

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

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**Minutes of the Meeting Sub-Committee for Masters Racing  
FIS Spring 2023 Technical Meetings**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure in sending you the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Masters Racing, held today in Dubrovnik (CRO) during the FIS Fall Technical Meetings.

Additionally, we would also like to take the opportunity of informing you that the Minutes will be available on the Member Section services on the FIS Website: [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Thank you very much for the valuable cooperation.

Kindest regards,



Stefano Arnhold

Chairman Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

## INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

### Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

#### 1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and thanked everyone for taking the trip to Dubrovnik (CRO).

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Members Present:

Stefano Arnhold (Chairman)  
Andreas Tannert (GER)  
Julie Lemieux (CAN)  
Rolando Galli (ITA)  
Paul Trayner (GBR)  
Bob Davis (USA)  
Hanruedi Frueh (SUI)  
Helmut Kaufmann (AUT)  
Marija Kosic (MNE)  
Igor Lapikov (UKR)  
Hiroshi Sawano (JPN)  
Luka Vucinic (CRO)

##### Guests:

Radovan Cagala (SVK)  
Didier Bonvin (SUI)  
Timo Saresvuo (FIN)  
Erika Toesse (NOR)

##### FIS Office

Stefanie Gerber

##### Zoom

Cristobal Calzado (ESP)  
Jean-Marie Hennes (FRA)  
Shun Fukuda (JPN)  
Nigel Greenfield (GBR)  
Andrea Noell (GER)  
Patricija Mali (SLO)  
Sergio Parot (CHI)  
Alfredo Guala (ITA)  
Giovanni Alfredo Pucca (ITA)

3. **Languages Required** – The Meeting was held in English.

#### 4. **Approval of the Minutes from the last Meeting:**

The Minutes of the last Meeting held in Zuerich , September 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 were approved.

## 5. Reports

The Reports were circulated during the Season.

Mr. Jean Marie Hennes (FRA) prepared a summary of those Reports and made important recommendations.

The Chairman highlighted the recommendation for the OC's to increase their side slipping crews to provide safe and fair course conditions, specially because of bad weather and snow conditions and asked all Members to help implement this important safety issue.

Mr. Arnhold thanked and suggested to Mr. Hennes to inform OC's and TD's of problems found in the last Season shortly before each race in this Season.

Please see attachment.

## 6. MAS CALENDAR

### 6.1 Approval of the Calendar for the Season 2023-24

Attached please find the approved Calendar for the Season 2023-24 that contains a total of 88 Races (72 FMC & 16 MAS) organized by 18 different NSAs in 26 Venues comprising 17 SG, 30 SL, 39 GS and 2 AC in 4 Continents.

An informal Indoor Cup will be created to award the winners of the 6 Indoor SL's organised in November 2023. The prizes and administration of this Cup will be a shared responsibility of the Indoor SL OC's.

### 6.2 WCM 2023

The World Criterium Masters (WCM) 2024 will be organized in Kimberley (CAN) March 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the OC will present the final Program to the Chairman for final approval by the S/C as soon as possible.

### 6.3 FMC Finals 2023

The FMC Finals are confirmed for Reiteralalm (AUT) April 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Mr. Arnhold thanked Mr. Helmut Kaufmann (AUT) for anticipating the races in one day thus permitting for a more comfortable program with an overall season prize giving ceremony on Saturday.

### 6.4 Long Term Calendar

2025 – WCM Megeve (FRA)  
FINALS Pila (ITA) with SG/GS

2026 – Open (TBD in Fall new or anticipate rotation)  
FINALS Sierra Nevada (ESP) SL/GS

2027 – WCM Pila (ITA)  
FINALS USA (TBC) SG/SL

2028 – WCM SUI  
FINALS Cortina D'Ampezzo (ITA) SG/GS

2029 – WCM Sierra Nevada (ESP)  
FINALS FRA SG/GS

## **7. IT Items**

Mrs. Stefanie Gerber from the FIS Office prepared a proposal for the Deadlines for Printing the FIS MAS Points Lists for the Season 2023-24 that was approved and can be seen attached.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Gerber for her outstanding contribution for Masters Racing in the last 8 years and wished Steffi all possible success in her new professional responsibilities.

## **8. Equipment Rules**

Mr. Arnhold to attend the Equipment Committee Meeting.

## **9. Rule Change Proposals**

There was one single Rule Change Proposal received from SUI (see attached) which was duly discussed. Mr. Arnhold thanked Mr. Frueh for the thoughtful numbers presented and encouraged Hansruedi to coordinate further studies regarding a new Calendar Structure that could increase the participation of Women in order to contribute to a better gender balance and also increase the participation of younger Masters of both genders.

## **10. Ban on Fluorinated Waxes**

Mr. Augusto Gillio (FIS) could not attend the Meeting due to presentations in other Committees and send a presentation that can be seen attached. He informed after the Meeting that updated documents will be posted at the FIS web page under “general documents” Fluor information.

## **11. World Winter Masters Games 2024 - WWMG**

Mr. Rolando Galli (ITA) confirmed that the technical races will be held at Ponte di Legno and the SG at Aprica, both in Lombardia (ITA). The OC intends to organize the races for the 3 different MAS Categories in different slopes and in separate races, which was very much appreciated by the Sub-Committee. Mr. Galli also informed that both venues have large experience in organising Masters races.

A detailed program will be presented for approval, already with the new dates approved in the attached Calendar.

The OC shall be present at the FIS Fall Meetings in Zuerich.

The Chair informed that Mr. Jens Holm was also invited to the Masters Meeting in Fall and that IMGA could not send a representative to Dubrovnik due to the organisation of other events.

## **12. Finances**

The Chair gave a detailed explanation on the status of the accounts related to the IMF – International Masters Fund.

It was suggested to discuss at the Fall Meeting how the resources of the IMF could be used to further promote Masters Racing in general and the safety and fairness of the races in particular. It was also suggested to reevaluate if the Masters fees should be still collected.

## **13. Congress Items**

Mr. Arnhold informed that there was no specific Congress Item for the Masters Racing Sub-Committee.

## **14. Open Discussions**

### **14.1 Purpose**

As no contribution was received, it was agreed to terminate this initiative.

## **15. Next Meeting**

In Zuerich (SUI), 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 during the FIS Fall Technical Meetings.