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Minutes Alpine Committee Meeting, Thursday, 08.05.2025, 14:00 to 17:00hrs.

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure in sending you today the Minutes of the 100th Meeting of the Alpine Committee held on 08.05.2025.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Office (flere@fis-ski.com) no later than 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.

Kindest regards,



Massimo Rinaldi
Chairman Alpine Committee



Janez Flere
Alpine Technical Coordinator

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman, Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), welcomed all members present to the 100th Alpine Committee Meeting. He also extended a welcome to FIS Secretary General Michel Vion, FIS Council member Michael Huber (AUT), and the FIS Management team.

2. Roll Call

Janez Fleré (FIS) conducted the Roll Call. Apologies were received from Executive Board members, Claus Ryste (NOR); Karin Stolt Halvarsson (SWE); Wolfgang Maier (GER) and Jono Howson (NZL) Chair ANC Cup. (See page 18)

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda, without additions or remarks, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 99th Meeting held in Zurich (SUI) in September 2024 were, without comments or remarks, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

5.1 Chair (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA)

Alpine Skiing reflects proudly on a very successful 2024/2025 season.

Despite facing challenges with weather, temperatures, and snow conditions at various points, the 2024–2025 World Cup season proved to be highly successful and rewarding. It was a season filled with remarkable moments that will remain on screen and in memory for a long time.

A true highlight was the Alpine World Championships in Saalbach (AUT), where the organisers set a new benchmark, truly raising the bar in every aspect. The athletes delivered outstanding performances, pushing the limits of what's possible on some of the most attractive and demanding courses we've seen. The racecourse preparation, course setting, and operational execution during the races were close to perfection.

I had the privilege of spending 12 days in Saalbach (AUT) and experienced glorious moments in a fantastic arena, perhaps the best crowd we've ever seen, with huge numbers of enthusiastic spectators filling the stands.

Beyond Saalbach (AUT), the season featured an impressive total of over 3,100 FIS races. Skiing is, without a doubt, an outdoor sport, and nature reminded us of this throughout the winter. Yet, thanks to the constant evolution of expertise and the tireless efforts of course crews, organisers, and our dedicated FIS staff, only a small number of races had to be canceled.

We must also highlight the importance of the Continental Cup circuits, what I like to call the "World Cup B." Not because they are any less important, but because they often happen away from the spotlight. These events are crucial in shaping the future of our sport. A special mention goes to the Junior World Championships in Tarvisio (ITA). Despite initial challenges due to difficult weather, the Local Organising Committee (LOC) succeeded in providing an exceptional experience for the next generation of athletes.

Of course, we must acknowledge a more difficult reality: injuries continue to be a part of our sport. While we are aware of the risks, we must never grow complacent. We remain committed to making alpine skiing safer and learning

continuously always seeking ways to improve without losing the unique thrill and fascination that make each event so special.

At this moment, we are all in the same boat. Despite facing storms and headwinds, this boat keeps moving forward steadily and safely, thanks to the dedication and passion of its crew.

This progress is made possible by so many: the Race Directors on the slopes, the teams working behind the scenes, the National Ski Associations, all the volunteers, and those active in Committees, Sub-Committees, and Working Groups. Our heartfelt thanks go to the countless ski clubs and race organisers across the globe, the Technical Delegates, and the Jury members, who must constantly navigate decisions not just between right and wrong, but between what is possible and what is not.

To everyone who makes this sport so inspiring, thank you. And finally, thank you in advance for your valuable work during these spring meetings here in Vilamoura, Portugal.

6. Executive Board (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA)

The Executive Board met twice this week in Vilamoura (POR), long discussions regarding safety and equipment. Two new members Wolfgang Maier (GER) replacing Walter Vogel (GER) and AJ Ginnis (GRE) representing the Athletes Commission were also present.

Big thanks to the Athletes Health Unit (AHU) for the precise reports. World Cup calendars for the next season were presented.

7. Evaluation

7.1 Timing Working Group (Daniel Défago, FIS)

Daniel Défago reported briefly on behalf of the Working Group.

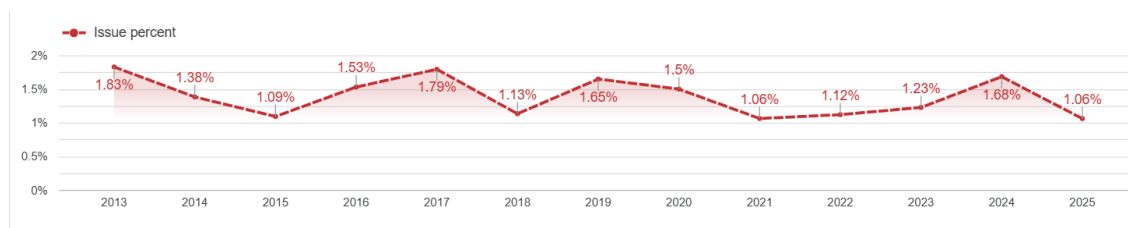
The 1st photo finish systems (5 devices) were homologated and additionally, 2 start gates and 3 Timers are also new.

Two ICR proposals were submitted (art 612.4 and art 611.2.1). (See 9.-Alpine Rules)

We also reviewed the case about the NJR races issue, reported at the Classification Sub-Committee.

The digitalization of timing tapes continues: Prototypes will be prepared by some timing companies.

By looking at the alpine skiing statistics, the percentage of issues still decreases, which is now nearly 1.06%, which means 31 issues reported out of 2'926 timing reports. See graphic below



7.2 Classification of Alpine Competitors (Jeff Weinman, USA)

Jeff Weinman (USA) noted that some members of the Sub-Committee meet in a couple of online meetings to define the rules that finally were approved by the Sub-Committee.

The following are the rules to present to the Alpine Committee for approval:

Category Adder

4.5 Category Adder and Minimum/Maximum Value

The category adder and minimum/maximum values will be published on each valid FIS points list (1st page).

Women & Men

ADDER					
Disc.	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
DH	0	0	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>
SL	0	0	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>
GS	0	0	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>
SG	0	0	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>

Average of three results in Tech Events

4.2.1 Base FIS Points list (BL) (*)

The Base FIS Points List (BL) will be published [according to the schedule on the FIS website during the](#) middle of June.

4.2.1.1 The average of the best ~~two~~ results in each event during the past season will be used for the calculation of the BL list [as follows](#): [Slalom and Giant Slalom: best three \(3\) results](#) [Downhill, Super G, and Alpine Combined: best two \(2\) results](#)

4.2.1.2 [During the past season period, For](#) competitors who have obtained [fewer than three \(3\) results in Slalom or Giant Slalom, or fewer than two \(2\) results in Downhill, Super G, or Alpine Combined only one result in any of the alpine events \(Downhill, Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G or Alpine Combined\), during the past season period, will be subject to the following adjustments](#) 20% (+) of their result will be added to the result. [Slalom and Giant Slalom - two \(2\) results: Calculate the average of the two results and apply a 20% penalty to that average.](#) [Slalom and Giant Slalom - one \(1\) result: Add a 20% penalty to the single result, then apply an additional 20% penalty to the new total. Example: A single result of 48.00 @ 48.00 plus 20% = 57.60 @ 57.60 plus 20% = 69.12\).](#) [Downhill, Super G, and Alpine Combined - one \(1\) result: Add a 20% penalty to the single result.](#)

4.2.1.3 (...)

4.2.2 Normal FIS Points list (NL)

List number one will be published 1st July based on the BL. [Other lists will be published according to the schedule available on the FIS website.](#)

4.2.2.1 [During the current period, for competitors with valid BL points, The](#)

~~the~~ NL will reflect the average of a competitor's ~~two~~ best results in each event ~~during the current period~~ only if ~~the~~ those points are better than the BL as follows:-

Slalom and Giant Slalom: best three (3) results

Downhill, Super G, and Alpine Combined: best two (2) results

4.2.2.2

~~Only one Result and n~~ No BL points

During the current period, if a competitor does not have BL points, their NL points will be calculated using the same method as described in 4.2.2.1 ~~20% will be added to the competitors result.~~

4.2.2.3

~~Only one Result and BL points~~ Fewer results than required and BL points

During the current period, if a competitor has valid BL points in an event and obtains only one (1) or two (2) results in Slalom or Giant Slalom, or only one (1) result in Downhill, Super G, or Alpine Combined, per event during the current period, but has BL points, then the BL points will remain valid and be used.

Proposals were supported by the Alpine Committee

8. Alpine Courses (Elena Gaja des Ambrois, ITA)

Alpine Courses met on Wednesday the 7th May with 11 out of 14 members present or represented, together with some inspectors and FIS Professionals, World Cup Race Directors and European/Continental Cup coordinators: we had very fruitful discussions about few technical topics, their advices and information are always not only much appreciated but essential to stay 'up to date' and be more effective in our activity.

Since the previous meeting in Zurich (SUI) 341 reports were received and related Homologation Certificates issued.

Currently there are 216 requests for homologation or re-homologation in the system, number set to rise slightly in the coming weeks: the most updated list has been shown and confirmed.

We have received from Italy and Sweden few applications for the status of new inspector: they will start the training period immediately and will be included in the inspectors' list as candidates. As none of us is getting any younger, this is very important to ensure the future of our activity across the nations.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to the analysis of the 'quite' final version of the new "online form" that will allow the digital upload of the Homologation data and documents: the plan is to have a final test in the coming weeks and have it fully operational by the end of June, so well in time for the coming homologation summer season. I thank once again the FIS IT department for their excellent work and cooperation in this project.

9 Alpine Rules (Arno Heikkala, FIN)

At the beginning of our meeting, we took a moment to acknowledge the memory of Dave Pym (CAN), who served as vice-chair for the Sub-committee of Alpine Rules. Mr. Pym, who passed away last winter, contributed significantly to the sport of Alpine Skiing. We took this opportunity to reflect on his life and work.

Following the Zurich fall meeting we distributed a Google Forms questionnaire to the sub-committee members. According to the responses received, it is evident that the sub-committee is highly knowledgeable regarding ICR rules and perceives the current alignment of the ICR as satisfactory.

In preparation for the spring meeting, a Working Group was established and met online twice on March 21st and 25th. The group consisted of Paul Trayner (GBR), Stefano

Pirola (CHI), Hiroshi Sawano (JPN), Josef Zingerle (ITA / Appeals Commission), Franz Hofer (SUI), Jana Palovicova (SVK), Janez Flere (FIS), the vice-chair, Alexandra Zemsauer (AUT) and me. The group was formed to achieve a balance of global representation, experience, and willingness to participate in working group activities based on the Google Forms questionnaire. The online format proved to be an effective method for conducting meeting preparations, and this approach may be used for future meetings as needed. Additionally, the formation of further working groups will be determined based on necessity.

The following proposals were approved and will be forwarded to the FIS Council:

Electric Timing

611.2.1 Electric Timing

For all international competitions, FIS World Cup, FIS Continental Cups and FIS competitions, two synchronised electronically isolated timing systems operating in time-of-day must be used. One system will be designated system A (main system), the other system B (back-up system) prior to the beginning of the race. Only exception for Parallel competitions, on Level 2, 3 and 4 where no system B is required.

Time of day times must be immediately and automatically sequentially recorded on printed strips (for level 3 and 4, memorized electronically is accepted) -at the maximum precision of the timing device according to the requirements for homologation. The final result is calculated by subtracting the start time from the finish time for each skier's run and is then expressed to 1/100th (0.01) precision by truncating the calculated net time on course.

All times used for the final result must be from system A. If there is a failure of system A, a calculated net time from system B must be used following the same procedure as set out in art. 611.3.2.1. It is not permitted to substitute time-of-day times from system B for use with system A for the purpose of net time calculations. For all events, system A must be connected to its respective start gate contact. System B must be separately connected to another electronically isolated start gate contact.

Refer to the FIS Timing Booklet for more details regarding cabling and complete wiring descriptions, diagrams and start gate installations. All timing equipment and technical installation should be set up or protected in such a way that danger to the competitors is avoided where possible. Synchronisation of the timing systems must occur as close as possible to the scheduled start for the first run of the day.

Synchronisation of all systems must be maintained throughout each run. Timers must not be re synchronised during any run.

The Chief Timekeeper

612.4 The Chief Timekeeper

The chief timekeeper is responsible for the accuracy of the timing and synchronises the watches with the starter as shortly before and after the race as is possible. The chief timekeeper must publish unofficial times as quickly as possible (on the scoreboard, etc.). If the electric timing fails, the chief timekeeper must communicate immediately with the start referee and the TD, the equivalent electronic time report (see data booklet) must be prepared. The Jury must control and approve it. The report may also be shown to the representative of the nations concerned.

Interdiction to Continue after a competitor stops

614.2.3 Interdiction to Continue after a competitor stops

If a competitor's skis come to a complete stop (~~e.g. after a fall~~), they must no longer continue through previous or further gates. If a competitor continues without their skis coming to a complete stop, they must not interfere with the run of the next competitor or be passed by the next competitor.

Starting Order for the 2nd and 3rd Run of a three run race

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621.12.1 Starting Order for the 2nd Run of a three-run race

621.12.1.1 In competitions with three runs, the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places.

621.12.1.2 For the first 30 places the starting order is as follows:

- the 30th in the result list starts 1st
- the 29th in the result list starts 2nd
- the 28th in the result list starts 3rd
- the 27th in the result list starts 4th
- the 1st in the result list starts 30th
- from the 31st onward according to the result list of the first and second run.

If more than one competitor is ranked 30th, the competitor with the lowest start number will start first.

621.12.2 Starting Order for the 3rd Run of a three-run race

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- the 1st in the result list starts 30th
- from the 31st onward according to the result list of the first and second run.

If more than one competitor is ranked 30th, the competitor with the lowest start number will start first.

621.12.3 Starting Order for the 2nd and 3rd Run at FIS Races (all levels)

The Jury has the right to decide no later than one hour before the start of the first run; whether the reversed order shall be reduced to the first fifteen placed competitors from the first run.

621.12.4 A start list for the second and third run must be published in good time and distributed to teams and officials.

621.123 Double Entries

Grounds for Interference

623.2 Grounds for Interference

623.2.1 Blocking of the ~~course~~ racing line by an official, a spectator, an animal or other obstruction.

623.2.2 Blocking of the ~~course~~ racing line by a fallen competitor who does not clear the course quickly enough.

623.2.3 Blocking of the racing line by a broken or detached pole caused by the competitor (Level 1, 2, 3, 4).

Three run slalom

803.2.2 Three run slalom

In a three run Slalom, each run must include at least two of the following combinations: vertical combination, hairpin combination, or delay gate combination.

Wording clarifications

602.4.2 Cancellations or postponements of events must be announced to the TD and to the FIS immediately, ~~taking into account~~ observing any applicable deadlines. Postponements must always have a future date, otherwise the event is considered cancelled. Cancellations and postponements are always shown on the FIS website.

613.4 Start Signals

~~10 seconds before the start, the starter will tell each competitor "10 seconds". Five seconds before the start, the starter should count "5, 4, 3, 2, 1" and then give the start command "Go - Partez - Los". (For Slalom see art. 805.3).~~

~~If possible, an automatic audible signal is to be used (art. 611.2.1.3). The starter will let the competitor see the start clock.~~

If possible, a start clock with an automatic audible signal is to be used (art. 611.2.1.3). The starter will let the competitor see the start clock.

If a start clock is not used, 10 seconds before the start, the starter will tell each competitor "10 seconds". Five seconds before the start, the starter should count "5, 4, 3, 2, 1" and then give the start command "Go - Partez - Los". (For Slalom see art. 805.3).

615.1.5 ~~For cCompetitors who have finished their runs, a special area separated from the actual finish, is to be provided. In this area or corridor, it should be possible to make contact with the press (print, radio, TV and film) located in the media corridors.~~

A special area, separated from the actual finish, is to be provided for competitors who have finished their run. In this area, it should be possible to make contact with the press (print, radio, TV and film) located in the media corridors.

All proposals were supported by the Alpine Committee

10. Alpine Technical Delegates (Markus Malsiner, ITA)

The meeting of the Alpine Technical Delegates was held on Tuesday 6th May, with mostly members present.

Last winter, our TDs were assigned at around 3,100 races, and although there were a lot of postponements due to precarious weather and snow conditions there were only a few race cancellations.

The TD Commissioners made their report about the 16 clinics and updates which were held all over the world during October and November 2024. At these meetings approximately 15 candidates did their written exams.

It remains our goal to train more female TD candidates in the future, as requested from FIS Council.

We had the pleasure of having the two World Cup Chief Race Directors, Peter Gerdol and Markus Waldner attending our meeting. It was agreed with Markus and Peter that starting this year and continuing into the future, a list will be prepared and presented of

those TDs who are considered suitable for assignment in the Alpine World Cup.

11. **Alpine World Cup (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA)**

The meeting started with a minute of silence in memory of two young female athletes who passed away last winter training with their teams.

Welcome to all members of FIS World Cup Sub-Committee and to all guests present here, in particular the FIS Management, and all the representatives of the local organisers, huge compliments for your work and dedication.

I need to clarify I'm not the Chairman, as many of you are aware, suddenly Walter Vogel (GER) for personal reasons resigned of his role.

I would like to thank him for the incredible work he has been done inside the Committees and wish all the best for his future.

We welcome the new members: Wolfgang Maier (GER) and Tomas Bank (CZE).

I'm very satisfied with the good 2024/25 season, from the start of Sölden (AUT) to the finals in Sun Valley (USA). It was an intensive one, with almost all races delivered on a very high level. We should recognize that there were some challenges, as every season, but the outcome is very positive.

The highlight was of course the World Championships in Saalbach (AUT), with huge performance of all athletes but particularly of the Swiss team.

I'm very grateful to the organiser of those events, they have raised the level higher and higher, and I'm also very proud that finally the Team Combined was showed on the big screen. I saw all athletes very enthusiastic for this race format, particularly in the finish area to cheer for the teammates.

So, the next challenge is going to be Crans Montana (SUI) in 2027.

I cannot forget the actors of our discipline, the athletes first with the support of teams, National Ski Associations, TV broadcasters, sponsors, ski industry, as their professionalism and their support are essential to help the World Cup to achieve its goals.

Big congratulations to both overall winners Federica Brignone (ITA) and Marco Odermatt (SUI) for the outstanding performances, and to Italy and Swiss for the Nations Cup. On the other hand, we have had injuries, so the Working Group and Sub-Committee have had deep discussions about how to prevent that, as good as possible. Probably we cannot totally reset every kind of injury, however we have a strong mission for a safe sport.

The following proposal is presented for approval:

Duration for Payment of expenses

4.2.2 Duration for payment of expenses

The duration for the payment of expenses as well as the regulation of arrival / departure must correspond to the regulation for competitors as mentioned in art. 4.1.2.

During this period allocation of single rooms per team must be made according to the following table:

1 to 3 officials	=	1 single room
4 to 6 officials	=	3 single rooms
7 officials or more	=	5 single rooms

In case of an uneven number of athletes (3 or more athletes), the team is entitled to an extra single room.

Proposal was supported by the Alpine Committee

Wild Card

The Sub-Committee ask the FIS Council to allow Marcel Hirscher (NED) to use the remaining 17 starts of the Wild Card Art. 3.2.1 which he had not used because of an Injury during season 2024/25.

11.1 Working Group Coaches Women (Paul Kristofic, USA)

Peter Gerdol (FIS) reported on behalf of the Working Group Coaches Women.

The Coaches Working Group met on May 1st and 2nd with almost all Head Coaches present. The Group confirmed Paul Kristofic (USA) as Chair and Tim Gfeller (NOR) as Vice-chair. A deep debriefing of the last season was done, and some very good information were given to the FIS Crew - these will then be used and discussed during summer inspections with the organisers.

A brief introduction to the next season was done as well, with some specific requests from the CRD particularly regarding early communication with the LOC accommodation departments.

The Group addressed the injuries' problem as well and suggested some potential measures that could be taken for equipment and course-setting. In terms of course preparation the group appreciated the flexibility FIS Crew is using and asked to continue to work as it was done during the last seasons.

11.2 Working Group Coaches Men (Thomas Stauffer, SUI)

Markus Waldner (FIS) reported on behalf of the Working Group Coaches Men.

A written report was sent by the Chair Thomas Stauffer (SUI).

The WG had four meetings during the competition season 2024/25 and discussed the following tasks:

Feedback for the LOC:

Generally, the adjustments to the rules concerning last-minute changes, single rooms and the payment of city taxes were applied by the LOCs, but there were still discussions about details of the payment with some LOCs. We also made a list with general feedback on the different LOCs and sent it to the FIS staff as well as to Club5.

FIS points rules:

This topic was brought on at every meeting, but we didn't manage to make a good proposal. The FIS point system can't change during the Olympic Qualifications anyway, but we need to focus on this and do adjustments for next season.

Safety:

Different possibilities and adjustments to the equipment for injury preventions were discussed. For the coaches the most important factor in preventing injury is slope preparation.

It is easy to find the correct equipment set-up on even prepared slopes as well as the athletes know what to expect while racing.

All coaches agree that the preparations of the race slope need even more focus and at all times.

All coaches thanks to the FIS Staff for their work during last season and wish some weeks to relax before everybody starts to push for the new season again!

12. Intercontinental Cup

12.1 European Cup (Herbert Mandl AUT)

We are looking back to a very good season. Almost all the races could be done. Only a couple of races had to be canceled due to bad weather situation.

First of all, I would like to thank the FIS European Cup Coordinators, Jordi Pujol and Wim Rossel. They are always taking care that we have very good quality of the races. All in all, we had a successful race season with good races. The efforts for course preparations are on a high level and it is valued by the racers.

Big thanks to all organisers and to all the people involved in the European Cup.

We had a couple of new organisers and they all have done a very good job.

Of course all are facing a challenging economic situation, especially on the speed side.

We all know the European Cup builds the step to the World Cup but would need more support and attention to guarantee a successful and valuable second league in alpine skiing.

Many organisers are working hard on it to provide live streaming to create more media attention, more financial support, but also more attraction for all the athletes.

Considering the injury situation compared to the World Cup we are in a better situation.

We were lucky and had fewer heavy injuries than in the past.

The following rule proposals had to be approved by the Alpine Committee:

Top 45 European Cup competitors

3.1.2 Validity of Cup points (*EC/NAC)

The final event ranking in the Cup is used as a race result with a validity defined in art. 3.1.3. in the next season.

The first ranked has 100 points, the 30th ranked has 1 point. This ranking determines the first 30 (45 in EC) competitors for the first race of the season. For the first race, if those 30 competitors (45 in EC) who appear on the basic list are not present, the missing places will be filled up by utilising the previous season's final event standings.

The Cup points achieved from the first race ~~onwards thereafter~~ in each event will be added to the basic list to determine the new ranking.

3.2 After the first group (*EC/NAC)

After the ~~first~~1st group the competitors are enrolled according to art. 3.2.1 (450 / 200 Cup points), followed by the present competitors ranked within the top 30 of the World Cup Starting List (WCSL). The following 15 (30 in EC) competitors start according to the respective cup event standing, unless they are within one of the two above mentioned groups. Finally, 30 (45 in EC) competitors of the respective cup event standing ~~including~~ the 450 points competitors are considered.

In case the first 30 competitors in Alpine Combined do not have Cup points, respectively FIS points in Alpine Combined, competitors will be considered according to the DH respectively SG FIS points - depending on which event will be held for the Alpine Combined.

The same procedure is valid for those competitors after start number 30 who do not have AC FIS points.

Injury Status for European Cup competitors

EC.3.1.3

Validity of Cup points

The final ECSL (European Cup Starting List) is used with a validity defined in art. 3.1.4. in the next season. This will be the ranking valid for the first race. The Cup points achieved from the first race ~~onwards thereafter~~ in each event will be added to remaining ECSL points from the past season.

~~If a competitor has not started in any race during the period from October 15th to April 15th due to injury, the National Ski Association may apply for the approval of a status as injured in the ECSL for the upcoming season; the application to be submitted by 30th April latest. If the status as injured is approved, If a competitor's status as injured is approved according to Rules for the FIS Alpine Points (art. 4.6.1 and 4.6.1.1) the competitor will be added to in the ECSL of the respective event(s) for the coming season (in the final position occupied at the date of injury or last race started achieved in the previous season).~~

European Cup Finals

EC.4.4 European Cup Finals

~~EC.4.4.1 Quotas~~

~~Each nation is entitled to participate with their valid national quotas (art.2.2). In the case of Downhill, Super G and Alpine Combined (or Giant Slalom and Slalom) taking place at one event, the nation's higher quota in Downhill, Super G or Alpine Combined, is valid in all of the three (or two in case of Giant Slalom and Slalom) events.~~

EC.4.4.12

Qualification

~~The conditions for the basic quota according to art. 2.1 remain valid. The additional competitors in the national quota must be All competitors ranked within the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) in the European Cup overall standings in the respective events are qualified for the European Cup Finals.~~ There is no moving-up or replacement. ~~In case of Downhill and Super G taking place at one event, all competitors qualified for Downhill and Super G can start in both events.~~ Furthermore all competitors from the Special Group (450 EC points competitors) in the current season have the right to start. All top 30 competitors from the actual WCSL before the first Team Captains' Meeting also have the right to start in the event concerned. This last group of competitors is not counting to define the top 45 ~~(top 30 in Alpine Combined)~~ qualified for the ~~F~~finals.

Art. 3.2.2 (Continental Cup winners) does not apply for the EC Finals.

EC 4.4.23

Starting Order for the EC Finals

GS/SL:

The first group (1 - 15) is sub-divided into two groups: (1 - 7) and (8 - 15). The start numbers are then drawn by double-draw from within these groups. After the first group the competitors will start as follow:

- 450 EC points from the current season
- Top 30 competitors of the actual WCSL

All other competitors will start according to the EC event standing

list, Competitors without EC points will start at the end in their FIS point order.

DH/SG/AC:

The first group and the special group (competitors with 450 EC points or more in the current season) may choose their start number from between 1 - 30. The present competitors ranked within the top 30 of the actual WCSL before the first Team Captains' Meeting and the remaining start numbers from 1 - 30 will be drawn amongst the rest of the competitors within the top 30.

All other competitors will start according to the EC event standing list, Competitors without EC points will start at the end in their FIS point order.

~~In case the first 30 competitors in Alpine Combined do not have EC points, the Super G (or Downhill) EC points (depending on which event will be held for the Alpine Combined) will be considered.~~

EC.4.4.34

Organising Nation

The organising National Ski Association is entitled to enter additionally 5 competitors. These additional competitors must be ranked in the top 500 of the FIS Points List, in at least one of the four events (DH-SL-GS-SG). a normal European Cup quota in SL/GS according to art. 2.2, whereby all competitors must fulfil 4.4.2, plus additional maximal 5 competitors who do not have to fulfil 4.4.2. Regarding DH/SG the same criteria as for the normal European Cup quota are valid (4.4.2 must be fulfilled), plus additional maximal its national quota (max. 10 competitors), which do not have to fulfil 4.4.2, whereby the higher quota from DH or SG is valid.

No training or race permitted

EC.6.1

Training or racing on European Cup courses

No training or racing is ~~allowed~~ permitted on European Cup courses for ~~threetwo~~ (32) days before the start of official training or the first competition - irrespective of the event or course. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification or refusal to allow the respective competitor to start.

All proposals were supported by the Alpine Committee

There was also a proposal from GER concerning the support of live streaming brought up. The European Cup Sub-Committee and Alpine Committee agreed, and it should be discussed in the FIS Council.

Financial support for live streaming

The Alpine Committee received the proposal from the Sub-Committee European Cup requesting a support to FIS Council of CHF 3000.-- for technical event and CHF 5000.— for speed event to be invested in live streaming transmission.

All in all, we have to consider the whole alpine sport, how we can develop the second league in skiing, all the Continental Cups. There is not only support for live streaming, but it is also necessary to think about how to create more attractivity to create a better economic background. For example, more direct qualifications from the Europa Cup to the World Cup or a new overall point system in order to get also World Cup ranking points in the Continental Cup.

12.2 Nor-Am Cup (Chip Knight, USA)

The 2024-25 Nor-Am Cup consisted of 21 men's and 22 women's races across six venues in Canada and the United States. After early-season weather cancellations in Colorado (USA), the tour re-launched in mid-December at Panorama (CAN) with a mid-winter stop in Norquay, Lake Louise, and Kimberley (CAN) before the March Finals at Sugarloaf and Burke Mountain (USA).

Raphaël Lessard (CAN) and Annika Hunt (USA) claimed the Overall titles, each also securing two event globes. Lessard, also a race winner on the Europa Cup, was dominant across all events at the NorAm level, earning more than twice as many points as the runner-up. The all-rounder Hunt held off a late-season charge by World Junior GS bronze medalist and emerging World Cup talent, Elisabeth Bocock (USA).

After the early season cancellations, we only lost one more event – Men's GS – during the Finals when the weather suddenly became too warm to have a safe race. Weather challenges have been a theme in recent reports, and those continued this year with the unseasonably warm temperatures in early November and late March, but thankfully we had stable racing during the bulk of the mid-winter competitions, and we were able to run all of the speed races that were scheduled in the calendar.

We do also continue to have venue-sitting challenges, facing the economic backdrop of the ski industry in North America and a tourist season which now consistently extends from the Christmas holiday through to mid-March. Still, we are exceedingly thankful to our hosts who put their heart and soul into hosting exceptional events. Each of this year's sites stepped forward to support the NorAm Cup in a major way. Panorama (CAN) took on 2 SGs at the last minute, Norquay (CAN), Lake Louise (CAN) and Kimberley (CAN), made huge preparation efforts to hold high-quality events. And Sugarloaf (USA) and Burke (USA) produced top-notch surfaces despite significant weather-related challenges. One top athlete commented that the surface in Sugarloaf (USA) was harder than at some World Cups.

We are aiming to have next year's calendar finalized by the end of May. Our young athletes are thrilled at the potential opportunity to compete on the World Cup venues at Tremblant (CAN) and Sun Valley (USA). Additionally, Whiteface (USA) is making big upgrades in the hopes of potentially hosting a World Junior Championship and we hope to be able to run test events there.

12.3 Far East Cup (Akira Mori, JPN)

A short report was given by Akira Mori (JPN), the new Chair from the Far East Cup.

He apologizes for the inconvenience caused by the absence of the FEC Chair last year.

He also said that although they are still fragile as an organisation, they will continue working hard to make the FEC a better competition.

Review from the season 2024-2025

FEC: China + Korea + Japan 20 SL races (1 race cancelled); 12 GS races.

14 countries in China, 11 in Korea, and 13 in Japan participated.

More than half of the countries are outside the FEC region, he thanked all participants coming from other continents.

For the 2025/2026 season, the plan is to have about the same number of competitions as the previous season, but with a slight increase in GS.

The wish is also to organise speed competitions again next season.

12.4 South American Cup (Martin Begino, ARG)

A brief report about last season. We could complete 34 races, 17 per gender with

very good snow conditions so we had a very good year last season.

Now we are about to start a new season at the very beginning of August in Chapelco (ARG), we planned 38 races, 19 per gender, as usual the speed in Chilean side and the tech races mostly in Argentinian side.

In the last few years we have been seeing that the level of athletes at South American Cup is rising up due to a lot of teams training in Argentina and Chile , but we are in a very special year, because we are in the last steps of the qualification period to 2026 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Cortina (ITA), so we expect good athletes not only racing at the places they are training but also doing the full SAC tour .

We also expect the visit of the COC Coordinator, Jordi Pujol (FIS) this year, what is very good and helps us to keep improving in our organisation.

I hope the snow will join us again this season.

12.5 Australia / New Zealand Cup (Jono Howson, NZL)

Jordi Pujol (FIS), the FIS Continental Coordinator wrote a report on behalf of the ANC Sub-Committee.

The 2026 Southern Hemisphere season is just a couple of months away and we can confirm an expanded tech calendar of races in New Zealand at Mount Hutt from August 18th to 22nd and at Coronet Peak from September 5th to 9th.

Sadly, Winter Games NZ will not be operating this year so NZSki will be the organisers for both New Zealand series. We would also like to record our thanks and gratitude to the previous organisers for their support of Snowsports in our region.

Snow AUS are also pleased to confirm that Thredbo will be hosting tech races from August 25th to 29th. Unfortunately, we still do not have a SG event in either New Zealand or Australia but are working to re-establish the event for next year. We confirm all of the AUS and NZL homologations are current and correct as listed on the FIS Website.

With felicitations and goodwill, we wish all nations peace and prosperity.

13. Youth Questions (Stefan Johnsen Havelid, NOR)

The meeting discussed the upcoming ski season, highlighting the challenges and successes of previous events. Key points int the meeting was the work on the task ahead gathering data on injuries and the plan for quarterly meetings with the Athletes Health Unit (AHU). Geri Mitterbauer (FIS) also highlights the importance of epidemiology, risk factors, and prevention measures in addressing health issues. There is a need for context-specific collaboration and sharing knowledge between NSAs is emphasized. The Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth & Children's` Questions supports the idea of sharing knowledge to benefit athletes, coaches, and parents.

The Sub-Committee praised the organisation of the recent World Junior Championships in Tarvisio (ITA), noting over 700 participants and a budget of €1.8 million.

Future events were discussed, including the 2026 and 2027 Junior World Championships.

The speed clinic in Val Gardena (ITA) was praised for its role in training young athletes, emphasizing the importance of early speed training.

The next meeting is scheduled for September in Zurich (SUI).

13.1 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol, FIS)

Jordi Pujol (FIS) stated that the 2025 Alpine Junior World Ski Championships were held in Tarvisio (ITA). Despite challenging weather conditions, all competitions were successfully completed.

He expressed special thanks to the outstanding local organising committee, acknowledging their excellent work.

Jordi highlighted that the event served as a showcase for emerging talent and featured remarkable performances, suggesting a promising future for sport.

According to him, both the Team Combined and the Alpine Team Event received particularly positive feedback and were well received by the athletes.

He also emphasized that, with over 700 participants, the championship ran smoothly, with no major complaints reported—underscoring the high level of organisation and overall satisfaction among those involved.

Looking ahead, Jordi mentioned that Narvik (NOR) will host the Alpine Junior World Championships in 2026.

The 2027 edition is still open for candidates, with the USA mentioned as a possible contender, and Switzerland is expected to present a bid for 2028.

14. Equipment (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA)

The ski world is asking for a safe sport and to try to reduce the injuries, due to the increasing number of really bad crashes with very long recovery time. We have to react; we are aware the process could be long but is our task even if the list or the catalogue is wide.

The Executive Board and Alpine Committee confirmed again the article 3.5.2.4 to using an Airbag mandatory for all race level 0 and 1.

However, after the technical meetings in Vilamoura (POR), some nations expressed their doubts about the mandatory implementation of the Airbag for race level 1. Therefore, the FIS technical professionals re-analysed all the circumstances and propose the following to the FIS Council:

[Using an Airbag mandatory for all race level 0 and 1 \(except Nor-Am Cup, Far East Cup and Junior World Championships, where it is strongly recommended\) from the season 2025/26 starting on 15th October 2025.](#)

The following are the other decisions taken by the Executive Board:

--Mandatory use of cutting resistance underwear pants conforming to the 3 stars level.

Note: The following proposal concerning carbon shin shells has been submitted to the FIS Council for approval:

Carbon shin shells

The Committee for Competition Equipment proposes to add the following article to the Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment:

3.5.4 Shin Pads

No additional rigid parts are allowed to be worn as shin pads inside the boot. To treat medical issues, additional protection pads, as soft padding can be approved by FIS. Those pads must be made of soft material (e.g. gel, foam) and be flexible in all directions. Additionally, they cannot have a preformed, curved shape adapted to the leg and their size must not exceed the height and width of the ski boot tongue.

The Alpine Committee confirmed the prohibition to use Carbon shin shells, inside or outside the ski boots and refers for this prohibition, ICR art 222 and paragraphs

15. Athletes' Commission (Verena Stuffer, ITA – AJ Ginnis, GRE)

Verena thanks the World Cup Race Directors and all stakeholders for a great 2024/2025 season, highlighted by championship medals. However, as with every

medal, there is another side and this season also brought serious injuries, from Sarrazin (FRA) to Brignone (ITA).

She then introduces the new male athletes' representative, AJ Ginnis from Greece, active skier, and gives him the floor.

AJ emphasizes the importance of protecting injured athletes and refers to a new proposal from the Athletes' Commission, which should be discussed in the near future and implemented as soon as possible. He also acknowledges the safety measures already introduced and thanks the AHU for their work.

Regarding the men's side of the calendar, AJ points out that there is still an imbalance between technical and speed events and expresses hope for the addition of at least one more downhill race.

He also highlighted the issue of prize money, which has seen little to no increase since it was first introduced years ago.

16. Reports from Organisers of the previous and next major Championships:

There followed a series of short presentations by representatives of the venues briefing Committee members on the final reports or current states of preparation.

- 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Saalbach Hinterglemm (AUT)
- 2026 Olympic Winter Games, Milano-Cortina (ITA)
- 2027 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Crans Montana (SUI)
- 2028 Youth Olympic Winter Games, Dolomiti Valtellina (ITA)
- 2029 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Narvik (NOR)
- 2031 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Val Gardena (ITA)

17. Questions, Various

The Chairman thanked all Committee and Sub-Committee members, Working Groups and the Executive Board for the hard work carried out during this week and wished all the best for the next winter season for the Southern Hemisphere NSAs and a great summer for the Northern Hemisphere National Ski Associations.

For more details regarding all Sub-Committee meetings see www.fis-ski.com under Members Section.

18. Next Meetings

The FIS Autumn Meeting will be held between 23rd and 27th September 2025, in Zurich (SUI).

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 16.00hrs

For the Minutes, Janez Fleré (FIS)

Read and approved by Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), Chair of the Alpine Committee

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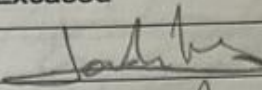
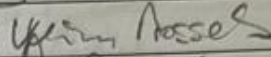
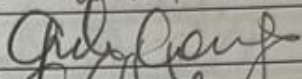
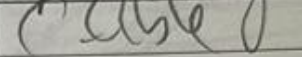
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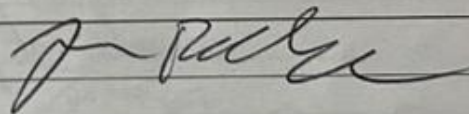
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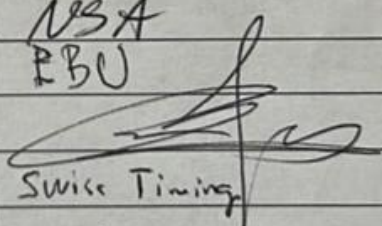
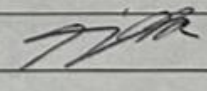
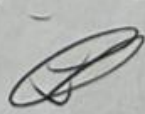
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Hernan Olmo	ESP	
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Jan Fiedler	CZE	
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Petar Popangelov	BUL	
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Gagik Sargsyan	ARM	
Bahram Savehshemshaki	IRI	
Julia Siparenko	UKR	
Stanislav Yudin	BLR	

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Pieren Hans	SUI	" "
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