



ISMF Manufacturers Pool: concept and regulation

Introduction

The ISMF, as an international federation and according to the articles 1 and 2 (Objectives) of its Statutes and specially the.2.c) (to establish and maintain rules and norms for the competitions), is willing to assist in the development of ski mountaineering used for competitions.

The goal of the ISMF is to create a platform to discuss all matters relating to equipment in a non-competitive constructive way, in order to create synergy in terms of standards and help the general development of equipment used during competitions.

The ISMF also expects an effort on behalf of the manufacturers regarding contributions to the development of this sport and of its equipment, since this cooperation will definitely lead to positive outcomes (more athletes, greater impact in the media, etc.)

For that reason, the ISMF has decided to create a commission called the "Manufacturers Pool"

The "Manufacturers Pool" does not sponsor the ISMF. The goal of the members is the development of the sport, not only in terms of direct impact on the media.

Legal form

The "Manufacturers Pool" is a Technical Commission, in compliance with art. 34 of the ISMF statutes. Since its members are manufacturers, they will not be appointed by the members of the ISMF, but are accepted if they respect the admission criteria.

Objectives and principles

The main goal of the "Pool" is the development of equipment for ski mountaineering competitions.

The specific goals are:

- Cooperating in order to establish an exact description of the equipment appropriate to ISMF regulations.
- Help the general development of ISMF regulations.



The working ethics of the "Pool" are:

- members participate in the "Pool" for the development of the sport, not for their personal interests. Seeking individual gains will be strictly prohibited.
- members undertake to participate actively in the "Pool" .
- The annual honoraria (see Finance) of the members are not intended to sponsor the ISMF and do not provide sponsorship rights. In appreciation of this collaboration, the ISMF may include, , the list of "Pool" members in some brochures, mailings or banners, but it is not an obligation of the ISMF.

Membership

Admission criteria

Any manufacturer can be a member of the "Pool" if the following three conditions are fulfilled:

- 1) The manufacturer is registered as a commercial entity in country of origin.
- 2) The manufacturer produces at least one piece of equipment, which is or can be used for ski mountaineering competitions.
- 3) The manufacturer is ready to pay the annual honoraria (see Finance) corresponding to the "Pool" members fee.

The Manufacturers Pool season starts the 1st July and finishes the 30th of June. The candidates must send an application form (appendix 1) to the ISMF administrative office within the 30th June. The Commercial and Technical coordinators of the Pool (see appendix 3) will evaluate the application and propose or not the admission of the new member to the Board.

The ISMF will accept new members also during the season, but no later than the 31st December.

Rights of the members

Every member has the right to:

- a) Participate in "Pool" meetings
- b) Be a member of different working groups. To belong to a specific working group, the member must market one product of this working group.
- c) Be consulted about all specific matters regarding own equipment
- d) Be informed about all discussions and all decisions taken by the ISMF "Rules Commission" .
- e) Have their self-certified products in the ISMF White List. The ISMF White List is a list of products all relevant to competitive ski mountaineering - provided by various manufacturers which are member of the ISMF Manufacturers Pool. Each product is self-certified by the manufacturer to fit within ISMF Sporting Regulations. Therefore when a skier looks at the



ISMF White List he/she knows that the products are suitable for use in ISMF races. Items which do not feature in the list are not necessarily outside of the guidelines, it's just that the manufacturer has chosen not to participate in this initiative, therefore the validity of products not listed should be checked directly with information provided by the manufacturers. In any case the equipment used in ISMF competitions must comply with the ISMF Sporting Rules.

- f) Use the ISMF pictogram reserved to the members of the "Pool", subject to the following conditions:
 - The equipment marked by the ISMF must respect the criteria imposed by the ISMF regulation.
 - The interested manufacturers must supply the ISMF the technical details of the equipment concerned.
 - It is not compulsory to mark the equipment with the ISMF pictogram. Manufacturers decide whether or not to mark, the equipment and/or packing and/or catalogue.
 - The pictogram used is followed by the words "Pool Member" in compliance with the graphic style guideline (see appendix 2).
 - Products in the ISMF White List are "Products complying with the ISMF regulations"
- g) To appear on the website of the ISMF:
- h) Promote products during ISMF Competitions (World Cups, World Championships, European Championships) in a special panel made by the ISMF.
- i) Receive periodical reports about Pool work.

Obligations of the members:

- a) Be registered as a commercial entity in country of origin.
- b) Pay the member annual honoraria.
- c) Accept all decisions taken by the ISMF, especially by the Technical Director and the ISMF "Rules Commission" , even if this negatively affects the equipment manufactured by Pool members.

Exclusion/resignation of the members:

A member of the "Pool" can be excluded:

- a) If he has not paid the member annual honoraria
- b) For infringement of "Pool" regulations or any other ISMF regulation.
- c) In case of showing an unwillingness to collaborate and/or being too self-serving



The exclusion will be proposed by the Technical Director to the Board, who will decide about this exclusion.

If a member wants to quit the "Pool" he must send an advance-warning letter to the Technical Director at least three months before the end of the current Manufacturers Pool season (before 31 March).

Parties

All parties of the "Pool" must consult the current ISMF Sporting Rules. The ISMF Rules Commission always makes the final decision about a specific article, and it needs the approval of the Board, and/or of the Plenary Assembly.

The "Manufacturers Pool"

The "Manufacturers Pool" is composed of all the members who are up to date with the payments of their honoraria for the current season (July-June). The person in charge of the "Manufacturers Pool" are the Technical and Commercial Coordinators or a person appointed by them (see appendix 3).

The "Manufacturers Pool" appoints a "delegate of the manufacturers" whose role is:

- Organize discussions between members of the "Manufacturers Pool", without the ISMF (manufacturers committee).
- As manufacturers delegate, discuss with the ISMF editorial issues to update "Manufacturers Pool" Regulation and ISMF Sporting Rules according to the manufacturers committee.

The goal of this organisation is to be more efficient and to lose less time during "Manufacturers Pool" meeting. The manufacturers committee discuss through e-mail, coordinated by the manufacturers delegate.

The rights of the "Pool" are the following:

- a) Discuss all articles concerning the "Pool Regulations"
- b) Discuss the structure of the working groups
- c) Discuss the decisions taken by the "Pool" and the working groups.
- d) Make recommendations and communications to the ISMF Rules Commission, the Board or the Management Committee.

Working groups

The "Pool" will be divided in 3 important working groups:

Group 1: Progression:

Skis, poles, boots, skins and bindings



Group 2: Technical and safety equipment:

Crampons, helmet, karabiners, ropes, all equipment with the label of the UIAA, and/or the CE... DVA, snow probe, snow shovel ...

Groups 1 and 2 constitute the technical pool.

Group 3, commercial pool: Clothing and other equipment

Clothing, sunglasses, rucksack,...

The "Pool" has the reserved right to invite any persons considered pertinent to discussions to these meetings. This invitation is carried out via the manufacturers delegate and/or the "Manufacturers Pool" Technical and Commercial Coordinators with the agreement of the ISMF Technical Director or directly by the latter.

Decision making and votes

Decision making and voting are the same for the "Pool" and for the working groups. Every member has one voice and one vote regarding own category. Members can delegate their vote to other members by writing a power of attorney (proxy). One member cannot have more than 2 powers of attorney. The handheld voting system will be applied. A secret ballot is available on demand. There is no minimal quorum required.

All notes, recommendations or communications, that the "Pool" wants to send, must be accepted by the majority of the members present.

Finances

Every member must pay the annual honoraria according to the two categories:

- 1.500,00 € for companies with small turnover generate by ski mountaineering
- 2.500,00 € for companies with medium/bigger turnover generate by ski mountaineering

Every member can choose the participation category for the "Pool". If a member wants to change category, an application must be sent at least one month before the start of the next season (within 31 May).

The annual honoraria can be re-examined every year by the Board of the ISMF who will inform the members of the "Pool". Notice of change must be given at least three months before the start of the next season.

If during the above mentioned period there are no modifications required, the participation in the "Pool" will be continued as it is during the next season, except when the member has presented a valid resignation (Exclusion/resignation).



Every new member that joins the "Pool" during the season (within 31 December at the latest) will pay the total amount in relation to the chosen category.

Dissolution

A majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the "Pool" can demand its dissolution. This dissolution must be approved by the Management Committee, in compliance with the statutes of the ISMF.