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- Members of the Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates

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- Johan Eliasch, FIS President
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Oberhofen, 26.05.2025

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates held on Tuesday, 06.05.2025 in Vilamoura (POR)

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office (flere@fisski.com) by the **15th June 2025**.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Minutes are available on the Member Services section of the FIS Website: www.fis-ski.com.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution and have a safe and healthy Southern Hemisphere winter.

Kindest regards,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Markus Malsiner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Markus Malsiner
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION
Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates

Minutes of the Meeting Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates
Tuesday, 06.05.2025, 08.00 – 10.00 hrs, Conference Room “Fenix IV”

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed all to Vilamoura (POR) and in particular was pleased to greet Cornelia Blank, FIS Education Manager, both World Cup Chief's Race Director's, Markus Waldner (FIS) and Peter Gerdol (FIS) and both European Cup Coordinators, Wim Rossel (FIS) and Jordi Pujol (FIS). He also welcomed honorary member, Thomas Gurzeler (SUI).

2. Members present

The Alpine Coordinator, Janez Fleré (FIS), called the Roll (see page 8).

3. Approval of the agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Zurich on 25.09.2024

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were unanimously approved

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman (Markus Malsiner, ITA)

More or less as every year this season also ended with the competitions in Scandinavia, this year in Taernaby (SWE) at the end of April. The meteo and snow conditions were not that bad with low temperatures which allowed production of snow enough for the most part of the winter regions.

All in all it was a very good season from the point of view of organised events with a total of approx 940 events with more than 3100 competitors and only 93 cancellations in the whole winter, which means 9,9.

On the other side the 2024/2025 season was marked by a high number of injuries also among top athletes, during training and competition, and they were forced to end their season prematurely.

There are indications of overloaded race calendars which may have contributed to increased fatigue and higher risk of injury.

Unfortunately, we have also had fatal accidents, one of which happened a few days ago in France.

This leads us to greater attention, especially in speed races. For that very reason please consider arriving on time at the event location to review and carry out the security and safety measures.

The highlight of the last season was the World Ski Championships in February in Saalbach – Hinterglemm (AUT) with excellent races and the Junior World Championships in Tarvisio (ITA).

Since our last meeting in Portoroz (SLO) in Spring 2024, 16 Alpine Technical Delegate's (TD) seminars have been held with a total of 14 candidates passing the written and oral exams.

Allow me to remind you that we have to increase the number of female TDs as already mentioned at our Meeting last year.

Finally, I express my thanks to Janez Flere (FIS) for his tremendous work during the whole winter, solving all the problems TDs were facing during the season.

Thanks also to Daniel Défago (FIS), our IT Director.

And I want to thank you Commissioners for your dedication, for your passion,

your professionalism and commitment throughout the season.
Thank you!

5.2. FIS Office (Daniel Defago, Janez Fleré)

Daniel Défago (FIS) noted that for his part it was a good season. He expressed his thanks to the Commissioners for their continued support.

Sometimes a Timing Report will note that all was “okay” at the event however when opening the Report a number of issues appear highlighted in Yellow or Red and this was generally a Timing issue. Please advise the TDs to double check Reports prior to transmission.

There has been a huge improvement in the subject of Timing Issues having worked on this concern for almost ten years. Now close to 1%, 31 reports from approximately 2900 race events, of all Timing Reports with a question or issue. It would appear that most reasons surround photo-cell alignments. During the next season and due to the qualification period for the 2026 OWG, more races will be organised trying to achieve better results.

Janez Fleré (FIS) expressed grateful thanks to the Commissioners and TDs for their conscientious support of almost 3000 races. There were a number of last-minute changes and replacements to assignments and the support within the community and other nations was superb.

There were only two CIT events that could not be used for calculations on-time. There were a few issues with Special Quotas, the 10-day mark, which you are aware of, I believe that all was managed correctly. There was one specific case of Over-Quota leading to two athletes being disqualified. Overall, one can say that everything ran very well.

19 new TDs were licenced with three only able to complete the technical events and missing the Downhill Practical examination. Two Candidates were unable to complete any practical exams.

Once again, a huge thank you to you all and we now look to preparing for the Fall Update.

The Chairman gave the floor to Markus Waldner (FIS).

The main reason the two Chief Race Directors are here today is to report on their recent experiences with TDs on the World Cup circuit. At the very beginning, in the 70/80's, the role of the TD was held by person with a strong personality, very sure of their own abilities and extremely knowledgeable. At this time there were no FIS Professionals and OCs required this kind of person. One sees this today at EC/CoC and FIS event level where there may be a lack of expertise present and the OC is very grateful to have a TD and that expertise present.

Over the years since the FIS introduced the Professional Race Director, the World Cup has changed dramatically.

All aspects within the World Cup are constantly evolving, sometimes dramatically, from athlete quality to course preparation and setting, much due to public exposure; all areas have become extremely professional, and the TD must follow on.

It is therefore time to consider a pool of semi-professional TDs who are dedicated and current with present day World Cup racing. The CRD has a professional team around him and needs a TD who is very up-to-date and involved, who fits into this environment and can operate within it. When a TD arrives who lacks self-confidence and experience, also in dealings with the Media, then it makes matters far more complicated, especially when an incident occurs that has the world focusing on that event. This TD must be able to make

decisions based on and with support from the professional staff and these “calls” should not require checking.

This is why the CRDs believe it is now important to address the matter of identifying a dedicated pool of experienced and confident World Cup level TDs, TDs that are top range and regularly involved in the sport at the highest level. He is often questioned as to why, at this event level, a TD from N. America is sent to Scandinavia or from middle Europe to USA/CAN. Obviously the travel costs do draw the attention of Organisers and in today's financial environment questions will be raised that require plausible answers. This is another subject that should be addressed.

Finally, the suggestion of the CRD is that the criteria a TD has to fulfil in order to get a World Cup assignment, is to be involved in a LOC with the role as LOC Chief / Chief of Race / Chief of Course or working as a coach in any kind of level.

The Chair thanks the CRDs for their remarks and will look into these important points with the Commissioners.

6. Reports from TD course 2024

KOR/JPN: it was decided to hold two separate Updates and at both there was good discussions about the educational material. No Candidates.

AUT: There were many questions and discussions caused by the practical questions. Two Candidates completed exams.

FRA: A presentation on security matters and procedures covering decision making processes generated much discussion during which own experiences and practical difficulties were raised.

SCAN: A very good Update with lively discussions concerning broken gate poles and whether this constituted a form of interference. Three Candidates completed their exams. Very grateful to Levi (FIN) for assisting.

USA/CAN: A superb Update where TDs discussed on-snow problems, multiple practical cases and exchanged own experiences. Four Candidates completed their exams; all are aware that this group carries out a strict training programme and these Candidates were very well prepared.

CAN/USA: An excellent Update with much discussion, exchange of experiences and full attendance by TDs. Four Candidates completed their exams.

SVK/CZE: Hans Peter Pilz (AUT) was present as Examiner. Three days of interesting discussions covering practical cases, some on snow. There were no Candidates.

SUI/LIE: A very interesting Update with FIS timekeepers present, discussing the information exchange between Timing and TD. The broken pole/interference problem was discussed here at length too.

GER: Held in Kaltern (ITA) which drew in some local (ITA) TDs. A very good Update with three Candidates, all very well prepared.

GBR/Lowlands: A very good Update using some new technology to present the Quiz. All very interesting.

SLO: Finally, one Update for the region was organised in Kranjska Gora (SLO) with the presence of World Cup Woman Chief Race Director Peter Gerdol (FIS) and World Cup Men Race Director Jani Hladnik (FIS). In total 42 TDs from different NSA were present and one candidate passes the written exam.

ITA: A very interesting Update with many discussions around rules and interpretations. There were no Candidates.

SPA/AND: A very informative two days of Update with some national TDs present.

7. Planning of TD courses 2025

REGION	PLACE	DATE	APPLICANTS	INSPECTOR
ARG-CHI	San M. de los Andes	13.-14 June	1	Janez Flere
AUS-NZL	Mt Hutt (NZL)	01.-02 June	1	Paul Van Slyke
JPN*	Tokio	18.-19 October.	3	
AUT	Bad Kleinkirchheim	07.-08 November	5	
FRA	Chamrousse	18.-19 October	1	
NOR*	Riga (LAT)	18.-19 October	4	
USA / CAN	Spokane (USA)	18.-19 October	1	
CAN / USA	Quebec (CAN)	25.-26 October	1	
SVK-CZE*	TBC (SVK)	10.-12 October	2	
SUI / LIE	Tenero	31.-01 November	1	
GER	TBC			
GBR*	Manchester	31.-02 November	1	
SLO* (1)	Budapest (HUN)	07.-09 November	1	
SLO* (2)	TBC			
ITA	Desenzano	11.-12 October	---	
ESP/AND	Santander (ESP)	18.-19 October	4	

The TD Commissioner for Australia / New Zealand, Simon Wi Rutene (NZL) informed in a short report about his efforts to increase the number of new candidates in his region. The annual TD Update will be held in Mt Hutt beginning of June with one applicant who will do his written exam.

7.1 Confirmation Applicants

The following applicants will do the written exam during the respective Updates:

- Simon Bigelet (LIE)
- Ian McLean (NZL)
- Seb Santon (FRA)
- Mario Filz (AUT)

- Kerstin Nicolussi – Beck (AUT)
- Werner Preschern (AUT)
- Michael Reimair (AUT)
- Patrick Schelvan (SWE)
- Martin Fjeldberg (NOR)
- Oyvind Haraldsen (NOR)
- Michael Rottensteiner (NOR)
- Juan Pablo Mandru (CHI)
- Kirsty Crawford (GBR)
- Mladen Pesic (SRB)
- Seitaro Muramoto (JPN)

8. Report of Speed Clinic

8.1 Pass Thurn (AUT), 13.-17/01/2025

The Speed Clinic was held in Pass Thurn (AUT) as part of the European Cup Men's event, with five TDs and one present for experience. A very successful clinic with some challenging situations to deal with. Very grateful to both the OC and venue for their support.

Note: A big thanks to Josef Zingerle (ITA) who has organised the Speed Clinic every year for more than 15 years by himself.

8.2 Planning Speed Clinic (season 2025/26)

As the clinic is based on European Cup events dates are not yet ready as the Calendar will be presented at Zürich (SUI). More information then. Janez Fleré noted that the attendees should be looking at higher level assignments in the future and therefore should be so chosen.

9. Planning of TD assignments 2025/26

9.1 TD names assignments for World Cup events

TD names for assignments at World Cup events. In light of recent discussions Janez Fleré confirmed the current procedure; that firstly Nations will be assigned and then Commissioners will allocate TDs to those events. These names will then be confirmed and this process will take place within the next three weeks.

9.2 TD assignments for Europa Cup events

Once the European Cup Calendar is confirmed nations will be assigned and normal procedure will take place

9.3 Proposed TDs and Jury members for Major event

WJC 2026 Narvik (NOR)

The Men's TD was confirmed and the Woman TD is to be confirmed.

- Urban Wickman (SWE) (Men)
- TBC (Women)

9.4 Retirements

The following are the Technical Delegates who will retire after the 2024/2025 season:

- Evelio Gonzalez (ESP)
- Stilian Chroni (NOR)
- Tore Skaslien (NOR)
- Magnus Larsson (SWE)
- Thomas Sjodin (SWE)
- Martin Berthod (SUI)
- Bertrand Dubuis (SUI)

- Heidi Pfister (SUI)
- Hannes Patigler (SUI)
- Tony Nunnikoven (USA)
- Janez Fleré (FIS)

9.5 List of Examiners

The list of TD Examiners was updated and published on the Member Section.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 FIS World Cup Chief Race Directors (Peter Gerdol, Markus Waldner)

The Chairman thanked both for their presence and earlier report.

10.2 Maximum age limit (Markus Malsiner, ITA)

The Chairman noted a proposal by FIS that the maximum age should be 65 years of age. He however believed that it should be increased from 65 to 70 years of age. The population today is far fitter at that age, and we have to consider that the youth of today does not appear to have time, due to work practices and other interests, so it is extremely difficult to get commitment. Retired people do have time, are time-flexible and are able to fill short-notice change of venue/dates exceptionally well. To lose this asset would not be helpful. He asked whether Commissioners agreed with his viewpoint?

Remarks: A Commissioner noted that he was happy to use older TDs and with the current system that permits Commissioners to extend, by request, a career. This gives them flexibility when considering personal performance, or other issue, of an individual TD.

Another Commissioner noted that the current system is most agreeable. As long as an extension-system is available it should remain.

Janez Fleré remarked that he was happy whereby extensions were granted until a Commissioner retires a TD.

It was agreed by those present to retain the current system regarding TD age.

10.3 TD Outfit (Anne Chantal Pigelet, FRA)

To the subject of TD outfits, Commissioners will recall that the subject was discussed some 5 years ago and those uniforms (approx. 100) are now wearing out. A recent survey identified that some 95-100 persons are interested in a new delivery and early discussions with Industry have noted that the price is balanced against order volume. At 100 orders the price, for pants, cold weather and warm weather jacket, would be Euros 650. Colours may be blue with white highlights, dark blue with yellow highlights, but open to suggestions.

Janez Fleré noted that it was important to understand that the FIS was not involved in this matter. However written approval had to be received from FIS Marketing for use of the FIS Logo. (FIS Technical Delegate logo)

The Chair noted that it would be better to place an order in the "low-season" order time and seek lower costs.

11. Next meeting, 23rd to 27th September 2025, Zurich (SUI)

The next meeting will be held in Hotel Hilton, Zurich (SUI) between 23rd and 27th September 2025.

12. Closing of the meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for their presence and the Meeting closed at 10.45hrs.

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LIST OF PRESENCE

Meeting, 06.05.2025, Vilamoura (POR)

Chairman:

MALSINER, Markus	ITA	
TD Commissioner:		
CAMPBELL, Doug	CAN	
WI RUTENE, Simon	(NZL)	
PILZ, Hans Peter	AUT	Excused
PIROLA, Stefano	CHI	
PIGELET G., Anne-Chantal	FRA	
DIAZ, Enrique	ESP	R: SACA, Juli
ORLOV, Alexey	RUS	Excused
LEMEIRE, Christoph	BEL	
KROGOLL, Peter	GER	
SAWANO, Hiroshi	JPN	
KIM, Jin-Hae	KOR	Excused
KRANJC, Matjaz	SLO	
HOFFER, Franz	SUI	
PALOVICOVA, Jana	SVK	
JOHANSSON, Roland	NOR	
VAN SLYKE, Paul	USA	

Honorary Members:

FORSMARK, Jarl	SWE	
FRITZ, Edwin	AUT	Excused
GRUZELER, Thomas	SUI	
MARUYAMA, Hironari	JPN	
WINTERS, Tom	USA	

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Guests:

Name	Nat.	Function	Signature
PULIZ JORDI	FIS	EC	
RUSSEL, Jim	FIS	ECM	
WANDNER, H.	FIS	IC	
PETER GROSCH	FIS	CRD	
Überall Jan	AUT	OC Hohenkammer	
MARIO MITTELMEIER	AUT	OC Hohenkammer	
AGUSTIA Gillo	FIS	Fluor Hohenje	
LAOLAO UOI	UWR	TD NC	
SYRENEKO Zala	UKR	TD	
ANDY STEN	CAN	TD FS	
Guy Wright	USA	FIS TD	
John Jett	USA	TD	
Sue Schwartz	CAN	FIS TD	
Conrad Blank	FIS	Fluor Hohenje	
MARTIN DEANW	GRO	FIS TD	
DEREK BULGER	IRL	TD	
PAUL TRAYNER	GBR	TD	
GIORGIO MARCHESINI	IRL	HSA	
ANTONIO CHIRAPU	FIS	Staff	
AN BOMBARDI	AUS	TD	