

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

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Oberhofen, 15.05.2024

**Minutes Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules, Tuesday, 07.05.2024 held in Portoroz (SLO)**

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules held on 07.05.2024.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **24.05.2024** (luessy@fisski.com).

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing 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.

Kindest regards,



Michael Huber  
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

## INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

### Meeting Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

Tuesday, 07.05.2024, 12:30 – 14:10, Conference Room Europa B+D

#### MINUTES

##### 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

Chairman Michael Huber (AUT) opened the meeting by welcoming members, FIS staff and guests to this Meeting in presence of Alpine Rules.

##### 2. Roll call

Janez Flere (FIS) called the Roll. Some members were absent and excused, their substitutes named. A special welcome was made to the honorable former members attending. The Chairman reminded, that as usual and given in the Committee Rules, those members who haven't attended all 4 Rules Meetings will be forwarded to the FIS office.

##### 3. Approval of the agenda

The official invitation was sent out on April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 in compliance with the Sub-Committee Rules. It also included the agenda and enclosures. An update of the agenda with an additional enclosure was sent on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024. No other items were asked to be included, so the agenda was adopted as approved.

##### 4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Zurich on 28.09.2023

The minutes were sent out on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 and again on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 including a precision asked for by the Swedish member Anki Svärdbby-Bergman. With no additional remarks, the minutes were approved.

##### 5. Report of the Chairman

- As a "Warm Up" Chairman Michael Huber (AUT) presented two short videos from the Austrian Children U16 National Champions held in Kitzbuehel on the racecourse Streif and Hahnenkamm past mid of March. It shall remind us what we are standing for, the majority of competitions to support youth programs.
- Statistical data was presented about the 2820+ Alpine Competitions counting for FIS points in total 60 National Ski Federations. The most races 2023/24 were organised by Italy (17,2 %), followed by USA (13,3 %), CAN (6,3 %) on the "podium", with AUT, SWE, NOR, SUI, FRA, JPN and FIN in the Top 10.
- Additional information was given about the Alpine Events that took place worldwide 2023/24. Number 1 is Slalom (49 %), then Giant Slalom (36 %), Super-G (9 %), Downhill (5 %), Alpine Combined (0,8 %) and Parallel (0,2 %).
- Information was given, that no workshop in spring took place. This was due to the Spring meetings being so close to the end of the Northern Hemisphere Race season The Chair proposes a change of philosophy for the future outlook. The Spring meeting should be used for discussions, the Fall meeting for decisions (valid from the following Spring the year after).
- No questions or comments arose regarding the Chairmans report.

## 6. ICR – items from the last meeting

### 6.1. ICR 601.4.1.4 and 601.4.2.3 Jury composition

- Vice-chair Jana Palovicova (SVK) started this point of the agenda and reminded to the background request by the Alpine Chair.
- First, the proposal was discussed to corrected into right English as follows (see blue markings):

601.4.1.4 The Jury ~~of a women race~~ composition must include at least one ~~woman person of a~~ different gender.

601.4.2.3 For international races, ~~for women~~ the Jury composition should ~~where possible~~ include ~~a women one~~ person of a different gender.

#### **This change of the rules was adopted unanimously.**

- Second, a lively discussion took place about 601.4.2.3, to replace the word “should” by the word “must”. Different arguments in favor and against were named. At the TDs Meeting, an idea about a general 50:50 split of the genders was discussed as well. As the consequences of such a major change have to be studied intensively (worldwide number of female Jury members, sanctions if the rule is not fulfilled etc.), it was agreed to forward the item to a future meeting.

### 6.2. ICR 601.4.5.6 Language of Jury minutes

- Vice-chair Jana Palovicova informed members about this adaption to the current FIS statutes.

601.4.5.6 The Minutes must be written in the language specified in the FIS Statutes (currently English language). ~~at least one of the FIS languages (English, French or German)~~.

#### **After a short discussion, the proposal was decided in favor unanimously.**

## 7. ICR – urgent rule proposals

### 7.1. ICR 611.2.2 Hand Timing

- The proposal was explained by Daniel Defago (FIS), coming from the working group data & timing. Members were asked for comments and no questions were raised.

#### Hand Timing

Manual (hand) timing, completely separate and independent of the electronic timing, must be used for all competitions listed in the FIS Calendar. Stopwatches or hand operated battery powered timers that are installed at

both the Start and the Finish and capable of expressing the time of day to at least 1/100th (0.01) precision qualify as proper hand timing devices. They must be synchronised prior to the start of the first run, with the same time-of-day as system A and system B (see art. 611.2.1). Printed records, (either automatic or hand-written) or memorised electronically, of recorded hand times must be immediately available at the start and at the finish.

**The proposal was decided in favor unanimously.**

## **8. ICR – rules discussions**

### **8.1. ICR 601.4.2.4 Chief of Race National Ski Association**

- This agenda item commenced with a short introduction by the Chair. This item and all following items of the agenda point 8., will be for discussion only. Important to get feedback, at this stage and if required items will be amended, forwarded and decided upon at the FIS Fall Meeting in Zürich.
- Jana Palovicova (SVK) as the proposer of this point gave an explanation. The item specifically relates to Federations who organise FIS point races in other countries. To be more flexible, the Chief of Race “should” be and not “must” be from the organising Federation. What will be the consequences if the rule is not fulfilled. Does it not count for FIS points?
- Different opinions in favor and not in favor were given from the rules members.
- Summary - Will be discussed again at the Fall Meeting.

### **8.2. ICR 614.3 Racers Inspection**

- Europa Cup Men’s Coordinator Wim Rossel (FIS) explained the motion behind this point on the agenda. It is proposed in order to keep the race line in the best possible conditions and to not damage the snow surface during the inspection.
- Discussion took place, especially about the use of the words “rapid” and “hard”, which are not easy to control. The goal is clear and supported, but a clearer wording is to be looked for.
- Summary - Will be discussed again at the Fall Meeting.
- As a second point, Michael Huber (AUT) pointed out the long term wording in the corresponding rule, that Competitors must carry their start numbers during inspection. Is this still valid? Connected with the Penalty rules, it is about “to carry” or “to wear” bib numbers according the rules. Carry means, the athletes only have to have them with them (might be checked by Jury members), but no need to wear bib numbers during inspection.
- Summary. Comments were asked for and members did not feel the need to adjust this rule.

### **8.3. ICR 614.4 Slip Crews**

- Europa Cup Men’s Coordinator Wim Rossel (FIS) explained the rationale behind this point being on the agenda. It is about course maintenance in special situations, if Organisers cannot offer sufficient numbers of slippers

normal practice has become to ask Athletes for help as well. In the case of an accident, this should be covered by the rules.

- Chairman Michael Huber (AUT) amended, that by starting to look in the ICR rulebook, the fact is, that “Slip Crews” are even not referred to in the ICR. To have it in the daily FIS program was not seen as sufficient so he felt it important to start with a general wording proposal, which was read for the members.
- A discussion followed. Some questions about fairness and possible sanctions if not attending. In general, it is seen as a “may” and a safety issue to offer better course conditions.
- Summary - Will be discussed again at the Fall Meeting.

#### **8.4. ICR 621.12 Double Entries**

- Chair, Michael Huber (AUT) informed that the item was coming from the TD Update in Austria last Fall. It was indicated, that in some sites, more than 2 races might take place and should be covered by the rules as well.
- A discussion followed.
- Summary - The members Alpine Rules do not support such a change, the wording shall stay as is.

#### **8.5. ICR 661.4 & 804.3 Correct Passage – Single Pole Slalom**

- Chair Michael Huber (AUT) informed, the item was coming from the TD Update in Austria last Fall. It was indicated, that in some cases, the use of the “imaginary line” at single pole slaloms caused problems and might need a wording update.
- A discussion followed. The majority of the members have not felt so far, that the proposed wording will help. The opposite, they feel that the present wording is better.
- Summary - The members Alpine Rules do not see a need for change, the wording shall stay as is.

#### **8.6. ICR 669.3 Number of Gate Judges at Continental Cups**

- Chair Michael Huber (AUT) explained, that this item is to allow for flexibility, at Continental Cup level, to allow for flexibility regarding the number of gate judges required. Also to be considered is who decides the number of Gate Judges needed at other race levels ?
- During the discussion, the proposal was made that this rule should be valid for all levels.
- Summary - The members Alpine Rules support to adjust this rule to accommodate all levels. A proposal will be presented at the Fall meeting.

#### **8.7. ICR 806.1 Slalom Multiple Runs**

- The origin of the proposal might come from last year’s TD update in North America and was forwarded by Canada. As it touches on the principles of the Alpine Discipline, the Executive was asked to make a general comment, before the Sub-Committee went into details.

- The Chair of the Alpine Committee, Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), informed members of the Sub-Committee Alpine Rules, that the opinion of the Alpine Executive Board was, to keep the present rules, with a 2 run Slalom (or Giant Slalom) as principle, and a 3 run Slalom only for exception at Entry League level.
- Summary - No further discussion took place and the item will not be forwarded to the Fall meeting.

#### **8.8. ICR 670 Video control (SLO for discussion as Jury member)**

- Member Matjaz Kranjc (SLO) introduced his proposal to update the rules about Video control. He presented, as a first step, a new rule art. 601.3.9.5 to introduce the Video Controller as member of the Organiser (as a “may” rule). Additional questions to follow up included what education would be necessary to act as a video controller). Ultimately the aim would be for the video controller to become a member of the Jury but not now, only as a second or third step.
- Several comments and discussions followed with members giving feedback about the advantages and disadvantages of adding an additional official. Some felt, the present rules about the Video control might already be sufficient.
- Summary - This proposal needs more time to study and will be on the agenda in Fall again.

### **9. Other Rules changes / Reports**

#### **9.1. ICR related items from other Alpine Sub-Committees**

With regard to Rules related Sub-Committees as indicated in the agenda, the following remarks were mentioned concerning items in the ICR.

- ALPINE TD: Nothing to add.
- ALPINE COURSES: Nothing to add.
- ALPINE CLASSIFICATION: Nothing to add.
- ALPINE YOUTH&CHILDREN: FIS Alpine Coordinator Janez Flere (FIS) informed, that at yesterday’s meeting, it was decided, to introduce a limit of starts for U18 athletes to count for FIS points (1<sup>st</sup> year U18 max 30 starts in SL/GS, 2<sup>nd</sup> year U18 max 40 starts in SL/GS, excluded starts at JWSC, YOWG, WC, WSC and OWG). The corresponding wording will be included as in the past in ICR art. 607.3.

**The Sub-Committee Alpine Rules supported this inclusion within the ICR unanimously.**

#### **9.2. Appeals Commission**

Report by Josef Zingerle (ITA) as Chairman. There were no cases to work on for the Appeals Commission Alpine. The ICR seemed to work very well. Chair Michael Huber (AUT) thanked Josef for his readiness to be prepared in case required.

#### **9.3. Precisions (Southern Hemisphere)**

Janez Flere (FIS), as FIS Alpine Coordinator, informed that after the next FIS Council meeting, all adopted proposals will be included in the ICR, to be expected

at the beginning of July. In this context, Chair Michael Huber (AUT) reminds, that the ICR will be available in English only. All unofficial language translations then have to be dealt with by the corresponding National Ski Federations (or NSA of same language group).

#### **9.4. ICR Overall (1<sup>st</sup> Section 200)**

Asked by the Chair, Janez Flere (FIS) informed that he is not aware of any changes in this section, on the horizon, relating to technical questions of the sport and valid for all disciplines.

#### **10. Miscellaneous**

Asked for, nothing was amended.

#### **11. Next meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Zurich (SUI)**

Janez Flere (FIS) informs, the FIS Fall Meeting is scheduled for the last week of September.

Chairman Michael Huber (AUT) closed the meeting at 14:10. and thanked everyone for their involvement which enabled the delivery of a very good meeting!