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K Cup Proposal

Following the challenges that the K Cup has faced last year, I undertook a review of this series, beginning with an individual discussion with each of the Programme Directors. Wide ranging opinions on the current format was received; however a consensus was that more changes were required. Further discussions were held and feedback received from a number of quarters, indicating that there was little to no support from the TD community, other ski clubs and ski areas.

In putting together the format below I have tried to accommodate all the guiding principles below:

- Avoid a champion by cheque book approach
- Have a very simple competition structure
- Encourage all athletes to participate in at least one race together
- Spread the races during the season to allow proper time for training and competition
- Remove the temptation for athletes to over compete and risk 'burn out'
- Have an obvious National Champion
- Acknowledge the importance of realistic competition
- Acknowledge the climatic limitations placed on us and our ski areas
- Events are open to all Nationally registered athletes from E-J, E athletes require local PD approval to become nationally registered.

Format

K1 Athletes

- Continue with the single run format (except championship when two runs are added together and top 15 after first run are reversed)
- Each event has two single runs, counting as separate races (exception: Championship)
- Each race has a random draw
- Each race is run on different courses where possible
- Each race is run under FIS K1 rules
- If a course is shared with a K2 event it must still comply with the K1 rules (i.e. in the rules overlap)
- Prizes are awarded for each race at the conclusion of that series i.e. after all the races at that venue
- Races are held in Slalom, GS, SG, Super Kombi and Kombi (if SG cannot be held)
- No more than 4 days racing in a single series (venue)
- Where possible 25mm gates should be used, but if not possible 27mm is acceptable. Only full length gates should be used
- No points are awarded in each race, neither world cup nor national points.
- K1 start first if on a shared course, followed by K2, then others.

K2 Athletes

- Revert to combined time format
- Each race has two runs with time added together and the fastest combined time wins
- Each race is run on different courses where possible
- Initial draw is random, for the second run the fastest 15 athletes are reversed.





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- If an athlete is DSQ or DNF on the first run, they still get a second run, starting at the end of the field in random format.
- These athletes for administrative purposes can be awarded a time, however this must not be included in the overall results.
- All athletes are eligible for the fastest second run prize
- Races are held under FIS K2 rules
- Where races share a course with K1 racers they must still comply with the K2 rules i.e. run in the overlap
- Prizes are awarded for each race at the conclusion of that series i.e. after all the races at that venue
- Races are held in Slalom, GS, SG, Super Kombi and Kombi (if SG cannot be held)
- No more than 4 days racing in a single series (venue)
- Gates are to be 27mm. Only full length gates should be used
- No points are awarded in each race, neither world cup nor national points.
- K1 start first if on a shared course, followed by K2, then others.

J2 Athletes

- As per K2 rules
- J athletes follow in normal field after K1 & then K2 athletes
- Prizes are awarded to Non-FIS registered J athletes
- No FIS registered athletes may compete in these events
- Courses are shared with K athletes.

Venues & Dates

The events will be held in three different venues

Date	Venue	Disciplines	Notes
25 th -27 th July 2008	Cardrona	SL, GS, SG	
23 rd - 27 th August 2008	Mt Hutt	SL, GS, SG, Super Kombi	Includes a contingency day
28 th September to 2 nd October	Ruapehu	SL, GS, Kombi	National K Cup Championships, includes two contingency days

Champions

At the conclusion of the races at Ruapehu, National K Cup titles will be awarded. These are simply the fastest boy and girl in each age group, in each event on the day. This can obviously only be won on the day as there is no series winner.

Sponsors

We will be seeking a National sponsor for this series.

