



2024-2025 JUNIOR SERIES HANDBOOK

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Dear Freerider,

The IFSA is proud to be the world's largest competitive freeride organization, supporting over 175 events across our ten regions, four countries, and two continents. Our greatest responsibility is our athlete community, and the emerging generation of freeriders in particular.

The junior experience is at the core of the IFSA community, identity, and thinking. So as our Junior Freeride Community goes, so does our sport and our future.

With respect to this document, it is important to state the IFSA's commitment to maintaining a freeride system which results in safe, fair, and fun competition. All of our Junior Series resources are advised by volunteer leaders from the Junior Community, who care deeply about the integrity of our sport.

This Series Handbook is intentionally thorough. It provides the organizational best practices for everything Junior Freeride, from event registration through awards. If you cannot find the answer to your question in this Handbook, please reach out to your local Coach, Program Director, or Regional Series Director.

We wish you an inspiring season of freeride.

IFSA Team

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HANDBOOK DISCLOSURES

The IFSA Junior Series Handbook was created by the IFSA Board of Directors and IFSA Employee Leadership. It is edited bi-annually, in May and October, to reflect series progressions and matters of sport integrity or structure. Printed copies of this document are uncontrolled. The official and current version of this document is always available on the IFSA website: [IFSA Handbooks & Guidelines](#).

The information in the IFSA Junior Series Handbook applies only to Region 2 IFSA junior athletes and IFSA-sanctioned junior events. Region 1 riders and events follow the Freeride Junior Tour (FJT) Handbook, which can differ and is located on the [Freeride World Tour Website](#).

HISTORY

The International Freeskiers and Snowboarders Association (IFSA) fosters competitive Big Mountain Freeride events for Junior, Collegiate, and Adult Athletes. The IFSA is a nonprofit athlete advocacy organization serving as the sanctioning, scheduling, registration, judging, ranking and educational body for competitive Freeride events in Region 2. Competitive Freeride on a global level is broken down into two regions.

Region 1 - Asia, Europe, Oceania (Operated by the Freeride World Tour)

Region 2 - Canada, South America, United States (Operated by the IFSA)

The IFSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1996 by freeskiing pioneer Shane McConkey. Freeskiing in the 1990s encompassed the disciplines of skiing outside of alpine racing. These included big mountain, slopestyle, halfpipe, big air, and skier-cross. McConkey believed that the various sports of freeskiing needed an athlete-driven governing body to ensure that the athletes had a voice in the development and governance of their sport. Since then, the disciplines of freeskiing have grown rapidly, evolving into strong individual sports, many at the Olympic level. Today, the IFSA is dedicated to athletes and series growth in the sport of Freeride.

The IFSA serves as the primary rule-making, sanctioning, and ranking organization for competitive Freeride within Region 2. The IFSA operates as a nonprofit, athlete advocacy organization ; it does not execute or produce events. The overall execution of each

event, and therefore the series, is dependent on the commitment of like-minded event production partners, Regional Series Directors, host mountains and the Event Organizers.

Please visit the IFSA website to learn more about the IFSA : IFSAfreeride.org.

MISSION AND VALUES

The mission of the IFSA is to operate as an international sanctioning body for competitive Big Mountain Freeride. With input from its members, the IFSA sets sanctioning guidelines for event execution and judging parameters. The IFSA promotes a consistent competition format and represents the needs, interests, and safety of Freeride competitors.

The IFSA provides a progressive path for athlete development from grassroots junior regional competition to professional adult championships. The IFSA pursues opportunities to enable athletes to compete, learn, train, and safely have fun. The IFSA upholds eight values in order to further the aspirations, goals, and development of the members of our community of coaches, parents, judges, event organizers, and junior, collegiate, and adult athletes. First and foremost, the IFSA emphasizes the safety and sound decision making of everyone involved in competitive Freeride events.

We have 8 core values :

Safety

FUN

Progression

Sustainability

Education

Consistency

Diversity

Accessibility

CODE OF CONDUCT

An IFSA Membership is a privilege, not a right. When attending or participating in an IFSA-sanctioned event, members must agree to conduct themselves according to the IFSA established Code of Conduct. All IFSA members are responsible for their actions

and conduct while attending or participating in IFSA-sanctioned events. Good sportsmanship is expected and should be cultivated by all IFSA community members, coaches, parents, and event staff.

Good sportsmanship is defined as, but not limited to, respect for: competition officials, resort employees, IFSA employees and fellow competitors, the skiing and snowboarding public, and the resort facilities and operating procedures. The use of courtesy and good manners, acting responsibly and maturely, refraining from the use of profane or abusive language, and abstinence from immoderate use of alcohol or illegal or banned substances is required.

When an individual violates the IFSA Code of Conduct at an IFSA-sanctioned event, there will be consequences associated with that misconduct. Depending on how egregious the misconduct is, the IFSA Board of Directors and Staff has the authority to impose sanctions, suspension, or expulsion as determined on a case-by-case basis.

- IFSA athletes will abide by local, regional, state and federal law while participating in an IFSA event.
- Athletes will ride in control and obey all mountain signage when riding outside of the venue.
- Illegal drug and alcohol use by IFSA athletes is prohibited and is grounds for disqualification and suspension.
- IFSA athletes must observe all rules and codes of conduct of the host mountain.
- Ducking any rope line or disobeying any obvious signage is prohibited.
- IFSA athletes must act in a professional manner and exercise good judgment.
- IFSA athletes will treat each other, event officials, mountain officials, promoters, event organizers, sponsors, coaches, parents, and the general public with respect and kindness.
- IFSA athletes will refrain from use of abusive language or behavior.
- IFSA athletes will not steal, deface, or destroy sponsor or organizer equipment, property, or signage.

IFSA JUNIOR SERIES FORMAT

The IFSA Junior Freeride Series begins immediately following the conclusion of the Junior Freeride Championships in April.

The IFSA Region 2 Junior Freeride Series includes competitive opportunities for athletes

ages 18 and under. These events provide young, developing athletes with the chance to hone their skills, progress, and earn points and a ranking within the IFSA-governed Region 2.

Event participants include both independent athletes and athletes traveling with a club or team. In all cases, these athletes must be coached on safety protocols and sound decision making by an IFSA certified coach in order to register for sanctioned events. It is highly recommended that all junior athletes be accompanied by an accredited IFSA coach while attending sanctioned competitions. The focus on safety and personal responsibility provides a challenging, fun, and a safer competitive environment for the junior Freeride community.

Each year in April, the IFSA Junior Freeride Series in Region 2 culminates in the IFSA Junior Freeride Championship 4* Event, and the IFSA Junior Freeride U12 Championship. These events represent the top of the Junior Series Pyramid - less than 10% of IFSA athletes will earn an invite. While we believe in providing exceptional Championship Events, and maintaining a Junior Series Tour which encourages athletic progression, the IFSA works hard to assure that athletes of all abilities and experiences are welcomed and celebrated.

Event Progression

U12 Events : These fun and low-pressure events are designed to introduce riders under the age of 12 to competitive Freeriding with an emphasis on safety, community, and sportsmanship. They are unseeded, meaning registration is first come, first served. Further, they award no points towards any ranking system.

2* Series Events : These are the backbone of the IFSA Junior Tour. IFSA 2* events provide competitive opportunities to a variety of athlete types: new unseeded athletes, dedicated regional freeriders, and highly seeded local rippers. These events award points to Region 2 seeding and ranking systems, and use a hybrid seeded-timestamp registration process.

3* Series Events: IFSA 3* events have been designed to provide high-level competitions for experienced athletes looking for the opportunity to compete with out of Region freeriders. These are multi-day competitions, held on more demanding venues fitting the performance level of the athletes involved. Registration is run entirely by seeding.

IFSA Junior Freeride Championship 4*: An invitation only championship held each April - it's the largest freeride event in the world. Invitations to the JFC are based on an athlete's IFSA Ranking.

The points awarded at the JFC will be used to calculate the overall IFSA Junior Champions in each U15 and U19 division.

U12 IFSA Junior Freeride Championship: All U12 athletes who have participated in at least one IFSA-sanctioned event in the current season are eligible to register for the U12 Championship. The U12 Freeride Championship is a celebration of these young athletes' efforts and progression, and not part of an annual ranking system.

Age Categories and Divisions

Region 2 junior riders will be classified by their age, gender, and chosen discipline:

- Age Categories : U12, U15, or U19
- Male or Female
- Skiing or Snowboarding

The age category that an athlete is assigned to is determined by their age on December 31. Under no circumstances are athletes permitted to compete in a different division other than that determined by their age on December 31st. There are no exceptions to this rule. Riders competing in a different age division will be awarded a DQ and their IFSA membership will be suspended until the member has addressed the IFSA Board of Directors.

U12 Category : Athletes 11 years of age or younger on December 31st, 2024 will compete as U12 athletes during the 2024-2025 competitive season.

- U12 Development Plan. In 2014, the IFSA initiated a plan to provide U12 athletes with exposure to competitive Freeride in a safe and supportive environment. The IFSA requires all Regions to provide competitive opportunities for U12 Categories. However, U12 inclusion at specific events is subject to unique terrain, safety, and insurance considerations. Therefore, the specific creation and handling of U12 events is at the discretion of the Event Organizer and Regional Series Director.
- Minimum Age: It is at the discretion of each event organizer to establish the minimum age allowed to compete in the U12 category.
- U12's at IFSA Junior 3* Competitions: U12 categories are prohibited at Junior 3* competitions, as the growth of our sport requires holding all of the spots at 3* Competitions for U15 and U19 categories.

U15 Category : Athletes 12-14 years of age on December 31st, 2024 will compete in the U15 age category during the 2024-2025 competitive season.

U19 Category : Athletes 15-18 years of age on December 31st, 2024 will compete in the U19 age category during the 2024-2025 competitive season.

- Athletes 18 years of age may remain in the IFSA Junior series or move forward and compete in Adult and/or Collegiate Series events. They are not permitted to compete in both series.
- When an athlete of 18 competes in an Adult Event, they are no longer eligible to compete in the Junior Series.
- When an athlete turns 19 years of age, they are no longer permitted to compete in the IFSA Junior Series and are automatically considered an IFSA Adult Athlete.
- Athletes who have previously competed in the IFSA Junior Series will see their IFSA Junior points converted to an Adult Global Seeding List ranking.
- It is up to the athlete to determine if they wish to compete as an IFSA junior or adult according to the guidelines above.
- Athletes transitioning from the IFSA Junior Series to the IFSA Adult Series within the same membership year will only be required to purchase a Junior Membership.

Freeride Progression

The IFSA seeks to foster a lifelong pursuit of the joy of Freeride and has developed a progressive system to continue to engage athletes as they enter the adult freeride community. The well-established Qualifier Tour and the Collegiate Freeride Series (CFS) provide competitive opportunities for adult athletes to compete. Athletes must be 18 years of age or older to compete in adult events. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Eligibility Conditions for Junior Transgender Athletes

IFSA Transgender athletes who desire to participate in IFSA Junior Events must meet the below conditions at least thirty (30) days before the start of the first event of the season that the athlete intends to participate in. Once an athlete's request has been approved, the athlete may not initiate the process to change back to a prior competition category for one year after the initial request is approved. Upon approval of the request the athlete will begin accruing seeding and ranking points in the new competition category. Seeding points from the prior competition category will be applied to the new category.

- A. *Eligibility conditions for Transgender male (i.e., female-to-male) athletes*

To be eligible to compete in the male competition category, a Transgender male athlete must provide a written declaration signed by a parent or legal guardian to the IFSA Director of Sport that their gender identity is male.

B. *Eligibility conditions for Transgender female (i.e., male-to-female) athletes*

To be eligible to compete in the female competition category, a Transgender female athlete must provide a written declaration signed by a parent or legal guardian to the IFSA Director of Sport that their gender identity is female.

IFSA Transgender athletes competing in Region 1 competitions must meet Region 1 conditions, which may differ from IFSA. IFSA Transgender athletes competing in FIS sanctioned competitions must meet FIS conditions, which may differ from IFSA.

IFSA JUNIOR GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

All Region 2 IFSA Junior Freeriders must declare a geographical home Region, and register for a membership within this Region. A correct Region is determined by the location of the provinces/states where an athlete will compete most often. If you live in one Region but mainly compete in another, choose the Region where you will compete in the greatest number of Regional Series events.

Eastern Canada : Ontario, Québec

Western Canada : Alberta, British Columbia,

Pacific Northwest : Alaska, Oregon, Washington (and Schweitzer, ID)

Far West : California, Nevada

Northern : Montana, Wyoming

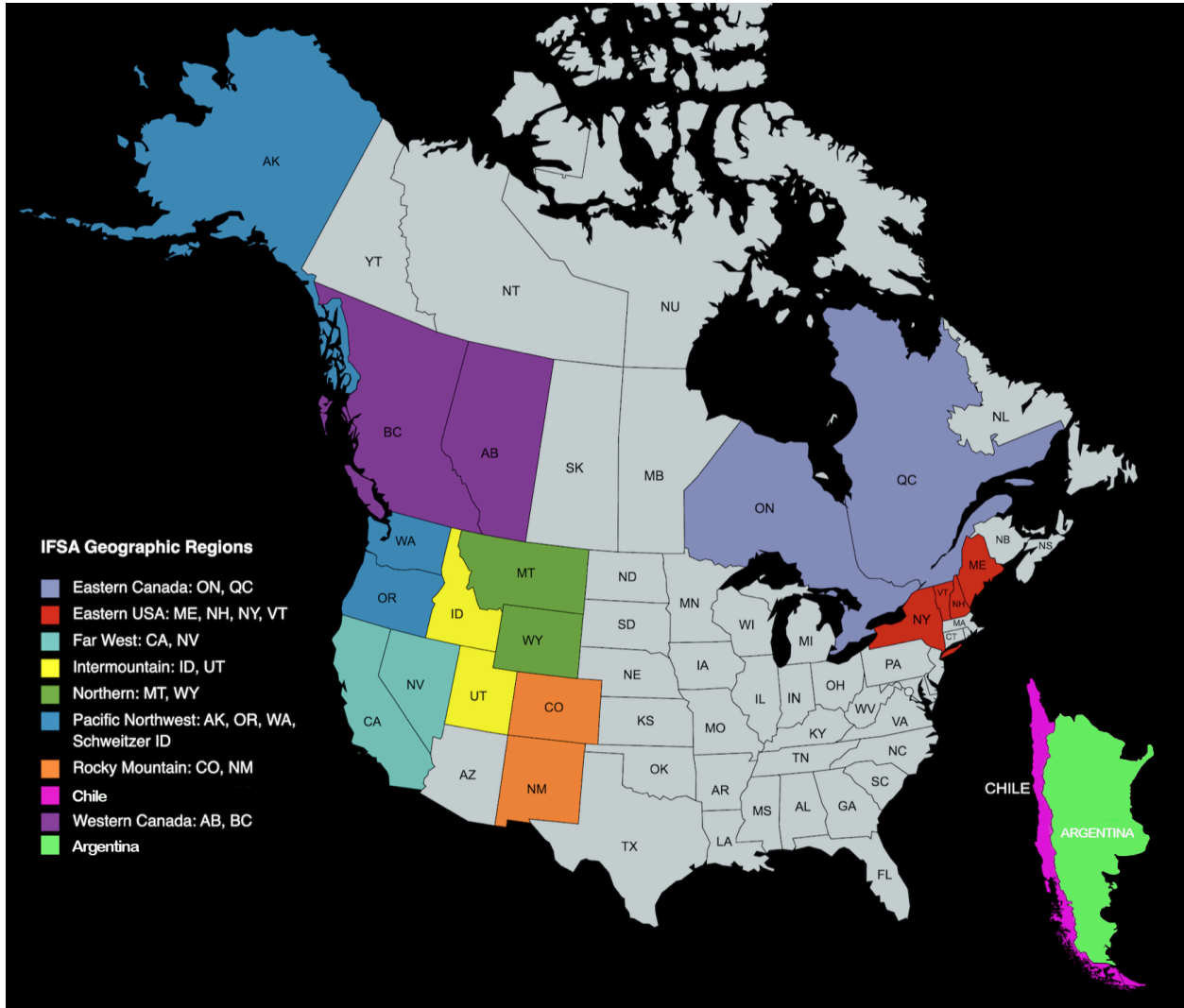
Intermountain : Idaho, Utah

Rocky Mountain : Colorado, New Mexico

Eastern US : New Hampshire, New York, Maine, Vermont

South America: Chile, Argentina

Note : Teams and athletes out of Sandpoint, ID and Schweitzer Mountain Resort have been assigned to the Pacific Northwest Region rather than the Intermountain Region. The Schweitzer Mountain Junior 2* will be considered a Pacific Northwest Junior Series event.



WORLDWIDE RANKINGS/REGIONS

The IFSA and FWT encourage athletes to experience the world through freeride, and are collaborating to encourage global participation in the sport. However, there remain different management organizations and rules of sport which require some distinctions between Region 1 and Region 2.

Junior freeriders can earn a ranking within two global regions:

Region 1 : Asia, Europe, Oceania - Operated by New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour, the Freeride Junior World Tour, and FWT Management

Region 2 : Canada, The United States, Chile, and Argentina - Operated by the IFSA

Junior freeriders may compete anywhere in the world. Points earned in European and Japanese events will only count towards Region 1 Rankings and Seeding. Points earned in United States and Canadian events will only count towards Region 2 Rankings and Seeding. Points earned in Chile and Argentina by Region 1 athletes will count towards their seeding in Region 1. Points earned in Australia and New Zealand by Region 2 athletes will count towards their Region 2 seeding but not their Region 2 ranking.

A Region 2 athlete is welcome to compete in Region 1 Events, however any points earned will not be added to their Region 2 IFSA Junior Series Rankings. Athletes traveling for an entire season are welcome to compete in the other Region, and will be awarded a seeding value which directly correlates with their previous freeride finishes, no matter where they took place.

Note that athletes must purchase membership(s) from the organization(s) managing the Region(s) in which they desire to compete.

Tour Titles

- The winner of Region 1 earns the title of “Freeride Junior Tour Champion: Europe - Oceania”
- The winner of Region 2 earns the title of “IFSA Junior Freeride Champion”
- Each IFSA Region may also elect to recognize Regional Champions, but this is at the discretion of each Region and is not managed by the IFSA.

IFSA POINTS, SEEDING, RANKING

IFSA Junior Seeding List

As our community has grown, so too has the need to evolve our system to most fairly govern event registration. The goal remains the same - for athletes of all abilities and experiences to have a defined and fair opportunity to register for appropriate events. Please remember that 3* events, which involve high levels of competition on more demanding venues, will be registered entirely by the seeding list. 2* events will be split 50% seeding and 50% timestamp, to accommodate newer riders or riders with fewer seeding points.

So what is seeding? Seeding provides cumulative organization of one athlete over another, for the purpose of fair event registration. Seeding is different from ranking. An athletes' seed consists of their top three point earning results from the previous 52 weeks, at the time of calculating the seed.

Freeride utilizes a rolling seeding list, meaning that there is a perpetual addition of an athlete's top 3 point earning results from the previous 52 weeks, no matter the calendar date on which seeding is being calculated or viewed. All events, 1* through 3*, JFC and FJWC, are considered eligible for seeding.

The seeding list is publicly available on ifsafreeride.org

Seeding and Registration

During registration for any U15 and U19 event, every athlete will have 72 hours to complete their registration, and all athletes will be immediately placed on a waitlist.

2* Events: Once the 72-hour registration window is closed, the top-seeded athletes will be moved off the waitlist and confirmed until 50% of each division in the event is full. The remaining 50% of event starts will be awarded by registration timestamp (first-come, first-served).

3* Events: Once the 72-hour registration window is closed, the top-seeded athletes will be moved off the waitlist and confirmed until 90% of the event is full. The remaining 10% of event starts will be held until three weeks before the competition, to allow athletes who move up the seeding list during the competition season an opportunity to get a 3* start. Three weeks prior to the start of a 3* event, the 10% registration window will close, and remaining top-seeded athletes will be moved off the waitlist and confirmed until the event is 100% full.

IFSA Junior Rankings and Points

An athlete's IFSA overall Junior Freeride Series ranking is composed of points earned at 2* and 3* events, and the Junior Freeride Championship.

The ranking list is publicly available on ifsafreeride.org

- Series Ranking will be determined by an athlete's best 3 of first 4 competition finishes, regardless of star value, from the current season.
- IFSA Rankings exclude Freeride Junior World Championships results, but includes IFSA Junior Freeride Championship results.

Invitation to the following year's Freeride Junior World Championships is based on final IFSA Junior Rankings.

If an event is canceled for any reason, riders will not receive any points, and this event will not be included in a rider's allotted event count for junior events.

In mid-April of each year, immediately following the Junior Freeride Championships, all Region 2 Athlete's rankings are reset to zero, and a new competition season begins.

Competition Frequency Limitations

- Athletes are eligible to earn points in four regular season competitions, plus the Junior Freeride Championships. The sum of the best three of the first four point scoring competitions plus the Junior Freeride Championships count towards the seeding list and seasonal ranking.
- Athletes will not be limited on how many 2* events they may compete in. Additional competitions to the four regular season point scoring events can be entered only when a Friendly category is offered, on a space-available basis for prizes and daily awards/podium, but points are not earned toward the seeding list or seasonal ranking.
- Athletes are limited to a maximum of three 3* events each competition season.

Plus 1 Rule

- Athletes in the U15 and U19 age categories will earn an additional one point for each athlete beaten.
- The intent of this rule is to reward an athlete for the accomplishment of beating more participants at events with a greater depth of field.
- Example : If a rider earns 1st place out of 20 riders in their division at a 2* event, they will earn 619 points in total. The rider has earned 600 points for their 1st place finish and 19 additional points for beating 19 individuals in their division at this event. A rider who earned 1st place in a division with 4 total competitors at a 2* event would earn a total of 603 points, 600 for earning 1st place and 3 for beating the 3 other participants in their division.

3* Points Considerations

- In a 3* event, if a division lacks 3 or more registered competitors, the competitors in that division will earn a reduced number of points.
- If there are 2 registered competitors in a 3* event division, the athlete scoring 1st place shall earn the points of 2nd place and +1 for beating one competitor: 836

points.

The athlete scoring 2nd place shall earn the points of 3rd place: 738 points.

- If there is just one registered competitor in a 3* division, they win by default and shall earn the point value of 3rd place: 738 points.

U12 Categories are Ranking-less, Seeding-less, and Amazing

- To preserve the aspects of fun and safety for our youngest competitors, an IFSA Junior Freeride Ranking will not be calculated for the U12 age category, nor will any seeding list be maintained.
- The IFSA U12 Championship Event will conclude with a podium ceremony to honor the U12 Championship Event winners.
- U12 athletes shall still be provided with a podium/awards ceremony by the Event Organizer at each event that includes this age category.
- In order to establish a baseline for athletes moving into the U15 age category, each U12 athlete graduating to a U15 category will be awarded 10 seeding points to help them with 2* Event Registration.

Injured Athletes and Freezing Seeding Points

An injured, or ill rider may retain their status on the Global Seeding List during the period of injury and for a recovery period following the injury or illness by freezing their points. A rider's points will be "frozen" as of date when the injury or illness occurred.

An athlete who becomes injured or ill during the season must inform the IFSA Administrative team in writing. The date and type of injury must be explained and a valid medical certificate must be presented in order for the IFSA to freeze an athlete's points until recovery.

- All injured athletes seeking "frozen seeding points" need to email support@ifsafreeride.org **within two weeks of the injury**
 - The Date of Injury
 - Proof of Injury (Doctors note or report)
- Once the athlete returns to competition, their seed becomes unfrozen and they are placed back in the active, 52 week rolling seeding list.
- Points will be frozen on the Global Seeding List, NOT on the IFSA Qualifier Ranking List.

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".

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 events since he/she recovered. In this case, the rider's current results might overrun the frozen results if the points allocated are higher, and the rider will be ranked based on his/her best 3 results (current and frozen).

NATIONALITY

If a rider wishes to change their nationality, they can only do so by providing proof of a new citizenship and a valid passport to the IFSA by email to support@ifsafreeride.org.

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

IFSA might randomly control nationality changes, and, in case of unannounced change, the rider will be disqualified from competing in the current season.

IFSA JUNIOR FREERIDE EVENT REGISTRATION

The IFSA is committed to providing a fair and accessible registration experience for all athletes. It is against the policy of the IFSA to allow Event Organizers to reserve slots for certain individuals, teams, or local competitors in our Junior Series. IFSA does not permit event organizers to administer Wild Card positions for IFSA Junior Events.

- Please visit the [IFSA Website](#) to view the 2024-2025 event schedule including registration calendars. Event questions should be directed to your Region Series Director.
- LiveHeats is the IFSA event registration platform for all IFSA event registrations. [LiveHeats Platform](#)
- All athletes must purchase an IFSA Membership and a Regional Membership before they will be permitted to register for any IFSA Junior Event.

- There are currently no restrictions in place for a required minimum number of registered riders to run a category. The IFSA understands that snowboard categories often have fewer registrants, as that part of our community continues to grow and to evolve. However, each Region is required to provide starts to all of its members, regardless of discipline (ski/snowboard).

Specific Event Registration Protocols

The IFSA is sanctioning three types of Junior Events in 2024-2025:

2* Competitions

3* Competitions

4* Championship Competitions

While the registration processes for these three types of events are similar, there are some differences for you to be aware of, when registering your junior athlete.

Non-sanctioned Friendly events may be included on the IFSA events calendar at the request of the Regional Series Director to assist the Region in growing participation in Freeride competition.

FRIENDLY PARTICIPATION IN SANCTIONED EVENTS

At the discretion of the RSD, each event may offer a “Friendly” registration category. Athletes will be allowed to participate as Friendly athletes at any time during the season by registering under the Friendly category at events where this option is offered. By registering as a “Friendly” athlete it is determined beforehand that the athlete will not receive ranking or seeding points for their finish. Athletes who register in the Friendly category will only be accepted into events on a timestamp basis after all regular seeded and time stamp athletes are accepted. Friendly athletes are included in the awards ceremony and may receive podium prizes. Final results for Friendly athletes will remain visible in LiveHeats, though Friendly athletes will not receive ranking or seeding points. Regular point scoring athletes positioned below Friendly athletes in the results will be adjusted upward for points allocations as though the Friendly athletes did not participate.

2* COMPETITION REGISTRATION

The IFSA is composed of ten Regions, each with their own specific set of needs and unique dynamics. The Regional Series Directors will select a 2* Registration timeline which best suits their athlete populations, no shorter than 4 weeks before an event, and no longer than 8 weeks before a competition is held.

Regardless of when a 2* event registration opens, the process will follow the same steps, to assure consistency across Region 2.

Step 1: Registration will open on Liveheats, as scheduled by the Regional Series Directors. All athletes who register are automatically placed on a waitlist.

Step 2: After 72 hours, registration closes, and no further athletes will be able to sign up for the competition.

Step 3: Once the 72-hour registration window closes, the top-seeded athletes will be moved off the waitlist and confirmed until 50% of each category in the event is full. (50% seeding)

Step 4: The remaining 50% of event starts will be confirmed by time-stamp, with athletes who registered the earliest being moved off the waitlist until all categories in the competition are full. (50% open registration)

Note: Credit Cards are charged at the time of athlete confirmation when they are taken off of the waitlist, along with non-refundable LiveHeats and IFSA fees. Cancellation before Step 2, the 72 hour registration window closing, is possible without penalty or charge.

Note: For 2024-2025, four Regions have elected to restrict 2* registration to athletes within their Region, so as to guarantee enough starts for their local junior athlete community. These Regions are Intermountain, Northern, Rockies, and Western Canada. Once these Regions have completed the above registration process, they have the choice to reopen registration for their 2* events to out of region athletes, should these events not be full.

3* COMPETITION REGISTRATION

3* Event Registration will take place the first two weeks of December, and will be facilitated by the IFSA Employee Team. All 3* events are filled through the seeding list - there is no open registration for these highly competitive events. Remember that athletes can compete in a MAXIMUM of three 3* events during a season.

Step 1: Registration will open on LiveHeats, and all athletes who register will be automatically placed on a waitlist.

Step 2: After 72 hours, registration will close, and no further athletes will be able to sign up for the competition until the 10% window reopens..

Step 3: Once the 72-hour registration window closes, the IFSA administration team will calculate the field sizes for all categories at these events, and communicate this information to all athletes on the waitlist.

Step 4: Waitlisted athletes will have 24 hours to either keep their registration active, or to cancel it without charge or penalty.

Step 5: Then, top-seeded athletes will be moved off the waitlist and confirmed until 90% of each division in the event is full. Once the event hits 90% confirmed, the event registration will reopen, and all athletes not confirmed into the 90% will return to the waitlist.

Step 6: The remaining 10% of spots will be confirmed three weeks before a competition. The process for confirming these 10% will be the same as above. Registration will close three weeks before an event, a message will be sent to all athletes on the waitlist, and after a 24 hour period, athletes will be confirmed for the event based on the current seeding list.

Note: Credit Cards are charged at the time of athlete confirmation for an event, along with non-refundable LiveHeats and IFSA fees. To minimize cancellation fees, utilize the 24 hour window between registration closing and invites being made to manage your signups. It is your responsibility to cancel your athlete.

IFSA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT ELIGIBILITY

IFSA U12 Championship

Registration for U12 Championship is first-come, first-served, as these athletes do not accrue points (and are not ranked). U12 athletes must compete in at least one regular-season U12 event to be eligible for Championships.

IFSA Junior Freeride Championships (JFC's)

- Registration for JFC's is based on ranking (top three of first four competition results)
- Wild Card or petitioned invitations are not offered.
- Invitations are conducted on a rolling basis, as our regular season events conclude. This starts in mid-March, and concludes ASAP after that.
- Athletes failing to register within the allocated invitation window will have their spot awarded to the next qualifying athlete in the same division.

- There will be no team quotas, regional qualifying sports, or wild cards spaces provided - it is a true representation of the IFSA Junior Series Results

Freeride Junior World Championship (FJWC)

The FJWC is a one-day event in Europe that takes place each season to crown the Freeride Junior World Champions within the following divisions:

U19 Male Ski

U19 Female Ski

U19 Male Snowboard

U19 Female Snowboard

- The FJWC is produced by Freeride World Tour Management in Region 1, and is not an IFSA-sanctioned event.
- Invited riders must take the time to review and understand the rules and handbook applicable to Region 1.
- Only riders in the U19 division are eligible to receive an invitation to compete at the FJWC.
- Qualification for the FJWC is based on an athlete's IFSA Overall Ranking, inclusive of JFC's
- A rider may only qualify for the FJWC event in their home Region based on their nationality. Example: A Region 2 rider may not qualify for a Region 1 FJWC invitation based on event results earned in Region 1 events.
- Any IFSA athlete turning 19 before the FJWC competition date will not be eligible to compete.
- Depending on the FJWC event date, 18-year-old riders may opt to participate in the FJWC and then move on to the Adult Qualifying Series that season. They will be awarded appropriate seeding points to support fair registration to Qualifier events.
- Athletes attending FJWC are not permitted to compete in Adult/Qualifier events prior to FJWC.
- FWT Management will issue invitations for both Region 1 and Region 2 Riders. The IFSA will provide FWT Management with the invitation list for Region 2 according to the past year's IFSA Overall Ranking results and the quota allotment determined for Region 2 by FWT.
- FJWC results will not count toward IFSA ranking.

QUOTA SPOTS

- Each year, the FWT establishes the total number of Region 2 allotments, including overall number of athletes invited, and division by division numbers.
- The spirit of FJWC is featuring athletic performance and global participation. Each year, the specific number of spots allocated to each division and country in Region 2 may change, as jointly determined by the FWT and IFSA leadership.

REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE, COMPETITION DOCUMENTATION, EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Big Mountain Freeride competitions are activities with inherent risks of serious personal injury, disability, and/or death. It is the sole responsibility that IFSA members will honor all contracts entered upon willingly.

In order to compete in an IFSA-sanctioned Junior Series event:

- All Release of Liability waivers must be signed by a legal guardian if the athlete is under the age of 18 in the United States or under the age of 19 in Canada.
- A Release of Liability waiver may not be signed by a coach
- All riders must attend the mandatory athlete meetings
- Riders must have proof of personal health insurance for the duration of any event in which they are competing. Insurance information must be presented at athlete check-in and have it available for the duration of the competition.
- During their competition run, all riders must meet the equipment requirements set by the IFSA (helmet and back protector) in addition to any equipment requirements set by the event organizer.
- Athlete bibs, numbers, or stickers will be randomly assigned during athlete check-in and must be visible during inspection and competition runs.

IFSA JUNIOR EVENT FORMAT AND RULES - REGION 2

The overall execution of each IFSA-sanctioned event is dependent on the commitment of like-minded event production partners and the resort community. The event organizer is ultimately responsible for adhering to and following all safety protocols outlined and established by the IFSA.

Two Run Competitions

There are two main competition formats, one run and two runs. In two run events, the final score is a cumulative result of both runs.

When both runs can not be completed (due to weather, snow conditions, extenuating circumstances, etc.), a single run will count as the final score. It should be made clear in the athlete meeting that this scenario is a possibility if a second competition run appears unlikely.

In a two run event, with a qualification run and a final run, riders not making the cut for the final run will be added at the end of the result list based on their first run performance. They will earn points according to the event's result list after the final run.

For a two run competition held over multiple days, it is possible that a division starts competing, but does not finish. In this instance, the entire division must restart, and the TD should prioritize completing at least one run for every division before allowing a second run for any division.

Junior Venue Inspection Requirement

Venue inspection is a mandatory requirement for riders at all IFSA sanctioned competitions. Inspection is conducted, first and foremost, to maintain the safety of competitive Freeride and to allow the athlete to make sound, responsible decisions regarding their line choice within the limitations of their ability, skill level, weather, and the snow conditions at the time of competition.

Clear communication of venue inspection protocol, boundaries, closed features, etc. must be communicated to the athletes during the athlete meeting(s) and prior to inspection closure. For this reason, attendance at the athlete meeting is mandatory.

Once the venue has been officially closed for competition, only athletes, staff, event personnel, or certified coaches are permitted venue access. Valid credentials will be mandatory for anyone to obtain access to the venue.

- Athletes will be required to display a credential (i.e. a bib, band, badge, sticker, or number) provided by the Event Organizer, signifying that they are a registered participant on the event roster. Individuals or athletes not competing on that date or venue are not permitted access.

- Coaches seeking venue access are required to have current IFSA Coach Certification and a current IFSA Coach Membership.
- Terrain enhancement by either coaches or athletes is strictly prohibited. This behavior will result in immediate disqualification of the athlete or suspension of the coach by the Head Judge or Technical Director.
- During inspection, athletes must be aware of everyone else around them.
- If the venue must be changed or altered significantly, after the initial venue inspection, athletes must have an opportunity for another inspection.
- Slow riding/skiing is mandatory during venue inspection.
- Athletes may not practice, session, or rehearse a line during inspection or jump/drop any features within the venue boundary. This behavior will result in immediate disqualification.
- Athletes are to be respectful of fellow athletes, coaches, and officials during inspection.
- Athletes and coaches must respect the snow coverage while inspecting.
- Consider the rest of the competitors before you slide repeatedly in an area or access snow in a takeoff or landing zone.
- Never set a traverse across a landing zone as riders following your line will create a rut in the snow that will become a safety hazard.
- Note that an inspection closure is defined as an area that cannot be accessed during inspection. These are areas that may not withstand inspection pressure. To conduct the competition safely, inspection closures must be limited to inspection and reevaluated as potential venue options before the competition by the Head Judge and TD.

Terrain Enhancement

Terrain enhancement or alteration by athletes or coaches is not permitted. Violation of the terrain enhancement policy will result in immediate disqualification of the athlete and/or suspension of the coach by the head judge or technical director. Reinstatement of athlete and or coach requires approval from the Board of Directors and Executive Director.

An Event Organizer and Technical Director may need to employ terrain enhancement to the venue.

- Safety must be the first concern when altering venues. This includes a minimalist approach to takeoffs, and that more features could be safer to spread athletes out and prevent the degradation of snow.
- No athlete participation in shovel or tool manipulated terrain is permitted.

- Any level of enhancement will be clearly posted and/or communicated to all athletes and coaches by the event organizer or TD.
- The enhancement must be completed prior to the first inspection run of the competition day and communicated and announced to athletes and coaches.

IFSA REGION 2 SCORING

- To maintain the safety of the event, if an athlete leaves the start gate it is mandatory to exit the venue through the finish corral. Failure to exit the venue through the finish corral will result in a disqualification (DQ).
- If an athlete exits the venue boundary at any point, a DQ will be awarded, even if a did-not-finish (DNF) score was initially earned.
- In the event that less than three riders earn scores, the podium could consist of one or two riders only. If all riders earn a DNS, DQ, or DNF, there will be no podium winners for that division and all the riders (excluding DQs) will tie for last place. (**Example:** All riders receive the points of 7th place in an event with 7 riders who all earn a DNF score and there were no DQs.)

IFSA Tour Ties and Tiebreakers

Series Tie Breaking Procedure: When declaring a championship winner, in the occurrence of a division tie within the top 5 places of the IFSA Overall Junior Freeride Series Ranking, a tie splitter will be utilized to determine a single winner. The tie for a championship title will be broken based on this order of the following criteria:

- Best result at The Junior Freeride Champ (JFC) event
- Best IFSA Overall Ranking Score prior to the Junior Freeride Champs event
- Best result between tied riders at the same National Series event, head-to-head
- Best result between tied riders at the same Regional Series event, head-to-head
- Best average of results between tied riders at their two best National Series events
- Best average of results between tied riders at their two best Regional Series Events

Event Tie Breaking Procedure

In the occurrence of a tie within the top five place-holding riders, a tiebreak protocol will be performed by the judge panel. The tiebreak should first be determined by which rider

scored higher in the control criteria. A higher control score will earn a higher placement, breaking the tie. If the tie cannot be broken using the control score, then the technique score will be used.

If athletes should earn the same score outside of the top five places, the tied riders are awarded the same place and number of points as the highest of the two tied scores. The next place is then skipped for the next non-tied athlete in the ranking. (Example: If two athletes tied for 7th place the sequence of places awarded goes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 9, etc. and the tied athletes each earn the points of 7th place.

IFSA SCOREKEEPING CODES

The following codes are used by Region 2 judges when score competitive Freeride runs

DNS: Did Not Start

- Single run event - a rider who does not show up at the start gate or who showed up at the start gate but was missing any mandatory equipment (i.e. helmet or back protector), will earn a DNS and not be eligible for any points.
- Two day event - In the case of an event with two days of competition, the rider will not receive any points if the DNS occurred on the qualifying day. If a rider qualified for day two, but for any reason was absent at the start of the second day of competition, they will earn a DNS and no points on day two; however, they will still be awarded a place and ranking points according to their first run results.

DNF: Did Not Finish

- If a rider loses their ski or board or requires assistance from a Ninja or a member of Patrol, a DNF score will be awarded.
- In the event that DNF criteria is met, an uninjured athlete must ride to the bottom via the most direct route in a safe, expedient manner without performing any tricks or drops; they may not exit the venue boundary and must complete their run through the finish corral in order to earn DNF points.
- If a DNF rider leaves the venue boundary or fails to exit the venue through the designated finish area, they will instead earn a DQ and zero points instead of a DNF and last place points.
- Tied for Last Place Rule: riders who earn DNF scores shall all be tied and awarded points for last place. Example: In an event's final day with 20 riders in which 4

riders crashed and did not complete their runs, the 4 riders all tie in 17th place and all will earn the points of 17th place.

DQ: Disqualification

- A rider receiving a DQ will be ranked last, after all DNF riders.
- The event will count as one of a rider's four scored competitions (seeded, ranked) and a score of zero will be assigned.

DQ Actions include:

- Executing an inverted maneuver. Front flips and backflips are prohibited in junior competition, worldwide. Horizontal spins or flat spins are still accepted as long as the feet do not raise higher than the rider's head. Inverts are NOT permitted in any IFSA Junior Competition.
- Entering the finish area in a manner that compromises personal safety of other athletes, spectators or crew.
- Entering a closed area or violating any clearly marked venue boundaries.
- Infraction of venue inspection protocol during inspection such as: violating terrain enhancement rules, riding fast or recklessly, sessioning a line, or hitting/dropping any features.
- The TD and Head Judge have the authority to DQ a competitor for breaking any IFSA rules, resort, organizer, or venue rules, and for poor sportsmanship or violations of the IFSA Code of Conduct.
- If the organizer decides to close the venue prior to the event and a rider accesses the venue, the TD, Head Judges, or event organizer have the authority to DQ the rider.
- If a rider should continue their planned run after a DNF event, they are subject to disqualification (DQ) from the current event and suspension from future events at the discretion of the IFSA Board of Directors.

Flips and Spins Rule

The focus for IFSA Juniors is to learn sound decision making and promote safety. As such, inverts (front flip or back flip) will not be permitted in any IFSA-sanctioned junior competition. This rule applies to all IFSA juniors regardless of gender, division, or age category. Horizontal spins or flat spins are still accepted as long as the feet do not raise higher than the rider's head. Riders executing a spin with feet higher than head will be

awarded a DQ, earning zero points. This rule prohibiting inverts also applies to the Freeride Junior World Championship 4*, U12 Championship, and Junior Freeride Championship 4* events.

JUDGING

A panel of judges consists of at least two judges and one head judge. Athletes competing in IFSA-sanctioned competitive Freeride events are judged on their performance within five different categories. For a basic overview of the five judging categories, see below. For a comprehensive description of the judging criteria, see the [Judging Handbook](#).

- **Line Choice:** Each competitor chooses their line or route down the course. Higher scores are given for choosing more difficult routes. Difficulty is determined by steepness, exposure, air, snow and venue conditions.
- **Control:** Competitors must remain in control at all times. Any loss of control will result in a lower score.
- **Fluidity:** Constant direction towards a goal. This includes continuity, pace, and smooth transitions between sections of the course. Falling or stopping will negatively impact scores in this category.
- **Technique:** Competitors are judged on the quality of their stance and movements and how the stance and movements either help or hinder outcomes on snow. This category includes both turn quality, as well as freestyle technique.
- **Style & Energy:** This encompasses the pace, energy and creativity with which a competitor attacks or descends their chosen line or route. Additional points in freestyle maneuvers are awarded here.

AWARDS/PODIUM CEREMONY

- An awards or podium ceremony is a requirement for all IFSA-sanctioned events.
- The size and extent of the award ceremony is at the sole discretion of the Event Organizer.
- Award ceremonies should model the values of the IFSA and be a positive reflection on the IFSA, the athletes, and the host mountain with an emphasis on good sportsmanship.
- The IFSA works as an advocate for athletes and on occasion, may provide prizes, though this responsibility primarily falls to the Event Organizer.

- Event Organizers should strive to partner with sponsors or organizations who may be willing to contribute gift certificates, swag, gear, and/or trophies.
- Cash prizes are not allowed at IFSA junior level competitions.

WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS AND PROTOCOLS

Split judging

If weather or visibility is unfavorable, the Technical Director and Head Judge may opt to utilize a split judging format.

- If judges are separated throughout a venue, radios will be used to communicate and establish a clear venue.
- In split judging, judges will score all categories in their respective zones, with final scores being formulated from all judges observations.

Weather cancellation/Single day event

The Technical Director may cancel a division or a competition day due to weather and/or visibility. The decision to halt the competition is made by the Technical Director with input from the Head Judge.

- When possible, the announcement of cancellation should be performed after the completion of a division.
- All athletes in an entire division must have the opportunity to complete their run for the division results to be validated.
- If the competition is stopped due to weather conditions or any other occurrence without completion of a division, those results will be invalid.
- If a division is incomplete and weather or current conditions indicate that the completion of the division is unlikely, the TD, with input from the Head Judge, may opt to rerun the entire division with split judging in place to validate the results.
- It is not permitted to switch to a split judging format mid-division when some but not all riders have completed their competition run.

Weather cancellation/Two day event

For a two-day competition format, if the weather doesn't allow for a second day or if divisions from day one are not completed, the TD will decide upon one of several scenarios:

- In the event that it is impossible to complete a final run for a division when qualification runs are completed, the qualifying run results are validated and these scores will serve as the final score for the event.
- If a qualifier run for a division is not completed and a finals run competition day is possible with a sufficient weather window, the TD may elect to rerun the entire qualification runs for an incomplete division. If a finals run is not possible, then the scores from the qualifying run will serve as the final results for the event.
- If it is impossible to complete a particular division within the event window, the athletes in the division receive a DNS, results are not counted and points will not be earned by the athlete. This event will not count against an athlete's allotted four ranked seeded events each season.

APPENDIX 1 : IFSA ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Event Organizer

The event organizer is an individual, working either for a local mountain or organization that produces and promotes events approved by the IFSA. The event organizer is ultimately responsible for adhering to and following all safety protocol and guidelines outlined and established by the IFSA.

Technical Director

Under the direction of the event organizer, the technical director (TD) is responsible for the competition aspect of each event. TDs are credentialed, experienced, and competent in event management, safety guidelines, and following IFSA rules and best operating practices. The TD, with input from the head judge, has the final authority on the safety of the event as well as any issues resulting in on venue conflict. This includes any interpretation of rules and protocols laid out in the IFSA handbook such as venue features and closures. The event organizer and TD will interface with Patrol to establish that an emergency response plan is in place.

Head Judge

The head judge is responsible for ensuring consistency in judging and managing the activities of the other judges. The head judge should set the tone of every event in regards to safety, including severely penalizing athletes for poor decision making and/or execution in the development/performance of their line. The head judge in conjunction with the technical director will determine athlete cuts for successive competition rounds.

All cuts shall be discussed with the judge panel to assure fair and natural cuts are made. The head judge, along with the TD, has the authority to disqualify an athlete for breaking any IFSA rules, event organizer rules, resort or host mountain rules, or for poor sportsmanship.

Judge Panel

At least two judges work under the direction of the head judge and offer individual perspectives of each athlete's run. All judges provide independent scores for each athlete's run. Judges are advocates for safety under the direction of the head judge.

Scorekeeper

The scorekeeper is responsible for the input and recording of scores provided by the judges in a timely manner. Scorekeepers are required to operate and use the IFSA scorekeeping tool and shall be trained ahead of time, well before the event date. It is essential that the scorekeeper prepare the materials and become familiar with the software prior to the event date. It is also essential that the scorekeeper work alongside judges to ensure accuracy of scores.

Starter

The starter shall be an experienced individual who controls the timing of each athlete's drop into the venue. They will be in communication with the TD and judge panel at all times. The starter must verify the athlete's identity and relay their drop status to event personnel.

Forerunner

Forerunners are sometimes used as an optional practice at the discretion of the TD to enable the judging team to get in sync and the TD to practice communications with the Starter and Patrol and other officials.

Athletes can not forerun on the same venue that they will be competing on in subsequent days of the event. Under no circumstances may a coach with a registered athlete serve as forerunner.

Ninja

A minimum of 2 Ninjas shall be onsite and ready to perform gear retrieval at all times (clicked into bindings and ready to swiftly and safely navigate to the competitor).

Coaches should only be used as Ninjas if all their athlete(s) have already completed their competition runs.

Regional Series Director

The Regional Series Director (RSD) is a community member who assists the IFSA Administrative Team in managing and organizing Freeride events within a Region. RSDs work with Event Organizers to coordinate a series schedule with minimal overlaps, recruit new host mountains, facilitate and assist the IFSA with communication, as well as coordinating with Regional Head Judges and Regional Head Technical Directors.

Volunteers

As a non-profit organization, volunteers are the lifeblood of the IFSA. Individuals may volunteer in many capacities ; directly for the IFSA Board of Directors, an Advisory Board, or with an event organizer. Individuals can also volunteer to support the Regional Series Director with judging coordination, scorekeeping, athlete check-in, and other tasks. We appreciate our volunteers! Interested in volunteering? Please send us an email at support@freeriders.org

APPENDIX 2 - CANCELLATION POLICIES

Cancellations are an inevitable part of competitive Freeride. This season 6000+ athletes will attend 175+ events hosted in alpine mountain environments subject to severe and variable weather and snowpacks. There are three types of cancellations:

- (1) Individual athletes canceling a single event registration
- (2) Entire event cancellation/postponement
- (3) Membership cancellations

Each of these cancellation types requires definition as to the refund process and amount. The policies outlined below will create transparency for our Athlete and Event Organizer groups, and standard practices for the IFSA Admin Team.

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES CANCELING A CONFIRMED EVENT REGISTRATION

Case 1: Injured/Sick Athletes unable to compete

In the event that an athlete becomes sick or injured and is unable to participate in the event, they are eligible for a full refund less the nonrefundable fees taken at the time of athlete confirmation. In this case, the athlete must submit proof of injury/sickness within 24 hours of the event completion. For all events, please submit proof of injury/sickness to the IFSA (support@ifsafreeride.org).

Case 2: Junior U12 & Friendly Events

Registration for these events is run entirely by timestamp, on a timeline defined by the Regional Series Director (4-8 weeks before the event).

Pre-Confirmation: Athletes may cancel anytime they are on the waitlist (pre-confirmation) with no charge.

- Athletes who cancel their registration more than three weeks prior to a competition are eligible for a full refund less the nonrefundable fees taken at the time of athlete confirmation
- Athletes who cancel their registration more than two weeks before a competition will receive a 50% refund. This covers the nonrefundable fees as well as the additional work required by the IFSA, RSD, and EO's to cover the loss of funds and athlete starts.
- Athletes who cancel within two weeks of a competition will receive no refund.

Case 3: Junior 2* Events

Registration for these events is run 50% timestamp, 50% seed, on a timeline defined by the Regional Series Director (4-8 weeks before the event).

Pre-Confirmation: Athletes may cancel anytime they are on the waitlist (pre-confirmation) with no charge.

- Athletes who cancel their registration more than three weeks prior to a competition are eligible for a full refund less the nonrefundable fees taken at the time of athlete confirmation
- Athletes who cancel their registration between two and three weeks before a competition will receive a 50% refund. This covers the nonrefundable fees as well

as the additional work required by the IFSA, RSD, and EO's to cover the loss of funds and athlete starts.

- Athletes who cancel within two weeks of a competition will receive no refund.

Case 4: Junior 3* Events

Registration for these events is run 100% by seed. 90% of the fields are confirmed in early December, and the final 10% of each field is confirmed three weeks prior to the competition.

Pre-Confirmation: Athletes may cancel anytime they are on the waitlist (pre-confirmation) with no charge.

- Athletes who cancel their registration more than three weeks prior to a competition (before the final 10% confirmation) are eligible for a full refund less the nonrefundable fees taken at the time of athlete confirmation
- Within Three Weeks of Competition, and after the 10% is confirmed: athletes who cancel within three weeks of a competition will receive no refund.

Case 5: Junior Freeride Championships

These events are non-refundable due to the tight turn around and limited number of participants.

EVENT CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT AND REFUND

Cancellation policies are established at the discretion of each individual Event Organizer for IFSA Events.

Scenario 1: If the event organizer must cancel the event due to lack of snow or poor conditions prior to the arrival of the riders, the event organizer MAY refund a portion of the registration fee to each rider. Funds may be withheld to cover transaction fees and various event expenditures.

Scenario 2: If the event organizer must cancel the event on the scheduled day because it could not be held during the weather window due to bad weather or other circumstances, registered riders will not be refunded. This is because the Event Organizer has compensated judges, employees, Patrol, event staff, paid for awards and swag, and absorbed the cost of discounted lift tickets.

Scenario 3: If an event organizer must postpone or reschedule the event, any rider who must cancel their registration because they are unable to attend the new event date will receive a partial refund (minus the nonrecoverable transaction fees). If the event is postponed, all registered riders will be admitted to the rescheduled competition. Any remaining spots will be filled from the waiting list. If the rescheduled event is not yet full, registration will reopen.

IFSA AND REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP CANCELTION POLICY

The IFSA is a nonprofit 501c3 that operates on membership fees. We offer events across North and South America. We do not give refunds if you didn't get into the event you hoped for or that you can no longer attend, as we have over 175 events that are available for all athletes. Before purchasing a membership, please consider that with the continued growth of our sport, you may not get into the competition closest to your home.

Refunds are only issued for injuries or illnesses that occur before your first competition of the season. To request a refund (minus processing fees), please contact your Regional Series Director and the IFSA in a timely manner, providing proof of injury or illness before the start of your first scheduled competition.

APPENDIX 3 – ATHLETE COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Big Mountain Freeride competitions are activities with inherent risks of serious personal injury, disability, and death. It is the sole responsibility that IFSA members will honor all contracts entered upon willingly. The following items are required for an athlete to compete in an IFSA-sanctioned event:

- The IFSA Release of Liability Waiver (ROL) for juniors under the age of 18 must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The waiver may not be signed by a coach. Riders 18 years of age or older in the USA and 19 years of age or older in Canada must sign their own waivers.
- The event ROL waiver must be signed for each event, even if there are multiple events at the same mountain in the same year/season.
- Competitors will have personal health insurance during all events. Athletes must have proof of individual insurance at check-in and have it available for the duration of the competition.

- Attendance at athlete meetings is mandatory. The technical director, event organizer, and judges are not responsible for providing information to absentees. Since the pandemic, both digital and in person athlete meetings are permitted.
- Attendance during athlete venue inspection is mandatory.
- Athlete safety equipment requirements are mandatory. Athletes not in possession of required safety equipment will be assigned a DNS score. Athletes who attempt to compete without the mandatory safety equipment as specified by both the IFSA and the event organizer will earn a DNS.
- Athletes must adhere to the IFSA Code of Conduct for the entirety of a competition at the host mountain. Athletes must also remember they represent the IFSA community and as such, should conduct themselves in a responsible, respectful manner that presents Freeride in a positive light.
- It is the responsibility of the competitor to make their start time.
- If an athlete may miss their start list position by more than 5 riders, they must communicate their tardiness with the TD or event organizer and describe the circumstances preventing them from making their start time. If an athlete should miss their division entirely, they will earn a DNS. It is the decision of the TD/starter where to place the rider in the event they miss their start. Repeated infractions of missing start times will result in a DNS or DQ score at the discretion of the head judge and/or TD.
- Athletes must understand the location of all start and finish lines/corral for their competitive division. Weather, number of athletes, and time constraints may have an effect on where these are placed. Failure to comply with start and finish lines/corral during competitive run will result in a DQ.
- If an athlete crashes and may be injured, the athlete should stay down and wait for Patrol to assist them.
- In the case of a crash where there is no concern of injury, the athlete shall give a head tap letting everyone know they are ok. If there is a loss of equipment (DNF) they can then proceed to grab their gear or wait for assistance from a Ninja. In either case, they should refrain from riding additional features that may cause another crash and further delay the competition. The rider must exit the venue via the finish corral, avoiding significant features, drops, or airs. Should the rider exit the venue boundary, hit airs, drops, or ride in a reckless manner as deemed by the TD and/or head judge, or fail to exit through the designated finish area, the DNF score will be converted to a DQ and no points will be earned.

APPENDIX 4 – ATHLETE SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Athletes failing to meet equipment requirements set by both the IFSA and the event organizer will not be permitted to start and will be awarded a DNS (Did Not Start) score, earning no points. DNS riders will not receive a refund for the registration fee.

- Helmets are **MANDATORY** when inspecting, competing, or riding within the venue. Coaches, volunteers, and event staff (Judges, TD's, Ninjas, Patrol) must also wear a helmet when accessing the venue.
- It is **MANDATORY** that an athlete wears a back protector during any competition run(s). The back protector must be a stand-alone piece of equipment designed to protect users from impact during a fall. Backpacks, avalanche packs, etc. that are worn externally will not be considered valid back protectors
- The IFSA strongly recommends additional protective gear when training or competing in Freeride such as but not limited to: hip pads and a mouth guard.
- The event organizer may require additional protective and/or safety equipment beyond the items mentioned above, including but not limited to an avalanche transceiver, probe, shovel, and avalanche airbag, or avalung device.

APPENDIX 5 – SCORING COMPLAINTS AND ATHLETE PROTESTS

The following information pertains to athlete protests and scoring complaints:

- Protests may be filed due to run interference and must be brought to the attention of the TD immediately after the run.
- Protest against disqualifications and or/clerical errors must be made within 15 minutes after the posting of final results.
- It is the responsibility of the competitor to substantiate their protest.
- No protests against scoring are allowed. All scores are final. Scores will not be changed or adjusted, other than the clerical errors outlined above.
- The Technical Director may grant a provisional rerun due to interference on a case-by-case basis.
- If the Technical Director cannot make the determination of a provisional rerun, it is up to the discretion of the head judge.
- Once the decision to award a rerun is made by the TD, the score for the first run is permanently removed from record and the rerun becomes the only score of record.

- Under no circumstances may a competitor protest directly to the IFSA judges. All protests must be addressed to the Technical Director.

APPENDIX 6 – REGION 2 IFSA JUNIOR POINTS TABLE

Points are awarded for all finishes at all IFSA-sanctioned Freeride events with the exception of the U12 age category. The point spread will include differentiating point values up to a finish of 44th place; all remaining finishes will receive the base point value indicated below. All junior athletes will earn the base point value for their finish, plus 1 point for each athlete they beat within their division.

Finish/Position	IFSA JFC	3* Junior Series	2* Junior Series
1	1250	1000	600
2	1044	835	501
3	923	738	442
4	837	670	402
5	771	617	370
6	717	573	343
7	671	537	322
8	631	505	303
9	596	477	286
10	565	452	271
11	536	429	257
12	510	408	244
13	487	389	233
14	465	372	223
15	444	355	213
16	425	340	204
17	407	325	195
18	390	312	187

19	374	299	179
20	358	287	172
21	344	275	165
22	330	264	158
23	317	253	151
24	304	243	145
25	292	234	140
26	280	224	134
27	269	215	129
28	258	207	124
29	248	198	118
30	238	190	114
31	228	182	109
32	219	175	105
33	209	167	100
34	200	160	96
35	192	153	91
36	183	147	88
37	175	140	84
38	167	134	80
39	160	128	76
40	152	122	73
41	145	116	69
42	138	110	66
43	131	104	62
44	125	100	60
45 - 100	125	100	60

APPENDIX 7 - ADULT POINTS CONVERSION TABLE

- When an IFSA Junior turns 18 years of age, their results from participation in the IFSA Junior Series will automatically be converted to points on the Adult Global Seeding List.
- This way, a junior has earned a ranking on the Adult Global Seeding List to assist with registration at 3* and 4* level adult events.
- Point values differ between divisions and you must locate the appropriate table to view points. To view the tables in full, locate the FJT Rider's Rules document on the [Freeride World Tour](https://www.freerideworldtour.com) website.

SNOWBOARD WOMEN ADULT POINT CONVERSION TABLE

FJT 4****		FJT 3***		FJT 2**	
<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>
1	1300	1	800	1	480
2	1020	2	650	2	360
3	840	3	500	3	280
4	700	4	400	4	230
5	590	5	350	5	200
6	500	6	300	6	175
7	430	7	265	7	155
8	380	8	240	8	135
9	330	9	210	9	115
10	290	10	180	10	98
11	255	11	160	11	83
12	225	12	140	12	73
13	195	13	122	13	70
14	170	14	105	14	64
15	145	15	90	15	58
16	125	16	80	16	53
17	105	17	71	17	49
18	90	18	64	18	46
19	85	19	58	19	43
20*	80	20	53	20	40

* To view additional point values, use the FJT Region 1 Riders Rules on the www.freerideworldtour.com website.

SKI MEN ADULT POINT CONVERSION TABLE

FJT 4****		FJT 3***		FJT 2**	
<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>
1	1300	1	800	1	480
2	1020	2	640	2	360
3	840	3	500	3	280
4	700	4	410	4	230
5	600	5	360	5	200
6	520	6	315	6	175
7	450	7	275	7	160
8	400	8	245	8	150
9	370	9	225	9	140
10	345	10	210	10	135
11	325	11	195	11	130
12	310	12	185	12	125
13	295	13	175	13	120
14	285	14	170	14	115
15	275	15	165	15	110
16	266	16	160	16	108
17	258	17	158	17	106
18	250	18	156	18	104
19	243	19	154	19	102
20	237	20	152	20	100
21	232	21	150	21	99
22	227	22	148	22	98
23	222	23	146	23	97
24	218	24	144	24	96
25	214	25	142	25	95
26	210	26	140	26	94
27	207	27	138	27	93
28	204	28	136	28	92
29	201	29	134	29	91
30	198	30	132	30	90
31	195	31	130	31	89
32	192	32	128	32	88
33	189	33	126	33	87
34	186	34	124	34	86
35	183	35	122	35	85
36	180	36	120	36	84
37	177	37	118	37	83
38	174	38	116	38	82

39	171	39	114	39	81
40	168	40	112	40	80
41	166	41	110	41	79
42	164	42	108	42	78
43	162	43	106	43	77
44	160	44	104	44	76
45*	158	45	102	45	75

* To view additional point values, use the FJT Region 1 Riders Rules on the www.freerideworldtour.com website.

SKI WOMEN & SNOWBOARD MEN ADULT POINT CONVERSION TABLE

FJT 4****		FJT 3***		FJT 2**	
<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>ranking</i>	<i>points</i>
1	1300	1	800	1	480
2	1020	2	640	2	360
3	840	3	500	3	280
4	700	4	410	4	230
5	620	5	360	5	200
6	560	6	315	6	175
7	500	7	275	7	160
8	450	8	245	8	150
9	400	9	225	9	140
10	350	10	210	10	130
11	310	11	195	11	120
12	285	12	180	12	110
13	255	13	165	13	105
14	230	14	150	14	100
15	210	15	140	15	95
16	195	16	130	16	90
17	180	17	120	17	85
18	170	18	110	18	80
19	160	19	100	19	75
20	150	20	95	20	71
21	140	21	90	21	67
22	130	22	85	22	63
23	125	23	80	23	59
24	120	24	75	24	55
25	115	25	70	25	51
26	110	26	67	26	47
27	105	27	64	27	45

28	100	28	61	28	43
29	95	29	58	29	41
30*	90	30	55	30	39

* To view additional point values, use the FJT Region 1 Riders Rules on the www.freerideworldtour.com website.