



2023 FWT RIDERS HANDBOOK

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0. PRELIMINARY NOTE, SARS-CoV-2 SPECIFIC

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 competitive Pro Tour. Adherence will provide everyone with the best opportunity to compete and help to avoid event cancellations and ensure the future of the Freeride World Tour.

1. PRO FREERIDERS BOARD (PFB)

The Pro Freeriders Board (PFB) was founded to ensure the best possible conditions for the growth of freeriding. For the 2023 season, the PFB is made up of 8 of the most experienced riders in the Freeride World Tour. To assure equality across all categories, genders and regions, riders have elected 2 athletes per category, 1 from each Region. To make sure the PFB covers each rider's view, the members are coming from diverse riding background like Backcountry Freestyle and Big Mountain riding, they are a mix of riders who came as Wild Cards and through the Qualifiers (and the Juniors). The members aren't rookie riders (only 1 year spent on the tour) but have experienced several seasons on the Tour to have a general view built by past and new experiences on the FWT (like Format, Points, Host Resorts, Competitions Venues etc.).

1.1. Who are the PFB members?

Snowboard Women:

Region 1: Manuela Mandl

Region 2: Erika Vikander

Snowboard Men:

R1: Victor De Le Rue

R2: Michael Mawn

Ski Women:

R1: Jess Hotter

R2: Lily Bradley

Ski Men:

R1: Reine Barkered

R2: Andrew Pollard

1.2. How can I become a PFB member?

All FWT riders who are interested to invest time on the PFB should contact the Head of Sport, Commissioner or one of the Board members. The candidates should not be rookies as it is essential to have enough experience on the Tour to be able to talk about evolution of the sport. The PFB members are decided at the end of the season after Verbier Xtreme. All FWT athletes qualified for the following year will vote for their new representatives.

If one of the Board Members decides to quit the Board during the season, all athletes currently competing on the FWT could vote for a new member if there is a candidate representing the same category, gender etc.

1.3. Board Members duties

Board Members are asked to represent riders' opinions and to actively take part in all Board discussions which could be about competition formats, judging, rules, ranking system, sanctions... and how to make a fair path for newcomers to qualify for the FWT.

A Board Member not reacting on two topics proposed by the FWT Head of Sport or Commissioner should be replaced.

1.4. Rules validity and updates

Rules are valid for one season. Updates can be made during the season only after being presented to the PFB.

2. FWT RANKING

2.1. Categories

There are 4 categories in FWT Pro events: Ski Men, Ski Women, Snowboard Men, and Snowboard Women. Some events will showcase all 4 categories. Some events might showcase men only, women only, skiers only or snowboarders only.

2.2. FWT Cut for next season's FWT and for the FWT Finals

In 2023, there will be up to 5 FWT events. A cut will be made after the 3rd event, before the Fieberbrunn stop.

The cut represents between 50 and 60% of the riders on the FWT roster prior to the first riders meeting of the season. The FWT cut for FWT24 and for the FWT23 Final(s) will be decided just before the first riders meeting of FWT23 in order to have the most accurate riders' roster.

Riders who aren't making the cut will be qualified for the FWQ Finals where they'll have a chance to requalify for the following FWT season. For more information about the FWQ Finals, please read: "FWQ Finals » below.

Note: The cut may change during the season if too many qualified riders aren't competing in the current season (if too many got injured before the second event for example). For more information regarding the number of riders taken for the cut see "FWT 2024 Qualifications"

Results taken for the cut:

- . The best 2 out of the first 3 competitions results will count for the cut.
- . 2 results if we only have 2 events before the cut.
- . 1 result if we have only 1 unique event before the cut.

In the case of all 3 events before the Finals being cancelled, the FWT22 ranking will be used to define the qualifications to the FWT Finals, therefore the same riders who made the cut at the FWT22 for FWT23 will go to the FWT Finals.

In the case of all the FWT23 events being cancelled, all the qualified riders from FWT22 for FWT23 will make the cut for FWT24.

All scenarios are listed below:

Scenario 1: 3 events before the cut.

- Cut is after the first three events who award 10.000 points each for the winners. Best 2 out of 3 results count for the qualification to the FWT Finals.
- Fieberbrunn and Verbier are FWT Finals and they reward 12.500 points for the winners.
- 3 best results out of 5 (or out of 4 if one of the Finals is cancelled) considered for the FWT overall Ranking, for those who competed on the Finals.

Scenario 2: 2 events before the cut.

- 2 results out of the 2 events (10'000 points reward for the winners) are taken for the cut.
- Fieberbrunn and Verbier are Finals with 12.500 points for the winners.
- 3 best results out of 4 events are taken for the FWT overall Ranking for those who made the cut (or 3 out of 3 if one of the Final is cancelled)

Scenario 3: 1 event before the cut

- The only result at the event giving 10.000 points for the winners before the Finals will count for the cut.
- Fieberbrunn and Verbier are finals with 12.500 points for the winners.
- The 3 results out of 3 events are taken for the FWT overall Ranking for those who made the cut.
- If Fieberbrunn or Verbier are cancelled, the 2 results out of 2 events are taken for the FWT overall Ranking for those who made the cut.
- If Fieberbrunn and Verbier are cancelled, the only event's result is taken for the FWT overall Ranking. The cut for the next season FWT will be made accordingly to how it was supposed to be after the first event.

Scenario 4: No event before the cut

- Only FWT riders Qualified through the previous FWT season are invited to the FWT Finals.
- Fieberbrunn and Verbier are finals with 12.500 points for the winners.
- 2 results out of 2 are taken for the FWT overall Ranking.
- If Verbier or Fieberbrunn are cancelled, the only event's result is taken for the FWT overall Ranking.
- If all events are cancelled, there will be no FWT23 overall Ranking. The riders qualified for the FWT23 through the FWT22 will be the same qualified for FWT24.

Note:

- All FWT23 Wild Cards will be reconsidered for FWT24.

- FWT23 riders qualified through the Challengers 2022 will have to requalify in the region they qualified in, they will be qualified directly for the Challengers 2023 where they'll have to regain their qualification for the FWT.
- Riders qualified for the FWT23 through the FWQ Finals 2022 circuit are automatically qualify for FWT24 if there aren't any Qualifiers 4* and Challengers 2023 in their region

See the latest FWT QUALIFIER RIDERS HANDBOOK for more details on FWT qualification through the Qualifier circuit.

2.3. Counting results toward the final FWT Ranking

The Cut that is applied to access the FWT Finals is the same that determines the qualification to the FWT24. The Cut that is applied to access the FWT Finals is the same that determines the qualification to the FWT24 the counting results are the same too. (see above: "FWT Cut for next season and for the Finals").

All qualified riders for the Finals (Fieberbrunn and Verbier) will have the opportunity to collect 2 more results.

As FWT Finals, Fieberbrunn and Verbier will reward 12.500 points for the winners (instead of 10.000 points for the winners as for the first 3 other FWT events).

The results of Fieberbrunn and Verbier could count as 2 of the 3 best results considered for the FWT overall Ranking, but don't have to.

The counting results for the FWT Championship:

- . The 3 best results out of the 5 FWT stops.
- . The 3 best results out of the 4 FWT stops.
- . The 3 results out of the 3 FWT stops.
- . The 2 results out of the 2 FWT stops.
- . 1 result out of the only 1 FWT stop

If the only event(s) of the season is/are the final(s), only the riders who made the cut on the FWT22 will go to the Final(s) and therefore will be the only riders ranked on the FWT23 Championship.

If there is no FWT events in 2023, there will be no FWT23 overall/Championship ranking.

Note: if a Local Organizer Wild Card participates at the only event(s) of the season, the local organizer Wildcard will be ranked on the FWT Overall ranking but will not make the cut for FWT24.

2.4. FWT overall final Ranking ties

Ties will be split only for top 3 ranked riders after Verbier.

The split will be made accordingly:

- Best Finals results from Fieberbrunn and Verbier.
- Number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd places...

Note: In case of perfect tie, riders will be tied at 1st, 2nd or 3rd place

2.5. FWT 2024 Qualifications

The numbers of riders who will make the cut in FWT23 and, therefore, would qualify for FWT24 will be defined after the first event of the season. This quantity will vary depending on the amount of FWT athletes attending the first riders meeting of the season, and it will represent between 50% and 60% of the attending riders.

Note: The number of riders taken for the cut may change during the season if there are too many riders injured in the same category.

If a rider qualified for the FWT is injured or decides not to compete, the rider will not be automatically replaced. It will be decided by FWT Management whether this rider will be replaced or not, and by whom.

2.6. FWT 2024 Qualification Ties

In case there is a tie for the cut at the last place, the tie split will be made by comparing the number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. places on all the events before the cut (and not only the ones taken for the cut).

In case of a perfect tie, all tied riders will be qualified to the FWT Finals and will be qualified for the following season.

3. WILD CARDS

There are 3 types of Wild Cards: Tour Wild Cards, Local Organizer/ Event Wild Cards and Injury Wild Cards.

Injury Wild Card and Tour Wild Card riders do score points, are ranked in the event ranking and the overall FWT Ranking, receive prize money and can qualify for next year's FWT.

Local Organizer/ Event Wild Cards are ranked in the event ranking only, receive prize money but cannot make the cut for next year's Tour unless given a Tour Wild Card in regard to his/her performance. In this case he/she will be ranked on the overall final FWT Ranking.

Local Organizer/ Event Wild Cards are influencing the event point distribution. If a Local Organizer/ Event Wild Card wins the event, the second ranked rider, will score the points of second place.

If a Local Organizer/ Event Wild Card competes in the only event(s) of the season, he will be ranked at the event(s) and on the FWT Overall ranking as the event(s) will be the only one(s) taken for the FWT Overall ranking.

3.1. Tour Wild Cards

Tour Wild Cards in each category can be distributed for the season.

Tour Wild Cards are marketing Wild Cards distributed to help and market the Tour for the benefit of all. They follow various criteria such as:

- Nationality (making sure the FWT have athletes from key marketing countries)
- Returning from injury (athletes with high media potential coming back from injury)

- Prestige (famous athletes from the freestyle, racing or the non-competing freeride scene) who wish to have a go at freeriding competitions.

Of course, the three criteria above shouldn't be sufficient if FWT Management doesn't believe that the level of the rider is not appropriate.

3.2. Local Organizer/ Event Wild Cards

There will be up to 2 local organizer or event Wild Cards per event and per discipline. Riders getting these Wild Cards can only attend the local organizer event(s) and will therefore not have a chance to qualify for the following year Tour through the current FWT season. These Wild Cards are given to help the local organizer with special media needs (example of Mancuso in Verbier 2010 or to have a Russian at the start of Sochi in 2011...). Local organizer Wild Cards can earn prize money and will be ranked in the event ranking only but will not be ranked on the overall final FWT Ranking.

Note: If a Local Organizer/ Event Wild Card competes in the only event(s) of the season, he will be ranked on the FWT Overall ranking as the event(s) ranking will be the only one taken for the FWT Overall ranking, But Local Organizer/ Event Wild Cards cannot make the cut and cannot take a qualification spot for the following FWT season.

3.3. Injury Wild Cards

There will be injury Wild Cards given out by FWT. Only riders who are missing 1 or more events due to injury can be eligible for an injury Wild Card.

FWT has only 2 Injury Wild Cards to give per season meaning not all injured riders will receive a Wild Card. The FWT may decide to give more than 2 Injury Wild Cards in the case of more than two riders are on the potential Injury Wild Card list. FWT will propose to the PFB which rider should receive an Injury Wild Card and will argue why this rider should get it.

4. FWT LICENSE

To compete at one or all events, every rider, including Wildcards will have to acquire their yearly license.

Riders have to use their formal family and first names to register.

FWT PRO license (70€)

Generating a unique number per athlete, avoiding spelling mistakes on starting lists and rankings, automated update of seeding and ranking list.

The license will be issued by FWT Management and will give the rider the possibility to register for any Qualifier event and/or to compete in the Challenger events in the case of not qualification to the FWT Finals.

The cost of the FWT license is retained from the first prize money distributed to FWT athletes.

As part of their FWT license, FWT athletes will receive a code to complete a free online course on Safety, distributed by WEMountain. **In order to validate the FWT license**, all FWT athletes will have to complete the course before the first event's riders meeting. If a rider fails to complete the

course, he/she will have until the competition day of the first event to complete it. If not, the rider will not be allowed to start.

5. FWT QUALIFIERS & CHALLENGERS FOR FWT RIDERS

5.1. FWT QUALIFIER Series

FWT riders can compete and be ranked in both Freeride World Tour and Qualifier. Current year FWT riders are ranked at the very top of the Worldwide Seeding List. Therefore, they have priority when registering to any QUALIFIERS event as long as they sign up during the registration period which is usually 6 to 4 weeks prior to the event.

5.2. FWT CHALLENGER Series

Riders who don't qualify for the FWT Finals will be automatically qualified for the FWT CHALLENGER of their Region. The Challenger Tour is made of 3 events per Region. In those events, The FWT riders will compete against the top ranked Qualifier riders, and will have a chance to requalify for the following FWT season.

FWT riders who aren't making the cut will have to compete at the CHALLENGERS from their region or region they qualified in. If the rider's region is different to the one the rider qualified in, the rider will have to speak to the FWT Management in order to agree on a CHALLENGERS region to re qualify from.

FWT riders qualified for the Challenger will have 3 days to accept their invitation and confirm their participation to the FWT Challenger. They will have to pay the registration fees for the 3 events as per each Region's regulations. If a rider fails to confirm on time or paying the registration, his/her spot will be lost.

The Challenger Ranking will consider the two best results out of the three event, and will determine the FWT Challenger Winners. The best 4 ski men, 2 ski women, 2 snowboard men and the best snowboard women from each Region's CHALLENGERS will be qualified for the following FWT season.

For more information about the CHALLENGERS, please read the latest FWT QUALIFIER RIDERS HANBOOK.

6. COMPETITION

6.1. Format

FWT events consist of 1 run only. In special cases it could be best run counts out of 2. Special competition format will be explained during the riders meeting before the competition.

The FWT consist of 2 different types of events, FWT events with 10.000 points for the winners and FWT Finals with 12.500 points for the winners. Only 50 to 60% of the FWT rider roster will make the cut at the last FWT event and be qualified for the FWT Finals. To learn more about the cut, the ranking etc. Please read: "FWT RANKING" above.

FWT's goal is to organize a fair competition within each category.

Some venues might have multiple starts either for the riders to choose from, or dedicated to 1 or more categories. This will be decided by the FWT management considering the security, the logistics, the show aspect, and the competition fairness inside the same category.

In case of multiple competition starts inside the same category, all starts should give roughly the same vertical drop and number of features or technical areas for the riders to score equally.

Riders are asked to hike up or skin up to the start. Hiking has a physical impact, and to be fair amongst the riders inside the same category, access to the different starts should have roughly the same amount of hiking. In some cases, 1 or more categories can be Heli-drop to the start, but always for a category as a whole.

6.2. Program

FWT competitions have a multiple day weather window during which the competition can take place. A normal competition program has the competitors arrive at D-2, has a face check at D-1 and has a competition on D-day or later in the weather window. If the weather doesn't permit a face check at D-1, a face check can be done on D-day before the competition starts. If the weather window doesn't look good and the only good day is D-1 (face check day), then this day could become the competition day. FWT management may decide to move the Face check day a day earlier, in this case it would be communicated latest 4 days in advance and riders will be asked to arrive one day earlier for a possible face check on their original arrival day.

6.3. Natural vs. man-made venues

For FWT events the mountain stays untouched, the riders ride it as it is. Only for security reasons the FWT management may decide to alter the venue (bombing, breaking cornices, taking rocks out of possible lines, creating a passage by covering rocks with snow...). If the venue has already built-in structures, like bike park jumps for example, the FWT Management may decide to open these structures to be used by riders as features. These structures will be open to be ridden as features only if specified by the FWT at the riders meeting. The FWT organization will not build snow kickers.

6.4. Closed areas during an event

If an area has to be closed during the competition (because of a slide that occurred, ice or rocks that were exposed after a rider's run, or a cliff landing no longer safe) the next rider will be given some time to change his/her plan (either pick a new line or change his "Plan A" for his "Plan B").

The next rider who was about to drop will be given the possibility to start 2 Bib numbers later to have 6-8 minutes to visualize a new line (only if the following rider was getting ready to ride a line not affected by the newly closed area). In the event of all following riders concerned by the newly closed area, the race will be held 5 minutes to let the riders get ready for their new line.

When multiple starts, one of the starts could be closed and no longer be used for security reasons. Therefore, all riders must have a line on 2 different starts when there is more than one start. This closure shouldn't happen in the middle of a category but if for security reasons it's really important for the closure to have immediate effect, the Contest Director will decide after consulting the FWT commissioner/head judge and/or the PFB if the competition can continue in keeping a fair competition ranking.

6.5. Weather rule / Accident rule

If the competition is stopped (decision taken by the Contest Director after consulting with the Commissioner and the Head of Security), the Event Organizer can validate the competition results if more than 2/3rd of the competitors have taken the start (= 66,7%).

If the weather waiting period and weather forecasts presents additional alternatives, and if the event's budget allows, the FWT Management may decide to organize a rerun of all competitors. This decision is at the Event Organizer's sole discretion, after consulting with the different sources including weather forecasts, PFB, ...

In the case of a rerun, the results of the cancelled day are not taken into consideration. In case of a serious accident, the FWT Management may decide or not to validate the competition results even if 2/3rd of the competitors have started.

If the competition is stopped on a multiple runs format and all riders of the same category did at least 1 run, the results of the event would be the ranking after the first run for this category.

In case of an event validated with only 2/3rd of the field down, the riders who couldn't ride will get as result, the average of their last 2 results. If this happens at the first event of the season, the awarded result will be the average of the next two results. If it happens at the second event, the rider will be awarded the average points from the first and the 3rd event. If the 2/3 rule takes place on 1 of only 2 competitions before the cut the riders who couldn't compete will be given the same ranking at this competition than the one he competed in. If the 2/3 rule has to be applied at the only competition of the season, the riders who didn't take the start will be DNS at the event and DNS on the FWT Overall final ranking. If it happens at the only competition before the cut, the riders who didn't compete will be treated as Injury Wild Card for the next season.

If the average of the 2 results isn't a whole number, it will be rounded to the better rank integer. (For example: 6th place + 7th place => 6 + 7 = 13 , 13 / 2 = 6,5 => 6th place)

6.6. NS, DNF, DNS, DNA and DQ

NS, for No Score: A rider who loses a ski or any mandatory equipment (see the list "Mandatory equipment" below) 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 loss of the mandatory equipment. A NS rider will get the points and the prize money of his/her place in the event ranking.

NOTE: riders who lose a mandatory equipment (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 could result in health issues and further time delay for the event.

NOTE II: a rider who would finish his line after losing a mandatory equipment (or unstrapped a snowboard) 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 aren't 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, but missing any mandatory equipment when at the start or not showing up at the start for a valid reason. (A proof of a valid reason for not showing up at the start or missing mandatory equipment will have to be provided before the event to the FWT management who will consult the PFB. They will decide if the reason is accepted. Valid reasons could be an injury or exams for example.). If the reason is accepted

and validated, 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 for valid reasons (accepted by the FWT Management), the 4 riders are tied in 20th place and will all score the points of 20th place.

DNA, for Did Not Attend: A rider qualified for the event, who did not attend the event or did not start for a valid reason. DNA riders will be ranked last after all NS, DNF and DNS. DNA rider won't score any points at this particular event.

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. DQ riders do not score any points and doesn't earn any prize money for that event. DQ Athletes could face sanctions like multiple events ban (see chapter "FWT CODE OF CONDUCT & DUTIES TOWARD FWT").

6.7. Injuries, Pregnancy and frozen points

At FWT level, points cannot be frozen.

Injured or pregnant athletes have three ways to qualify for the following FWT season:

1. Their ranking at the time of the cut is high enough to be qualified.
2. They receive an "Injury Wild Card".
3. They receive a FWT "Tour Wild Card" from the FWT Management.

For more information regarding Injury Wild Card and Tour Wild Card please go to chapter: "WILD CARDS"

6.8. Training on competition venues

The FWT Organizer will close the competition venue(s) 30 days prior to the event or latest after the last snowfall. On rare occasions the FWT management may decide to close the venue for more than 30 days prior to the event, if so, it will be communicated to all riders.

If a rider was to be seen riding the competition venue(s) after the time the FWT Organizer decided to close it, and it is clearly marked and communicated, the FWT Management has the right to disqualify the rider.

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

6.9. Radio communication while riding

Communication with a rider during his run with any device (radio, cellphone...) is forbidden. Riders caught communicating during the run will be DQ.

6.10. 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!
- Airbag backpack ready and in working order (with handle and leg/crotch strap on + a full gas canister or full battery for electric fan airbag).
- 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 FWT 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 and be DNS.

If a rider loses a mandatory equipment during his/her run, he will get a NS.

On top of these mandatory equipment listed above, there are some required equipment to enter the FWT. They aren't required at every event and are not mandatory to ride down the venue, but possibly to reach the start of some venues or visual inspection area. The list of the required equipment will be given at each event's riders meeting and could be any of the following:

- Harness with 1 lanyards/slings and 1 carabineer (2 lanyards/slings with energy absorbers and 2 carabineers are recommended).
- Touring equipment like snowshoes, splitboard or touring skis. (FWT Management will work to provide a boot pack in most cases, but touring equipment could still be needed to access the Start or the visual inspection areas).

Finally, all riders must wear their BIB at all times 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.

6.11. Prize giving ceremony

Riders who made the podium have to be present at the prize giving ceremony in order to receive their money or other prizes. Riders on the podium have to wear their bibs for all prize-giving ceremonies.

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

A rider who is announced as Freeride World Tour Champion before the Verbier event must come to Verbier to be at least there on the world champion award ceremony.

7. STARTING ORDER

7.1. BIB draw

A BIB draw will be done at the first riders meeting of each event. To make sure a male skier will not be starting last or first the entire season in this big category, Ski men are split into two groups, and they will alternate in each group in order to be once in the top half of the category and the next time on the second half of it.

7.2. Starting order

Taking into consideration light and snow quality, the FWT Management may alternate the starting order of the four categories during the season.

It will be the choice of the FWT Management to alternate categories or riders of the same category on a multiple runs format.

7.3. Missed start

To avoid riders not sticking to their BIB draw order to benefit from a later start, a rider showing up late at the start with no acceptable reason will be penalized as follows:

First time: they will not receive any prize money for that event but will be allowed to ride and score points

Second time: they will not start, they will be Did Not Start (see above: 6.6. DNS) and they will not receive any prize money.

8. AGE

The minimum age is 18 years old for all FWT Pro events. No exceptions will be made.

9. RIDERS MEETING

Riders meetings are mandatory for all riders. It is mandatory for security reasons, and other points like snow conditions, potential closed areas in the venue, access route to the start, event schedule or potential additional mandatory safety gear (harness...) etc. Riders will also have to draw their BIB during the first riders meeting of the event (For some reasons like for Covid reasons the BIB Draw might be electronically done).

Riders who cannot attend the riders meeting must have a valid reason. They must announce themselves to the organizer and make alternative arrangements for their security briefing.

The following points will be presented:

- Weather forecast
- Format of the event
- Accident procedure
- Mandatory equipment
- Venue presentation: Snow conditions, location of the starting gates, finish, end of judging line and judges spot...
- Closed areas
- Competition Day program
- BIB draw

10. FACE INSPECTION

Riders will be given sufficient time to inspect the venue on site. The FWT Management will also provide riders with updated pictures of the venue.

A guide/forerunner/judge will ride the venue while the riders are watching during their face inspection, in order to give them visual information on the size of the features for example and feedback on the snow quality.

10.1. Drone footage / pictures of the venue

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 pictures shot by the Organizer could be given to all competitors.

11. JUDGING

The judging panel is composed of four to five judges.

FWT will try to find judges representing each region and category.

Most judges will be at all events to ensure continuity.

Judges cannot be current FWT riders or QUALIFIER riders aiming to compete on the FWT.

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

11.1. Judging limits

The starting gate at the top and the FWT arch at the finish are materializing the judging limits. In special cases like for safety reasons for example, a minimum of 1 flag will materialize the top and/or the bottom end of the judging limits.

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

For safety reasons, the end of the judging line may have to be modified throughout the competition. If it happens it will be modified for a whole category. If it has to happen during a category due to force majeure, the judges will take it into consideration. In this case the decision will be communicated to the riders remaining at the summit. When possible, a picture with the new judging line drawn on it will be sent to the starter(s) and all the riders to avoid confusion.

12. FWT RIDERS CODE OF CONDUCT, DUTIES TOWARD FWT, FAIR and SAFE SPORT

FWT riders have to respect the hosting country rules and laws.

Riders are to follow the World Anti-Doping Agency’s (WADA) rules concerning anti-doping, a rider will face sanctions if he/she doesn’t respect these rules. This includes the WADA Prohibited List (Prohibited Substances and Methods).

Additionally, riders who are seen using recreational drugs, whether they are legal or illegal in the hosting country in official areas such as: start, finish, inspection points, prize giving ceremonies, official happenings and hotels (of at least 100m) may face FWT sanctions.

Each FWT rider will be required to give two 12 days to promote or participate in FWT activities like school visits, riding with juniors, media interviews etc. Once attendance has been confirmed, sanctions will be taken against riders not showing up without a valid reasons and prior communication.

FWT riders are expected to behave properly towards Hosting resorts, Tour partners, Riders, FWT employees and organization. The spread of derogatory messages towards FWT, QUALIFIERS and JUNIORS athletes, FWT hosts, organizers, partners, FWT employees and organization may be sanctioned. International Safeguarding principles are to be respected and are outlined in the FIS Snow Safe Policy.

Sanctions for not complying with all the above will be decided by the FWT Management and presented to the PFB, FWT will then take action against the rider(s). Sanctions could be anything from a fine, a disqualification, event(s) suspension organized by the FWT organizations including QUALIFIERS, CHALLENGERS, and other sister events... (see also point: "NS, DNF, DNS, DNA and DQ").

13. 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 all 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.

Behaviour in the mountains: leave the mountains as good or better than you found it (no littering, trash picking...leave no trace)

Mobility: we are travelling all around the world to compete, try to have the lowest impact possible while travelling to events. Use public transportation and carpooling as much as possible.

Safety: we are promoting an extreme sport involving risks related to avalanches, mountains... Keep in mind that you are an inspiration to a large community of freeriders and skiers /

snowboarders in general, it is your responsibility to carry a safety related message in your communication would that be on social media, interviews or in your daily life.

Gender equality: Sports is one of the most powerful platforms for promoting gender equality and shaping norms and stereotypes of women and men. As leaders in our sport and communicators within the sports movement, we can set the tone as to how women in sports, and athletes – globally – should be pictured, described, talked about, represented, portrayed, across all forms of media and communication channels. Any prejudicial gender based comments or behaviour will be sanctioned.

14. POINTS SYSTEM

14.1. SKI MEN

Place	Points 3 first stops	Points Finals
1	10000	12500
2	8800	11000
3	7920	9900
4	7200	9000
5	6560	8200
6	6000	7500
7	5520	6900
8	5120	6400
9	4760	5950
10	4420	5525
11	4100	5125
12	3800	4750
13	3520	4400
14	3260	4075
15	3020	3775
16	2800	3500
17	2600	3250
18	2420	3025
19	2260	2825
20	2120	2650
21	2000	2500
22	1900	2375
23	1820	2275
24	1760	2200

25	1720	2150
26	1680	2100
27	1640	2050
28	1600	2000
29	1560	1950
30	1530	1912,5
31	1495	1868,75
32	1465	1831,25
33	1430	1787,5
34	1400	1750
35	1370	1712,5

14.2. SKI WOMEN, SNOWBOARD WOMEN & MEN

Place	Points 3 first stops	Points Finals
1	10000	12500
2	8000	10000
3	6400	8000
4	5120	6400
5	4095	5120
6	3275	4095
7	2620	3275
8	2095	2620
9	1675	2095
10	1340	1675
11	1070	1340
12	855	1070
13	685	855
14	550	685
15	440	550
16	350	440
17	280	350