

The principle of a free evaluation of the evidence is maintained. The rules on which the decision is to be based must be applied and interpreted in such a way that fair proceedings are guaranteed.

646.4 The decision is to be made public immediately after the proceedings by posting on the official notice board with the publication time stated.

647 Right of Appeals

647.1 The Appeal

647.1.1 *Can be made:*

- against the decisions of the Jury regarding monetary fines as per art. 224.11
- against the decision of the Jury to terminate a race (art. 625)
- against the recommendation of the Jury that a terminated race should count for FIS points
- against the official result. This appeal has to be directed exclusively against an obvious and proved calculation mistake.

647.1.2 Appeals must be submitted to the FIS Office only by the National Ski Association.

647.1.3 *Time Limits*

647.1.3.1 Appeals against Jury decisions must be submitted to the Appeals Commission within 48 hours of their announcement.

647.1.3.2 The official results may be appealed to the Council via the FIS Office within 30 days for matters that are outside the competence of the jury.

647.1.4 *Decisions concerning appeals are taken by:*

- the Appeals Commission
- the FIS Court.

647.2 Postponing Effect

Evidence submitted (protest, appeal) will not cause a postponement of the sanction.

647.3 Submission

All appeals must be in writing. Proof and evidence are to be included. Appeals submitted after the deadlines (art. 647.1.3.1 and 647.1.3.2) will be declined by the FIS.

650 Rules regarding the Homologation of the Courses

650.1 General

All competitions must take place on FIS-approved courses. Exceptions may be granted on request.

Only the FIS Council can grant exceptions or deviations from the prescribed technical data.

The National Ski Association in question and the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses submit the proposals. If exemptions are granted the exemption is valid from date of approval until revoked.

650.2 Request

The request for the homologation of a course is to be directed to the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses through the appropriate National Ski Association.

650.3 Recipients

The request must be accompanied by the following documents in multi-page pdf format, sent or given to:

650.3.1 The chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

650.3.2 The appropriate National Ski Association

650.3.3 The applicant

650.3.4 The inspector in charge of the examination

650.4 Documents

The request for the homologation of a course must be accompanied by the following six documents:

650.4.1

A description of the course, containing:

- the name of the course
- the geographical location of the course
- the start point expressed in meters above sea level
- the finish point expressed in meters above sea level
- the vertical drop expressed in meters
- the surface length of the course expressed in meters
- the average gradient, the maximum gradient, the minimum gradient (in percentages)
- emergency evacuation arrangements for injured competitors
- possible water supply for the course
- possible helicopter landing sites
- artificial snow-making installations
- a description of the access facilities to the start and finish areas, and of the uphill transport with hourly capacity, (persons)
- a description of the start and finish areas including details of the terrain, aspect and facilities for journalists, radio and television commentators, and spectators, and description of the shelters for the competitors at the start and finish
- a description of the places requiring safety nets
- indications of the locations of the loudspeakers
- a description of the possibilities for auxiliary courses for the technical services, technical personnel, etc.
- evacuation distance to the nearest hospital in kilometres
- a description of the communication system and the available number of lines preferably with a circuit diagram showing:
 - underground cables
 - permanent air cable

- temporary air cable
- cross-section of lines
- number of outlets along the course
- connections between the finish area and the race office
- connections between the finish area and the press centre
- details about available radio apparatus
- connections between start and finish area
- contact address with telephone number, e-mail and fax numbers.

650.4.2 A map, minimum scale 1: 25,000, with contour lines and the course drawn on it.

650.4.3 A 1: 5,000 profile indicating the vertical drop and length of the course (contours at the same scale).

650.4.4 A large and comprehensive photograph on which the course is marked. It must be a genuine photograph and not a graphic representation from a prospectus. The size of the photograph shall be at least 18 x 24 cm. The photograph should be taken preferably from an opposite slope. If that is not possible, then an oblique aerial photograph will be acceptable.

650.4.5 A sketch of the entire course (1 : 5,000) with all details and data indicated, such as lift towers, groups of trees, snow-making hydrants, snow fences, steep sections, curves, trail intersections, etc. and information on elevations, section and resort names. The purpose of the sketch is primarily to provide the inspector with condensed information on the actual state of the course, any improvements planned and also the location of safety nets.

650.4.6 A certification that all the development/improvement work on the ski slopes subject to approval or re-approval has been made in accordance with the existing national laws and with local and national regulations relating to the environment.

A certification shall be provided only in case of:

- a first homologation, except if it is an already existing track or on land that needs no modification.
- a re-approval, only if additional, substantial work has been done.

650.5 **Appointment of an Inspector**

The chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses will study the homologation request and appoint an inspector to examine the course. The inspector for Downhill courses must not belong to the country requesting a first homologation. The inspector for Downhill courses to be used for Entry League races should not belong to the country requesting a first homologation.

The courses proposed for homologation must comply with the technical requirements of the art. 701, 801, 901, 1001, 1102 and 1103.

Sufficient space must be provided on Downhill, Giant Slalom and Super-G courses, or on an emergency track or road or on the competition course itself, for the evacuation of competitors injured during the competition or training.

650.6 Homologation Procedure

650.6.1 *The Applicant*

As soon as the required documents are ready in pdf format, the applicant club will send the request for homologation through its National Ski Association to the chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses or in agreement with the National Ski Association they deliver it, before the on-site inspection to the inspector, who will pass the copies to the right place. At the same time the applicant must remit the equivalent of CHF 150. -- per homologation to the National Ski Association.

This sum covers the administrative costs. The inspector's travel and accommodation (full board) expenses must be paid to him directly by the applicant. The travel from his home to the course site and back may be calculated as follows:

- Per travel day, CHF 100.--
- Train fare: first-class
- Travel in his own car: CHF 0.70 per kilometre
- Air travel: economy

650.6.1.1 The applicant (ski resort, owner, organiser, club) is responsible for the observance of applicable environmental regulations during development of the course including completion of any improvements required by the inspector.

650.6.2 *The National Ski Association*

The request for homologation prepared by the applicant must be submitted by its National Ski Association and then forwarded to the chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses. If the inspector orders only minor improvements on the courses, the condition of the courses after completion of these improvements must be reported to the inspector by 31st October* of the current year. For more extensive work, the inspector will decide whether an additional inspection is necessary. Courses which have not been found to comply with the FIS specifications, and have not been homologated by 31st October* of the current year, may not be used in the following winter for competition. These competitions will be removed from the FIS Calendar.

*) = For the Southern Hemisphere by 30th April

650.6.3 *The Inspector*

After the request for homologation has been received by the chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses, from the applicant via the National Ski Association, the chairman will appoint an inspector. The inspector immediately contacts the applicant about the time for his inspection and sends a copy to the appropriate National Ski Association. The inspector will receive a pdf copy of the homologation papers before his inspection. After his inspection, he writes his inspection report and marks the required improvements in red on the course plan. After checking all other documents, he sends the complete set of documents to the chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses in multi-page pdf format. The latter will examine and ratify them. The homologation documents will be loaded on the FIS Website.

It is left to the discretion of the inspector to decide whether, in addition to the summer inspection, a second inspection in winter will be necessary in consideration of different conditions in winter. This applies especially to safety regulations and the placing of nets.

650.6.4

Issue of the FIS Homologation Certificate

If the inspection report is affirmative and no further work is needed, the chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses will send the original of the homologation certificate to the applicant and a pdf copy to the appropriate National Ski Association, to FIS and the inspector. The homologation certificate itself sets out the name and type of the course and its technical data. The registration number of the certificate indicates the total number of homologated courses, the month and year in which the homologated certificate was issued. The expiry date is indicated.

650.6.5

Expiration of the Application

If work requested has not been completed within five years after the inspection is carried out and the homologation cannot be granted, the site (course) in question will be deleted from the list of pending homologation applications. For further consideration a new application is required.

650.6.6

Validity of the FIS Homologation Certificate

650.6.6.1

Downhill and Super-G

The certificate is valid from the date of issue: it will expire on 1st November*, five (5) years later. A re-homologation must be carried out before a new certificate is issued.

*) = For the Southern Hemisphere 1st July.

650.6.6.2

Slalom and Giant Slalom

The certificate is valid from the date of issue: it will expire on 1st November*, ten (10) years later. A re-homologation must be carried out before a new certificate is issued.

*) = For the Southern Hemisphere 1st July.

650.6.6.3

For all Events

Homologation certificates are valid (within periods in art. 650.6.6.1 and 650.6.6.2) as long as no natural or artificial changes or changes in the regulations or technical requirements have occurred.

Natural changes can consist of:

- erosion, land slides or the terrain becoming overgrown.

Artificial changes are:

- the construction of buildings, lifts,
- the construction of shelters, parks, roads or tracks etc.
- the installation of snow-making hydrants, snow retention fences or other significant hardware.

650.6.7

Compulsory Report

The National Ski Association which has proposed the homologation of a course must report to the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses when any required improvements have been carried out.

650.6.8

Publication

The FIS publishes all homologated courses.

650.6.9

Relationship between Homologation, Snow and Weather as well as Special Conditions

An organiser should not depend entirely on the homologation of a course by the FIS, but also take note of the prevailing snow and weather conditions e.g. a Downhill course homologated by the FIS may be unsuitable for holding Downhill races when there is insufficient snow depth, unfavourable surface snow conditions, dense fog, heavy snow fall, storm or rain.

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Competitions under Artificial Light

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Competitions under artificial lights are permitted.

655.2

Lighting must meet the following specifications:

655.2.1

The light level anywhere on the course must not be less than 80 lux, measured parallel to the surface. The lighting should be as uniform as possible.

655.2.2

Floodlights must be placed so that the light does not alter the topography of the course. The light must enable the competitor to discern the terrain and must not alter the depth perception or definition.

655.2.3

The lights should not cast the competitor's shadow into the racing line and should not blind the competitor by glare.

655.3

The TD together with the Jury must check in advance that the lighting conforms to the rules.

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The TD must submit a supplementary report on the quality of the lighting.

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Gate Judges' Instructions

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Control of Passage (Explanation)