START REFEREE BRIEFING

Safety

Your role is crucial to the safe running of the race and you may have to stop the race to ensure safety. Please ensure that your concentration does not waver and that you have effective communication with other key officials at all times.

Preparation of Start Area

Ensure that your Start Area is well prepared with a separate area for racers waiting to start. There should also be a separate area where waxing can take place.

Control of Start Area

You must be at the start from the beginning of the racers course inspection to the end of the event (FIS ICR 601.3.3). In practice you may need to delegate this control to another official for 'comfort' breaks during the course of a long day, but you are responsible for remaining in control of the start area for the entire time specified in the rules.

Start Marshal Liaison

Ensure that the Start Marshal is comfortable with what is required and knows that you must be informed of any racer who has not appeared at the Start when called forward.

Starter Liaison

Ensure that the Starter knows the correct start orders (Ready ….. Go) and that there is adequate communication between the Starter and the Timing Team.

Back Up Timer Liaison

Ensure that your Back Up Timer is comfortable with what is required and knows to inform you immediately of any problem with the watch/process.

Liaison with the Jury

Ensure that you have good communications with the Jury. You should refer any decision that may impact on the results to the Jury for a decision to be made.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals may be allowed a provisional start once you have ascertained and recorded the reason. You should inform the racer that the provisional start will be the subject of Jury deliberation. The only exception is any racer who appears after the last racer has started. Such racers are not to be allowed to start.

In an artificial slope race, a racer must be prepared to start as soon as the racer in front has finished. You should record any instances of racers who are not ready.

Gate Faults in first few gates

As long as you can do so without detriment to your primary role, you should observe the first few gates and record any gate faults.

Start Referee's Report

Record what you see, not what you think happened.

Assume nothing, record everything.