

#### To the

Members of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

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Oberhofen, 10.06.2025

#### Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure in sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors held on 06.05.2025.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Office (<u>flere@fisski.com</u>) no later than 30<sup>th</sup> 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: <a href="www.fis-ski.com">www.fis-ski.com</a>. Thank you very much for your valuable contribution. Kindest regards,

Jeff Weinman

Chairman Sub-Committee for Classification

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# INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

# Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors Tuesday, 06.05.2025, 11:00 – 13:00 hrs

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1. Welcome

Jeff Weinman (USA) called the meeting to order. He welcomed the members and guests and thanked them for their attendance and participation.

#### 2. Roll Call

Janez Fleré (FIS) called the roll, noting members present and that any replacements could have voice but no vote. (See page 7)

# 3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without objection

# 4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 25.09.2024 in Zurich (SUI)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without objection.

# 5. Reports

#### 5.1 Jeff Weinman, Chair

Weinman began by thanking Flere for his work. He also thanked Défago for his work particularly during the summer as he developed simulations around the proposals.

In review of the 2024 vs. 2025 season:

First the number of races that were valid for points showed good growth

	Races Valid
2024	2,822
2025	3,104

The number of athletes out of the start gate and of those who started the number who finished with a valid result also showed good year over year growth.

	Athlete Starts	Athletes Qualified
2024	187,135	120,555
2025	201,521	130,815

The number of athletes on the last points list of the season and the number of 1<sup>st</sup> year athletes is a good indicator for strength in our sport and especially with the 1<sup>st</sup> years showing who is coming in This show good retention but unfortunately a slight decrease in 1<sup>st</sup> years.

	On Last List	1st Year On Last List
2024	12,846	2,711
2025	12,945	2,678

#### 5.2 Janez Flere, FIS Office

Janez Fleré began by thanking Weinman for his continued support.

He noted that the season was challenging due to the number of changes, particularly late changes, but overall, it proceeded well.

In collaboration with Daniel Défago, a study on double entries was conducted. While this issue had not posed problems in previous seasons, this year saw a noticeable increase. Fleré presented a list of all double entries, and the nations involved. He reminded everyone that double entries are not permitted and must be monitored by the National Ski Associations. At race venues, athletes not properly represented should be withdrawn. If the issue persists due to lack of oversight, a sanction may need to be proposed to the FIS Council.

He also reported an over-quota situation in a CIT race in (FRA) involving Swiss athletes, which was managed in accordance with existing rules.

Additionally, the CIT Sub-Committee submitted a request to increase the maximum number of racers in men's CIT races to 140, aligning with the current limit for women. Fleré committed to reviewing this request further and will report back at a future meeting.

# 5.3 Daniel Défago, FIS Office

Défago reported that the provisional OWG quotas have been published as well as the specific rules for the OWG. The points list that will become valid at the beginning of the Games will be used for DH training prior the valid date as has been done previously.

There will be a new system for injury protection applications. The system will be offline for a period during the changeover. More data will be anonymized in the new system for athlete privacy.

He reported on some races in Italy with timing issues and how those were reviewed with the Timing Group. The decision was made to mark those races **not valid** for FIS points because the problems were too great.

The number of timing issues has been decreasing year over year with only 31 issues out of about 3,000 races this past season; most of those issues were photocell alignment problems.

#### 6. Proposals

Weinman reminded the Sub-Committee that at the previous meeting it was decided to form a small group to review the point list calculations. Data was submitted for review and simulations were created by Défago to assist the group. Two online meetings were held, and the proposals included for this meeting were reviewed along with other potentially broader changes. For now, we need to address the immediate problem of compression in the points list particularly around 23 points. The idea is to spread the points out around those minimum penalty levels. The number of races scoring to 23 points has risen dramatically over the past few years with 108 races in 2022, 267 in 2023, 432 in 2024, and 521 in 2025. A potential solution under the proposal is to return to using adders - applying an adder of eight (8) for level 2, 3, and 4 competitions. That adder is proportional to the change made a few years ago when raising the minimum penalties. In the past there were different adders at level 2, level 3, and level 4, but this single adder has the benefit of simplification, of not being too large at level 4 where organisers will not want to run ENL competitions, and a little higher at level 2 to more accurately reflect the quality of different NC competitions.

Défago reviewed some of his simulation data for the Sub-Committee pointing out that if we had the 8-point adder this past season, rather than having more than 500

competitions scoring at 23 points, there would have been fewer than 70 races scoring to that level.

If approved by the Sub-Committee, the Alpine Committee, and the Council, then FIS IT will prepare a system to run in parallel to the current system using these new calculations for season 2026. Beginning in season 2027 the new system will take over.

# 6.1 USA Proposal Art 4.5 Category Adder

# Category Adder

4.5 <u>Category Adder and Minimum/Maximum Value</u>
The <u>category adder and minimum/maximum values will be published on</u>

The <u>category adder and</u> minimum/maximum values will be published or 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>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>
SL	0	0	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>
GS	0	0	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>
SG	0	0	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>	<u>8</u> <del>0</del>	<u>8</u> 0

Because there did not seem to be any opposition to the proposal, before going through each nation for the vote, Fleré asked if any of the voting members were opposed to the proposal; there were no objections, and **the proposal was unanimously approved** 

# 6.2 USA Proposal Art 4.2.2.1 Average of three results

The second proposal reviewed was to change the seed point calculation to use the average of the best three (3) results, rather than two (2), in slalom and giant slalom – downhill, super G, and alpine combined will remain average of best two (2). Weinman noted that Défago has expressed his concern with making more than one change at a time to the list calculation.

Erik Guay (CAN), member of the alpine executive committee, expressed his concern that using three results will push athletes away from speed starts as they look for that third tech result

#### Average of three results in Tech Events

4.2.1 Base FIS Points list (BL) (\*)

The Base FIS Points List (BL) will be published <u>according to the schedule on the FIS website during the middle of June.</u>

- 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 <u>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</u>

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 <u>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 periodonly if the those points are better than the BL as follows:-</u>

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 nNo BL points

<u>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 4.2.2.120% will be added to the competitors result.</u>

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

<u>During the current period, If if athe 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, than then the BL points will remain be valid and be used.</u>

Because there were some voices against the proposal, Fleré completed a vote by nation; **the proposal was approved**.

Weinman thanked the Sub-Committee members for approving the proposals and said there can and should always be a review of our systems to ensure the best solutions for ranking alpine competitions.

#### 7. Special Quotas Southern Hemisphere

Special Quotas will be handled as done in the previous seasons. Weinman reminded everyone to please have requests and approvals to Flere as soon as possible and no later than 10-days before the first team captains meeting; both the request and approval must be completed by the deadline.

#### 8. FIS Points rules 2025/2026

#### 8.1 Art 5.3 Deadline FIS Points List 2025/2026

The deadline for FIS points lists was distributed ahead of the meeting and will be available on the FIS website. The schedule for the 2026 Interim Base Lists will be similar to what was produced in season 2025. Lists will run on the two-week schedule with the exception of the OWG list.

# FIS Points list definition 2026 Alpine Skiing

List	Valid from	Valid to	Publication
Base list 2026			
1st FIS points list 2025/26	03-07-2025	16-07-2025	01-07-2025
2nd FIS points list 2025/26	17-07-2025	30-07-2025	15-07-2025
3rd FIS points list 2025/26	31-07-2025	13-08-2025	29-07-2025
4th FIS points list 2025/26	14-08-2025	27-08-2025	12-08-2025
5th FIS points list 2025/26	28-08-2025	10-09-2025	26-08-2025
6th FIS points list 2025/26	11-09-2025	24-09-2025	09-09-2025
7th FIS points list 2025/26	25-09-2025	08-10-2025	23-09-2025
8th FIS points list 2025/26	09-10-2025	22-10-2025	07-10-2025
9th FIS points list 2025/26	23-10-2025	05-11-2025	21-10-2025
10th FIS points list 2025/26	06-11-2025	19-11-2025	04-11-2025
11th FIS points list 2025/26	20-11-2025	03-12-2025	18-11-2025
12th FIS points list 2025/26	04-12-2025	17-12-2025	02-12-2025
13th FIS points list 2025/26	18-12-2025	31-12-2025	16-12-2025
14th FIS points list 2025/26	01-01-2026	14-01-2026	30-12-2025
15th FIS points list 2025/26	15-01-2026	28-01-2026	13-01-2026
16th FIS points list 2025/26	29-01-2026	04-02-2026	27-01-2026
17th FIS points list 2025/26	05-02-2026	25-02-2026	03-02-2026
18th FIS points list 2025/26	26-02-2026	11-03-2026	24-02-2026
19th FIS points list 2025/26	12-03-2026	25-03-2026	10-03-2026
20th FIS points list 2025/26	26-03-2026	08-04-2026	24-03-2026
21st FIS points list 2025/26	09-04-2026	22-04-2026	07-04-2026
22nd FIS points list 2025/26	23-04-2026	30-04-2026	21-04-2026

#### 9. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

# 10. Next meeting

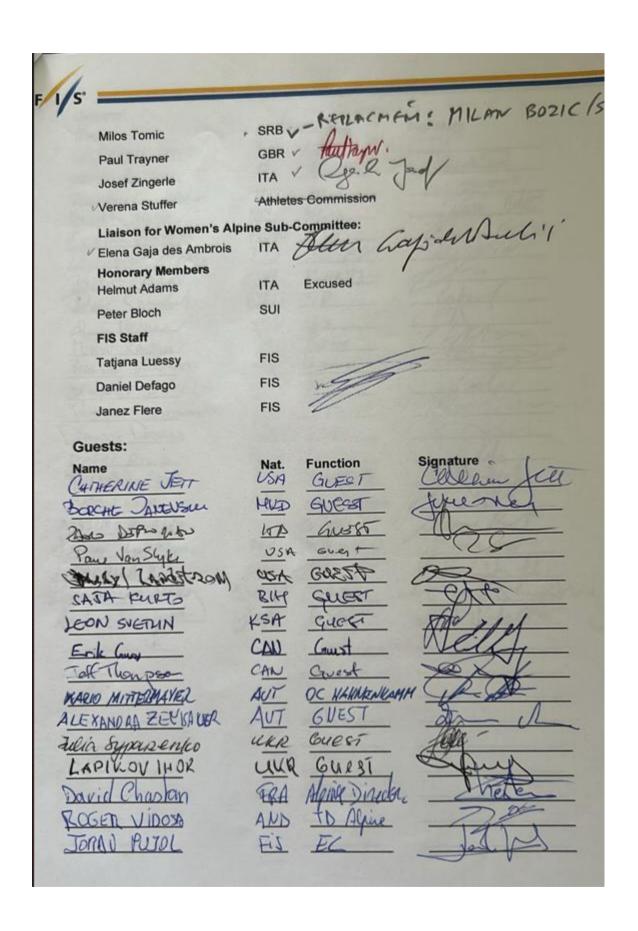
The need meeting will take place during the FIS Autumn Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Zurich (SUI).

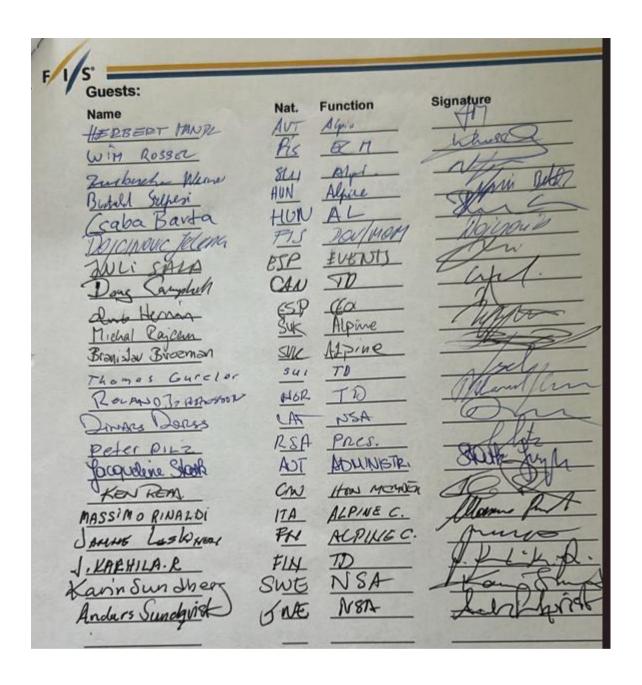
#### 11. Closing of the meeting

Weinman closed the meeting again thanking everyone for their participation and wishing them a good racing season in the Southern Hemisphere and a good summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

For the minutes, Jeff Weinman

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