



SERIES RULEBOOK

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1 Competitor Requirements

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

2 Series Requirements

- 2.1 Series must have a minimum of three events in one discipline per Island in order to have valid South or North Island Points Lists.
- 2.2 National Series must have at minimum one **A Level** event per Island, and a further two **B Level** events per Island per discipline to have a valid National Points List.

3 Age Groups

- 3.1 There will be two age groups per gender, per discipline.
- 3.2 Open: Any age
- 3.3 U14: U14 competitors are any athlete who is ineligible for a FIS license during the current competition year. They must be 13 years of age or younger and must not turn 14 within the calendar year.
- 3.4 U14 eligible competitors may choose to compete in the Open division, but not in both.
- 3.5 Competitors may switch divisions within the season, but points are non-transferable.
 - 3.5.1 Transfers must be applied for through SSNZ.
 - 3.5.2 Any competitor who chooses to switch divisions will lose all previously earned points.

4 Points List

- 4.1 North Island Points List: Average of athlete's top two results in the North Island
- 4.2 South Island Points List: Average of athlete's top two results in the South Island
- 4.3 New Zealand Points List: Average of athlete's top three results. Athlete's score on the National Points List must include a result from each Island.
- 4.4 Competitors who only attain one result, or two results (one from either Island) will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of their total points on the North or South Island Points List or $\frac{2}{3}$ of their total points on the National Points List.
- 4.5 All points will expire after the last event of the season.
 - 4.5.1 Points Lists will continue to be internally used for selection to SSNZ camps at the discretion of SSNZ.

4.6 Ties will be broken by rank at events attended by both athletes.

4.6.1 In the event that the athletes in question did not compete at any of the same events they will remain tied.

4.6.2 Competitors cannot tie for 1st place. Ties will be broken based off their average rank at A Level events.

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, 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 Slopestyle 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 Slopestyle 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 \$10 late fee.

6.1.3 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.

6.1.3.1 Judges who also coach must refrain from coaching during events. Any violation of this will result in the Judge losing their SSNZ Judging License.

6.1.4 Technical Delegate (TD): Event must have a SSNZ approved TD. Event organisers and staff members with sufficient experience as a Chief of Course, Event Organiser, Judge, or another role may apply to SSNZ to be approved as a TD.

6.1.5 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.

6.1.6 Resorts must offer day passes to coaches at a ratio of one coach to eight athletes.

7 Event Classification

7.1 Events will be classified as either A Level or B Level.

7.2 A Level

7.2.1 Maximum of two events on each Island. Events must be applied for pre-season.

7.2.2 Podium athletes must receive medals supplied by SSNZ.

7.2.3 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.

7.2.3.1 Transition features (skew jumps, transitions, spines, hips etc.) may replace jumps in the total jump count.

7.2.4 Courses must be in quality condition, with Park Crew providing maintenance throughout the event.

7.2.5 Open Division

7.2.5.1 Jumps must be Medium - Large jumps reflective of a higher-level event. Recommended table size of 8-12m.

7.2.5.2 Jib features should be primarily rails and should include multiple options.

7.2.6 U14 Division

7.2.6.1 Jumps must be Medium sized jumps. Recommended table size of 5-8m.

7.2.6.2 Jib features should include both boxes and rails, with the option to select either.

7.2.7 Easier alternatives in the course are recommended, but not required.

7.2.8 Ski and Snowboard Judge panels must be different.

7.3 B Level

7.3.1 Maximum of two events per discipline/division each season per resort.

7.3.2 Podium athletes must receive medals supplied by SSNZ.

7.3.3 Courses ideally have four or more features and must have at minimum three features. There is no mandatory ratio of jibs to jumps.

7.3.3.1 Transition features (skew jumps, transitions, spines, hips etc.) may replace jumps in the total jump count.

7.3.4 Courses must be in quality condition, with Park Crew providing maintenance throughout the event.

7.3.5 Open Division

7.3.5.1 Jumps are recommended to be Medium size (approx. 5-8m table).

7.3.5.2 Jib features can be boxes or rails but must have the option for boxes.

7.3.6 U14 Division

7.3.6.1 Jumps are recommended to be Small – Medium size (approx. 3 – 8m table)

7.3.6.2 Jib features can be boxes or rails but must have the option for boxes.

7.3.7 Judge panel may judge both ski and snowboard competition if the Head Judge is approved by SSNZ to judge both disciplines and the panel consists of both skiers and snowboarders.

7.4 Course Exceptions

7.4.1 In the event that an Event Organiser cannot meet the above expectations, they must inform SSNZ at least two weeks in advance. SSNZ will make the final decision on the validity of the event.

8 Minimum Registration

8.1 Disciplines within events must have at least five boys or three girls to receive full points.

8.2 Events with fewer than five boys or three girls will shift down the Points List by how ever many athletes there were fewer than the valid amount. For example, if three boys compete they will receive the points equal to 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

9 Point Scales

9.1 All points scales are based off the FIS Points Rulebook.

9.2 **A Grade** events are on the 120-point scale.

9.3 **B Grade** events are on the 100-point scale.

10 Results

10.1 Judge steno sheets must be signed by the Head Judge and kept for the duration of the season.

10.2 Results must be electronically returned to SSNZ within 24 hours of the event's conclusion.

11 Format

11.1 All competitions must give riders at least two judged runs.

11.2 Formats are not limited to the standard slopestyle format, but alternative formats must be pre-approved by SSNZ.

12 Course Layout

12.1 There is no mandatory requirement for courses.

12.2 Feature size should ideally be accessible to the majority of competitors within the discipline.

12.3 Event invitation and description should describe the course and the skill level required to complete the course.

13 Weather

13.1 Competitions should be postponed or cancelled if the event is unsafe to run.

13.1.1 This decision is made final by the Jury but should be discussed thoroughly with coaches and athletes to gauge safety.

13.2 If an event is cancelled at least two days prior to the event, the full entry fees will be refunded.

13.3 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.

13.4 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.

13.5 Events will be scheduled in sequence to give athletes multiple opportunities to compete per trip. In the event that the weather prohibits competition throughout a competition timeframe a new competition may be scheduled on an island with the opposing island's category. For example, if weather prohibits competition at a series of events in the South Island, a South Island event may be scheduled separately on the South Island or North Island, or vice-versa, to give competitors the opportunity to earn points on the National Points List. This decision will be made by SSNZ with input from coaches and clubs as a last resort.

14 Protests and Conduct

14.1 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 TD after scores have come out and the event is not running.

14.2 The Head Judge must be available after the event and open to questions from the public. Transparency in judging is required.

14.3 If questions regarding the event are unable to be resolved through discussion with the Head Judge or TD, a formal protest can be lodged with the Jury for \$50 NZD.

14.4 A decision will be made by the Jury within a 24-hour period after the end of the event.

14.4.1 In the event of a successful protest the protest fee will be refunded in full.

15 Jury

15.1 The Jury consists of a Technical Delegate, 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.

15.2 The Jury will interact with athletes, parents and coaches to handle decisions throughout the event.

15.3 The SSNZ Series Manager can deliver a final verdict if the rest of the Jury is unable to decide.

16 FIS Rules

16.1 Rules not listed in the SSNZ Slopestyle Series rules can be covered by the FIS rulebook at the discretion of SSNZ.

17 SSNZ Discretionary Rules

17.1 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.

17.2 New rules can be added in between competition seasons, but not during, unless approved by the majority of participating clubs and SSNZ.

18 International Competitors

18.1 International competitors are welcome to compete in any event and will be listed on the Points List if they are members of SSNZ.

18.2 A 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.

18.3 National Champions will be awarded based on the New Zealand only Points List.

19 Series Champions

19.1 The Series Champions and New Zealand Champions will be awarded at least a week after the final event of the season but before December 1st.

19.2 Any protests regarding the Points List must be made within one week of the final event of the season.