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- 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
- Ken Read, Chair Youth & Children's Coordination Group

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

Oberhofen, 16.05.2023

**Minutes of the FIS Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth & Childrens Questions,
Wednesday, 03.05.2023 held in Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO).**

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the online Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth & Childrens Questions held on 03.05.2023.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **30.05.2023** (flere@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

Kindest regards,



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INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth & Children's Questions

38th Meeting Sub-Committee Alpine Youth & Children's Questions Wednesday,
03.05.2023, 15:00 – 18:00 hrs, Conference Room "Ragusa"

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Janez Flere (FIS) welcomed all to the meeting, and explained that he will chair the meeting as a new Chair has not yet been appointed.

1.1 Roll Call of Members present: Jenny Shute

Acting Chair: Janez Flere (FIS)

Vice-Chair: KRIECHBAUM, Jürgen AUT

Members: ANDERLIC Bostjan, SLO; BEGINO Martin, ARG; BOLGER Derek, IRL; COOL Herbert, NED; DORSS Dinars, LAT; ERTL Andreas, GER; FLATSCHER Hans, SUI; GATTI Gian Luca, SMR; HAVNELID JOHNSEN Stefan, NOR; KNIGHT Chip, USA; KOSIC Raiko, MNE; KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA Olga, CZE; LEMEIRE Christophe, BEL; MARTIN Philippe, FRA; OKSHOLM Henrik, DEN; PASTOR Jacques, MON; SAWANO Hiroshi, JPN; SHUTE Jenny, GBR; SLJUKA Igor, BIH; THOMPSON Jeff, CAN; VUCINIC Ivan, CRO;

Athletes Commission: STUFFER, Verena, ITA

Replacing absent members: CAM Akif, TUR; BARBAI Aron, HUN; FRANZ Toni, SWE; HASLER Pascal, LIE; HAZ Kim Jin, KOR; LI Boya Angela, CHN; KUPKO Martin, SVK; LESKINEN Janne, FIN; SALA Juli, ESP; TOMIC Milos, SRB; VIDOSA Roger, AND;

FIS: FLERE Janez (Acting Chair); BRAWAND Lukas; CHOLINSKI Andrew; LAZAROVSKI Dimitrije; LUESSY Tatjana; PUJOL Jordi; ROSSEL Wim; DOJCINOVIC Jelena;

Invited Guests: DEKLEVA Janez, Chair FRCOC

Apologies had been received from HUBER Rudi (SRS), MALL Peter (St Anton WJC)

Guests: ADELSBERGER Markus AUT; ALFAYEZ Sama, USA; COVI Marta, ITA; GAJA Elena, ITA; HOFER Franz, SUI; KARBON Julia, ITA; KERTESZ Michael, FIS; KOFF Philipp, AUT; LANDSTROM Darryl, USA; LASSHOFERN Michael, AUT; LIGOCKI Lukasz, POL; LYNAM Brian, CAN; MIGNOT Dominique, FRA; OBERSRUBER Maximilian, AUT; OBYSKALOV Andrey, KAZ; POSCH Dieter, AUT; RAPATEL J F, CAN; RINALDI Massimo, ITA; ROELS Eike, BEL; SENIGAGLIESI Alberto, FIS; SENONER Rainer, ITA; STANKOVIC Jurica, SVK; SUNDBERG Karin, SWE; SUNDQVIST Anders, SWE; WEINMAN Jeff, USA; YANG Eon Gyu, KOR; ZINGERLE Josef, ITA;

For the Minutes: Jenny SHUTE (GBR)

2. Approval of the Agenda –

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 37th meeting held on 29.09.2022 in Zurich (SUI) –

There being no comments, the minutes were approved.

4. Reports from Special Groups

4.1. Equipment/SRS: Update or Report from SRS: Rudi Huber (AUT) was excused, but it was confirmed that there are no upcoming changes

4.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee: Janez Dekleva (SLO), Chair

Report from Children's Race Organisers Committee Last season's events were held at a very high level, with efforts to include speed events (new in BIH); trying to digitalise results; Janez Flere congratulated the organisers.
Calendars – will be circulated with the minutes.

4.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute, GBR)

Jenny Shute (GBR) described the new Athlete Health Unit (AHU); this will embrace all disciplines, and will include many aspects of athlete health and wellbeing (for example, mental health, nutrition etc) in addition to injury prevention; it will focus on youth aspects. The AHU is currently in a pilot phase.

5. **FIS Snow Safe Policy (Jenny Shute, GBR) – Update**

5.1. Standing report for the Sub Committee

Jenny Shute (GBR) gave a short update, and emphasised the importance of this topic for the benefit of all participants, and at all competitions. She recorded thanks to Peter Mall (AUT) and the OC off the 2023 WJC in St Anton (AUT) for allowing effective promotion of Safe Sport at the event, and thanked Petra Kronberger (AUT) for her work there as Event Welfare Officer. From now, all FIS Major Event OCs are contractually bound to include Safe Sport policies and procedures, and to appoint an Event Welfare Officer. She applauded the FCROC group for their readiness to take up these policies and procedures. The FIS Integrity Officer, Sarah Fussek (FIS), will continue this work.

6. **Proposals/Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange:**

6.1. Proposal - USA Chip Knight

U18 – YOB 2006-2007

1st year U18 athletes: maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 30. Athletes must not participate beyond the maximum of 30 starts for the first year U18. All results beyond 30 starts are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points. There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G, and Alpine Combined.

2nd year U18 athletes: maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 40. Athletes must not participate beyond the maximum of 40 starts for the first year U18. All results beyond 40 starts are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points. There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G, and Alpine Combined.

The Youth Sub-Committee will inform the Classifications Sub-Committee and Alpine Executive Board of any infringements of the rule and any recommended sanctions. The Classification Sub-Committee will inform the FIS Council.

Reasons:

- *Re-establish start limitation in SL and GS for first-year FIS athletes.*
- *Set progressively higher start limitation of 40 in SL and GS for second-year FIS athletes.*
- *Reduce over-racing and the chasing of FIS point opportunities by young athletes.*
- *Increase speed event participation to broaden skill development in young athletes.*
- *Increase percentage of training days for athletes while still in development years*
- *Reduce risk of injury for young athletes as a result of racing too much and fatigue through the season.*

USA proposes a limitation to technical starts in first and second years of FIS racing, to prevent athletes from chasing points, and from risking losing focus on long term athlete development (LTAD). This rule is already imposed by France on its athletes in first and second years of FIS racing.

- Martin Begino (ARG) – must consider athletes from SH, doesn't want to limit starts for those athletes; feels that this is a coach/NSA matter.
- Dinars Dorss (LAT) – a question about control - who would do it, and when?
- Christophe Lemeire (BEL) would like to see a limit to take the pressure off the coaches, but would like to exclude athletes' own late-season National Championships from the calculation.
- ALB – for Lara Colturi (ALB) it would have been discriminatory.
- May need to apply the rule ahead of time. It is hard if athletes have already started their careers – they need notice to prepare, with allowance for planning and run-in time.
- Jeff Thomson (CAN) asked about the numbers. Daniel Defago (FIS) reported that 364 men in year 1 FIS started more than 30 times last season.
- Jürgen Kriechbaum (AUT) felt that this was the responsibility of coach and the NSA to decide.
- Olga Krizova-Charvatova (CZE) suggested looking at past figures, to see if speed numbers were improved with start limitations.

It was agreed that the Sub Committee was not ready to vote, so the decision was postponed.

7. Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange

7.1. Best Practices: Presentation by Rainer Senoner, Ski Club Saslong (Val Gardena). A Speed Clinic is offered. Numbers of female speed participants continues to decline. The camp will be held in late autumn / Nov. The package includes ski pass, accommodation, video analysis; to be followed with FIS Speed races 1-4 December; supported by Isolde Kostner (ITA). Last season they had 20 athletes only sign up to the camp, and hope to increase this year!

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

8.1. 2023 – St. Anton (AUT) – Final Report - Short presentation – a new format for Alpine Combined (in which two athletes, best from SG, and best from Slalom, compete together for the TC result) was tested and was felt to be very successful. There was also a Team parallel competition in Lech, on a demanding slope. Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossell (FIS) thanked the Organising Committee for great organisation. The raised level of competition was noted!

8.2. 2024 – Haute Savoie (FRA) (Philippe Martin) – France is pleased to organise these races in the area of Morzine; there is an excellent DH slope, especially for women. 27th Jan- 3rd Feb 2024; men and women will be racing on the same days.

8.3. 2025 – Santa Caterina (ITA) – Jordi Pujol reported that the lift for the speed events is currently under renovation, awaiting final confirmation.

8.4. 2026 – Open
(2028 - Switzerland is a candidate)

9. Other Youth Competitions

9.1. 2024 Youth Olympic Games – Gangwon (KOR) – last inspection is due during 3rd week Aug. Races 19-26 January 2024; for Alpine Combined (old format), athletes *will need AC points to be ranked in the draw* (SG points will not be used). Provisional quota lists were published, today (3rd May). Extra list 18th Jan for quota purposes.

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

10.1. FIS Youth Seminar – not discussed.

Lukas Brawand (FIS) introduced the new FIS Media & Marketing unit (M&M): Need to acquire fans by age 18 – future generations need to be reached and excited. Gen Z never watch sports; must look at what their interests are, what needs to be delivered. FIS Tiktok channel has recently been launched. At the WJC in St Anton (AUT), live streaming achieved 220,000 views on You Tube channel; 50k people watched women's DH within 24 hours! Social media channels in China are now opened for FIS input.

10.2. FIS World Snow Day

- The next World Snow Day will take place on 21st January 2024. Event registration for World Snow Day 2024 will open on 1st July 2023 and close on 15th December 2023.
- Organisers will once again have access to free materials in the form of the Organiser Care Packages
- The winners of the World Snow Day Awards 2023 will be announced on 20th May 2023 at 16:00pm CET on FIS digital channels.

10.3. FIS Snowkidz – Andrew Cholinski

- 5,453 SnowKidz events and actions in 59 countries by 388 organisers have taken place to date.
- The SnowKidz Awards 2024 are confirmed. Only registered SnowKidz Organisers can apply. Applications will open on 1st June 2023 and remain open until 1st May 2024. The prize pool for the Awards remains at 63,000 CHF.
- The SnowKidz Shred Sessions are videos giving tips to parents for kids getting into snow sports. An Alpine version has been developed and will be released in September 2023.
- Portugal has received the first SnowKidz Shred Park. Additional parks were then subsequently delivered to Canada and Germany.
- Fischer has become a partner of the SnowKidz Shred Parks. As a result, Alpine equipment will be added to the packages.
- A cooperation with FIPS (International Ski Patrollers Federation) has yielded the 'Junior Ski Patrol' concept teaching practical aspects of snow safety, and how to look after people on the mountain.
- Project PLAY – The final element of this project – the documentary film – has been released. Currently showings are taking place around the world. This film will be added to the FIS channels and open to the public in the coming months.

The full SnowKidz and World Snow Day presentation can be found here: https://fisski-my.sharepoint.com/p:g/personal/cholinski_fis-ski_com/Ecl6VY8albNBmlvu8DI-r-EBeqq3G782CL1BkRibdYI-MQ?e=dzdmUB

10.4 Presentation on behalf of ISF (international Schools Federation) by Josip Kosutic (sports director); running for >50 years. Expands education through sport. 34 sports, >10k participants; 134 members, 5 continents. He compared the 'Gymnasiade' to Olympic Games for school kids.

Cultural aspects are as important as competition, fair-play, volunteering; also target parents/ teachers etc. World Schools Championships every other year - 2025 – Erzurum (TUR)

Will have FIS events in GS, SL, Mixed Team Parallel, plus events for younger athletes. Useful collaboration with FIS.

11. **Various/New Business/Questions** – no additional questions; Janez Flere hopes there will be a new Chair by Zurich

12. **Next Meetings/Gatherings:**

12.1. Autumn Technical Meetings: 27th to 29th September 2023 – Janez Flere offered best wishes to all for a good summer!