BILLA ŽAMPA CUP
GENERAL RULES OF THE RACE SERIES

1. Series Organizer

1.1. Event Organizer: The international BILLA Žampa Cup event for children and youth is organized by the Žampa Ski Club, located at Starý Smokovec 62, 062 01 Vysoké Tatry, Slovak Republic.

1.2. Organizer Responsibilities: The organizer is responsible for coordinating the race series, communicating with partners, managing the registration portal, and ensuring that these rules are followed.

2. Age Categories and Competitions

2.1. Age Categories: The BILLA Žampa Cup races are designed exclusively for girls' (W) and boys' (M) categories divided by age.

- U10 (2017, 2018 and 2019)
- U12 (2015 and 2016)
- U14 (2013 and 2014)
- U16 (2011 and 2012)

2.2. Additional Age Categories: Additional age categories may be added at specific events, as specified in the rules for each event.

3. Hobby Subcategory

3.1. Hobby Racer Definition: A hobby racer is a racer who has never been registered or enrolled in any ski club and has not undergone any active sports ski training.

3.2. Confirmation of Status During Registration: The racer, their legal guardian, or coach confirms that they meet these requirements during online registration by checking the relevant declaration. Since the organizer does not have the technical or administrative capacity to verify the status of every racer, they rely entirely on the truthfulness of the information provided during registration.

3.3. Fair Play Rules and Sanctions: To ensure fair play, the organizer relies on the honesty and fair play of all racers and their representatives, so that amateur skiers can compete in a fair environment. If it is proven that the rules were broken or false information was provided during registration, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify the racer immediately.

4. Registration

4.1. Registration Method: Registration for the race is only possible through the official online registration system at www.zampacup.com. Requests sent by email or arranged by phone will not be accepted by the organizer.

4.2. Deadlines: Registration deadlines for individual races are specified in the Specific Event Rules for that event.

4.3. Registration Capacity Limits: The organizer reserves the right to close online registration prior to the deadline if the total number of registered racers reaches the maximum designated safety and organizational capacity of the race.

4.4. Accuracy of Information: All racers must provide complete and truthful information in the registration form, including full name, YoB, club affiliation, and nationality and contact details. Providing false or misleading information may lead to the immediate disqualification of the racer.

4.5. Legal Status and Membership Verification: Since the Žampa Cup is a public race open to both recreational skiers and members of sports clubs, this event is not subject to the rules of any national ski association. Therefore, the organizer does not verify the actual membership of racers in individual clubs or national associations.

4.6. Media Release and Personal Data Usage: By registering for the races, the racers (coach or parent) grants the organizer permission to publicly display the provided personal data on result lists, photos, or videos obtained during the event, as well as to publish photos or videos on the official event page, social media, and in public media to inform the general public about the event. The organizer has the right to collect, analyze, and store participants' personal data, as well as information, photos, and video materials.

5. Ski Passes

5.1. Eligibility for Discounted Ski Pass: Registered event racers can receive a voucher to buy a ski pass at a reduced price. The rules for claiming this benefit and the availability of discounted ski passes depend on the specific ski resort.

5.2. Resort Specifications: The terms of use for a discounted ski pass for each ski resort are detailed in the Specific Event Rules.

6. Starting Order and Bibs

6.1. Starting Order of Categories: Unless otherwise specified in the rules for a particular event, the starting order for individual categories is as follows:

- U10 W, U10 M, U12 W, U12 M, U14 W, U14 M, U16 W, U16 M

6.2. Determination of Starting Order: The starting order in each category is drawn randomly using a computer system, unless the specific rules for the event specify another method for determining the starting order.

6.3. Late Start: A racer may start later than their assigned position if they missed their original start time for objective reasons. This is only permitted if the course has not been modified since their original start time and remains identical to the one used by other racers in their category.

6.4. Race Bibs Pickup: Racers, or their coaches or legal guardians (parents), will pick up their race bibs at a designated place, which is specified in the Specific Event Rules section dedicated to that event.

6.5. Requirement to Return Race bibs: After the race, racers must return their bib to the designated place. All properly returned bibs will be entered into the final raffle. If a race bib is lost or not returned, the organizer may charge a €20 fee (unless the specific event rules state otherwise). At certain events (e.g., in Dubai), racers may keep their bib as a souvenir if permitted by the Specific Event Rules for that event.

7. Team Competition (Team Raffle)

7.1. The team competition is a raffle. All clubs that meet the following conditions simultaneously are included:

- Participation in at least 3 events during the season.
- At least 5 children per club at each of these events who actually started the race.

7.2. Coaches are urged to ensure that registration forms are correctly filled out and that athletes are properly assigned to their respective clubs. Please note that any protests or discrepancies raised following registration or during the review of race results will not be considered.

7.3. Intentional splitting of a single club into multiple parts to increase chances in the raffle is prohibited. All attempts will be evaluated individually and may result in the merger of the club or disqualification from the raffle draw.

7.4. Accuracy of Information: All racers must provide complete and truthful information in the registration form, including name, YoB, club affiliation, and nationality and contact details. Providing false or misleading information may lead to the immediate disqualification of the racer.

7.5. Hobby racers are not recognized or grouped together as a club and are therefore ineligible for inclusion in the team raffle competition.

7.6. Prizes will be drawn for 5 clubs, with the prize order determined from fifth to first place.

7.7. The drawing will take place after the last event of the season.

8. Prize Giving

8.1. Awards in Main Competition: In the main competition, the top three racers in each age category are awarded. The U10 category is divided into two separate evaluations: U8 (youngest birth year) and U10 (two older birth years).

8.2. Hobby Subcategory Awards: The goal is to support amateur racers and motivate them to compete. Please note, however, that this category is not evaluated at every Žampa Cup event. To find out if this category is evaluated at a specific event, please check the Specific Event Rules for that event.

8.3. Additional Competition Disciplines: Selected stops of the series may include additional competitions. Their exact definition and evaluation conditions are described in detail in the Specific Event Rules section dedicated to that event.

9. Safety Instructions and Liability

9.1. Exclusion of Organizer's Liability: Because ski races for children and youth carry a natural risk of falls and injuries, the event organizers do not accept any legal or financial liability for accidents, injuries, health damage, or property damage that may occur before, during, or after the event. Participation in the event and races is entirely at the risk of the racers, their legal guardians (parents), or appointed chaperones.

9.2. Mandatory Safety Equipment: The use of a ski helmet certified for alpine skiing is mandatory for all racers during training and the race itself. Any racer without a proper helmet will not be allowed to start.

9.3. Individual Insurance: Each racer, or their legal guardian, is responsible for securing their own individual insurance, including health, accident, and medical coverage, appropriate for the nature and risks of the event.

9.4. Agreement with Race Rules: By submitting the registration form and checking the agreement box, the person filling out the form voluntarily confirms their agreement with these conditions. If the form is filled out for a minor, the person confirming guarantees that the racer has been informed of the rules and agrees to follow them fully.

10. Program Changes and Force Majeure

10.1. Right to Change Program and Rules: The organizer reserves the right to adjust the schedule, competition rules, disciplines, or the event location at any time if required by external circumstances, racer safety, or other important organizational factors.

10.2. Changes and Amendments to Rules: These general rules can be unilaterally changed, adjusted, or amended by the organizer at any time.

10.3. Cancellation of Event and Force Majeure: If the organizer is forced to cancel or end the event prematurely due to force majeure, adverse snow or weather conditions, state of war, terrorist threats, or other extraordinary events, racers have no right to any refund or compensation for any expenses related to the race, including costs for accommodation, transport, ski passes, or other services.

11. Relationship to Specific Event Rules and Series Overview

11.1. General Rules: These general rules form the basic legal and organizational framework for all events in the BILLA Žampa Cup series. All individual events are an inseparable part of the series and are fully subject to these rules.

Specific sports-technical details, schedules, and locations for individual stops are regulated in the Specific Event Rules for that event.