

Sports Act No. 440/2015 Coll. § 16 National Sports Federation and Its Tasks

Para. 2 (a):

Represents, protects and promotes the interests of the relevant sport in relation to **public authorities, international sports organisations and other sports organisations of which it is a member.**

EDUCATION MUST ALSO INCLUDE THE LEGISLATIVE PART OF THE SPORTS ACT §§ 83–85a

How Skiing Is Structured in Slovakia

In Slovakia, there are **two completely distinct branches of skiing – technical skiing and competitive skiing** – which are considered related sports under Decree No. 110/2016 Coll., § 4.

■ 1) INTERSKI SLOVAKIA / SAPUL–ISIA

= **technical skiing = education**

– instruction & professional qualification

- National education system for snow sports instructors
- Covers technical skiing, methodology, instruction and instructor qualification
- Education is provided by **Snowsports Academy Slovakia – SAPUL (ISIA)**
- Membership in SAPUL is obtained **only after acquiring qualification**, not by open or voluntary entry
- **SAPUL = member of ISIA – International Ski Instructors Association**
- **INTERSKI SLOVAKIA = member of INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL**
- These organisations operate under **clearly defined international rules for education and instructor licensing**

■ 2) ZSL / FIS

= **competitive skiing = racing**

- ZSL is a member of FIS – FIS governs racing, performance, time, speed and representation
- Anyone may become a member of ZSL (even without education and without being able to ski)
- FIS maintains registers of racers and technical delegates, issues **only racing licences**, and provides education for technical delegates and referees
- **! FIS does not regulate the education of ski instructors or ski teachers**
- **! FIS does not maintain registers of trainers or ski instructors**
- **! FIS does not govern technical skiing or public instruction**

✦ Fundamental Difference

INTERSKI SLOVAKIA / SAPUL–ISIA

instruction & methodology

instructor licences

membership only after education

international INTERSKI/ISIA standards

ZSL / FIS

racing & performance

racer licences

anyone may become a member

no system of ski instructor or coach education

How the Sports Act Defines This

Only entities that meet statutory conditions may provide sports education (§§ 83–85, § 85a):

✓ secondary sports school

✓ university

✓ national sports federation with international education rules

✓ if such a federation does not exist → education is provided according to the rules of the international organisation by a sports organisation that is a member of that international organisation which has education rules for instructors and coaches

→ In this case, this is **INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL / INTERSKI SLOVAKIA** and **ISIA / SAPUL**, pursuant to §§ 83–85a of the Sports Act.

☞ For technical skiing, no national sports federation exists in Slovakia.

☞ There exists only a sports organisation that is a member of an international organisation with education rules pursuant to § 85a of the Sports Act – namely **INTERSKI SLOVAKIA** and **SAPUL**.

☞ Therefore, education and licensing are carried out by **INTERSKI SLOVAKIA / SAPUL-ISIA**.

🔥 Simplest Explanation

Racing = **ZSL / FIS**

Instructor education = **INTERSKI SLOVAKIA / SAPUL-ISIA**

► If you want to teach skiing, you are in the right place.

- the only official instructor licensing system in the Slovak Republic pursuant to §§ 83–85a
- education according to global **ISIA / INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL** standards
- registration under the Sports Act, licensing, methodology and education structure in line with international rules

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Act No. 440/2015 Coll.

Act on Sport and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts

SPORTS EDUCATION

§ 83

Professional Competence to Perform the Professional Activity of Coach

(1) A coach is a sports professional under whose guidance a professional or amateur athlete performs sport, including sport for all or sport for persons with disabilities.

(2) A coach leads sports activity at the following qualification levels:

- a) Level I
- b) Level II
- c) Level III
- d) Level IV
- e) Level V

(3) Education to obtain professional competence as a coach is provided by:

- a) a university offering first- or second-degree programmes in
 1. sport, or

2. teacher education in artistic and educational subjects,
 - b) a secondary sports school,
 - c) a national sports federation in cooperation with a university offering programmes in sport.

(4) Professional competence for Coach Level I is obtained by:

- a) completing full secondary education at a sports secondary school,
- b) completing professional training required by the regulations of the international sports organisation of which the national federation is a member,
- c) completing professional training provided by the national federation,
- d) completing professional training provided by a university as continuing education,
- e) passing the relevant examination during study in a sport-related programme, or
- f) obtaining a first-degree university qualification in teacher education under defined conditions.

(5) Professional competence for Coach Level II is obtained under analogous conditions specified by law.

(6) Professional competence for Coach Level III is obtained by:

- a) completing full secondary vocational education at a sports school, or
- b) completing professional training required by an international sports organisation, or
- c) training provided by a national federation or university.

(7) Professional competence for Coach Level IV is obtained by obtaining a first-degree university education in sport.

(8) Professional competence for Coach Level V is obtained by obtaining a second-degree university education in sport.

(9) A certificate of professional competence is issued and contains:

- a) name of issuing organisation,
- b) personal data of the holder,
- c) certificate number,
- d) qualification level,
- e) sport concerned,
- f) date and place of issue,
- g) signature of authorised representative,
- h) official stamp.

(10) If competence was obtained through formal education, the certificate is issued together with the educational document.

(11) A national sports federation may determine:

- a) the qualification level required for competition levels,
- b) conditions applicable to coaches in individual competition categories.

§ 84

Professional Competence to Perform the Activity of Sports Instructor

(1) A sports instructor is a sports professional under whose guidance sport for all is performed.

(2) A sports instructor performs activities at qualification levels I–III.

(3) Education is provided by:

- a) a university,
- b) a secondary sports school,
- c) a national sports federation in cooperation with a university.

(4) Professional competence is obtained by:

- a) completing secondary sports education,

- b) training required by an international sports organisation,
- c) training provided by a national sports federation, or
- d) training provided by a university as continuing education.

(5) A certificate of competence is issued containing prescribed data.

(6) If competence was obtained through secondary education, the certificate is issued together with proof of education.

§ 85

Professional Competence for Other Sports Professionals („e.g. Lecturers“)

If professional competence is required, conditions, scope, content and examination are governed by:

- a) regulations of an international sports organisation, or
- b) regulations of a national sports federation, which may delegate training to a member sports organisation.

§ 85a

If no national sports federation operates for a given sport in the Slovak Republic, **the tasks of the national sports federation pursuant to §§ 83–85 are performed by a sports organisation.**

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Decree No. 110/2016 Coll.

Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic on Professional Training for the Acquisition of Professional Competence in Sport

§ 4

Common Provision

A related sport shall mean a sport which, in relation to another sport that is a recognised sport, has similar competition rules, a similar competition system, a similar structure of sporting performance, and similar equipment or sporting apparatus used.