

World Para Nordic Skiing Rules and Regulations changes – 2021/22 Season

TITLE (number of new regulation/rule)	CURRENT	AMENDED or NEW	RATIONALE
<p><b>WPNS R&amp;R</b> <b>224.11</b></p>	<p><b><i>N/A – Update for GB on the progress of this new rule for 2022/23</i></b></p> <p><i>Included here for information purposes – this rule was proposed and approved by the IPC GB for 20/21 but is deferred until we are able to actually implement it using the Fluro Tracker Device.</i></p>	<p><b><i>224.11 Fluorinated Wax Prohibition</i></b></p> <p><i>224.11.1 Use of fluorinated wax or tuning products containing fluorine is prohibited for all WPNS competitions at all levels.</i></p> <p><i>224.11.2 Competitor’s equipment may be tested for fluorinated wax before or after a competition or individual race in a manner determined by WPNS.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>This rule is consistent with the rule that has already been adopted in 2019 by FIS (ICR) and IBU covering the use of all waxing and ski tuning products containing fluoros.</i></li> <li><i>Beginning in season 22/23, the fluoro tracker is determined to be used, pending its completion and distribution to WPSS, to detect the presence of fluorine in/on skis and snowboards and a positive finding, above the threshold, will be sanctioned with NPS (351.2) or DSQ (352.2.2)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>WPNS R&amp;R</b> <b>311.2.4</b></p>	<p>At PWG, WCH, and WC competitions, the highest point of a Cross-Country and Biathlon course should not exceed 1800 m.</p>	<p>At PWG, WCH, and WC competitions, the highest point of a Cross-Country and Biathlon course should not exceed 1800 m.</p> <p><b>For courses with highest point above 1800 m elevation, the requirements for MC and TC described in the homologation manual should be reduced by 20%.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition to rule to provide guidance for use of higher elevation courses. This is consistent with recent FIS ICR updates enacted to provide flexibility for the use of higher elevation courses due to climate change and realities in some parts of the world (eg South America). The relaxation of homologation requirements is based on the increased physical rigour of skiing competition at high elevation.</li> </ul>

<p><b>WPNSR&amp;R</b> <b>312.3.1</b></p>	<p>The last straight 50m to 100m will be the finish zone. This zone is normally separated into corridors. They must be clearly marked and highly visible, but the markings must not interfere with the skis. The corridors should be as long as possible. The number, width and length of corridors will be determined by the Jury according to the competition formats and the stadium layout.</p>	<p>The last straight 50m or more to 100m will be the finish zone. This zone is normally separated into corridors. They must be clearly marked and highly visible, but the markings must not interfere with the skis. The corridors should be as long as possible. The number, width and length of corridors will be determined by the Jury according to the competition formats and the stadium layout.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule update for consistency with FIS precisions</li> </ul>
<p><b>WPNS R&amp;R</b> <b>312.10.1</b></p>	<p>A notice board showing results, important information from the OC and the Jury, and the air and snow temperature should be located close to the wax cabins and the stadium. The temperature must be displayed for the following times: two hours before the start, half an hour before the start, at the start, half an hour after the start, one hour after the start.</p>	<p>A notice board showing results, important information from the OC and the Jury, <del>and the air and snow temperature</del> should be located close to the wax cabins and the stadium. <del>The temperature must be displayed for the following times: two hours before the start, half an hour before the start, at the start, half an hour after the start, one hour after the start.</del></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule update for consistency with FIS precisions and update to remove reference to obsolete practice.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WPNS R&amp;R</b> <b>315.2.3</b></p>	<p>The competitor must have his feet (standing classes) or torso (sitting classes) behind the start line and remain stationary before the starter gives his starting commands. The poles remain stationary and should be placed over the starting line and/or starting gate at the discretion of the starter. B-class athletes will be guided to the start gate and may be held back until the exact start time by an official by placing a hand on the shoulder of the athlete.</p>	<p>The competitor must have his feet (standing classes) or <del>torso</del> <b>front binding</b> (sitting classes) behind the start line and remain stationary before the starter gives his starting commands. The poles remain stationary and should be placed over the starting line and/or starting gate at the discretion of the starter. B-class athletes will be guided to the start gate and may be held back until the exact start time by an official</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This rule clarification is based on a proposal from the USA to harmonise the reference point for start and finish in the rules. The reference to the front binding being used as the reference point for photo finish was added to the rules last year. The change from torso to front binding in relation to start procedures provides consistency with rules: 316.3, 316.4.1, 316.4.4, 317.1.7.2 and makes it</li> </ul>

		by placing a hand on the shoulder of the athlete.	so that all skiers ski the same exact distance, regardless of their position in the sit ski.
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 328.4.1</b>	Lane assignment: No lane assignment for LW athletes. For B-class athletes WPNS art. 328.10.1 applies.	Lane assignment: No lane assignment for LW athletes. For B-class athletes WPNS art. <del>328.10.1</del> 331.6.2 applies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correction – wrong article reference</li> </ul>
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 331.2.20</b>	Video Cameras on Range One or more cameras must be installed on the shooting range so that the placement of the camera totally covers and records all actions of all competitors and team members on the range.	Video Cameras on Range <del>One or more</del> Video cameras must be installed on the shooting range so that the placement of the cameras totally covers and records all actions of all competitors and team members on the range.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wording update for consistency with biathlon operations manual and to de-emphasize reference to one video camera.</li> </ul>
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 331.6.1</b>	... For LW classes, team staff must hand the rifle and the support to the athlete at the lane the athlete has chosen ...	... For LW classes, team staff must <del>hand</del> place the rifle and the support (when applicable) <del>to the athlete</del> at the lane the athlete has chosen ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wording update to reflect actual practice. Rifles are not handed to athletes; they are placed on the shooting mat / rifle support.</li> </ul>
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 342.4</b>	No physical contact between guides and vision impaired competitors during the race is allowed except according to 342.5 and 331.6.6.	No physical contact between guides and vision impaired competitors during the race is allowed except according to 342.5 and <del>331.6.6</del> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove obsolete article reference.</li> </ul>
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 343.16</b>	The competitor must comply with all aspects of the medical code (see 221).	The competitor must comply with all aspects of the medical code (see <del>221</del> 223).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace incorrect reference</li> </ul>

<b>WPNS R&amp;R 351.1</b>	wears obscene names and/or symbols on clothing and equipment (rule 206.7) or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner in the start area (rule 205.5);	wears obscene names and/or symbols on clothing and equipment (rule <del>206.7</del> <b>207</b> ) or behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner in the start area (rule <del>205.5</del> <b>4</b> );	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace incorrect reference</li> </ul>
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 351.2</b>	violates the WPNS rules regarding equipment and/or on advertising and commercial markings prior to competing in a competition or race (rules 224, 227); or	violates the WPNS rules regarding equipment and/or on advertising and commercial markings prior to competing in a competition or race (rules 224, <del>227</del> <b>207</b> ); or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace incorrect reference</li> </ul>
<b>WPNS R&amp;R 351.3</b>	refuses to undertake an IPC required medical examination (rule 221.2)	refuses to undertake an IPC required medical examination (rule <del>221.2</del> <b>223.1, 223.6</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace incorrect reference</li> </ul>