



World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Points Rules

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World Para Nordic Skiing Points – General Information

1.1 WPNS Points regulation

The WPNS Point Rules are an integral part of the World Para Nordic Skiing Competition Rules.

1.2 Factor-Value

The factor is 600 for all Biathlon and Cross-Country competitions. The factor is evaluated every second year based on the last two years competition results in PWG, WCH and World Cups.

1.3 Calculation of the race points

Formula and example – see art. 5.0

1.4 Race penalty

The importance of a competition is determined by the quality of the competitors participating. This quality affects the calculation of the race penalty.

The race points gained in the competition is calculated according to the formula, plus the calculated race penalty will give each classified competitor the WPNS points of the competition. For further explanation see art. 5.0 and World Para Nordic Skiing Rules, art. 4.3 and 4.4.

1.5 Entry forms

Official World Para Nordic Skiing entry forms that include the IPC code number for each athlete have to be used.

1.6 WPNS Codes on result lists

The TDs are responsible that the result list shows the IPC code of each athlete.

1.7 Competitions

For the WPNS points evaluation, only those competitions can be considered who meet the following standards:

1.7.1 Announcement of the competition in the WPNS Calendar

1.7.2 Competition is carried out according to the World Para Nordic Skiing Rules

1.7.3 The result list contains at least five ranked competitors for each class and gender

1.8 Changes of schedule/competition site

In case of changing of the original schedule or competition site the World Para Nordic STC will decide about the status of the race.

- 1.9** For sprint and pursuit competition, only the result from the first race (qualification) counts for WPNS points.

The Competitors

2.1 IPC Sport Data Management System (SDMS)

Only competitors with an SDMS ID that are classified for World Para Nordic Skiing and that have paid the license fee for the ongoing season are allowed to participate at WPNS competitions. Registration is according to the procedure described in WPNS Regulation.

2.2 Categories

The points calculation will be done for the categories B1-3, LW2-9 and LW10-12 for both genders

2.3 Re-registrations after Medical Absence (illness, studies, pregnancy etc.)

When a competitor injured himself and applies for the single penalty, the National Paralympic Committee must apply to World Para Nordic Skiing as soon as possible for the approval of a single penalty and submit a medical certificate. If approved, the revised WPNS points will equal their previous WPNS points value (from valid list at time of leaving) plus a penalty. The penalty is equal to 22 % of the previous WPNS points and must be minimum 4 points and maximum 26 points.

If the Medical Absence is more than 365 days, the National Paralympic Committee has to apply for the injury status again.

2.4 Anti-Doping Rule Violation

An athlete subject to an anti-doping rule violation will have previous achieved WPNS points deleted and must re-qualify to become eligible.

Evaluation Period

- 3.1 WPNS points earned are valid for current and next season. The point lists are updated after each world cup event.

Calculation Process

- 4.1 The race points are calculated and rounded to two decimals, see WPNS Points Formula.

4.2 WPNS Points

4.2.1 Biathlon Points

A competitor's points will be the average of his or her best five results in biathlon competitions over current and previous season. Final race in pursuit competitions does not count.

4.2.2 Cross Country Points

A competitor's points will be the average of his or her best five results in cross country competitions over current and previous season. For sprint and pursuit competitions, only qualification races give race points.

4.2.3 Less than 5 results

If the competitor has less than five valid results, the average will be adjusted according to the following:

4 results x 1,1 = WPNS points

3 results x 1,2 = WPNS points

2 results x 1,3 = WPNS points

1 result x 1,4 = WPNS points

4.3 Calculation Penalties

4.3.1 To calculate the race penalty, the following are considered:

4.3.1.1 The competitors who finish among the top five of the race.

4.3.1.2 The WPNS points of the top five competitors are considered and the three best value are added and divided by 3.75. This is the race penalty. The points shall be rounded to two decimals.

4.3.1.3 If there are less than three competitors with WPNS points among the first five on the result list, the World Para Nordic STC decides about the race penalty for this race or may decide that this race won't be taken into consideration for the WPNS-Points.

4.3.1.4 The STC may apply the following methods to calculate a race penalty at their discretion if there are fewer than 3 competitors with WPNS points in the top 5 finishers on the results list (the same tracks and distances have to be used in cases where categories or genders are combined):

- If there are two competitors with WPNS points among the top 5 in the results, the two-point values are added and then divided by 2.25 to determine the race penalty.
- Standing and Vision Impaired classes may be combined in order to calculate a race penalty. The percentage for classes will remain the same.
- Men and women in the same category may be combined in order to calculate the results and race points. 15% (or current percentage for relay races according to the WPNS Rules and Regulations rule 324.4.2) will be subtracted from women's percentages before combining.
- Standing and VI athletes may compete with sit-ski athletes; the factor of the sit-ski athletes will be reduced by 12% (or current percentage for relay races according to the WPNS R&R rule 324.4.2) before results and race points are calculated. This combination is only possible if classic technique and sit-ski courses are used.

4.3.1.5 In the event two or more competitors are tied for fifth, three or more are tied for fourth, etc. the skiers having the best WPNS points will be used in the calculation of the penalty.

4.3.1.6 The STC may establish a fixed maximum penalty applicable to Continental Cups. The maximum penalty will be determined by the STC. The maximum penalty shall be applied by adding the fixed amount to the best (lowest) points holding participant. Example: if there is an athlete in the field with 0 points the maximum penalty would be

0 + 'x' points. If the lowest holding athlete has 20.95 points the maximum penalty would be 20.95 + 'x' points.

4.4 Minimum Penalties

4.4.1 Minimum penalties will be applied for the following competition categories:

- Paralympic Winter Games (PWG) 0
- WPNS World Championships (WCH) 0
- World Cups 0
- WPNS Sanctioned Races 25

4.4.2 The minimum penalties will be listed on each WPNS points list.

The WPNS Points Formula

5.1 Formula

$$P = (F * Tx/To) - F \qquad \text{or} \qquad P = ((Tx/To) - 1)*F$$

P = Race Points

To = Result=Calculated Time of the winner in seconds

Tx = Result= Calculated Time of the classified competitor in seconds

F = Factor = 600 for all races

EXAMPLE:

1	ROGOWIEC Katarzyna	LW5/7	10:08,3	$((608,3/608,3)-1)*600=0$
2	KONONOVA Oleksandra	LW8	10:33,0	$((633/608,3)-1)*600=24,36$
3	BURMISTROVA Anna	LW8	10:35,4	$(600*635,4/608,3)-600=26,73$

Injury Status

6.1 Request Injury Status

When a competitor injures himself and applies for the single penalty, the NPC must apply to WPNS as soon as possible for the approval of a single penalty using the official form available on the website and submitting a medical certificate.

If a status as injured is approved and according to the valid WPNS points at the date of injury there will be added a penalty of 22%, but minimum 4 points respectively maximum 26 points to the original WPNS points before the injury break.

As soon as the competitor starts at a WPNS competition he will lose his injury status.

6.2 Conditions

Competitors must remain registered as active with the WPNS (Licence) to maintain injury protection.

6.3 Duration

The injury status can be applied for maximum 365 days. If the injury is longer, the NPC has to apply for the injury status again with a written request and medical certificate for IPC.

Pregnancy

The date for the request of an injury status for pregnancy is the 12th week of pregnancy. The injury status starts in the 4th week of pregnancy until the birth of the child. The expected date of birth of the child must be written in the medical certificate. After birth of the child the injury status is still valid maximum 9 months. Then it expires if the NPC does not apply in writing to WPNS for prolongation of the injury status mentioning the exact medical reason.

Professional Obligation

If a NPC submits in advance an application certifying that a racer will not be able to compete due to professional obligations (eg work obligation, studies or military service) and has indicated why and how long the competitor was prevented from racing, the procedure will be handled according to the Injury Status Rules.

8.1 Application

Application for status due to professional obligations or military service must be submitted to IPC prior to the beginning of the professional obligation.

WPNS World Cup Points – General Information

- 9.1 The WPNS World Cup point system shall be used to rank athletes participating in the World Para Nordic Skiing World Cup Series and is an integral part of the World Para Nordic Skiing Competition Rules.

World Cup/Individual

- 10.1 To calculate the individual rankings for each discipline (BT and CC), all points acquired in each discipline over the competition season are added.
- 10.2 In the event of a tie for the top three places, the number of first, second and third place finishes (and so on) will be used to break the tie otherwise the WPNS Points will be used.
- 10.3 All WP Biathlon & Cross-Country Skiing World Cup races will be counted for the World Cup Points.
- 10.4 Biathlon and Cross-Country World Championships do not count for World Cup Points.

Guidelines relating to the distribution of World Cup Points for WP Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing events

- 11.1 The following number of points will be awarded to each athlete according to their finish place with the restrictions listed in the below paragraphs:

1st place = 100 points	16th place = 15 points
2nd place = 80 points	17th place = 14 points
3rd place = 60 points	18th place = 13 points
4th place = 50 points	19th place = 12 points
5th place = 45 points	20th place = 11 points
6th place = 40 points	21st place = 10 points
7th place = 36 points	22nd place = 9 points
8th place = 32 points	23rd place = 8 points

9th place = 29 points	24th place = 7 points
10th place = 26 points	25th place = 6 points
11th place = 24 points	26th place = 5 points
12th place = 22 points	27th place = 4 points
13th place = 20 points	28th place = 3 points
14th place = 18 points	29th place = 2 points
15th place = 16 points	30th place = 1 point

- 11.1.1 For Distance events, the athlete is only awarded points if he/she has an adjusted finish time less than 30% behind the adjusted finish time of the winner in the same category.
- 11.1.2 For Sprint events, points will be awarded on the finish ranking of the final (heats) results, but athletes will only be awarded points if their qualification round finish time (adjusted time) is less than 30% behind the finish time of the fastest qualification time (adjusted time) in the same category.
- 11.1.3 All World Cup events will count toward the overall World Cup rankings. Rankings for Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing will be calculated separately.
- 11.1.4 World Cup Points are updated following each race.
- 11.1.5 In case of a tie, each competitor receives the points for that placing.
 Example: Three-way tie for 12th place. All three competitors get 22 points;
 The next competitor gets 16 points for the 15th place.

Overall Ranking

- 12.1 Overall World Cup awards will be given to the top 3 male and top 3 female athletes in each category according to the overall ranking at the end of the season. (Globes for the winners and medals for the top 3)

Tie-Breaker

- 13.1 If two or more competitors score the same number of points in the final evaluation, the winner is the competitor who has:
 - 13.2 The highest number of individual wins
 - 13.3 The best results (i.e. most 2nd places, most 3rd places, etc.)
 - 13.4 WPNS Points
 - 13.5 If the competitors are still equal, two (or more) World Cup trophies for that position will be awarded. In this case, no trophy (or trophies) will be awarded for the next position(s).

WPNS points earned during FIS Competitions

- 14.1 Athletes with both WPNS and FIS Licenses may earn WPNS points by participating in FIS competitions. To be awarded IPC points from FIS results, the following steps must be completed:
 - Athlete must hold both WPNS and FIS licenses
 - Athlete must have a valid and current IPC classification
 - A WPNS licensed athlete who earns FIS points can petition for those points to be converted to WPNS points. (*they must appear on official FIS results)
 - Conversion steps:
 1. Athlete or nation submits a points conversion proposal, including relevant information: official FIS registered name, date, race location, distance, codex etc. as well as the athlete's WPNS (SDMS) license number.
 2. Athlete's race time is then modified according to their official classification percentage, as it would be in a WPNS event.
 3. FIS points are modified according to adjusted time (if there is an adjustment).
 - WPNS converts modified FIS points to the WPNS system based on a points conversion formula (exact conversion numbers to be determined by the STC and reviewed annually).
 - Conversion system is reviewed annually to ensure conversions are accurate and fair.