



SPEED SKIING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SPRING MEETING 2026

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

Oberhofen, 22 June 2026

**Minutes meeting of the Committee for Speed Skiing
Portoroz, May 6th 2026**

Dear Speed Skiing Friends,

We are pleased to send you today the minutes of the meeting of the Committee for Speed Skiing, held on May 6th, 2026, during the FIS Technical Spring Meetings in Portoroz (SLO).

You are kindly requested to submit any feedback to the FIS Speed Skiing Office in Oberhofen (SUI) by 10th July 2026.

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
Chair Speed Skiing Committee

1. Members present

Members:

Adarraga Ricardo (RA), Chair	ESP	present
Dubouchet, Karine (KD)	FRA	present
Grimm Allan (AG)	SWE	present
Monticone Alberto (AM)	ITA	present
Andreassen Blake (BA)	CAN	not present
Crespo Toni (TC),	AND	not present
May Philippe (PM)	SUI	not present
Prüller Christoph (CP)	AUT	not present
Reid Millar (MR)	GBR	not present

Athlete's representative

Vandendries Joost (JV)	BEL	present
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TDs coordinator

Cristina Luc (LC)	SUI	present
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Project Coordinator Speed Ski

Daniel Köhler (DK)	FIS	present
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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
Lukas Brawand (LB)	FIS	Digital Strategy & Platforms Manager
Marco Cozzi (MC)	ITA	FIS Speed Ski Technical Delegate
Mark Rowan (MRO)	CAN	President CAN Speed Ski Association

5 of 10 Committee members (including athletes' representative) 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. Approvals Agenda and Minutes of last 2 meetings

Agenda and Minutes of the last 2 meetings approved by acclamation.

3. Welcome and update of Chairman RA

RA welcomes the committee members and thanks for presence. RA reminds that following FIS Statutes, Spring and Autumn meetings must be held face-to-face.

The presence in the meeting shows the commitment of the NSAs to the discipline. This time the quorum was reached by the minimum. Without quorum all the efforts of the attending members would have been useless. RA encourages the non-present members to make everything possible to attend in future. Beside the importance of decision making, it is also a sign of respect for the other members and NSAs taking all efforts to attend the meetings face-to-face.

RA emphasizes that after a very critical situation in January 2026 the situation has developed very positively. Two very constructive face-to-face meetings between RA, AM, MC (all 3 for FIS), KD, Philippe Billy and Louis Billy (all 3 for LOC Vars, FRA) during the World Cup race in Salla (FIN) were key to deescalate the situation and create a constructive baseline for the rest of the season. RA thanks all parties involved for helping deescalate the situation and cooperate in a constructive manner. The result was an outstanding end of the season with a great World Championship with an amazing 252 km/h (7th fastest all-time speed) final reached by world champion Simon Billy (FRA) and finally a new women's World record achieved by Valentina Greggio (ITA) with 248 km/h.

4. Review Season 2025/26

4.1. Vars (FRA) World Cup 1 &2

Postponement on short notice to March 2026 caused by issues with the referee assignment and to unfavourable weather and track conditions.

Agreement reached with Vars (FRA) to postpone the race to March.

Lessons learned from Vars (FRA) postponement on short notice:

FIS and Vars (FRA) held constructive discussions that resolved disagreements.

These discussions enabled a successful end of the season.

RA proposes rule update (approved by committee, see Annex):

Active Alpine TDs can optionally be assigned by the TD Coordinator as World Cup and WSC referee.

Junior World Championship postponement:

Handling was not optimal. The postponement on short notice led to the Italian team having to miss the WJC because of school duty of the competitors.

Vars (FRA) does not wish to host the WJC anymore.

Salla (FIN) identified as a suitable alternative for WJC.

4.2. World Cup Salla (FIN)

Event worked well and largely met expectations.

Organiser received €5–6k media and timing support from FIS M&M.

Safety feedback:

Concerns raised by JV that safety nets were installed too close to the track.

MC (TD in Salla, FIN) confirmed distances were measured and judged not dangerous.

Two crashes occurred, with no safety issues reported.

Action:

TDC and RA to discuss and clarify net distance requirements in the homologation text.

4.3. Hundfjället (SWE)

Event was cancelled and successfully recovered in Salla (FIN). Though budget was confirmed ski lift company Skistar finally decided not to host the race for logistic challenges. AG reports preparations ongoing for a 2027 race.

Swedish NSA (top level) will support discussions with ski lift company Skistar (Hundfjället).

4.4. Vars (FRA) World Championship and World Cup Finals

The World Championship was a great success with excellent media presence and large participation. RA remarks that unlike Alpine and Nordic disciplines due to special race conditions and strong dependency on weather Speed Skiing races need flexibility.

The schedule of the WSC was changed several times, which created some confusion among some teams and media teams present. However, the flexibility in the race schedule made it possible to achieve a very fast WSC final and a fast World Cup final. The media teams present finally understood the challenges and accepted the schedule adjustments as in the end they were able to get the images and videos they were looking for. Same is valid for FIS M&M and FIS fluor controller. RA says that slowly media and FIS staff are understanding the fact that things work differently in Speed Skiing and that is not possible to apply to Speed Skiing the same race schedule standards as for alpine or Nordic disciplines.

Feedback:

KD reports on remarks from the French team:

Late announcement of final race created travel/logistics issues.

Recommendation for the future: inform athletes to keep a buffer after the official race week in case of record attempts.

AG reports remarks from the Swedish team:

Decisions on cuts for the women sometimes felt inconsistent.

Earlier and clearer communication, including the reason behind decisions, is requested.

AG reports that a Swedish media article alleged gender bias in cuts; this may have been avoidable with clearer communication.

4.5. FIS race in Vars (FRA)

Given the excellent weather and track conditions a last speed ski race was approved by FIS on short notice. Vars LOC considered that the chances for a World record were very high. Some racers raised some concerns before the event on the short notice announcement. The conditions to approve the races were that no FIS World Cup points were awarded, so there was no competitive disadvantage for people not able to participate.

As expected, the conditions were excellent; the result was a new Women's World record by Valentina Greggio (ITA) with 248.27 km/h.

The race showed that even with fast speed skiers it is key to have an outstanding chief of race with large experience. The chief of race has to be able to evaluate in real-time the optimal conditions to start a world record attempt run to the right time. The chief of race Philippe Billy (FRA) demonstrated once more his outstanding knowledge about snow, track and weather conditions making the right decisions to the right time.

The race also showed that for Speed Ski much more race schedule flexibility than other FIS disciplines is needed. Without that flexibility most of the fastest races in 2026 would have been slow or just cancelled.

FIS M&M is meanwhile getting aware of the special Speed Ski race environment and was able to quickly react assigning a media expert to the race in time. This resulted in a very strong positive visibility for the sport and excellent videos on FIS TV and FIS social media.

The same is valid for the FIS controller, which was quickly able to send a fluor tester to

certify the world record was run fluor free.

5. Outlook Speed Ski Races 2026/2027

Preliminary race calendar 2026/27(not committed yet)

27–31 Jan: 2 World Cup S1 + 2 S2 FIS – Vars (FRA)

7–10 Feb: FIS Training Camp – Salla (FIN)

11–13 Feb: 2 World Cup + 2 S2 – Salla (FIN) (S2J WSC?)

Second half of Feb: Cervinia (ITA) (TBC)

First half of March (Week 10): Hundfjället (SWE)

20–21 March: 1 World Cup S1 – Vars (FRA)

22–27 March: S1 WSC – Vars (FRA)

28 March – 4 April: Speed Masters (World Record Attempt race) Vars (FRA)

The Committee approves Vars (FRA) proposed qualification criteria for the Speed Master 2027:

- Top 5 women FIS Speed ranking, 2025/26
- Top 15 men FIS Speed ranking 2025/2026) *
- Top 5 women WSC 2027
- Top 20 men WSC 2027
- 1 optional wild card for LOC
- 1 optional wild card for FIS
- Mandatory participation in 2027 WSC (no DNS)
- Race rules as established in new World Record Attempt race rule §1232.8 (see rule change proposals)

*Committee approves top 15 men instead of proposed top 20

6. Rule Proposals

See Annex at the end of the meeting minutes

7. Speed Ski media-, brand-strategy aligned with new FIS M&M strategy

LB reports about the good cooperation with the Speed Ski committee and Vars LOC resulting in excellent content for FIS social media. In 2026 Vars LOC invested a high amount of money in media content generation focused on the competition. The whole material was made available for free to FIS. This allowed FIS M&M to engage with photographer and Speed Skier Marc Amann to generate behind-the-scenes content and impressive POV takes. The material of Vars LOC was outstanding. For the first time the fastest Speed Skiers were filmed with high-speed (>200 km/h!) drones delivering impressive images. The result is visible on <https://watch.fis-ski.com>.

LB reports that though Speed Ski has not too many posts on FIS social media and the total reach is not comparable to other FIS disciplines, the few posts about Speed Ski on FIS social media are among the top 5 posts with highest views and reach for a single post on FIS social media.

RA reports that this season Vars (FRA) Glisse Academie made an extraordinary investment effort for media content generation. It is not expected this budget will be available in 2026/27.

RA announces that for that reason he is going to request more media budget for 2026/27. He agreed with LB that in future this budget will be 100% managed and used by FIS M&M. This will give FIS M&M more freedom to negotiate packages with media production companies.

8. Visit of FIS Secretary General – Michel Vion

8.1 Review Speed Ski season 2025/26

- MV acknowledged that disagreements are unavoidable.
- MV remarks that the key strength in 2025/26 was the ability to discuss and the will to reach solutions.
- MV remarks that for smaller disciplines, structured organisation is critical.
- MV recommends for the future, that the assignment of roles and responsibilities for each FIS and LOC must be understood and respected.

8.2 Olympic Speed Ski in 2030

- No final decision yet.

RA and MV report that Speed Ski is no longer promoted by Region Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur (FRA) and COJOP 2030, but FIS already sent the request to make Speed Ski Olympic in 2030 to IOC in autumn 2025.

FIS is still lobbying and advocating at IOC for Speed Ski becoming Olympic in 2030.

Final decision by IOC on Olympic Speed Ski 2030 expected June 25, 2026.

RA reports that a Speed Ski promotional video produced by FIS M&M for the IOC has been shared with IOC decision makers.

9. Report from TDs coordinator (LC)

9.1. General information

TD education process is being established in cooperation with FIS Education to increase the number of Speed Ski TDs. Meeting MC, RA and Cornelia Blank FIS Senior Manager Education.

LC reports that currently there are 3 Alpine TDs doing the certification process for Speed Ski TD.

9.2 Election Speed Ski TDC 2026-2028

New TD Coordinator (2026–2028):

Candidates:

- Marco Cozzi (ITA)
- Jordi Fius (AND)
- Christer Weiss (SWE)

Elected:

- Marco Cozzi (ITA) – unanimously elected (5/5 votes).

9.3 TD and referee travel expenses

RA and DK inform about a FIS rules update on Technical Delegates travel expenses starting 2026/27 – all FIS disciplines. This is also valid for Speed Sski TDs.

In future (all FIS disciplines):

- TD and (World Cup/WSC referee) expenses must be paid by LOC (as before)
- Technical Delegate charges directly LOC (as before)
- Accommodation and meals must be paid by LOC (as before)
- 125 CHF daily allowance, including travel day(s) (as before)
- Maximum 600 CHF, 1000 CHF WSC and World Cup, for all other travel expenses (flight,

car, etc.) (new)

- 0.70 CHF/km car mileage allowance covers all car related expenses (fuel, toll, parking, etc.)
- Original receipts must be provided (new for LOC reimbursement)
- Expenses need to be claimed using the (new) official FIS Expense sheet, now also for LOC reimbursement (new)

In addition, RA reminds about the Speed Ski specific rule in ICR_SS §1231.3:

“[...]Travel expenses, up to a limit of the cheapest means of travel (including highway taxes and parking fees), should be agreed, prior to the assignment, between the Organising Committee and the TD.[...]”

RA emphasizes and reminds TDs and LOCs that the following policy on TD (and World Cup/WSC referee) expenses must be applied:

- Agree with LOC travel expenses prior to the race following to ICR_SS §1231.3
- Agree with LOC how many days presence prior to race is needed for the Technical Delegate
- Presence of *referee* (World Cup and WSC) **is only required at race days and first jury meeting**
- LOC may send TD's travel expenses proposal to FIS Office for rule conformity prior to the race

9.4 Luc Cristina (LC) (SUI) stepping down as TD-Coordinator

After more than 30 years of service as FIS Speed Ski Technical Delegates Coordinator, LC is stepping down from the position.

RA thanked LC for all his work and the time dedicated to FIS Speed Ski. RA remarked that since the early 90s, the dawn of Speed Ski as a FIS discipline, LC has been a key person in positioning the sport within FIS. As a trusted person inside FIS, he significantly contributed to the current FIS Speed Ski rulebook. Notably, he was the TD at the 1992 Olympic race in Albertville (France).

RA stated that as chair, he got to know LC as a trustful TD and TDC who always aimed to make FIS Speed Ski races possible, always finding a way through the FIS Alpine and Speed Ski rule sets. As chair, RA always felt well supported and trusted by LC.

RA thanked LC and announced that he will still serve as an active FIS Speed Ski TD. LC announced his full support for the new TDC, MC, in all matters related to track homologation and Speed Ski races.

10. New Tracks – Status Update

- **Les Arcs (FRA):** KD to meet new mayor of Bourg St. Maurice; proposal for 2027 races
- **Czech Republic:** Potential local races; no recent updates
- **Zermatt (SUI):** LC working towards early- and late-season races (glacier / former KL track)
- **Winter Park (USA):** Initial work ongoing; ski area owners not yet contacted
- **Canada:** Preliminary discussions (including Whistler)
- **Chile:** MR reports about a potential **50th anniversary race** in two years

11. Finances/Funding 2023/2024

RA will request to the FIS Council additional funding for Speed Ski expenses in 2026/2027

as in 2025/26. This includes funding for media work and social media. With the mandatory TD as referee in WSC and World Cup races a raise of funds for TD travelling will also be requested to support LOCs.

12. Miscellaneous

AG raises a question on the value of having a Speed Ski WSC every season.

Concerns:

- Potential dilution of WSC title
- Possible reduced focus on World Championships

RA answers that this was a very difficult decision to get approved by FIS Council and it is a privilege Speed Ski received for the following reasons:

1. Speed Ski had no big event in Olympic year (Olympic FIS disciplines have 3 big events in 3 consecutive seasons - WSC, Olympics, WSC)
2. Highest priority for FIS is the achievement of a world record in a big FIS event (e.g. WSC)
3. In agreement with FIS Secretary General, it was decided that due to the nature of Speed Ski a world record should be tried every year in a big event
4. A Speed Ski WSC is a perfect final event for FIS as in second half of march most important FIS disciplines have already finished the World Cup season. A FIS Speed Ski WSC raises public attention for FIS events during a time period when the skiing season is not yet ended, but no more big races are scheduled.
5. Being the last big FIS highlight of the winter season, this is an excellent chance to position Speed Ski in the media with no competition from other FIS disciplines,
6. Vars (FRA) showed its willingness to organize a FIS Speed Ski WSC every year to have a world record attempt every year
7. A world record demands special investment efforts by the local community. Only a FIS WSC would legitimate the necessary investment.

RA remarks that having an annual WSC is a special privilege granted by FIS Council only shared with ski flying. As long as we have this privilege and an LOC (Vars, FRA) is willing to organize a WSC every season, it is better not to touch this privilege.

12.1. Athletes' representative

- Discussion noted on testing methods used to determine eligibility in women's events.
- Request made to increase athletes' representation in the FIS Council.

13. Next meeting: FIS Autumn Meetings September 29th to October 2nd , 2026 in Geneva (SUI).

Annex

Rule Proposals to be sent to FIS Council for approval during FIS Congress June 10-11th 2026 (changes in red and deletions in ~~strikethrough red~~)

1231.2.3 For World Championships and World Cup races, the Referee must be an active Speed Ski Technical Delegate **or an active Alpine Technical Delegate** assigned by the Technical Delegates Coordinator in agreement with the Speed Skiing Committee (see §1231.4). The expenses of the Technical Delegate acting as referee are covered by the LOC.

1232.6.2 Free non mandatory training on the race track before a race is permitted

1232.8 World Record Attempt Race

- A race organizer may organize a specific World Record Attempt race if weather and snow conditions allow it
- For a world record attempt a time period with no specific date for the final run may be defined
 - During the scheduled race period based on ideal weather, snow and safety conditions the jury will decide when the world record attempt run will be scheduled
 - A World Record Attempt race will be scheduled as a regular FIS race with no effect on World Cup classification or World Championship results
 - The LOC may define specific qualification/admission criteria for the world record attempt race (e.g. FIS speed ranking, season results, wild cards, technical cuts)
 - The speed of the first run has no limit

1234.5 Ski boots

Ski boots must be based on standard model(s). Ski boots cannot weigh more than 6kg per pair. Boots may be customized and must not have any added aerodynamic appendages ~~or streamlining~~, but may be partly covered by the legs of the ski suit. Boots must be capable of being opened by hand and without the use of any tools.

1234.6 Helmet

For S1 competitors, a crash helmet (the inner helmet), fully covering the athlete's head is obligatory and must be fitted with a face protector. It must be fastened solidly with a chinstrap and safety-buckle. The safety buckle system of the helmet must be **metal** micrometric, with a metal click system or a double ring. It must not be a buckle system made of plastic ~~only~~. The crash helmet and the head must be separated with foam no less than 0.5 cm thick (under natural pressure). Additional neck and face protection may be added (the outer helmet), but must not have any dangerous protuberances, and must separate from the basic protective helmet in the event of a fall. This will normally be **affected**

accomplished by use of 2 or more frangible plastic screws or with points of glue to hold the 2 parts together. It may not exceed 40 cm in any dimension (the 'circle test'), including padding and flexible seals. It must not weigh more than 2kg in toto (both inner and outer)

Competitors may use inner helmets based on CE 1077 standards and fitted with an approved outer-helmet fixation system, in the case of such helmets, the "circle test" is increased to 48 cm in diameter.