



# International Ski Mountaineering Federation

---

## Rules for registering events in the ISMF calendar

---

**Any change requested by the organiser regarding itineraries or schedule in the following regulation has to be presented in writing to and approved by the ISMF technical team in advance.**

*NB: All rules and regulations may be subject to modification of the language used, in so much as the context and the content of the rule/regulation will remain unaltered but the English language used within said rules and regulations may be subject to improvement in terms of grammar and clarity.*

This document provides information about applying to register an event in the ISMF international calendar.

All applications (Appendix 1) from the Local Organising Committee must be submitted to their national federation, who after consideration, will then be forward to the ISMF office. Applications submitted directly to the ISMF office from the Local Organising Committee will not be considered.

**Applications** are considered by the ISMF for the following events:

**World Championships** – a week-long event that must include: Team, Individual, Vertical, Sprint and Relay races. For all senior and youth categories.

**World Championships Long Distance Team (LDT)** – 1-4 day event for Senior and Master category only.

**Masters World Championships** – 1-4 day event for Masters category only.

**Continental Championships** - 2-5 day event: Individual with at least one of the following Vertical, Sprint or Relay, Team. For all senior and youth categories.

**World Cup** - World Cup: Two or more days events with at least two different races according to the features of the ISMF Sporting Rules for Senior, U23 and U20 categories. The U20 category is allowed to participate in all the World Cup races, but only the 3 (three) best results in each discipline (Individual, Vertical, Sprint) will be considered for the Specialty Cup, the Overall World Cup and World Ranking.

**Continental Cup** – Two or more days events with at least two different races according to the features of the ISMF Sporting Rules. For Senior, U23 and U20 categories: Continental cups need at least 2 events. A continental cup can be World Cup at the same time.

**ISMF Series Race:** 1-3 day event with one or a combination of the following: Team, Individual, Vertical, Sprint or Relay. The Local Organising Committee may offer the event to particular categories or all categories.

The organisational and sporting rules and regulations for hosting World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cup races, which must be complied with, are available on: [www.ismf-ski.org](http://www.ismf-ski.org) (official texts).

**Criteria** for hosting ISMF events (for exact deadlines please refer to appropriate schedule):

**World Championships:** Must have previously held an ISMF World Cup event, and received a favourable ISMF report before applying to host the World Championships. Application deadline: 2 years before proposed event.

**World Championships Long Distance Team (LDT)** – Must have the approval of two ISMF technical consultants assessing the event in the previous 3 years before applying to host a World Championships LDT. Application deadline: 3 years before proposed event.

**Continental Championships (except Europe):** Must have previously held an ISMF series race and received a favourable ISMF report before applying to host a Continental Championship. Application deadline: 1 year before proposed event.

**European Championships:** Must have previously held an ISMF World Cup event, and received a favourable ISMF report before applying to host a European Championship. Application deadline: 1 year before proposed event.

**World Cup:** Must have received a favourable ISMF race report and be considered to have all the qualities required for a World Cup event. This report must be for an event held within the 2 years before making a World Cup application. Application deadline: 1 year before proposed event.

**ISMF Series Races:** These are races that request to be officially assessed by the ISMF and appear in the ISMF international event calendar. They form a regional/continental circuit. Medals are awarded to the top three Senior, U23, U20 and U18 athletes with most ranking points from the circuit after the last race at the end of the season. Races are ranked with the same type points system as used in the World Cup. Application deadline: by September of the calendar year of the season, i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for the season starting in December 2020. Races applying after the deadline will be considered at the discretion of the ISMF and will only be considered if arriving before the publication of the Series calendar at the start of the racing season. Applications are not accepted after this. All applications must pass via the relevant national federation.

ISMF Series Races will be reported by the ISMF technical representative present at the race. The report will outline the following and is applicable to previously unobserved races as well as those which have already received ISMF 'Certification':

ISMF Series- grade 1 – this is often received after the first time the race is assessed by the ISMF. The race has potential and may be important at a national level, but does not, at the moment of assessment, reflect the majority of the ISMF technical and organisational criteria. The ISMF race report will outline all the areas that need to be improved for this race to be awarded grade 2 or 3 in the following season.

ISMF Series– grade 2 – the race has good international potential, and has reached a good standard at national level, but for either some technical or organisational reasons does not strictly comply with ISMF rules. However, it adheres to the following ISMF standards: equipment, route making and marking with flags, danger signs and all other safety concerns, follows ISMF protocol for Team Captain Meeting and prize giving ceremonies. Has an acceptable internet site. The ISMF race report will outline those areas which need to be looked at in order to achieve a grade 3 certification.

ISMF Series – grade 3 – after carefully observing and collaborating with the Local Organising Committee, the ISMF technical representative deems this race to display all the criteria suitable for hosting a World Cup event. The race adheres to all ISMF rules and regulations regarding all aspects of the race and in particular clearly respecting rules for race route, safety, track marking, start & finish, equipment, Team Captain Meeting and prize giving protocols. The race has a good internet site, good media coverage and all finances are in order. Races with this certification may apply to host a World Cup race.

Races wishing to subsequently host a World Cup must receive a grade 3 rating before applying to host a World Cup. Races may receive a grade 3 rating upon the first visit, just as a race may receive a grade 1 rating upon the third visit. Those races interested in hosting a World Cup in the future should make this clear to the ISMF Technical Director, enabling the ISMF team to work closely with the Local Organising Committee in order to potentially prepare them to achieve their goals. A grade 3 rating does not automatically imply that a race will be chosen to host a World Cup.

**ISMF Technical Visit:** The comments and criteria outlined for ISMF races are also applicable to those races who ask for an ISMF Technical Visit. Technical visits may be requested by any race which wishes to generally improve standards, consider appearing the following season in the ISMF Series Calendar, be considered in the future for holding a World Cup event. A technical visit does not give automatic entitlement to appearing in the ISMF calendar in future seasons. The race assessment report is carried out in the same way as for all other events.

Fees for an ISMF Technical Visit are for the exact travel expenses and the daily allowance (150€ per day) for the number of days as mutually agreed.

The application form necessary for registering a race in the ISMF calendar is also available online, please make sure that the latest available version is used. [www.ismf-ski.org](http://www.ismf-ski.org) (official texts).

### **Who may participate in ISMF races?**

World Championships and Continental Championships: only athletes with ISMF licences who are put forward by their national federation. Registration for these events is via the ISMF website.

World Cup: ISMF licence holders put forward by their federation may participate in World Cup events and gain World Cup points, with registration taking place via the ISMF website.

World Cup – Open: Non-ISMF athletes, i.e. athletes only holding national licenses – may participate but with separate race starts. Full details are in the ISMF Sporting rules and regulations. Registration for 'Open' athletes is possible via the ISMF official timekeeper.

ISMF Series – participating athletes must fulfil the criteria established by the hosting federation.

### **Responsibilities**

Upon registering an event in the ISMF calendar the Local Organising Committee accept the responsibilities entailed and agree to collaborate with the ISMF and abide by ISMF rules and regulations as outlined.

World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cup events must abide by all ISMF Rules and Regulations. Strict working schedules must be adhered to. Full financial responsibilities are made clear in the ISMF regulations. Note that all these events are subject to the ISMF anti-doping policy. Anti-doping tests will be carried out

according to WADA guidelines in relation to World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cups. Testing may take place, before, after a race or at any other time even out of racing schedule. Full details are in the ISMF Rules and Regulations for Organising international ski mountaineering competitions. Refer to Rules and Regulations for Organising a race to find out more about ISMF collaboration and the presence of ISMF staff at events.

ISMF Series races/Technical Visit: a member of the ISMF technical team, who will liaise with the Local Organising Committee before the race, will arrive on site the day before (or as requested and in written agreement with the ISMF) the race to attend meetings and view the course, as well as to give advice. They will also be present to observe the race. The length of stay is usually between 1-3 nights.

Pay to the ISMF the registration fee corresponding to the type of competition requested.

Use the "ISMF logotype", provided by the ISMF complying with ISMF image rules in the brochures, the website and in all other means of publicity.

**In general, the Local Organising Committee is responsible for:**

- **Sign the application form and in some cases the agreement with the ISMF and abide by all aspects laid out in said agreement.**
- **The ISMF staff and collaborators working on the event - refer to rules and regulations for Organising for full information on ISMF members present at races.**
- **The accommodation expenses (food and lodging) from two nights before the start of the first race until the morning following the end of the event (in certain cases the ISMF staff may need to arrive 3 nights before the event)**
- **For the ISMF Series/Technical Visit transport expenses - continental travel 500 €, inter-continental = full cost; plus any costs incurred travelling between accommodation and race locations**  
**Daily allowance of 150,00 €/day - for actual race day(s) and one day before**
- **Deliver race results to ISMF headquarters within 24 hrs. after the race, using the standardised format.**

Application deadlines:

Type of event	ISMF application Deadline	Official Calendar Announcement
2024 European Championships	31 December 2022	June 2023
2024 Continental Championships	31 December 2022	June 2023
2023/2024 World Cup	31 December 2022*	June 2023
2023 World Championships	31 December 2021	June 2022
2022/2023 World Cup	31 December 2021*	June 2022
2022/2023 Series and Cont. Cup	30 September 2022	15 October 2022
2023/2024 Series and Cont. Cup	30 September 2023	15 October 2022
2022/2023 Series and Cont. Cup	30 September 2022	15 October 2022
2021/2022 Series and Cont. Cup	30 September 2021	15 October 2021

\* Every Local Organising Committee/National Federation can present at most three applications that correspond to three years of competitions.

The application deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> December of every year. For example, on December 31<sup>st</sup> year *n* it is possible to present at most three application forms for the year *n+1* and/ or year *n+2* and/or year *n+3*.

The ISMF would prefer to receive applications in advance.  
All applications must pass via the relevant national federation.

### **Fees for registering an event in the ISMF Calendar**

The hosting fees for World/Continental Championships and World Cups are found in the Rules for Organising (point 3.3.1)

ISMF World Championships – 5.000 €  
ISMF Masters World Championships – 1.500 €  
ISMF World Cup – 2.500 €  
ISMF Continental Championships – 3.000 €  
ISMF Continental Cup (outside Europe) – 500 €  
ISMF Series - 200€

No event is guaranteed the right to appear in the ISMF sporting calendar; all applications are evaluated by the ISMF before the calendar deadlines indicated above.

Any event that is cancelled is required to pay a percentage of the Event Hosting fees, the sum of which will be indicated by the ISMF.





The following documents must be attached to the application form. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

1	Route map (for all categories) on a 1:25,000 scale map. Official colours must be used (green, red, yellow)
2	Profile (for all categories) with distance, ascent/descent heights, foot parts, crampons, ropes and check points
3	List of supplementary equipment if there are some (see ISMF sporting rules)

**OTHER** (any specificity or remark which could be important in the candidacy assessment (extra pages may be attached))

Please be aware that races requesting to hold a World Cup event will also be obliged to sign a formal agreement which outlines requirements concerning ISMF sponsorship obligations and possible agreements concerning press and communications.

As per ISMF regulations anti-doping tests will be carried out according to WADA guidelines in relation to World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cups. Testing may take place, before, after a race or at any other period. Full details are in the ISMF rules and regulations.

By submitting this document, the Local Organising Committee agrees to abide by ISMF rules and regulations

At ....., the ..... / ..... / .....

The President of the Local Organisation Committee (name – signature)

**Opinion of the national federation**

Favourable  Unfavourable

If unfavourable, the national federation should explain why the candidacy has been rejected:

**By accepting the candidacy, the federation agrees to send at its own expenses at least 2 national referees from the day before the first race until the last race day. Those national referees will not be assigned as official referees of the potential open race taking place in the same time, and will be totally dedicated to the world cup event. They will be coordinated on the race(s) by the ISMF referee.**

Legal representative of the Federation (name – signature)

At ....., the ..... / ..... / .....

**Decision taken by the ISMF**

Favourable  Unfavourable

**Accepted competition date(s):** .....

If unfavourable, the ISMF should explain why the candidacy has been rejected:

At ....., the ..... / ..... / .....

ISMF Event Manager (name – signature)