

Academy Swiss Cup (ASC) Rules (Version 2023)

1. Overview

- 1.1. The Goal of the ASC is a permanent Hike&Fly Cup Series in Switzerland.
- 1.2. The X-alps Academy Race Committee organises the ASC.
- 1.3. The race committee consists of Chrigel Maurer, Bernhard Senn and Rémy Teuscher.
- 1.4. The ASC ranking is composed of ASC Cup Series event results.
- 1.5. The creation and publishing of the ASC ranking is the race committee's responsibility and will be made public at <https://xalpsacademy.com/swiss-cup/>.
- 1.6. The race committee makes all decisions regarding the organisation and running of the ASC.
- 1.7. The X-alps Academy is using the ASC annual ranking for team selections.
- 1.8. The recipient for Questions/Complaints and Queries directed at the race committee during the season is info@chrigelmaurer.ch.

2. Conditions of Participation

- 2.1. By participating to at least one ASC Cup Series event, Athletes accept the present document and conditions to participate in the ASC Cup Series.
- 2.2. Consequently, their names will appear on the official scoreboard/ranking of the ASC Cup Series website, as defined in 1.5.

3. Race Schedule

- 3.1. A list of participating events is published before the first event taking place.
- 3.2. The ASC starts and ends with the first and last event from the published series.
- 3.3. The Price Giving of the ASC will be on a pre-announced day in autumn of each year.

4. General Conditions

4.1. The ASC does not organise events (competitions) – it only consists of an overall ranking and a price giving.

4.2. Events take place according to the event organiser's rules.

5. Ranking and Awards

5.1. The ranking methodology is described in Annex A

5.2. The ASC will award the following:

5.2.1. Swiss Cup Rookie (Best newcomer athlete)

5.2.2. Swiss Cup Queen (Best female athlete)

5.2.3. Swiss Cup King/Queen (Overall winner)

Annex A – Methodology

A.1. For each athlete, the points of the 4 best results among all the events of the season are added to produce the final points for the academy cup ranking. In other words, if the athlete participated in more than 4 events, the final points for the academy cup ranking will not correspond to the total points across all the event she/he participated, but only the 4 bests. The principle is to account also for performance and not only attendance frequency.

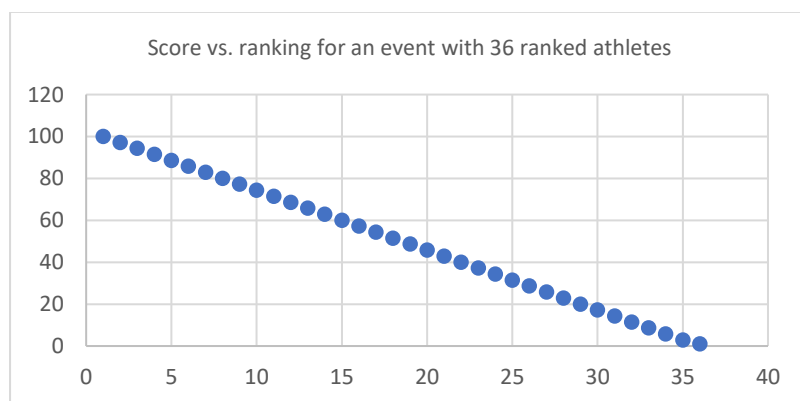
A.2. The following linear formula is applied (for women, men, and mixed, the ranking is set accordingly to the respective scope):

$$Points = 100 - 100 * \left(\frac{Rank-1}{Last\ rank-1} \right)$$

Exception: for the last athlete, a score of 1 is set instead of 0

Example for one event with 36 athletes in ranking:

- First Athlete gets 100 points
- Second gets $100 - 100 * 1/35 = 98.2$ points
- Third gets $100 - 100 * 2/35 = 96.4$ points
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- 35th gets $100 - 100 * 34/35 = 2.9$ points
- 36th (last) gets 1 point (not following the formula)



A.3. In some events, when the athlete stops before the end of the official time period, there is no ranking (example: Eigertour). In some other events, there is a ranking in such situations (example: Engelberg Cup). If the event does not provide a ranking, no points are given in the academy cup. From that perspective the rules differ slightly between events, and the academy cup follows the specific rule of each event in order not to interfere with the established rankings.

A.4. When public transport is allowed, the event category is not in scope of the academy cup (for example Engelberg Cup category "Sport", Vercofly "Aventure", Trailfly "Fun"...))

A.5. A minimum threshold of participants number for a given category (women or men) must be defined to account for this category separately. This minimum is set at $X=5$. Example with the category Women: if only 4 women are participating to an event, there will be no separate women ranking for this event in the academy cup, and only accounting in the mixed ranking. If this $X=5$ is not sufficient to have 4 events with separate women ranking in the complete season, this figure might be reduced to $X=4$ when calculating the final ranking, in order to have more events satisfying the minimum criteria (ideally at least 4, as the top 4 event score are accounted). This decision will be taken by the race committee if needed.

A.6. For event with less than X women (or men): if the event publishes only separate women and men ranking, the two lists will be merged based on the total points. In any case it is a requirement that the separate lists can be merged, as this is needed for the mixed ranking which should be calculated for each event. That means the events should provide a final score / ranking for each athlete, independent from the fact that it is a women or a men.