

Classical technique definition and rules



International Competition Rules (ICR)

- Classical technique

RULES:

In classical technique competitions, the competitor must use classical techniques only:

- Classical techniques consist of the diagonal techniques, the double poling techniques, herringbone technique without a gliding phase, downhill techniques and turning techniques**
- Single- or double skating is not allowed**
- Where there is a set track, turning techniques with pushing are not allowed, this will also apply to competitors skiing outside of the set track**
- Where there is one or more tracks set, repeatedly changing or stepping in and out of the track(s) is not allowed**

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When an infraction of the rules occurs, the Jury must meet and decide the appropriate sanction, considering:

- The specific circumstances (ex. track setting, snow condition, location on course)
- The gain or advantage for the competitor (ex. mass-start or individual start)
- The negative impact on other competitors
- The impact on the results (ex. sprint qualification or 50 km)
- The level of the competition (World Cup or youth competition)
- The age and experience of the competitor

Possible sanctions for classical technique violations are:

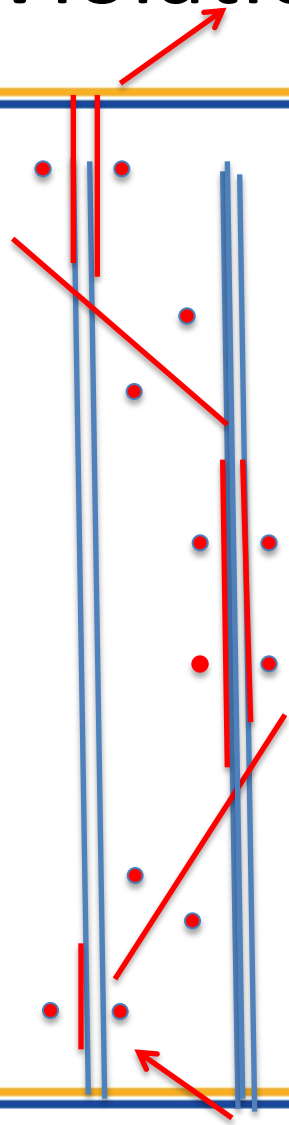
- Verbal warning
- Written warning (often called Yellow card)
- Competition suspension (example: Ranked as last in the heat in Sprint heats)
- Disqualification



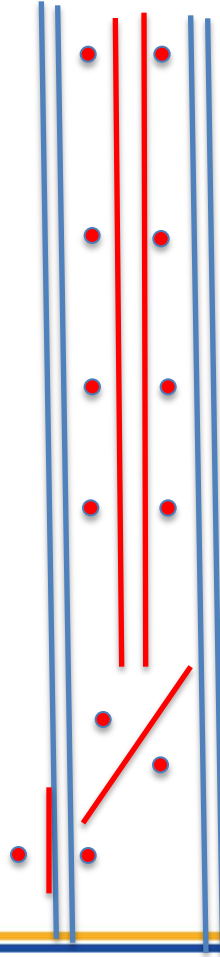
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- Schematic illustrations of classical technique “grey areas”

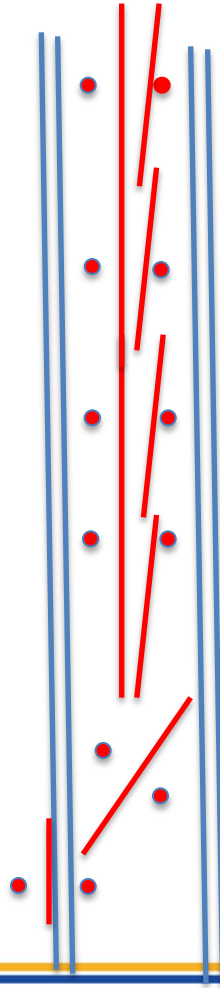
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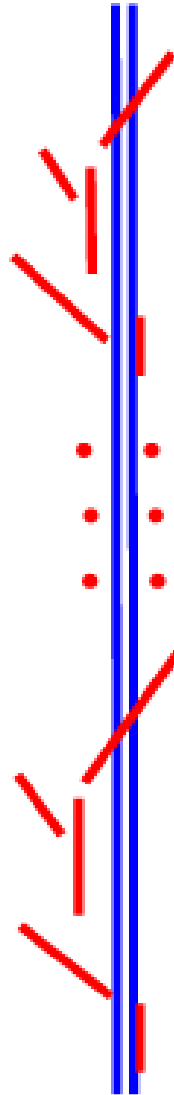
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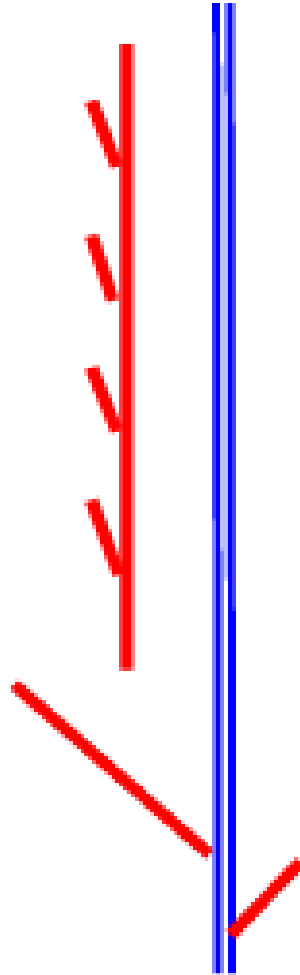
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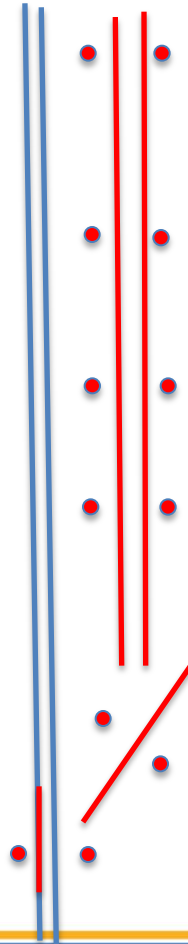
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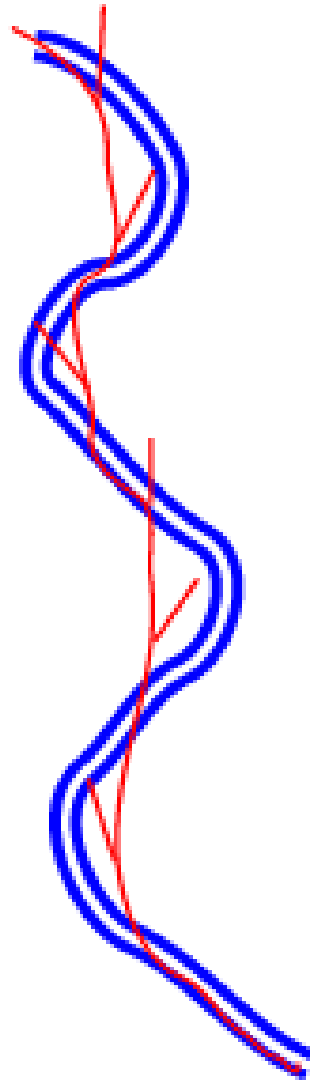
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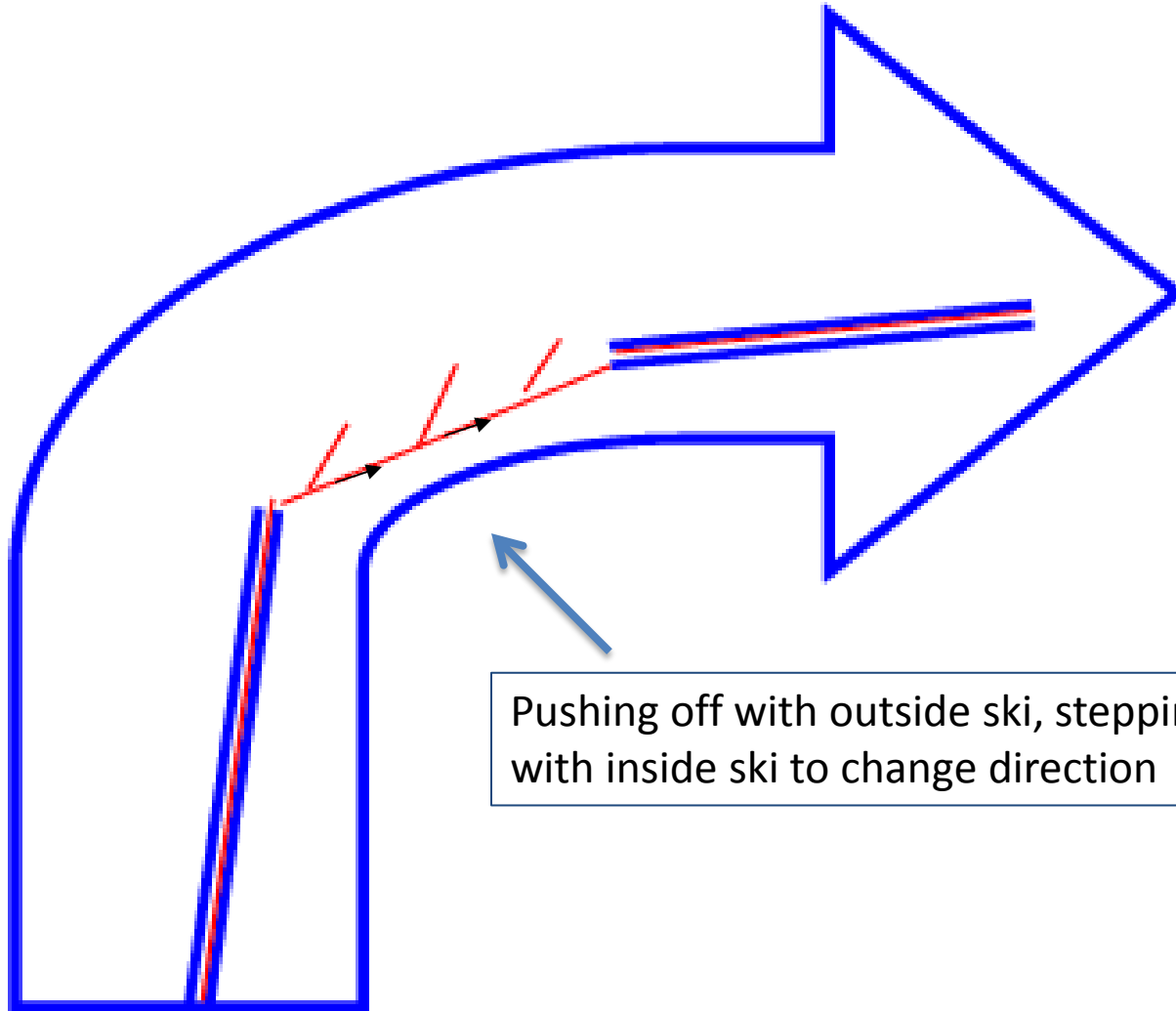
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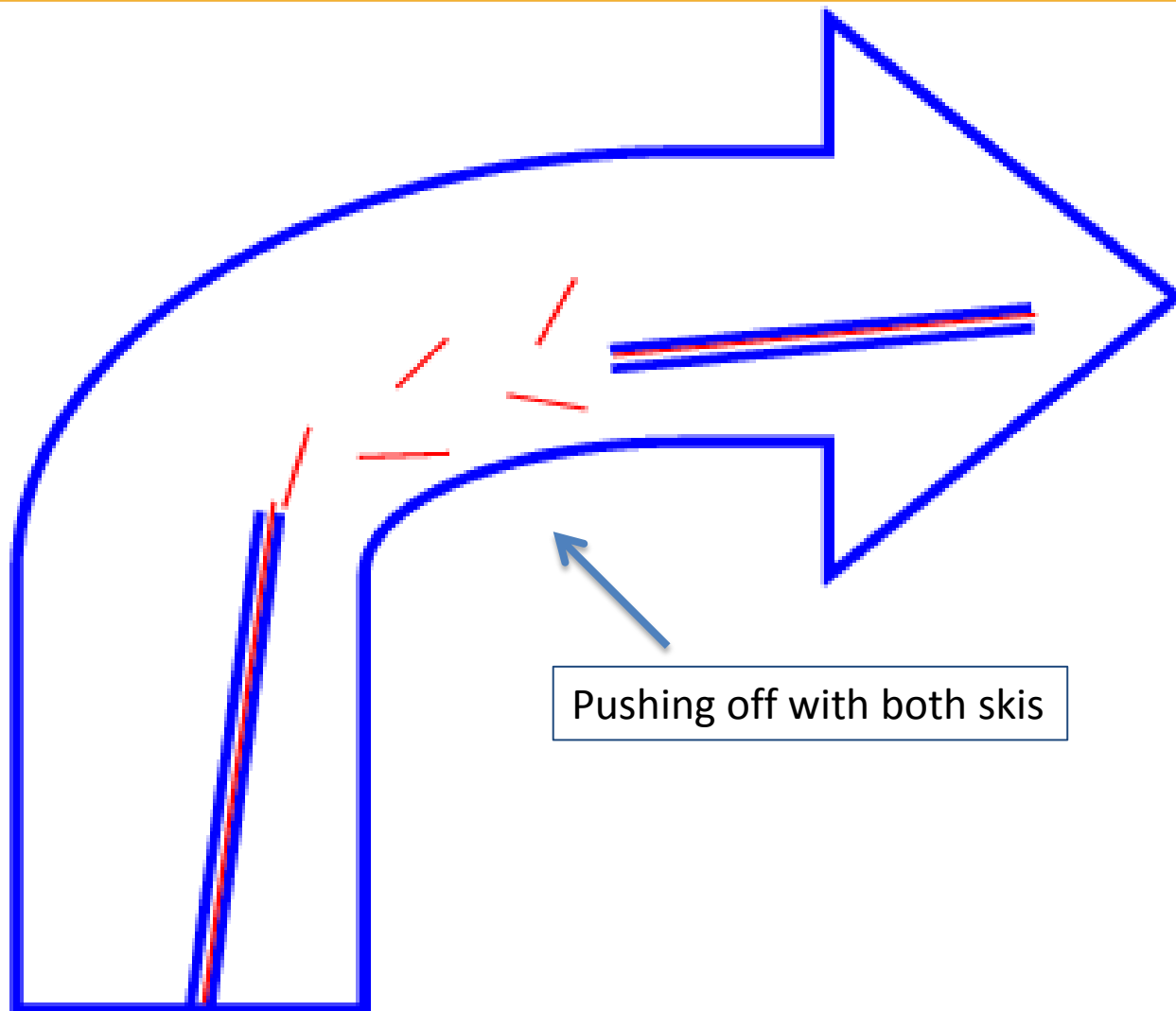


Correct turning technique

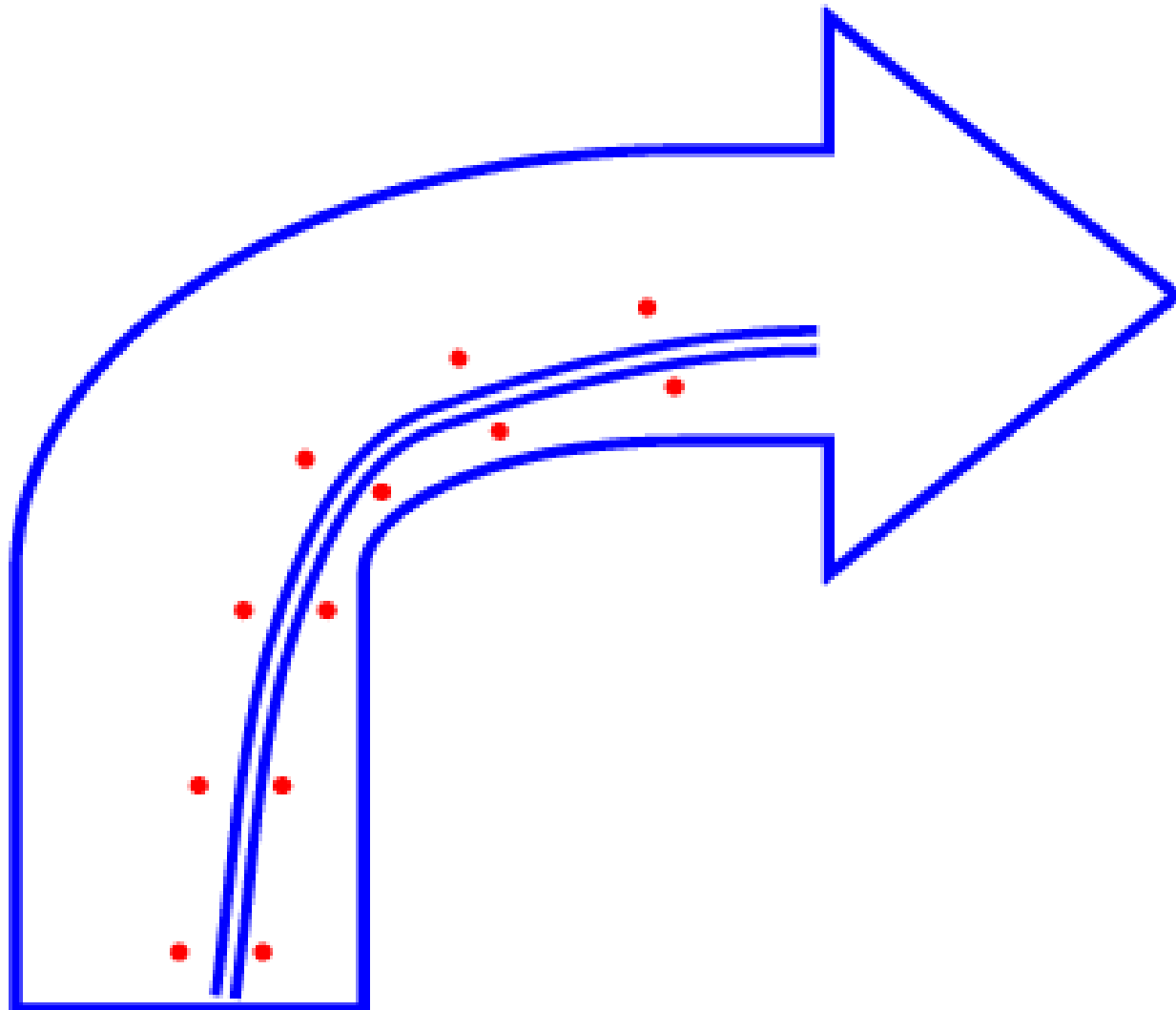


Pushing off with outside ski, stepping
with inside ski to change direction

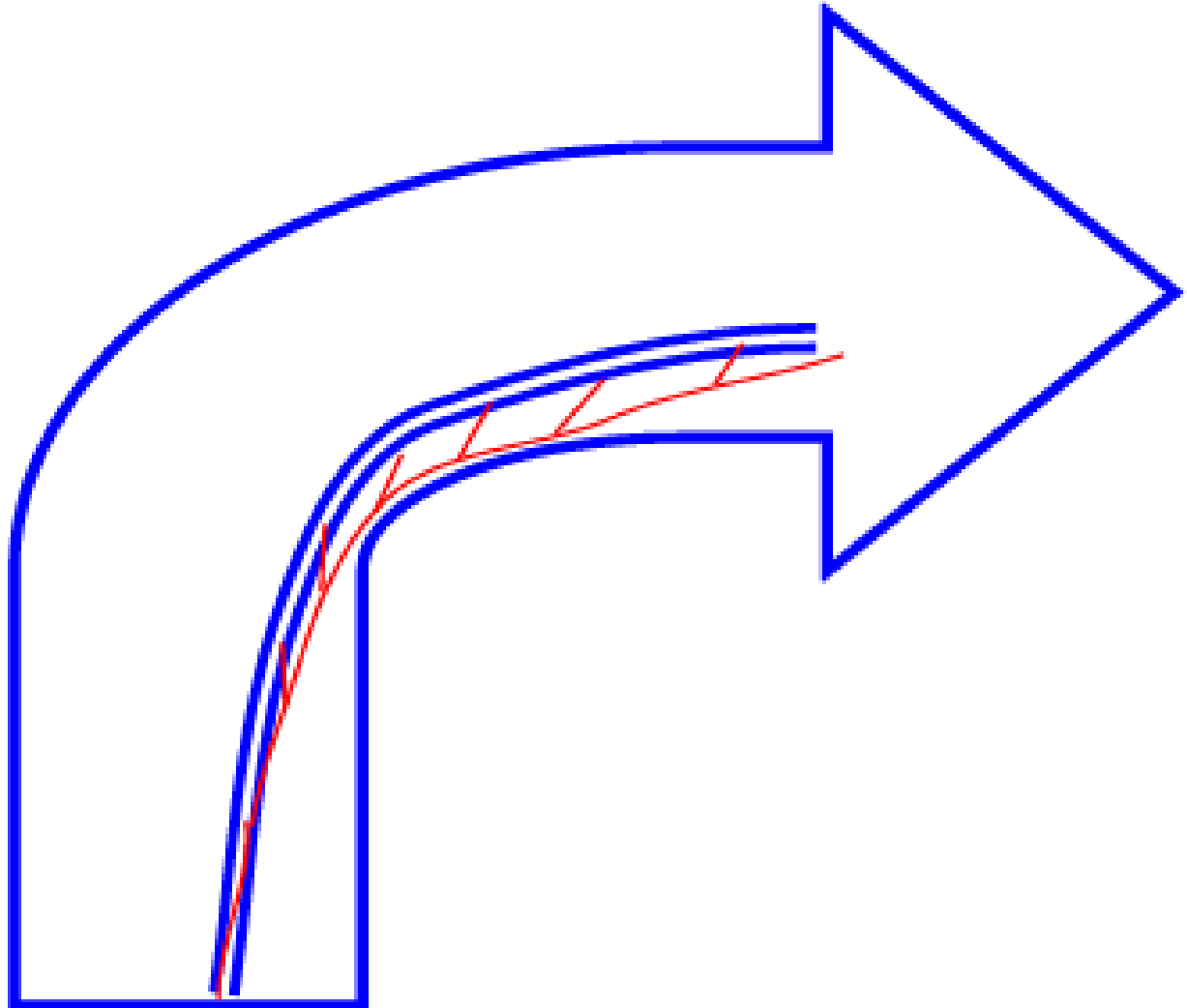
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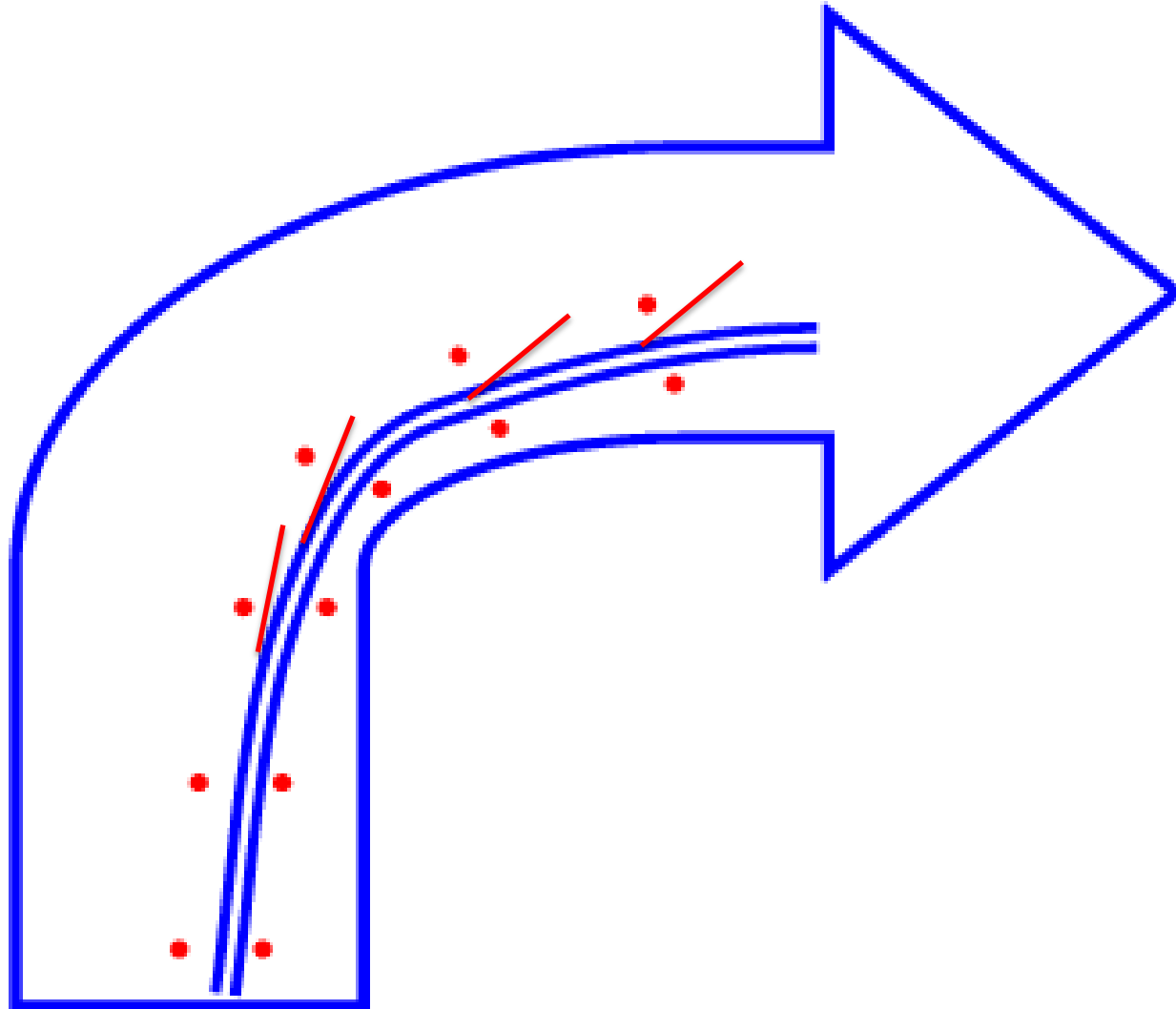
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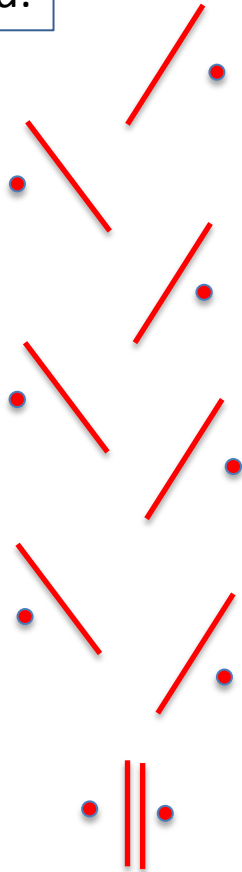
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Herringbone uphill

Allowed:

No glide phase



Not allowed:

Glide phase

