

# Competition rules

## 1. General information

- 1.1 The destination Samnaun is hosting the European Formation Championships.
- 1.2 The European Formation Championships take place every year in Samnaun.
- 1.3 The aim of the European Championships is to crown the European champions in ski formation skiing. The competition aims to highlight the versatility of snow sports athletes from various institutions and showcase the appeal of skiing in all its diversity.
- 1.4 The following competitions will be held at the European Formation Championships:
  - a) Formation driving

Additional competitions may be organised in the future.
- 1.5 The competition jury, which is formed in advance of the event, is responsible for checking and granting final admission to the competitions. The competition director chairs the jury, which also includes the head judge and the slope manager.
- 1.6 The prizes are provided by the organiser.
- 1.7 The competition jury monitors compliance with the rules and the proper conduct of the European Championships. The competition jury is also responsible for making short-term, unforeseen, absolutely necessary changes to the rules, programme adjustments and the composition of the judging panel.

## 2. Formation driving

### 2.1 Description

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

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## 2.2 The following are eligible to participate:

- Formation teams from Europe
- Teams from other continents are welcome
- Ski schools, ski clubs and institutions associated with snow sports
- There are no restrictions based on nationality or institution
- Each team consists of 6 drivers, plus a maximum of 4 reserve drivers
- Only the maximum of 10 riders per team who have been registered may be used in different ways. The competition jury decides on exceptions (riders may start in several teams)

## 2.3 Categories

At least 3 teams must compete in each category (except children/youth)

- Children/young people: at least 4 riders must be born in 2010 or later
- Women: women's teams only
- Men/Mixed: mixed or men's teams
- Masters: At least 4 drivers must be born in 1976 or earlier

## 2.4 Competition mode

### 2.4.1 Categories Children/Young people

The qualification consists of 3 runs:

- a specified compulsory figure, which is performed once on Saturday and once on Sunday. The lower score from these two runs is discarded.
- a freely selectable figure.

All teams compete in the final round. In the final round, a freely selectable freestyle figure is performed.

### 2.4.2 Categories Women, Men/Mixed-Teams and Masters

The qualification consists of 3 runs:

- a specified compulsory figure, which is performed once on Saturday and once on Sunday. The lower score from these two runs is discarded.
- a freely selectable freestyle figure with technical formation elements.

All teams compete in the final round. In the final round, a freely selectable freestyle figure with show elements and show interludes is performed.

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## 2.5 Starting order

The starting order for the first run will be determined by a draw. In the second run, the starting order will be reversed from the first run. The starting order for the third run will be determined by a new draw. In the final, the starting order will be the reverse of the ranking, consisting of the scores for the better compulsory and free skate. The Children/Youth category will start first, followed by the Women, Masters and Men/Mixed categories.

## 2.6 Equipment

Wearing a helmet is compulsory.

## 2.7 Evaluation

- The overall impression of technique, dynamics, synchronisation, symmetry, difficulty and show elements is assessed. The focus is on synchronisation with symmetry in relation to dynamics. Each judge awards marks from 6.1 to 10. Tents of a point (e.g. 8.7; 8.8; 8.9; ...) may be awarded. The highest and lowest marks are discarded.
- The scores will be announced immediately on the slope.
- Details of the assessment will be announced when the compulsory figure is sent out and at the team meeting.
- The points are added up after each round. The team with the most points after the three rounds (best compulsory figure, free figure, final round) wins.
- If two teams achieve the same number of points, the compulsory figure will be used to determine the winner. If there is still a tie, all discarded results will be taken into account.

## 2.8 Evaluation panel

The judging panel consists of five members appointed by the competition jury. The head judge chairs the judging panel. Nations with the most teams competing are entitled to one seat on the panel.

## 2.9 Music

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

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## 2.10 Titel

- **Winners Children/Youth: European Formation Champions Children/Youth**
- **Winners Women: European Formation Champions Women**
- **Winners Men/Mixed: European Formation Champions Men/Mixed**
- **Winners Masters: European Formation Champions**

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