

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

FIS FREERIDE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. FIS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1. The FIS Junior World Championships are the FIS-owned competitions. Participation is open to all National Ski Associations (“NSA”) affiliated with FIS and their members.

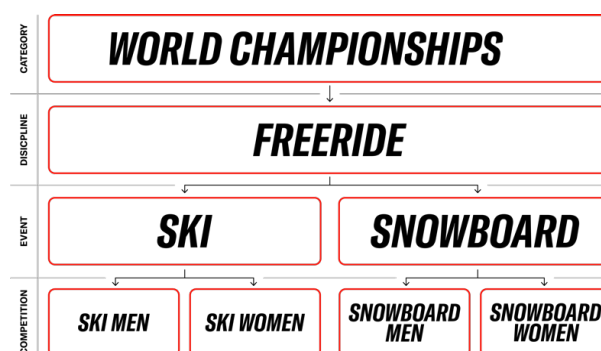
2. YEAR AND DATES

- 2.1. The FIS Junior World Championships in Freeride Ski and Snowboard will be organised every year.
- 2.2. The FIS Junior Freeride World Championships will take place on a single competition day within the 4-day weather window. The competition day confirmation (D-Day) is confirmed on D-2 or D-1 if weather forecast is difficult.

3. EVENTS

- 3.1. The FIS Junior World Championships in the Freeride discipline will take place over one day, with one run per athlete in each of the four competitions:

- 3.1.1. Ski Men
(event: FREERIDE SKI)
- 3.1.2. Ski Women
(event: FREERIDE SKI)
- 3.1.3. Snowboard Men
(event: FREERIDE SNOWBOARD)
- 3.1.4. Snowboard Women
(event: FREERIDE SNOWBOARD)



4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1. **Event:** A competitive activity belonging to a single Discipline, as defined in ICR 201.5. (e.g. Ski, Snowboard.)
- 4.2. **Competition:** An instance of an Event having a specified date and location and intended to produce a single set of Results. (e.g. Ski Men Freeride World Championships, Andorra, 2025). Each competition is listed in the FIS Calendar with a Codex number that is unique within a given FIS Calendar Year.
- 4.3. **Competitor:** A person who competes, or intends to compete, in the competition. A competitor is referred to as an athlete when not actually participating in a competition, as, for example, when mentioned in a rule of the FIS Points.
- 4.4. **National Ski Association (NSA):** An NSA is the governing body responsible for overseeing ski and snowboard activities within a particular country. NSAs handle athlete registration, manage quotas, and serve as a liaison between athletes and FIS.
- 4.5. **FWT Junior:** The Junior consists of a series of events. FWT or IFSA, for participants up to 18 years old, with different point values from 1* to 3*.

- 4.6. **FWT Qualifier:** The Qualifier consists of a series of events, FWT or IFSA for participants over 18 years old, with different point values from 1* to 4*.
- 4.7. **FWT Challenger:** The Challenger Tour consists of a series of events, FWT or IFSA, that will determine the final list of riders for the following year's Freeride World Tour Pro. The FWT Challenger is a series of events that are invitation only.
The top riders of the FWT Qualifier compete against the bottom-ranked riders from the FWT Pro tour to earn a spot on the following year's FWT Pro circuit.
- 4.8. **FWT Pro:** The FWT Pro is the premier international series for Freeride skiing and snowboarding. Only top-ranked athletes from the previous FWT season and from the FWT Challenger are eligible to compete.
- 4.9. **FWT Pro Ranking:** The FWT Pro Ranking 2025 is the final ranking produced at the end of the FWT Pro Series and that ranks athletes based on their best four results out of six events (or less depending on cancellations).
- 4.10. **FWT Junior Rankings:** The FWT Junior rankings consists of the 3 or 4 best results of each rider during a season within the Region they compete in. The Regions are divided in two: FWT Region 1 Europe, Asia, Oceania and IFSA Region 2 Americas.
- 4.11. **Qualifying Global Seeding List:** The seeding list is formulated by a rider's best 3 results over the qualification period (May 1st, 2024, to April 30th, 2025). All results from Junior, Qualifier, Challenger and Pro Series feed into the seeding list. Athletes qualified for the 2026 FWT Pro (including returning FWT Pro riders, FWT Challenger qualified riders and FWT Pro Injury Wildcards) will additionally receive a "qualification bonus" of 100'000 points to place these riders at the top of the Global Seeding List.
- 4.12. **National Ranking:** National' Ranking is a system that ranks each Continents with freeride participants based on the combined performance of its athletes. Nations are ordered based on their athletes' cumulative seeding list points – excluding "qualification bonus" points - amongst the top 100 ranked by competition (top 100 Ski Men, top 100 Ski Women, top 100 Snowboard men and top 100 Snowboard Women). This ranking helps allocate quotas and can influence the number of athletes each nation can send to the Championships. There will be one ranking per event, for a total of two rankings:
- Ski Nations' Ranking
 - Snowboard Nations' Ranking
- 4.13. **Wildcard:** A Wildcard is a special entry granted to an athlete who does not qualify through the regular ranking or qualification process. Wildcards may be awarded by FIS, or the organizing committee based on exceptional circumstances or to ensure host country representation.

5. AGE LIMITS

- 5.1. All athletes participating in the 2026 FIS Freeride Junior World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2012 and after January 1st, 2007.
- 5.2. All athletes participating in the 2027 FIS Freeride Junior World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2013 and after January 1st, 2008.

- 5.3. All athletes participating in the 2028 FIS Freeride Junior World Championships must be born before January 1st, 2014 and after January 1st, 2009.

6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- 6.1. All athletes must comply with the age limits dictated by point 5.
 6.2. All athletes participating in the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships must have at least one result in an FWT or IFSA Junior 3*, or above, event in their career.
 6.3. All athletes must be members of their NSA of belonging and must have a valid FIS License.
 6.4. Maximum quotas per NSA as defined by Rule 7.
 6.5. Athletes participating in the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships must not have competed in any Pro, Qualifier or Challenger event prior to their participation.

7. NUMBER OF QUOTAS

- 7.1. There will be a maximum of 67 athletes: maximum 40 in the Ski competitions and 27 in the Snowboard competitions.
 7.2. The maximum team size per NSA is 16 athletes, excluding Wildcards, with a quota of 4 athletes per NSA, for each of the 4 competitions.

Competition	maximum quota places per NSA
Ski Men	4
Snowboard men	4
Ski Women	4
Snowboard Women	4
Total	16

- 7.3. **TOTAL MAXIMUM QUOTA PLACES per event:**

	Competition	Total
Men	Ski Men	24
	Snowboard Men	16
Women	Ski Women	16
	Snowboard Women	11
Total		67

8. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- 8.1. All competitors will qualify to the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships through one of the 5 Continents mentioned below or through a Wildcard.

8.2. **Continental Quotas**– FIS Freeride will allocate qualification quotas in each competition for each of the following five Regions represented in the National Ranking: Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America. Each of the five Continents will receive an number of quotas following the steps below:

1. Each Continent consists of a list of Nations (see Annex 1).
2. Each Nation is allocated points on the two National Rankings, Ski and Snowboard (see definition 4.12).
3. The total points for each Continent are calculated by summing the points in each National Ranking of all its Nations.
4. Based on the continental points over the total of available points, each continent will receive a percentage allocation per Competition.
5. For each Competition, the available spots are allocated to each Continent in proportion* to the above percentage. Athletes are selected based on the following Rankings:

Continent	Description	Date of invitation
Europe	Top ranked (from the previous season FWT Junior Region 1 Ranking) N* athletes from a European nation, in accordance with eligibility criteria.	30 th May 2025
Asia	Top ranked (from the previous season FWT Junior Region 1 Ranking) N* athletes from an Asian country, in accordance with eligibility criteria.	30 th May 2025
Oceania	Top ranked (from the current season FWT Junior Region 1 Ranking) N* athletes from an Oceania country, in accordance with eligibility criteria.	30 th September 2025**
North America	Top ranked (from the previous season IFSA Junior Region 2 Ranking) N* athletes from a North American country, in accordance with eligibility criteria.	30 th May 2025
South America	Top ranked (from the current season IFSA Junior Region 2 Ranking) N* athletes from a South American country, in accordance with eligibility criteria.	30 th September 2025**

*N.B.: Quotas will be rounded to ensure representation and fair distribution amongst all Continents.

** : In case of postponement of any Sothern Hemisphere's event, the date of invitation will be postponed to after the last event.

8.3. Example - Ski Competitions based on the 2024 Ski National Ranking

	Steps 1 to 3: Sum of Ski points per Continent	Step 4: Percentage for the Ski Competitions	Step 5: Quotas for Ski Men (23)	Rounded Quotas for Ski Men	Step 5: Quotas for Ski Women (15)	Rounded Quotas for Ski Women
Asia	28'780	2,5%	0,6	1	0,4	1
Europe	649'948	55,9%	12,9	12	8,4	7
North America	360'701	31,0%	7,1	7	4,7	5
Oceania	99'399	8,6%	2,0	2	1,3	1
South America	23'116	2,0%	0,5	1	0,3	1

Total	1'161'944	100,0%	23,0	23	15	15
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Quotas are allocated by FIS personally to athletes, who must be members of an NSA, with communication to the athlete and to the NSA. FIS Freeride will be responsible for replacements until the 30th of September 2025 and the NSA will then be responsible for the replacement of athletes from the 1st of October until the 31st of December 2025.

8.4. **Wildcards** – FIS Freeride will allocate up to four wildcards to satisfy potential needs (injuries, defending Champions, media or national interest, etc.). All Wildcards Quotas are allocated by FIS personally to athletes, who must be members of an NSA, with communication to the athlete and to the NSA. FIS will also be responsible of the replacement of the athlete in the situation that he or she might not be able to participate, with potentially a competitor from another NSA.

8.5. Allocation of Quotas and replacements

Qualification Group	Allocated to:	Allocated by:	Replacement by:
Continental Quotas	Athlete	FIS Freeride	FIS Freeride from 30 th of May to 30th of September 2025 NSA from 1st of October to the 31st of December 2025
Wildcards	Athlete	FIS Freeride	FIS Freeride

9. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

9.1. The following Qualification timeline is based on the 2025 Freeride Calendar and to ensure timeline information to NSA and athletes qualified.

Date	Milestone
1 May 2024 - 30 April 2025	Qualification Period (Pro, Challenger, Qualification, Junior)
13 January 2025 - 16 Janvier 2025	Freeride Junior World Championships 2025
30 May 2025	Publication of Qualification and Quota Allocation List by FIS Freeride. FIS informs NSAs of their qualified athletes (except for Oceania and South America) through publication on the FIS Website.
15 June 2025	All qualified athletes to confirm to their NSAs and to FIS Freeride the use of their qualification ticket.
30 September 2025	FIS informs NSAs of their qualified athletes (Oceania and South America). Deadline FIS Freeride to allocate Wildcards and replace unused Quotas.

1 October 2025 - 31 December 2025	NSA to replace any competitor who is unable to participate, in accordance with eligibility criteria, and in the same competition.
31 December 2025	FIS Freeride Junior World Championships 2026 Sport Entries Deadline
January 2026	FIS Freeride Junior World Championships 2026

10. INVITATION AND ENTRIES

- 10.1. All personally invited athletes (Continental and Wildcards Groups) will receive a formal invitation to the 2026 FIS Freeride Junior World Championships on May 30th, 2025. The NSAs of those qualified athletes will also be included in the communication.
- 10.2. After the 30th of September 2025, NSA will be responsible for replacing any competitor who is unable to participate for any given reason. In this case the NSA will have to submit to FIS Freeride the following information regarding the competitor: Name, nation, gender, date of birth. FIS will then control that the competitor fulfills all eligibility criteria before confirming said athlete for the FIS Freeride Junior World Championships. All replacements must be submitted by December 31st, 2025.

11. ACCOMODATIONS AND TRAVEL COSTS

- 11.1. The Organising committee will fully cover the half-board accommodation for all competitors in one 3* or 4* hotel category or equivalent standard in single or twin rooms, with breakfast and dinner, and parking at no cost, for the period starting two days before the Competition (D-2) to the day after the Competition (D+1).
- 11.2. The Organising Committee can offer half board price of maximum CHF 120 per day (accommodation, breakfast and dinner, as well as ski-lifts or mountain railways) for NSA officials.
- 11.3. All competitors and officials will be independently responsible of their costs of traveling to and from the location of the event.

12. ANNEX 1

Continent	Nation
Asia	Afghanistan
Europe	Albania
Africa	Algeria
Oceania	American Samoa
Europe	Andorra
Africa	Angola
North America	Antigua and Barbuda
South America	Argentina
Europe	Armenia
South America	Aruba
Oceania	Australia
Europe	Austria
Europe	Azerbaijan
North America	Bahamas
Asia	Bahrain
Asia	Bangladesh
North America	Barbados
Europe	Belarus
Europe	Belgium
North America	Belize
Africa	Benin
South America	Bermuda
Asia	Bhutan
South America	Bolivia
Europe	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Africa	Botswana
South America	Brazil
Asia	Brunei Darussalam
Europe	Bulgaria
Africa	Burkina Faso
Africa	Burundi
Asia	Cambodia
Africa	Cameroon
North America	Canada
Africa	Cape Verde

South America	Cayman Islands
Africa	Central African Republic
Africa	Chad
South America	Chile
Asia	Chinese Taipei
South America	Colombia
Africa	Comoros
Africa	Congo
Oceania	Cook Islands
North America	Costa Rica
Africa	Côte d'Ivoire
Europe	Croatia
North America	Cuba
Europe	Cyprus
Europe	Czech Republic
Asia	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Africa	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Asia	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
Europe	Denmark
Africa	Djibouti
North America	Dominica
North America	Dominican Republic
South America	Ecuador
Africa	Egypt
North America	El Salvador
Africa	Equatorial Guinea
Africa	Eritrea
Europe	Estonia
Africa	Eswatini
Africa	Ethiopia
Oceania	Federated States of Micronesia
Oceania	Fiji
Europe	Finland
Europe	France
Africa	Gabon

Africa	Gambia
Europe	Georgia
Europe	Germany
Africa	Ghana
Europe	Great Britain
Europe	Greece
North America	Grenada
Oceania	Guam
North America	Guatemala
Africa	Guinea
Africa	Guinea-Bissau
South America	Guyana
North America	Haiti
North America	Honduras
Asia	Hong Kong, China
Europe	Hungary
Europe	Iceland
Asia	India
Asia	Indonesia
Asia	Iraq
Europe	Ireland
Asia	Islamic Republic of Iran
Europe	Israel
Europe	Italy
North America	Jamaica
Asia	Japan
Asia	Jordan
Asia	Kazakhstan
Africa	Kenya
Oceania	Kiribati
Europe	Kosovo
Asia	Kuwait
Asia	Kyrgyzstan
Asia	Lao People's Democratic Republic
Europe	Latvia
Asia	Lebanon
Africa	Lesotho
Africa	Liberia

Africa	Libya
Europe	Liechtenstein
Europe	Lithuania
Europe	Luxembourg
Africa	Madagascar
Africa	Malawi
Asia	Malaysia
Asia	Maldives
Africa	Mali
Europe	Malta
Oceania	Marshall Islands
Africa	Mauritania
Africa	Mauritius
North America	Mexico
Europe	Monaco
Asia	Mongolia
Europe	Montenegro
Africa	Morocco
Africa	Mozambique
Asia	Myanmar
Africa	Namibia
Oceania	Nauru
Asia	Nepal
Europe	Netherlands
Oceania	New Zealand
North America	Nicaragua
Africa	Niger
Africa	Nigeria
Europe	Norway
Asia	Oman
Asia	Pakistan
Oceania	Palau
Asia	Palestine
North America	Panama
Oceania	Papua New Guinea
South America	Paraguay
Asia	People's Republic of China
South America	Peru
Asia	Philippines

Europe	Poland
Europe	Portugal
South America	Puerto Rico
Asia	Qatar
Asia	Republic of Korea
Europe	Republic of Moldova
Europe	Republic of North Macedonia
Europe	Romania
Europe	Russian Federation
Africa	Rwanda
North America	Saint Kitts and Nevis
North America	Saint Lucia
Oceania	Samoa
Europe	San Marino
Africa	Sao Tome and Principe
Asia	Saudi Arabia
Africa	Senegal
Europe	Serbia
Africa	Seychelles
Africa	Sierra Leone
Asia	Singapore
Europe	Slovakia
Europe	Slovenia
Oceania	Solomon Islands
Africa	Somalia
Africa	South Africa
Africa	South Sudan
Europe	Spain
Asia	Sri Lanka
North America	St Vincent and the Grenadines
Africa	Sudan
South America	Suriname
Europe	Sweden
Europe	Switzerland
Asia	Syrian Arab Republic
Asia	Tajikistan
Asia	Thailand
Africa	Togo

Oceania	Tonga
North America	Trinidad and Tobago
Africa	Tunisia
Europe	Turkey
Asia	Turkmenistan
Oceania	Tuvalu
Africa	Uganda
Europe	Ukraine
Asia	United Arab Emirates
Africa	United Republic of Tanzania
North America	United States of America
South America	Uruguay
Asia	Uzbekistan
Oceania	Vanuatu
South America	Venezuela
Asia	Vietnam
North America	Virgin Islands, British
North America	Virgin Islands, US
Asia	Yemen
Africa	Zambia
Africa	Zimbabwe

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