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**Minutes Cross-Country Committee  
Wednesday, 18.05.2022, 16:00 – 19:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you today the Minutes of the meeting of the Cross-Country Committee held online, 18.05.2022.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

We would also like to take the opportunity to inform you that the minutes are available on the Member Services section of the FIS Website: [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution. We wish you a nice summer.

Kindest regards,



Pierre Mignerey  
Race Director Cross-Country

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**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the last Cross-Country Committee meeting
5. Report of the last FIS Council meeting
6. Reports from the Sub-Committees:
  - Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups
  - Sub-Committee for Rules and Control
  - Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children
  - Sub-Committee for Development Cross-Country
  - Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country
  - Sub-Committee for Rollerski
  - Sub-Committee for Women's Nordic
7. Reports from the working groups (when not already included in the sub-committee)
8. Other items arising
9. Next meeting
10. Closing of the meeting

**All proposals and decisions of the Cross-Country Committee are subject to the approval of the FIS Council FIS Council, 25.05.2022**

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

The Chairman Vegard Ulvang (NOR) welcomed the members of the Cross-Country Committee and opened the meeting on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 16:00 hrs CET.

**2. Members Present**

**Excuses / Replaced by:**

Vegard Ulvang, NOR, Chairman

Katsuhito Ebisawa, JPN

Daniel Fårhaeus, SWE

replaced by Lars Öberg

Chris Grover, USA

Joel Jaques, CAN

replaced by Chris Jeffries

Hippolyt Kempf, SUI

Zofia Stefania Kielpinska, POL

Hannu Koivusalo, FIN

Andrey Kovalenko, BLR

Not present

Olivier Michaud, FRA

Aleksandr Panhinskii, RUS

Gabriella Paruzzi, ITA

Uros Ponikvar, SLO

Lukas Sacher, CZE

Not present

Andreas Schlütter, GER

Christian Schwarz, AUT

Virginia de Martin,

Athletes representative

Martti Jylhä,

Athletes representative

Satu Kalajainen, FIN for the S.C. Youth & Children Cross-Country

Virginia De Martin Topranin, ITA, for the S.C. Women's Nordic Disciplines

Uros Ponikvar, GER, for the S.C. Rules and Control Cross-Country

Chris Grover, USA for the S.C. World Cup and COC Cross-Country

Martins Niklass, LAT, for the S.C. Rollerski

Leandro Ribela, BRA, for the S.C. Development Cross-Country

not present

Tommy Höglund, SWE, for the S.C. Popular Cross-Country Skiing

Pierre Mignerey, FIS

Michal Lamplot, FIS

Doris Kallen, FIS

Norbert Meier, LOC representative

**Guests**

Various guests from NSAs, LOCs and other stakeholders were present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was sent out on 04<sup>th</sup> April 2022. As there were no additional items reported, the Cross-Country Committee approved the agenda.

No comments were received, and the agenda was approved.

#### **4. Approval of the minutes of the last Cross-Country Committee meeting**

No remarks have been registered at the FIS Office.

The Cross-Country Committee approved the minutes.

No comments to the minutes, they were approved.

#### **Introduction of the chairman, Vegard Ulvang**

Chairman of the Cross-Country Committee opened the meeting. He informed the members of the Cross-Country Committee he will step down as chairman after this meeting.

During the past 3 years the world and Cross-Country Skiing has gone through turbulent times. Pandemic heavily affected the world of skiing, so did the war in Ukraine.

Despite the very challenging times Cross-Country Skiing had great competitions at the OWG in Beijing. Fantastic sport of Cross-Country Skiing was presented in a very nice arena. TV pictures, which were sent to the world were amazing and brought entertainment to TV viewers. Nine nations were present on the OWG podium.

However, several events had to be cancelled. They could not be rescheduled because of complicated TV and marketing rights ownership structure. Still, it has been very complicated to explain to stakeholders and fans why events could not be organized. The FIS Cross-Country World Cup is very vulnerable to late changes and cancellations.

Vegard Ulvang expressed his satisfaction with the work of several working groups, which were created 2 years ago. Working groups system successfully integrated in the discussion more persons from different fields of expertise (coaches, athletes, servicemen, TV experts, lawyers, etc.). These stakeholders were directly involved in discussions and not only via their federations. Hopefully, involvement of these persons helped them to better understand the decision making and political process in FIS.

Nevertheless, it is important to remember that FIS is an organization owned by its federations. Every member of the Committee represents opinion of their nation and not of their own. To have a fruitful meeting, discussion must happen first at the national level and then at the Committee. When it comes to voting, each nation has one vote.

#### **Important milestones 1998- 2022**

Cross-Country Skiing has gone through a huge development since 1998. Sprint competitions were introduced at the WSC in 2001, after they have been successfully tested from 1998. In 2005 mass start competitions were put in the WSC program. Annual highlight of the season, FIS Tour de Ski, was introduced in 2006. The Cross-Country Skiing community has for a long time discussed future of classic technique and how to preserve it. Involvement with international TV experts has helped to improve attractiveness of Cross-Country Skiing. Development of youth programs has been a big topic as well.

#### **Looking into the future**

It is important keep balance between new ideas, how Cross-Country Skiing should develop, and traditions. If there are new competition formats, they will have to replace some old ones. It is not possible to keep on adding new competition formats in the competition program.

It is also important to keep under control costs, which must be spent to reach the start line. FIS program Bring children to the Snow is a very important initiative how to reach youngest fans of skiing. Cross-Country Skiing is a sport with a huge base of recreational skiers. It is crucial to maintain and strengthen the link between recreational skiers & top

athletes.

Cross-Country Skiing must be part of the solution of the climate change and sustainability. We must carefully evaluate our CO2 footprint, minimizing of CO2 emissions must become a part of our daily planning. New partnerships with companies and institutions should be formed to find solutions.

### **Equal distances for men & women**

The competition program for women was formed in the past. It is a historically bad compromise from the time when men did not believe women could ski as long as them. Today, we know better, and we know that women have the same abilities as the men. FIS Cross-Country community must not continue telling this story.

Total number of different variations of our events is part of the discussion. Too many events make Cross-Country Skiing more expensive for competitors and hard to understand for people outside of the skiing community. We cannot have a race for everyone.

Last season the plan was to race following competitions:

- 9x 10/15 km
- 2x15/30km
- 1x30/50km
- 12 sprints

On the FIS Cross-Country World Cup there was only one 50 km.

- Our first event –since 1888
- Our most popular event
- Our most prestigious event
- We cannot continue to deny woman that race

The Cross-Country Committee should decide on the principal question, if women and men should race the same distances. Distances will be tested next World Cup season. Decision about new Championships program will be done next spring.

Following proposal had been sent to the members of the Cross-Country Committee before the meeting.

Proposal 1: to decide to use the same distances for Women and Men

Proposal 2: to implement the following standard distances during WC 2022-2023

- Sprint 2'45" / 3'00"
- 10km with focus on Interval Start
- 20km Skiathlon, Mass Start, Pursuit, Interval Start
- 50km

Proposal 3: to develop and promote team events

- Relay 4 x 7.5km per gender
- Mixed Relay 4 x 5km
- Test a Mixed Team Sprint format more "sprint oriented"

Proposal 4: to align the competition program for YOG, JWSC and U23 WSC

After a discussion the Cross-Country Committee voted in favor of equal distances for women and men (57%), against (36%), abstain (7%).

### **Implementation timeline of changes will be:**

Season 2022-2023:

- Test at WC level
- No change for WSC Planica 2023 (team sprint qualification TBD)
- Implementation at JWSC U23 WSC in Whistler
- Discussion with all stakeholders (especially for WSC / OWG / YOG)

May 2023:

- Finalization of the new competition program (distances / formats)
- Approval by all stakeholders

Spring & summer 2022: working group for the new team sprint format Autumn 2022: decision about details new team sprint format by CCC.

### **JWSC & U23 WSC Competition schedule**

The Cross-Country Committee voted and agreed on the following JWSC & U23 WSC competition schedules.

#### **JWSC**

- Same distance for women and men
- Interval start 10 km
- Mass start 20 km
- Sprint
- Mixed relay 4x5 km C/F

#### **U23 WSC**

- Same distance for women and men
- Interval start 10 km
- Mass start 20 km
- Sprint
- Mixed relay 4x5 km C/F

Changes will be effective already from the JWSC & U23 WSC Whistler-Squamish 2023

#### **YOG**

Cross-Country Committee voted and agreed on the YOG competition schedule:

- Interval 7.5km C women/men
- Sprint F
- Mixed relay 4 x 5km C/F

## **5. Report from the last FIS Council meeting**

Michal Lamplot informed the members of the S.C. about the current situation of the fluor ban. FIS, IBU and the manufacturer Bruker have been developing the fluor testing instrument as well as the QUANT model. During that time, several field validation tests have been, and will be, conducted. The development process has not been concluded and will continue during the upcoming months. Further development and field validation will be conducted during the upcoming months to further develop the system. During the summer/fall **all** NSAs and SRS companies will have the chance to test material at dedicated occasions.

Testing can be done both inside in a cabin and outdoors in a tent. At competitions, the testing will take place close to the start, in the pre-start area, and/ or in the finish area.

The detailed description of the testing procedure for each FIS discipline will be communicated to all stakeholders in due time.

The pre-race flow will be impacted by the testing procedure. Cross-Country Committee will have to decide about:

- When competition skis will be requested in the in a closed area before the start
- Ski marking
- No waxing between the rounds at sprint races

## 6. Reports from the Sub-Committees:

### • **Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups**

Chris Grover and Pierre Mignerey informed the Cross-Country Committee about the discussions and decisions at the S.C. for World and Continental Cups.

#### **World Cup rules**

The S.C. for World and Continental Cups proposed following changes of the World Cup rules.

#### Event preparation group

- One group dealing with all situations
- FIS, hosting NSA, LOC, athletes represented
- Other stakeholders involved if necessary or consulted by the FIS Staff
- Report to FIS top management for final approval

#### Registration and Entries

Preliminary entry deadline was moved from 6 weeks to 8 weeks before the first competition.

#### Standardization of the Seeded Group

The Seeded Group is defined as the 15 best athletes registered to compete: the overall World Cup leader and the rest according to the current Distance or Sprint World Cup Standing.

#### Seeded Group / Starting order Tour de Ski

The seeded group is defined as the 30 15 best athletes according to the current overall FIS TOUR DE SKI standing. The S.C. rejected the proposal that Overall Tour de Ski standing should be used for all athletes when assigning their start bibs – not to use Distance or Sprint FIS points.

#### New staff bibs system

3 types of bibs will be used: Course (2 colours), Start/Finish, Staff

Number of bibs depending on Nation ranking from previous year

Not allowed to use bibs from another nation

Implement a system of additional bibs to encourage gender balance and collaboration between nations:

- a maximum of two (2) additional Course bibs are made available to each nation that are reserved only for women.
- a maximum of two (2) additional Course bibs are made available to the nations signing a cooperation agreement (max 2 bibs per cooperation agreement).

In total a team could have up to 8 course bibs every weekend if they have 2 women in the testing staff and a valuable collaboration with a smaller nation.

### Mixed Relay

Each team will consist of 2 women and 2 men.

Each nation has the right to enter 2 teams.

Each athlete will race 5 km in the following order:

Woman / Man / Woman / Man (Beitostolen)

Man / Woman / Man / Woman (Falun)

### Mixed teams (different nations)

Mixed teams (different nations) are possible only for those National Ski Associations, which do not have enough athletes to form their own team.

No more than 2 NSAs can form 1 team

### Quota exception for weekends with team competitions

Each nation has the right to enter 4 athletes in all individual competitions if there will be a Relay or a Team Sprint during the same World Cup stage (even if their basic quota is lower than 4). This will not apply for the organizing nation (due to the national group quota).

### Prize Money – Step 3 of the increase

#### **8.1.6**

#### **Individual events**

CHF ~~45'500~~ 50'000 per event, divided between positions 1–20:

1. CHF	15'000. (12'500)	11. CHF	900.—
2. CHF	10'000. (8'500)	12. CHF	800.—
3. CHF	5'000.—	13. CHF	700.—
4. CHF	4'300. (4'200)	14. CHF	600.—
5. CHF	3'300. (3'200)	15. CHF	500.—
6. CHF	2'300. (2'200)	16. CHF	400.—
7. CHF	1'700. (1'600)	17. CHF	350.—
8. CHF	1'300. (1'200)	18. CHF	300.—
9. CHF	1'100.—	19. CHF	250.—
10. CHF	1'000.—	20. CHF	200.—

#### **8.1.7**

#### **Relay and Team Sprint events**

CHF ~~35'500~~ 40'000 per event, divided between teams 1 – 6:

1. CHF	15'000. (14'000)	4. CHF	4'000. (3'500)
2. CHF	10'000. (9'000)	5. CHF	3'000. (2'500)
3. CHF	6'000. (5'000)	6. CHF	2'000. (1'500)

### Updated World Cup point system

The S.C. proposed (for exact details and World Cup points split refer to minutes of the S.C. for World Cup and Continental Cup) to:

- To keep 100 points for the victory (known by our viewers, same for all FIS disciplines)
- Give points to more athletes => top 50 instead of top 30
- Significantly reduce the gap between the top 4 athletes

The proposed point table will:

- Give smaller gaps & longer battles for the overall standings
- Give a higher value to regularity through the season but still keeps a very high value to top results.
- Keep a very high value for Tour de Ski
- Give more opportunities to score WC points to more nations and more athletes
- Give a higher value to participation at sprints races for distance athletes and vice versa



**This points system will encourage athletes (and nations) to participate at WC events.**

The working group recommends:

- to keep the bonus points for Mass Starts races
- to remove the individual WC points scored at Team Events

#### Team Sprint qualifications – Proposal from FRA

France proposed to use the individual qualification system tested in Falun 2022 from the season 2022-2023 (for exact details of the proposal refer to minutes of the S.C. for World Cup and Continental Cup).

The proposal was strongly supported by the sub-committee and should be a starting point for the discussions of the working group “Team Sprint”

#### Request from POL to join OPA COC

Polish Ski Association requested to join OPA COC. Presidential conference of OPA will decide about this request. S.C. for World Cup and Continental Cup will discuss this matter again at its next meeting in the autumn, Race Director Pierre Mignerey will review the COC structure.

#### **World Cup Calendars**

FIS Cross-Country World Cup calendar for the 2022/23 season was presented and approved by the Cross-Country Committee.

Draft of the of World Cup calendar for 2023/24 was presented.

- **Sub-Committee for Rules and Control**

Uros Ponikvar reported from the S.C. for Rules and Control.

#### Clarification of appeal rules

Jury can already ask Appeals Commission for further assessment of particular cases.

Further clarification by FIS lawyers, task to M. Lamplot. Report expected at the next meeting.

FIS Office should also be also propose Appeals Commission to review results / incidents in special cases. Final wording in Autumn

#### ICR update

- Jury Members WC / WSC / OWG Only one FIS Race Director
- Housekeeping (Typos, Minor Changes)
- Course Norms
- Irregular course distances above 20 km
- Two level course requirements (TC, MC)
- Other norms
- Less tracks possible in Mass start C events
- No C track mandatory at start in Sprint F heats

#### FIS points

FIS points should not be used as main nomination criteria for big events (WSC, OWG).

Challenge: Reduce the way how easy is to get good FIS points in specific situations

### FIS points calculation

- Use 999 as general maximum value
- Penalty calculation
- Top 5; take out best and worst by points (old system)
- Divide sum by 3.5 (before 3.75)

It is a significant change. The Cross-Country Committee agreed that simulations will be carried out during the next season, full implementation for 2023/24 season.

Cross-Country Committee approved the FIS points lists deadlines

List N°	Results from	Results until	* Uploaded results	Valid from	Valid to
1 <sup>st</sup> FIS points list	01.07.2020	19.06.2022	21.06.2022	23.06.2022	12.10.2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> FIS points list	01.07.2021	09.10.2022	11.10.2022	13.10.2022	23.11.2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> FIS points list	22.11.2021	20.11.2022	22.11.2022	24.11.2022	21.12.2022
4 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list	20.12.2021	18.12.2022	20.12.2022	22.12.2022	11.01.2023
5 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list	10.01.2022	08.01.2023	10.01.2023	12.01.2023	08.02.2023
6 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list	31.01.2022	05.02.2023	07.02.2023	09.02.2023	08.03.2023
7 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list	07.03.2022	05.03.2023	07.03.2023	09.03.2023	29.03.2023
8 <sup>th</sup> FIS points list	28.03.2022	26.03.2023	28.03.2023	30.03.2023	28.06.2023

### Homologation matters

The S.C. proposed to the Cross-Country Committee to make following changes in the homologation norms.

#### **B. The Cross-Country Competitions**

#### **310 Competition Formats and Programmes**

##### **310.1 Table for Distances and Course Lengths**

Race Format	Competition Distance (km)
Interval Start competition	2.5, 3.3, 3.75, <del>5</del> , 7.5, 10, 15, <del>20 or more</del> <del>30, 50</del>
Mass Start competition (middle distance)	10, 15, <del>20</del>
Popular competitions	No limitations
Mass start (long distance)	<del>30, 50</del> more than 20 km
Skiathlon	5+5, 7.5+7.5, 10+10, 15+15
Pursuit competition (2 <sup>nd</sup> part)	5, 7.5, 10, 15, <del>20 or more</del>
Relay competition (teams with 3 or 4 competitors, can include mixed gender)	2.5, 3.3, 5, 7.5, 10
Individual Sprint	1 – 1.8

### 311.2.5 Norms for Cross-Country courses.

311.2.5.1 The HD, TC and MC of the homologated competition courses for OWG, WSC, U23WSC, JWSC and WC competitions should be within the following norms:

Course distance (loop length)	Minimum climb (in PHD m)*2	HD	MC (in PTC m)	TC
Sprint F	-	max. 50 m	0 – 30 m	0 – 60 m
Sprint C	1 climb > 15 m	max. 50 m	15 – 40 m	20 – 60 m
2.5 km	1 climb > 25 m	max. 50 m	25 – 50 m	75 – 105 m
3.3 km	1 climb > 25 m	max. 65 m	25 – 65 m	100 – 140 m
3.75 km	1 climb > 30 m	max. 80 m	30 – 80 m	110 – 160 m
5 km	1 climb > 30 m	max. 100 m	30 – 80 m	150 – 210 m
7.5 km	2 climbs > 30 m	max. 125 m	30 – 80 m	200 – 315 m
8.3 km	3 climbs > 30 m	max. 125 m	30 – 80 m	210 – 330 m
10 km	3 climbs > 30 m	max. 125 m	30 – 80 m	250 – 420 m
Longer loops used for competitions. 20 km or longer	2 climbs > 30 m	max. 125 m	30 m or more	25-42 m/km

Longer loops should follow the same principles.

311.2.5.2 The HD, TC and MC of the homologated competition courses for other levels of FIS competitions should be within the following norms:

Course distance (loop length)	Minimum climb (in PHD m)*2	HD	MC (in PTC m)	TC
Sprint F	-	max. 50 m	0 – 30 m	0 – 60 m
Sprint C	1 climb > 15 m	max. 50 m	15 – 40 m	20 – 60 m
2.5 km	1 climb > 25 m	max. 50 m	25 – 50 m	68 – 105 m
3.3 km	1 climb > 25 m	max. 65 m	25 – 65 m	90 – 140 m
3.75 km	1 climb > 25 m	max. 80 m	25 – 80 m	99 – 160 m
5 km	1 climb > 25 m	max. 100 m	25 – 80 m	135 – 210 m
7.5 km	2 climbs > 25 m	max. 125 m	25 – 80 m	180 – 315 m
Longer loops used for competitions. 20 km or longer	2 climbs > 25 m	max. 125 m	25 m or more	25-42 m/km

### Homologation of Courses for Title Events

- Tarvisio – Planica should also be homologated
- Nominations HI (WSC 2025 and YOG 2024)
  - Uros Ponikvar was nominated and confirmed as HI for WSC 2025
  - Markus Kohler was nominated and confirmed as HI for YOG 2024

### TD Matters

#### Online Examination / Seminars

Good overview by Working group. Awaiting FIS decision on common platform Task to Regional Coordinators lead by V. Lemets (EST) to start collecting exam questions.

TD Reimbursement – Proposal to allow extra day in case of appeals or late cases Deferred to Chair of SC for Clarification.

### Seminars 2022

Homologation Seminar	September 2022	Norway (Place TBD)
TD Seminar OPA	October 2022	Planica (SLO)
TD Seminar SCAN	November 2022	Norway (Place TBD)
TD Seminar North America	TBD	TBD
Others Online Update	TBD	TBD

### TD Nominations

New Names on the list (WC, JWSC)

2025 WSC and 2026 OWG Juries

Popular TD / ROL TD Nominations

- **Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children**

Satu Kalajainen reported about the meeting.

Good attendance 16/23 members were present to discuss following topics,

1. Race formats

Michal Lamplot/FIS, gave the S.C. an overview of the discussed changes: mainly 1) equal distances for both genders 2) adaptation of mixed relays 3) changes in YOG/JWSC programmes. No big oppositions in the comments nor in the youth survey for proposed changes. Understanding of the consistent athlete path throughout YOG to WC level so CC Main Committee decision will anyway prevail.

2- Youth questionnaire

The S.C. went through the survey; over 2000 respondents from 22 nations; survey in English only, some 1500 ended up to finish all questions. Good feedback; 'thanks for listening our opinion and views'. Survey is attached to the minutes.

3. Youth Coach Seminar as online event in autumn - working group to be formed and fund reservation made for possible expert fees

- **Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country**

Tommy Höglund reported from the S:C. for Popular Cross-Country Skiing.

Season summaries from World Loppet and Ski Classics were presented (For details refer to Minutes Online Meeting Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing).

### Qualification for elite start wave

No rules change is requested. Each race should regulate who is starting in Elite wave (with or without FIS code). All sanctions are valid for all participants (with or without FIS code) except written reprimands (for competitors without FIS codes).

### Temperature Limit

The S.C. created a working group to discuss the minimum temperature limit in popular competitions. Members of working group: Tommy Höglund, Enzo Macor, Georgy Kadykov Anton Karlsson, Medical Doctor Helge Brändström, Major Tony Gustafsson Swedish Army Polar and Winter education, Meteorologist Pia Hultgren.

Working group made presentation and showed wind chill chart, with different zones: green, yellow and red.

#### Proposal for Competitions in cold weather:

The existing rules for long-distance skiing will still apply

When the risk of frostbites according the wind chill chart is increased (Yellow Zone) the organizer and jury must inform the skiers about how they can protect themselves. If necessary, the jury can force the skiers to wear, head and ear protection, glasses, Thick gloves vests.

When the risk of frostbites according the wind chill chart is high (Red zone) The organizer and Jury must follow the existing rules and postpone or cancel the competitions.

#### Electric heating equipment

The S.C. also proposed that electric heating equipment as socks and gloves should be allowed in competitions. This matter should be discussed in Equipment committee to allow electric heating systems (socks, gloves etc.), it must be double checked, that there is no interference with timekeeping.

#### Classic technique

The S.C. also started the discussion about the future of classic technique in popular competitions. Main topic was how to solve massive technique violation in classic long-distance races. The S.C. did not come to any conclusion. Discussion will continue.

#### Fluor ban in popular skiing competitions

From season 2022/2023 full ban. Equipment is soon ready and will be used, main focus WC and WSC + some lower-level races. FIS encourage NSAs and race organizers to invest and buy this equipment.

- **Sub-Committee for Rollerski**

Martins Niklas reported from the meeting of the S.C. for Rollerski.

#### Preparations for FIS Roller Ski WC 2022

This summer 4 WC stages are under preparation. 1st stage with new WC ROL destination in Bø, Telemark (NOR) is showing good progress and promising great competitions with TV and YouTube broadcast, total prize money will exceed EUR 21.000.

Last minute update. FIS confirmed LOC, location and competition distances for WC final in city of Rieti (ITA)

- Rollerski World Cup TD Update is planned online in mid-June.
- Trondheim / Trondelag (NOR) expressed commitment to apply for organization of FIS RSWC ROL 2023.
- From 01th July ICR 396.2.6 update about ski poles tips requirements enters into force.

- **Sub-Committee for Women's Nordic**

The meeting opened with the presentation provided by Dimitrije Lazarovski regarding the development working group "Diversity and Gender balance". It was followed by questions and discussion about the recommendations of the working group, i.e., implementation of gender balance with maximum 60% of one gender by 2024.

The purpose of the SC aligns with FIS goals in terms of gender equity and inclusion and follows the recommendations of the development working group "Diversity and Gender balance". This goal will be pursued differently between Nordic disciplines, given the different environments and related challenges. However, cooperation, mutual exchange of knowledge and expertise, as well as support between Nordic disciplines will be ensured. In this regard, two representatives of the SC Women's Nordic were appointed for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined as the liaison between the SC and the two respective Committees.

The SC moved then on to discussing about the possible actions the SC can undertake to contribute reaching this goal. The action plan of the SC consists of:

- showing and promoting virtuous role models,
- creation of a women network across NSAs, which will help sharing useful information, personal experiences, and empowerment,
- development of a mentoring program for women in elite sport. The aim is to present a proposal for approval during the FIS autumn meeting 2022 and start implementing the program in 2023.

Creating opportunities for women is a priority of the SC and indeed it supports the U.S. Ski & Snowboard's proposal of adding two women-dedicated CC World Cup Course bibs made available for each nation. In this regard, it is paramount to acknowledge that the attractiveness of the elite sport environment for women is a crucial determinant for reaching the goals of diversity and gender equity. FIS as well as NSAs must work toward a more woman-friendly environment, that could accommodate the needs of women and allow them to provide their valuable contribution.

How S.C. can reach this goal, pursued differently in different disciplines (NC Women have a few seasons)

## **7. Reports from the working groups (when not already included in the sub-committee)**

Following working groups are established and received tasks.

### Future of Team Sprint format

- Improve the team sprint format
- Proposal ready for end of June and approved at the Autumn meetings

### Limitation of skis and staff

- Goal: to reduce the costs for LOCs and NSAs
- Proposal ready for the Autumn meetings
- Proposals for WC Tallinn should be ready at the end of June

### Review value of overall standings

- Goal: to increase the value of overall standings
- Proposal ready for the Autumn meetings

Working group “cooperation between nations”

- Goal: to analyze the applications received by 01/09/2022 (additional course bibs)
- Approval of cooperation at the CCC autumn 2022

**8. Other items arising**

No other matters.

**9. Next meeting**

The next meeting is planned during the FIS Autumn meetings in Zurich (SUI), 26. – 30.09.2022

**10. Closing of the meeting**