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General	Juniors become U21 Youths 2 become U19 Youths 1 become U17	Transition to the new label
1.4.4 1.4.5 1.4.10 	Competition Specifications	Individual Junior M/W: 45 sec. shooting penalty for a missed shot
1.4.11 	Specifications for Single Mixed Relay, Super Sprint and Mass Start 60 ...After the first loop, the first 30 athletes (bib 1-30) ski up to the range for their first bout of shooting, the remaining 30 athletes (bib 31-60) continue for a second loop on the course without shooting. They must continue to ski on the course without passing the range. After the second loop, the procedure is vice versa: the second 30 athletes (bib 31-60) shoot their first bout of shooting. The first 30 athletes (bib 1-30) continue skiing without shooting or passing the range. After all athletes have conducted their first shooting bouts (in acc. with Art. 8.2.1), the competition is organized as in a pursuit, i.e. the first athlete coming up to the range for the second prone shooting will be directed to lane 1, the second ranked athlete to lane 2, etc....	Specifications for Single Mixed Relay, Super Sprint and Mass Start 60 ...After the first loop, the first 30 athletes (bib 1-30) ski up to the range for their first bout of shooting, the remaining 30 athletes (bib 31-60) continue for a second loop on the course without shooting. They must continue to ski on the course without passing the range. After the second loop, the procedure is vice versa: the second 30 athletes (bib 31-60) shoot their first bout of shooting. The first 30 athletes (bib 1-30) continue skiing without shooting or passing the range, and they go for a second loop on the course. 30 athletes (bib 31-60) ski up to the range for their first shooting bout. After the second loop, the procedure is vice versa: The first 30 athletes (bib 1-30) shoot their first bout. The second 30 athletes (bib 31-60) continue skiing without shooting. After all athletes have conducted their first shooting bouts (in acc. with Art. 8.2.1), the competition is organized as in a pursuit, i.e. the first athlete coming up to the range for the second prone shooting will be directed to lane 1, the second ranked athlete to lane 2, etc....
New 1.6.2.f 	Not existing	A competitor/athlete can only be entered once for a competition
1.7.7 	Assignment of Start Numbers and Start Positions in the Mass Start Competition A provisional start list will be made within two hours after the last qualifying competition. The start list will be finalized two hours before the start, by which time team captains must have confirmed their starters. Start numbers at IBU events will be assigned according to the applicable event rules. At all other events, if no appropriate ranking list is in force, a single random draw will be used to assign the start numbers for all competitors. There may not be more competitors than the number of targets available (an exception applies to Mass Start 60). Each competitor's start number will designate their start position in that competition. Start positions will be numbered from right to left, facing the direction of the start.	Assignment of Start Numbers and Start Positions in the Mass Start Competition A provisional start list will be made within two hours after the last qualifying competition. The start list will be finalized at the deadline specified in the event program, but latest two hours before the start, by which time team captains must have confirmed their starters. Start numbers at IBU events will be assigned according to the applicable event rules. At all other events, if no appropriate ranking list is in force, a single random draw will be used to assign the start numbers for all competitors. There may not be more competitors than the number of targets available (an exception applies to Mass Start 60). Each competitor's start number will designate their start position in that competition. Start positions will be numbered from right to left, facing the direction of the start.
3.4.4.4 	Target Background	Target Background







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	The background behind the targets must be white from the ground level to a min. of 50 cm above the upper edge of the target, including all constructions in this area.	The background behind the targets must be white from the ground level to a min. of 50 cm above the upper edge of the target, including all constructions in this area, and must extend 1 meter to the right of the rightmost T-post lane and 1 meter to the left of the leftmost T-post lane
4.2.2 ■	<p>Pre-Start Materials/Equipment and Clothing Inspection</p> <p>Competitors must report at the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection area not later than 10 minutes prior to the competition start to have their rifle checked, and their clothing inspected. Competitors (or team staff) must deliver the race skis either for the Flour test or for the common waxing, according to the provisions and at the time mentioned in the corresponding protocol. This applies for all kind of competitions.</p> <p>Competitors are responsible for the time that it takes to make the inspection/markings, even if this results in a late start. Competitors whose materials, equipment or clothing do not conform to IBU regulations will not be authorized to pass through the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection until the discrepancies have been corrected. Skis can be changed/replaced according to the procedures of the corresponding protocol. Equipment, rifles, materials and clothing that have been inspected at pre-start equipment inspection must not be modified in any way prohibited by these rules or the IBU Materials Catalogue. In no case does the foregoing relieve competitors of their responsibility to abide by Art. 1.5.2.</p> <p>To facilitate the inspection, the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 1 hour and 15 minutes before the start of the competition and the competitors will have the right to have their materials/equipment checked from that time onwards. The early or late opening of the pre-start equipment inspection will be permitted and encouraged at all competitions in order to avoid time difficulties.</p>	<p>Pre-Start Materials/Equipment and Clothing Inspection</p> <p>Competitors must report at the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection area not later than 10 minutes prior to the competition start to have their rifle checked, and their clothing inspected. During that inspection rifles shall not carry any full magazines nor any reserve bullets at the stock. Competitors (or team staff) must deliver the race skis either for the Flour test or for the common waxing, according to the provisions and at the time mentioned in the corresponding protocol. This applies for all kind of competitions.</p> <p>Competitors are responsible for the time that it takes to make the inspection/markings, even if this results in a late start. Competitors whose materials, equipment or clothing do not conform to IBU regulations will not be authorized to pass through the start materials/equipment and clothing inspection until the discrepancies have been corrected. Skis can be changed/replaced according to the procedures of the corresponding protocol. Equipment, rifles, materials and clothing that have been inspected at pre-start equipment inspection must not be modified in any way prohibited by these rules or the IBU Materials Catalogue. In no case does the foregoing relieve competitors of their responsibility to abide by Art. 1.5.2.</p> <p>To facilitate the inspection, the materials/equipment and clothing checkpoint must be opened at least 1 hour and 15 minutes before the start of the competition and the competitors will have the right to have their materials/equipment checked from that time onwards. The early or late opening of the pre-start equipment inspection will be permitted and encouraged at all competitions in order to avoid time difficulties.</p>
4.2.2.1.b ■	b. The rifle will then be safety-checked to confirm it does not contain a live cartridge in the chamber and no magazine is inserted or appears to be inserted in the magazine well	b. The rifle will then be safety-checked to confirm it does not contain a live cartridge in the chamber and no magazine is inserted or appears to be inserted in the magazine well; at the inspection, the rifle may not carry full magazines nor reserve bullets on the rifle stock
4.2.2.4 d ■	<p>Final Check Before Start</p> <p>Two minutes prior to the start, a check will be made of the competitor by the starter's assistant(s) in order to ensure the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That by opening the action of the rifle, that there is no round in the chamber and no magazine is inserted or appears to be inserted in the magazine well; 	<p>Final Check Before Start</p> <p>Two minutes prior to the start, a check will be made of the competitor by the starter's assistant(s) in order to ensure the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That by opening the action of the rifle, that there is no round in the chamber and no magazine is inserted or appears to be inserted in the magazine well; The safety marker must be inserted instead, and removed by the official





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4.2.3 ■	Finish Inspection After arriving at the finish, and after the hand-over zone in the Relay competition, a check will be made to confirm the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All ammunition on the stock and in other magazines will be removed at this inspection.	Finish Inspection After arriving at the finish, and after the hand-over zone in the Relay competition, a check will be made to confirm the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All ammunition on the stock and in other magazines will be removed at this inspection and the safety marker needs to be inserted.
8.5.1 ■	General When a rifle is brought into or is taken out of the stadium area, it must be in a case or a cover bag. Shooting is only permitted on the shooting range, during officially authorized times. Making rifle movements that might endanger others or the competitors themselves, regardless of whether the rifle is loaded or not, is forbidden. Situations considered as safe are: carrying the rifle on the back or having the bolt open. The rifle muzzle must be over the forward edge of the shooting ramp (firing line) from the beginning to the end of the shooting bout. At no time while being on the mat it is allowed for the athlete to deliberately point the rifle muzzle towards him/herself or others. When the range is open for shooting, no one (with no part of the body) is permitted to be forward of that line. Officials, TV crew members and photographers must take responsibility for their own safety if they enter this area. At all times, competitors will be responsible for the safety of their actions and rifles.	General When a rifle is brought into or is taken out of the stadium area, it must be in a case or a cover bag. As a visible sign that there is no cartridge in the chamber, an additional safety marker (colored flag or lock) must be attached. The marker may only be removed as of Art. 8.5.1.1 Shooting is only permitted on the shooting range, during officially authorized times. Making rifle movements that might endanger others or the competitors themselves, regardless of whether the rifle is loaded or not, is forbidden. Situations considered as safe are: carrying the rifle on the back or having the bolt open. The rifle muzzle must be over the forward edge of the shooting ramp (firing line) from the beginning to the end of the shooting bout. At no time while being on the mat it is allowed for the athlete to deliberately point the rifle muzzle towards him/herself or others. When the range is open for shooting, no one (with no part of the body) is permitted to be forward of that line. Officials, TV crew members and photographers must take responsibility for their own safety if they enter this area. At all times, competitors will be responsible for the safety of their actions and rifles.
New 8.5.1.1 ■	Not existing	Safety marker The safety marker (colored flag or lock) has to be used in all rifles when entering the stadium. It has to remain in place until the athlete reaches the shooting range, where it might be removed for training or competing. Training: when leaving the range after training, the safety marker needs to be inserted again Rifle controls: all rifles must be presented at the rifle control with the safety marker inserted, regardless of when such inspection occurs. Control personnel might remove the marker for control purposes, but the rifle has to leave the control again with inserted safety marker. Zeroing: as with training, when leaving the range after zeroing the safety marker must be inserted in the chamber. It is only removed by the official at the final check before the start. Competition end: after arriving in the finish/passing the mixed zone, the safety flag has to be inserted again as soon as possible, but in any case when leaving the finish exit area/returning to warm-up area (rifle racks). The marker must then remain in the rifle at all times until the process begins again.

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		Only exception: for dry shooting the safety flag might be removed, but must be inserted right after again. For dry shooting safety the use of a so called „rubber bullet“ is recommended.
15.6.3.c 		For the first two World Cup events (WC1 and WC2) of the following season, the winner of the IBU Cup Total Score (M+W) earns an additional NF start quota that can be used by the NF for any qualified athlete, unless an additional quota is already used as of 15.6.3.d.
New 15.6.3.d 	Not existing	For the first two World Cup events (WC1 and WC2) of the following season, the winner of the WC Total Score (M+W) earns a personal start quota.
New 15.6.3.e 	Not existing	NFs with an additional start quota according to 15.6.3.c–d may register one additional athlete on top of their standard quota (as defined in 15.6.1), to ensure a reserve athlete is available.
15.8.5 	Breaking of Ties in Standings If there is an equal number of points in any standings during or at the end of the season, the best-placed competitor or NF will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared. Eventual scratched results are not considered for this breaking of ties.	Breaking of Ties in Standings If there is an equal number of points in any standings during or at the end of the season, the best-placed competitor or NF will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared. Eventual scratched results are not considered for this breaking of ties. In case of a tie in the WC Total Score after the last competition, this rule shall not apply, but two cups shall be awarded.
New 16.4.3 	Not existing yet	Men and women competitors who are ranked best in the IBU Cup Total Score must wear a colored IBU Cup Leader start number during the competition. The leader start numbers will be provided by the IBU and will be brought to events as organized by the IBU.
16.5.1.4 	Breaking of Ties in Standings If there is an equal number of points in any standings during or at the end of the season, the best-placed competitor or NF will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared. Eventual scratched results are not considered for this breaking of ties.	Breaking of Ties in Standings If there is an equal number of points in any standings during or at the end of the season, the best-placed competitor or NF will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared. Eventual scratched results are not considered for this breaking of ties. In case of a tie in the IBU Cup Total Score after the last competition, this rule shall not apply, but two cups shall be awarded.

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16.8.1 	Mass Start The Mass Start competition entries will consist of the top 15 competitors in the current IBU Cup Total Score and the remaining 15 competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current IBU Cup event. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied the one with the best current IBU Cup Total Score and if still tied the athlete with less IBU Qualifying points will be ranked ahead. If competitors are absent from the top 15, they will be filled in from the current IBU Cup Total Score list in rank order. Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top-ranking competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final 15 start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the IBU Cup Points scored at the current event.	Mass Start The Mass Start competition entries will consist of the top 15 competitors in the current IBU Cup Total Score and the remaining 15 competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current IBU Cup event. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied the one with the best current IBU Cup Total Score and if still tied the athlete with less IBU Qualifying points will be ranked ahead. If competitors are absent from the top 15, they will be filled in from the current IBU Cup Total Score list in rank order. Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top-ranking competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final 15 remaining start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the IBU Cup Points scored at the current event.
16.8.2 	Mass Start 60 The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 15 competitors in the current IBU Cup Total Score and the remaining 45 competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current IBU Cup event using the Nation Cup point system. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied the one with the best current IBU Cup Total Score and if still tied the athlete with less IBU Qualifying points will be ranked ahead. If competitors are absent from the top 15, they will be filled in from the current IBU Cup Total Score list in rank order. Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top-ranking competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final 45 start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the points scored at the current event using the NC point system with the same tie breaker as above.	Mass Start 60 The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 15 competitors in the current IBU Cup Total Score and the remaining 45 competitors will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current IBU Cup event using the Nation Cup point system. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied the one with the best current IBU Cup Total Score and if still tied the athlete with less IBU Qualifying points will be ranked ahead. If competitors are absent from the top 15, they will be filled in from the current IBU Cup Total Score list in rank order. Start numbers will be assigned based on the list standings – with the top-ranking competitor receiving number 1, the second number 2, and so on. The final 45 remaining start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the points scored at the current event using the NC point system with the same tie breaker as above.
18.4.3 	Breaking of Ties in Standings If there is an equal number of points in any standings during or at the end of the season, the best-placed competitor or NF will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared. Eventual scratched results are not considered for this breaking of ties.	Breaking of Ties in Standings If there is an equal number of points in any standings during or at the end of the season, the best-placed competitor or NF will be the one who won more first places, and if there is still a tie, who won the most second places, etc. If, after following this procedure, the tie cannot be broken, a tie will be declared. Eventual scratched results are not considered for this breaking of ties. In case of a tie in the IBU Junior Cup Total Score after the last competition, this rule shall not apply, but two cups shall be awarded.
18.4.1 	Score types The following types of scoring are used:	Score types The following types of scoring are used for junior men and junior women:

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New 18.3.2 		<p>The Mass Start 60 competition entries will consist of the top 60 competitors of the event and will be filled in, in rank order from the points they have acquired at the current event using the IBU Cup point system. In case competitors are tied, the one with the best single result from that event will be ranked ahead. If still tied, the athlete with the second-best single result will be ranked ahead. Start numbers will be assigned in rank order from the points scored at the current event using the IBU Cup point system, and if less than 60 athletes earn points at the current event, the field will be filled in with the athletes having the best single result from the current event with the same tie breaker as above.</p> <p>Seven (7) competitors will be the maximum number of entries allowed by any NF.</p>
ANNEX A		
3.1.6.4 	Specifications f. The trigger resistance must be a minimum of 0,5 kg;	Specifications f. The trigger resistance must be a minimum of 0.5 kg, regardless of the point on the trigger where it is measured
ANNEX C		
2.3.1 	Test Formats Test Formats will be formulated by the TC member in charge of referees. The candidates will be asked questions that will test skills required by TDs and IRs for conducting their duties. Tests must be done without the use of any reference material. The following test specifications will apply: a. Questions – TD: 35, IR: 25; b. Allowed time – 120 minutes; c. Pass Grade – if 80 % of the maximum achievable score is reached. Such tests can also be conducted as online-tests as soon as the TC confirms that a respective format can cover all requirements	Test Formats Test Formats will be formulated by the TC member in charge of referees. The candidates will be asked questions that will test skills required by TDs and IRs for conducting their duties. Tests must be done without the use of any reference material. The following test specifications will apply: a. Questions – TD: 35, up to 75 questions for the IR exam ; b. Allowed time – TD: 120 minutes; IR: 75 minutes ; c. Pass Grade – if 80 % of the maximum achievable score is reached. Such tests can also be conducted as digital tests as soon as the TC confirms that a respective format can cover all requirements.
2.3.4 	Test Languages TD tests must be given and answered in English, however, the TC may authorize exceptions as required. IR tests may be administered in any language, as appropriate for the circumstances	Test Languages The only official language for exams is English