

Baltic Cup 2015/2016 alpine ski competition rules

1. Organizing committee

The organizing committee of the Baltic Cup 2015/2016 consists of the officials of the Latvian Ski Association, hereinafter referred to as the Organizing committee.

2. Baltic Cup 2015/2016 race calendar

Date	Discipline	Age group	Venue	Organizer
7.11.2015.*	SL FIS ENL (3 runs)	U21; Elite 1999+; Masters 1981+	“Snow Arena” Druskininkai LTU	Latvia Ski Association
7.11.2015.	SL	U12; U14; U16;	“Snow Arena” Druskininkai LTU	Latvia Ski Association
8.11.2015.*	SL FIS ENL (3runs)	U21; Elite 1999+; Masters 1981+	“Snow Arena” Druskininkai LTU	Latvia Ski Association
8.11.2015.	SL	U12;U14;U16;	“Snow Arena” Druskininkai LTU	Latvia Ski Association
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27.02.2016.	SL FIS ENL	U21; Elite 1999+; Masters 1981+	Sigulda LAT	Latvia Ski Association
27.02.2016.	GS	U12; U14; U16;	Sigulda LAT	Latvia Ski Association
28.02.2016.	SL FIS ENL	U21; Elite 1999+; Masters 1981+	Sigulda LAT	Latvia Ski Association
28.02.2016.	GS	U12; U14; U16;	Sigulda LAT	Latvia Ski Association
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13.03.2016.	SG official training	U12; U14; U16; U21; Elite 1999+; Masters 1981+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
14.03.2016.	SG,AC NC	U21; Elite 1999+; Masters 1981+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
15.03.2016.	SG,AC NC	U12; U14; U16	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
16.03.2016.	GS NC	U12; U14; U16; Masters 1981+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
17.03.2016.	SL NC	U12; U14; U16; Masters 1981+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
17.03.2016.**	GS “CombiRace”	U 10	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
19.03.2016.	GS FIS	U21; Elite 1999+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
21.03.2016.	SL FIS	U21; Elite 1999+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association
22.03.2016	SL FIS	U21; Elite 1999+	Pyha FIN	Latvia Ski Association

* SL races on 7.11.2015. and 8.11.2015 for U21 and Elite 1999+, and Masters 1981+ will be executed in 3 runs.
 **Race for U10 on 17.03.2016 will have a different rules regarding starting order, execution of the race, awarding etc., and will not be calculated for overall standings.

- 2.1 The race calendar is drawn up by the organizing committee.
- 2.2 Information of the race program is available on the organizing Nations website www.infoski.lv no later than 5 days before the race.
- 2.3 If on the race day the weather or snow conditions on the racetrack do not allow to organize the race, the Jury has the right to cancel the race on the date specified in the Rules and has the right to change the race program.
- 2.4 The Jury with the organizing committee has the right to set any date and time when the cancelled race will take place, timely informing the racers of it.
- 2.5 Races indicated with “FIS” are published in the FIS calendar and will be held in accordance with the FIS International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) only. For all other races from the Baltic Cup 2015/2016 race calendar FIS points will not be calculated.

3. Jury

- 3.1 The organizing committee appoints the Jury.
- 3.2 The Jury consists of the following race officials:
 - Technical delegate
 - Chief of race
 - Referee

4. Competitors

4.1 The Baltic Cup competitors are divided into the following age groups:

Group	Age
Elite E	Born in 1999 and older
Juniors U21	Born in 1995 – 1999
Masters M	Born in 1981 and older
Group U16	Born in 2000/2001
Group U14	Born in 2002/2003
Group U12	Born in 2004/2005
Group U10	Born in 2006 and younger
*In races where the Masters race takes place on the same course with Elite race, due to a race schedule and calculation of the Baltic Cup overall standings racers born in 1981 and older will have to decide do they want to compete in the Elite FIS or the Masters category. It will not be possible to do both races at the same day on the same course.	

- 4.2 The race is only open to those who have signed the athlete’s declaration and paid the entry fee.
 - 4.2.1 The amount of entry fee will be defined by the organizer of every event and the information will be sent out together with the official invitation for the specific event.
- 4.3 The athlete’s declaration of the juvenile participants’ (up to 18 years of age) can be signed by the parents, guardians, the coach, club representative and/or an official representative of the National Federation who by their signature certify responsibility for the specific athlete.

- 4.4 The Jury has the right to limit the number of the participants if it creates conditions that threaten the health of athletes.
- 4.5 At the present conditions contained in the regulations and taking into account the Baltic Cup race results, the pass in the Latvian Adult and Youth championships takes simultaneously place.

5. Entries

- 5.1 The application for participation in the Baltic Cup national level races can be submitted by an individual person, club or the team captain who represents the specific athlete. The application must be submitted electronically by means of registration in the Latvian Ski Association website www.infoski.lv or by an electronic mail to info@infoski.lv. The registration must take place no later than 5 days before the race. This rule applies for all national level races in the Baltic Cup 2015/2016 race calendar, for FIS races please see art. 5.5.
- 5.2 The application will not be accepted if the person does not comply with the criteria of Paragraph 4 of the given Regulations.
- 5.3 The final list of the competitors is approved and submitted by an official representative of each nation's federation one hour before the first team captains meeting.
- 5.4 The list of competitors should be in order of priority by athletes results and by age groups-U10,U12,U14,U16,E (including group U21 in Group E) indicating the competitors name, surname, birth year, gender and the represented club. Those with FIS pints, also FIS points in all disciplines.
- 5.5 For the FIS races all entries must be sent according to the ICR. All entries must be sent so that the Organizing Committee receives them before the final date of entry. The organizers must have a final and complete list not later than 24 hours before the first draw.
- 5.6 Other rules from the ICR that has to be taken in consideration regarding entries:
- 215.2 National Ski Associations are not permitted to enter and draw the same competitors in more than one competition on the same date.
 - 215.3 Only National Ski Associations are entitled to make entries for international competitions. Every entry should include:
 - 215.3.1 code number, name, first name, year of birth, National Ski Association;
 - 215.3.2 An exact definition of the event for which the entry is made.
 - 215.5 The entry of a competitor by the National Ski Association for a race shall constitute a contract solely between the competitor and the organizer and shall be governed by the Athletes Declaration.
- 5.7 The FIS races will be held according to FIS ICR. Please note that the nations can enter their athletes only according to their FIS quota and the organizer expects no more than one representative per nation per gender as a team captain.
- 5.8 If a competitor is entered and registered, but has not participated in the specific race, the team captain of the club that represents the competitor returns all that was given to the participant in the specific competition (the starting number, the ski lift card/-s, ticket/-s, etc.). Otherwise, the organizing committee has the right to bill the club for the incurred damages in a double amount.

6. Execution of the race

- 6.1 Races are run in accordance with these rules and the ICR.
- 6.1.1 Races that according to the race program are FIS races are run in accordance with the valid ICR only.

- 6.1.2 Races in disciplines SG/AC/GS and SL for kids, youth and masters are not FIS races and are run according to these “Baltic Cup rules”, no FIS points will be awarded for these races.
- 6.2 Two runs are organized in the Giant slalom (GS) and Slalom (SL) disciplines and one run - in the Super Giant (SG) discipline. Two runs are organized also in AC discipline (SG+SL).
- 6.2.1. According to the ICR SL Vertical drop regulations art. 801.1.4., races on 7/8.11.2015., for elite 1999+, U21 and Masters 1981+, in “Snow Arena” Druskininkai Lithuania will be executed in 3 runs.
- 6.3 For (elite 1999+) in competitions with two runs, the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places that are starting in reversed order.
- 6.3.1 The Jury has the right to decide no later than one hour before the start of the first run; whether the reversed order in the second run shall be reduced to a smaller number than 30.
- 6.3.2 For (elite 1999+) in competitions with 3 runs, the starting order of the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places that are starting in reversed order. The starting order of the third run is determined by the result list of the second run except for the first 15 places that are starting in reversed order.
- 6.4 For U12, U14, U16, and Masters 1981+ the starting order for the second run (and in third run in case of Masters 1981+) is determined by the result list of the previous run except for the first 5 places that are starting in reversed order.

7. Group draw and Start order

- 7.1 The FIS points list worked out by FIS and the Baltic Cup current standings worked out by the Latvia Ski Association will be used for the classification of competitors. If a competitor does not appear in the last valid FIS points list or has not obtained Baltic Cup points during the season, he will be assigned to that group of competitors without FIS or Baltic Cup points.
- 7.2 The starting order of the competitors in Baltic Cup alpine competitions will be determined by their FIS points as the first priority and Baltic Cup points after in disciplines (SL, GS and SG). A first group of a maximum of the 15 best competitors present regardless of nationality will be drawn. The group may be increased if two or more competitors share the 15th rank. All remaining competitors start in order of their FIS points and their Baltic Cup points.
- 7.3. All competitors without FIS points or Baltic Cup points will be drawn in the last group as explained in art. 7.4. If in the first 15 competitors present, the points difference between one and the following competitor is too great; the Jury will decide the number of competitors in the first group. The rest will start in the order of their FIS points and their Baltic Cup points.
- 7.4 Competitors with no FIS points or Baltic Cup points will be drawn in the following order: At the first team captains meeting before every stage of the Baltic Cup calendar a draw of nations will be made. (Nation 1, Nation 2, Nation 3 etc.) Competitors without FIS points will be starting in the order according to their national list of competitors which the responsible team official is obligated to give to the race office at least one hour before the first team captains meeting. For the competitors with no FIS points the starting order for the first run will be set as racer Nation 1, racer Nation 2, racer Nation 3, etc.
- 7.4.1 Starting order for U12; U14; U16 and Masters for the first run will be set according to their Baltic Cup points followed with the racers without points, see art., 7.4.
- 7.5 In all Baltic Cup races that are published in the FIS calendar only FIS ICR rules are valid.

8. Protests

- 8.1 The protest types, place of submittal and deadlines of submittal are set according the ICR art 640, 641, 642 and 643.
- 8.2 Protests are to be submitted in writing.

- 8.3 Only national ski associations, trainers, team captains - persons that are named as team officials to the race office at the team captains meeting the day before the race, are authorized to submit protest.
- 8.4 The protests are decided by the Jury.
- 8.5 The protests lodged are decided by a simple majority of votes.
- 8.6 The decision is final and not questionable.
- 8.7 The protestant with the lodged protest pays 100 EUR (per protest) which is received by the Chief of race.
- 8.8 Where the protests are grounded and satisfied, 100 EUR must be returned to the applicant.
- 8.9 If the protest is not based - 100 EUR is transferred to the organizer's current account.

9. Awarding

- 9.6 The first three owners of the best results of every race are awarded with Baltic Cup trophies.
- 9.7 The best result owners of the 4th, 5th and 6th places of every race are awarded with diplomas.
- 9.8 Competitors who do not attend the prize-giving ceremonies without excuse lose their claim to any prize including prize money. In exceptional circumstances, the competitor may be represented by another member of his team, but this person has no right to take his place on the podium.
- 9.9 Competitors must behave in a correct and sportsmanlike manner towards members of the Organizing Committee, officials and the public.

10. Overall standings

- 10.1 After the last races of the Baltic Cup 2015/2016 race calendar (17.03.2016 for U12, U14, U16 and Masters 1981+) and (22.03.2016 for elite 1999+, and U21), the overall standings of the Baltic Cup 2015/2016 are calculated.
- 10.2 The first three owners of the best overall results are awarded with Baltic Cup 2015/2016 overall trophies.
- 10.3 The best result owners of the 4th, 5th and 6th places overall are awarded with diplomas.
- 10.4 The overall standings will be calculated as a sum of all points awarded for each discipline in each race of the Baltic Cup 2015/2016 race calendar in regulation with the table below:

position	pts	position	pts	position	pts	position	pts	position	pts
1	100	7	36	13	20	19	12	25	6
2	80	8	32	14	18	20	11	26	5
3	60	9	29	15	16	21	10	27	4
4	50	10	26	16	15	22	9	28	3
5	45	11	24	17	14	23	8	29	2
6	40	12	22	18	13	24	7	30	1
31 st + is awarded with 1 point									

10.5 If several racers are tied for one of the top thirty positions in a race, each of the competitors who are tied receives the points corresponding to that position. The remaining competitors receive the points corresponding to their official classification in the race.

10.6 If at end of all events, a number of competitors are placed equally within the top six (6) positions in the overall standings, or, if a number of participants have achieved an equal number of points, then they shall be placed according to the number of their 1st places, then 2nd places, 3rd places, etc.

11. Advertizing

- 11.1 An exclusive ad placement right during the race and beyond belongs to the organizing committee.
- 11.2 All the possible ad placement during this period must be coordinated with the organizing committee on a compulsory basis.

12. Insurance

- 12.1 All racers competing in the Baltic Cup events must carry accident insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport and rescue costs including race risks.
- 12.2 The National Associations are responsible for adequate insurance coverage of all their racers sent and inscribed by them.
- 12.3 The National Ski Association or their competitors must be able to show proof of the respective insurance coverage at any time on request of the organizing committee, or one of its representatives.

13. Statute for the force and its amendments

- 13.1 The Rules are in force for a period of up to the coming changes.
- 13.2 The organizing committee is entitled to amend the Regulations.
- 13.4 The Baltic Cup official communication languages are English and Russian.