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Minutes

Meeting Nordic Combined Committee

Hotel Tivoli, Vilamoura (POR), Thursday, 08.05.2025, 13:00 – 17:00 hrs CET

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Nordic Combined Committee held in Portoroz on 8th May 2025.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30th June 2025**.

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.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution. We wish you a nice and beautiful summer.

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Lasse Ottesen
Race Director Nordic Combined



Jacqueline Stark
Chair Nordic Combined Committee

Enclosure: ment.

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the Nordic Combined Committee Zurich 27.09.2024
5. Report from the past season
 - Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control
 - Sub-Committee for NC/SJ Youth & Children's Questions
 - FIS World Cup presented by Viessmann
 - FIS Continental Cup
 - FIS Youth-Cup
 - Equipment control
 - Other important reports
6. New proposals "Funnel System" discussion and decisions
 - Rules
 - Calendars
7. Proposals to the FIS Council
8. TD Nominations
9. Other items arising
10. Next meetings

All proposals and decisions of the Nordic Combined Committee are subject to the approval of the FIS Council in its online meeting, 04.06.2024

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair Jacqueline Stark (AUT) welcomed all members and guests to the meeting of the Nordic Combined Committee.

Appointment of a Secretary

Sophie Hargesheimer (FIS) was appointed to be secretary.

2. Members Present

	Nation	Remarks
Ait Ouarchikh Hicham	MAR	Not present
Bukovnik Janez	SLO	Not present
Chashchyn Leonid	BLR	Excused
Chudy Peter	SVK	Excused
Dubrovsky Stanislav	RUS	Excused
Bieri Joel	SUI	
Huettel Horst	GER	
Michalczyk Jakub	POL	
Pertile Ivo	ITA	
Slavik Tomas	CZE	
Loit Rauno	EST	
Vangolu Sebahattin Yenai	TUR	Not present
Verveikin Andrey	KAZ	Replaced by A. Valiyev
Woolsey Jim	CAN	
Jacqueline Stark	Chair	
Sato Tomoki JPN	Executive Board	Replaced by T. Kohno
Jarett John David, USA	Executive Board	
Gouy Etienne, FRA	Executive Board	
Pelkonen Jyri, FIN	Executive Board	Excused
Fossheim Edgar, NOR	Executive Board	
Csar Günter AUT	for S.C. NC for Rules & Control	
Rydzek Johannes, GER	for Athletes' Commission	
Hagen Ida Marie, NOR	for Athletes' Commission	Excused
Ponikvar Uros SLO	Cross-Country	Excused
Kojonkoski Mika FIN	Ski Jumping	Not present
Haim Harald AUT	Youth & Children	
Aarhus Harald NOR	Honorary Member	Not present
Ginther Werner AUT	Honorary Member	Not present
Klinga Esa FIN	Honorary Member	Not present
Lamb Joe USA	Honorary Member	Not present
Weinbuch Helmut GER	Honorary Member	Not present
Ottesen Lasse	FIS Race Director	
Grave Jan Rune	FIS Assistant Race Director	
Kraus Guntram	FIS Coordinator / Equipment Controller	
Löscher Kerstin	FIS Equipment Controller	Excused
Neumayer Michael	FIS COC Coordinator	

Schmid Cathrin
Hargesheimer Sophie
Nappey Madeline

FIS Equipment Controller COC
FIS Media Coordinator
FIS Nordic Operations Coordinator

Guests:

Michael Simmak
Ulf Seehase
Linda Svendsrud
Bernhard Schödler
Christina Gianmoena
Luca Gianmoena
Lorenzo Pala
Alexander Emde
Sandra Spitz
Nicolai Petrov
Claes Tommy Herland
Florian Stern
Rebecca Dayton
Mario Stecher
Benjamin Stoll
Andi Marugg
Marlene Valtasola
Sara Tigerstrom

Swiss Timing
FIS
Norwegian Ski Federation
FIS
LOC Val di Fiemme
LOC Val di Fiemme
Infront
Infront
FIS
FIS SJ
Norwegian Ski Federation
LOC Oberstdorf
LOC Lake Placid
Austrian Ski Federation
FIS M&M
FIS M&M
LOC Lahti
LOC Falun

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was sent out on 14.04.2025.

**4. Approval of the minutes of the Nordic Combined Committee Zurich
27.09.2024**

One comment received: Presence of Bill Demong is corrected.

5. Report from the past season

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented the World Cup report from the 2024-25 season and gave an update on the women's development. Additionally, he presented the Road to the Olympic Games 2030, with the IOC decision about the disciplines in Q3 2025 and the IOC decision about the events in Q3 2026.

[Reports](#)

Günter Csar (Chair SubC) reported from the Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control.

The next TD seminar will take place in June 2025 in Predazzo (ITA).

Harald Haim (Chair SubC) reported from the Sub-Committee for NC/SJ Youth & Children's Questions.

He congratulated Nordic Combined on their successful youth work and constant execution of the FIS Youth Cup for many years. He thanked Jan-Rune Grave and Bernhard Schödler for their contribution.

He pointed out the importance of keeping NH in the calendar to support the development of young athletes.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) agreed and confirmed that the NH will stay on the calendars as before.

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) commented that the Youth and Children committee in Prague was too short and needs more attention and respect. It is important to support and focus on the future of our discipline.

He thanked Bernhard Schödler for his work and support in development.

He pointed out his favourite moment from the WSC in Trondheim, when a Latvian athlete, who participated in the development camp in Klingenthal in autumn, took part in Trondheim after finding motivation through meeting Eric Frenzel and being part of the camp.

Michael Neumayer (FIS) reported from the FIS Continental Cup and pointed out the success of the JWSC in Lake Placid with the same number of competitions for men and women and 6 nations taking medals.

He thanked Bernhard Schödler for his support, especially during the JWSC.

Reports

Johannes Rydzek (Athletes Rep) commented that it is not ideal to have two competitions on the same day. Especially for the young athletes should not be exhausted like this.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) answered that it was a special situation in the JWSC due to the bad weather forecast. It is not planned to do it again in the future.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) presented the report from the Equipment control.

Reports

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that there were two protests this season against the equipment controllers. The way Team Norway handled the case in Seefeld was unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the future.

Additionally, in any case of manipulation that includes the equipment, for example chipped suits, that go beyond a normal DSQ in the centimetre range are escalated to a higher level and go directly to the Ethics Office, like in the Trondheim case.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) commented that the happenings in Ski Jumping in Trondheim were very damaging for the credibility of the sport. The equipment controllers are doing a good job, but it is important to be strict when it comes to checking the suits, to gain back the trust from all stakeholders.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) thanked Andreas Bauer for his work during the season, handling the difficult situations well. A good communication and team work between the disciplines is now the key for a successful future.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that FIS has implemented a working group.

Sandra Spitz (FIS) commented that it is the goal to build the trust again, therefore equipment specialist Matthias Hafele from Austria has been hired as a link and support between Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined.

Additionally, FIS has kicked off a longer-term project to investigate the potential of deeper and more fundamental changes to how Ski Jumping equipment, in particular the suits, are regulated and controlled. Lasse Ottesen, is heading the

research initiative, which is set to present its first preliminary findings at the FIS Fall Meetings in September, in Zurich, Switzerland.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented the calendars for the 2025-26 season.

Reports

6. Funnel System - New proposals

ICR 501.2.7 Forejumpers (GER)

The National Ski Association of the respective competition organizer is responsible for providing qualified forejumpers that are available each official training/competition day: at least eight (8) for WC and six (6) for the other competition categories during the winter and five ~~(5)~~ (2) for summer competitions on all levels.

Funnel: YES:16 NO: 0

ICR 501.2.1 The chief of competition (FIS)

Add: In WSC, WC and JWSC the chief of comp must possess a valid international TD license.

Funnel: YES: 13 NO: 3 (JPN – KAZ – SUI)

Takanori Kohno (JPN) commented that the federation believes the Chief of Competition should be local and it is difficult for some candidates to take the seminar.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that it is helpful for the jury work to have skilled Chiefs of Competitions and therefore their education should be higher as it is now.

ICR 523.2.2 Mass start (FIS)

The start order by Mass Start competitions (WSC and WC) is based on the actual Mass Start Trophy Cup standings. The start order for the first Mass start of the season is based on the Mass Start Trophy standings from the previous season. The start order for the first Mass start of the season is based on the WC standing at the time. The leader of the ranking list will receive the first number. Competitors without any points will be drawn in groups at the end of the start field.

Funnel: YES: 16 NO: 0

ICR 525.2.10 Responsibilities of the competitors (FIN – FRA - ITA)

In all competitions obstruction is not allowed. This behavior is defined as impending, blocking, charging or pushing any competitor with any part of the body or ski equipment.

ICR 525.2.16 Overtaking – process of passing

- Competitors in front have the right to choose their best line
- Competitors in front shall not obstruct competitors coming from behind. On the finish stretch/sprint an athlete must stay in his/her line of choosing thru to the finish line to enable a fair and sportsmanlike sprint
- When competitors are alongside, they have mutual duties not to obstruct each other's movements
- Violation in any of the above mentioned points could lead to a DSQ
- In case of overlapping, overtaken competitors have to give way

Funnel: YES: 16 NO: 0 (comments from AUT)

Johannes Rydzek (Athletes Rep) commented that it is important to have this rule change to give the athletes clear guidelines while racing.

ICR 528.2 WSC program 2027

Men:
Individual competition LH
Individual competition NH
Team/Team-Sprint NH or LH

Women:
Individual competition NH
Individual competition LH
Team/Team-Sprint NH or LH

Men/Women:

Mixed Team NH 5.0 km, 2.5 km, 2.5 km, 5.0 km

Funnel: YES: 16 NO: 0

Günter Csar (Chair SubC) asked if it would be possible to just name it “Team” to include all team events.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) agreed.

ICR 547 Ski flying special regulations

Allowed to start are athletes ranked Top ~~30~~ **40** in the Best Jumper trophy. The starting order is the reversed Best Jumper Trophy.

Funnel: YES: 16 NO: 0

Horst Hüttel (GER) asked if therefore all starters will get World Cup points.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) confirmed.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented to make clear that it is only the “actual Top 40” who are allowed to start and nobody can move up, in case of an athlete not starting in the ski flying.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) confirmed.

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) commented that the rule 527.2.3.2 distance points need to be changed in the rules as well.

ICR 547.4 Ski flying special regulations

Add Individual Compact as format.

Funnel: YES: 15 NO: 1 (GER)

WC Women rule 1.2.1

The suitability of the hill (~~max. hill size NH~~) and course in question for WCNC-W competitions by means of the valid certificate.

Funnel: YES: 16 NO: 0

WC Men rule 4.2.1.2 Competition modes Starting order (AUT)

According to the current overall World Cup standings, the athletes will start as follows in the jumping competition:

Bib 1 to 4 (by draw)	National Group
Bib 5 to 15 (by draw)	World Cup rank 15-26
Bib 16 to 30 (by draw)	World Cup rank 15 -1
Bib 31 and on (by draw)	World Cup rank 26 and all other present athletes

Info: Still working with FIS M&M / Infront. TV starting times meeting end of May will give us the YES or NO to test the system after OWG 2026.

WC women and men rule 5.1.4 Overall Prize Money

Currently, each Organizer is asked to contribute to the season overall Prize Money with CHF 2000,- for men and CHF 1000,- for women per event taking place. To reach the goal of Equal Prize Money for women and men, the sum would be equally split between both genders, using CHF 1500,- per WC per gender (see new table below). This proposal is supported by the athletes' representatives, approving the reduction of overall Prize Money available for Men profiting the overall sport's image by having equal Prize Money.

This rule change would not result in a raise of costs for the organizers. The calculation of the total amount is based on the number of events per season.

Women

Amount: 1'500 CHF
Number of competitions: 18
Total: 27'000 CHF
Best Jumper Trophy: 2'025 CHF (7.5 %)
Best Skier Trophy: 2'025 CHF (7.5 %)
Overall World Cup: 22'950 CHF
1st Place: 11'475 CHF (50%)
2nd Place: 6'885 CHF (30%)
3rd Place: 4'595 CHF (20%)

Men

Amount: 1'500 CHF
Number of competitions: 22
Total: 33'000 CHF
Best Jumper Trophy: 2'475 CHF (7.5 %)
Best Skier Trophy: 2'475 CHF (7.5 %)
Overall World Cup: 28'050 CHF
1st Place: 14'025 CHF (50%)
2nd Place: 8'415 CHF (30%)
3rd Place: 5'610 CHF (20%)

Funnel: YES: 16 NO: 0

COC rules

New sprint competition format test – name to be defined.

Funnel: YES: 15 NO: 1

Johannes Rydzek (Athletes Rep) proposed "Heat Race".

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) agreed.

Joel Bieri (SUI) asked why it cannot be named "Sprint".

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) answered that this name was already used in the past and cannot be used again.

Jarett David (USA) proposed to ask the fans to come up with proposals.

Rauno Loit (EST) agreed.

SoMe team will publish the Video from AUT regarding the format, and ask our fans for name proposals. NC Committee will decide on the name in the Committee meeting in Zurich September 2025.

Chipping process

The suit will only be chipped when athlete is present during Pre check of suit.

Take away +3cm on crotch measurement on the top, have to present the same as 3D scan.

The suit has to end on top of boot sole.

No Carbon ore other material is allowed to be fixed on the boots, they have to be as produced by manufacturer.

Number of suits pr season

1 suit Start of WC

1 suit in the 2nd-3rd period

2 suits for OWG (1 will be chipped for competition)

1 suit for last period for athletes not in OWG.

Rauno Loit (EST) asked what the rules are for reserve suits.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) answered that a reserve suit can be used in case the original one is damaged in the field of play. To get a new suit, the old one has to be presented to the equipment controllers.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) commented that the athletes should wear the suit during the control.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) confirmed.

Andi Bauer (FIS) agreed that the athlete has to be present for the first control which has to be strict, to avoid changes in the suit after they are being chipped.

Rauno Loit (EST) asked how the rules are in the Olympics.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) answered that the second, non-chipped suit in the Olympics can be used for training.

7. Proposals to the FIS Council

All proposal confirmed by the NC committee will be sent to FIS council for final approval.

8. TD Nominations

JWSC 2026 Trondheim, NOR

TD: Vesa Koppinen, FIN

TDA: Jana Koziskova, CZE

WSC 2027 Falun, SWE

TD: Andrea Roggia, ITA

TDA: Vesa Koppinen, FIN

JWSC 2027

TD: Torben Hirsch, GER

TDA: Margarita Sokolova, LAT

9. Nordic Combined Strategy document 2030

Strategy document 2026:

All goals reached, except OWG women 2026.

Strategy document 2030 in process to be updated, and will be sent to the committee for comments before fall meeting in September.

Strategy document to be confirmed by committee Spring 2026.

10. Other items arising

Lorenzo Pala (Infront) presented the TV season report.

He showed the results from the broadcaster's post-season survey that was overall positive.

The favorite competition format from the broadcasters is the Individual Gundersen, while the new sidebar graphic, due to the use of the GPS, was well received as well.

The women's LH premiere was a success TV-wise and the majority would like to see more big hill events in the future.

Additionally, there is an interest in covering parts of the equipment control during the broadcast.

Andi Marugg (FIS M&M) gave an update on the new sponsorship of Azerbaijan Tourism. It will not interfere with any other existing tourism partnerships of the NSAs or LOCs.

Horst Hüttel (GER) asked why only Nordic Combined has this new sponsor.

Andi Marugg (FIS M&M) answered that each discipline is handled individually. Some are more popular in Europe, others in Asia, therefore reach is key and it is a joined decision which sponsor joins which discipline depending on target groups and interests. Azerbaijan is very interested in winter sports and Nordic Combined was a good fit.

Benjamin Stoll (FIS M&M) presented the Digital Season Report.

Overall, it was a very successful season with growth on all digital parameters like followed, reach and especially engagement.

Jim Woolsey (CAN) announced that the Canadian Ski Federation is looking for a coach in the Whistler area for a minimum of two years. Recommendations and suggestions are welcome.

Jakub Michalczuk (POL) thanked FIS for the development fund and Austria for the great cooperation and support during the season. It was very helpful for their team especially in the preparations for the Olympics.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that the reports regarding the Nordic Combined Development fund (NCDF) has to be send to FIS (nappey@fis-ski.com) by July 1st to get the funding. *The application deadline for next season is September 1st.*

11. Next meetings

The next meeting will be 23. – 26. September 2025 in Zurich (SUI).

12. Closing of the meeting

Jacqueline Stark (Chair) closed the meeting at 16:38 hrs.