

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  
- Sandra Spitz, Sport & Event Director  
- Massimo Rinaldi, Chairman Alpine Committee  
- Jeff Weinman, Chairman Classifications Sub-Committee  
- Michael Huber, Chairman Rules Sub-Committee

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- Dimitrije Lazarovski, Development Program Director  
- Jordi Pujol, Continental Cup Coordinator  
- Lukas Brawand, Digital Strategy & Platform Coordinator

Oberhofen, 16.05.2024

### **Minutes of the FIS Alpine Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions meeting**

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 non later than 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 ([flere@fisski.com](mailto:flere@fisski.com)).

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

Kindest regards,



Chairman  
Stefan Johnsen Havelid  
S.C. Youth & Children's Questions



Janez Flere  
Alpine Technical Coordinator

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

**40<sup>th</sup> Meeting Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions Monday, 06.05.2024,  
13:30 – 15:30hrs.**

**Minutes**

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

Stefan Johnsen Havelid (NOR), new elected Chairman, welcomed FIS Council member Fiona Stevens (NZL); Ken Read (former Chair, Alpine Committee Honorary Member), Janez Flere (FIS), Jenny Shute (GBR, for the Minutes), the Chair of the Y&C CROC, and all members and guests to the meeting. With the change of Chair, there will be new perspectives and a fresh start.

Members Present:

Bostjan ANDERLIC (SLO); Martin BEGINO (ARG); Carles VISA (AND); Derek BOLGER (IRL); Herbert COOL (NED); Paolo DE FLORIAN (ITA); Dinars DORSS (LAT); Andreas ERTL (GER); Tobias FELLMAN (SWE); Jaana KARHILA-RASAANEN (FIN); Chip KNIGHT (USA); Olga KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA (CZE); Philippe MARTIN (FRA); Martyna MITAL (POL); Jacques PASTOR (MON); Srdjan SABANOVIC (SRB); Hiroshi SAWANO (JPN); Jenny SHUTE (GBR); Igor SLJUKA (BIH); Jeff THOMPSON (CAN); Ivan VUCINIC (CRO); Werner ZURBUCHEN (SUI).

Replacing absent members:

Gert EHN for Jurgen KRIECHBAUM (AUT, Vice Chair); Pascal HASLER for Alexander OSPELT (LIE); Michal RAJCAN for Pavol CHOVANAK (SVK); Fiona STEVENS for Jono HOWSON (NZL);

**SRS:** Rudi HUBER (AUT);

**FIS CROC Chair:** Janez DEKLEVA (SLO);

**FIS staff:** Janez FLERE; Jordi PUJOL; Wim ROSSELL; Dimitrije LAZAROVSKI;

**Athlete Health Unit AHU:** Geri MITTERBAUER.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting held 27.09.2023**

Minutes were approved with comments.

**4. Reports from Special Groups**

**4.1. Equipment/SRS**

Report from SRS: Rudi Huber

SRS is keen to gain expert knowledge in prevention of injuries in young athletes, and is working with the FIS Athlete Health Unit, led by Geri Mitterbauer (GM). GM explained further that they intend to look into safe planning for return to sport after injury, less aggressive equipment, training schedules etc; Rudi Huber requesting that a small Working Group should be set up to look at this, maybe 3-5 people; reports/feedback will pass between the Sub-Committee and the AHU, and all will get updates and be able to give feedback. The Chair agreed to set up a Working Group.

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

Report from Children's Race Organisers Committee

Janez Dekleva gave a short report; a fuller report will be circulated to members in the Autumn. It had been a difficult winter for many OCs, with cancellations and changed competition events. The success of many events depended on having a good relationship with the ski centres.

Calendars for 2024/25 season are not yet finalised; will be circulated in Zurich

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

Jenny Shute applauded the FIS Athlete Health Unit (AHU), and the energy with which the group is approaching a very broad range of topics, covering all aspects of athlete physical and mental health, equipment issues, and so on. The AHU is involved in a GBR project looking into concussion detection (involving wearable sensors which give early warning of a potential concussive injury). JS warned of the need for caution when dealing with potential concussion injuries – if in doubt, remove from the field of play.

### **5. Proposals**

#### **5.1. Start limitation U18 (USA)**

The newly redrafted proposal was presented by Chip Knight (USA). He explained the reasons behind the proposal. It is hoped that one of the benefits will be an increase speed participation.

Martin Begino (ARG) was worried that control when the rule was in place previously had been after the season; he argued that coaches know athletes best, and that NSA policies should dictate.

Fiona Stevens (NZL) also spoke against the proposal, noting that there will be unintended consequences for athletes outside Europe. NZL believes this should be a choice for coaches and NSAs.

#### **New Proposal:**

U18 – YOB 2007-2008

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 second 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.

World Junior Championships, Youth Olympic Games, World Cup, World Championships, and Olympic Winter Games are excluded from the start limitation.

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.

Comments:

Re-establish start limitation in SL and GS for first-year FIS athletes (YOB 2008)  
Increase start limitation to 40 in SL and GS for second-year FIS athletes (YOB 2007)

Goals:

- 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 opportunity for training days while athletes are still in development years;
- Reduce risk of injury for young athletes due to racing fatigue through the season.

Janez Flere called the list of voting members present, and their responses were recorded.

Votes 12 yes; 9 no.

**Outcome: the Proposal was approved by the Sub-Committee**

## **6. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol, FIS)**

### **6.1. Report 2024 – Haute Savoie (FRA)**

Jordi Pujol reported that it had been a great event this year in Portes du Soleil (FRA); lots of spectators; The OC gave a short video presentation, confirming that they had the best technical conditions, many spectators, great atmosphere, and very fair events.

### **6.2. 2025 – Tarvisio (ITA)**

Compact area for all events (additional speed training area 30 mins away).  
[www.tarvisio2025.it](http://www.tarvisio2025.it) The events will be run end February / beginning March 2025.

### **6.3. 2026 – Candidates**

Still waiting confirmation from 2 pre-candidates.

## **7. Other Youth Competitions:**

### **7.1. Report 2024 – Youth Olympic Winter Games, Gangwon (KOR)**

The FIS Coordinator nominated for the event, Doug Campbell (CAN) gave a short report and thanked the local Organising Committee for running excellent events.

## **8. FIS Youth Development: (Dimitrije Lazarovski, FIS / Jelena Dojcinovic, FIS)**

- Update on FIS Development activities and plans  
3-vote countries are now included, as all may need development in some areas, great opportunity to be present at WJC in Val Gardena; good participation programme, and aligning with Apex 2100 to offer scholarships;
- FIS Development and Membership HUB – each NSA has one log-in only
  - Education,
  - Seminars,
  - Coaches Education,
  - Mentoring programmes.
- Building the capacities of the NSAs  
The full presentation is shared with the minutes. The development programme is running two new programmes - FIS Start (aimed at affiliate members of FIS), and

FIS Plus.

Best practice outcomes will be shared next May.

WSD / Bring Children to the Snow programmes have been closed temporarily.

**9. Varia/New Business/Questions/ Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange**

**9.1 Speed Camp Presentation**

Val Gardena (Rainer Senoner) gave a short and very positive presentation; the speed camp will run again next season. Participants will be given free access to the slopes, ski pass, and video analysis.

The Chair thanked Val Gardena for the great initiative!

**10. Next Meetings**

FIS Autumn Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Zurich (SUI)

*For the Minutes, Jenny Shute (GBR)*