

## **“D” level Freestyle Judges Course**

### **Scope**

This course is run under FIS protocols and is subject to revision as directed by FIS. The tutors for the course are required to be FIS or BSSF “C” level (or higher) Judges in the appropriate disciplines.

This course is designed to provide the necessary training and assessment for new Freestyle Judges in the disciplines for which the training is provided. Training is provided for the specific Freestyle disciplines which determines the specific course content. The course format is generic and not discipline specific.

The course also fulfils the requirements for:-

1. Revalidation of existing Freestyle Judges
2. Judging Course attendance for the ASFSPC awards for specific disciplines in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate ASFSPC award as given in the course specification for the discipline.

Candidates who have attended the course and been assessed as reaching the required standard will be listed as Freestyle Judges and are eligible to be invited to officiate at “D” level Freestyle competitions for the disciplines for which qualified.

Aspirant ASFSPC candidates will be awarded a Certificate of attendance, which they may submit as part of their evidence towards the ASFSPC award.

### **Revalidation Requirements**

Freestyle Judges are required to revalidate their with the same frequency as for other ESC qualifications (currently every three years) by attending an appropriate Freestyle Judges Course or attending a Freestyle Judges Seminar run by FIS, ESC or SNSC.

### **Pre requisites**

There are no prerequisites for attending the course.

### **Skiing Standard.**

There is no requirement for course attendees to be able to ski.

### **Assessment**

Assessment will be undertaken at designated points in the course and will be focused on the ability of the candidates to

- Interpret the appropriate sections of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICRs)
- Interpret the appropriate modifications to the FIS Rules applied to the British Dry Slope Competitions
- Accurately score the performances of Freestyle performers in the discipline(s) covered by the course’

The assessment will be conducted by means of Practical assessments of actual or video freestyle performances.

**Results**

The candidates will be given their results in writing by the Course Tutor within three weeks of the course.

**Training**

There will be an element of training delivered during the course, which will not be assessed.

**Typical Programme**

**Freestyle Judges Course**

One day duration

	09:30 - 10:00	Arrival and Registration
Session 1	10:00 - 10:15	Course Introduction
Session 2	10:15 - 10:30	Introduction to Freestyle Judging
Session 3*	10:30 - 12:30	Judging training & assessment
	12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
Session 4*	13:30 - 15:00	Judging training and assessment
Session 5	15:00 - 15:15	Debrief

\*The precise subject content of these sessions will be determined by the specific discipline for which the course is run.

Session 1 Course Introduction

The purpose of this session is to ensure that those attending are clear as to the function of the day and are made aware of the arrangements for assessment and communication of the results.

- Domestic Arrangements
- Course Timetable
- Assessment Criteria & Arrangements
- Method of communicating results
- Method of forwarding results

Session 2 – Freestyle Judging

- The function of the Freestyle Judge
- FIS & Home Nation Competition Rules
- Judges cards etc
- The Function of the various competition officials as they affect Judges & Judging
  - Judges
  - Head Judge
  - TD
  - Jury
  - Competitors Representatives
- Other pertinent topics as appropriate to Freestyle Judges

Sessions 3 & 4 Practical Judging training & assessment

The purpose of this session is to train and eventually assess the ability of those attending.

The session will consist of “live” or video examples\* of freestyle performers. The assessment of the performances will be “tutored” by the course tutor and scored by the candidates on the appropriate judges cards.

When the tutor has reached the stage that he or she is confident that the candidates have received sufficient training they will be asked to assess a specified number of performances and record their results on the appropriate judges cards. These will be assessed by the course tutor as part of the course assessment process.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PRIOR TO THE START OF THE ASSESSMENT PERIOD THAT THE CANDIDATES ARE TOLD :-**

- That they will be assessed during the session
- What the assessment criteria are
- That if they are unclear about the tasks set or the function of the tasks that they should seek clarification.

It is also important that the tasks set are such that they can be accomplished to the required & that the candidates fully understand the requirements of the tasks.

In order to avoid confusing the course members tutors will most likely wish to deal with individual aspects of the judging criteria separately. It is therefore envisaged that the sessions will have alternate periods of training and assessment.

Where this happens it is important that the course tutor makes it clear to the candidates where assessment starts & finishes and where training starts & finishes.