIDERS MEETING DOCUMENT** sent in advance to all accepted riders.
- 2) A **SECOND DOCUMENT** sent to all accepted riders at D-1.
- 3) Finally, on the day of the competition a **SECURITY BRIEFING** will be held on the mountain.

Again, by taking part in the event, the riders accept and understand that it is their responsibility to read and understand the Rider's Meeting documents.

NOTE: When/if possible (when SARS-CoV-2 pandemic situation will be over or local regulations back to normal) the regular Riders Meeting procedures applies.

4.3. BIB Draw

BIBs numbers will be drawn, either by hand during the riders meeting or by electronic random draw. If the second method is used, the BIB number could be handed to the riders during accreditations.

5. JUDGING

The judging system description can be found under “JUDGING HANDBOOK” document on FWT website.

In 4* FWQ events, there will be an international judge’s panel.

Two judge panel setups will be proposed to have an event running at optimum speed (especially at events with a lot of competitors).

A panel of judges consists of two Judges and one Head-Judge.

Depending on the number of riders per category, one panel could judge Ski men and the second panel all 3 other categories to alternate riders as long as possible with 2 judge panels.

This allows each panel to judge approximately the same number of runs.

5.1. Judging limits

The starting point(s) and finish line must be materialized at least with one flag at the top, two flags at the bottom.

If not specified differently by Organizer, Competition Director or Head judge during the riders meeting, the run starts as out of the gate and ends while reaching the finish line.

It could be that for safety reasons, the “end of judging line” is located hundreds of meters away from the finish area. This must be clearly explained during riders meeting.

It could as well be that this line must be modified throughout the competition if the conditions deteriorate.

In this case the decision will be communicated to riders remaining at the summit. Ideally a picture with new limit drawn will be sent to the starter to avoid confusion.

6. SCORING COMPLAINS

6.1. Final scores changes

A final score can only be changed if:

- If the scores have been entered wrong on the computer/web
- If a rider was penalized for riding into a closed area but judges were wrong about the limits of the closed area
- If a rider was not penalized for riding into a closed area
- If a rider falls after the end-of-judging line but still got penalized for it

6.2. Hidden actions

If a competitor is riding in a part of the face that cannot be seen by judges, what he does (good or bad) will not be scored unless judges have live video feed showing the action.

6.3. Complains timing

Riders can only complain about scores on the day of the competition. After D-Day no complains will be accepted.

7. PRIZE MONEY

Riders who made the podium must be present at the prize giving ceremony in order to receive their money or other prizes.

Only valid reasons (injury...) will be accepted by the Organizer to justify not being present at the prize giving ceremony. The organizer must be informed if a rider cannot make it to the ceremony. Without warning, an Organizer could decide to retain payment or distribution of prizes.

The FWQ minimum Prize Money should be as follows:

FWQ 1 and FWQ 2* = no minimum required

FWQ 3* = 5'000€ to split between categories and gender

FWQ 4* = 10'000€ to split between categories and gender

NOTE: under special circumstances (e.g. if a 3* event is upgraded to allow for enough 4* events to validate FWQ ranking and FWT qualification) the prize money could stay at 5'000€ and would not correspond to 4* prize money.

7.1. Prize money split

Equal prize money split will be used across categories and gender. The following example is valid for events hosting four categories with the participant split described under chapter “**Discipline and gender split**”.

7.2. Prize money distribution

Example for “classic” discipline and gender split (FWQ 4*):

Category / Gender	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Men ski	1'200€	800€	500€
Men snowboard	1'200€	800€	500€
Women ski	1'200€	800€	500€
Women snowboard	1'200€	800€	500€

Example for “classic” discipline and gender split (FWQ 3*):

Category / Gender	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Men ski	600€	400€	250€
Men snowboard	600€	400€	250€
Women ski	600€	400€	250€
Women snowboard	600€	450€	250€

7.3. Prize money for cancelled categories

If the event has started, but no categories can be run (at least 2/3rd of the field), a minimum of 50% of the prize money will be split in between all riders.

If the event has started but one or more categories cannot run, or not achieve at least 2/3rd of the field, a minimum of 50% of the prize money of this category will be split in between all the riders of this category.

8. FWQ RIDERS CODE OF CONDUCT

FWQ riders must respect hosting country rules and laws.

Although FWT Management is not conducting doping tests, FWT Management expect riders to adopt the IOC rules concerning doping. Riders who would be seen using illegal substances in official areas such as: start, finish, inspection point, prize giving ceremonies and official happenings could face FWT sanctions.

FWQ riders are expected to behave properly towards our hosting resorts, local Organizers, partners, media, and Junior riders. FWQ riders being aggressive against Organizers or Judges could face FWT sanctions such as one event or multiple event ban, or a financial fine.

The spread of bad or unacceptable messages towards FWT organisations, workers, hosts, partners and/or athletes from FWT, FWQ or FJT riders could be sanctioned. Sanctions will be presented to the PFB and be decided by FWT Management. They could be anything from a fine to an interdiction to attend 1 or more events (FWT, FWQ, FJT or any other sister events).

9. SUSTAINABILITY

In response to the growing environmental challenges the world is facing, FWT is willing to take actions and fight this urgent issue that is threatening first and foremost the quality of our lives and, to a smaller scale, the snow sports industry.

FWT's commitment is to engage in a continual improvement process based on a robust sustainable strategy using the "PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT" approach. In the long term, the success in achieving that strategy and implementing lasting changes will not only rely on the FWT's level of commitment but also on a strong involvement of all stakeholders (staff / volunteers, partners, riders, media) and sanctioned events.

This is why FJT and FWQ riders are asked to commit to a sustainable behavior towards other riders, event staff, the community, the environment and think sustainably in every step they take.

10 EASY WAYS TO BECOME A GREENER FREERIDER

1 I RIDESHARE



...OR TAKE PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION

2 I EARN



MY TURNS

3 I RECYCLE



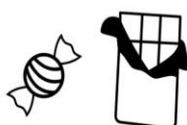
MY OLD GEAR

4 I SAY NO TO



SINGLE USE PLASTIC

5 I AVOID



PACKAGED SNACKS

6 I USE A



WATER BOTTLE

7 I USE



ECO SKI WAX

8 I RESPECT



THE WILD LIFE

9 I PLANT TREES



...TO OFFSET
MY CO2 EMISSIONS

10 I LEAVE THE MOUNTAIN CLEANER THAN IT WAS



...1 RIDING DAY = 1 WASTE

PICKED UP

10. FWQ POINTS SYSTEM

10.1. Ski Men

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>
1	2500	1	1100	1	600	1	320
2	2200	2	900	2	450	2	230
3	1950	3	700	3	350	3	185
4	1750	4	590	4	290	4	150
5	1550	5	510	5	250	5	130
6	1400	6	445	6	220	6	115
7	1300	7	390	7	200	7	110
8	1200	8	350	8	185	8	102
9	1100	9	320	9	175	9	100
10	1000	10	295	10	167	10	99
11	900	11	275	11	160	11	98
12	800	12	260	12	153	12	97
13	700	13	250	13	147	13	96
14	600	14	241	14	141	14	95
15	500	15	233	15	136	15	94
16	450	16	226	16	131	16	93
17	400	17	220	17	127	17	92
18	350	18	215	18	123	18	91
19	330	19	211	19	120	19	90
20	310	20	208	20	117	20	89
21	290	21	206	21	114	21	88
22	275	22	204	22	112	22	87
23	260	23	202	23	110	23	86
24	250	24	200	24	108	24	85
25	240	25	198	25	106	25	84
26	235	26	196	26	104	26	83
27	230	27	194	27	102	27	82
28	225	28	192	28	100	28	81
29	220	29	190	29	98	29	80
30	215	30	188	30	96	30	79
31	210	31	186	31	94	31	78
32	205	32	184	32	92	32	77
33	200	33	182	33	91	33	76

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
34	198	34	180	34	90	34	75
35	196	35	178	35	89	35	74
36	194	36	176	36	88	36	73
37	192	37	174	37	87	37	72
38	190	38	172	38	86	38	71
39	188	39	170	39	85	39	70
40	186	40	168	40	84	40	69
41	184	41	166	41	83	41	68
42	182	42	164	42	82	42	67
43	180	43	162	43	81	43	66
44	178	44	160	44	80	44	65
45	176	45	158	45	79	45	64
46	174	46	156	46	78	46	63
47	172	47	154	47	77	47	62
48	170	48	152	48	76	48	61
49	168	49	150	49	75	49	60
50	166	50	148	50	74	50	59
51	164	51	146	51	73	51	58
52	162	52	144	52	72	52	57
53	160	53	142	53	71	53	56
54	158	54	140	54	70	54	55
55	156	55	138	55	69	55	54
56	154	56	136	56	68	56	53
57	152	57	134	57	67	57	52
58	150	58	132	58	66	58	51
59	148	59	130	59	65	59	50
60	146	60	128	60	64	60	49
61	144	61	126	61	63	61	48
62	142	62	124	62	62	62	47
63	140	63	122	63	61	63	46
64	138	64	120	64	60	64	45
65	136	65	118	65	59	65	44
66	134	66	116	66	58	66	43
67	132	67	114	67	57	67	42
68	130	68	112	68	56	68	41
69	128	69	110	69	55	69	40
70	126	70	108	70	54	70	39

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
71	124	71	106	71	53	71	38
72	122	72	104	72	52	72	37
73	120	73	102	73	51	73	36
74	118	74	100	74	50	74	35
75	116	75	98	75	49	75	34
76	114	76	96	76	48	76	33
77	112	77	94	77	47	77	32
78	110	78	92	78	46	78	31
79	108	79	90	79	45	79	30
80	106	80	88	80	44	80	29
81	104	81	86	81	43	81	28
82	102	82	84	82	42	82	27
83	100	83	82	83	41	83	26
84	98	84	80	84	40	84	25
85	96	85	78	85	39	85	24
86	94	86	76	86	38	86	23
87	92	87	74	87	37	87	22
88	90	88	72	88	36	88	21
89	88	89	70	89	35	89	20
90	86	90	68	90	34	90	19
91	84	91	66	91	33	91	18
92	82	92	64	92	32	92	17
93	80	93	62	93	31	93	16
94	78	94	60	94	30	94	15
95	76	95	58	95	29	95	14
96	74	96	56	96	28	96	13
97	72	97	54	97	27	97	12
98	70	98	52	98	26	98	11
99	68	99	50	99	25	99	10
100	66	100	48	100	24	100	9

10.2. Ski Women & Snowboard Men

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>
1	2500	1	1100	1	600	1	320
2	2100	2	900	2	450	2	230
3	1800	3	700	3	350	3	185

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
4	1550	4	590	4	290	4	150
5	1300	5	510	5	250	5	130
6	1100	6	445	6	220	6	115
7	900	7	390	7	200	7	110
8	750	8	360	8	185	8	95
9	600	9	330	9	170	9	90
10	500	10	305	10	160	10	85
11	400	11	280	11	150	11	80
12	350	12	260	12	140	12	75
13	300	13	240	13	130	13	71
14	270	14	220	14	120	14	68
15	240	15	200	15	115	15	65
16	210	16	185	16	110	16	62
17	190	17	170	17	105	17	59
18	175	18	155	18	100	18	56
19	160	19	140	19	95	19	53
20	150	20	130	20	90	20	50
21	140	21	120	21	85	21	47
22	135	22	115	22	80	22	44
23	130	23	110	23	75	23	41
24	125	24	105	24	70	24	39
25	120	25	100	25	65	25	37
26	115	26	95	26	60	26	35
27	110	27	90	27	56	27	33
28	105	28	85	28	52	28	31
29	100	29	80	29	49	29	29
30	95	30	75	30	46	30	27
31	90	31	70	31	43	31	25
32	85	32	65	32	40	32	23
33	81	33	61	33	38	33	21
34	77	34	57	34	36	34	19
35	73	35	53	35	34	35	17
36	69	36	49	36	32	36	15
37	65	37	45	37	30	37	14
38	62	38	42	38	28	38	13
39	59	39	39	39	26	39	12
40	56	40	36	40	24	40	11

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
41	53	41	33	41	22	41	10
42	50	42	30	42	20	42	9
43	47	43	27	43	18	43	8
44	44	44	24	44	16	44	7
45	41	45	21	45	14	45	6
46	38	46	18	46	12	46	5
47	35	47	15	47	10	47	4
48	32	48	12	48	8	48	3
49	30	49	10	49	6	49	2
50	28	50	8	50	4	50	1
51	27	51	7	51	3	51	1
52	26	52	6	52	2	52	1
53	25	53	5	53	1	53	1
54	24	54	4	54	1	54	1
55	23	55	3	55	1	55	1
56	22	56	2	56	1	56	1
57	21	57	1	57	1	57	1
58	20	58	1	58	1	58	1
59	19	59	1	59	1	59	1

10.3. Snowboard Women

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>
1	2500	1	1100	1	600	1	320
2	1900	2	900	2	450	2	230
3	1400	3	700	3	350	3	185
4	1000	4	590	4	290	4	150
5	700	5	510	5	250	5	130
6	500	6	445	6	220	6	115
7	450	7	390	7	200	7	110
8	400	8	360	8	185	8	95
9	370	9	330	9	170	9	90
10	345	10	305	10	160	10	85
11	320	11	280	11	150	11	80
12	300	12	260	12	140	12	75
13	280	13	240	13	130	13	71
14	260	14	220	14	120	14	68

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
15	240	15	200	15	115	15	65
16	225	16	185	16	110	16	62
17	210	17	170	17	105	17	59
18	195	18	155	18	100	18	56
19	180	19	140	19	95	19	53
20	170	20	130	20	90	20	50
21	160	21	120	21	85	21	47
22	155	22	115	22	80	22	44
23	150	23	110	23	75	23	41
24	145	24	105	24	70	24	39
25	140	25	100	25	65	25	37
26	135	26	95	26	60	26	35
27	130	27	90	27	56	27	33
28	125	28	85	28	52	28	31
29	120	29	80	29	49	29	29
30	115	30	75	30	46	30	27
31	110	31	70	31	43	31	25
32	105	32	65	32	40	32	23
33	100	33	61	33	38	33	21
34	95	34	57	34	36	34	19
35	90	35	53	35	34	35	17
36	85	36	49	36	32	36	15
37	80	37	45	37	30	37	14
38	75	38	42	38	28	38	13
39	70	39	39	39	26	39	12
40	65	40	36	40	24	40	11

NOTE: These handbooks are subject to change. In very unusual circumstances and after careful consideration, FWT management may decide to adapt the current handbooks to best deal with the unpredictable changes we may face.