

The WPNS Rules and Regulations for 2018/19 have now been published. Precisions for 2018-19 include:

200 section:

- 200, 201: Clarifications regarding sanctioning and applicability of the rules
- 215: daily entries confirmations due 2 hrs before TCM unless otherwise specified (see also 313)
- 217: TCM's may be combined for more than one competition at discretion of jury (also see 305)
- 223.4: updates per IPC gender policy
- 223.5: add reference to IPC antidoping rules
- 223.6, 7 & 8: updates re medical responsibilities & insurance to reflect IPC policy
- 223.9 to 23.12: inclusion of IPC policies on harassment, autonomic dysreflexia, use of hypoxic/hyperoxic chambers and smoking on IPC venues
- 224.8/224.9: updates to equipment control rules including a new requirement to submit all air rifles (adapted or not) into the equipment inventory
- 224.10: addition of IPC prohibited technology policy / language
- 225.9: updated IPC language re general conditions related to sanctions
- 226.8: addition of reference to use of jury guidelines when considering sanctions

300 section:

- 303: updates to TD assignments and race director duties
- 305: add option to combine more than one competition in a TCM (see 217)
- 313: clarification re deadlines for daily entry confirmation (see also 215)
- 314.1.2 & 314.5.1: broaden grouping and group start order definitions
- 314.6.2: broaden application of leg or sled bibs to include shoulders
- 315.2.3: edits to interval start procedure for B athletes
- 315.4: add reference to wave starts under pursuit start procedures
- 315.7.1: clarification of false start procedure (all subsequent references under formats updated and aligned with this procedure)
- 316: change finish (& photo finish) reference point for sit skiers from torso to front binding
- 323.4.2.5, 324.5.1, 328.5.1, 329.4.7: update to the pursuit / sprint / relay start procedure for B athletes transferring responsibility for holding B athletes from marshals/officials to team members (unless requested otherwise by team)
- 331.2.1: increase in the minimum number of biathlon shooting lanes required at different levels of WPNS competitions



- 331.4.4: update to rifle inspection procedures in relation to equipment inventory
- 331.7.2.2: update to rules regarding modifying rifles to change balance point or improve stability
- 331.7.2.3: update and clarification of rule regarding only touching rifle with one arm/hand when shooting using rifle supports – applicability to all athletes using rifle supports (LW 5/7, 6 & 8)
- 331.7.2.4: update to rule regarding position of support spring when shooting
- 331.9.6: update / clarification to rule regarding misfires & extra shots
- 331.10.2: Clarification of procedure in event of target malfunction\
- 341.2: updated IPC language regarding medical examinations and classification
- 341.3: relocation and update of B1 rules
- 342: consolidation and updates to guide rules
- 343.9: addition of reference to skiing between a VI athlete and guide into obstruction rule
- 343.11: updates / clarifications to corridor rules and risk of obstruction from skiing between or outside of tracks
- 352.1.2: clarification that violation of classical technique rules are major infractions
- 352.1.3: clarification of the consequence of a rule violation by a guide automatically applying to the team (athlete)

In addition to these rules' precisions for 2018/19:

- New format rules for a Biathlon Pursuit event are being developed and will be tested in Ostersund in 2019
- New rules and a group or wave pursuit start (by classes) in biathlon are being developed for testing this season
- New format rules for a cross-country long-distance mass start format - mass start of all classes instead of interval start to create mass start skiing experience & tactics but results still based on fastest time (by class) not first across the line.
- A new pan IPC 100/200 section is under development by IPC that will include elements common to all IPC sports. Expected to be completed and implemented for 2019/10 season