

To

- Members of the Sub Committee Para Alpine Skiing
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Oberhofen, October 13, 2023

Minutes of the Para Alpine Sub Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 27.09.2023, 13:00 – 15:00
Meeting Room: Bern

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the provisional Minutes of the Sub Committee for Para Alpine Skiing, held on 27.09.2023 in Zürich, Switzerland.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Para Alpine Office until **31st October 2023**.

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. All other documents can be downloaded by accessing this [link](#).

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution.

Kind regards,

Jana Palovicova
Chairperson Sub Committee for Para Alpine
INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

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Para Alpine Sub Committee

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Members present:

Chair	Mrs	PALOVICOVA	Jana	SVK	Present
Vice Chair	Mrs	SIPARENKO	Julia	UKR	Present
Member	Mrs	BOMBARDIER	Alison	AUS	Present
Member	Mr	HALLAT	Matt	CAN	Present
Member	Mr	Trayner	Paul	GBR	Excused
AFG Chair	Mr	Hall	Adam	NZL	Excused
CAG Chair	Mr	Teitsma	Falco	NED	Present

Ex-Officio: Antonio Chiracu, Timotej Dudas, Dimitrije Lazarovski, Anja Skutelj,
Executive Board Chairperson: Stefano Arnhold
Guests: as per attendance list.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the Spring Meeting 2023**
- 3. Approval of the agenda**
- 4. Report from the Chair (Jana Palovicova)**
- 5. Report from the Race Director (Anja Skutelj)**
- 6. Report from the Management Team (Antonio Chiracu)**
- 7. Fluor Wax Ban Info (Augusto Gillio)**
- 8. Report from the WG Rules and Regulations (Alison Bombardier)**
- 9. Report from the WG World Cup, Continental Cup, Development (Hermann Mayrhuber)**
- 10. Report from the WG Coaches Advisory Group (Falco Teitsma)**
- 11. Report from the WG Athletes Focus Group (Adam Hall)**
- 12. Para Alpine Classification update (Laura Getzmann)**
- 13. Para Alpine Factor calculations (Antonio Chiracu)**

13.1. New Factor calculation project

14. Paralympic Winter Games

15. Other Business

16. Next meetings

16.1. FIS Spring Technical Meetings: Portoroz, SLO (05-09 May 2024)

16.2. FIS Workshop: Portoroz, SLO (TBC)

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chairwoman welcomed everybody.

Julia made a roll call: Adam Hall and Paul Trayner are excused. Quorum existing.

2. Approval of Minutes from the Spring Meeting 2023

Minutes have been sent out on May 17th, 2023. No remarks received. Minutes approved.

3. Approval of the agenda

Agenda has been sent out on 25.09.2023. No questions or comments received. Agenda is approved.

4. Report from the Chair (Jana Palovicova)

Jana:

Very glad to meet here so many people.

Good job from the FIS staff, Anja, Antonio. Now we have 6 competitions for short-stature group. Some news regarding factors (will be reported by Antonio). There are some points to work on regarding development. We need to go step by step from each side. For the last several years we grew a good number of races in WC, which a good point for marketing and further promotion. It is important to build Continental Cup and FIS races. We have to work more on children's sport. It's different in different countries, for example in Slovakia we started to organize para children to race with ablebody. In 2024 in Jasna WC event there will be para forerunner.

We with Ali and Anja prepared the materials for TD updates about difference between para and ablebody races.

Thanks everybody, they work hard as volunteers, as well as FIS staff – Antonio, Anja, Laura, Timotej and Dimitrije.

5. Report from the Race Director (Anja Skutelj)

Last week finished site visit in La Molina to be able to close up the WC calendar. It will be one very exciting DH. A good station for speed events, hopefully will be a long-term. WC Calendar done, for EC – waiting for couple confirmations.

Now we have a green light for the calendar till 2026. Course setters list uploaded on 26.09.23.

Thanks to Falco. Referees set for the season.

Thanks to Alison for good job in rules.

We are ready for upcoming season.

Any questions?

6. Report from the Management Team (Antonio Chiracu)

We are still working on implementation and transfer of database from IPC to FIS database. Calendar management all done through FIS member section. Athlete database is still being implemented, hopefully will finish before beginning of next season with high priority. WSC qualification criteria will be published as soon as we have information. Registration and license fees and calendar fees reduced to match FIS structure. Integration into marketing overall strategy of FIS. Already from this year to implement Para Alpine WC highlights.

7. Fluor Wax Ban Info (Augusto Gillio)

Augusto Gillio (fluor): presentation. Testing randomly at global events (WSC, JWSC, WC). In November in Pitztal. Tech events – test in first and second run. Estimated time for testing - from 2 minutes (if green) or longer (to test more points). The idea is not to punish, but to be 100% sure the skis are red.

Jana: what happens if comes official protest against equipment?
Normal procedure – to take the skis and send to designated place (by the rules). If proved to be green, the claimer pays expenses. In some countries the fluor can be persecuted by police.

Augusto: in Germany they can do also checking of the ski rooms. In IBU they check the rooms themselves.

Falco: is it workable, that the skis can be taken at the protest time?
Jana: the protest must be official. This kind of protest is after the race, not before.

Sophia Gritsi (GRE): How long does it take the fluor ski to be cleaned?
Augusto: there are FIS cleaning guidelines. With warm wax, clean, brush – 2-3 times.

Jana: does the cleaning time depend on the brand of the ski?
Augusto: no. Very important to blow the brushes in between. We suggest to blow, rotor and fleece must be changed.

Justus: any possibility to have a preseason testing?
Augusto: few days in autumn Pitztal. As well any pretest measurements do not guarantee, that the skis won't get red afterwards.

All fluor ban information at FIS website <https://www.fis-ski.com/inside-fis/document-library/fluor-wax-information>.

8. Report from the WG Rules and Regulations (Alison Bombardier)

Alison reported about working on 14 RCP received.
Supported: RCP 2, 3, 4A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
Not supported: RCP 4B, 5.
Deferred to next season: RCP 1.
Separately: RCP No.8 from FIS regarding exception for Para athletes to bring poles to podium (articles 200) has been approved by FIS Legal.

Any questions?

9. Report from the WG World Cup, Continental Cup, Development (Hermann Mayrhuber)

Hermann: there was no meeting in summer. Online meeting planned in October.

For WC calendar is ok, enough races, all confirmed.

Continental Cup: By this moment 3 in the calendar with 2 to be confirmed with the places.

To be discussed here and in October – the athletes with WC points can not start in CoC. There are a few athletes with CoC points, there are no interested organizers. This must be discussed. Our proposals for change the points limits were not confirmed.

The rights and obligations of the OCs, NSAs and FIS must be clear. These questions we are planning to discuss at our meeting in October.

Dimitrije: let's see the figures.

To continue with EC points the WC athletes should come down. We are dividing the groups to achieve something not to punish someone. Now we do not have second layer of athletes to go the pathway to the WC. The WC athletes have to participate in the EC \ CoC events to improve the situation.

Matt: totally agree. But if the WC calendar lasts all season, there is no time to participate in lower competitions.

Dimitrije: from 1.10.23 the calendar for next season registrations will open, everybody is welcome to participate.

Matt: to take care about "growing". Better to have fewer stops with more athletes.

Justus Wolf: proposal to make mandatory for WC organizers to host CoC races.

Antonio: just to address the proposal of AUT regarding points limit. Between 300 and 350 there are 10 athletes, who obviously won't make any difference. At the same time, we would like to present the structure of development pathway for the athletes from low level to world cup.

10. Report from the WG Coaches Advisory Group (Falco Teitsma)

Falco: After a good start we lost, unfortunately two members. It took a lot of time to get official resignation of these members. Two new members approved (with no proposals other than Europe). With the new group we made course setter list, with referees, athletes reps. More spots for "smaller" nations. Discussed fluor ban, possibilities to test.

The current calendar is currently spread out all over the season with no place for rest or lower races participation. Maybe it would be better to reduce the number of starts. Is there any amount of starts required by FIS? This could be the next discussion.

11. Report from the WG Athletes Focus Group (Adam Hall).

See powerpoint in the link mentioned on the first page.

12. Para Alpine Classification update (Laura Getzmann - by Antonio)

The classification opportunities for the next season have been sent. For VI some extra opportunities scheduled, sometimes combined with Nordic. From next season we move to a 4-class system. For this season both systems in place. Partnering with University to update all classification and try to identify the things that can be implemented quickly.

Martin Makovnik: For the next season are you planning to review all VI athletes?

Antonio: yes, who will not pass the classification this season, will have to review before next season.

Justus: it's better to have more data regarding VI classifications.

Antonio: B4 class does not exist, they can race, but unofficially. There will be extra opportunities for the next season, based on the results of this season classifications to ensure there is a place for everybody.

13. Para Alpine Factor calculations (Antonio Chiracu)

The new factor calculation project was announced in spring. More concrete start of work since September. Consultation calls with all stakeholders, good research team, a lot of competence in this team. Initial presentation on 26.09. to show direction. A bit lack of understanding of the sport work. The plan for 6 months. The work is in progress the idea is to have a new system before the next season. We share all documents.

If you have any feedback on the slides shared, please, come back.

Justus: Is there a bit communication between factor calculation and classification – which are logically connected?

Antonio: VD and average gradient are taken in consideration. There is a plan to invite the University team to the races to feel the sport.

Dimitrije: the IPC position is that factor calculation should be removed from classification code. We ask to pass this information to the organizations-members of IPC to support the proposal expressed in the joint letter from four IFs sent to IPC.

14. Paralympic Winter Games

Antonio: for Para Alpine the venues are pretty much set. Tomorrow meetings with Miano-Cortina, any specific issues will be communicated.

Qualification criteria to be published by the beginning of 2024.

We got approved all the medal events for all the classes. Though we need to ensure we have good field of athletes not to lose any of events.

Reduction in number of slots.

15. Other Business

Matt: is there a way to use the time in spring differently – as workshops? As anyway we had almost same meeting online.

Justus: to send the reports written in advance, in case of any questions to talk.

Stefano: excellent point. Everything that can be done in advance, can be done to save the time and use the time in a better way. At the same time we have to follow the rules and protocols for the meetings.

Antonio: interaction is difficult with online calls. Let's come up with some ideas and see how we can improve.

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Chairwoman thanked everybody. Meeting closed in 1:52 minutes.