

To the
Members of the Alpine Youth & Development Sub-Committee
- Janez Dekleva, Chair of the Children's Race Organisers Group
- Rudi Huber, Executive Director, SRS

For information to:
- Johan Eliasch, FIS President
- Michel Vion, FIS Secretary General
- Urs Lehmann, FIS CEO Director
- Sandra Spitz, Sport & Event Director
- Janez Fleré, FIS Alpine Technical and Administrative Coordinator
- Massimo Rinaldi, Chair Alpine Committee
- Jeff Weinman, Chair Classifications Sub-Committee
- Arno Heikkala, Chair Rules Sub-Committee

FIS Staff
- Dimitrije Lazarovski, Development Program Director
- Jordi Pujol, Continental Cup Coordinator
- Lukas Brawand, Digital Strategy & Platform Coordinator

Oberhofen, 15.05.2026

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Youth & Development held on
Tuesday, 05.05.2026 in Portoroz (SLO)**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Youth and Development.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office (flere@fisski.com and marian.hosala@fis-ski.com) by the **15th June 2026**.

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,



Chairman
Stefan Johnsen Havnelid
S.C. Youth & Development



Janez Fleré
Alpine Technical Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth and Development

Minutes of the 44th Meeting Sub-Committee for Youth and Development
Tuesday, 05.05.2026, 17:30 – 19:00 hrs, Conference Room “Europa B+D”

Minutes

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

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed all to Portoroz (SLO).
The Alpine Coordinator, Janez Fleré (FIS), called the Roll (see the last page).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additional comments.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 43rd meeting held in Zurich on 24.09.2025

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Reports from Special Groups

4.1. Equipment/SRS (Rudi Huber, AUT)

Feedback from ski technicians and junior coaches highlighted concerns that equipment and tuning setups used in junior and youth ski racing are too aggressive, particularly regarding ski preparation, edge levels and boot stiffness. A proposal was made to establish a working group involving committees, coaches, service staff, manufacturers and technical experts to develop practical recommendations for safer equipment use and young athlete development. It was emphasized that recommendations may be more effective than formal regulations. An additional update was provided on a proof-of-concept project for next-generation racing helmets involving FIS AHU, FIS representatives, helmet manufacturers, SRS members and scientific institutes to evaluate and improve current helmet safety standards for future.

4.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee (Janez Dekleva, SLO)

Report from Children's Race Organisers Committee

During the last season, 32 organisers hosted mainly giant slalom and slalom races, with participation from 68 nations worldwide. Only four events were cancelled, showing improvement compared to the previous season. Significant financial challenges for organisers were highlighted, particularly due to limited support from national ski associations and difficulties securing sponsors. Discussions are ongoing regarding possible support from the International Ski and Snowboard Federation.

Calendar 2026 / 2027

The Chair of Children's Race Organisers Committee presented Calendar for the upcoming season (see page 6).

5. Proposals

5.1. Proposal on limitation on number of starts U18 (SWE)

607.3 Classification at International Competitions Admitted years of birth

FIS Competition Year	26/27	26/27
U14	2014	2015
	2013	2014
U16	2012	2013
	2011	2012
U18	2010	2011
	2009	2010
U21	2008	2009
	2007	2008
	2006	2007
Licensed	2010 and earlier	2011 and earlier
Masters	See Master Rules	

- 1) 1st year U18 (Junior I): maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 25. Any results from races after the maximum of 25 starts for the first year U18 (Junior I) athletes are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points.
 - 2) 2nd year U18 (Junior II): maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 30. Any results from races after the maximum of 30 starts for the second year U18 (Junior II) athletes are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points.
- Number of starts is per hemisphere, so it is maximum 25/30 in the Northern hemisphere and maximum 25/30 in the Southern Hemisphere. There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G and Alpine Combined. The Sub-Committee for Classification will inform the FIS Council of any infringements of the rule.

This proposal was not approved by large majority.
(Note: Sub-Committee will work on late proposal from USA.)

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

Jordi Pujol (FIS) informed about future organisers / candidates.

For 2027, we are still working with several candidates and organizing committees. We do not have a final confirmation yet, but discussions are progressing well, and we hope to confirm an organiser within the next few days.

For 2028, Switzerland has been confirmed as the organiser of the World Junior Championships. Site will be confirmed at autumn meeting in Geneva (SUI).

For 2029, Slovenia is currently a candidate and for 2030, Austria is a candidate. Overall, the next three years look positive. We continue working on the 2027 edition and hope to announce the organiser before the end of the meetings.

6.1. 2026 – Narvik (NOR) – Final report (Erik Plener, NOR)

Final report from the FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2026 Narvik (NOR) was presented by Erik Plener and Knut-Eirik Dybdal (NOR).

Giulia Candiago (FIS) presented a new interactive athlete workshop launched during the World Junior Championships in Narvik, involving 40 athletes from 10 nations. The project focused on communication skills, media training, and athlete

identity beyond sport performance, with plans for future expansion to other disciplines.

Lukas Brawand (FIS) reported strong growth in media coverage and engagement compared to the previous year. The event generated 11 million reach, 238 social media posts and around 200,000 livestream views across FIS TV and YouTube. Successful collaboration between FIS, organisers and volunteers was highlighted as a key factor in the project's success.

6.2. 2027 – TBD

6.3. 2028 – (SUI)

For 2028, Switzerland has been confirmed as the organiser of the World Junior Championships.

6.4. 2029 – (SLO) Candidate

For 2029, Slovenia is currently a candidate.

6.5. 2030 – (AUT) Candidate

For 2030, Austria is a candidate. Overall, the next three years look positive.

7. Other Youth Competitions

7.1. 2027 – EYOF, Brasov (ROU)

No reports were given.

7.2. 2028 – YOG, Dolomiti Valtellina (ITA) 15 – 29 January 2028

No reports were given.

8. FIS Youth Development (Dimitrije Lazarovski, FIS)

8.1. Framework and advice for FIS Youth & Development

Dimitrije Lazarovski (FIS) presented safety initiatives for children's Super-G events. The project was developed following ongoing FIS discussions on improving safety in speed events. The main focus is the lack of training opportunities before children's Super-G races, where athletes often inspect the course in the morning and compete on the same day without familiarization runs. Together with the organisers of the FIS Children's races in Andorra, a test project was planned to include a training day before the Super-G competition. The goal was to allow athletes to become familiar with the course and improve safety during the race. Due to bad weather, the full test could not be completed and only limited feedback was collected from athletes, coaches and organisers. FIS plans to continue testing the concept during the next season at selected children's Super-G events. A full report with feedback from all stakeholders is planned for spring 2027 before considering possible rule changes. It was also noted that any additional training day would increase costs for organisers and teams, therefore further evaluation is needed before moving forward.

8.2. FIS Speed (Safety) Training on the hill (Cornelia Blank, FIS)

An update was presented by Cornelia Blank (FIS) about the FIS Alpine Speed Safety project launched after the Alpine Executive Board meeting in Zurich last

year. Working group was created focusing on homologation, safety standards and education. The education group carried out a needs assessment with National Ski Associations and coaches. The feedback highlighted that safety should be seen as the basis for performance, with a strong need for practical coach education, reflection on decision-making and more support, and standardization from FIS, especially for developing nations. Based on the feedback, four focus areas were identified: creating a global framework, improving on-hill practice, building NSA capacity and supporting high-performance innovation and coach exchange. A new concept was introduced combining Speed Clinics for coaches, Speed Academies/Camps for athletes and coaches, and FIS Speed Races. The goal is to connect education, training and racing within existing activities rather than adding new calendar events. Pilot projects were held during the European Cup Finals in Saalbach (AUT) and together with FESA in Soelden (AUT) with positive feedback and useful learnings for future development. FIS is now looking for interested NSAs and organisers willing to support future clinics and academies with the next planned project

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

9.1. New development tool (STRIVE) (Jeff Thompson, CAN)

Jeff Thompson (CAN) presented the “Strive” development program for U12, U14, and U16 athletes. The program was developed over the last three years to create a more consistent national approach to athlete and coach development across Canada. The platform combines technical skiing, physical preparation, mental skills, and personal development. It includes an app with eight progression levels, training plans, drill libraries, athlete tracking and communication tools for coaches, athletes, parents and clubs. The program aims to support long-term athlete development, improve coach education and standardize development across regions. Since its launch 18 months ago, the app has reached nearly 10,000 users, including athletes, parents and coaches. Alpine Canada noted that the platform is scalable and could also be adapted for use by other national ski associations. More information about “Strive” you can find in the link below: <https://alpinecanada.org/train/about-strive>.

10. Next Meetings

FIS Autumn Meeting, 29th September to 2nd October 2026 in Geneva (SUI).

11. Closing of the meeting

There being no further business and the meeting closed at 18:59 hrs.

For the Minutes, Marián Hošala (FIS)

Read and approved by Stefan Johnsen Havnelid (NOR), Chair of the Sub-Committee for Youth & Development



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ORGANIZERS COMMITTEE

CALENDAR 2026/27

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CALENDAR 2026/2027

January - February

Vratna (SVK)
Interkriterium Vratna

12-13 January 27

Ordino-Arcalis (AND)
Trofeu Borrufa

18-21 January 26

Ricky v Orl. Horàch (CZE)
Skiinterkriterium

22-23 January 27

Folgaria (ITA)
Alpecimbra FIS Children Cup

29-30 January 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 Youth Japan 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

23-25 April 27

March - April

**Meeting of the Sub-Committee for
Alpine Youth & Development**
ROLL CALL AND VOTE LIST

Meeting 05 May 2026, Portoroz (SLO)

Alpine Youth & Development:

Stefan Johnsen Havnelid	NOR	Chair /
Harald Kirchmair	AUT	Vice-Chair /
Martin Begino	ARG	
Derek Bolger	IRL	
Alison Bombardier	AUS	
Igor Borisov	KGZ	
Herbert Cool	NED	
Levente Csak	HUN	Replace! ARON TARKANI Fr
Zeina Dariane	LBN	
Paolo Defforian	ITA	
Janez Dekleva	SLO	
Genta Domi Hoxha	KOS	
Dinars Dorss	LAT	
Jonas Egilsson	ISL	
Andreas Ertl	GER	
Pedro Farromba	POR	
Tobias Fellman	SWE	
Gian Luca Gatti	SMR	
Sophia Gritsi	GRE	
Rainer Grob	CHI	
Pascal Hasler	LIE	
Jono Howson	NZL	
Rudi Huber	SRS	
Thomas Jacobsen	DEN	
Sadegh Kalhor	IRI	
Jaana Karhila-Räsänen	FIN	
Chip Knight	USA	
Rajko Kosic	MNE	

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Olga Krizova-Charvatova	CZE	
Kyriacos Kyriacou	CYP	
Christophe Lemeire	BEL	
Philippe Martin	FRA	
Teodor Minev	BUL	
Martyna Mital	POL	
Akira Mori	JPN	
Nini Ninua	GEO	
Jacques Pastor	MON	
Metin Polat	TUR	
Michal Rajcan	SVK	
Carolina Ruiz	ESP	
Srdjan Sabanovic	SRB	
Pavel Shestakov	RUS	Excused
Jennifer Shute	GBR	
Igor Sljuka	BIH	
Jeff Thompson	CAN	
Charles Visa	AND	
Ivan Vucinic (SREČKO FERENČEK)	CRO	
Chuan Xu	CHN	
Eon-gyu Yang	KOR	
Viacheslau Yudzin	BLR	Excused
Werner Zurbuchen	SUI	
Janez Flere	FIS	Coordinator
Marian Hosala	FIS	

For Athletes' Commission

Ginnis AJ	GRE	
Stuffer Verena	ITA	

Honorary Members

Evans Walt	USA	
Staudacher Arno	AUT	

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