

29th ETOILE D'OR

LES SAISIES, 14th and 15th march 2009

RULES

AIMS

To create and maintain a competitive spirit at competition level by giving those young **pupils most representative of the ESF** and holding at least the "étoile d'or" qualification (except for children one year younger than the poussin category age for whom the étoile de bronze is sufficient) the opportunity to compete against each other nationally.

To give the best competitors in the poussin and benjamin categories the chance to go through to the final of the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR.

PRINCIPLE OF THE "ETOILE D'OR" EVENT

This is a two-day event:

- a) day one: qualifying race in the form of a giant slalom;
- b) day two: final consisting of a parallel slalom.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The competitors, boys and girls, must be **pupils of the ESF** born in **1995 or later** and holders of at least the 3^{ème} étoile qualification.

Competitors entered by ESF schools must also fulfil all of the following conditions:

- they must have lived for 3 years somewhere not connected directly by a ski lift to a skiing centre,
- they must not be a son or daughter of a practising ski instructor,
- they must not have taken part in the COQ DE BRONZE or COQ D'ARGENT events or any other events organised for children by the regional committees (in the case of GIRSA, the races featured in the FFS Official Bulletin) in the poussin or benjamin categories and must not have taken part in any international competitions in the current year, **with the exception of competitors in the "ESF Elite" group,**
- they must not go to school in a commune where there is a ski resort.

Helmets must be worn.

Any competitor not fulfilling these criteria will be excluded.

The parents of participating competitors consent to the use of their children's names and any photographs, whether in an exhibition or in advertising in the media, press, radio, television or any promotional purpose.

CATEGORIES

- 1) **Poussines:** girls born in 1998, 1999 or later
- 2) **Poussins:** boys born in 1998, 1999 or later
- 3) **Benjamins:** girls born in 1996 and 1997
- 4) **Benjamins:** boys born in 1996 and 1997

PS: photographic proof of age may be required

REGISTRATION

Entries will be sent by the ESF director to the SNMSF Technical Department before the closing dates stated in the circular letter.

NATURE OF THE RACES

- 1) **Qualifying race:** 2-run giant slalom (of the type organised for the Flèche certificate); the number of competitors going through in each category will be decided by the race committee. Regarding the competitors of the "ESF Elite" Group, the parallel Slalom will be organized only if there is a sufficient number of competitors.
- 2) **"ETOILE D'OR" final:** parallel slalom taking place in accordance with the FFS rules specific to this type of event.
- 3) **Partners cup :** 1 run of giant slalom organised for the competitors who have not been qualified for the parallel slalom.

RANKING

a) Qualifying race

The following will be drawn up:

I - **an individual ranking for each category:** poussines, poussins, benjamins and benjamins;

II - **an ESF ranking** including all categories.

The ESF ranking will be based on the total (**points score**) from the 2 runs, with the competitors qualifying in the 1st run required to take part also in the 2nd run.

The ESF schools are ranked on the basis of the 3 top competitors from the school in the overall ranking including all categories.

An ESF school can only be ranked once.

Calculation of points

- the competitor coming first scores the most points
- the competitor coming last scores no points

III - special "ESF Elite" ranking

The following formula is applied to award points on the basis of the competitor's ranking in his/her category:

$$\text{Number of points obtained} = 100 - \left(\frac{\text{ranking in his/her category} \times 100}{\text{Number of competitors ranked or participants in the category}} \right)$$

Example: in a category containing 30 participants

the competitor coming 1st scores: $100 - \left(\frac{1}{30} \times 100 \right) = 96.66$ points 30

the competitor coming 3rd scores: $100 - \left(\frac{3}{30} \times 100 \right) = 90$ points

the competitor coming last scores: $100 - 100 = 0$ points

the competitor coming first in a category containing 50 participants scores

$100 - \left(\frac{1}{50} \times 100 \right) = 98$ points (his/her performance is better)

b) Final and Partners Cup

An individual ranking for each category will be drawn up.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints about participants must be made at the first race committee meeting on the day before the qualifying races.

RULES OF THE PARALLEL SLALOM FOR THE ETOILE D'OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FFS RULES

Art 1: the following shall participate in the parallel slalom, depending on the number of participants:

- In each category,

- the 8 competitors finishing first in the 1st run, the 8 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run and the first 16 after the 2 runs are combined, or
- the 4 competitors finishing first in the 1st run, the 4 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run and the first 8 after the 2 runs are combined, or
- 2nd run, the 2 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run and the first 4 after the 2 runs are combined.

Art 2: the first round of the final is a knockout race consisting of one run.

Art 3: the second round, quarter-final, semi-final and final consist of two runs and the winner shall be determined by the time difference at the finish.

Art 4: if a competitor falls or is disqualified during a run, he/she will incur a penalty as defined by the Etoile d'Or technical committee

Art 4a: during the first run, the maximum time difference possible will be equal to the penalty time or 1.5 seconds.

Art 5: if both competitors fall, the one finishing first will be declared the winner. If neither of the competitors finishes, the one falling nearest the finish will be declared the winner.

Art 6: if one competitor obstructs the other, either by falling or by crossing his/her path, he/she shall be eliminated.

Art 7: any competitor not coming to the start when his/her name is called shall be eliminated.

Art 8: any complaints must be made immediately.

Art 9: the race secretariat will be located on the Ecole du Ski Français premises.

Art 10: the start numbers for the parallel slalom are allocated on the basis of the ranking in the giant slalom races.

Start number 17 is allocated to the competitor placed first after the two runs are combined.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINAL OF THE COQ D'OR

Benjamins – Benjamins

The following shall qualify from the giant slalom race, depending on the number of participants in each category:

- the 8 competitors finishing first in the 1st run, the 8 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run and the quarter-finalists in the parallel slalom, **or**

- the 4 competitors finishing first in the 1st run, the 4 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run and the semi-finalists in the parallel slalom, **or**

- the 2 competitors finishing first in the 1st run, the 2 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run and the finalists in the parallel slalom.

The qualifying quota shall be decided by the S.N.M.S.F. technical committee.

Poussines – Poussins

All competitors qualifying for the parallel slalom shall be selected

(with the exception of children aged one year younger than the poussin category age).

All qualifying competitors participating in the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR must have a valid "Youth" category FFS racer's membership.