

To the

 Members of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

For information to:

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- Sandra Spitz, Sport & Event Director
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Oberhofen, 09.10.2024

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors, held on Wednesday 25.09.2024 in Zurich (SUI).

Dear Ski friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office (<u>flere@fisski.com</u>) by the **30**<sup>th</sup> **October 2024**.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Minutes are available on the Member Services section of the FIS Website: <u>www.fis-ski.com</u>.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution

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Jeff Weinman Chair Sub-Committee for Classification

#### INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

# Minutes of the Meeting Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors Wednesday, 25.09.2024, 11:00 – 13:00hrs

- 1. Welcome (Jeff Weinman, USA) The meeting was opened at 11.00hrs by the Chair, Jeff Weinman (USA), who welcomed the members, guests and observers.
- Roll Call (Janez Flere, FIS) Janez Flere (FIS) called the roll of members present and replacements and stated that only named members present are eligible to vote. (see page 5)
- **3.** Approval of the agenda (Jeff Weinman, USA) The agenda was approved without objection.
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 06.05.2024 in Portoroz (SLO) The minutes of the meeting held in Portoroz (SLO) were approved without objection.

#### 5. Reports 5.1

- The Chair, Jeff Weinman, noted that it was a good season and so he was able to carry out a small task and see whether Injuries (NOT ACTIVE) on the Base List presented any interesting data when matched against Nations. He identified that the work required more detailed analysis that he expected and will present his findings at a later date. He also thanked Janez Fleré (FIS) and Sub-Committee members for their work throughout the year.
- Janez Fleré, FIS Office, noted that there were only races in NZL as AUS had extremely poor conditions. Within South America conditions were very good. With the start period for the Olympic Quotas, (technical events) events noted an increase in competitor numbers, often with 22 odd nations and very good penalties. Northern Hemisphere competitors were also present.
  All TD Reports were sent with but a few Timing problems that were solved
  - in situ. Daniel Défago, FIS Office, noted that the Olympic Quota period had started
- 5.3 Daniel Défago, FIS Office, noted that the Olympic Quota period had started and reminded all those technical events with less than 20 women, and 30 men competitors in the finish would not count. For small nations this can be difficult to achieve, and he recommended that they come together in order to run qualifying events. The 1<sup>st</sup> Olympic Simulation List will be published in Summer/July 2025.

#### 6. Proposals / Precisions

There were no proposals to consider with Precisions following the FIS Council Meeting.

## 7. Special Quotas Northern Hemisphere

Special Quotas were reviewed and confirmed. The List will be published shortly.

Note: Special Quotas must be confirmed at least 10 days prior to an event and not initiated at the 10-day point.

Janez Fleré (FIS) reminded all that only NSA's are authorised to grant Quotas, not an Organising Committee.

## 8. FIS Points rules 2024/2025

These are now published on the FIS website.

### 9. Miscellaneous

### 9.1. Exception FIS Quota calculation (CAN)

Due to an administrative error during a change of staff, Canadian National Ski Association asked for an exception and recalculation of their FIS quotas. There would be no negative impact of any other nations FIS quotas with the recalculation. The floor was asked for comments whereby FRA noted that the current rules should be used and no exception granted. There followed a few remarks and the Chair asked members to vote on accepting the request from CAN for an exception: Of the Members present 13 voted to allow the exception and 8 voted against. The Chair abstained.

The request was approved; the FIS quota list will be updated and published.

### 9.2 Discussion minimum penalty for FIS / NC events (FRA)

Phillipe Martin (FRA) outlined the reasoning behind the proposal. It was noted that the subject had been discussed before.

Comments:

Franz Hofer (SUI) noted that at some NC's there were no competitors from the organising Nations present.

Albanian representative noted that this change would not be fair to small nations and could stop other nations attending.

After listening to remarks the Chair proposed no decision today but to carry out an impact study and to look at what the consequences of any change might have in the present and long term.

Arno Heikkala (FIN) asked whether any Working Group inside the FIS was looking at overall calculations as any small changes could have a larger impact across the whole board. The Chair noted that currently no Working Group is in place.

Subsequently there will be no decision today however the matter will be addressed.

### 9.3 Art. 4.2.2.1 Average three best results (FRA)

Phillipe Martin (FRA) noted that in the past rules were changed to generate better penalties and in doing so many competitors fell into the same penalty group. He believes that current rankings do not reflect the true ability of some competitors and may prohibit advancement through FIS to Europa Cup and World Cup events.

It was noted that the proposal is only for technical events.

Paul Trayner (GBR) noted that the previous proposal to increase NC penalties to 23 would increase the number of competitors at 23 points and be in opposition to the desired outcome of this proposal. This is a good

opportunity for a Working Group to review and that one clear change should be proposed when the impact of any change is known.

Janez Fleré (FIS) advised that the way ahead could be a Working Group that would present its finding and proposal at the May Meeting. It should consider how a change would impact on all races, at all Levels and a clear goal of any changes should be determined.

Daniel Défago (FIS) noted that when the current system was developed he warned that there could be unintended consequences like this problem.

Harald Kirchmair (AUT) understood the concerns of FRA however wished for clear, well thought out rules; AUT supported the idea of three (3) results.

The Chair noted that the consensus was for a Working Group to study the concerns and address all three proposals as well as other options. The group may contain some 6 persons. He asked those interested in participating to contact Janez Fleré (FIS) and himself.

9.4 New Penalty Calculation (FRA) <u>Working Document 1 (Comparison of averages)</u> <u>Working document 2 (Alpine FIS Points simulation)</u>

#### 10. Next meeting

The FIS Technical Committee Spring Meeting, will be held between 05.-09 May 2025 in Vilamoura (POR).

#### 11. Closing of the meeting

Jeff Weinman (USA) thanked everyone again for their attendance and participation. The Meeting closed 12:10hrs.

For the Minutes, Martin Leach (GBR) Read and approved by Jeff Weinman (USA), Chair Sub- Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors LIST OF PRESENCE S.C. for Classification of Alpine Competitors Meeting, 25.-09.-2024, Zurich (SUI)

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