

Equipment, Events & Other Need-to-Know for Winter 2017

Are you ready for the ski season? If you're busy organising equipment and diaries, read on for important updates including rule changes for helmets and skis, plus a link to the race calendar.

Helmets

From July 2017 all helmets **MUST** conform to FIS rules for FIS Sanctioned Competitions, NZ National Points (U14, U16, U18) Competitions and FIS Youth (U14 &16) Competitions. For Junior Interfield and School races helmets specifically designed for Alpine Ski Racing must be worn for training and for competing in all disciplines. All FIS approved helmets will carry the sticker below on the back of the helmet:

Specifications for Competition Equipment Edition

Label attesting conformity with FIS specifications for Alpine racing helmets (GS/SG/DH)



Minimum Width : **10 Mm**

Minimum height : **15 Mm**

Skis

Racers competing in U14, U16 and above must ensure that their skis comply with FIS rules in terms of length, radius, profile width and standing height. These are:

14 and U16

		U14	U16
.2.1.1	Ski length		
	Ski length measurement tolerance of +/-1 cm		
	SG Ladies		>=183
	SG Men		>=183
	SL Ladies	>=130	>=130
	SL Men	>=130	>=130
	GS Ladies	<=188	<=188
	GS Men	<=188	<=188
.2.1.3	Radius (Minimum)		
	SG Ladies		30
	SG Men		30
	GS Ladies	17	17
	GS Men	17	17
.2.1.2.1	Profile width under binding	GS/SG	<=65
.1.2	Max. Standing height (ski/plates/binding)	50	50

= minimum

= maximum

FIS

Adaptation of the specification for Giant Slalom Ski Men

New specifications for the start of the Southern Hemisphere 2017/18 winter season.

Proposed adaptation for all FIS level competitions:

Ski length: 193 cm* (* -5cm tolerance only in FIS level competitions)

Max width under binding: < 65mm

Radius: 30m minimum

Max width at the tip: < 103mm

Back Protectors

Highly recommended for racing and training! Back protectors do need to be individually fitted. We suggest that you ask your coach or retailer for advice before purchasing.

Snow Sports NZ Membership

Our membership year runs from 1 July - 30 June, in line with the FIS system. Please do not try to renew or sign up for your membership before June otherwise you will still be paying for the 2016-2017 season. We will send out reminders to renew for the 2017-2018 season closer to the time. Thank you!

Events Calendar

A printable version of the NZ events calendar is available to download [at this link](#).

Alpine Forum: 20-21 May, Queenstown

We look forward to welcoming ROCs, TDs and Club Presidents on day one. Sessions will include updates on rules and regulations, and we will have a keynote speaker discussing overlapping responsibilities during events. Day two is open to all Snow Sports NZ members and the schedule will include an update from SSNZ, the Alpine Sport Committee, and the World Champs Team, and an open forum session. More info to follow shortly.