



.SKI DOMAIN NAME POLICY

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BACKGROUND

1. .SKI (the "TLD") is a generic top-level domain generally available for registration to the public.
2. The main goal of the TLD is to serve the collective interest of the ski sport community. The International Ski Federation ("FIS") is the official partner of the TLD.
3. The purpose of this Domain Name Policy (".SKI DNP") is to identify and explain the mechanisms and procedures required for registering second-level domain name(s) in the TLD (referred to hereinafter as the ".SKI Domain Name(s)").
4. This DNP is to be read together with the .SKI Registry Agreement (the "RA") dated April 9 2015, signed between ICANN and Starting Dot Limited. Words and phrases used in this document shall have the same meaning attributed to them in the RA unless otherwise specified or the context clearly otherwise requires.
5. The Registry Operator (the "Registry") of the TLD, which is StartingDot Limited, may modify this document from time to time, for instance in order to comply with applicable laws and terms and/or any conditions set forth by ICANN. Any revisions or modifications made to this document, shall be effective thirty (30) days after the initial date of posting such revisions or modifications on the Registry's website and such amendments shall be binding upon the entity having registered a .SKI domain name ("the Registrant").

1. USE OF THE .SKI TLD

1.1 Registration Criteria

- 1.1.1. The TLD is open for registration to all Registrants.
- 1.1.2. Registration requests for .SKI Domain Names may be submitted only through an ICANN accredited registrar.
- 1.1.3. The Registry shall not accept a Registration Request for a .SKI Domain Name unless it meets the following technical and syntax requirements:
 - if ASCII, shall consist exclusively of the letters A-Z (case insensitive), the numbers 0-9, or hyphens;
 - shall not begin or end with a hyphen;
 - shall not exceed 63 characters;
 - shall contain at least one character; and
 - shall not contain two or more consecutive hyphens, except where they appear in the 3rd and 4th positions, when preceded by "xn".
- 1.1.4. The Registry shall impose further syntax and technical requirements as necessary for the operation of IDNs in the TLD

1.2. .SKI Policy Advisory Committee

- 1.2.1. The implementation and control of the use of the TLD shall be supervised by the .SKI POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (the "SKIPAC"), which is chaired by the FIS.
- 1.2.2. The SKIPAC shall be composed of:
 - Two (2) representatives designated by the Registry;

- Two (2) representatives designated by FIS among its executives; and
- Four (4) representatives designated by mutual written consent between the Registry and FIS among qualified individuals representing other constituencies of the ski community.

1.2.3. The Chairman of the SKIPAC (the “Chairman”) shall be chosen by FIS with written consent of the Registry.

1.2.4. Propositions shall require a simple majority vote (it being specified that in case of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote).

1.2.5. The SKIPAC shall meet once a year and quarterly or half year conference calls shall be scheduled.

1.3. Acceptable and Prohibited Actions

1.3.1. All Registrants must act responsibly in their use of any .SKI Domain Name or website hosted on any .SKI Domain Name.

1.3.2. The Registrant undertakes to register a .SKI Domain Name that is in accordance with:

- This .SKI DNP;
- ICANN rules and regulations; and
- Statutory provisions applicable to the Registrant’s place of residence or place of incorporation.

1.3.3. The Registrant undertakes not to register any .SKI Domain Name that:

- is in clear contradiction with the core values of the Ski Community;
- refers to doping, illicit substance use, or any of the performance enhancing substances and methods as published in the World Anti Doping Agency’s (WADA) List of Prohibited Substances, up-to-date version which is available from WADA’s website;
- refers to illicit gambling and illicit or counterfeit ticketing.
- violates ethical or criminal law principles (included, but not limited to, abusive, illegal, violent, racist, obscene, ethnically offensive, harmful to minor, offensive terms, terms that violate morality and public order);

1.3.4. The Registry shall not support third Level registrations of a .SKI Domain Name.

1.3.5. The Registry reserves the right, at its sole discretion and without notice to any other party, to take appropriate actions (whether administrative, operational or otherwise) to:

- Protect the integrity and stability of the Registry;
- Comply with any applicable laws, government rules or requirements, ICANN regulations, requests of law enforcement, or any dispute resolution process;
- Avoid any liability, civil or criminal, on the part of Registry as well as its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees;
- Comply with the terms of the RA and of the Registry-Registrar Agreement (as defined in the RA), or any other binding commitments, whether written or otherwise;
- Correct mistakes made by the Registry or any Registrar in connection with a .SKI Domain Name registration;
- Allow for the resolution of a dispute of any sort whether or not the dispute appears to be unmerited or unsubstantiated;
- Respond to complaints of abusive behavior on websites hosted on .SKI

Domain Names; or

- Otherwise implement the general .SKI acceptable and prohibited actions requirements.

2. ILLEGAL USE AND COMPLIANCE

2.1. The Registry shall identify an infringement to this .SKI DNP by any means, including without limitation, through a private complaint, a public alert, a government or enforcement agency outreach, an ICANN notification, and/or on-going monitoring by the Registry or its partners.

2.2. At its discretion, the Registry or its designee shall review any website hosted on a .SKI Domain Name through an automated system or otherwise, for the purpose of identifying an infringement of this .SKI DNP.

2.3. Conduct considered to be in violation of this .SKI DNP includes, but is not limited to phishing, domain name or domain theft, botnet command and control, distribution of malware, fast flux attacks/hosting, hacking, pharming, spam, piracy, counterfeiting, child pornography, cybersquatting, front-running, gripe sites, deceptive and/or offensive domain names, fake renewal notices, cross-TLD registration scam, name spinning, pay-per-click/traffic diversion, false affiliation, domain kiting/tasting, fast-flux, 419 scams or if the domain name is being used in a manner that appears to threaten the stability, integrity or security of the Registry, or any of its Registrar partners and/or that may put the safety and security of any registrant or user at risk.

All complaints should be addressed to: abuse.ski@startingdot.com.

2.4. In case of failure to comply with section 2 and 3 of this DNP, the Registry (or its designees) reserves the right, at its own discretion, to:

- Alert any relevant Registrar about any identified threats and shall work with the Registrar to resolve such issues;
- Utilize such other methods in compliance with applicable laws and ICANN policies, as it deems appropriate;
- Bring the offending sites into compliance using any of the methods described in this Domain Name Policy, or others whether or not described in this Domain Name Policy;
- Stop registrations of labels;
- Remove the registered labels; and
- Revoke a domain name

3. RESERVED NAMES

3.1. Pursuant to Specification 5 and Specification 12 of the .SKI RA, the Registry shall reserve (*i.e.* withhold from registration, allocate to itself or to a third-party designated by the Registry), restrict, or block a number of specified domain names from registration (the “.SKI Reserved Domain Names”).

3.2. The Reserved Domain Names shall be found on lists which will be visible on the Registry website (the “.SKI Reserved Name List”).

3.3. The .SKI Reserved Name List shall consist of:

- the names, acronyms and other project names of each international and national ski sports associations which are reserved for the sole use of those associations;

- the names of ski sports disciplines and international ski competitions, and places and venues where such events are taking place, including FIS World Ski Championships, which are reserved for the sole use of FIS;
- Olympic related words and phrases which the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has asked that the Registry operator reserves for the sole use of the IOC, and that the Registry operator has agreed to reserve for this sole use;
- the name and acronym of the International Ski Instructor Association (ISIA) which is reserved for the sole use of this association;
- the names of ski resorts and ski area owners and operators, ski resort trade associations, members of the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), the Fédération Internationale des Associations Nationales de Téléphériques funiculaires (FIANET), Quebec Ski Areas Association (ASSQ) and the Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association (PNSAA) which are reserved for the sole use of these entities and their members; and
- the first and last name, both joined together and separated by a dash ("-") of elite ski athletes ranked in the top 20 of the yearly FIS Points Ranking List for the FIS disciplines Cross Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combine, Alpine and Freestyle, dated June 30th. These names are reserved for the sole use of these athletes.

All of the above mentioned individuals or entities shall be referred to as the “Eligible Applicants”.

3.4. The Registry shall add or remove .SKI Reserved Domain Names from the .SKI Reserved Name List at any time.

3.5. Activations of .SKI Reserved Domain Names shall be provisioned via an ICANN accredited registrar.

3.6. During the Limited Registration Period (“LRP”), the Registry shall invite all of the above Eligible Applicants to apply for their desired domain names in the TLD. The Registry, shall verify all applications during the Quiet Period, in order to ensure compliance with Specification 12 and the present SKI DNP. Therefore, the Reserved Names List shall be construed after such verification by the Registry, during the Quiet Period. The .SKI Reserved Domain Name List shall not be created before the end of the Sunrise Phase. The holder of a trademark that has been previously verified by the officially mandated ICANN Trademark Clearinghouse (the “Trademark Holder”) will prevail over any domain name applied for by the Eligible Applicants during the LRP.

4. INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES (IDNs)

Internationalized Domain Names or (“IDNs”) are available in German characters only. German language IDNs are the only available IDNs for the foreseeable future. Other languages may be added at a later date depending upon demand.

5. WHOIS

5.1. The data collected by Registrars during .SKI Domain Name registrations will be published in the .SKI WHOIS database at <whois.nic.ski>. This information will provide the public with the ability to contact a .SKI Domain Name holder.

5.2. In addition, the Registry will require Registrars to post privacy policies that provide clear and complete notice to Registrants about the:

- Type of data that will be collected and maintained by the Registry;
- Use of such data in operating the registry service (including display through the WHOIS service); and

- Registrant's right to access and correct data maintained by the Registry.

Clear consent to such data collection policies is a prerequisite to the submission of a .SKI Domain Name registration request.

5.3. The Registry will be compliant with all ICANN's security, WHOIS, and privacy requirements.

5.4. The Registry shall comply with all confidentiality and security regulations in its jurisdiction of residence. The Registry has further ensured that its suppliers will take all reasonable measures to maintain the security and privacy of information collected from the Registry.

6. ENFORCEMENT, TERMINATION AND DELETION

6.1 Actions the Registry may take

6.1.1. The Registry shall take actions, including but not limited to:

- Conduct random controls on a sample basis of .SKI Registrants and of .SKI Domain Names;
- Verify whether a Registrant fulfils the Registration Criteria ;
- Verify whether a Registrant is in compliance with the Acceptable and Prohibited Uses;
- Contact the Registrant and the Registrar with the request to provide proof that the Registrant is meeting such requirements within a reasonable timeframe when in doubt;
- Deny attempted registrations from repeat violators;
- Cancel, transfer or take ownership of any .SKI Domain Name, either temporarily or permanently; and
- Lock down a .SKI Domain Name preventing any changes to the contact and name server information associated with the .SKI Domain Name.

6.1.2. The Registry shall also take preventative measures at its sole discretion, including but not limited to:

- DNSSEC deployment which reduces the opportunity for pharming and other man-in-the-middle attacks;
- Removal of orphan glue records; and
- Place upon registry lock, hold or similar status a .SKI Domain Name during resolution of a dispute.

6.1.3. If, following the investigation of a complaint or a review of the Registrant's compliance with the Registry's policies, or if insufficient proof is provided by the Registrant that all policy requirements have been complied with, the Registry shall be entitled to put the .SKI Domain Name on hold or even revoke the .SKI Domain Name. The Registry shall inform the public that the domain name was previously used contrary to its registration policies.

6.1.4. Without prejudice to further legal rights, as part of abusive rules required by ICANN for the operation of the gTLDs, the Registry can, under certain circumstances, remove a .SKI Domain Name and its technical data from the name servers of the .SKI top-level-domain, change the contact data, or delete the .SKI Domain Name.

6.1.5 In addition, name servers that are found to be associated with fraudulent registrations may be added to a local blacklist, and any existing or new registrations that use such fraudulent Name Server record(s) may be investigated.

6.2 Possible Actions By the Parties

6.2.1. The Registry is not bound to adjudicate any dispute between parties, and cannot, and does not, accept any responsibility for any loss or damage that a .SKI Domain Name Registrant or anyone else may suffer, as a result of any action or omission committed by the Registry or by anyone else under this .SKI DNP.

6.2.2. Any abuse-related issues with which the Registry is unable to assist should be resolved through an appropriate dispute resolution forum. In such circumstance, the Registry shall act following provision of:

- The final determination of an internationally recognized dispute resolution body or a court of law, resolving the inter-party dispute or otherwise mandating the Registry's action; or
- Any requirement of ICANN or other recognized authority, which demands action or response.

6.3 The Registry Complaints Point of Contact

The Registry complaints Point of Contact shall handle any complaints in relation to a .SKI Domain Name registration, including where the claimant alleges that a particular Registrant does not meet the Registration Criteria or does not comply with the Acceptable and Prohibited Uses provided by in this .SKI DNP.

All notices should be served by mail to the following address: complaint.ski@startingdot.com.