

# FWQ RIDERS RULES 2017

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## 1. FWQ TOUR

**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 slightly differ.

### 1.1. Tour Format

The FWQ Tour consists of a series of events with different point values from 1\* to 4\*. The season starts the 20<sup>st</sup> of April and ends the 19th 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.

### 1.2. Minimum age

The minimum age is 18 for all FWQ events. No exceptions will be made. The cut-off date is May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. A rider turning 18 years old before or on May 31<sup>st</sup> will compete on the FWQ Tour. A rider turning 18 on June 1<sup>st</sup> or after will still compete in FJT the following season.

### 1.3. Ranking/Regions

There are two FWQ rankings worldwide. Region 1 (Europe, Asia, Oceania) and Region 2 (USA, Canada, South America).

Riders can compete anywhere in the world but can only collect points in one region. 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.

### 1.4. National Series

Nations with a minimum of 3 FWQ events will have a national ranking. National ranking will 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 best three results count.

In case of podium raking ties, the tie-splitter rule applies (see chapter “FWQ Tour Ranking Ties”).

### 1.5. FWT Qualification

An equal number of riders out of each region will qualify for the FWT Tour.

The first 3 Ski Men and the first Snowboard Man from **each region** will qualify for the FWT Tour.

The first Ski Woman and Snowboard Woman from **each region** will qualify for the FWT Tour.

If a qualified rider who confirmed his participation to the Tour is hurt or decides not to compete after all before the season, his spot is not going 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.

### 1.6. FWQ Tour Ranking Ties

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

a. Best 4<sup>th</sup> result.

b. Comparing the number of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places...in 4\*, 3\* for the counting 4 results

c. Direct competition, who beat who at events where both riders entered.

### 1.7. Seeding List

To help FWQ events select athletes out from the hundreds of applications, we will use the world wide 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 is ranking 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 inscription window, the FWQ organizer follows the seeding list to fill up his spots accordingly until he reaches the maximum number of athletes he 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.

#### 1.8. Event Registration and category split

FWQ riders have to register online on the FWT website [www.freerideworldtour.com](http://www.freerideworldtour.com) for all FWQ events.

Riders have to use their real family name and first name to register.

Registrations will open 7 weeks prior to the event and will close around 4 weeks before the event.

For all FWQ events, riders will be accepted based on their seeding list ranking at the time registration closes.

Riders will receive a confirmation email that they are 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 inscription if they do not wish to compete. Past 3 days, credit cards will be debited and the rider will be inscribed and confirmed. If a rider cancel 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.

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 doesn't 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 doesn't reach a minimum of 4 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 inscribing during this period will be confirmed right away and credit cards will be debited immediately until the event is full.

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

#### 1.9. FWQ License

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

FWQ one-event license: Region 1 **(10 €)**,

This license has to 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).

This one-event license offers the following services:

- 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 **(40 €)**,

This license has to be purchased by riders who wish to compete in two or more events. This season license offers the following services:

- 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.

#### 1.10. FWQ athlete evacuation insurance

At events where the organizer is using the FWQ evacuation insurance, all riders will have the obligation 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 doesn't 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.

#### 1.11. Injuries/Pregnancy and Frozen Points

##### 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 of time 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 in frozen status, as indicated by the injury-prefix " \* ". During the period of recovery, the rider will appear on his/her respective FWQ in frozen status, 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 riders 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 five 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](mailto:fwq@freerideworldtour.com). The medical certificate should include the date of injury and the approximate recovery period. Any request to freeze a rider's point needs to be submitted latest one week after the date of the injury. For any other questions regarding frozen points status, please feel free to contact: [fwq@freerideworldtour.com](mailto:fwq@freerideworldtour.com).

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

#### 1.12. Wild Cards

There will be up to 5 local organizer wild cards per FWQ event. These wild cards are given to help the local organizer with special media or local needs. Local organizer wild cards can earn prize money and can be on the podium and will score FWQ points.

Local organizer wild cards will still have to register online on the FWT website AND will have to purchase a FWT licence.

## 2. EVENT FORMAT

### 2.1. 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 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 can’t 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...).

BUT: 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 only 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.

### 2.2. 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.

### 2.3. NS, DNF, DNS and DQ

**NS:** A rider who loses a ski during his run will get a NS (No Score) on the final ranking list. A snowboarder who has to take off his board or unbuckle one foot at any time during the run will get a NS.

If the finish line or an entrance/segment of the venue is hard to access without pushing, snowboarders will be allowed to take off one foot or their board without getting a NS. All riders who are NS are ranked tied at the last place but are still getting the ranking points of the last placed rider.

In an event with 20 riders in which 4 riders lost a ski or didn't finish, the 4 riders are tied in 20<sup>th</sup> place and all will score the points of 20<sup>th</sup> place.

**NOTE:** riders who lost a ski (or unstrap 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 loss of ski/fall which would result in further time delay for the event.

A rider continuing his planned run after losing a ski is taking the risk to be punished by a **multiple event ban** at the sole decision of FWT Management SA.

**DNF:** A rider who can't finish his run in case of injury, or who rides through a closed area, will get a DNF (Did Not Finish) on the final ranking list. He will get the points of the last ranked rider tied with all NS.

In an event with 20 riders in which 4 riders lost a ski or didn't finish, the 4 riders are tied in 20<sup>th</sup> place and all will score the points of 20<sup>th</sup> place.

**DNS:** A rider qualified for the event but not showing up at the start, or showing up at the start but missing any mandatory equipment, will get a DNS (Did Not Start) on the final ranking list. He will not score any points.

In the case of an event with two days of competition and a cut after day one, qualified riders for day two, but who for any reason are not at the start of the second day of competition, they will be ranked as DNS and will score points. For example: in an event's final day with 20 riders in which 4 riders got a NS and 4 did not start (DNS), the 4 NS riders are tied in 16<sup>th</sup> place and the 4 DNS riders are tied in 20<sup>th</sup> place and will score the points of 20<sup>th</sup> place.

**DQ:** If a rider is disqualified, (major fault, such as riding the venue before the contest, having an unethical behavior) will be ranked last, after all NS, DNF and DNS and will not score any points, will not earn any prize money and could face multiple event ban.

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 7<sup>th</sup> place in an event with 7 riders at the start who all lost a ski.)

### 2.4. 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 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the competitors have started. 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 with the difference sources including weather forecasts, Advisor, etc...

In the case of a rerun, the results of the cancelled day are not taken into consideration. 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<sup>rd</sup> of the competitors have started.

For 2 days competition format, if weather doesn't allow to have a second day or doesn't allow to finish the first day. There could be many scenarios how the event could go on. The organizer and the advisor will decide how the format will look like but here a few possible scenarios:

Qualification day and final day format:

In case of bad weather not allowing to finish the final run and if more than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the riders per category have accomplished their descent, the race is validated. The riders who couldn't start will be ranked after the judged riders, according to their ranking on qualification day.

In case of bad weather not allowing to finish the final run and less than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the riders per category have accomplished their descent, the final is cancelled and the results of this FWQ event is based on qualification day, with 1\* less value.

In case of bad weather not allowing to finish the qualification run and if more than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the riders per category have accomplished their descent, the race could be validated if the weather does not allow a second competition day.

c<sup>1</sup>) If a second competition day is possible with a long enough weather window, the best decision is to re-run the entire qualification run.

c<sup>2</sup>) If a second competition day is possible with a short weather window, the best decision is to run only the riders who didn't 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 not allowing to finish day 2, Day 1 result will be the final result but with 1\* less value.

In case of bad weather not allowing to finish Day 1 and if more than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the riders per category have accomplished their descent, the race could be validated if the weather does not allow a second competition day.

b<sup>1</sup>) 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.

c<sup>2</sup>) If a second competition day is possible with a short weather window, the best decision is to run only the riders who didn't 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.

## 2.5. Cancellation and refund

Scenario 1: if the Organizer has to 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 has to 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.

If a rider is sick / injured and has to cancel his participation he will be 100% refunded but has to present a valid medical certificate to FWT Management SA.

The rider shall announce it to FWT Management SA as soon as possible in order 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 in order to be refunded.

## 2.6. 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 decided to close it, and it is clearly marked and communicated, the Organizer has the right to disqualify these riders.

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

### 2.7. Riders Meeting

Riders meeting are held the day before the competition and are mandatory for all riders. It is mandatory for security reasons, as points such as snow conditions, potential closed areas in 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.

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.

### 2.8. 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.

### 2.9. Cancelled Categories

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

- If less than four riders 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 four riders or more were inscribed and confirmed for an event but less than four show up at the event, the category will still be confirmed and the results will count.
- If four riders or more are on the starting list, but less than four show up at the start, the riders at the start will compete and the event will be validated.

### 2.10. Number of participants

A minimum number of 4 participants per category are needed to validate a category (See "Cancelled Categories").

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

### 2.11. Equipment & equipment check

All riders must wear a helmet, a genuine back protection (it should be a CE certified protection. The backpacks with integrated protection are not considered as valid back protections), a backpack with probe and shovel inside and an avalanche transceiver on the body, switched ON and ideally with fresh batteries!

As of 2017, all riders will receive a RECCO reflector which they will have to wear during all competitions. Harness are only mandatory if the Organizers asks for. Be prepared to have one and to ride with!

An avalanche transceiver check of every staff and riders will be made before the start. This check could be done either at the bottom of the hike up or in the pre-start area.

A back protection check and content of the backpack should be done before the riders start.

Riders missing any of the mandatory equipment will not be allowed to start! (DNS)

## 3. FWQ POINTS SYSTEM

### 3.1. Ski Men

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
ranking	points	ranking	points	ranking	points	ranking	points
1	1800	1	1100	1	600	1	320
2	1450	2	900	2	450	2	230
3	1200	3	700	3	350	3	185
4	1000	4	590	4	290	4	150
5	850	5	510	5	250	5	130

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
6	740	6	445	6	220	6	115
7	650	7	390	7	200	7	110
8	580	8	350	8	185	8	102
9	525	9	320	9	175	9	100
10	490	10	295	10	167	10	99
11	465	11	275	11	160	11	98
12	445	12	260	12	153	12	97
13	425	13	250	13	147	13	96
14	410	14	241	14	141	14	95
15	395	15	233	15	136	15	94
16	385	16	226	16	131	16	93
17	375	17	220	17	127	17	92
18	365	18	215	18	123	18	91
19	355	19	211	19	120	19	90
20	345	20	208	20	117	20	89
21	335	21	206	21	114	21	88
22	325	22	204	22	112	22	87
23	319	23	202	23	110	23	86
24	313	24	200	24	108	24	85
25	308	25	198	25	106	25	84
26	303	26	196	26	104	26	83
27	298	27	194	27	102	27	82
28	293	28	192	28	100	28	81
29	288	29	190	29	98	29	80
30	283	30	188	30	96	30	79
31	279	31	186	31	94	31	78
32	276	32	184	32	92	32	77
33	273	33	182	33	91	33	76
34	270	34	180	34	90	34	75
35	267	35	178	35	89	35	74
36	264	36	176	36	88	36	73
37	261	37	174	37	87	37	72
38	258	38	172	38	86	38	71
39	255	39	170	39	85	39	70
40	252	40	168	40	84	40	69
41	249	41	166	41	83	41	68
42	246	42	164	42	82	42	67
43	243	43	162	43	81	43	66
44	240	44	160	44	80	44	65
45	237	45	158	45	79	45	64
46	234	46	156	46	78	46	63
47	231	47	154	47	77	47	62
48	228	48	152	48	76	48	61
49	225	49	150	49	75	49	60
50	222	50	148	50	74	50	59
51	219	51	146	51	73	51	58
52	216	52	144	52	72	52	57
53	213	53	142	53	71	53	56
54	210	54	140	54	70	54	55
55	207	55	138	55	69	55	54
56	204	56	136	56	68	56	53
57	201	57	134	57	67	57	52
58	198	58	132	58	66	58	51
59	195	59	130	59	65	59	50

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
60	192	60	128	60	64	60	49
61	189	61	126	61	63	61	48
62	186	62	124	62	62	62	47
63	183	63	122	63	61	63	46
64	180	64	120	64	60	64	45
65	177	65	118	65	59	65	44
66	174	66	116	66	58	66	43
67	171	67	114	67	57	67	42
68	168	68	112	68	56	68	41
69	165	69	110	69	55	69	40
70	162	70	108	70	54	70	39
71	159	71	106	71	53	71	38
72	156	72	104	72	52	72	37
73	153	73	102	73	51	73	36
74	150	74	100	74	50	74	35
75	147	75	98	75	49	75	34
76	144	76	96	76	48	76	33
77	141	77	94	77	47	77	32
78	138	78	92	78	46	78	31
79	135	79	90	79	45	79	30
80	132	80	88	80	44	80	29
81	129	81	86	81	43	81	28
82	126	82	84	82	42	82	27
83	123	83	82	83	41	83	26
84	120	84	80	84	40	84	25
85	117	85	78	85	39	85	24
86	114	86	76	86	38	86	23
87	111	87	74	87	37	87	22
88	108	88	72	88	36	88	21
89	105	89	70	89	35	89	20
90	102	90	68	90	34	90	19
91	99	91	66	91	33	91	18
92	96	92	64	92	32	92	17
93	93	93	62	93	31	93	16
94	90	94	60	94	30	94	15
95	87	95	58	95	29	95	14
96	84	96	56	96	28	96	13
97	81	97	54	97	27	97	12
98	78	98	52	98	26	98	11
99	75	99	50	99	25	99	10
100	72	100	48	100	24	100	9
101	69	101	46	101	23	101	8
102	66	102	44	102	22	102	7
103	63	103	42	103	21	103	6
104	60	104	40	104	20	104	5
105	57	105	38	105	19	105	4
106	54	106	36	106	18	106	3
107	51	107	34	107	17	107	2
108	48	108	32	108	16	108	1
109	45	109	30	109	15	109	1
110	42	110	28	110	14	110	1
111	39	111	26	111	13	111	1
112	36	112	24	112	12	112	1
113	33	113	22	113	11	113	1

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
114	30	114	20	114	10	114	1
115	27	115	18	115	9	115	1
116	24	116	16	116	8	116	1
117	21	117	14	117	7	117	1
118	18	118	12	118	6	118	1
119	15	119	10	119	5	119	1
120	12	120	8	120	4	120	1

### 3.2. Ski Women, Snowboard Men & Snowboard Women

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
ranking	points	ranking	points	ranking	points	ranking	points
1	1800	1	1100	1	600	1	320
2	1450	2	900	2	450	2	230
3	1200	3	700	3	350	3	185
4	1000	4	590	4	290	4	150
5	890	5	510	5	250	5	130
6	800	6	445	6	220	6	115
7	715	7	390	7	200	7	110
8	640	8	360	8	185	8	95
9	570	9	330	9	170	9	90
10	500	10	305	10	160	10	85
11	440	11	280	11	150	11	80
12	390	12	260	12	140	12	75
13	350	13	240	13	130	13	71
14	315	14	220	14	120	14	68
15	290	15	200	15	115	15	65
16	270	16	185	16	110	16	62
17	255	17	170	17	105	17	59
18	240	18	155	18	100	18	56
19	225	19	140	19	95	19	53
20	210	20	130	20	90	20	50
21	195	21	120	21	85	21	47
22	185	22	115	22	80	22	44
23	175	23	110	23	75	23	41
24	165	24	105	24	70	24	39
25	155	25	100	25	65	25	37
26	145	26	95	26	60	26	35
27	135	27	90	27	56	27	33
28	125	28	85	28	52	28	31
29	118	29	80	29	49	29	29
30	111	30	75	30	46	30	27
31	104	31	70	31	43	31	25
32	97	32	65	32	40	32	23
33	90	33	61	33	38	33	21
34	83	34	57	34	36	34	19
35	76	35	53	35	34	35	17
36	69	36	49	36	32	36	15
37	64	37	45	37	30	37	14
38	59	38	42	38	28	38	13
39	54	39	39	39	26	39	12
40	49	40	36	40	24	40	11
41	45	41	33	41	22	41	10
42	41	42	30	42	20	42	9

FWQ 4****		FWQ 3***		FWQ 2**		FWQ 1*	
43	37	43	27	43	18	43	8
44	33	44	24	44	16	44	7
45	29	45	21	45	14	45	6
46	25	46	18	46	12	46	5
47	21	47	15	47	10	47	4
48	18	48	12	48	8	48	3
49	15	49	10	49	6	49	2
50	12	50	8	50	4	50	1
51	10	51	7	51	3	51	1
52	8	52	6	52	2	52	1
53	7	53	5	53	1	53	1
54	6	54	4	54	1	54	1
55	5	55	3	55	1	55	1
56	4	56	2	56	1	56	1
57	3	57	1	57	1	57	1
58	2	58	1	58	1	58	1
59	1	59	1	59	1	59	1

## 4. 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.

## 5. JUDGING

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

In 4\* FWQ events, there will be an international judges panel.

Two judge panel setup will be proposed in order 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 in order to alternate riders as long as possible with 2 judge panels.

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

## 6. SCORING COMPLAINS

### 6.1. Final scores changes

A final score can only be changed if:

- If the scores has 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 have to 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 has to be informed if a rider cannot make 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\* = no minimum required

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

#### 7.1. Prize Money split

Is directly linked to the participant split!

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 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Men Ski	1'500€	1'000€	700€
Men Snowboard	1'200€	800€	500€
Women Ski	1'200€	800€	500€
Women Snowboard	1'000€	500€	300€

Example for "classic" discipline and gender split (FWQ 3\*):

Category / Gender	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Men Ski	750€	500€	350€
Men Snowboard	600€	400€	250€
Women Ski	600€	400€	250€
Women Snowboard	500€	250€	150€

## 8. FWQ RIDERS CODE OF ETHICS

FWQ riders have to 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, medias and Junior riders.

