

To the:  
- Members of the Committee for Speed Skiing

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**Minutes Meeting Speed Skiing Committee  
Online Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee for Speed Skiing online on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Speed Skiing Office in Oberhofen until **13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution.

Kind regards,

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION**

Per Kjellstrom  
Chairman Committee for Speed Skiing

## 1. Members present

### Members

|   |     |                            |
|---|-----|----------------------------|
| Kjellström Per (PK), Chairman             | SWE | present                    |
| Adarraga Ricardo (RA), Technology         | ESP | present, meeting secretary |
| Andreassen Blake (BA), Appeals Commission | CAN | present                    |
| Antor Nadal (NA), Race Org Coordination   | AND | excused                    |
| Billy, Philippe (PB), Youth and Promotion | FRA | present                    |
| May Philippe (PM) Race Track assessment   | SUI | present                    |
| Monticone Alberto (AM), Equipment Rules   | ITA | present                    |
| Münzer Valentin (VM)                      | AUT | present                    |
| Reid Millar (MR)                          | GBR | present                    |

### TD coordinator

|                   |     |         |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| Cristina Luc (LC) | SUI | present |
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### Athlete's representative

|                  |     |         |
|------------------|-----|---------|
| Farrell Jan (JF) | GBR | present |
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### Honorary member

|             |     |         |
|-------------|-----|---------|
| Dick Taplin | GBR | excused |
|-------------|-----|---------|

### Guests

|                      |     |                   |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Stefanie Gerber (SG) | SUI | FIS Administrator |
| Allan Grimm (AG)     | SWE |                   |

8 of 9 Committee members are present. According to §11 "FIS RULES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES" Quorum is given. The Committee is empowered to submit decisions for approval to FIS Council.

## 2. Approval of the minutes of the Online meetings 7th and 17th May 2021

Meeting minutes of the last Online meetings 7th and 17th May 2021 approved by acclamation.

## 3. Speed Ski Race Calendar 2021/2022

PB explains preparations for World Championship in Vars are on-going. A new fast chairlift is being built. It will make the access to the track quicker and easier and improve track logistics.

RA announces that Formigal (ESP) as a consequence of the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic unfortunately have to renounce to organize speedski races in 2022. However, the plan to organize a World Cup race in 2023 remains. RA thanks Vars in the name of Formigal for their support and expresses Formigal's will to continue the cooperation with Vars to host a successful World Cup race in 2023.

Gavarnie (FRA) has applied for a FIS race in January 2022 (see topic Report from TD coordinator).

FIS Speed Ski competition calendar 2021/22:

| Date            | Day       | Site                  | Nation | WSC (S1) | WSC S2J | WC (S1) | FIS S1 | FIS S2 | FIS S2J | Race | Remarks                                   |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------|----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|------|---|
| <b>January</b>  |           |                       |        |          |         |         |        |        |         |      |   |
| 20              | Thursday  | Gavarnie              | FRA    |          |         |         | x      | x      | x       | FIS  | max speed ~130 km/h                       |
| 21              | Friday    | Gavarnie              | FRA    |          |         |         | x      | x      | x       | FIS  | max speed ~130 km/h                       |
| 27              | Thursday  | Vars                  | FRA    | x        | x       |         |        |        |         | WSC  | WSC S2J                                   |
| 28              | Friday    | Vars                  | FRA    | x        | x       |         |        |        |         | WSC  | WSC S2J Final last run of day             |
| 29              | Saturday  | Vars                  | FRA    | x        |         |         |        |        |         | WSC  |   |
| 30              | Sunday    | Vars                  | FRA    | x        |         |         |        |        |         | WSC  |   |
| <b>February</b> |           |                       |        |          |         |         |        |        |         |      |   |
| 1               | Tuesday   | Vars                  | FRA    |          |         | x       |        |        |         | WC1  | S1 only                                   |
| 2               | Wednesday | Vars                  | FRA    |          |         | x       |        |        |         | WC1  | S1 only                                   |
| 3               | Thursday  | Vars                  | FRA    |          |         | x       |        |        |         | WC2  | S1 only                                   |
| 10              | Thursday  | Salla                 | FIN    |          |         | x       |        | x      | x       | WC1  |   |
| 11              | Friday    | Salla                 | FIN    |          |         | x       |        | x      | x       | WC1  | night final if conditions ok              |
| 12              | Saturday  | Salla                 | FIN    |          |         | x       |        | x      | x       | WC2  |   |
| <b>March</b>    |           |                       |        |          |         |         |        |        |         |      |   |
| 10              | Thursday  | Idrefjäll             | SWE    |          |         | x       |        | x      |         | WC1  | Sweden Cup (Invitational) Wednesday 09/03 |
| 11              | Friday    | Idrefjäll             | SWE    |          |         | x       |        | x      |         | WC1  |   |
| 12              | Saturday  | Idrefjäll             | SWE    |          |         | x       |        | x      |         | WC2  |   |
| 31              | Thursday  | Grandvalira/Grau Roig | AND    |          |         | x       |        | x      | x       | WC1  | Pro Race Speed Masters 16-28/03           |
| <b>April</b>    |           |                       |        |          |         |         |        |        |         |      |   |
| 1               | Friday    | Grandvalira/Grau Roig | AND    |          |         | x       |        | x      | x       | WC1  |   |
| 2               | Saturday  | Grandvalira/Grau Roig | AND    |          |         | x       |        | x      | x       | WC2  | World Cup Final S1                        |

#### 4. Covid-19 update

SG informs of current covid-19 restriction plans for FIS competition in 2021/22. Basically, everything remains as in 2020/21. PCR tests (maximum 72 hours prior to arrival) will be required for participation regardless of vaccination status. Non-Olympic disciplines (Telemark, Speed ski, Grass ski, Masters) are not obliged to maintain a FIS covid-19 passport. Bubble system will be the same as in 2020/21. SG offers if desired to host an information session when all details are known.

#### 5. Fluor Ban

RA reports about the current status of the FIS Fluor ban:

The detector has not yet fully pass QA tests, so its use is postponed to 2022/23.

However following facts need to be known:

The EU regulation 2019/1021 ("POP regulation") and EC regulation No. 1907/2006 ("REACH") prohibits production, trade and use of certain fluorinated waxes containing C8/PFOA. These regulations fully apply from season 2021/2022 onwards.

As a consequence of the above:

Starting 2021/22:

EU prohibits the use of C8/PFOA Fluorine. If C8 products are detected by any national authorities through a random control and penalized, FIS has stated that additional FIS sanctions may follow.

Use of C6/PFOA Fluorine is allowed by EU. This means that as long as new fluor race wax is used (today wax manufacturers are only allowed to produce C6/PFOA race waxes) there is no violation of any EU or FIS rule in 2021/22. If fluor wax is used in 2021/22 it has to be made sure that it is C6/PFOA based!

Starting 2022/23

FIS will prohibit, check and sanction the use of ALL types of Fluorine.

FIS will send a letter to the NSAs demanding the signed commitment to comply with the ban on the use of fluorine.

The speed ski Committee decides to request to the race organizers to include in the invitations and announcements that the use of fluorine C8 / PFOA is prohibited by the EU:

“The EU regulation 2019/1021 (“POP regulation”) and EC regulation No. 1907/2006 (“REACH”) prohibits production, trade and use of certain fluorinated waxes containing C8/PFOA. These regulations fully apply from season 2021/2022 onwards.”

## 6. New tracks

### 6.1. Zinal (SUI)

Philippe May (SUI) reports about a project in Zinal (SUI) to enable a speed ski track. RA has carried out an analysis of the documentation of the track and concludes that the potential is at 210-225 km/h. Zinal is an important training site of SwissSki alpine race team. The ski resort which is the initiator of the project is very enthusiastic about it.

### 6.2. Hundfjället (SWE)

PK announces conversations between Idrefjäll LOC and Hundfjället about a cooperation to bring back competitions to Hundfjället (SWE) in the coming years.

### 6.3. Morocco

PA announces contacts in Morocco to enable a track in the Atlas Mountain ridge.

## 7. Report TD coordinator

### 7.1. TDs Visit and track homologation review in Gavarnie (FRA)

Following the ask of the SS Committee LC travelled together with TD Karine Dubouchet to Gavarnie (FRA) to review the homologation of the speed track in Gavarnie (FRA). A condition for the official FIS TDs visit was that (based on the negative experience during the last race - see SS Committee meeting minutes May 2021) the race chief of the race in January 2021 should not participate in the conversations. Several meetings with local ski resort staff members and local authorities were held. LC recommended a new line and works for track safety improvement.

LC concludes that a low-speed FIS competition (maximum speed 130 km/h) can be hosted. However, to the current point in time the track does not meet the necessary safety requirements to carry out a FIS speed ski World Cup event. Gavarnie requested a FIS race with speeds below 130 km/h in January 2022 to test recommendations of LC. Committee approves FIS race in Gavarnie with a maximum speed of 130 km/h.

### 7.2. Report from TD’s meeting

LC announces that during the WSC in Vars he will send 2 TDs to the race. One (Christer Weiss) will be the official TD and the second TD (Marco Cozzi) will be the referee.

## 8. Joint Proposal FIS Council – WSC Medals

SG is preparing a joint request for non-Olympic disciplines (Telemark, Grass-ski, Speed ski, Masters) for the FIS council. In future the first 3 qualified (podium) racers in the WSCs in non-Olympic disciplines shall receive the traditional FIS “Snowflake” medal. This is not the case today.

The Committee unanimously approves to request jointly with the other non-Olympic disciplines to the council the delivery of the FIS “Snowflake” medals in the world championships.

## 9. Election Athletes' representative during WSC in Vars 2022

Since 2020 speed skiing has an official athlete representative in the FIS. According to FIS statutes the election must happen during the Vars WSC in January 2022. The candidates must be active athletes that participated in the last FIS WSC or in the 2 prior World Cups. The election is carried out among the athletes participating in the WSC. PB offers the organizational support of Vars WSC LOC to accomplish the election. SG will get in contact with other disciplines to gather more information on the election process during the WSC to better design the process for speed ski.

## 10. Miscellaneous

### 10.1. Contacts with new FIS President and new Secretary General

PK reports that he sent emails to the new president of FIS Johan Eliasch to congratulate for the election and make awareness of the FIS discipline speed ski. The email was well received and answered. Also, a first contact with the new Secretary General Michel Vion was established. Both President and Secretary General see great value in speedski as FIS discipline and have expressed their interest in developing it.

### 10.2. Chairman SS Committee

PK announces that the next Congress in May will be his last meeting as chairman and Committee member. A successor for SWE will be announced in time. For the Chairman successor PK suggests that the Committee agrees to recommend to the FIS council a new Chairman from among the current members.

### 10.3. Changes in SS Committee membership

PK explains that JF (CZE/GBR) has been removed from the Committee by decision of the new FIS Secretary General due to several incompatibilities and irregularities. JF remains in the Committee as athlete's representative.

### 10.4. Request to drop SS Committee member seat SLO

PK explains that the new FIS council has expressed the intention to clean up and streamline the composition of the current discipline's Committees. Over the years many Committees have overgrown the number of members exceeding by far the maximum number established by FIS statutes (7 members). Following the aim of FIS Council, PK asks the Committee to request to the council to eliminate Slovenia's slot in the Committee. The seat has not been used by any representative for the last 10 years. The Committee approves to send the request to the council.

## 11. Next meeting: May 28th – June 1st 53<sup>rd</sup> FIS International Ski Congress in Vilamoura (POR)