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- Europa Cup Coordinators

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**Minutes Online Meeting Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses  
Wednesday, 29.09.2021, 18:00 – 20:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses held online on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Office in Oberhofen until **15<sup>th</sup> November 2021** ([aschhoff@fisski.com](mailto:aschhoff@fisski.com)).

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: [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution and good luck for the upcoming winter!

Kind regards,



Elena Gaja  
Chair Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

Enclosures:

- Presence List
- Updated Requests List
- New Inspection Report Form & Instructions
- Proposal from France, about SG 2 runs

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**1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**

Elena Gaja (EG) welcomes all members, inspectors and guests and opens the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the S.C. Alpine Courses at 18.00h. RDs are excused.

A hearty welcome to the EC Coordinators Jordi & Wim and to Janez Flere.

Elena spend some words about the sad passing of Gian Franco Kasper: << *since spring 2020, due to the pandemic, we are going through a very challenging period worldwide and recently we lost someone who did a lot for the entire FIS family, who was a great and long lasting General Secretary and then a great and long lasting President, but above all for many of us a very good and long time friend, Gian Franco Kasper: I met him the first time when I was 10 years old, accompanying my mother to the FIS Congresses, and in my memory he represented the FIS for ages. I used to talk with him, when having doubts or when I was just looking fo advices: I ask you to observe a moment of silence in his grateful memory* >>.

**2. Members present**

The roll is called, list of excused members was received, see enclosed list of presence.

Elena welcomes new members to the group:

Mr. Viktor GICHEV from BUL

Ettore MOSCA BARBERIS from ITA

Mr. Ron RUPERT from USA

Mr. Edin TERZIC from BIH

**3. Approval of the agenda**

The Agenda was sent out by email on September 9<sup>th</sup> and everybody received it.

Upon request of Mr. Michael Huber, Chairman of the Rules SC, EG proposes to add one point to Miscellaneous: a feedback from S.C. Alpine Courses is desired about the French request concerning the SG in 2 runs (proposal attached).

The Agenda is unanimously approved.

**4. Approval of the minutes of the 111<sup>th</sup> meeting in spring, 11.05.2020**

Minutes were sent out on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021: one remark has been received from Walter Trilling (FRA) therefore the minutes were immediately amended, resent to everybody and published in the FIS Member Section. The Minutes are unanimously approved.

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Chair**

The homologation season went smoothly, without big issues to report: as since the online meeting in May only 47 certificates were received and issued, the season is far from being over because currently 317 requests are still pending in the DB (401 at 14.10.21). With the aim to improve little by little the Inspection Report form, and to pay particular attention when filling it, EG prepared a new version (v 2.3\_sep21) that includes details about the Finish Area: this will be shown in point 6 of the agenda.

**5.2 FIS Race Directors**

RDs are excused for this meeting.

Hannes Trinkl sent a short report read by EG:

Last inspections in Courchevel beginning of September: safety installation completed, very nice, long and wide course, according to the latest standards, suitable for all FIS level competitions.

Few changes/improvements in Bormio (tree cutting at the top 1st Jump → more space and better speed control - change A-net skiers left below reserve start DH) and in Kitzbühel (change A-Net after Hausbergkante Traverse - earth work after Hausbergkante → improvements for the coming years to control speed and having more space for safety). In general like the past years the focus will be on the jumps and rolls for speed control, more outside hanging turns forces the athletes to a less aggressive set-up.

### **5.3 Continental Cups Coordinators**

**Jordi Pujol:** done almost all inspections onsite which was good because sometimes strange renovation works are discovered. He shows some pictures: homologation was done 6 months before the inspection. As seen in the picture, the forest grows into the A-net, the masts/poles are too close to the net (1m distance), the net is too close to the ground/grass (then with the snow will be buried), it is not an A-net but 2 B-nets sewn together and finally still being out in August and usually left installed all year long will be damaged very fast. These are the kind of potentially dangerous situations TDs don't want to find when arriving on site and having no more time to fix them, luckily it was discovered now and not right before the race time. LOC and venue owner will work on these points. EG will also investigate about if the behaviour of 2 B-nets sewn together is the same or different of a regular A-net.

Markus Murmann comments that the net shown in the picture is not even a B-net as the mesh seems to be 10x10cm.

Elena encourages Inspectors, if the case, to bring those potential dangerous situations at her attention and to send pictures to be discussed as good or bad examples during the meetings.

**Wim Rossel:** Wim shortly presents Matjaz Vrecl (SLO) who joined the EC Team as Equipment Controller, but serving also as right/left hand. During the EC in Sella Nevea (ITA) one A-net had to be cut away because of huge snow fall, replaced by 3 rows of B-nets. Wim reminds the course inspector that he/she needs to check that everything has been set up again.

## **6. IR amendment – new version 2.3 with point 6.1**

EG shows her proposal for new point 6.1 in the Inspection Report form, which becomes the new standard: special attention is required to define the safety in the Finish Area, which means especially from the photocells line down to the end of the Finish corral, specifically for Speed events. As suggested by some inspectors/LOCs, a new sub-section 6.1 has been added to the point 6 with the aim to encourage inspectors to provide prescriptions and details such as length and width and potential obstacles to be protected and how.

Toni Franz (SWE) comments that this is really helpful to insert information on the Finish area especially for speed events. EG will publish the new report together with the new instructions after sending the Minutes.

## **7. Homologations for competition courses involving 2 NSAs**

A new project is in progress on a glacier concerning a new downhill, starting in one country and finishing in another. Someone says that the Start would define the property of the race course and someone else instead would say that is the Finish line to define the 'ownership' of a race course, or someone else would say that it depends on how much of the terrain is on a given nation.

EG would only like to have the feedback of the SC, as this apparently simple issue is impacting on several different domains/areas such as Homologations papers/certificate/fees, Calendar, Responsibility, TD/Juries assignment, rights, safety, insurance, etc

The problem seems to be who is responsible of the course, but there are different options to define the responsibilities.

Julie Lemieux (CAN) says that it depends on the organizer and that an agreement should be found between the 2 LOCs.

Toni Franz (SWE) agrees that only one homologation has to be issued, serving the two possible Organizers: SC should not care about legal questions.

Wim Rossel (FIS) asks if it's possible to set out 2 similar homologation documents (copy-paste) and give it to both nations.

Robert Lehman (SUI) comments that in his opinion it depends on who is paying for the homologation but he is not in favour of a shared homologation.

The SC agrees that a clear agreement between two organizers needs to be set up and that one organizer should own the homologation but the other one can use it when needed.

## **8. Requests for homologation inspections: updated list**

Elena shows the list of homologation requests, for check and amendments.

The latest list (as of 14.10.21) is attached to the minutes.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

Discussion about the French proposal for SG in 2 Runs with VD 300-350m (attached).

SC Alpine Rules did not schedule a Fall Meeting as they think that such a major rules change shall not be adopted in Fall and everybody agree that this has to be decided in Spring in order to be implemented with the start of the Southern Hemisphere Season accordingly. To prepare several arguments and opinions for the decision-making process at the Spring Meeting in 2022, Mr. Huber would like to get some feedback from several Committees until the end of November. And in particular he would like to know:

- which arguments are in favour

- which arguments are against

Reason for France to support the proposal: *< it's more and more difficult to organize speed events, and it's still more interesting and challenging to have shorter SG in two run, than a short SG, less than 45 or 50 seconds (as DH 2 run race already exist) >*.

Robert Lehmann (SUI) is not in favour of the proposal because if approved then lift companies will stop having regular SG.

Walter Hlebayna (AUT) agrees with Robert Lehmann and adds that there are even more points to be considered from a sport and athletes' athletic preparation perspectives: this VD is good for ENL but not for regular FIS level.

Toni Franz (SWE) agrees that the course should not be too short. For ENL it's good to have the min at 300m VD but not for higher level races.

Peter Krogoll (GER) also agrees that having shorter and shorter runs becomes a critical decision from a 'sport' point of view.

Kyriacos Kyriacou (CYP) noted that a second proposal was made raising the 250m min VD to the 300m current min VD.

Janez Flere (FIS) confirms and adds that the only issue is the minimum penalty of 60 FIS points (as for ENL) which the organizer doesn't want to accept. Janez also agrees with Walter Hlebayna (AUT) as for ENL we already have such minimum.

Michihiko Nakamura (JPN) agrees to what has been said saying that is only a matter of points.

Arno Heikkala (FIN) comments that the discussion on vertical drop is interesting but the reason behind the proposal is to get lower points not to increase attractivity.

Elena sums up that the feedback is clear (against the proposal) and she will report to the SC Alpine Rules and to the Alpine Committee.

## **10. Next meeting**

FIS Congress Vilamoura (POR), 22. – 28.05.2022, hopefully with the possibility to meet everybody in person.

## **11. Closing of the meeting**

EG thanks everybody, principally the Inspectors, for their cooperation, attendance and help, Janez Flere for his patience and valuable advices, Daniel Defago for the technical assistance and her best right hand Josephine for the essential cooperation along the season. She wishes everyone a successful season!

Take care and stay healthy!!