

RULES AND REGULATION

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GENERAL:

1. World Classic Tour rules and regulations are valid on top of the FIS rules (ICR). Athletes must act in accordance to FIS (ICR) and *World Classic Tour* rules and regulations.
 - a. During competition days, a *World Classic Tour* Race Director will be appointed to ensure that the following rules are respected and executed.
 - b. World Classic Tour Race Director has the prerogative to act upon violations of the rules.
2. Regarding individual WCT competitions (*CHAMPION, YOUTH, SPRINT, JUNIOR and ATHLETE OF THE DAY*), the athletes who want to take part to those competitions must possess a valid FIS licence in order to collect points.

TEAM REGISTRATION:

3. Teams wanted to compete for *World Classic Tour TEAM's* points must be registered as a *World Classic Tour TEAM*. Team's registration for World Classic Tour 2017 is free of charges. The application to register a team must be send to race.director@worldclassictour.com
4. The application has to be sent before the 1st June 2017.
5. To be considered as a *WCT TEAM*, the team must consist of a minimum of three athletes and maximum ten athletes women and men athletes included.
6. Athletes cannot change teams during the WCT season and teams cannot unregister athletes during the season.
7. The season is defined as 1st June to 18th of September.
8. A new athlete can be register in the team during the season in accordance with the previous rules (5. - 6. - 7.). A written notification has to be sent to the WCT Race Director 48 hours before the start of a stage for reviewing.
9. WCT team has to be registered to receive free accommodation on the WCT events according to the following agreement detailed on 10.
10. Based on the ranking of *Ski Classics Pro Team* season 2016-2017:
 - a. Teams ranked from 1-3 in *Ski Classics Pro Team* final standings will receive free accommodation with full board for 2 nights at each WCT stages for up to 7 people.
 - b. Teams ranked from 4-5 in *Ski Classics Pro Team* final standings will receive free accommodation with full board for 2 nights at each WCT stages for up to 5 people.
 - c. Teams ranked from 6-10 in *Ski Classics Pro Team* final standing will

receive free accommodation with full board for 2 nights at each WCT stages for up to 3 people.

11. Single male/female athletes not register in the top 10 *Ski Classics Pro Team* - season 2016-17 and ranked 1-20 in *Ski Classics Champion* final standings season 2016-17 will receive free accommodation with full board for 2 nights for 1 person.
12. Exceptionally, for the 2017 season, *Ski Classics Pro Team* ranking will be the basis to allocate free accommodation to registered team. For the 2018 World Classic Tour season, the 2017 *WCT TEAM* and *WCT CHAMPION* rankings will be the basis to allocate free accommodation to registered teams and athletes.
13. Registered *WCT TEAM* will get a space on worldclassictour.com website to present their Team and Athletes.

PRIZE MONEY AND SPECIAL PRIZE

14. At the last stage, World Classic Tour athletes and teams has to be present to receive their prize money. If an athlete is unable to participate to the final stage regardless the reason, the athlete must submit to the Race Director a document stating clearly the reason of not attending (medical reason has to be certified by a doctor). In case of non-presentation of any document, the prize money will not be transferred to the athlete.
15. The overall prize money for World Classic Tour 2017 is 30,000 euros.

16. WORLD CLASSIC TOUR CHAMPION

MEN		WOMEN	
1st	20% of total prize sum	1st	20% of total prize sum
2nd	7% of total prize sum	2nd	7% of total prize sum
3rd	4% of total prize sum	3rd	4% of total prize sum
4th	3% of total prize sum		
5th	2% of total prize sum		
6th	1% of total prize sum		

17. WORLD CLASSIC TOUR SPRINT MEN/WOMEN

1st 4% of total prize sum

18. WORLD CLASSIC TOUR YOUTH MEN/WOMEN

1st 2% of total prize sum

19. WORLD CLASSIC TOUR TEAM

20. WORLD CLASSIC TOUR JUNIOR

The winner in this category will be rewarded with a special and unique prize

21. ATHLETE OF THE DAY

The winner in this category will receive special prize offers by the different stage sponsors.

POINTS AND DISTINCTIVES BIBS

22. On the first World Classic Tour stage, the various WCT bibs will be distributed to the athletes having won the previous edition *WCT CHAMPION* and *SPRINT, YOUTH* and *JUNIOR* categories. In case of the previous edition winner of the category *YOUTH* or *JUNIOR* is too old to compete on this category during the new WCT season, the following best-ranked athlete in age of competing for the new WCT season will wear the *JUNIOR* or *YOUTH* bib.
23. *World Classic Tour CHAMPION* and *SPRINT* points are awarded according to the point tables (see “**Scoring 34.** and **35.**”). The daily leader of those rankings is the highest placed athlete in the general individual *CHAMPION / SPRINT* ranking and will wear the distinctive *WCT CHAMPION/ SPRINT* bib.
24. *World Classic Tour YOUTH* competition is reserved for athletes born since the 1st January 1992. The *WCT YOUTH* points are awarded according to the points scored by the athlete in the *WCT CHAMPION* competition. The daily leader of those rankings is the highest placed athlete in the general individual *YOUTH* ranking and will wear the distinctive *WCT YOUTH* bib.
25. *World Classic Tour JUNIOR* competition is reserved to Junior (U20) athletes born since 1st January 1998. *WCT JUNIOR* points are awarded according to the *JUNIOR* points table (see “**Scoring 36.**”). The daily leader of those rankings is the highest placed athlete in the general individual *JUNIOR* ranking and will wear the distinctive *WCT JUNIOR* bib. Junior athletes might compete in shorter distances than Elite athletes in order to score *WCT JUNIOR* points. The Junior races and distances for WCT 2017 are the following:
- Olaf Skoglunds Minneløppen: 50km
 - Blink Classics: 62 km
 - Alliansloppet: 32 Km
 - Fiemme Roller Ski Cup: 60 km
26. *World Classic Tour ATHLETE OF THE DAY* will reward the athlete who has made the greatest effort and who has demonstrated the best qualities of sportsmanship. The prize, which is awarded at each stage is decided by a jury presided over by the race director.
27. *World Classic Tour TEAM* points are gathered from the team’s top two men *WCT CHAMPION* points and top single woman *WCT CHAMPION* points in

each World Classic Tour's stage, and the total *WCT SPRINT* points collected on each event by all the team members.

28. The bibs are provided to the various WCT ranking's leaders at each stage. There is an order of priority: first the WCT CHAMPION bib, followed by the WCT SPRINT bib, then the WCT YOUTH bib. When a rider is leader of several general rankings, he/she only wears one bib: the one designated by the order of priority. The other bibs are then worn by the runners-up, the 2nd, 3rd or 4th in the corresponding general ranking. In case of the absence of a general ranking's leader on a stage the leader bib will be worn by the runners-up, the 2nd, 3rd or 4th in the corresponding general ranking.
29. World Classic Tour Race Director may retain collected WCT individual and/or Team points if an athlete is violating rules in an event. A protest must be handed in to the Race Director within 60 minutes after the winner finishes the event by handing over to the Race Director or Jury a written protest, or emailing race.director@worldclassictour.com, protest are handled according to FIS ICR-rules. All results are final one hour after the event winner has finished and the jury and/or race director has checked protests. Exceptions will be made in case of doping violation.
30. An athlete must finish the race within 20% of the winning time according to the gender in order to receive points in the *CHAMPION*, *YOUTH* and *JUNIOR* competition. In order to receive *SPRINT* points, the athlete must finish the race.
31. In the case of a dead-heat between two competitors the points for the places will be added together and divided by two (e.g. in a dead-heat for 1st and 2nd places, both athletes will receive $(200+170)/2 = 185$ points).
32. If two or more athletes score the same number of points after the final event, the winner is the athlete who has:
 - a. The highest number of individual WCT wins during the season
 - b. The best results (i.e. most 2nd places, most 3rd places, etc.)
 - c. The best ranking on the WCT final stage
33. Each *WCT TEAM* participating in a *World Classic Tour* event shall have a representative at the race's Team Captains meeting the day prior to the race.

SCORING

34. WORLD CLASSIC TOUR CHAMPION MEN/WOMEN

The 50 best female and male athletes of each stage will receive the following WORLD CLASSIC TOUR CHAMPION points:

Position	Points
1	200
2	170
3	140

4	120
5	100
6	95
7	90
8	85
9	80
10	75
11	70
12	66
13	62
14	58
15	54
16	50
17	47
18	44
19	41
20	38
21	35
22	35
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32	19
33	18
34	17
35	16
36	15
37	14
38	13
39	12
40	11
41	10
42	9
43	8
44	7
45	6
46	5
47	4
48	3
49	2
50	1

35.WORLD CLASSIC TOUR SPRINT MEN/WOMEN

Position	Points
1	40
2	30
3	20
4	10
5	5

36.WORLD CLASSIC TOUR JUNIOR

Position	Points
1	100
2	80
3	60
4	50
5	45
6	40
7	36
8	32
9	29
10	26
11	24
12	22
13	20
14	18
15	16
16	15
17	14
18	13
19	12
20	11
21	10
22	9
23	8
24	7
25	6
26	5
27	4
28	3
29	2
30	1