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**Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Thursday,
04.05.2023**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for the European Cup held in Cavtat.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **20th May 2023**.

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 healthy summer.

Kindest regards,



Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for European Cup

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1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Committee Members and all present. A special welcome to honorary member Dieter Posch (AUT). Welcome to all present organisers and suppliers.

2. Roll-call

Janez Fleré (FIS) made the Roll-call (see enclosure).

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda, with no additions, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Zurich on 29.09.2022

The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Report of the Chairman and the Coordinators

5.1 Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)

First, I would like to thank our Race Directors Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossel (FIS) for their big work and their organising spirit. Course preparation is mostly on a very high level and the sport itself is very good.

Big thanks to all organisers as well. We are in a very good situation to have well proofed organisers who are organising races on a very high standard.

We are looking back to a difficult winter season with lack of snow. Indeed it was very tricky with the weather situation but it worked out well.

There were only two competitions which had to be cancelled, Passo San Pellegrino (ITA) and Saalbach (AUT). I would like to apologise again the cancellation of Saalbach due to accommodation problems. The tourist office could not guarantee the necessary accommodations because of high season and the organising committee was not able to pay the normal rates to the hotels.

We experienced a very good Junior World Championship in St. Anton (AUT) with live coverage from ORF. Big thanks to ORF for this highlight.

I can inform you that the project with the speed clinics for young women racers, supported by the OPA will be continued. It helps a lot to enable the beginning of downhill skiing on the women's side. Val Gardena (ITA) is proud to offer this end of November.

Concerning the reporting on the European Cup there will be more offers from the FIS side with live streaming. It will be supported from FIS marketing.

I'm sorry I couldn't join the final season meeting with the coaches due to my knee injury. Jordi and Wim have reported that everything is running pretty smooth. Good cooperation among the coaches is helping the organising committees and makes everything easier.

Finally I would like to thank my colleagues on the Sub-Committee and all coaches for their always fair discussion and to accept the challenges in or sport. Many thanks to the National Ski Associations and their organisers for their efforts to support the European Cup. Thanks to Tatjana Luessy and Janez Flere for the support in the office.

5.2 Coordinators

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

It has been a good season for the European Cup Women Circuit, without Covid, everything was much easier and smooth, of course some problems with weather conditions but nothing relevant compared to other seasons.

Despite the Passo San Pellegrino cancelation, all calendar was done on time and with good conditions.

Nice to see some racers starting the season in Europe Cup and finishing in World Cup with relevant results, especially in tech events. On the speed side, big thanks to the organisers for the effort and the great courses preparation, special mention to the increase in number of racers in downhill.

Every season more organisers bet on streaming channels and social networks, increasing and improving their events, of course we need to find solutions in order to help all of them and create a better and solid product.

From the first race in Mayrhofen to the Finals in Narvik, big thanks and compliments to all organisers, volunteers, timekeepers, coaches, athletes and everyone related on Europe Cup Circuit, special thanks to all FIS staff for the great support.

Wim Rossel (FIS)

After getting finally rid of Covid-19 the EC family was facing new challenges like extreme warm weather and energy situation causing high pressure on LOC's especially early season. In general, we could deliver an amazing EC Season both on tech and speed side. One race better than the other. Especially happy with situation on tech side. Fully watered slopes and high quality, resulting in an increase of fairness and huge decrease of injuries. Wim went through the past calendar year and looked back at difficulties and highlights

Big improvements on digitalisation of entire draw board and draw system, which now can be followed by everyone on FIS Live. Huge thanks to Philippe Guerindon (FRA) for his support. As well measuring of all gates giving the opportunity for all players to make better analytics with the installed gate measuring

Sportside: congrats to all athletes, great sportsmanship and tremendous results by swiss team winning nations cup and bringing forward the EC overall winner Josua Mettler.

Finally we need to say thank you to all stakeholders, LOC's, NSA's, and finally our colleagues for the enormous support: Matjaz/Janez/Jordi/Tatjana/Lukas,,

6. European Cup calendars 2023/24

Wim Rossel and Jordi Pujol presented the calendars for season 2023/24.

7. Rules 2023/24

The following rules was unanimously approved and will be forwarded to the FIS Council for their approval.

2.2.1.2 Extra quota in COC events for athletes within the best top 30 WCSL

Athletes ranked in the best 30 of the WCSL are assigned a personal quota in addition to the nation's basic and nation quota for all COC competitions in the event concerned. This is only for the COC competitions in the geographical region where these athlete's National Association is a member. (EC* Athletes over quota do not have the right of payment of expenses as per art 7 and 7.1)

2.6.1 Inscriptions and entry deadlines

All entries must be sent to the respective Organisers or National Association (as stated in the FIS calendar) at least seven (7) days in advance of the first race (tech) or official training (speed).

For EC and NAC, National Ski Associations must use the FIS online registration system for entries. The Organisers are only allowed to accept entries submitted within the communicated deadlines and through the FIS online entry system.

Entries not made according to the rules shall not be entitled to accommodation expenses.

3.2 After the first group (*EC/NAC)

After the 1st group the competitors are placed on the board start according to art. 3.2.1 (450 / 200 Cup points), followed by the present competitors ranked within the top 30 of the World Cup Starting List (WCSL). The following 15 competitors start according to the respective cup event standing, unless they are within one of the two above mentioned groups. Finally, 30 competitors of the respective cup event standing incl. the 450 points competitors are considered.

In case the first 30 competitors in Alpine Combined do not have Cup points, respectively FIS points in Alpine Combined, competitors will be considered according to the DH respectively SG FIS points - depending on which event will be held for the Alpine Combined.

The same procedure is valid for those competitors after start number 30 who do not have AC FIS points.

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3.2.1 *Special Group: 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC) 200 (SAC, ANC) Cup points*

Competitors who have accumulated at least 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC), 200 (ANC, SAC) Cup points in the overall classification in the past or current season of that Continental Cup are may- placed on the board start as number 16 in all events in that Cup only, unless they have a right to start in the first 15. If there is more than one competitor with 450 (EC, NAC) 400 (FEC) 200 (SAC, ANC) Cup points then they start in the order of their Cup points in that event, or FIS points if they have no Cup points.

If competitors cannot make use of this facilitation due to injury, they may use it at the first 3 races of the following season. This is valid for a maximum of 3 starts irrespective of the events.

3.2.2 *Winner or qualifier from each Continental Cup starts 31.*

The Continental Cup event winners from the previous season (Southern Hemisphere same season), and best placed competitor from the respective Continent (including all competitors with the same total points as the winner or the best placed competitor from the respective continent) will be named on a separate list on the FIS Website.

These competitors have the right to start as number 31 in all the other Continental Cups (except EC Finals), if they are not already ranked in the top 30. If there is more than one present, they will start in order of their Cup points in that event, or FIS points if they have no Cup points. This right is only valid for the event concerned.

EC.4.4.1 Quotas

Each nation is entitled to participate with their valid national quotas (art. 2.2). In the case of Downhill, Super-G and Alpine Combined (or Giant Slalom and Slalom) taking place at one event, the nation's higher quota in Downhill, Super-G or Alpine Combined, is valid in all of the three (or two in case of Giant Slalom and Slalom) events.

EC.4.4.2 Qualification

The conditions for the basic quota according to art. 2.1 remain valid. The additional competitors in the national quota must be ranked within the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) in the European Cup overall standings in the respective events. There is no moving up or replacement. Furthermore, all competitors from the Special Group (450 EC points competitors) in the current season have the right to start. All top 30 competitors from the actual WCSL before the first Team Captains' Meeting also have the right to start in the event concerned. This last group of competitors is not counting to define the top 45 (top 30 in Alpine Combined) qualified for the finals.

Art 3.2.2 (Continental Cup winners) does not apply for the EC Finals.

EC.6.1 Training or racing on European Cup courses

No training or racing is allowed on European Cup courses for two (2) days before the start of official training or the first competition - irrespective of the event or course. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to disqualification or refusal to allow the respective competitor to start

EC.6.2 Free-skiing on the race hill

Free-skiing (with or without gates) can be organised on the race hill on the days before the race for SG or GS only with the approval of the European Cup Coordinator in agreement with the Local Organiser.

8. Presentations

- **2023 FIS Alpine Junior World Championships, St. Anton (AUT)**

A short video from the FIS Alpine Junior World Championships in St. Anton (AUT) was shown.

8. Miscellaneous

Wolfgang Mayer (GER) complained the value of European Cup. All are doing a great job, Race Directors and the organisers but still the interest of EC is not good enough.

And on one side the organisers who can't create sponsors, the other hand the athletes who can't earn money. The members discussed the issue and all agreed to start with any activities to come forward. Another issue is coming from the organisers to increase the accommodation fee.

9. Next meeting, 27th-29th September 2023, Zurich (SUI)