

9th European Formation Championships 2025 Samnaun

25 - 27 April 2025



Competition rules

1. General

- 1.1 The Destination Samnaun organizes the European Formation Championships.
- 1.2 The European Formation Championships will take place every year in Samnaun.
- 1.3 The aim of the European Championships is to crown the European Champions in Ski Formation. In the competition the polyvalence of snow sportsmen from different institutions shall be highlighted and the attractiveness of skiing in all its diversity shall be shown.
- 1.4 The following competitions will be held at the European Formation Championships:
 - (a) Formation skiingAdditional competitions may be organized in the future.
- 1.5 Control and final admission to the competitions is the responsibility of the Competition Jury, which is constituted prior to the event. The competition director chairs the jury, and the head judge and the slope manager are also members of the competition jury.
- 1.6 The prizes are provided by the organizer.
- 1.7 The competition jury supervises the observance of the regulations and the proper execution of the European Championships. The competition jury is also responsible for short-term, unforeseen, absolutely necessary changes to the regulations, program adjustments and the composition of the evaluation jury.

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2. Formation driving

2.1 Description

At the 8th European Formation Championships, artists on skis from European ski schools, ski clubs and institutions associated with snow sports will compete in various competitions.

2.2 Eligible to participate are:

- Formation teams from Europe
- Teams from other continents are welcome
- Ski schools, ski clubs and institutions connected with snow sports
- There is no limitation by nations or institutions
- Each team consists of 6 riders, plus max. 4 reserve riders
- Only the max. 10 riders per team, which have been registered, may be used differently. Exceptions will be decided by the competition jury (rider may start in several teams)

2.3 Categories

There must be at least 3 teams in each category (except children/youth).

- Children/Youth: at least 4 riders must be born 2008 or younger
- Women: pure women teams
- Men/Mixed: mixed or men's teams
- Masters: at least 4 riders must be born 1974 or older

2.4 Competition mode

2.4.1 Category Children/Youth

The qualification consists of 3 runs

- a given compulsory figure, which will be skied once on Saturday and once on Sunday. The worse score from these two runs will be cancelled.
- a freely selectable free skating figure.

2.4.2 Categories Women, Men/Mixed Teams and Masters

The qualification consists of 3 runs:

- a given compulsory figure, which will be skied once on Saturday and once on Sunday. The worse score from these two runs will be cancelled.
- a freely selectable free skating figure with technical formation elements.

All teams compete in the final round. In the final round, a free-choice freestyle figure with show elements and show interludes will be skated.

2.5 Starting order

The starting order will be drawn by lot for the first heat. In the second run, the start order will be reversed from the first run. For the third heat, the starting order will be redrawn. In the final, the start will be in reverse order of the ranking, consisting of the scores of the better compulsory figure as well as the free skating figure. The children/youth category will start first, followed by the women, masters and men/mixed categories.

2.6 Equipment

The wearing of a helmet is obligatory.

2.7 Evaluation

- The overall impression of technique, dynamics, synchronicity, symmetry, difficulty and show elements will be judged. The focus is on synchronicity with symmetry in connection with dynamics. Each adjudicator distributes marks from 6.1 to 10. Tenths of a point (e.g. 8.7; 8.8; 8.9; ...) can be awarded. The highest and lowest marks are deleted.
- Scoring grades will be announced immediately on the slope.
- Details of the scoring will be announced with the dispatch of the compulsory figure and at the team meeting.
- The scores will be added up after each round. The winner is the team that has the most points at the end after the 3 judged runs (better compulsory figure, free skate figure, final run).
- If two teams have the same number of points, the evaluation of the compulsory figure will decide. If there is still a tie, all strike results will be included.

2.8 Evaluation jury

The judging panel is composed of 5 members appointed by the competition panel. The lead of the judging panel is the head judge. Nations with the most teams at the start are entitled to a jury place.

2.9 Music

- Each team announces their own music for their formations (compulsory figure and freestyle figures).
- For teams that do not have their own music, the OC will play any music.

2.10 Title

- Winner Children/Youth: **European Formation Champion Children/Youth**
- Winner Women: **European Formation Champion Women**
- Winner Men/Mixed: **European Formation Champion Men/Mixed**
- Winner Masters: **European Formation Champion Masters**

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