

To the

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- Janez Dekleva, Chair of the Children's Race Organisers Group
- Rudi Huber, Executive Director, SRS

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Oberhofen, 10.10.2025

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

Dear Ski Friends:

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution to our meeting.

Please find enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Alpine Youth and Children's Sub-Committee. You are kindly asked to send any remarks to these minutes to the FIS Office (flere@fisski.com) before 30th October 2025.

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

Kindest regards,



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



Janez Flere
Alpine Technical Coordinator

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

43rd Meeting Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions
Wednesday, 25.09.2025, 14:00 – 16:00hrs.

Minutes

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

Chair: HAVNELID Stefan Johnsen (NOR)

Vice-Chair: KIRCHMAIR Harald (AUT)

Hon. Member of the Alpine Committee, Chair FIS Y&C Coordination Group: READ Ken (CAN)

Members:

BEGINO Martin (ARG); BOLGER Derek (IRL); BORISOV Igor (KGZ); DARIANE Zeina (LBN); DEKLEVA Janez (SLO); DOMI Hoxha Genta (KOS); DORSS Dinars (LAT); ERTL Andreas (GER); FELLMAN Tobias (SWE); GATTI Gian Luca (SMR); HOWSON Jono (NZL); HUBER Rudi (SRS); KARHILA-RASANEN Jaana (FIN); KNIGHT Chip (USA); KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA Olga (CZE); LEMEIRE Christophe (BEL); MARTIN Philippe (FRA); MITAL Martyna (POL); MORI Akira (JPN); NINUA Nini (GEO); PASTOR Jacques (MON); RAJCAN Michal (SVK); SHUTE Jenny (GBR); THOMPSON Jeff (CAN); VISA Carles (AND); ZURBUCHEN Werner (SUI)

Replacements:

BOZIC Milan (repl SABANOVIC Srdjan) (SRB); HERNAN Olmo (repl RUIZ Carolina) (ESP); KOMPARIĆ Ana Marija (repl VUCINIC Ivan) (CRO); MARTINS Pedro Flavio (repl FARROMBA Pedro) (POR); RINALDI Massimo (repl DEFLORIAN Paolo) (ITA)
Replacements were present for the following members: GRITSI Sophia (GRE); SLJUKA Igor (BIH)

Guests:

OC Val Gardena: KNOSS Hannes; COVI Marta; SENONER Rainer; ANDERSON Ross (GBR); BALDISHOL Brit (NOR); BARTA Csaba (HUN); DIAZ Enrique (ESP); GHENT Karen (USA); GURZELER Thomas (SUI); HOFER Franz (SUI); HOSALA Marian; KINDLE Nicola (LIE); LAPIKOV Ihor (UKR); LANDGEORGE Bente (NOR); MITTERMAIER-WEINMENDL Mario (AUT); NASLER Loune (LBN); PRUNEDA Carlos (MEX); REARICK Sasha (APEX 2100 Director); RYSTE Claus (NOR); SALA Juli (ESP); SCHWARZ Sue (USA); SUNDBERG Karin (SWE); THORSTRINSL Brynn (ISL); WEINMAN Jeff (USA); WILLEMSSEN Victor (BEL).

FIS Staff:

FLERE Janez; DOJCINOVIC Jelena; LAZAROVSKI Dimitrije; PUJOL Jordi; ROSSEL Wim, VRECL Matjaz.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additional comments

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 42nd meeting held 06.05.2025 in Vilamoura (POR)

The minutes were approved, without further comment.

4. Reports from Special Groups

4.1. Equipment/SRS (Rudi Huber, AUT)

On behalf of equipment manufacturers, Rudi Huber (SRS) offered condolences to the family, friends, and the Italian NSA regarding the recent death following a training crash of the young ITA athlete Matteo Franzoso; safety is foremost;

education, and cooperation are required to improve all aspects. The Athlete Health Unit (AHU) is proving very valuable. He emphasised again the need to set up a Working Group, looking at injuries in younger age groups. It takes time to implement change even at World Cup level.

Actions: 1. WG to be set up to look at injuries in young age groups; 2. The Chair asked all to share studies.

**4.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee (Janez Dekleva, SLO)
- 2025/2026 Calendar**

The 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Calendar has been finalised (see pages 5 & 6). Only one set of races was cancelled last season; representatives from all OCs met recently in Andorra. The group considered running an additional event at the end of the season (in May, on an indoor slope in BEL) following a proposal by Victor Willemsen (BEL). (See '8.2 Various').

4.3. FIS Athletes Health Unit (AHU) (Gerald Mitterbauer, FIS)

Not present. Rudi Huber (SRS) informed that there are many safety studies ongoing.

5. Proposals

No new proposals.

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

6.1. 2026 – Narvik (NOR) – 4th to 15th March 2026; a presentation of the event was shown; the OC is motivated, and preparations are proceeding well. There are three airports nearby; Evenes is the nearest (45 minutes drive). The resort is compact; all venues and offices are within walking distance (10-15 minutes maximum); much construction is ongoing. The University will be used for TCMs etc. Training will take place in Narvik (NOR), also Ankenes (NOR) and Steilia (NOR).

Narvik (NOR) is to host the World Ski Championships in 2029.

6.2. 2027 – Candidate (TBC) – USA, White Face Lake Placid, they hope to confirm soon. Janez Flere (FIS) advised that it may be necessary to run the Junior World Championship without DHs if the answer is negative (or comes too late). Confirmation is needed very soon to appoint the TD, set up study groups etc. Many places are willing to host the WJC, but do not have the facility to include DH; running a sprint DH (2 runs) may be an option.

6.3 2028 – SUI is confirmed.

Site to be defined.

6.4 Future Candidates

No further updates yet.

7. Other Youth Competitions

- 2027 EYOF events will be held in Brasov (ROU)

- 2028 YOG events will be held in Dolomiti Valtellina (ITA) between 15th and 29th January 2028

8. Varia/New Business/Questions/ Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange

8.1 Speed Camp Presentation

Speed Clinic in Val Gardena (ITA) will be held again in Nov 2025, followed immediately by FIS races starting 30 Nov. Registration deadline 1st November. This is a fully professional training event, run with dedicated World Cup timing / services / video analysis. Coaches are encouraged to attend.

8.2 Victor Willemsen (BEL) presented the concept of an end of season final event for U16 athletes on behalf of the FIS CROC group. Young athletes are attending fewer races, and the idea is to create a final event. The top 5 from each of the FIS CROC slalom events to be invited to an indoor competition in Snow Valley (BEL) 2nd May 2026 (end April in future years).

Janez Flere (FIS) pointed out that not everyone can join; the concept includes only those from events organised by FRCOC OCs. It could be run and viewed as a test event, but it will not be on the FIS calendar and must not be advertised as a 'world championship' event.

Massimo Rinaldi (ITA) agreed that it must not be titled a world championship event; children need to be protected; at this age it is better to maintain calm skiing rather than make world champions.

Stefano Pirola (CHI): this is clearly not a global event; children's races are run in CHI and ARG, but they are not in this group.

Jenny Shute (GBR) pointed out the very high costs and traveling/hosting/sustainability issues of involving so many athletes, coaches, and parents.

The Chair summarised the discussion and felt that long term athlete development may not be best served by such an event; the journey really starts when entering the FIS category post-U16. FIS must find a pathway that works well for all nations.

10. Next Meetings

The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting and wished all a successful winter season.

Next meeting: FIS Spring Meeting, 4th to 7th May 2026, Portoroz (SLO)

For the Minutes: Jenny Shute (GBR)

Read and approved by Chair, Stefan Johnsen Havnelid (NOR)



FIS CHILDREN'S RACES ORGANIZERS COMMITTEE



CALENDAR 2025/26

January - February

Ricky v Orl. Horàch (CZE)
Skiinterkriterium

16-17 January 26

Vratna (SVK)
Interkriterium Vratna

20-21 January 26

Ordino-Arcalis (AND)
Trofeu Borrufa

26-29 January 26

Soriska Planina (SLO)
Pokal Loka

14-15 February 26

Rijeka-Platak (CRO)
Zagreb Children Trophy

17-18 February 26

Kopaonik (SRB)
Serbia Cup

21-22 February 26

Bjelasnica (BIH)
Children for Peace in the World

24-26 February 26

Arxhena (KOS)
Dardania Cup

02-03 March 26

Folgaria (ITA)
Alpecimbra FIS Children Cup

05-06 March 26

Nozawa Onsen (JPN)
Goldwin FIS Japan Youth Cup

05-08 March 26

Bansko (BUL)
Bansko Cup

10-11 March 26

Abetone (ITA)
Pinocchio Sugli Sci

27-28 March 26

Val d'Isère (FRA)
La Scara

02-03 April 26

Whistler (CAN)
Whistler Cup

08-12 April 26

Tärnaby (SWE)
Ingemartrofen

17-19 April 26

March - April



CALENDAR 2026/27

January - February

Vratna (SVK)
Interkriterium Vratna

19-20 January 27

Ricky v Orl. Horách (CZE)
Skiinterkriterium

22-23 January 27

Ordino-Arcalis (AND)
Trofeu Borrufa

25-28 January 26

Folgaria (ITA)
Alpecimbra FIS Children Cup

04-05 February 27

Soriska Planina (SLO)
Pokal Loka

13-14 February 27

Rijeka-Platak (CRO)
Zagreb Children Trophy

16-17 February 27

Kopaonik (SRB)
Serbia Cup

20-21 February 27

Bjelasnica (BIH)
Children for Peace in the World

23-25 February 27

Arxhena (KOS)
Dardania Cup

01-02 March 27

Nozawa Onsen (JPN)
Goldwin FIS Japan Youth Cup

04-06 March 27

Bansko (BUL)
Bansko Cup

13-14 March 27

Abetone (ITA)
Pinocchio Sugli Sci

18-20 March 27

Val d'Isère (FRA)
La Scara

01-02 April 27

Whistler (CAN)
Whistler Cup

07-11 April 27

Tärnaby (SWE)
Ingemartrofen

16-18 April 27