

14th SKIOPEN - COQ D'OR

LES MENUIRES, 2nd to 5th April 2008

RULES

National Event devised and organised jointly by the National Union of French Ski Instructors and French Ski Federation together with the Ecole du Ski Français ski schools and the Federation Clubs

AIMS:

- * To provide all young skiers in F.F.S. clubs and E.S.F. schools with opportunities to compete.
- * To put in place an F.F.S./E.S.F. system to foster and identify the best competitors and bring them together in national finals.
- * To rank all of the competitors.

PRINCIPLE OF THE EVENT

a) Poussin categories - girls and boys born in 1997 and 1998

This is a **four-day event**

day one:

- prequalifying race (giant slalom)

day two:

- qualifying race (giant slalom)

Final stages

day three:

- one giant slalom race and one timed national skiercross with a single combined ranking

day four:

- Parallel slalom race or
- ESF Cup (one-run giant slalom race open only to competitors not qualifying for the parallel slalom)

a) Benjamin categories - girls and boys born in 1995 and 1996

This is a **four-day event**

day one:

- prequalifying race (giant slalom)

day two:

- qualifying race (giant slalom)
- National skiercross for those qualifying directly for the final stages.

Final stages

day three:

- giant slalom race, two runs

day four:

- parallel slalom race or
- ESF Cup (one-run giant slalom race open only to competitors not qualifying for the parallel slalom)

RANKING:

a) Poussin categories (girls and boys):

In these 2 categories an individual ranking will be drawn up based on the combined ranking.

b) Benjamin categories (girls and boys):

In these 2 categories two individual rankings will be drawn up:

- one from the total in the 2 giant slalom runs

- one from the "national skiercross" race

d) "Etoile d'Or" ranking

An individual ranking in each category will be drawn up for children qualifying for the final of the Skiopen Coq d'Or from the Etoile d'Or competition.

RACE DRAW

- The start order for the giant slalom races will be decided by a draw made among all competitors with complete reverse order for the 2nd run.

- The start order for the national skiercross will be decided by a draw made among all competitors.

The national skiercross for boys and girls in the poussin category is regarded as one giant slalom run.

RULES OF PARALLEL SLALOM

Art. 1: The following shall participate in the parallel slalom:

Benjamin category - boys and girls:

- the 8 competitors finishing first in the 1st run,
- the 8 competitors finishing first in the 2nd run (not including the 8 competitors qualifying in the 1st run) and
- the 16 competitors finishing first after the two runs are combined (not including the 16 competitors qualifying in the 1st and 2nd runs)

Poussin category - boys and girls:

- the 8 competitors finishing first in the giant slalom,
- the 8 competitors finishing first in the "national skiercross" (not including the 8 competitors qualifying from the giant slalom)
- the 16 competitors finishing first after the two races are combined (giant slalom + national skiercross) not including the 16 competitors qualifying in the giant slalom and "national skiercross"

Art. 2: All races will consist of two runs and the winner shall be determined by the time difference at the finish.

Art. 3: If a competitor falls or is disqualified during a run, he/she will incur a penalty as defined by the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR technical committee

Art. 3a: During the first run, the maximum time difference possible will be equal to the penalty time.

Art. 4: 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. 5: If one competitor obstructs the other, either by falling or by crossing his/her path, he/she shall be eliminated.

Art. 6: Any competitor not coming to the start when his/her name is called shall be eliminated.

Art. 7: Any complaints must be made immediately.

Art. 8: The start numbers for the parallel slalom are allocated on the basis of the results obtained in the giant slalom and technical course races.

Allocation of start numbers:

final stage

- the competitor finishing first after the 1st run shall wear start number 1, and so on (the competitor finishing 8th shall wear start No. 8)
- the competitor finishing first after the 2nd run shall wear start number 9, and so on (the competitor finishing 8th shall wear start No. 16)
- the competitor finishing first after the two runs are combined shall wear No. 17, and so on (the competitor finishing 16th shall wear start No. 32)

Art. 9: Calculation of the penalty

This will equal 5% (rounded off to the nearest half second) of the best time achieved by start numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in each category in the first round of the competition.

TITLE I

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

(Common to both the ESF and FFS entry channels)

Young skiers wishing to take part in the 14th SKIOPEN COQ D'OR must feature in the 2007 SKIOPEN ranking within the points ranges stated below.

They must have valid "Youth" category FFS racer's membership.

A helmet must be worn

A – REGISTRATION

Competitors must register with the National Union of French Ski Instructors (S.N.M.S.F.) Technical Committee using the registration form received individually by each competitor concerned.

B - ENTRY TO THE SKIOPEN COQ D'OR PRE-QUALIFYING RACES

Poussin category girls	23.51	to	29	points
Poussin category boys	17.51	to	22	points
Benjamin category girls	15.51	to	20	points
Benjamin category boys	10.51	to	13	points

From each run, the best participants in each category will go through to the qualifying races. The number of qualifying competitors will be decided by the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR technical committee at the race committee meeting.

C - ENTRY TO THE SKIOPEN COQ D'OR QUALIFYING RACES

Poussin category girls	0	to	23.50	points
Poussin category boys	0	to	17.50	points
Benjamin category girls	0	to	15.50	points
Benjamin category boys	0	to	10.50	points

From each run, the best participants in each category will go through to the final. The number of qualifying competitors will be decided by the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR technical committee at the race committee meeting.

D - NATURE OF THE PREQUALIFYING AND QUALIFYING RACES FOR THE SKIOPEN COQ D'OR

The race is a giant slalom. Competitors qualifying in the 1st run will not take part in the 2nd run.

TITLE II

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

I - F.F.S. entry channel

Competitions on this circuit:

"COQ DE BRONZE"

- Competitors register through an FFS club
- One or more races qualifying for the "COQ D'ARGENT"
- Depending on the structure specific to each Regional Committee, these races may either involve different clubs (District) or a particular geographical area (Massif).
- The organisation of these races is the responsibility of the Regional Committee, which delegates its powers to the organising club.
- The method of qualification for the "COQ D'ARGENT" shall be decided by the Regional Alpine Committee

"COQ D'ARGENT"

- One or more races, at regional level, qualifying for the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR.
- These races are organised jointly by the Regional Committee and the E.S.F. school in the organising resort.
- The approval of the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR Technical Committee is required regarding the choice of venue of the races.
- With respect to the participation quotas assigned to each Regional Committee (or GIRSA), the method of qualification for the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR races is the responsibility of the Regional Alpine Committee.
It must forward the list of participants to the SNMSF technical committee 10 days before the date of the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR races.
- Competitors qualified by the committees go directly to the final stages of the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR races.
- Non-qualifying competitors can however participate in the prequalifying and qualifying races in accordance with the conditions of participation stated in TITLE I.

II - E.S.F. entry channel

THE ETOILE D'OR RACE provides entry directly to the final stages of the SKIOPEN COQ D'OR for the best competitors in the poussin and benjamin categories qualifying in accordance with the criteria stated in the rules of the Etoile d'Or. The qualifying quota shall be decided by the S.N.M.S.F. technical committee.