

# World Snowboarding Points Lists

## Rule Book

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The World Snowboarding Points Lists (WSPL) are the result of a global collaborative effort to create one universal, transparent and fair ranking system for competitive snowboarding. The WSPL evaluates event results from all relevant snowboarding competitions globally. At any given point in time, the WSPL aims to provide the most accurate and transparent representation of the top riders in the world and their corresponding results.

A rider's position on the relevant Points List is determined by calculating an average of a riders WSPL points from his/her best 3 results in the respective freestyle discipline within a continuous 52-week period.

## 1.1 The WSPL Points System

The points system used for the WSPL calculation is based on a dynamic 10-scale Points System with ten points levels ranging from 100 to 1000 points. Three factors determine the points level of an event and the ranking points a rider gets for his/her individual placement at an event: Category of event, Quality of field, and Field size.

### 1.1.1 Category of event

Each event will be classified into one of the following 5 event categories and the value of the event will fall within the points range provided:

Levels / Criteria	★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
	Grassroots	Amateur	Challenger	Pro	Elite
<b>Max. Points</b>	300	400	600	800	1000
<b>Min. Points</b>	100	100	200	300	600
<b>FIS Categories</b>	JUN, NJC	NC, FIS	CoC (EC, NAC, AC, ANC, SAC), NC UVS, AWG, EYOF	WJC, YOG, CoCP (ECP, NCP)	WC, OWG, WSC
<b>WSF Categories</b>	World Rookie Events, Regional events or small Nation Events	World Rookie Fest, National Events, well visited independent Series	World Rookie Finals, Mountain Mash (depending on classification)	Spring Battle, X-Games, Snow League, World Rookie Finals (depending on classification decision)	Spring Battle, X-Games, Snow League (depending on classification decision)
<b>Min. WSPL Entry Points</b>	–	–	EC: 75 SS/BA, - HP	EC: 75 SS/BA, - HP	WC: 230 SS/BA, 120 HP

Levels / Criteria	★	★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★
	Grassroots	Amateur	Challenger	Pro	Elite
Course Element Size	M&S, Family	L&M	L	TBC Spring 2025	TBC Spring 2025
Course Nr. Elements (SS)	2 (min 1 Air or Rail)	3 (Min 1 Air or Rail)	4 (min 1 Air/Rail)		
HP min Size/Length (m)	10'	12' 60m	12' 80m		
Entry system FIS	Open	Open, FIS Quota Rules	FIS Quota Rules		
Entry System WSF (Independent Events)	Open	Open or International Youth Ranking	Open, Point List max 30% Wildcard or WSPL/International Youth Ranking		
TD / Supervisor	Level C (Head Judge)				
Head Judge	Level C certified by WSF	Level C certified by WSF	Level B certified by FIS		
Judges	Level C recommended	Level A,B,C	Level A,B,C		
Nr of Judges incl. Head Judge	min 2	min 3	min 5		
Video Support Judging	-	optional	SS recommended		
Live Stream or TV	-	-	optional		
Prize Money	Recommended 200 USD all in kind	Recommended 500 USD all in kind	Recommended 1000 USD all in kind		
Field Size Men (min. invite/available)	should not be defined	should not be defined	should not be defined		
Field Size Women (min. invite/available)	should not be defined	should not be defined	should not be defined		

## 1.1.2 Event Requirements

Requirements are developed for several reasons, primarily to ensure that all levels of competition meet certain standards and maintain consistent safety measures.

## 1.1.3 Quality of field

The quality of the field for a specific competition is determined by calculating a field quality value for each competition result. The value calculation process evaluates the highest ranked riders, based on active rank (see definition below), who received a scored run in the competition as per the most current World Snowboarding Points List at the time the competition took place in the respective discipline:

- For Men, the EIGHT (8) best ranked riders will be evaluated
- For Women, the FIVE (5) best ranked riders will be evaluated
- If none of the riders on the result is ranked on the current points list, the minimum points level (see 1.1.1) is applied
- Riders who are not scored do not receive points from event and are not considered in the calculation for the points level

Two different values are calculated automatically by the ranking engine during the result load:

- R Value:** Calculated as the average of the current WSPL ranks of the 5/8 best ranked riders on the result list
- P Value:** Calculated as the average of the current WSPL points of the 5/8 best ranked riders on the result list
- Active Ranking List:** Athletes with injured status will not be considered in the overall ranking list and all active status riders will be re-ranked. This new rank will be used for the R and P Value calculations. This is only used for event points calculations.
  - Example:
    - 1. Active Athlete A
    - 2. Active Athlete B
    - 3. “not displayed because Athlete C is injured”
    - 4. Active Athlete D

In this example Athlete D is now the 3rd ranked rider for calculation purposes, all proceeding riders will gain 1 rank for calculations.

This is to insure all maximum points are available for all events.

For details on Athlete Status please refer to 1.2.1.1

For more detailed information on the calculation formula see Appendice 1 & 2.

**R and P Value Calculations (Please see appendices 4. for current P and R value parameters)**

If the calculated competition R-Value is “< 25.01” for men and < 19.01 for women, the points level shall be determined by the R-Value. If the R-Value is “> 25.00” for men and > 19.00, the points level shall be determined by the P-Value.

The points level of the competition is automatically derived as per the following table based on the category of event and the calculated R- or P-Value of the competition.

The P-Level Thresholds are calculated at the end of June for every new season. The maximum P-Level Value for the 600er level is calculated as following:

$$P\text{-Value men} = 1.05 * \text{Points R25} / 6 * \text{Level}$$

$$P\text{-Value women} = 1.05 * \text{Points R19} / 6 * \text{Level}$$

Example:

**R25**, meaning the ranking **points of the 25th ranked male athlete** at the end of the previous season = **480.09 Points**

Pmax for Level 600 Slopestyle =  $480.09 * 1.05 / 6 * 6 = 504.09$

Pmax for for Level 200 Slopestyle =  $480.09 * 1.05 / 6 * 2 = 168.03$

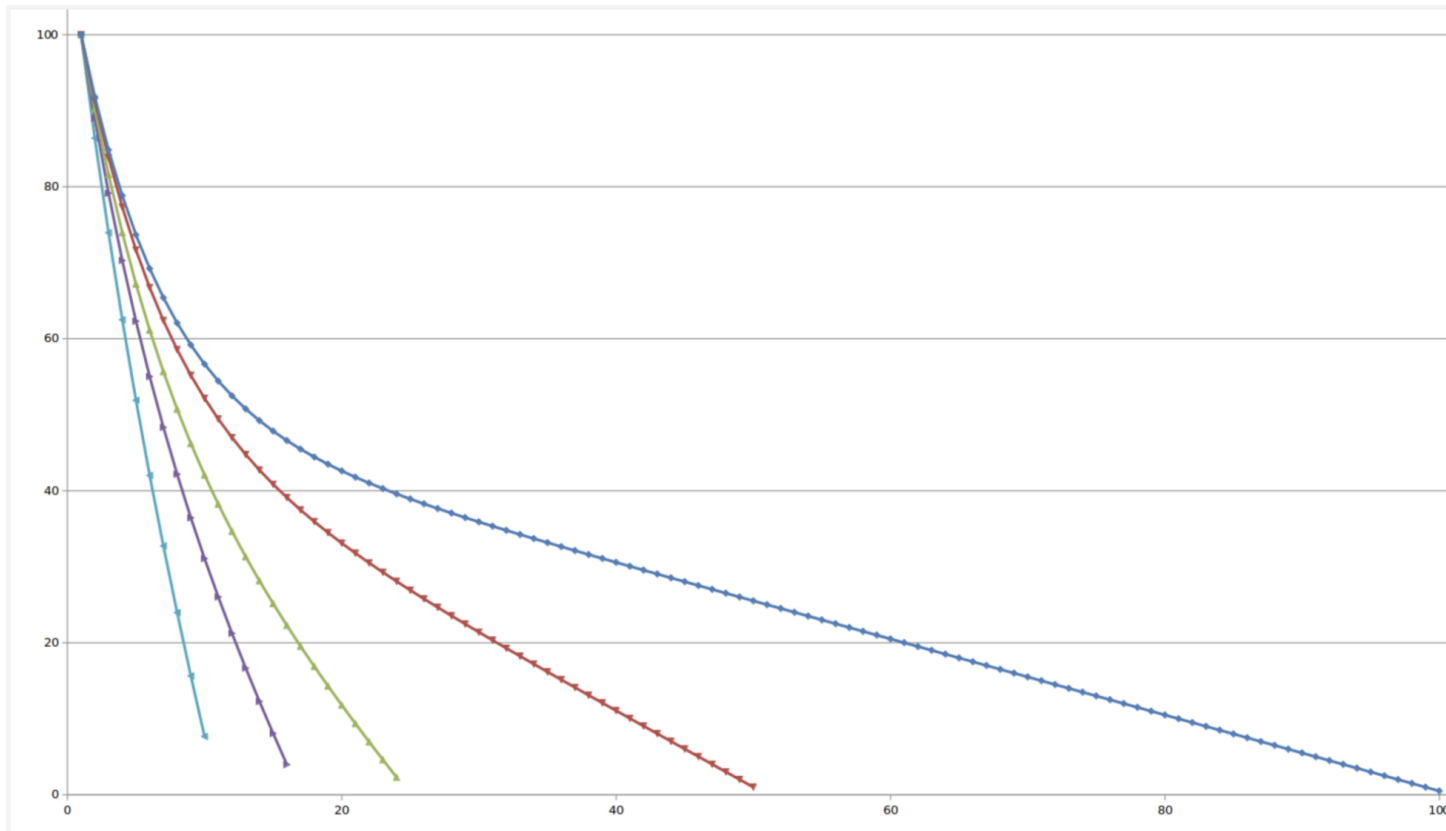
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2025/26			
Rank	SS min	max	H
Rank 25/19	480.09		
1000			
900			
800			
700			
	SS min	max	H
700	504.10	...	4
600	420.09	504.09	3
500	336.07	420.08	3
400	252.06	336.06	2
300	168.04	252.05	1
200	84.03	168.03	7
100	0.00	84.02	0

### 1.1.4 Field Size

The ranking points a rider gets attributed for his/her placement depend on the points level of the competition and the total number of ranked riders on the final result. As a general rule, the ranking points for a certain placement are higher in larger fields than in smaller fields.

The more athletes compete, the higher the points awarded per rank, except the first place, which is fixed. The exact points for each rank is determined by a formula that defines a descending points per rank curve, which is steeper the fewer participants the competition has. Obviously, a third place in a competition with 5 participants should be worth less than a third place in a competition with 30 riders. Depicted below is an example points distribution for a 100 point result with 10, 15, 25, 50 and 100 participants (curves left to right).



## 1.2 Rider Status Protocols

The Inured/Parental Rider rule allows an injured rider, expecting mother or new father to retain his/her seeding rights (WSPL points) during the period of injury and for a period of time after he/she has recovered from the injury, or after a parental leave.

It will be up to the nations to submit injuries using the “status tool” provided by WyIData with proof of a medical certificate, signed by a medical doctor, a riders points will be frozen as per his/her current points value on the official World Snowboarding Points Lists (WSPL) at the time the injury happened. More details of the Status tool provided in 1.2.3

### 1.2.1 Statuses

Status	Date	Meaning	Triggered
Injured	Date of Injury	athlete has a certified injury	when injury is handed in, small icon will show near riders name
Active	Date of first result	athlete is able to compete	when we receive a result of the athlete
Retired	Date of last result	athlete is no longer competing	when they request the status to be set to retired

#### 1.2.1.1 Athlete (Health) Status

The Athlete Status indicates if an athlete is currently competing or not. This status is global and is always applied across all disciplines. This is separate from the Protected Points status described in 1.2.1.2 but shows the athlete is injured, able to compete, or has retired. Below are the definitions for each athlete status.

#### 1.2.1.2 Protected Points Status

The Protected Points Status defines the process of an athlete getting injured and the current points average being protected. The Protected Points Status can be kept for a maximum of three years per injury. The status is discipline specific meaning an athlete can still have protected points in one discipline but can be unprotected in another at the same time.

Athletes will lose their protected status through one of the following triggers:

- Activity** - They compete 4 times since the injury (discipline specific)
- Improvement** - The current average of the top 3 results within the current 365 day period is higher than the protected points
- Expiration** - Have completed all 3 phases (3 years) of the Protected points status

During the Protected Points Phase 3 an athlete can hand in a new injury which will trigger a new three year cycle of the Protected Points Status on day 1069 based on the Protected Points Phase 3

- ie: Athlete A has 1000 pts goes into injury protocol
  - Start of phase 2 athlete deduction of 33.33% -  $333.33 \text{ pts} = 666.67$
  - Start of phase 3 athlete deduction of 33.33% of original protected points  $333.33 = 333.34$
  - Reapplication of injury during phase 3 while points are protected, new protected points are 333.34

Status	Start Date	End Date	Meaning	Trigger
Protected Points Phase 1	Date of injury	End of the 365th day after date of injury	athlete points will be set to protected	when injury is handed within one month of date of injury
Protected Points Phase 2	On the start of the 366th day after injury	End of the 730th days after date of injury	athlete gets a 33.333% points deduction on original protected points	
Protected Points Phase 3	on the start of the 731st day after date of injury	End of the 1095th day after date of injury	athlete gets a further 33.333% points deduction on original protected points	



Unprotected	On the start of the 1096th day after date of injury,  or current average is higher than protected  or have competed 4 times since injury		athlete gets a further reduction of remaining points or get set to current 52 week avg.	1096 days pass since injury or athlete has 4 results or athlete improves on protected points avg.
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## 1.2.2 Parental Status Protocol

### Definitions:

**Childbearing Parent** is a parent who carries the child throughout pregnancy and who cares for the child or shares caring for the child after birth.

**Non-Childbearing Parent** is a parent who cares for a child post birth, including in cases of fostering, adoption, or unforeseen circumstances with a child.

### Childbearing Parents

Childbearing parents can apply to have their points frozen as soon as they learn that they are expecting a child. The points freeze date will be taken from the estimated time of conception for a period of up to two years on receipt of a parental status points freeze application supported by a letter or certificate from a medical professional.

Under certain special circumstances related to medical complications points freeze can be extended for a further period of up to one year on recommendations from a medical professional.

In the circumstance that the same athlete becomes pregnant for a second time within the first points freeze period, this will be taken as a new application and the same rules will apply so that two consecutive applications can run back-to-back.

In all the above circumstances the points freeze will be subject to the same rules as the standard protected points status clause (see 1.2.1.2) in terms of the number of events the athlete can start in before their points are unfrozen.

### Non-Childbearing Parents

Non-childbearing parents can apply to have their points frozen as soon as they learn that they are expecting a child or anytime following this. The points freeze date may be taken from the estimated time of conception for a period of up to one year on receipt of a parental status points freeze application supported by a letter or certificate from a medical professional.

In circumstances of fostering or adoption the points freeze can be applied from a period of one month before the official arrival of a new child.

The points freeze window for non-child bearing parents is one year and is subject to the same rules on the number of starts allowed before the rider's points are made live again as the protected points status protocol (see 1.2.1.2)

### **1.2.3 Status Submission Tool**

The status tool is an online tool that allows NSAs to login and manage their athletes. They shall be able to

- Submit an injury within 30 days of injury date for one of their athletes and change both the Athlete Status to Injured and Protected Points Status to Phase 1
- Submit a new injury during Protected Points Phase 3 of an athlete's current injury to trigger another injury cycle based on the protected points of an athlete starting on day 1069 of previous injury
- Set an athlete Protected Points Status to "Unprotected" in a discipline (this will also trigger the athlete being set to Athlete Status to "Active" across all disciplines)
- Set an Athlete Status to "Retired"

Every time an injury is submitted by a NSA, selected people from CLAG will be informed with a chance to review the injury and potentially decline it. Same for setting status to "unprotected". The health information provided will not be shared further than Wyldata employees and CLAG members.

## **1.3 Points List Calculation**

### **1.3.1 World Snowboarding Slopestyle Points List**

The Slopestyle World Snowboarding Points List will be calculated from the rider's best THREE(3) Slopestyle results in the last 52 weeks (AVERAGE; Men & Women).

### **1.3.2 World Snowboarding Halfpipe Points List**

The Halfpipe World Snowboarding Points List will be calculated from the rider's best THREE(3) Halfpipe results in the last 52 weeks (AVERAGE; Men & Women).

### **1.3.3 World Snowboarding Big Air Points List**

The Big Air World Snowboarding Points List will be calculated from the rider's best THREE(3) Big Air results in the last 52 weeks (AVERAGE; Men & Women).

### **1.3.4 World Snowboarding Rail Points List**

The Rail Snowboarding Points List will be calculated from the rider's best THREE(3) Rail results in the last 52 weeks (AVERAGE; Men & Women).

## **1.4 Publication**

The World Snowboarding Points Lists are calculated and published every Monday and Thursday at 4.00am PST (2.00 PM CET) for Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Rail and Big Air disciplines for both men and women. The World Snowboarding Points Lists are available on the Wyldata website at <https://wyldata.com/wspl> in the Points List section.

## **1.5 Validity**

The current World Snowboarding Points Lists shall remain valid and in use until a new Points Lists update has been published. If the new Lists are unattainable the most recent lists shall be used with the provision that all points attribution be clearly marked "unofficial" and are subject to change.

## **1.6 Period of Objection**

Riders may contest the accuracy of any published Points List until 10 days after the result in question has been posted. It is the responsibility of the athlete to regularly check the rider report and verify that all results have been correctly posted and attributed to the right person. Any objection has to be addressed by email to Wyldata Coordinator at [info@wyldata.com](mailto:info@wyldata.com)

Protests received after that point in time cannot be considered nor can any claims be made at the time of seeding or draws.

## Appendices

### 1. **R-Value (Rank Value of a competition)**

- Calculated for 5 top-ranked women or 8 top ranked men on a result
- Uses the most current Points List at the time of competition as the base list
- Calculated as the average of the current ranks of the X top-ranked riders on the result
- Example Top5 Women Ranks 1,2,4,6,7 = 4
- Special rule: if less than 5/8 riders on the result are WSPL ranked the event level will be evaluated by the P-Value

### 2. **P-Value (Points Value of a competition)**

- Calculated for 5 top-ranked women or 8 top ranked men on a result
- Uses the most current Points List at the time of competition as the base list
- Calculated as the average of the current points of the X top-ranked riders on the result
- Example Top 5 Women Points 1000, 900, 760, 500, 400 = 712

### 3. **Points Formula**

The formula to calculate the riders points for an individual placement is as follows:

$$P = PL/100 * (e^{(-R-1)/t} * Pdelta + (101 - (R * 100 / F - (100 / F - 1))) * delta - (e^{-F/t} * Pdelta) / F * (R - 1))$$

with

P = Points of Rider (value will be rounded to two decimals)

PL = Points Level Event (i.e. 1000)

R = Final Rank of Rider on result (Placement i.e. 1,3,5 etc)

F = Gender Field Size (Total number of ranked riders on result)

delta = 0.5

t = 6

e = Eulersche Zahl = 2,718 (This value allows the formula to give the natural distribution of points)

Pdelta = 100(1-delta) = 50

#### 4. Points Level Table

**Rank 25/19**    530.03                    443.32                    419.57                    568.4                    477.58                    157.74

	<b>Men</b>						<b>Women</b>					
	R8-Value						R5-Value					
1000	4.5-6						3-4.3					
900	6.01-9.3						4.31-7					
800	9.31-16						7.01-12					
700	16.01-25						12.01-19					
	P8-Value						P5-Value					
	SS		HP		BA		SS		HP		BA	
	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
700	556.54	...	465.50	...	440.56	...	596.83	...	501.47	...	165.64	...
600	463.79	556.53	387.92	465.49	367.13	440.55	497.36	596.82	417.89	501.46	138.03	165.63
500	371.03	463.78	310.33	387.91	293.71	367.12	397.89	497.35	334.32	417.88	110.43	138.02
400	278.28	371.02	232.75	310.32	220.28	293.70	298.42	397.88	250.74	334.31	82.82	110.42
300	185.52	278.27	155.17	232.74	146.86	220.27	198.95	298.41	167.16	250.73	55.22	82.81
200	92.77	185.51	77.59	155.16	73.43	146.85	99.48	198.94	83.59	167.15	27.61	55.21
100	0.00	92.76	0.00	77.58	0.00	73.42	0.00	99.47	0.00	83.58	0.00	27.60