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 - Obmen

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**Minutes Sub-Committee Online Meeting for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping and 37th Obmen Meeting
Saturday 21.08.2021, 13:00 – 17:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Online Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping and 37th Obmen Meeting held on 21th October 2021.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **October 1st 2021**.

We would also like to take the 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.

Kindest regards,

Ivo Gréger
Chair of the Subcommittee for Ski Jumping Officials, Rules and Control



INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
37th Obmen Meeting and
Fall Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping Meeting
Virtual Meeting, Saturday, August 21, 2021, 13:00 – 17:00 hrs.

Agenda

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1. Opening of the meeting

For the second year in a row the obmen meeting was planned to take place in Tallinn, EST. Due to travel restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was converted to a virtual meeting and combined with the fall meeting of the Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control. Anticipating that travel restrictions will be lifted in 2022, the next meeting will take place in person.

The new chairman, Ivo Greger (CZE), opened the meeting at 13:10 CET and thanked former chairman Ueli Forrer (SUI) for his years of work on behalf of the members.

2. Roll call of members present – Obmen

	<u>NAT</u>	<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
FIS	Greger Ivo	Chairman	
FIS	Forrer Ueli		
AUT	Kathol Christian	present	
BLR	Chashchyn Leonid	not present	
CAN	Tanaka Shinya	present	
CZE	Greger Ivo	present	
EST	Tahk Suzanne	present	
FIN	Jukkara Mika	present	
FRA	Salvi Franck	present	
GER	Rappenglück Franz	present	
ITA	Sambugaro Sandro	excused	
JPN	Minemura Yutaka	present	
KAZ	Nassyrov Nazym	present	
KOR	Nam Hyowon	not present	
NOR	Walseth Ole	present	
POL	Malik Faustyna	present	
ROU	Axinte Ovidiu	present	
RUS	Kalinin Yuri	present	
SLO	Bukovnik Janez	excused	
SUI	Amstein David	present	
SVK	Chudy Peter	present	
SWE	Stub-Nybelius Marit	present	
TUR	Konca Yavuz M.	present	
USA	Zuehlke Reed	present	
Guests			
FIS	Pertile Sandro		
FIS	Yoshida Chika		
FIS	Bazkowksa Aga		
FIS	Tepes Miran		
GER	Stahlhut Erik		
CZE	Hlava Josef		
CHN	Liang Bing		

3. Roll call of members present – Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control

	NAT	MEMBER NAME	REMARKS
FIS		Greger Ivo	Chairman
FIS		Forrer Ueli	
AUT		Kathol Christian	present
CAN		Savill Wesley	present
CZE		Greger Ivo	present
EST		Tasane Vahur	present
FIN		Hyvarinnen Janne	present
FRA		Laheurte Jerome	present
GER		Rappenglück Franz	present
ITA		Roggia Andrea	present
JPN		Minemura Yutaka	present
KAZ		Nassyrov Nazym	present
KOR		Jung Lak-Kyu	present
NOR		Loeng Geir Steinar	present
POL		Malik Faustyna	present
ROU		Spulber Florin	not present
RUS		Kalinin Yuri	present
SLO		Komovec Saso	present
SUI		Mathis Hubert	not present
SVK		Mesik Martin	not present
SWE		Stub-Nybelius Marit	present
TUR		Vangolu Sebahattin Yenal	present
USA		Zuehlke Reed	present

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4. Appointment of a secretary

Reed Zuehlke (USA) was appointed secretary.

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

6. Approval of the minutes of the online Obmen meeting 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

7. Approval of the minutes of the online Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control meeting, Spring 2021

~~Geir Steinar Loeng (NOR) provided a clarification of agenda item 11.d. The Norwegian proposal was to discuss judges working conditions in general and not specifically in ski flying.~~ Geir Steinar Loeng (NOR) provided a clarification of agenda item 11.d. The Norwegian proposal was to discuss judges working conditions in general and not specifically in ski flying. The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved.

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8. Opinion on the work of the Jumping Judges

Ueli Forrer (FIS) shared the general analysis of judge performance from the past season.

Deviations/working progress

Judging of Men

Mr. Forrer stated that there was not much progress in the past year, but that scores remain more or less within the range of -0.2 to +0.2 (see addendum graphs) and that only a few judges are outside the range, so not bad overall. He provided some detailed comments on each phase of the jump:

- Flight – there are still not enough deductions for flight faults
- Landing – quite pleased with the even distribution in landing deductions
- Outrun – on the whole there are too many deductions and this becomes a greater issue when there actually are faults

Judging of Women

Mr. Forrer clarified that there is a greater variation with women than with men, but still within an acceptable range.

- Flight – like with the men there are still not enough deductions here
- Landing – there are too many points being deducted in this phase, but only three judges were outside the range
- Outrun – unlike with the men, this distribution is perfect

Mr. Forrer noted that performance of the judges at the WSC in Oberstdorf, GER was perfect overall as well as in the flight and landing phases. He also said that performance in the outrun phase was very good.

National judging

Three judges exceeded the 10.00 limit on the national judging assessment list – Kurt Boerseth (NOR), Hermann Geshwentner (GER) and Anton Justin (SLO). After a detailed analysis of the performance for these three judges, it was determined that Geshwentner was not outside the 10.00 limit, so only two judges will not be permitted to be assigned to World Cup events for the upcoming season. Judge Ryszard Gunka (POL) was over the 5.00 threshold three times, so he will not be nominated for WC for one year. As a reminder, the respective Obman is required to review judging rules and guidelines with any judge who has received 5.00 or higher on the list.

Chairman Greger shared the lists of judges who were sanctioned for the past few years. While there are fewer on the list this year than in prior years, the list is still too large.

9. Opinion on the work of TDs and TDAs

General

Chairman Greger reported that the work of the TDs and TDAs is going well.

There was one case with a TD at the JWSC and one with a TD in the WC-M. This TD (Franck Salvi (FRA)) will not be nominated at the WC level for two years.

While there are too many TDs, there are not enough TDs in the Ski Flying group. Ivo Greger and Janni Hyvarinnen have been added to this group and 2-3 more TDs will be selected to join them.

An effort to develop strong Women TDs has been initiated and there are now 15 candidates for this program. They will be invited to the TD seminar in Liberec, CZE.

Qualification

Chairman Greger confirmed that the TD seminar will be held in Liberec, CZE October 7-9. **** Note: after drafting these minutes the TD seminar in Liberec was cancelled due to elevated travel restrictions for many attendees. Online seminars for candidates and WC TDs will take its place.**

Race Director Sandro Pertile concurred with the chairman's report on TD/TDA performance and said he did not need to provide any additional comments.

10. Working Group "Judges Performance"

Women's Ski Jumping

Virtual Judge 2021

Continued improvements to the Berkutschi system now allow judges who are part of the working group to enter scores directly into Berkutschi while watching the event on TV. This Virtual Judge tool can be accessed via the following link: <https://virtual-judge.berkutschi.com>.

Judges who are not part of the working group can practice by watching the competition later. To enter scores for an event, select the competition. When the startlist appears, choose the round and click the "Edit" button for a competitor. Watch the jump and enter the deductions. After clicking "OK" the score will be shown and compared with the average for the onsite judges and the score from the evaluation group. When ready to continue, repeat the process for the next competitor.

A review of the competition after all scores are entered will show deductions (flight/landing/outrun) for the individual judge, the average of the onsite judges and the evaluation group by moving the mouse pointer over the total judge score.

To see an overall comparison with the experts, click on the "Statistics" button.

Chairman Greger shared that feedback on the new Virtual Judge tool is quite positive and asks that each obman present it at national seminars. He expects more judges will be utilizing the tool this coming winter.

New technical tools for judges – NOR

As reported in the approval of the prior meeting minutes section above, Geir Steinar Loeng (NOR) noted that the spring meeting he was under the impression he should continue working on the general topic of judge technical tools.

~~To continue with the topic, Mr. Loeng clarified that the following steps could be one way to approach the task:~~

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- Identify the most challenging hills (for judging Telemark landings)
- Perform an analysis to identify unique challenges for the identified hills
- If there is a correlation, propose different judge tower location requirements for new hills

~~Mr. Loeng had discussed this approach with chairman Greger to determine how to accomplish these steps. Mr. Loeng had discussed this approach with chairman Greger to determine how to accomplish these steps.~~

Race Director Pertile shared that he has been working with Swiss Timing and the TV broadcasters to provide video from below instead of above. This is being tested during the SGP. Unfortunately, it will require the event organizer to contract for the service going forward. Mr. Loeng welcomed the information and hoped there would be an opportunity ~~to use the service in the near future. He saw the work by Pertile as an answer, and a preferred solution, to the challenges he had addressed regarding the judges' working conditions. -to use the service in the near future, clarifying that it would be a preferred solution to the challenging judges' working conditions he had been trying to address.~~

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Chairman Greger thanked all for the work on this topic. He also thanked Mr. Loeng for his summary of what happened during the spring subcommittee meeting. The topic will be left open for now, but FIS leadership will need to facilitate the creation of an agreement between Swiss Timing and the TV broadcasters, because this service will not be free.

Erik Stahlhut (GER) asked if the chairman had any results of the statistics thus far. Chairman Greger said that the hills have been selected, but the results have not been analyzed yet and the topic is being postponed for now.

11. ICR 431 and deduction list

This topic and the 80% rule for judge compliance was delayed until the discussion of requests and proposals below.

12. Officials Database on Berkutschi

Chairman Greger shared that many officials had not logged in to the Berkutschi system for a long time. He asked that all obmen have their respective officials login and update their personal information in the spring and that resulted in a flurry of requests for login credentials. Officials need to use the system more frequently.

The chairman noted that with the new virtual judge feature there is a judging reset button that superusers can click on to adjust the score given for a particular athlete. He also clarified that the score system can be used to show progress/performance for an individual judge.

Josef Hlava (CZE, guest) asked if the obman could see the individual judge performance. Mr. Greger said that this capability was requested.

13. Amendments and changes of ICR and other rules

ICR changes

- **401.2.4** Forejumpers
... The National Ski Association of the respective competition organizer is responsible for providing qualified forejumpers that are available each official training/competition day: at least eight (8) for WC and six (6) for the other competition categories **during the winter and five (5) for summer competitions on all levels.** ...
- **405.1.1** Olympic Winter Games (OWG), World Ski Championships (WSC), **World Ski Flying Championships (WSFC)** and Junior World Ski Championships (JWSC)

For OWG, WSC, and WSFC:

- the TD
 - the RD
 - the TD-Assistant, 2 TD-Assistants for OWG, **WSFC** and WSC
 - the RD-Assistant
 - the Equipment Control
 - the Chief Distance Measurer
 - six Jumping Judges.
- **405.1.2** World Cup- and Grand Prix-Ski Jumping Competitions (WCJ, GPJ)
 - TD
 - RD
 - TD-Assistant, **2 TD Assistants for Ski Flying WC**
 - RD-Assistant,
 - four foreign Jumping Judges and
 - one Jumping Judge of the host country.

World Cup Rules – Men

- **4.1** Number of Participants for the National Ski Associations –
The number of participants will be calculated periodically according to:
 - the World Ranking List (see art.4.1.1)
 - the standings of the actual Continental Cup-Men period.
 The basis for the calculation is:
 - the top **50 competitors in the World Cup Allocation List (see art. 4.1.2)** that is based on the World Ranking List (with a maximum of 6 athletes per nation)
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- **4.1.1.1** FIS World Ranking List
The quota calculation **as well as the payment of the travel expenses** will be done according to the World Ranking List which is established according to the following criteria:
 - The points system is the same as for the World Cup ranking (1st rank 100 points, 30th rank 1 point).

- The competition results of the 5 periods of the past World Cup season will gradually be replaced by the competition results of the 5 periods of the current World Cup season.
- This updating procedure is repeated after each of the periods, so that the 5 most current periods are used to calculate the World Ranking List.
- In addition, the competition results of the SGP (2 periods) will be considered for the calculation of the nation's quota.

~~The top 50 competitors of the World Cup Quota Allocation List based on the World Ranking List (see art. 4.1.2) will be taken into consideration for the quota.~~

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- **4.1.1.2 World Cup Quota Allocation List**

The payment of the travel expenses will be done according to the World Cup Allocation List which is established according to the following criteria:

- The top 50 competitors of the World Cup Quota Allocation List based on the World Ranking List will be taken into consideration for the quota.
- the top three (3) of the COCJ-M period.

The allocation will be made by assigning one (1) quota place per athlete beginning from the start of the World Ranking List standings and moving downwards. Once a Nation has achieved the maximum number of six (6) quota places, its remaining athletes will no longer be counted and the Nation with the next eligible athlete on the World Ranking List will be allocated a quota place until a total of 50 athletes have been reached. If there is a tie for the final allocated quota place(s), all the athletes for his place will be included for the following period.

- **4.1.3. Starting quota in the official training**

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If more than two (2) WCJ-competitions are planned to be carried out in one country, the hosting National Ski Association is only entitled to enter a National Group in a maximum of 2 events (valid only for WCJ). For the SGP-series this right is reduced to one competition. This limit will be not applied to competitions replaced from another host country.

- **4.1.5 To beat and green laser line**

For WCJ-M competitions (individual, team, qualification prologue) it is mandatory to use the "to beat – green laser line" of the official Data Service Provider.

- **4.2.1.3.1 Qualification Ski Jumping**

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In case of the number of participating athletes is 50 or lower, a Prologue competition round must be organized.

- **4.2.1.3.3 Non-qualified athletes**

Non-qualified athletes cannot be nominated as fore jumpers for the respective competition if another individual competition of the series is scheduled for the same competition weekend/ event/ place.

The Jury is allowed to nominate fore-jumpers from the non-qualified athletes in exceptional cases.

- **6.2.1 Accommodation**

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When an event programme includes a team competition, all participating nations are allowed to enter up to a number of four (4) athletes. Two additional travel expenses quota and accommodation for extra quota athletes (up to four) have to be provided by the Organiser for the entire duration of the competition (weekend

and tournament) for those teams that have less than four competitors in the reimbursement quota system.

- **10.2 FIS Grand Prix Trophy**
The first three competitors of the Grand Prix receive a FIS Grand Prix trophy, which will be provided by the FIS. A minimum of three competitions has to be completed to assign the FIS Grand Prix trophy.

World Cup Rules – Women

- **2.6** If more than two (2) individual events per series (GP-W and WCJ-W-competitions) are planned to be carried out in one country, the host nation is only entitled to enter a National Group in a maximum of two (2) events per series (GP-W, WCJ-W). This limit will be not applied to competitions replaced from another host country.
- **4.2 Qualification round**
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In case of the number of participating athletes is 40 or lower, a Prologue competition round could be organized.
- **4.4 To beat and green laser line**
For all WCJ-W competitions, the use of video-distance-measuring and “to beat – green laser line” according to the special regulations established by the FIS Jumping Committee is mandatory.
- **11.2 FIS Grand Prix Trophy**
The first three competitors of the Grand Prix receive a FIS Grand Prix trophy, which will be provided by the FIS. A minimum of three competitions has to be completed to assign the FIS Grand Prix trophy.

JWSC Rules

- **7. Number of competitors and officials**
- **7.3 Quota System for Ski Jumping competitors**
~~Men Athletes Quota: 80 (maximum quota)~~
NSA Quota: up to 5 per NSA (as a maximum) 4 allowed to start per event
~~Qualification System~~
~~Basic Quota: Each participating NSA is allowed to enter up to two athletes in Ski Jumping men.~~
~~Host Nation: The host nation is expected to enter (a) competitor(s) up to the maximum NSA quota of 5.~~
~~Allocation of Quotas: The allocation of additional quotas per NSA is based on the CQC Ranking List (CRL) composed of the results of the past and current seasons. The allocation will be made by assigning one quota place per competitor from the top of the standings downwards.~~
~~Once a NSA has achieved the maximum number of 5 quota places, the next eligible NSA on the CRL will be allocated a place until the total of 80 competitors is reached (including host nation). If the number of 80 cannot be reached with the CRL, the FIS CUP standings composed of the results of the last and current season will be taken into consideration.~~
~~Process and Timeline: The final quotas based on entries (see art. 10.3) and using the CRL resp. FIS Cup standings will be calculated and announced 2 weeks prior to the JWSC.~~

Continental Cup Rules – Men

- **2.3 Number of Participants for the National Ski Associations**
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each nation with less than four (4) ~~three (3)~~ athletes in the nations quota or without nations quota is entitled to enter up to three (3) four (4) athletes as a maximum. The reimbursement of basic quota is three, the additional quota has to be paid by the respective National Ski Association.

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- **6. Payment of COCJ-M Expenses**
- 6.1 Every COCJ-M-organiser must take over the following costs for each participating National Association according to the following key:
 - all entered athletes (except National Group and the fourth additional quota for the basic quota)
 - two (2) officials per nation

14. COVID-19 impact and related changes

Chairman Greger thanked all obmen for their help coordinating assignment changes for officials during the past season due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. There were more than 100 changes. He shared that all competitions were covered except for one in Russia due to a visa issue. The WhatsApp application is used to quickly communicate with the obmen and Mr. Greger said that it works very well, so requests from some obmen to move back to using Email for communicating changes will not happen. However, updated nominations will be published on the FIS website every Tuesday if any changes occur.

The chairman asked the obmen to inform all competition organizers to monitor the FIS website – www.fisssi.com – for assignment changes to be sure they have the correct officials. He also asked that all officials reregister on the FIS Pass COVID tracking website and submit test results. Officials who are vaccinated have very few additional benefits and must follow the same procedures as those who are unvaccinated. In addition, any location specific procedures included in the invitation must be followed as well. Face masks are mandated for all officials.

Franz Rappenglueck (GER) asked if the FIS Pass system would be used for the TD seminar in Liberec. The chairman responded that it will not be used and included that PCR test results are valid for 7 days in Czechia, while antigen tests are valid for only 2 days.

15. eLearning

The eLearning system is divided into three sections – TD, judge and chief of competition.

TD Section

There are two new equipment control videos from Wisla that were added to the system for the 2020/2021 season. Qualified candidates will take the online theoretical test in Liberec.

Judge Section

Thanks to Horst Nilgen (FIS), InFront and EBU videos from the Women's events have been uploaded to the system. Thanks to Mr. Nilgen and Erik Stahlhut (GER) the Men's summer jumping events have been uploaded as well.

Chief of Competition Section

There will be an online test this fall and two practical workshops this winter.

Mr. Stahlhut commented that the judging videos work well for in person meetings, but not so well for online meetings.

16. eLearning for chiefs of competition – licensing process

The guidelines for Chief of Competition were forwarded to all subcommittee members. They include the following sections: What is expected, How to apply, What is the training process and Continuing education.

License A – for OWG, WSC, JWSC, SFWC and WC (valid for 4 years); extended with an online test every two years or with a test and a workshop in six years

License B – for COC, FIS Cup and lower level events (valid for 6 years); online test and practical workshop at a COC or WC event every six years

If there is no activity at a FIS level event in three years, the license is void. The Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control can revoke the license at any time.

Franz Rappenglueck (GER) asked how the guidelines would be approved. The chairman said they could be approved by the subcommittee today. The guidelines are only for ski jumping, not Nordic Combined. The test will be prepared by Hubert Mathis (SUI) and verified with a couple of beta candidates. While the theoretical education process is the same for both license classes, the practical workshop for the A license includes television broadcasting. Practical training for the B license is mainly focused on COC level events.

Saso Komovec (SLO) asked if the practical workshop would be considered completed if an individual has been a Chief of Competition at the WC level in the past year. Chairman Greger said that this is an option for the certification process, but he is not in favor because not all Chiefs of Competition at the WC level are good enough to receive a license. However, some TDs and Chiefs of Competition will be used to assist with the practical training.

The chairman called for a vote on approval of the Chief of Competition guidelines. All nations present voted in favor.

17. Women TD group

Fifteen candidates have been nominated for the Women's TD program. They are all invited to the TD seminar in Liberec.

18. Examination lists of active Jumping Judges and TDs

The obmen were again asked to verify their respective lists of active officials and inform the chairman of any who are inactive. Inactive officials will be removed.

19. Nomination TDs and Jumping Judges season 2021/2022

Nominations for the upcoming season are not ready because the calendar is not complete yet. Chairman Greger presented an overview of how judges are nominated: 40% of the nominations are based on the number of competitions a nation organizes, 20% is based on the number of active judges, 40% is based on the performance of athletes in Men's, Women's and Nordic Combined events. Organizer travel costs are considered when making specific nominations.

20. Judges and Juries: SFWSC Planica (SLO) 2020; WSC Oberstdorf (GER) 2021; JWSC Zakopane (POL) 2021; OWG Beijing (CHN) 2022; JWSC Whistler (CAN) 2023

(See enclosure 1)

Nominations for the 2024 SFWSC judges need to be submitted by the end of September. Nominations for the 2025 WSC are needed by spring 2022.

21. Nomination of candidates

As previously discussed, judge and TD candidates can be nominated by the Obman or nation using the candidate nomination form according to the following guidelines:

Ski jumping judges

- Nations must organize FIS Cup competitions to have officials qualify
- Anyone can be nominated, but they must have assignments to stay qualified

TDs

- There are currently too many TDs, but never enough good ones
- They must perform their practical exams at FIS Cup competitions unless the nation hosts both WC and COC events

Due to the postponement of this year's training seminar, TD candidates entered into the system prior to August 2018 can apply for the practical test at a FIS Cup competition (nomination as TDA) during the 2021/22 season. The theoretical test can be completed at the rescheduled seminar (Liberec/Boston). However, only after completing the theoretical exam can the candidate be nominated as a regular TD/TDA.

22. Training and further education seminars (reports and dates)

- TD Course – Liberec, CZE – 7-9.10.2021
 ** (as of 4.9.2021 this seminar is cancelled due to elevated travel restrictions for many attendees. Online seminars for candidates and WC TDs will take its place.)
- TD/Judge/OC courses
 - o Japan 2021 – Sapporo/Yamagata, JPN – 13-17.10.2021
 - o North America 2021 – Boston, USA – 4-7.11.2021
- Judges course Europe – Grainau, GER – 30.06.-02.07.2021

- Chief Distance Measurers – possibly in Zurich (new VDM expert in 2022)

23. Next Obmen meeting

The next Obmen meeting will take place in Willingen, GER in fall 2022.

24. Honorary retirements 2021

SLO	Konca	Yavuz	Obman	70 years
SUI	Forrer	Ueli	SprR. & TD	75 years

25. Report on the meetings of the subcommittees, the coordination group and the jumping committee

Chairman Greger shared that all meetings have been online since the onset of the COVID pandemic. After the spring subcommittee meeting, the jumping committee met and approved all of the recommended changes.

There have been additional FIS staff changes since the last meeting. Sepp Grazer, WC-M Equipment Coordinator, has been replaced by Mika Jukkara. Nadia B. is on leave and is being replaced by Dorota Beata Szczepanek until she returns.

The coordination group approved all the above material, the jumping committee approved the changes listed above and the calendars. The primary topics of the jumping committee were COVID-19 planning, equipment changes and safety and the main goal this year is to keep ski jumping active during the pandemic.

26. Requests and proposals

Proposed ICR Change

That the FIS ICR for all disciplines be modified as follows:

Current ICR

- 215 Entries
- 215.3.1 code number, name, first name, year of birth, National Ski Association;

Proposed ICR

- 215 Entries
- 215.3.1 FIS code number, name, first name, year of birth, National Ski Association;
- 405.1.1 Olympic Winter Games (OWG), World Ski Championships (WSC), World Ski Flying Championships (WSFC) and Junior World Ski Championships (JWSC)
- ...
- Five at a time, the nominated Jumping Judges will officiate at the respective Ski Jumping competitions at OWG and SWC, or at the respective

competition days at WSFC, taking turns based on a draw decision (in exceptional cases the respective competition management together with the respective subcommittee chairman can decide to use a different method).

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World Cup Rules – Women

Race Director Women, Chika Yoshida (FIS), proposed that Women's World Cup utilize the KO system currently being used during the World Cup Men's Four Hills competition series.

The rule for use of the KO system that exists in the Men's rules would need to be added to the Women's rules. This rule requires that 50 athletes be present, which would be an exception for Women's World Cup instead of 40 athletes as is the case for all other WC competitions. Reed Zuehlke (USA) asked whether adapting the KO system to work with 40 athletes might be an option. Geir Steinar Loeng (NOR) commented that this is a positive step and hopefully a step towards 50 athletes as a standard also for the Women's World Cup, hopefully one that will result in 50 athletes becoming the standard for the Women's World Cup. Chairman Greger shared that it's important that we now have a new format for Women's World Cup. Saso Komovec (SLO) said that he is encouraged by the development of Women's ski jumping, but that the New Year's period is full with Men's jumping and Cross Country and he hopes this new approach will gain a large enough audience to sustain it.

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Ueli Forrer (FIS) said that he is very much in favor of this step to equalize Women's World Cup with Men's World Cup. He noted that having 40 athletes for the KO system makes no sense since there would be 10 losers. The chairman thanked both Mr. Komovec and Mr. Forrer for their comments and agreed that a KO competition with 40 athletes would not work under the current rules.

Wording for this change to Women's World Cup Rules will be prepared by the chairman and others for the subcommittee members to vote on if needed for this season. All subcommittee members present voted to proceed with the changes.

80% Rule for Judge Compliance

Ole Walseth (NOR) has been working on an analysis of the impact of this rule on judges over the past few years. Since he was not available to present the topic, Geir Loeng (NOR) presented on his behalf.

Mr. Loeng shared that they would like to use the 2021-22 season as an example to gain more experience and discuss the results again in the spring subcommittee meeting. However, he noted that an analysis of data from 2015-20 would have resulted in 13 cases of non-compliance just analyzing the performance of the Norwegian judges. If the rule is raised to 85 %, an additional 17 cases of non-compliance would have been included just for Norway alone.

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Analyzing all nations there would have been 15 cases of non-compliance during the 2020-21 season if the rule had been followed. An overview of these cases was presented in 15 cases of non-compliance. If the rule is raised to 85%, an additional 17 cases of non-compliance would have been included. There would have been 15 cases of non-compliance during the 2020-21 season alone if the rule had been followed.

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Chairman Greger commented that the new virtual judge tool will offer potential new ways to evaluate judge performance and recommended that implementation of the rule be held off for one more season. Until that time, no sanctions for the new 80% rule will be implemented, but Mr. Walseth should establish a working group to determine an approach for evaluating judges using the virtual judge system.

The scoring of the jumps and evaluation of judges will be based on the deduction list (guidelines) from 2018. A recommendation from Geir Loeng to revert back to the 2014 list was rejected because it would impact the Beijing Olympic Games. Loeng sees the 2018 deduction list to be a violation of the ICR article 431.2.3, judging of the "outrun", and that they make it almost impossible to address ICR article 422.14, WC Rules Men article 4.2.1.3.1 and WC Rules Women article 4.2.5. He emphasized that no minutes or protocols from any sub-committee or obman meetings show that the 2018 version has ever been decided on. Any adjustments that need to be made to the ICR will be based on the 2018 deduction list.

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The subcommittee members were then asked to vote on a proposal to change ICR article 431.2.34.2.5.1 to line up with the judging guidelines and approve the 2018 guidelines as a new version for 2021. All nations present voted in favor except for NOR and USA.

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Chairman Greger thanked everyone for their participation and cooperation. The meeting was adjourned on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 16:45 CET.

Enclosures (included below)