



CISM SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR SKIING

Edition 2015

4.5. PATROL COMPETITION

4.5.1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The CISM and IBU Rules are applied for the hosting of this competition.

Each patrol comprises 4 athletes who must ski the entire course, 20 km (men) and 15 km (women), as a team in a close formation. The patrol must complete 3 firing sessions with any subsequent penalty loops in accordance with IBU Rules. Men patrols ski 4 laps of 5 km, women patrols ski 4 laps of 3 – 5 km each.

4.5.2. COMPOSITION OF A PATROL

A patrol consists of:

- One patrol leader
- Three (3) patrol members.

The final composition of a patrol, including the identity of the patrol leader, must be announced to the Organizing Committee no later than 18.00 hrs the day before the competition. After this time and up to one (1) hour before the start, only changes due to illness or accident to a patrol member will be accepted.

4.5.3. PARTICIPATION

Each nation may enter two patrols (Men) and two patrols (Women).

4.5.4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PATROL LEADER

The patrol leader is responsible for:

- A. insuring that the rules are known and applied by the members of his patrol.
- B. insuring that the patrol reports for the start on time.
- C. insuring that the patrol is in possession of the required equipment.
- D. directing the firing as described in 4. 5. 11.

4.5.5. DRAW OF START NUMBERS

The draw for Women will take place in two groups, which will be Groups 1 and 2.

The draw for Men will be organized in two groups: Groups 3 and 4.

- Nations entering only one patrol can choose the group in which they wish to start.
- Nations with two patrols must enter a patrol in each group.

The starting order is Group 1, followed by Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4.



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4.5.6. DRESS

In accordance with IBU Rules, but uniform for each nation. A patrol whose members' racing suits are not uniform will be penalized with 2 minutes penalty. Headgear, gloves and ski boots can be different.

4.5.7. EQUIPMENT

- A. Skis, boots and ski poles: must comply with IBU Rules.
- B. Start numbers - Bibs: All members of a patrol shall wear an identical start number, the patrol leader using the red bib (relay), other team members wearing green (first athlete shooting prone), yellow (athlete shooting standing) and blue bib (second athlete shooting prone).
- C. Rifle:
 - (1) The patrol leader does not carry the rifle at the start or finish.
 - (2) The patrol is not allowed to change rifle carrier on the shooting range.
 - (3) Other members: Rifles in accordance with IBU Rules.

4.5.8. TRAINING

- A. Skiing: training is permitted on the course at the discretion of the organizers, if possible at the same time of day as the competition.
- B. Shooting: Competitors must have the opportunity to shoot at paper and competition targets. If possible, the organizers will allocate training at the same time of day as the competition.

4.5.9. EQUIPMENT CONTROL

The day before the competition, a voluntary control of weapons is to be offered by the organizer.

On the competition day, each patrol must report at the starting control point at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to its starting time where officials will conduct:

- an identity control of each patrol member
- an equipment check and skis marking in accordance with IBU Rules
- a control and marking of weapons in accordance with IBU Rules.

After the competition: skis and rifles will be controlled in accordance with IBU Rules.

4.5.10. START

- A. Patrols start at intervals of one or two minutes, according to the Technical Jury decision. Before the start, the patrol leader will organize in what sequence his members will be running from the start. He will also organize the distribution of equipment among the patrol members
- B. Start takes place with the patrol in one row on the same track. The starter rests his hand on the shoulder of the first member of the patrol and at the word « Go » removes his hand.
- C. Should a false start occur in spite of this precaution, the starter shall order the patrol back by saying the word « Back ». All members of the patrol must move their feet behind the starting line before making a fresh start.

4.5.11. SHOOTING

- A. The patrol must complete 3 firing sessions in accordance with IBU Rules, choice of shooting lanes is free. The patrol leader does not shoot but gives orders and directs the firing for each marksman. 2 athletes must fire prone 5 rounds each, 1 athlete must fire standing 5 rounds, 1 athlete is a patrol leader and is not shooting. Sequence of the shooting is prone, standing, prone. Rounds are loaded from a magazine. For each missed shot all patrol members have to ski one 150 meters penalty loop.
- B. After each lap the patrol must reach the shooting range in close formation. The patrol leader and the athlete to fire ski to a free lane, while the other two patrol members continue



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pass the range, and enter a special marked area ahead of the penalty loop to occupy the waiting enclosure. The non-shooting members of the patrol may not cross the boundaries of the enclosure with their feet until the patrol leader and shooting member have completely passed the enclosure.

- C. Waiting area/enclosure for the nonshooting members of the patrol is set immediately after the exit from the shooting range and adjacent the entry to the penalty loop. Each enclosure must be 3 m wide and 3 m long, clearly marked with paint lines and low fencing on the sides and rear, and with paint lines at the front, and must have equal access to the outgoing trail.

4.5.12. COURSE AND FINISH REGULATIONS

Course marking and specification is the same as for 20/15km IBU individual competition.

- A. Ski exchange:
Ski exchange may take place among members of a patrol.
- B. Close formation:
During the competition and at the finish, patrol members must remain in close formation. All four members must cross the finish line within a 15 second interval between the first and last members of the patrol.
- C. Overtaking:
A patrol being passed by another patrol must step aside at the first call for « Track » if it cannot increase its speed and leave the overtaking patrol behind. The overtaking patrol must not, under any circumstances, be impeded. A patrol is allowed to yell « Track » only when members are in a close formation.
- D. Withdrawal:
The nearest control point and the officials at the finish line must be notified if a patrol withdraws from the competition.

4.5.13. PROHIBITIONS FOR NON-COMPETING PERSONS

It is forbidden for spectators, team officials and reserve athletes to precede or follow the patrol on the course.

4.5.14. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE - SUPPLIES

It must be conducted in accordance with the IBU Rules.

4.5.15. COMPETITION TIME, RESULTS AND PLACINGS

- A. Moment of Finish:
The patrol finish time is taken when the last patrol member passes the finish line.
- B. Competition time:
The competition time, i.e. the elapsed time between the start of the first member of the patrol and the finish of the last member, including the time spent at the shooting range and all penalties (art 4.5.18), constitutes the final time.
- C. Placing's:
The placing of patrols shall be decided by using the final time obtained by each patrol.

4.5.16. SHOOTING CANCELLATION

In the case of bad weather, the Competition Jury may decide to cancel the shooting during the competition. The time elapsed between entering and leaving the shooting range must therefore be recorded by the Organizer for each patrol, in the case of cancellation of the shooting.

If this occurs, the time used on the shooting range will be deducted from the competition time.



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4.5.17. PENALTIES

A. **One Minute Penalty:** A time penalty of one minute shall be imposed on a patrol for:

- (1) Crossing the finish line with more than 15 seconds time interval between the first and last members of the patrol.
- (2) Not giving the right of way at the first call "Track" and thus blocking the overtaking patrol.
- (3) Firing before being ordered by the patrol leader.
- (4) Leaving the waiting enclosure before the patrol leader and athlete who was shooting completely pass the waiting enclosure.

B. **Two minutes penalty:**

- (1) Every round not fired if the athlete recommences skiing before he has fired all necessary shots.
- (2) For every penalty loop, resulting from shot penalties, not done by the patrol immediately after each prone or standing shooting.
- (3) All patrol members not wearing the uniform competition dress, the patrol leader is rectifying.

C. **Disqualification:** A patrol shall be disqualified for:

- (1) A patrol member firing more than five rounds.
- (2) The patrol leader carrying a rifle at the start or finish line.
- (3) Changing rifle carrier on the shooting range.
- (4) Violating any other IBU Rule resulting disqualification.