



SPEED SKIING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

AUTUMN MEETING 2025

To the following National Ski Associations:
- Members of the Speed Skiing Committee

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**Minutes meeting of the Committee for Speed Skiing
Zurich, September 25th 2025**

Dear Speed Skiing Friends,

We are pleased to send you today the minutes of the meeting of the Committee for Speed Skiing, held on September 25th, 2025, during the FIS Technical Autumn Meetings.

You are kindly requested to submit any feedback to the FIS Speed Skiing Office in Oberhofen by 25th of November 2025.

We would also like to take the 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.

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Kindest regards,



Ricardo Adarraga
Chairman Speed Skiing Committee

1. Members present

Members

Adarraga Ricardo (RA), Chairman	ESP	present
Andreassen Blake (BA)	CAN	present
Crespo Toni (TC),	AND	excused
Dubouchet-Revol, Karine (KD)	FRA	present
Grimm Allan (AG) Meeting Secretary	SWE	present
May Philippe (PM)	SUI	present
Monticone Alberto (AM)	ITA	present
Prüller Christoph (CP)	AUT	present
Reid Millar (MR)	GBR	excused

Athlete's representative

Vandendries Joost (JV)	BEL	excused
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TDs coordinator

Cristina Luc (LC)	SUI	present
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Project Coordinator Speed Ski

Janez Flere (JF)	FIS	excused
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Honorary members

Dick Taplin	GBR	not present
Kjellström Per	SWE	not present
Antor Nadal (NA)	AND	not present

Guests

Michel Vion (MV)	FIS Secretary General
Tracie Sachs (TS)	USA US Ski and Snowboard Association
Mark Rowan (MRO)	CAN President Canadian Speedski Association
Marco Cozzi (MC)	ITA FIS Speedski Technical Delegate
Guest from	UKR

8 of 10 Committee members are present. According to §9.1 "FIS RULES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES" Quorum is reached. The Committee is empowered to submit decisions for approval to FIS Council.

During the meeting AG takes notes for meeting minutes.

Final meeting minutes written by RA.

2. Roll call and welcome by Chairman

KD (FRA) is a new member of the committee replacing Philippe Billy for FRA. The appointment is not yet officially announced, but the FIS Speed Skiing committee agreed unanimously to accept KD's voice and vote for FRA in the meeting.

JV could not participate due to personal reasons.

3. Approvals Agenda and Minutes of last meeting

Agenda and Minutes of the last Committee meeting in Vilamoura (POR) approved by acclamation.

4. Preliminary Calendar

RA reports about his conversations with Salla (FIN). RA got the ok from MV to use the assigned share of the media budget to other purposes than media. In addition, there is budget to support timing and the additional budget for TDs was approved by the FIS Council. RA also reports that there is additional budget for travelling of chairman, committee members and TDs that was not exhausted recent seasons. It could be possible to use the money out this pocket to support Salla (FIN). All in all, FIS can contribute with an estimated 4000-4500 Euro to Salla LOC.

The Committee agrees to support a preliminary paid voluntary training before the World Cup races. The conditions are:

- The participation in the training must not be a condition to be accepted in the World Cup race
- The training fee should be public, transparent and fair to all racers

RA will notify Salla LOC about the committee decisions.

AG announces that Hundfjället/Väggen (SWE) will apply for 2 World Cup races 3rd-6th of March 2026. The LOC is still looking for additional funding and is considering a paid preliminary training as suggested to Salla (FIN).

Vars (FRA) sent application for 2 World Cup races 27/01-30/01 and WSC for 31/01-01/02 (02/02 reserve days).

RA reports that, FIS M&M expressed concerns about the requested dates and the short period of the WSC competition:

A speed ski world record attempt does not appear feasible with the requested dates:

- the snow is not fast enough in those dates
- 2 days do not allow enough runs for starting a final run from the top of the track

In addition, MV reports concerns with the timing in regards to the overall FIS event calendar:

- The dates collide with FIS FWT WSC
- The dates collide with the 2026 Winter Olympics in Cortina (ITA)
- It leaves the second half of March 2026 without a big event in the FIS race calendar

MV also reminds that there was an agreement between FIS and Vars (FRA) that was based on having the chance of breaking a speedski world record during a FIS World Championships. This has always been the main incentive for FIS to engage with speedski. FIS agreed to give

- Organizational support: e.g. 1 year cycle for FIS Speedski WSC
- Financial support: large FIS media budget share of wallet for Vars (FRA)
- Media support: production of media content and publication in FIS TV and FIS social media

MV and the Committee agree that RA will propose Vars to host the WSC in second half of March 2026 in order to be able to run a World record attempt.

LC and MC report that Vars (FRA) homologation needs a review to ensure the safety of the track for world record attempts. These enhancements include netting and access to the track etc.

LC plans to visit Vars (FRA) with TD MC and TD Jordi Fius (AND) to finalize the review of the track

5. Rule Proposals

See Appendix at the end of the meeting minutes

6. TD report (LC)

- LC raises the question on how to manage undisclosed conflicts of interest in the jury
- RA explains that according to FIS rules, for jury members it is initially acceptable to be in a potential conflict of interest, but it must be declared in written form before the competition. The jury then has to decide on how to deal with the conflict of interest. This can be e.g. abstaining in a decision where the jury member is in a conflict of interest or the jury may even decide that the person is not suited to be in the jury.
- LC reminds there is a procedure with signing a paper, but it is not clear what happens if somebody in a conflict of interest does not disclose it.
- LC enforces that the Jury has to follow what the TD says, when it comes to matters regarding FIS rules and matters that are in the responsibility and liability of the FIS TD
- TD is responsible for the safety and should stop the race if his/her demands are not followed.
- If Jury overrides TD request, then this must be written in the report
- RA explains why FIS Sport & Event Director requested that the referee for WC and WSC races *must* be a FIS Speedski TD:
Only persons whose speedski skills are certified by FIS are allowed to be referee in World Cup and WSC. That is common policy in other FIS disciplines. To the current point in time the only persons certified by FIS for speedski are the Speedski TDs.
- Question if it is possible to have an Alpine TD as the referee. Answer from RA: FIS Sport & Event Director has been very specific that it *must* be Speedski TD. Exception can be that we can have the Referee (2nd TD) from the same country as the organising country.
- RA enforces that we need to recruit more TD's for Speedski and has he commissioned TD Coordinator LC to come up with a TD development plan.
BA announces that he will attend an upcoming Alpine TD conference in Spokane, WA (USA). He will present speedski to the US Alpine TDs and scout among them.
TD Christer Weiss (SWE) also announced that he will scout for new TDs among alpine TDs in his upcoming Alpine TD update to happen in (LAT).
BA will be the main contact and stand-in for TDC LC in Americas for Alpine TDs and all matters related to speedski.

7. TD Coordinator election

MV suggests that the mandate of TDC should be until spring 2026 and then appoint the TDC for the next 2 years to be in sync with the usual FIS cycle of 2 years. RA confirms it will be reflected in the rules update (see Appendix).

LC and KD are candidates for TDC.

7 votes for LC, 1 vote for KD. With that LC is officially appointed TDC for the season 2025/26.

8. Update on Efforts for Olympics 2030

- Olympic efforts are still on track
- We are working on two initiatives. COJOP (Philippe Billy/Vars) and FIS (RA)
- PM is working together with Freeride World Tour Olympic, and is pushing them towards joining efforts with Speedski in Vars (FRA). This could be a win-win situation. Vars (FRA) is lobbying for becoming Olympic host for 3 disciplines: FWT, Speedski and Skimo. Having several disciplines in one location is an advantage. PM closed links with FWT CEO and briefed Vars to organize a visit to Vars (FRA). After the Vars (FRA) visit of the FWT CEO his impression was very positive.

Vars (FRA) created a dossier to promote Vars as Olympic location for the 3 new disciplines.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SXzyt8k44sjYIPoGzA-63RCx2My0aGql/view?usp=drive_web

9. New tracks

TS reports about on-going activities to host speedski races in USA
Positive signals from USA, 3 potential tracks in Colorado (USA).
Homologations are needed, and expenses for this is requested. BA has prepared a track homologation package that was used a couple of years ago.
We can use some of the money in the budget, however the resort should pay something.

10. Miscellaneous

Rule changes

RA proposes that helmet plastic buckle should only receive a warning during the season 2025/2026 to allow people to change the buckle design during the season.
Committee agrees unanimously. RA will inform TDs.

KD asks about mandatory FIS sticker for ski models which lack FIS dimensions printed on the skis. The committee decides no disqualifications will happen during 2025/2026 for DH skis without dimensions printed on skis and without FIS sticker.

BA announces that he will probably not aim for being re-elected for FIS period 2026-2028.

MRO gave update about the positive development in Canada, with a new created specific Canadian speedski organisation.

RA reminds that proposals for rules changes should be written and handed in to the committee prior to the spring meeting

11. Next meeting: FIS Spring Meetings in Portoroz (SLO) May 4th to 7th 2026

Appendix

Rule Proposals to be sent to FIS Council for approval FIS Congress October 21st 2025
(changes in **red** and deletions in **strikethrough red**)

~~1231.3~~ 1231.4 The FIS Technical Delegates Coordinator

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The AR works closely with the Chair of the Speed Skiing Committee to ensure clear and effective communication between athletes and the committee.

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The FIS Speed Skiing AR is a member of the FIS Athletes Commission and is elected according to FIS Statutes. In addition to the four points outlined above, the Speed Skiing AR complies with the rules, terms, and guidelines set forth in the FIS Statutes and the Terms of Reference for FIS Committees.

Approved Rule changes by FIS Council

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