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FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE SKI INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION INTERNATIONALER SKI-VERBAND FREESTYLE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR RULES & TECHNICAL

HOMOLOGATION PROCEDURE FOR FREESTYLE SKIING COMPETITION COURSES

FIS sanctioned freestyle competitions may only take place on courses that have been approved and homologated by FIS. The specific slope dimensions and requirements for Freestyle courses are found in the ICR, Freestyle skiing, under Rules 4002, 4102, 4202 and in the course standards.

The Application for Homologation

The application for homologation of a course is to be directed to the FIS Freestyle Subcommittee for Rules & Technical through the appropriate national associations.

The homologation application must contain the following documents:

- completed homologation forms
- an official topographical map locating the course (coordinates or degrees longitude and latitude)
- a map or scale drawing detailing a top view of the course and indicating major breaks in terrain, installations such as power, lifts, trees, snow making, etc.
- a scale drawing indicating the profile of the course
- a large and comprehensive photograph on which the course is marked. The photograph should be preferably taken from the opposite slope, or an oblique aerial photograph
- a statistical record of the amount of snow on the course during the previous five years
- a statistical record of the temperatures and weather in the course area during the previous five years

The Inspection

Upon the receipt of a homologation application, the FIS Freestyle Subcommittee for Rules & Technical will appoint an inspector to examine the course. The inspector shall immediately contact the applicant organization to set an inspection date and inform the appropriate national ski association.

The applicant organization must prepare for the inspection and provide the following:

- transportation around site
- intended boundaries of proposed courses marked with reference points to the course map
- access to all facilities
- a representative of the applicant organization

- an assistant to the inspector.

If the inspector orders only minor improvements on the course, the condition of the course after completion of these improvements must be reported to the inspector. For more extensive work the inspector will determine if an additional inspection is necessary.

The inspectors expenses (travel and accommodation) must be paid directly to him by the applicant organization.

After the final inspection the inspector writes a report to the FIS Freestyle Subcommittee for Rules & Technical. The report shall include a recommendation of an approval level.

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Expiration of the application

If the inspection procedure cannot be completed within three years of the application, the application file will be closed. The Freestyle committee may grant exceptions in special cases.

Homologation

Based on the inspection report the FIS Freestyle Subcommittee for Rules & Technical will propose a level of homologation to be issued by the Freestyle committee. The levels are:

- full homologation course is approved without further need for inspections
- provisional homologation course is approved pending further inspections prescribed by the FIS Freestyle Subcommittee for Rules & Technical
- no homologation

The applicant organization and the national association will be informed of the Freestyle Committee decision. In case of full or provisional approval the applicant organization and the national association will be issued the appropriate homologation certificate.

Validity of the FIS Homologation Certificate

Homologation certificates are valid as long as no natural or artificial changes or changes in the regulations or technical requirements have occurred.

Natural changes can consist of erosion, landslides, terrain becoming overgrown, etc. Artificial changes are the construction of buildings, lifts, roads, tracks, etc. The applicant organization must inform the FIS Freestyle Subcommittee for Rules & Technical in the case of such changes. Aerial sites must be inspected every five years.

Upgrades from provisional homologation to full homologation will be done by the same procedure as an initial homologation.