

To the:

- Members of the Alpine Youth & Children's Sub-Committee
- Janez Dekleva, Chair of the Children's Race Organisers Group
- Rudi Huber, Executive Director, SRS

For information to:

- Johan Eliasch, FIS President
- Michel Vion, FIS Secretary General
- Niklas Carlsson, FIS Deputy Secretary General
- Massimo Rinaldi, Chairman Alpine Committee
- Jeff Weinman, Chairman Classifications Sub-Committee
- Michael Huber, Chairman Rules Sub-Committee

FIS Staff

- Lukas Brawand, Communications and Digital Coordinator
- Jordi Pujol, Continental Cup Coordinator
- Andrew Cholinski, Coordinator Bring Children to the Snow
- Dimitrije Lazarovski, Development Manager

07.October. 2022

Meeting of the FIS Alpine Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions

Dear Ski Friends:

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution to our meeting.

Please find enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Alpine Youth and Children's Sub-Committee. You are kindly asked to send any remarks to these minutes to the FIS Office in Oberhofen within two weeks.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a successful winter to those members from the Northern Hemisphere and a safe summer to all in the Southern Hemisphere.

With best regards,



Janez Flere
Alpine Technical Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL SKI & SNOWBOARD FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth & Children's Questions
Thursday, 29. 09. 2022, 10:00 – 12:00

1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present

In the absence of a new Chair, Janez Flere welcomed all to the meeting.

A minute's silence was held in memory of late FIS President Gian Franco Kasper.

Ken Read was welcomed to the meeting. He is now an Honorary Member of the Alpine Committee. He explained that this Sub-Committee is focused on details, rules, etc, while the Youth & Children's SCs in other FIS disciplines focus more on development. This Alpine Youth & Children's SC supports the work of the others, by being more structured. He will remain available to help, support and advise the Sub-Committee.

Janez Flere introduced the new Vice Chair from AUT. Jürgen Kriechbaum. He works with children of all ages from very young.

This Sub-Committee is one of those listed for change, to reduce the size, and to make more effective with an Executive Group, working groups, etc. Changes have been postponed until Spring 2023. The new Chair will be named by FIS Council at their next meeting.

Jenny Shute made the roll call.

Chair: vacant; meeting chaired by FLERE Janez (FIS)

Vice-Chair: KRIECHBAUM, Jurgen (AUT)

Honorary Member of the Alpine Committee: READ, Ken (CAN)

For the Minutes: SHUTE, Jenny (GBR)

Members:

ANDERLIC, Bostjan (SLO); BEGINO, Martin (ARG); BOLGER, Derek (IRL); CHOVANAK, Pavol (SVK); DEFLORIAN, Paolo (ITA); DORSS, Dinars (LAT); ERTL, Andreas (GER); FELLMAN, Tobias, (SWE); FLATSCHER, Hans (SUI); GRITSI, Sophia (GRE); GROB, Rainer (CHI); HOWSON, Jono (NZL); KARHILA-RASANEN, Jaana (FIN); KIM, Kyulin (KOR); KNIGHT, Chip (USA); KOSIC, Raiko (MNE); KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA, Olga (CZE); KYRIACOU, Kyriacos (CYP) (partly); LEMEIRE, Christophe (BEL); LOWAS, Andras (HUN); MARTIN, Philippe (FRA); MINEV, Teodor (BUL); MITAL, Martyna (POL); PASTOR, Jacques (MON); RUIZ, Carolina (ESP); SAWANO, Hiroshi (JPN); SHESTAKOV, Pavel (RUS); SLJUKA, Igor (BIH); SHUTE, Jenny (GBR); VISA, Carles (AND); YUDZIN, Viacheslau (BLR);

Excused:

HAVNELID-JOHNSEN, Stefan (NOR); DEKLEVA, Janez (Chair FIS CROC)

Replacements:

AVOLEDO, Ashlie (CAN rep THOMPSON, Jeff); DE WEGT, Kopke (NED rep COOL, Herbert); KOMPARIC, Ana Marija (rep VUCINIC, Ivan CRO); HASLER, Pascal (LIE rep OSPELT, Alexander); NASSAI, Laura (LBN rep DARIANE, Zeina);

FIS staff:

CHOLINSKI, Andrew; FLERE, Janez; PUJOL, Jordi; ROSSELL, Wim;

Guests:

CHIRACOU, Antonio (PARA Snowsports); HUBER, Rudi (SRS); DAPP, Reto (SUI); DUDAS, Timotej (PARA Snowsports); GANTNEROVA, Jana (SVK); GETZMANN, Laura (PARA Snowsports); GOHL, Andreas (AUT); HOFER, Franz (SUI); KRONBERGER, Petra (AUT); KROSS, Hannes (ITA); LYNAM, Brian (CAN); MALL, Peter (JWC St Anton); McNICHOL, Phil (CAN); MOUGIN, Stephanie (SRS); NORWOOD, Robert (IRE); PRUNADA, Carlos (MEX);

PYM, Dave (CAN); REARICK, Sasha (USA APEX 2100); REGICA, Luljeta (KOS); RINALDI, Massimo (ITA); ROSSELLO, Toti (ESP); SCHWARZ, Sue (CAN); SENONER, Rainer (ITA Val Gardena); STUFFER, Verena (ITA-Athletes Commission); SUNDBERG, Karin (SWE); SUNDQUIST, Anders (SWE); TOCI, Elias (ALB); WOJCIECH, Gajewski (POL)

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 36th meeting held online 10.05.2022.

Minutes were approved with no comments.

4. Report

There was no chairman's report, but the opportunity was taken to recognise the inclusion of Para Snowsports into FIS. Antonio Chiracou, from the sport side of Para, was welcomed to the meeting, and made some short comments. The age ranges within Para had already been brought into line with the FIS categories.

5. Reports from Special Groups

5.1. Equipment/SRS (Rudi Huber): Rudi Huber – recognised ongoing concerns about injuries; the industry is supporting all recommended proposals from ISPP (now part of Athlete Health Unit); SRS is part of this group, supporting financially with money and manpower. There will be more updates in the spring.

5.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee: **Janez Dekleva (SLO)**, Chair: Report from Children's Race Organisers Committee. In the absence of the Chair, the report from Children's Race Organisers Committee was given by Bostjan Anderlic SLO. He reported that most races had been held last season (more than in previous season); the calendar for 2022-2023 will be attached to the minutes.

The FIS CROC group had discussed the decline in participation in speed disciplines, and a proposal designed to re-spark the safe development of speed within the U16 age group had been drafted and presented by CAN for discussion at this meeting.

The proposal was that men / women race winners from a select three to five Children races (i.e. Alpecimbra, Pokal Loka) should be sponsored by FIS to travel to world class and proven children's Super G events such as Whistler Cup, La Scara and Trofeu Borrufa. Even though the athletes would race all events, this project would bring a focus and special quality to the Super G portion of these events. It would represent a tangible commitment from the FIS to foster speed within this age group. This could be a five-year pilot project with a gradually increasing investment from year one to five.

Jenny Shute reported that Dimitrije Lazarovski, FIS Development Manager, had welcomed the idea, and would like to work on developing and extending this proposal, rather than gifting to winners, to involve more children, from more NSAs, in the form of speed camps in association with the current international races that run Super G events (CAN, Val d'Isere, Andorra). Possibly also to include coach education.

This proposal and subsequent extension by the FIS Development Department were welcomed by the AC, and members look forward to updates. In the meantime, more

FIS CROCs are looking into the possibility of holding Super G races – Abetone, and Alpechimbra.

Ranking: the FIS CROC group had once again discussed the possibility of ranking at international children's races, but as previously discussed in this Sub-Committee, this will not be supported by FIS.

Future Calendars are attached (**Appendix "A" page 6**)

- 5.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute, GBR): Jenny Shute issued a reminder to take concussion very seriously. The Medical Committee is now considering other aspects of athlete wellbeing under the newly formed Athlete Health Unit, for example mental health, safeguarding, transgender, eating disorders, as well as injury prevention.

6. **FIS Snow Safe Policy (Jenny Shute):** JS gave a short presentation regarding safe sport (attached as **Appendix "B" page 8** to the minutes)

7. Proposals/Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange:

- 7.1. To be allowed to use SG skis in DH events (USA) (Appendix "C" page 12 to the minutes) presented by Chip Knight: Equipment costs are an issue to start racing DH, so this proposal would potentially increase participation. The proposal has also gone to WG Rules; Alpine Executive Committee, and is awaiting discussion on age groups. Rudi Huber SRS stated his concerns that ski dimensions had been set for reasons of safety for the different events, and that SG skis are likely to be too aggressive for use on DH courses. He felt this needed more research. CK reported that the changes would not be immediate, but for season 2023-2024. RH will provide feedback following the next SRS meetings.
KR then gave an overview of decline in participation over last ten years, and appreciates all ways of addressing this issue.
No proposal for FIS Council yet.

8. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol, FIS)

- 8.1. **2023 – St. Anton (AUT)** – Jan 16-25 – update from Peter Mall (OC St. Anton): 'Y(our) next step'. Speed events will run before technical. All events will be broadcast live on ORF Sport channels. These events follow on from World Cup events, so excellent slope preparation is guaranteed. The announcers will all be aged 16-21 (winners of a competition). The events have the full backing of AUT NSA, for the benefit and development of young athletes. Quotas are now full, back to pre-pandemic levels.
The Alpine Committee may propose to FIS Council, a Team Alpine Combined event; replacing the single Alpine Combined as medal event.
- 8.2. **2024 –Haute Savoie (FRA)** (Phillippe Martin, FRA): Well on the way. 28 Jan-3 Feb 2024. Budget and support from public and private sector. More details in Spring. It was commented that in general it is disruptive in pathway development to have these events so early in the season. For these reasons, it would be preferable that they are held in March, in the latter part of the season.
- 8.3. **2025 –Santa Caterina (ITA)** To be confirmed in the next meeting of the FIS Council.
- 8.4. **2026** – Andorra and Switzerland are both candidates.

9. Other Youth Competitions:

- 9.1. 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games, Gangwon (KOR): Alpine events will be scheduled between 21st and 26th January 2024. Qualification period started 1st July 2022. 2006/2007 ages. Slalom, GS, SG, AC (with SG) in the program.

10. FIS Update/Promotion and Development (Andrew Cholinski, FIS)

- 10.1. FIS Youth Seminar: now proposed to be held with the FIS Spring Technical Meetings in Dubrovnik (CRO). Time and theme to be announced. It will be the 20th edition of the Youth Seminar.
- 10.2. FIS Snow Day (15 January 2023) Applications close mid-December
- 10.3. FIS Snowkidz - 5000 events achieved; Shredparks (package to have small snow-park at any major event). Applications for following season next May. Free of charge. SnowKidz Shred sessions. Organising care materials. Produced and delivered free of charge. Must register through Snowkidz platform. FIS Snowkidz is now working in conjunction with the 'Right to Play' organisation. Ten steps to protecting the environment have been developed – 'Mountain 10', in association with other organisations, including the IOC. AC presented figures regarding new FIS licences. 91% of FIS licences are created as athletes enter the age range to apply. More men than women. Some dips were noted (for example when the age range changed, and as a result of Covid). 0.77% ratio female to male. Good recovery from dips. AC's collected presentations are attached to the minutes as (<https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/LMvFmoMU3OwTFTK>).

11. Varia/New Business/Questions

- 11.1. Presentation by Ski Club Olympic (BIH) Telemach Speed Camp – Ski Club Olympic Sarajevo. Nik Zoricic foundation contributed safety equipment. Presented by Edin Terzic
- 11.2. Presentation from Val Gardena; Candidate WSC 2029. Proposal to involve children and provide development opportunities. Speed competition 16th December Training opportunities in first three weeks of December. Free accommodation / pass / training. Max 5 days per athlete, and limited number of athletes on the slopes (20/day). Proposal for next two years, welcome to Val Gardena. (info@saslong.org)
- 11.3. Pascal Hasler announced that LIE will run international races for the first time for U16 / U14 in early April 2023

12. Next Meetings/Gatherings:

- 12.1. FIS Spring Technical Meetings: 3rd to 5th May 2023 in Dubrovnik (CRO).
- 12.2. Informal 'Gathering' of subcommittee member and Trainers: St. Anton WJC – TBC

The Chair thanked all members and guests for attending, Jenny Shute for the minutes and wished all members the very best for the upcoming Northern Hemisphere winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Appendix "A")



CALENDAR 2022/23

January

Vratna
Interkriterium Vratna (SVK)

16 – 18 January 23

Ordino-Arcalís
Trofeu Borrufa (AND)

16 – 19 January 23

Ricky v Orli. Horàch
Skiinterkriterium (CZE)

20 – 21 January 23

Folgaria
Alpecimbra FIS Children Cup (ITA)

25 – 28 January 23

February

Stari vrh
Pokal Loka (SLO)

11 – 12 February 23

Zagreb
Zagreb Children Trophy (CRO)

14 – 15 February 23

Mokra Gora
Serbia Cup (SRB)

17 – 18 February 23

Bjelasnica
Children for Peace in the World (BIH)

20 – 23 February 23

March

Naeba
Goldwin FIS Youth Japan Cup (JPN)

9 – 11 March 23

Abetone
Pinocchio Sugli Sci (ITA)

30 – 1 April 23

April

Val d'Isère
La Scara (FRA)

6 – 7 April 23

Whistler
Whistler Cup (CAN)

13 – 16 April 23

Tärnaby
Ingemartrofen (SWE)

21 – 23 April 23



CALENDAR 2023/24

January

Vratna
Interkriterium Vratna (SVK)

15 – 17 January 24

Ordino-Arcalís
Trofeu Borrufa (AND)

15 – 18 January 24

Ricky v Orł. Horách
Skiinterkriterium (CZE)

*19 – 21 January 24

Folgaria
Alpecimbra FIS Children Cup (ITA)

24 – 27 January 24

February

Stari vrh
Pokal Loka (SLO)

10 – 11 February 24

Zagreb
Zagreb Children Trophy (CRO)

13 – 14 February 24

Bjelasnica
Children for Peace in the World (BIH)

19 – 21 February 24

Mokra Gora
Serbia Cup (SRB)

23 – 24 February 24

March

Naeba
Goldwin FIS Youth Japan Cup (JPN)

7 – 9 March 24

Abetone
Pinocchio Sugli Sci (ITA)

21 – 23 March 24

Val d'Isère
La Scara (FRA)

*28 – 29 March 24

April

Whistler
Whistler Cup (CAN)

11 – 14 April 24

Tärnaby
Ingemartrofen (SWE)

19 – 21 April 24

*Preliminary



CALENDAR 2024/25

January

Vratna
Interkriterium Vratna (SVK)

13 – 15 January 25

Ordino-Arcalís
Trofeu Borrufa (AND)

20 – 23 January 25

Ricky v Orł. Horách
Skiinterkriterium (CZE)

24 – 26 January 25

Folgaria
Alpecimbra FIS Children Cup (ITA)

29 - 01 February 25

February

Stari vrh
Pokal Loka (SLO)

8 – 9 February 25

Zagreb
Zagreb Children Trophy (CRO)

11 – 12 February 25

Mokra Gora
Serbia Cup (SRB)

14 – 15 February 25

Bjelasnica
Children for Peace in the World (BIH)

17 – 19 February 25

March

Naeba
Goldwin FIS Youth Japan Cup (JPN)

6 – 8 March 25

Abetone
Pinocchio Sugli Sci (ITA)

TBD

Val d'Isère
La Scara (FRA)

TBD

April

Whistler
Whistler Cup (CAN)

10 – 13 April 25

Tärnaby
Ingemartrofen (SWE)

18 – 20 April 25

*Preliminary



FIS Snow Safe Policy Guidance for FIS Major Event Organisers

What are we talking about?

- **What are the best words to use?**
 - Safeguarding
 - Prevention of harassment and abuse
 - Prevention of non-accidental violence

- **What are the different categories of abuse?**
 - Physical
 - Psychological / emotional, including bullying
 - Sexual harassment and abuse
 - Neglect

There is evidence that harassment and abuse happens in every sport, in every nation, and is particularly important as athletes reach elite level; power imbalance; be aware of peer abuse...

FIS Snow Safe Policies

FIS ICR, Rule 205

Competitors whatever their age, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, ability or disability have the right to participate in snow sports in a secure environment and protected from abuse.

1. FIS Snow Safe Policy 2018
2. FIS Snow Safe Major Events Policy 2018

Who, and When?

- Applies to all accredited persons ('participants') on-site during the 'Competition Period' (the time between arrivals at the venue until departure) of FIS World Championships and FIS Junior World Championships.
- 'Participants' includes all individual competitors (Athletes) and Teams, including officials, managers, coaches, support personnel and other members of any delegation, as well as jury members, technical officials, judges and all other accredited persons

Why at major events? Tug on the sleeve...

- Opportunity for athletes / participants to speak to someone from outside their nation – maybe their only opportunity
- Opportunity to observe unacceptable practice; for example, physical or emotional abuse, bullying
- Opportunity to spot athletes / participants who may be suffering from a form of abuse
- **AWARENESS**
- Your response is critical
- Listen, observe, act, record
- Maintain confidentiality; do not immediately approach the alleged abuser
- By providing a safe person to talk to, and a safe place, and by reporting and following up in the correct way, ***you can make a difference***

Tri-Partite Safeguarding Plan

Three organisations are involved in major events organisation:

- International Federation (FIS) / National Ski Association / Local Organising Committee
- The LOC and host NSA will appoint an **Event Welfare Officer**
 - The Event Welfare Officer will be named in all pre-event information, including at Team Captains' Meetings; he/she should be available throughout the event
- *The FIS Lead Welfare Officer and the FIS Integrity Officer are available to provide support and advice.*
- **Are we only talking about major events????**
 - What about training camps?
 - Travel? Accommodation?
 - Does your NSA have policies in place?

Checklist for LOCs

- Appoint Event Welfare Officer (ideally experienced in this work)
- Check whether your nation / NSA has any safeguarding policies in place
- Clarify contacts for police, social services and medical services if immediate referral is necessary
- Check the reporting form
- Make announcements at TCMs; post EWO details in event bulletins, and on notice boards etc
- Copy incident reports to FIS Lead Welfare Officer
- Be aware / have a plan in case of possible media interest
- Remember FIS and the FIS LWO are available at all times to advise / support



Positive for sport at every level...

- Practical policies
- Safe place to talk
- Safe person to talk to
- Safe sport for all
- Successful and safe events and camps!

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Appendix “C”)

RULE PROPOSAL

Discipline:

Date: Original Language: Nation:

For Sub-Committee:

Copy to:

Reference:

Original Version:

1.1.2 Component A: Alpine Racing Skis

Parameter	Event	OWG/WSC/WC/WJC/COC (Level 0-1)	FIS/YOG/NC/ENL (Level 2-3-4)
Ski Length (cm)	DH Women	210 min	205 min
	DH Men	218 min	213 min
	SG Women	205 min	200 min
	SG Men	210 min	205 min
Radius	DH Women	50 min	50 min
	DH Men	50 min	50 min
	SG Women	40 min	40 min
	SG Men	45 min	45 min

New Proposal:

1.1.2 Component A: Alpine Racing Skis

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	DH Men	50 min	45 min
	SG Women	40 min	40 min
	SG Men	45 min	45 min

Comments:

- Allow athletes to use SG skis for DH events at Level 2-3-4 competitions
- Remove a barrier to entry in DH events by allowing athletes to compete in DH without having to buy new equipment
- Increase athlete participation in DH events in future years

National Association:

Contact Person: