



# **INTERNATIONAL BLIND SPORTS FEDERATION**

## **ALPINE SKIING RULEBOOK 2005-2009**

# **Rules for Alpine Skiing for the Disabled**

## **IBSA Alpine Skiing Rules**

The IBSA Alpine Skiing Rules apply to all IBSA-sanctioned events in Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom, Slalom, Parallel and Combined Competitions. These rules have been determined and adopted by the IBSA ALPINE SKIING SUBCOMMITTEE. These rules include the rule changes approved by the IBSA TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE. The below rules will from now on be the only valid means of reference for this sport, overruling any previously published rules on Alpine Skiing.

The rules are based on the current FIS rules (approved in 2000). The numbering of the rules is according to the FIS rules.

This rulebook will remain in force until the publication of the next FIS (International Skiing Federation) Rulebook, at which time a new edition can be published to take account of any new FIS rules coming into force at that time, and which affect IBSA Alpine Skiing Rules.

Particular Rules for the different Disciplines

Races for the Disabled

For all course specifications, see FIS Women's requirements.

### **613.9 Start Adaptations for the Blind**

In the B-Classes the Guide **MUST NOT** pass through the starting gate.

Therefore the start should contemplate and provide an adequate space for the guide, always in relation to the first gate of the course. The space should be equal in start position and with the same elevation as the competitor.

The start ramp shall be prepared in such a way that the guide can stand relaxed on the starting line and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the start.

### **700 Downhill**

### **702.3** Particular Regulations for the Course Layout

Natural unevenness of the ground may be left in place.

The approaches to lips and drop-offs that lead to jumps must continue evenly with gentle gradients. Multiple jumps and multiple compressions must be eliminated where practical (Sit- and Blind Skiers).

On the outsides of curves fall zones and/or safety installations should be planned if necessary.

These courses should normally be approx. 30 m wide. The inspector assigned for course homologation decides whether this width is sufficient and if necessary, may order widening. He can also permit a width of less than 30 m depending on the line and terrain requirements, as long as the areas of the course before and after the narrow part enable this.

Obstacles against which competitors may be thrown by leaving the course should be as well protected as possible with high safety nets, safety fences, pads, straw in sacks, or similar appropriate means if necessary, together with slip-sheets.

Unprotected, bound straw bales may not be used.

### **703.** Course Setting

**703.1.2** Before difficult jumps and difficult passages the speed should be controlled by appropriate course setting where possible.

Multiple jumps and multiple compressions must be eliminated where practical (Sit- and Blind Skiers).

### **900** Giant Slalom

### **906** Execution of the Giant Slalom

**906.4** Competitors from B1-B3 (incl. Guide) LW 10 – LW 12 and LW 5/7 are required to wear a crash helmet that conforms to the competition equipment specifications.

### **1000** Super – G

## **1003** Course Setting

**1003.1.3** Multiple jumps and multiple compressions must be eliminated where practical (Sit and Blind Skiers).

## **1400** Technical Rules for Disabled

### **1402** Special Rules for Blind Athletes

**1402.1** In all B-classes the competitor and his guide are a team. Therefore, visually disabled competitors and their guides will be trained and entered by their National Federation for Alpine events.

**1402.2** For all B classes the use of a guide is obligatory.

**1402.3** Guidance must be by voice, clicking ski poles and/or radio communication only. Voice amplification between guide and competitor is accepted. No other means of communication is allowed during Alpine races.

**1402.4** No physical contact between the guide and competitor is allowed during the race.

**1402.5** Helmets are obligatory in all B classes for competitors and guides in all races.

**1402.6** All competitors in class B 1 must wear blacked-out goggles during the competition. The model of the blacked-out goggles is optional, but they must be tested and passed by the jury.

**1402.7** All competitors and their guides are permitted to sideslip or snow plough at low speed, through the gates, during the official inspection, if approved by the jury. Guides are permitted to inspect the race course without their athlete.

### **1402.8** The Guide

**1402.8.1** The Guide must guide the racer from in front for B2 and B3. For B1 the guide can guide from in front or behind. Passing of the guide is allowed only between the last gate and finish line.

**1402.8.2** The distance between guide and athlete in technical events (Slalom and Giant Slalom) must not exceed two direction changes and in speed events (Downhill and Super G) must not exceed one direction change. Failure to satisfy this definition of the team will lead to disqualification.

**1402.9** The Guide must pass through all gates (except the start).

**1402.9.1** All guides must wear competition bibs.

The front of the bib must have the letter "G" printed in black (to denote their status of guide) and it must be either fluorescent green or yellow in color. The front of the guide bib must not be covered during competition; however the back may be a different color to accommodate the needs of the visually impaired competitor.

**1402.10** In the event of a guide's injury or illness, the athlete is permitted to change his/her guide. Such changes must be approved by the jury.

**1623** Visually Impaired Athlete

**1623.1** Eligibility

Eligible for competition are those who meet the criteria of the classes B1, B2, B3.

**1623.2** Classification

**B1** No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognise the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction

**B2** From ability to recognise the shape of a hand up to a visual acuity of 2/60 and/or visual field of less than 5 degrees.

**B3** From visual acuity above 2/60 up to visual acuity of 6/60 and/or visual field of more than 5 degrees and less than 20 degrees.

All classification in best eye with best correction

**1623.3** Classes

B1

B2

B3

**1624** Observation during the Competition/Training period

Observation in competition is a part of the classification. Special attention will be given to borderline cases and anyone suspected of cheating.

The observation of the competition per sport has to be done by one official technical and medical classification team.

The official classification team may change any classification during a competition. The new classification of an athlete, when changed during the competition shall be used in his/her next event of the competition.