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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Rules and Control Cross-Country
Zoom platform, 29.09.2021, 16:00 – 19:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Rules and Control Cross-Country, held online, 29.09.2021

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30th October 2021**.

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.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution. We wish you a successful winter season.

Kind regards,

SUB-COMMITTEE RULES AND CONTROL

Uros Ponikvar, Chair

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of a secretary (proposal: Len Apedaile)
3. Members present
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting S.C. for Rules & Control Cross-Country, GoToMeeting platform, 10.05.2021
6. Report and information from the FIS Race Director
7. Recasting of the Working Groups
8. Proposals and issues from other Sub-Committees
9. ICR matters: Precisions/ Guidelines
 - 9.1 Report from the ICR Working Group
 - 9.2 Adaption of the rules
10. FIS Calendar/FIS Points
11. Homologation matters
 - 11.1 Report from the Homologation working group
 - 11.2 Nomination of the Regional Homologation Inspectors
 - 11.3 Homologation Inspectors assignments
 - 11.4 Homologation Inspectors seminar
12. TD matters
 - 12.1 Report from the TD Matters' Working Group
 - 12.2 TD Report – Update
 - 12.3 TD Seminars 2021-2022
 - 12.4 TD/ TDA/ Jury Members nomination changes
 - World Cup Season 2021/22
 - JWSC 2022
 - WSC 2023 – tbc
13. Next meeting
14. Closing of the meeting

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 01.10.2021 and to the approval of the FIS Council on 22.10.2021 (tbc)

1. Opening of the meeting

Chair Uros Ponikvar (SLO) opened the meeting on September 19, at 16:00 hrs CET and welcomed the members of the Sub-Committee for Rules and Control Cross-Country, FIS Staff, invited guests and observers.

Uros informed the Sub-Committee members, substitutes and guests about voting rights.

2. Appointment of a Secretary

Pierre Mignerey, Michal Lamplot (FIS)

3. Members Present

Members present	Remarks	Substitute
Ponikvar Uros (SLO)		
Pettersen Torbjoern Broks (NOR)		
Apedaile Len (CAN)	Excused	
Durco Peter (SVK)	Not present	
Flury Christian (SUI)		
Jelisijevic Radojko (SRB)		
Kielpinska Zofia Stefania (POL)		
Viljanmaa Annmari (FIN)		
Koyuncu Özkan (TUR)		
Nezu Shuhei (JPN)		
Leemets Vahur (EST)		
Marsland Finn (AUS)		
Unterfrauner Thomas (AUT)		
Nesterenko Andriy (UKR)	Not present	
Eppinger Karl-Heinz (GER)		
Rosa Anna (ITA)		
Sargsyan Gagik (ARM)	Not present	
Serrano Allan (USA)		
Sundbaum Mikaela (SWE)		
Tsourekas Timos (GRE)		
Vedenin Vyacheslav (RUS)	Not present	
Vodrazka Jakub (CZE)		
Young Roy (GBR)		
Zografov Petar (BUL)		
Konya Balint (HUN)		
Borca Daniel (ROU)		
Moreschi Julio (ARG)		

Björkestöl Hermod (NOR), Honorary Member - Not present
Karl-Heinz Lickert (GER)

Vegard Ulvang (NOR), Chair, Cross Country Committee -

FIS Staff Present:

Pierre Mignerey, Race Director

Ulf Seehase, Josephine Aschhoff, Michal Lamplot, Doris Kallen, Madeline Nappey

Guest Requests Present

Several guests from NSAs were present at the meeting.

4. Approval of the agenda

The agenda has been sent on 13.08.2021 and is approved.

5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting Sub-Committee for Rules and Control Cross-Country, Zoom platform, 10.05.2021

The minutes are approved.

6. Report and information from the FIS Race Director

No report from the FIS Race Director. Several items were discussed during the meeting.

7. Recasting of the Working Groups

S:C. chairman Uros Ponikvar proposed to change the principle of the working groups. In order to encourage the discussion and commitment of the S.C. members, some working groups will be replaced with specific tasks assigned to one leader. Persons from the Sub-Committee or from the outside can be invited to join the discussion. If no member of the Sub-Committee volunteers to lead the task the Sub-Committee Chairman can search for a person outside of Sub-Committee.

Homologation Working Group should be kept, as its field is very specific. Allan Serrano (USA) is proposed to keep coordinating work with Regional Homologation Coordinators.

Report from the leader of each task is expected at next meeting of the Sub-Committee. Any proposals for the S.C. should be sent 1 month prior of the meeting.

The proposal was approved by the Sub-Committee.

8. Proposals and issues from other Sub-Committees

- Proposal from Sub-Committee for Rollerskiing to update jury composition at WSC/WC level (will be addressed later)
- Proposal to include a race at end of June into the FIS Rollerski World Cup Calendar – a competition in Telermkveka (NOR) on 24th – 26th June, 2022. The FIS season starts on 1st July. The proposal is to give exception to this competition to be included in the 2023 season. The Sub-Committee agreed that it is a political decision, which should be addressed to the Cross-Country Committee.

9. ICR matters: Precisions/ Guidelines

The Sub-Committee dealt with following proposals (full wording in the attached document):

- Jury composition at WC/WSC/OWG
- Jury composition at ROL WSC/WC
- Obstruction and overtaking rules and updated decision chart
- IRM Ranking
 - Cancellation and validation of events in case of force majeure situations
 - Possibility to appeal a Jury decision

In special situations it would be desirable that an independent body can appeal a Jury decision, should the imposed sanction is considered as not sufficient. It is a sensitive task, which needs to be discussed carefully. Anna Rosa (ITA) volunteered to lead the discussion.

All proposals were approved.

10. FIS Points

Pierre Mignerey raised the issue of misuse of FIS points during the qualification period for the OWG. The FIS points system has been working well, but it would be good to look in the system and find out if there are any issues with the FIS points calculation. An analysis should be made, report is expected at the next S.C. meeting at its spring meeting in 2022.

Petr Mach (CZE) volunteered to lead this project and will contact persons that expressed their interest to cooperate.

11. Homologation matters

Allan Serano reported to the Sub-Committee about homologation matters. Detailed report is in the attached document.

The Sub-Committee approved the proposal.

11.1 Homologation of long distance courses

An issue about FIS competitions held on long distance courses of unusual length (e.g. L31,5 km, 90 km). Homologation parameters such as TC, MC and HD are not according to ICR. However, those courses are regularly used for competitions.

The Sub-Committee should decide if FIS races on such courses should be organised and FIS points awarded? If yes, then it should not be an exception but rules should be adjusted.

11.2 Other homologation matters

Homologation seminar will not take place this autumn. The plan is to use more sharing of knowledge rather than a few persons presenting to the audience.

Regional homologation inspectors should be identified and homologation inspectors list should be updated.

Update of the homologation software is possible but an official request has to be made. Budgeting has to be done.

Rollerski courses homologation should be made in the future, with FIS Rollerski homologation guideline.

Pierre Mignerey informed the Sub-Committee about the proposal from WSC Organiser Planica 2023 to organise 30 km and 50 km mass start competitions with a start in Tarvisio (ITA). First 13-15 km after the start are relatively flat, There were two possibilities along the course where a climb could be found, however, such a solution would require big costs and environmental impact and it should be avoided. At the same time, a lot of work on the width and safety of the course has to be done in order to secure safe and fair competition. The Sub-Committee did not have any comments about the proposal.

12. TD matters

Len Appedale was excused from the meeting; the TD report was not delivered but will be sent to the S.C. later.

Issue regarding TD nominations for popular competitions was discussed. The list with TD nominations should not be published until assignments have been confirmed by TD and TD Assistants. Assignments of National TDs should be done in cooperation with the regional TD coordinators and respective NSAs.

TD seminars

- Eastern Europe seminar – one week later than planned (12th - 14th October), not in Zakopane, place TBC.
- Western Europe – October 16th only online seminar. Rules update only ordinary biannual seminar will take place again next year.
- Scandinavia – online seminar from 6th – 7th November.
- North America - online seminar 5th – 6th November, 5-6 part B candidates
- A/NZ – TDs from A/NZ region would like to join one of online seminars (depending on the time difference).
- Far East – online, 29-30th October

Learning from C-19 pandemic is that it is possible to host online meetings and seminars. However, it is still very valuable to have a chance to meet in person. The proposal is to organise TD seminars every year, but every second year there should be one day online update. The distribution of onsite seminars should be even (not all in the same year).

A solution how to make exams using an online tool should be evaluated. There is experience in other FIS disciplines, which should be explored.

TD nominations

There are no changes to the TD nominations for the big events for the upcoming season. Mike Norton (CAN) was nominated and approved by the S.C. as the Jury member at the FIS WSC Planica 2023.

Should it be necessary, jury nomination for the JWSC & U23 WSC 2022 will be changed, depending on which NSA will host the event.

13. Summary of the tasks and leaders

Task 1: Appeal process - Anna Rosa, ITA

Task 2: FIS Points Review - Petr Mach, CZE

Task 3: Homologation old courses - Allan Serrano, USA

Task 4: TD Report online re-design - Len Apedaile, CAN

Task 5: Online TD Education and Examination system - Anna Rosa, ITA

14. Next meeting

FIS Congress Vilamoura (POR), 22. – 28.05.2022

15. Closing of the meeting