

### Info – News Bulletin : 1/2012

Dear E&A skiers and teams,

Please be informed that during the last IWWF meeting at the Worlds rule 8.13 was amended.

- **Rule 8.13** ➡ **Grid positions now reads :**  
Start Grid placing at Championship Events
  - The **winner of each round will take pole at next race**, so no longer based on running totals of the points.

Racing council has confirmed to follow/implement this on a trial basis at the 2012 Europeans in Belgium.

Afterwards Council will evaluate and decide whether or not to include same in the 2013 E&A rules.

Please feel free to address your comments in due time so that I can take these to the table at the meeting after the European Championships at Genk (Belgium)

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Furthermore during the last E&A meeting question was raised pertaining to whether we should implement a rule governing the "Class Changes"  
(eg. can a F1 skier this season go down to F3 ?)

The IWWF [rule 2.07](#) stipulates that :

- Only skiers who have not placed in the first three places in any open World Championship Race or the first three places overall, at the last three World Championships are eligible to compete in F2

**Translated to E&A level this could mean :**

- Only skiers that have not had podium during the previous European Cup or European Championships are eligible to participate in a lower class....

**E&A racing council is looking for the opinion of the teams.**

- a) Is there a need to implement a similar rule for E&A region ?
- b) If yes, which time frame should we look at for allowing participation in a lower class. (eg 1 season – 2 seasons.....)
- c) Can skiers go down more than 1 category per time/season.

**We therefore look forward to receiving your replies, thoughts and/or comments on the above 3 questions.**

**Yours in ski racing**  
**Chris Rydl**