

## FIS Rules on Competition Suits

You may have noticed some speed suits in the last year or two that have a FIS certification label on them.

In the past, racing suits were marked with a metal label, called a “plomb,” which attested to the fact that the suit passed FIS-mandated air permeability tests. In 2015, FIS rules changed to phase out the plomb, and replace it with a label affixed by the manufacturer.

Season 2017-18 is the last season where suits with a plomb will be allowed for use. Beginning in season 2018-19, suits must carry the label in those competitions in which certified suits are required.

PLEASE NOTE that certified suits are only required at the Olympics, World Championships, World Cup, Continental Cups (including NorAm Cup) and World Junior Championships. Certified suits are NOT required at any national level (non-FIS) competition, and are not required for FIS, ENL or FIS-U racing.

Any suit that has been certified is subject to further testing during competition.

The rules governing suit specifications can be found in the FIS International Competition Rules (“ICR”) and the Equipment book at [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com) under alpine > rules.

FIS staff indicated to us that portions of the rules would be reviewed during the October 2017 FIS meetings but they were not. Instead they will be reviewed at the May 2018 FIS Congress. We have not seen any proposals, so we can not give an indication of where that might go. For now, the rules are as stated.



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