



*SERIES RULEBOOK*

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## 1 Competitor Requirements

- 1.1 All athletes wishing to be considered on the SSNZ Freestyle Series must be current financial members of SSNZ.
- 1.2 Any athlete who competes without a SSNZ membership has 24 hours from the conclusion of the event to purchase a membership if they wish for that event to be counted on the SSNZ Freestyle Series Points Lists.

## 2 Series Requirements

- 2.1 The SSNZ Freestyle Series requires a minimum of 3 total events scheduled to be valid.
- 2.2 In the event that less than 3 events are able to run, the points list will still be valid.

## 3 Age Groups

- 3.1 There will be two age groups per gender, per discipline.
  - 3.1.1 Open: Any age
  - 3.1.2 U14: U14 competitors must be 13 years of age or younger and must not turn 14 within the calendar year.
- 3.2 U14 eligible competitors may choose to compete in the Open division, but not in both.
- 3.3 Competitors may switch divisions within the season, but points are non-transferable.
  - 3.3.1 Transfers must be applied for through SSNZ.
  - 3.3.2 Any competitor who chooses to switch divisions will lose all previously earned points.

## 4 Points List

- 4.1 The 2021 Season will have no North or South Island Points Lists, only the National Points List
- 4.2 National Points List: Average of athlete's top three results.
- 4.3 Competitors who only attain one or two results will receive  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their total points or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of their total points respectively on the National Points List.
- 4.4 All points will expire after the last event of the season.
  - 4.4.1 Points Lists will continue to be internally used for selection to SSNZ camps at the discretion of SSNZ.
  - 4.4.2 The previous season's points lists will be used as the base list for points adjustments in the following season as described in Section 10
- 4.5 Ties will be broken by rank at events attended by both athletes.
  - 4.5.1 In the event that the athletes in question did not compete at any of the same events they will remain tied.
  - 4.5.2 Competitors cannot tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Ties will be broken based off their average rank.

## 5 Injury

- 5.1 If a competitor is injured mid-season, they may apply for injury status.
- 5.2 If approved, they will receive the following:
  - 5.2.1 Total points averaged by the number of events they were able to complete up to the max per Points List. These points will not be reflected on the public Points List or ranking, but will be used internally by SSNZ for selection to Regional/National Development Camps.
  - 5.2.2 Injury Status on the public Points Lists.
- 5.3 Competitors cannot use previous season's results on the current Points List.

## 6 Event Sanctioning

- 6.1 To be a SSNZ sanctioned event, and therefore carry points in the SSNZ Freestyle Series, event organisers must satisfy the following criteria.
  - 6.1.1 Calendar: Event must be applied for and listed on the official SSNZ Calendar as a SSNZ Freestyle Series event. Events that conflict with other events in the Series may not be approved. SSNZ will aim to ensure there is a fair and obvious flow to events across both Islands.
  - 6.1.2 Registration: Events must use the SSNZ online registration system to pre-register for events. Signups may also be taken on the day, but must incur a late fee.
  - 6.1.3 Registration Fees: SSNZ will collect registration fees through the online registration system on behalf of resorts and pay out the entirety minus the following sanctioning fees.
    - 6.1.3.1 Base sanctioning fee of \$250 per event to help cover online software and Series database costs.
    - 6.1.3.2 \$2 per registrant to help cover bank fees associated with registration system.
  - 6.1.4 Judges: All events must have a SSNZ Licensed Judge acting as Head Judge. At minimum, there must be three Scoring Judges (including the Head Judge), but ideally there is one Head Judge and three Scoring Judges. Event organisers may suggest a Head Judge, but they must be approved by SSNZ. Head Judges must approve the rest of the panel at least one week before the event.
    - 6.1.4.1 Judges who also coach must refrain from coaching during events. Any violation of this will result in the Judge losing their SSNZ Judging License.
  - 6.1.5 Chief of Competition: Event must have a Chief of Competition provided by either SSNZ or the resort. Event organisers and staff members with sufficient experience as a Chief of Course, Event Organiser, Judge, TD or another role may be approved to be the Chief of Competition.
  - 6.1.6 Events can either be judged on the same scale and split by age after the competition, or be run in separate divisions. Age divisions do not need to be on the same course.
  - 6.1.7 Resorts must offer day passes to coaches at a ratio of one coach to eight athletes.

## 7 Event Formats

- 7.1 The SSNZ Freestyle Series consists of a multitude of event formats. The main slopestyle format is listed below.
- 7.2 Slopestyle
  - 7.2.1 Courses ideally have five or more total features and must have at minimum four total rail and jump features. Courses cannot have less than two rail features or two jump features.

- 7.2.1.1 Transition features (skew jumps, transitions, spines, hips etc.) may replace jumps in the total jump count.
- 7.2.2 Courses must be in quality condition, with Park Crew providing maintenance throughout the event.
- 7.2.3 Open Division
  - 7.2.3.1 Jumps must be Medium - Large jumps reflective of a higher-level regional event. Recommended table size of 8-12m.
  - 7.2.3.2 Jib features should be primarily rails and should include multiple options.
- 7.2.4 U14 Division
  - 7.2.4.1 Jumps must be Medium sized jumps. Recommended table size of 5-8m.
  - 7.2.4.2 Jib features should include both boxes and rails, with the option to select either.
- 7.2.5 Easier alternatives in the course are recommended, but not required.
- 7.2.6 Ski and Snowboard Judge panels should be different, especially when division sizes are 15 athletes or more. SSNZ may approve a panel to cover both if the head judge is approved for both sports and the pre-registration numbers are low.
  - 7.2.6.1 Judging will be based on Progression, Amplitude, Variety, Execution and Difficulty, and be judged out of 100.
- 7.3 Other Formats
  - 7.3.1 Alternative Format Basic Rules
    - 7.3.1.1 Events must be judged.
    - 7.3.1.2 The events must be freestyle oriented
    - 7.3.1.3 Events must end with a full ranking
    - 7.3.1.4 Event format and rules must be clearly communicated prior to the event, and again during the event.
  - 7.3.2 Alternate Format Suggestions
    - 7.3.2.1 Big Air, Rail Jam, Video Submission, Quarterpipe, Halfpipe
  - 7.3.3 The judging criteria may be changed from the normal criteria but must be clearly communicated to athletes and coaches.

## 8 Minimum Registration

- 8.1 There is no minimum amount of participants required to receive points at an event, however events with more athletes will receive more points as described in Section 10.

## 9 Point Scales

- 9.1 The base points scale is the FIS 1000 Point Scale.
- 9.2 Points scale rules will follow the FIS Points Rulebook where appropriate

## 10 Points Adjustment

- 10.1 The point scales listed in Section 9 will be adjusted by two factors; The Quantity of Field and Quality of Field

## 10.2 Quantity of Field

- 10.2.1 For every athlete beaten in an event, an athlete's points will increase by 10. For example, 1<sup>st</sup> place in a field of 20 will receive 190 extra points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive 180 extra points, etc.

## 10.3 Quality of Field

- 10.3.1 20% of the average points of the Top 5 athletes in the event, based off the previous season's National Points List, is added to each athlete's score. For example, if the Top 5 athletes averaged 1200 points from the previous season's National Points List, each athlete will receive 240 extra points.
- 10.3.2 If there are less than 5 athletes with points from the previous season, the average will still be taken of 5 scores, but with 0's substituted for missing scores.

# 11 Results

- 11.1 Judge steno sheets must be signed by the Head Judge and kept for the duration of the season.
- 11.2 Results must be electronically returned to SSNZ on the day of the event.

# 12 Weather

- 12.1 Competitions should be postponed or cancelled if the event is unsafe to run.
  - 12.1.1 This decision is made final by the Jury but should be discussed thoroughly with coaches and athletes to gauge safety.
- 12.2 If an event is cancelled at least two days prior to the event, the full entry fees will be refunded.
- 12.3 Events can be adapted by changing the number of included features, or changing location, to work with the weather if agreed by the Jury, athletes and coaches.
- 12.4 A result can be considered valid after one run if the weather prohibits a second run, but all athletes must have completed at least one run.

# 13 Protests and Conduct

- 13.1 Athletes, parents and coaches must interact with judges in a professional manner and attempt to resolve all questions by asking for clarification from the Head Judge or Chief of Competition after scores have come out and the event is not running.
- 13.2 The Head Judge must be available after the event and open to questions from the public. Transparency in judging is required.
- 13.3 If questions regarding the event are unable to be resolved through discussion with the Head Judge or Chief of Competition, a formal protest can be lodged with the Jury for \$50 NZD.
- 13.4 A decision will be made by the Jury within a 24-hour period after the end of the event.
  - 13.4.1 In the event of a successful protest the protest fee will be refunded in full.

## 14 Jury

- 14.1 The Jury consists of a Chief of Competition, Head Judge, and the Event Organiser. The SSNZ Series Manager is always part of the jury but may not be physically present at each event.
- 14.2 The Jury will interact with athletes, parents and coaches to handle decisions throughout the event.
- 14.3 The SSNZ Series Manager can deliver a final verdict if the rest of the Jury is unable to decide.

## 15 FIS Rules

- 15.1 Rules not listed in the SSNZ Freestyle Series rules can be covered by the FIS rulebook at the discretion of SSNZ.

## 16 SSNZ Discretionary Rules

- 16.1 In the case of a situation not covered by the rulebook, the affected party can meet with the SSNZ Series Manager to find a solution. All decisions will be decided in final by the SSNZ Series Manager.
- 16.2 New rules can be added in between competition seasons, but not during, unless approved by the majority of participating clubs and SSNZ.

## 17 International Competitors

- 17.1 International competitors are welcome to compete in any event and will be listed on the Points List if they are members of SSNZ.
- 17.2 An internal Points List will be generated throughout the season with only New Zealand athletes, and all selections for Talent Camps and National Teams will be based on this Points List.

## 18 Series Champions

- 18.1 The Series Champions and New Zealand Champions will be awarded at the SSNZ Awards Night.
- 18.2 Any protests regarding the Points List must be made at least one week before the SSNZ Awards Night.