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- Chairman of the Children's Race Organisers Committee
- Representative of SRS

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**35th Meeting of the FIS Alpine Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions**

Dear Ski Friends:

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution to our online meeting.

Please find enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Alpine Youth and Children's Sub-Committee. You are kindly asked to send any remarks to these minutes to the FIS Office in Oberhofen within two weeks.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and successful winter in the Northern Hemisphere and a safe summer to all from the Southern Hemisphere.

Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing each other in-person at the FIS Congress meeting this May in Vilamoura (POR).

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION**



Ken Read  
Chair

(sent by e-mail)

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION**  
**Sub-committee for Alpine Youth & Children's Questions**

**Invitation Online Meeting 35<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions**  
**Tuesday, 28.09.2021, 17:00 – 19:00 CET**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Report of the Chair
4. Review of the previous meetings and minutes
  - 4.1. Meeting of the 34th Alpine Youth & Sub-Committee
5. Reports from Special Groups
  - 5.1. Equipment/SRS
    - Report from SRS: Rudi Huber
  - 5.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee: Hans-Peter Carlsson, Chair
    - Report from Children's Race Organisers Committee
    - Acknowledgement and thanks to retiring Chair
    - *Calendars – any changes will be circulated in the minutes*
  - 5.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute)
6. FIS Snow Safe Policy (Jenny Shute)
  - Update
7. Proposals/Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange:
  - 7.1. Presentation: USSS (Chip Knight) US Speed Project Copper Mt.
  - 7.2. Discussion: COVID-19 management at FIS and U16/U14 events
  - 7.3. Proposal: SuperG in two runs (FRA) – **comments only, recommendation in spring**
8. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol)
  - 8.1. 2022 – Panorama (CAN) – presentation by organisers
  - 8.2. 2023 – St. Anton (AUT) – 20-30.01. 2023 - update
  - 8.3. 2024 – Open (FRA)-(AND)-
  - 8.4. 2025 – Candidate: Sakhalin (RUS)
9. Other Youth Competitions:
  - 9.1. 2021 EYOF – Vuokatti (FIN) presentation by organisers
  - 9.2. 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games – Ganwong (KOR)
10. FIS Update/Promotion and Development (Dimitrije Lazarovski / Andrew Cholinski)
  - 10.1. FIS Youth Seminar
  - 10.2. FIS Snow Day (Jan. 16, 2022)
  - 10.3. FIS Snowkidz
11. Varia/New Business/Questions
12. Next Meetings/Gathering:
  - 12.1. Informal Gathering: 2022 World Juniors Panorama (CAN) – details announced on-site
  - 12.2. 53<sup>rd</sup> FIS Congress – Vilamoura (POR) 22nd – 28th May, 2022
  - 12.3. FIS Autumn Meetings – Zurich (SUI) – TBC September/October, 2022

## INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION

### Sub-committee for Alpine Youth & Children's Questions

#### On-line Meeting - 35th Meeting Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions

Tuesday, 28 September, 2021, 17:00 – 19:00 CET

#### ATTENDANCE

**Chair:** Ken Read (CAN)\*

**Vice Chair:** Gert Ehn (AUT)\*

**Members:** ANDERLIC, Bostjan (SLO)\*; BOLGER, Derek (IRL); DARIANE, Zeina (LIB); DORSS, Dinars (LAT); ERTL, Andreas (GER)\*; FELLMAN, Tobias, (SWE); FLATSCHER, Hans (SUI)\*; GRITSI, Sophia (GRE); KARHILA-RASANEN, Jaana (FIN); KATO, Kiyotaka (JPN)\*; KNIGHT, Chip (USA)\*; KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA, Olga (CZE)\*; KYRIACOU, Kyriacos (CYP); MARTIN, Philippe (FRA); OKSHOLM, Henrik (DEN); RUIZ, Carolina (ESP); SHESTAKOV, Pavel (RUS); SLJUKA, Igor (BIH); SHUTE, Jenny (GBR)\*; STEVENS, Fiona (NZL); VISA, Carles (AND); VUCINIC, Ivan (CRO)

*\* denotes members of Experts Group*

**Replacements:** PROSCH, Alexander (ITA) (rep CARCA, Massimo); TOESSE, Erika Holand (NOR) (rep HAVNELID JOHNSEN, Stefan); URKENS, Stijn (BEL) (rep LEMEIRE, Christophe)

**SRS:** HUBER Rudi

**Children's Race Organisers Committee:** CARLSON, Hans-Peter (SWE)

**FIS:** CHOLINSKI, Andrew; FLERE, Janez; PUJOL, Jordi; KERTESZ, Mike; ROSSELL, Wim; VRECL, Matjaz;

**Guests:** HOFER, Franz (SUI); HUNT, Jesse (USA); KLAMMER, Herbert (ITA); KRONBERGER, Petra (AUT); LANDSTROM, Darryl (USA); MANDL, Herbert (AUT); NAKAMURA, Michihiko (JPN); POPKOVA, Anastasia (RUS); SHANGINA, Lucy (RUS); SEKI, Rina (JPN); SKUTELJ, Anna (IPC); Van SLYKE, Paul (USA); UBERALL, Jan (AUT) (Hahnenkamm-Rennen); VIDOSA, Roger (AND); WEINMAN, Jeff (USA)

**Representatives from Panorama WJC 2022:** DION, Camille; IRWIN, Mike; AVOLEDO, Ashlie;

**Representing Vuokatti FIN EYOF 2021:** KAPAINEN, Marita and PELLI, Mika

#### MINUTES

##### 1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present (Chair)

The Chair, Ken Read, opened the meeting and welcomed all members and guests; Jenny Shute carried out the Roll Call.

##### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

##### 3. Report of the Chair (Ken Read)

KR is pleased to have a full meeting, but now a long time since the Subcommittee has met in person, we need to discuss and exchange knowledge. KR acknowledged the hard work of the FIS staff, and others. The Y&C Seminar was held last week. The pandemic has particularly affected the younger participants, with a risk of numbers dropping in future. Must support youth sport. Chip Knight will make a presentation during the meeting on the ongoing difficulty of maintaining participation in speed events. BIH had given an excellent presentation on this topic in the Spring. A full text of the Report of the Chair is attached (Attachment 1).

#### 4. Review of Previous Meetings and Minutes

4.1. Minutes of the 34th Alpine Youth & Sub-Committee (online) were circulated. No comments or business arising, the minutes of the meeting are accepted and approved.

#### 5. Reports from Special Groups

5.1. **Equipment/SRS** (Rudi Huber – Executive Director, Ski Racing Suppliers): RH invited questions; part of the FIS ISPP programme, works with the FIS Equipment Committee; supports specific projects with funds. Keen to support injury prevention

5.2. **FIS Children’s Race Organisers Group** (Chair Hans-Peter Carlson): Hans-Peter Carlson, outgoing Chair; H-P reported that the Group includes 13 organisers, with 350 years of collective experience. He thanked this Subcommittee for allowing the FIS CROC a seat at the table. Two pandemic seasons; cancelled events; 751 participants, normally 1600; half are lost. Next season many athletes will start at FIS Junior level without international experience. H-P is to stand down; **Janez Dekleva (SLO)** will be the new Chair.

Challenges – financial, competition times, calendars; NSAs are key. H-P questioned whether there are too many races on the calendar, and that without registration, it is not possible to track athletes of this age. He is very keen that we don’t see the elevation of any event as a Children’s World Championships. The ROCs would appreciate business support from FIS for events.

KR acknowledged the work of H-P Carlson, as Chair of the Children’s Race Organisers Group. He particularly acknowledged his leadership and commitment, plus his thoughtful and provocative message to change traditional thinking. He welcomed the incoming Chairman of the FIS CROC, Janez Dekleva (SLO).

Calendars will be circulated with the minutes

5.3. **FIS Medical Committee (Dr. Jenny Shute)**: The meeting will take place later this week. The Medical Committee has been very focused on the C-19 Pandemic, and prevention guidelines and protocols for FIS events (see Item 7.2). The FIS ISPP is considering proposals for further study; must come through Race Directors; all disciplines, holistic approach with athlete health and wellbeing part of the overall sphere of activity. Y&C proposals are welcome, but data is lacking. JS invited contributions from NSAs. Provision of FIS Medical Supervisors for major events. Beijing 2022 has been a major focus. Reminder about concussion awareness and safe management.

#### 6. Snow Safe Policy (Dr. Jenny Shute):

There are no changes to the FIS Snow Safe Policy, re prevention of non-accidental violence. Prevention of Harassment and Abuse is a key governance aim of FIS. JS outlined the importance of awareness; of the different types of abuse (physical, verbal/emotional, neglect, sexual harassment/abuse). If in doubt - report. Rules and guidelines for events are outlined. Each FIS major event must appoint a safeguarding lead with contacts to local services and FIS; this should be adapted to events at all levels. The FIS Lead Welfare Officer (Jenny Shute) and FIS Integrity Officer (Sarah Fussek) will assist at all times. There is also a hotline for reporting abuse. The hotline covers all aspects of breaches of governance, including match-fixing, anti-doping etc., not just safeguarding. If help is needed help urgently, contact the LWO directly or through the FIS Office, or if someone is in immediate danger, report to police. locally.

Integrity Hotline:	<a href="https://integrityunit.com/fis-integrity-hotline/">https://integrityunit.com/fis-integrity-hotline/</a>
Integrity Phone:	+44 (0)207 034 3403
Integrity Email:	<a href="mailto:fis@integrityunit.com">fis@integrityunit.com</a>

The Chair thanked JS for her report and reminded the subcommittee this topic is a **standing item** on the agenda due to the importance of the topic. He urged all members and guests to set policies and procedures in place

## 7. Best Practices / Knowledge Exchange / Proposals

7.1. **Best Practices: US Speed Project Copper Mt. (US team Speed Centre):** Chip Knight (CK) described the program. The young athletes were trained in their age groups. Small program for U14s, 5 days for U16s with timed runs; 200 athletes participated in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic; each gets 6-8 runs / day. Club coaches were present to facilitate engagement and education. CK thanked Stefan Havelid-Johnsen (NOR) for ideas gained from his presentation in May 2021. SG was used as a building block, with focus on different sections of the courses/events (jumping technique, gliding, terrain, inspection skills). Goals – teamwork, skills, enjoyment. The program was run in late Fall, immediately prior to the winter season.

KR thanked Chip for this insightful presentation, which continues the series of best practices in speed development. Challenges still face athletes and NSA programs, as many have limited access to training, and costs continue to increase; FIS must continue to push for fresh thinking, wider strategies. The Chair reports Philippe Martin (FRA) agreed to make a presentation for the spring meeting.

**Link to download the Presentation by Chip Knight (USSA):**

<https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/0lyEIFEsFycQX3a>

7.2. Discussion: COVID-19 management at FIS and U16/U14 events – JS gave a presentation on the FIS guidance and protocols for the coming season

**Link to download FIS 2021-22 World Cup Risk Management and Testing Protocol**

[https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1634629708/fis-prod/assets/FIS\\_2021-22\\_World\\_Cup\\_Risk\\_Management\\_Covid-19\\_Testing\\_Protocol.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1634629708/fis-prod/assets/FIS_2021-22_World_Cup_Risk_Management_Covid-19_Testing_Protocol.pdf)

7.3 Proposal: SuperG in two runs (FRA): (Attachment 3) to allow the possibility of running SG races in two runs. This will be voted in the Spring. For now, comments only. Chip Knight (USA) suggested increasing the proposed minimum VD by 50 m to fit with one-run requirement (400m).

## 8. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol)

8.1. 2022 – Panorama (CAN) – presentation by organisers Camille Dion; Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – on snow, March 1-9; the presentation covered the test event, programme, Covid rules. Jordi – good inspection recently, the test event was postponed from last season but will happen this season. Deadline for confirmation 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021; reduction of number of events and NSA quotas is a possibility (same deadline for confirmation) with the same plan as Bansko 2021. Decision will be made by FIS, NSA. The Chair thanked the organisers for their hard work and preparations under very difficult circumstances and wished them the best with early season races for a test event and for the Championship.

**Link to download the Panorama 2022 presentation:**

<https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/G2W4bQFAOyKQf91>

8.2. 2023 – St. Anton (AUT) – 20-30.01. 2023 - Gert Ehn reported that all is going according to plan

8.3. 2024 – (FRA). France presented a formal letter with 4 potential candidates. Inspection pending by FIS Coordinators and recommendation to FIS Council.

8.4. 2025 – Candidates: Sakhalin (RUS) and Soldeu (AND). Inspections will take place, with a recommendation to FIS Council.

## 9. Other Youth Competitions:

9.1. 2021 EYOF – Vuokatti (FIN) presentation by organisers – Marita Kaipainen: slaloms and parallel slalom. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March. The organisers offered a warm welcome to Vuokatti <https://eyof2022.fi>

9.2. 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games – Ganwong (KOR) – no report

## 10. FIS Update/Promotion and Development (Dimitrije Lazarovski / Andrew Cholinski):

AC's advice to organisers during the Covid-19 pandemic is to cancel if Covid-19 situation makes unsafe – if in doubt, wait it out.

DL (FIS Development Manager) described the membership and proposed structure for the FIS Development Working Group. It includes Bring Children to the Snow; Development Camps; Seminars; Educational sessions – FIS academy, World Academy of Sport, coaches' education; working with Apex 2100 and other new partners. The program aims to support education in NSAs, across all disciplines (including safeguarding, and anti-doping).

10.1. FIS Youth Seminar – the 2021 edition was held online, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The topic was the same as the previous edition - Covid-19. DL reported that we had great speakers and that feedback has been very positive. The Seminar included a presentation of the new FIS Covid-19 Prevention measures and the testing protocol. It also included presentations from the 2021 World Junior Championships held in Bansko (BUL) and Vuokatti (FIN). The final presentation was delivered by the chair of the FIS Children's Race Organising Committees. Next year will be the 20th edition of the FIS Youth and Children Seminar.

10.2. FIS World Snow Day (Jan. 16, 2022) Care package for Organising Committees again. This season there will be no awards (alternates with FIS Snowkidz Awards); must register to get care package; for the first time, OCs are able to present a 'wish-list'.

10.3. FIS Snowkidz – 67 events in 10 countries are already registered for the coming winter season; must register before can claim organiser care package (bibs, banners etc); first come first served; Snowkidz awards – only one event per nation can be proposed; proposal must be made by the NSA between 1 October 2021 and 15 February 2022. New - 'wish-list' requests will be considered.

KR thanked Dimitrije, Andrew and Stephanie Gerber for their hard work and leadership with FIS Promotion and Development Projects, as these are important for the future of snowsports and our snowsport partners.

11. **Various / New Business:** None

## 12. Next Meetings/Gathering:

12.1. **Informal 'Gathering' of Sub-Committee members and Trainers:** Panorama WJC – on-site

12.2. **FIS Congress:** Vilamoura (POR) – 22 - 28 May, 2022

12.3. **FIS Autumn Meetings:** Zurich (SUI) – date TBC

The Chair thanked Janez Flere for coordinating the meeting, and all FIS staff for their work. He also thanked all NSAs for their work in keeping the environment safe. He also thanked Jenny Shute for her tireless work with reports and the minutes.

KR closed the meeting, with the hope to see all members and guests face-to-face in Zurich

### Link to download the Presentation by Chip Knight (USSA):

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### Link to download the Panorama 2022 presentation:

- <https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/G2W4bQFAOyKQf91>

### Link to download FIS guidance and protocols for the coming season:

- [https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1634629708/fis-prod/assets/FIS\\_2021-22\\_World\\_Cup\\_Risk\\_Management\\_Covid-19\\_Testing\\_Protocol.pdf](https://assets.fis-ski.com/image/upload/v1634629708/fis-prod/assets/FIS_2021-22_World_Cup_Risk_Management_Covid-19_Testing_Protocol.pdf)

**Attachments**

- Attachment 1 – Report of the Chair
- Attachment 2 – FIS Children’s Competition Calendar 2022, 2023
- Attachment 3 – SuperG in two runs (FRA)



## Enclosure 1 – Report of the Chair

### **2021 Report of the Chair – Autumn Meeting**

- Welcome all members for joining our online call, for the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Alpine Youth Subcommittee. Normally this would be a meeting of the “Experts Group”, but because we are unable to meet in person, and the content we are presenting is very important for the upcoming season, we wanted to continue to encourage all members to attend.
- I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the FIS staff – Janez, Jordi, Wim, Dimitrije, Andrew and Stephanie – for all the work over the summer: visiting venues, working with NSA’s, preparing the FIS Youth Seminar, leading development and promotion programs and coordination of our meetings. We benefit from the tremendous effort you invest in our youth and children – so on behalf of all of us, thank you!
- Last winter I saw clubs showing real creativity to make their programs interesting, challenging and fun, to motivate athletes who could not travel, and in some cases could not even ski. And this summer, I saw an explosion of enthusiasm on the glacier, as ski clubs returned to the snow.
- This year will once again be a challenge, but as you will hear, our preparation plans position us for a full season – and this is important as we know youth and children have been the group most heavily impacted by the pandemic. So our work is even more important. A generation has lost many opportunities – from Year of Birth 2001 to 2009 – and primarily the U16 and U14 level. On one side, many from this generation gained more training, but had fewer competitions, which many may feel is a good thing. But others saw their skiing and training drastically reduced. So we must redouble our efforts to give this generation leadership, opportunities and encouragement to make up for the loss of training, international experience and competitions.
- As I have for the past several years, I will flag our speed crisis – the dramatic decline in downhill and superG training venues, participation and competitions. If we are not aggressively pro-active in the coming years, we will see a negative trend emerging even at the highest levels. This is already apparent at the FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, and even arguably in the women’s World Cup. As is our practice, we have a presentation from Chip Knight of USSS, presenting their speed project at their National Speed Center in Copper Mt., Colorado.
- As always, it has been an honour to be your Chair, to me this is always a great opportunity to work with the future of our sport and to see the tremendous passion and leadership for youth programs. So from me, to all of you – thank you.