

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for
World and Continental Cups Cross-Country

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Oberhofen, 2nd October 2023

**Minutes Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups Cross-Country
Friday 29.09.2023, 08:00 – 12:00 hrs**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups Cross-Country held in Zurich, 29.09.2023.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30th November 2023**.

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. We wish you a nice autumn.

Kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION



Michal Lamplot
Race Director Cross-Country



Chris Grover
Chair S.C. World Cup

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All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 29.09.2023 and to the approval of the FIS Council, 25.10.2023

1. Opening of the Meeting

Chris Grover welcomed the members of the Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups and opened the meeting on Friday, 29.09.2023 at 08:00 hrs CET.

2. Members Present

Chris Grover, USA, Chair
 Ulf Morten Aune NOR
 Anders Byström, SWE
 Marko Gracer, SLO
 Im Yeui Gyu, KOR
 Chris Jeffries, CAN
 Stepan Kaliba, CZE
 Guri Knotten, SUI
 Zofia Kielpinska, POL
 Hannu Koivusalo, FIN
 Özkan Koyuncu, TUR
 Hiroshi Kozakai, JPN
 Sergey Kryanin, RUS
 Albert Manhart, LIE
 Georgio Marchesini, IRL
 Finn Marsland, AUS
 Olivier Michaud, FRA
 Julio Moreschi, ARG
 Andrey Nesterenko, UKR
 Andrey Nevzorov, KAZ
 Gabriella Paruzzi, ITA
 Robert Peets, EST
 Milanko Petrovic, SRB
 Ferran Pubil, ESP
 Andreas Schlütter, GER
 Jon Vidar Thorvaldsson, ISL
 Timoleon Tsourekas, GRE
 Ondrej Tuka, SVK
 Thomas Unterfrauner, AUT
 Jostein Vinjerui, GBR
 Peter Zografov, BUL
 Rudi Huber, SRS

Excuses / Replaced by:

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Uros Ponikvar, Chair CCC
 Simon Caprini, FIS
 Michal Lamplot, FIS
 Doris Kallen, FIS (Minutes)
 Synne Dyrhaug, FIS

Present
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 Present

Kern Julia, Athletes representative Not present
 James Clugnet, Athletes representative Present
 Meier Norbert, CAN – representative of World Cup LOCs Present

Guests

Several guests from different National Ski Associations, Organizing Committees, and Infront were present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was sent out on 18th August 2023. As there were no additional items reported, the Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups Cross-Country approved the agenda.

4. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

No changes to the minutes were proposed and therefore, the Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups Cross-Country approved the minutes of the last meeting.

5. Report of the last FIS Council meeting

FIS CC Race Director Michal Lamplot informed about the conclusions of the FIS Council meeting that took place on 24th May and pointed out the most relevant points concerning Cross-Country.

The minutes of the FIS Council meeting can be found on the FIS Website.

RUS and BEL participation

Until further notice, RUS and BEL team members and officials remain banned for FIS competitions. The situation will likely to be evaluated again at the next FIS Council meeting in October 2023.

JWSC and U23 WSC 2025

Schilpario (ITA) was confirmed to be the host venue for the 2025 Junior and U23 World Ski Championships in Cross-Country skiing. Exceptionally in 2025, the three Nordic disciplines will not take place at the same venue.

WSC 2027

Lahti (FIN) sent in their official application to be the host for the Nordic World Ski Championships 2027 and are currently following the official candidacy process. The application remained without a counterproposal.

FIS Games 2028

FIS confirmed the organization of FIS Games starting from 2028. The bidding process has begun, and the respective documents were sent to all member NSA's. National Ski Federations were asked in the process to send their letter of interest to FIS.

Cross-Country calendar framework

The framework which was established as a base for calendar planning was noted and no remarks were received.

FIS Prize money support of 20%

The FIS Council decided to support the prize money with a 20% increase, based on the prize money rates pre-covid. With this, FIS would like to continue the support that was provided during Covid times.

Jury allocation and TD fee

The submitted Jury selection until after the OWG 2026 was confirmed. The proposal to raise the daily TD fee from CHF 100 to CHF 125 was approved by the FIS Council and active as of the upcoming season.

FIS Cross-Country budget

The budget that was submitted by the FIS CC Race Director was approved as requested. Thus, financial support for the respective educational opportunities and meetings were approved.

In addition, Michal Lamplot pointed out the changing situation with the FIS media rights and referred to the publication of this summer on the FIS website.

6. Reports and proposals from the Working Groups, Sub-Committees and National Ski Associations

Michal Lamplot referred to the summaries of all working groups, that were sent to the Sub-Committee members ahead of the meeting.

W.G. for Calendar planning

The conclusions from the working group for calendar planning will be presented in point 8 and 9 of the agenda on calendar 2023/24 and long-term calendar planning.

W.G. for Continental Cup

Chris Grover led the working group - consisting of 9 members – with a focus on the current situation and health of the COC, and ideas surrounding strengthening the COC. He underlined the importance of the COC racing level in every nation as well as for international skiing. It provides an important development step between junior skiing categories and the World Cup. To avoid having a large gap in performances between these levels and a therefore potential high drop-out rate of athletes, the working group also discussed how we might build additional levels of competition.

Chris Grover presented the elaborated proposals:

- **Request nation change of POL, HUN and SVK to OPA Continental Cup**
As the origin of the discussions, the working group focused on the request of POL, HUN and SVK from spring 2023 to move from the Slavic Cup into the OPA Continental Cup. The working group proposed that the OPA COC should not be extended with the three nations but to have them remain in the Slavic Cup and to focus on strengthening the Slavic Cup while retaining the important pathway for Slavic Cup athletes to the World Cup.
The proposal of the working group was approved with 16 votes and 1 abstention.
- **COC qualification for extra World Cup quota**
The second proposal of the working group referred to a needed rule specification on geographical regions through which NSA's can qualify for the World Cup additional quota for the COC leader/winner. The geographical allocation was presented to the members.
Uros Ponikvar (Chair CCC) replied to the question of Jostein Vinjerui (GBR) in what region a not-yet existing nation would be placed with the fact, that currently only nations are included who also organize COC events but that every nation has the right to apply to be included.
The S.C. agrees that GBR shall come up with a proposal in which region they want to be placed to the FIS Spring meetings 2024.
- **World Cup B**
The working group suggested the FIS staff to investigate possibilities to introduce a World Cup B to close the level between COC and World Cup performance differences.
Hannu Koivusalo (FIN) pointed out the economically difficult situation for NSAs to finance the participation for another race series and got support by various

S.C. members. Nevertheless, the members agreed that the topic should be further evaluated.

- **Differentiation of minimum penalty between COC and FIS competitions**

As a result of the new FIS point calculation, the working group proposed to discuss the possible effects of changing the current penalty amount between COC and FIS competitions. It was agreed that we should first watch what happens this coming season to FIS points given the change in the FIS point calculation.

W.G. for Cooperation Between Nations

Michal Lamplot led the working group that investigated strengthening the cooperation between nations. Finding more incentives for nations to work together was agreed to be a vital for a sustainable development of Cross-Country skiing. Already great examples were presented, that go beyond the simple cooperation and focus on coaching, development, mentoring programs, etc.

Calendar applications of NSA's

Michal Lamplot presents that three calendar applications and a number of commitment letter were received from NSAs to host World Cups in the upcoming seasons. The calendars were discussed in agenda point 8 and 9.

Nation Cooperation and Women's Bibs Request of NSAs

9 applications including 21 nations have applied for cooperation between nations. In addition, 9 applications for women's course access bibs were received for the season 2023/24 and will be implemented in the World Cup rules accordingly.

Proposals from the S.C. Rules and Control

Rule specific proposals were discussed in agenda point 7 "World Cup rules 2023/24"

7. World Cup rules 2023-2024

The approved proposals from the Sub Committees and working groups were to be added accordingly to the World Cup rules 2023/24.

Michal Lamplot summarized the main changes and explained the open proposals:

Proposals of the W.G. for Continental Cup

As approved at agenda point 6, the proposal of the Working Group for POL, HUN and SVK to remain in the Slavic Continental Cup will be aligned in the World Cup rules.

Prize money split

Michal Lamplot followed up on the FIS Council decision to keep the support for prize money. With the assignment to split the 20% support between the daily prize money and the Overall pot prize money, a new split by ranking was presented:

- **Daily prize money split:**

10% (CHF 5'000 per race) of the FIS support for the daily prize money resulted in new total for daily prize money of CHF 55'000 per competition.

The allocation was proposed to remain as distributed to the top-20 in individual events and raised to top-10 in team events. The new allocation focuses on strengthening the mid-field athlete's efforts and to provide an incentive for a wider range of athletes and nations to compete. The chart with the prize money split was presented.

The proposal for the Daily prize money split was approved unanimously by the S.C. members.

- **Overall World Cup prize money split:**

The remaining 10% (CHF 5'000 per race) of the FIS support for the Overall World Cup prize money resulted in new total for the overall pot. As the amount is dependent on the number of competitions, the elaborated split focused on the percentage rather than a fixed amount.

The proposal for the Overall prize money split was approved unanimously by the S.C. members.

Proposals from NSA's

All received proposals on nation cooperation as well as female course access bibs will be implemented into the World Cup rules.

Red Group, Definition of World Ranking List

The S.C. of Rules and Control approved a definition adjustment of art. 6.1 of the World Cup rules, concerning the World Ranking list and the resulting Red Group definition. The adjustment marked no changes for the implementation.

Precision Tour de Ski point standing

Adjustments to the point allocation were made according to the formats as approved in the World Cup calendar 2023/24.

Precision Starting Order Tour de Ski

The starting order for the two Pursuit competitions were defined to keep the attractiveness of the Tour and to give an incentive for as many athletes (incl. Sprinters) as possible to continue the Tour as long as possible.

For stage 3, the starting order will be assigned according to the Overall FIS TdS standing. For stage 5, the starting order will be assigned according to the results of Stage 4 of the TdS.

Eligibility for World Cup participation

The change in the calculation of FIS points means that certain athletes receive higher FIS points. Therefore, the criteria must be adapted so that athletes can become eligible to participate in larger events.

A working group in the S.C. for Rules and Control focused on implementing a system that reflects the athlete's level of performance more thoroughly and is simpler to understand. The working group also simulated the FIS point eligibility standards at WSC and OWG level.

The proposal was to use the FIS points list valid at the time of the entry by name deadline (8 days before the World Cup) instead of a certain point result within the last year, and to adopt the common standard of 150 FIS Points for Sprint or Distance (on the respective list). Exceptions are NSAs without a World Cup as well as JWSC athletes at 100 FIS Points.

The proposal for the eligibility of the World Cup participation was approved unanimously by the S.C. members.

Eligibility for World Ski Championships Participation

With the same background as the World Cup eligibility, the working group proposed to increase the criteria standard for the WSC Qualification race, Sprint qualification and team events to 800 FIS points.

For all other competitions at the WSC, the same eligibility shall be valid as in the World Cup, with the reference to the FIS Point list.

The proposal for the eligibility of the WSC participation was approved

unanimously by the S.C. members.

Eligibility for Olympic Winter Games participation

The system of eligibility to participate at the OWG 2026 is at IOC review. The basic parameters are similar to the qualification for OWG 2022. OWG eligibility limits were adjusted to reflect the change of FIS points calculation. Total athletes quota for Cross-Country remains unchanged for the upcoming Olympic Winter Games. 10 quota from the Cross-Country total will be reserved to basic quota allocation in the World Cup Period I of 2025/26 season.

8. COOP FIS Cross-Country World Cup calendar 2023-2024

Michal Lamplot gave an update on the completed on-site summer inspections and the ongoing online inspections for the upcoming season, and sincerely thanks the NSAs and all the organizers involved for their continued commitment to our sport.

He pointed out open questions and issues to specifically be aware of:

Ruka (FIN)

The 3.3 km course that was proposed is not homologated for 20km Mass Start F. Michal pointed out the concerns of a crowded competitor field in the flat section along the lake due to the insufficient width of the course, and the high speed of entry to this section of the course. The organizer therefore came up with two alternatives for the S.C. members to vote for:

20km Mass Start F on the 8x2.5km course (to avoid the specific section) or change format to Pursuit F and ski 6x3.3km. 20 members voted for the 20km Mass Start F on 8x2.5km, 0 members voted for the Pursuit and 1 member abstained from the vote.

Finnish Ski Association and OC of Ruka should investigate the possibility to widen the course to meet Mass Start F requirements in the future.

The S.C. members voted in favor to keep the 20km Mass Start F and ski 8x2.5km.

Toblach (ITA)

The Tour de Ski is the place to implement special stages. With this year's focus on the Tour, Toblach has creatively provided the possibility to extend the course to the Tre Cime viewpoint at Lago di Landro which can elevate the attractiveness of the race and the Tour significantly. Thanks to the commitment of Infront, FIS and the OC, technically it is possible to hold the stage with some final adjustments in the course pre-preparations. Gabriella Paruzzi (ITA) reports positive feedback that all needed points to fulfill by the OC are likely to be realized this autumn. If all requirements can be fulfilled, the stage promises to be spectacular and elevate the value of the Tour. Michal Lamplot reminded the members of the S.C. that some uphill sections of the course will not meet homologation requirements, however, fairness and safety of the race will be guaranteed. The importance of this stage is the promotion of Cross-Country Skiing and nature landscape of Toblach.

Davos (SUI)

The second Tour de Ski stop includes the implementation of a multi-valley concept for the 20km Pursuit stage. The recent inspection on-site demonstrated that the final two-valley concept for the course is in place and was well-prepared by the OC. Adjustments to several narrow parts of the course are needed and will be done accordingly.

Athletes rep. James Clugnet pointed out the necessity to adjust the terrain and zones as much to avoid having a double poling race on this new course.

Both scenic stages in Toblach and Davos need a Plan-B if there is not sufficient natural snow. The plan-B option for Toblach was previously confirmed as the Pursuit in the traditional race courses. Davos' alternative was set to change the format to the regular 15km Interval C around the Flüela valley course.

James Clugnet pointed out the necessity to adjust the terrain and zones as much to avoid having a double poling race on this new course.

The stage and format proposals for both Pursuits in Toblach and Davos were approved unanimously by the S.C. members.

Goms (SUI)

Michal Lamplot reports that the courses in Goms have been modified and they promise to be very attractive races for bringing the World Cup to this venue.

However, two main issues were identified for which best-possible solutions must be found for the upcoming season – but will remain standout issues for Goms as a World Cup organizer in the future.

One major challenge is the waxing facility which does not comply with the World Cup rules and regulations. The situation in Goms is that the hangar has been modified to an indoor waxing facility with air ventilation with little possibility for adjustment. Upon inspection the minimum requirements for each working area were pointed out, with the urgent need for the separation of each wax area or station by nation as it was identified as a safety issue.

A second main issue identified was the situation with accommodation in the valley that also does not comply with the World Cup rules and regulations and results in a major adaption to the workflow and logistic needs. FIS Cross-Country staff will continue working with the LOC Goms to ensure the best possible conditions for teams can be provided.

The statement was noted with no further comments.

9. Draft long-term World Cup calendars 2024/25 and 2025/26

Calendar draft 2024/25

Michal Lamplot presented a fully established calendar draft according to the conclusions from the working group and the received letter of interest by the NSA's.

Period I

Based on the proposal of Swiss Ski, the W.G. proposed Davos to host World Cup every other year, starting from the season 2025/26. In 2025/26 World Cup period I could be hosted in Scandinavia.

Guri Knotten (SUI) pointed out the committee members responsibility to think of sport first and then their nation. Discussions together with Switzerland's organizers resulted in a changed stance of Swiss Ski that Davos wants to be in the World Cup calendar in December every year.

Anders Byström (SWE) pointed out that in the working group meeting all members, including Switzerland, approved to have Davos every other year in the calendar. Organizers from Ulricehamn were also present at the S.C. meeting as guests and keen to hear their possibilities to come back into the World Cup calendar.

Tour de Ski

Concerns were raised regarding the logistics connecting the venues of Goms, Toblach and Val di Fiemme. Therefore, the working group asked Swiss Ski to re-consider an alternative location for the Swiss venue.

Guri Knotten (SUI) had evaluated the situation with all potential Swiss organizers beforehand and received negative feedback due to the competition's collision with the holiday season and other major confirmed events (eg. Spengler Cup and WEF in Davos). Nevertheless, she will take the matter up again with the organizer to point out the logistic concerns for the overall concept of the Tour.

Regarding the logistic issues in Goms, the meeting with the Swiss organizers proposed to re-consider the rules on accommodation distance from the venue as Goms would need an exception with up to 80' traveling time.

The S.C. agreed that it is not possible to accept so long travelling distance.

For the Tour, Guri asked if it was worth to reconsider the dates to one week later to make it easier for organizers to host the World Cup out of holiday peak season and to even consider this change for the season 2024/25. Alternatively, she proposed to move the location of the Val di Fiemme stage to the beginning of the Tour instead of the end.

Gabriella Paruzzi (ITA) clearly responded against the last proposal and was not in favor to discuss moving Val di Fiemme from being the Tour de Ski final stage.

Michal Lamplot underlined the marketing value of the Tour and TV rates during this crucial period. To host the Tour in these original dates was rated as the strongest asset of the product. Therefore, a very careful evaluation must be undertaken before this topic was put under discussion. The same applied for the Final Climb format.

He acknowledges the difficult situation with accommodation in Goms but a traveling time twice of the current max. limit would be too heavy on the schedule of everyone involved.

Michal again stresses out the established framework of WG for Calendar planning and asked to avoid the same discussions that were voted for and answered with the framework.

Anders Byström (SWE) voted in favor to keep the original dates of the Tour de Ski and reminds of the importance to have a free weekend afterwards. Goms' situation with accommodation was not acceptable and if no solution on site can be found, another venue must be considered.

James Clugnet remarked that he considered 8 hours traveling time in the Tour de Ski was too heavy on athletes. He also stated that there was a tendency of a changed athletes' approach on the load of skiing. The athletes' point of view in the last years was to keep the race load low but now they seem to be more eager to race again.

Jostein Vinjerui (GBR) agreed with Jimmy and pointed out the difficulties, smaller nations would have in logistics and manpower.

Ulf Morten Aune (NOR) added that the athletes focus will be at the WSC again. Long traveling times will put them off participating at the Tour at all. A traveling time from the accommodation to the venue over the current limit was not acceptable and therefore the proposed 60' was not a point to discuss. He questioned whether the gap to the title event of 4 weeks was even enough.

Discussion on potential opening stages of Tour de Ski

Michal Lamplot identified that the opening stage of the Tour is the problem because of logistics and asks for feedback if all stages of the Tour would be held in Italy.

Gabriella Paruzzi (ITA) was ready to evaluate if three different organizers in Italy could be considered.

Guri Knotten (SUI) shared her opinion that having a Tour de Ski in one country should not be considered and was not the point of the Tour. She stated that Switzerland wants to be part of the Tour but acknowledges the overall difficult logistic situation.

Stepan Kaliba (CZE) raised the possibility to host the opening stage in Nove Mesto which

is at a similar distance to Toblach as Goms, but with a much less logistical/daily travel load on site.

The S.C. members agree to consider the possibility to change Nove Mesto (currently in period III) with Goms (currently in TdS) position in the World Cup if evaluations are positive from all sides.

Andreas Schlütter (GER) Germany's Tour participation was not an option due to the 4-hills tournament and he also is facing challenges with organizers due to the accommodation situation. About Goms, he stated that this was still a young organizer and should get a chance to prove themselves this year. Further evaluations should be taken afterwards.

Jostein Vinjerui (GBR) shared the opinion to try to attract as many nations as possible and asked on the possibility to include Planica.

Uros Ponikvar replied that Planica would have to consider this. In addition, he supported Michal's arguments on following the principles of the framework and the stated importance of the current period for the Tour de Ski.

Chris Grover (USA) supported the comments not to change or re-consider the framework as our guidelines.

Olivier Michaud (FRA) also considered moving the dates of the Tour as no suitable option and stated that the start of the Tour in Nove Mesto should be evaluated.

Michal Lamplot concluded that the calendar working group should come together with the respective potential organizing nations for the Tour de Ski 2024/25 to find a solution for the opening stage.

Period 3

Applications for events according to the agreed World Cup framework were received from CZE, FRA and GER.

Michal Lamplot presented two options for period III after the free weekend after the Tour de Ski with either three consecutive weekends in OPA followed by a free weekend and the pre-WSC test event in Falin or 2 weekends in OPA and 2 weekends in Scandinavia, divided by one weeks' break in between.

Anders Byström presented the readiness of Ulricehamn to be in the World Cup calendar 2024/25. Michal Lamplot pointed out that Ulricehamn organized a top-class World Cup event every time and FIS Cross-Country World Cup can come back to Ulricehamn in the future. However, if the World Cup Calendar principles are to be kept, it is difficult to give Ulricehamn a fixed and guaranteed place in future calendars.

With 15 votes, the S.C. members voted to schedule three weekends in OPA with 4 votes for option 2 and 1 abstention.

Period 4

The application was received from Estonian Ski Federation to host the second edition of the Tallin City Sprint with a similar concept than in the season 2022/23.

Robert Peets (EST) thanked the members for the trust that he got to introduce a new venue last season. Thanks to the success story the OC and partners are motivated to offer this again. Tallin will be capital of sport in 2025 and the Cross-Country World Cup would be the opening event. Important will be the decision whether the waxing system will be accepted again or not.

The application for the Estonian Ski Federation for the Tallin City Sprint with the similar concept as in the season 2022/23 was accepted unanimously by the S.C. members.

Ulf Morten Aune (NOR) confirmed readiness of Holmenkollen and NSF to host World Cup without 50 km in Oslo.

Number of events in final period

Michal Lamplot suggested to establish a working group with all S.C. members of all concerning stages in this period. The working group will evaluate the number of competitions in this final World Cup period which will also be influenced by not having the historical 50km at the Holmenkollen due to the World Ski Championship finals one week earlier. The goal will be to define the number of events in that period and possible formats including a Sprint Tour concept.

The calendar working group will evaluate the number of competitions with all organizing nations of the final period.

Discussion from the S.C. members by calendar period

Calendar draft 2025/26

Open matters for the long-term calendar are:

- Inclusion of Davos (every year or every other year) and therefore inclusion of SCAN or not in first period.
- Number of stages in Tour (possibly 6 stages)
- Decision on Lake Placid as World Cup finals

Inclusion of Davos or Scandinavian first period

Guri Knotten (SUI) repeated that the stance of the Swiss organizers was clear but she will check again. She pointed out Davos' plans to extend the snow farming which also reflected their commitment.

Jimmy Clugnet and Anders Byström (SWE) both were in favor of staying up north in the first period of the calendar to keep travels low in this crucial OWG year.

Ulf Morten Aune (NOR) supported the inclusion of Davos in December due to its history with the sport and to acknowledge their commitment. He came up with the suggestion to have two race weekends from the season start, one weekend break and to ski the weekend before Christmas in Davos as most teams will want to be in altitude due to the OWG one month later.

Jimmy Clugnet states that having just about 7 days between the last World Cup and the start of the Tour would make most athletes skip the Tour and have them focus on the OWG preparation.

Michal Lamplot reminded the members again on the decisions taken to keep one weekend before and after the Tour free and that this framework was established with legit arguments and approved unanimously.

Number of stages in Tour de Ski

The majority of the members agree to 6 stages in the Tour in the OWG year but point out the importance of keeping the travel logistics as low as possible.

Decision of Lake Placid as World Cup finals

Currently a key decision was pending from US Ski & Snowboard whether Lake Placid had the opportunity to host the World Cup finals in this year or not.

Michal Lamplot proposed a working group for the calendar 2025/26 which will report with confirmed venues in Spring 2024. The S.C. members agreed on this approach.

Calendar draft 2026/27

Michal Lamplot explains the challenges we faced regarding the date collision in Ruka with Finland's National Day and the resulting holiday season will return in December 2026. Therefore, this has to be addressed already now in order to take up communications and evaluate options.

The approach on the importance of having a season opener with the other two Nordic FIS disciplines has not changed.

Norbert Meier (LOC rep.) pointed out that in addition, as of the season 2026/27, a new situation in terms of media and marketing rights is anticipated and therefore it is crucial to know more specifics as soon as possible to proceed with the discussions, and for organizers to be able to anticipate the financial landscape while bidding on events and planning for them.

10. Update Fluor ban implementation

Due to time management - and with the agreement of the S.C. members - Chairman Chris Grover proposed to postpone the presentation of the fluor ban implementation to the afternoon's Cross-Country Committee as this was already on schedule as well.

11. JWSC and U23 WSC update

Planica 2024

Uros Ponikvar presented the courses that are planned for the upcoming JWSC and U23 WSC in 2024. Only the courses in the higher part of the existing track will be used to avoid the most sun exposed locations and to adapt the course profile to be less demanding on the athletes.

Interval 10km C will be on 3.3km

Mass start 30km F will be on 4km

Mixed Relay, Sprint and NC competition will be held on the old 1.2km course

Schilpario 2025

Michal Lamplot reported that the host for the following year, Schilpario, Italy was confirmed but the dates were still open. Due to the better snow conditions, the dates will likely stay at the end of January into February. Currently the organizer was in process of homologating the courses.

Trondheim 2026

In the legacy of the WSC 2025, Trondheim will be the organizer of the JWSC and U23 WSC in 2026.

YOG Gangwong 2024

The preparations are in full process. Michal Lamplot reminded the Subcommittee of the qualification system that was published including the age requirement, NOC's quota due

to ranking in Marc Hodler Trophy and the distribution of the remaining quota.

12. WSC update

Michal Lamplot reported further on the preparation for Trondheim 2025. The WSC schedule was now approved by the FIS Council. The course set almost fixed – except for some specifications that had already been communicated to the organizer in May and are now on schedule to be adjusted.

Current open questions were the inclusion of a para competitions in the program. Inclusion of Para is an important value for us and therefore we try to find the most practical solution to make sense for all competitions.

13. Other items arising

Number of stickers for skimarking

Each athlete will receive amount of ski stickers for the whole season. For details please refer to Fluor Ban Implementation Cross-Country, page 4.

Order for mixed relay

For the Mixed Relay competitions in the World Cup this season (Goms) and the JWSC and U23 WSC on schedule, the starting order had to be decided.

The starting order for the Mixed Relays to be M/W/M/W were unanimously voted for by the S.C. members.

14. Next meeting

The next FIS technical committee meetings will take place in Portoroz (SLO) from 6th to 9th May 2024.

15. Closing of the meeting

Chris Grover thanked the members for their work and engagement and closed the meeting at 11.45h.

Fluor Ban Implementation

September 2023



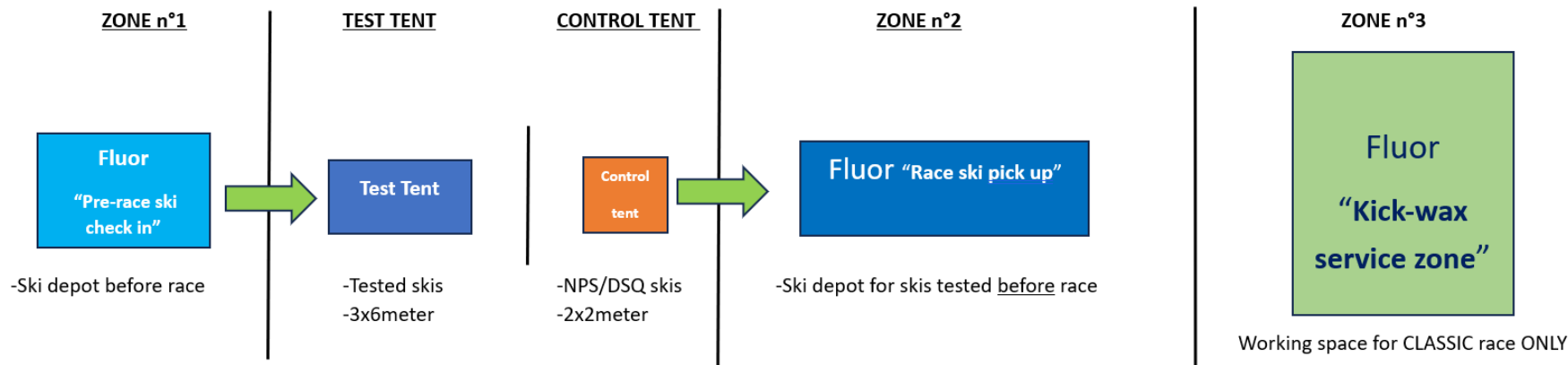
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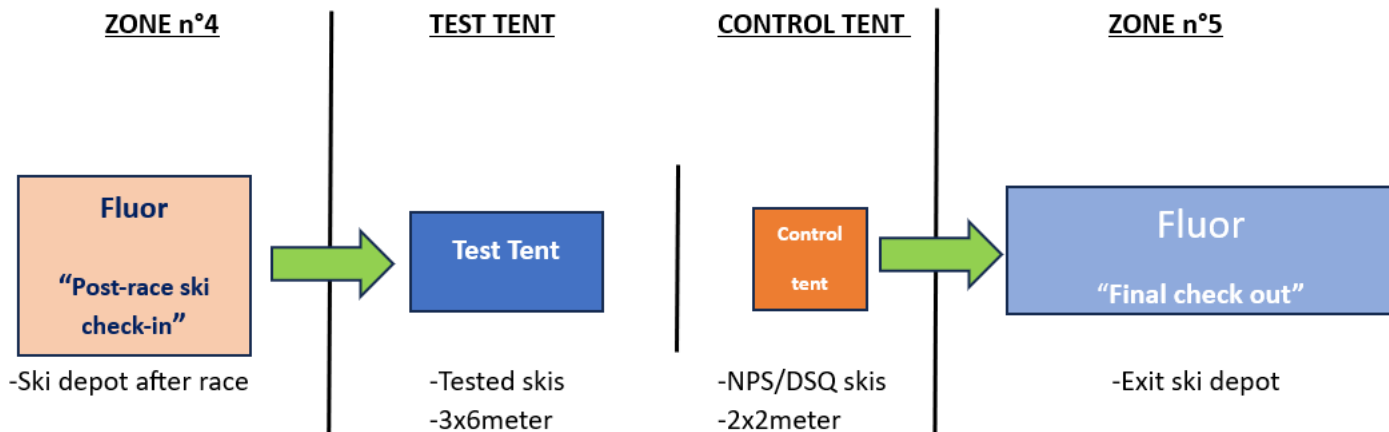
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FIS team testing season 2023/24

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S.C. Cross-Country World Cup & Continental Cup

29th September 2023



Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
5. Report of the last FIS Council meeting
6. Reports and proposals from the Working Groups, Sub-Committees and National Ski Associations
 - WG for Continental Cup
 - WG for Cooperation between NSAs
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7. World Cup rules 2023-2024
8. COOP FIS Cross-Country World Cup calendar 2023-2024
9. Update Fluor ban implementation
10. Draft long-term World Cup calendars
 - 2024-25
 - 2025-26
11. JWSC and U23 WSC update
12. WSC update
13. Other items arising
14. Next meeting
15. Closing of the meeting

Report of the FIS Council meeting

- **Last council meeting 24th May**
- **RUS and BLR athletes**
 - The Council agreed that current FIS policy regarding Russian and Belarussian participation will remain in force until further notice.
- **Applications and candidates for FIS World Ski Championships**
 - One application for the 2029 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships submitted by Lahti (FIN)
- **FIS Junior World Ski Championships**
 - FIS Cross Country Junior and U23 World Ski Championships 2025, Schilpario (ITA), date tbc

- **FIS 100th Anniversary 2024**
- **FIS Games 2028**
 - The bidding document with invitation to submit a letter of intent was sent out to all National Ski Associations.
- **Prize Money Support**
 - For the seasons 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 FIS has supported the Organisers with 20% of the prize money as a result of the Covid situation and the impact it had on LOC budgets.
 - FIS will continue the support of 20% in order to cover the new minimum prize money amounts*

**Proposal for the prize money split to be discussed later*

- **Per Diem for TDs**
 - The Council approved to increase the per diem for TDs in all disciplines and on all levels from CHF 100 to CHF 125.
- **Financial Requests**
 - CC budget approved as requested
- **World Cup calendars**
 - The Council took note of the frames for the long-term World Cup Calendars. Furthermore, the Council approved to continue the test phase with distribution of World Cup Points for another season.
- **Appointment of jury members**
 - Juries confirmed until OWG 2026

FIS World Cup Centralised Media Rights

- FIS and Infront have agreed terms for an exclusive agency agreement for the distribution of the international media rights to FIS World Cup events starting in the 2026/27 season until and including 2033/34.
- **Highlights of the terms agreed:**
 - Minimum compensation more than €100 million above current terms
 - Commission-based agency agreement with a minimum sales guarantee of more than €600 million
 - FIS in full control over the sales process
 - Infront to provide exclusive marketing implementation and international media operations services

- Immediate rights and access to digital content, fundamentally changing FIS' ability to maximise its social media footprint:
 - Free-of-charge provision of archive footage and highlights
 - Extensive rights to photography, behind-the-scenes coverage, course coverage, and the production of documentaries, television series, motion pictures, or similar productions
 - Free of charge OTT streaming for dark markets

Reports and Proposals

- **From working groups**
 - W.G. for Calendar planning
 - W.G. for CoC
 - W.G. for Cooperation between nations
- **From NSAs**
 - Calendar applications from CZE, FRA, EST
 - Cooperations
 - Women's bibs

FIS Cross-Country World Cup Rules Proposal and Updates



FIS Cross-Country World Cup rules update

- Continental Cup
- Prize money
- Additional course bibs
- FIS Tour de Ski points standing – precision
- Starting order Tour de Ski – precision
- Other matters
 - Number of stickers for ski marking – for information
 - Order for mixed relay

Proposals from W.G. for COC

Proposal 1

OPA Continental Cup should not be extended with nations, which requested the change in the spring (POL, HUN). The recommendation from this Working Group is to suggest that these nations (POL, SVK) should remain in the Slavic Cup.

Proposal: 2 World Cup rules update – qualification for extra World Cup quota

The proposal from this working group is to specify in the World Cup rules, geographical regions through which NSAs can qualify for the World Cup quota for COC winner/leader.

2.2.4 Extra quota for COC leaders or winners

Competitors are only eligible to qualify through the Continental Cup in the geographical region of which their National Association is a member. If the winner or competitor(s) in the World Cup qualifying positions come from another continent, the personal start place(s) will be awarded to the best placed competitor(s) from the Continental Cup concerned.

Following NSAs can qualify for COC quota through their COC:

AUS, NZE - **ANC (AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND CUP)**

ALB, BIH, BUL, CRO, MKD, MNE, GRE, MDA, ROU, SRB, TUR - **BC (BALKAN CUP)**

KAZ - **EEC (EASTERN EUROPE CUP)**

CHN, IRA, JPN, KOR, MGL, PRK, TPE, UZB - **FEC (FAR EAST CUP)**

CAN - **NAC (NORAM CUP)**

AND, CZE, GER, SUI, FRA, SPA, AUT, ITA, LIE, SLO - **OPA (OPA CUP)**

DAN, ISL, NOR, SWE, FIN, EST, LAT, LTU - **SCAN (SCANDINAVIAN CUP)**

SVK, POL, HUN, UKR - **SC (SLAVIC CUP)**

USA - **UST (USA SUPER TOUR)**

ARG, BRA, CHI* - **SAC (SOUTH AMERICAN CUP)**

** That World Cup start quota for SAC will be delayed until the athletes have reached the necessary competition level, upon the decision by the Cross- Country Committee*

Prize money proposals 2023/24

FIS Cross-Country



Summary

- FIS Council approved a 20% prize money support from the 2023/24 season
 - 50% of the support are obliged to go to the overall pot
 - 50% of the support are obliged to go to the daily prize money
- Prize money remains allocated to top-20 in individual events and is extended to top-10 in team events.
- Due to the additional support, the daily prize money split needed to be adjusted as well as the Overall prize money split.
- The following proposals were elaborated together with the athletes reps.

Daily Prize Money Ind. competition (excl. TdS)

CHF 5'000 additional daily prize money per race and new split:

Rank	OLD	NEW	Rank	OLD	NEW
1.	CHF 15'000	CHF 15'000	11.	CHF 900	CHF 1'300 (+400)
2.	CHF 10'000	CHF 10'000	12.	CHF 800	CHF 1'200 (+400)
3.	CHF 5'000	CHF 5'000	13.	CHF 700	CHF 1'100 (+400)
4.	CHF 4'300	CHF 4'300	14.	CHF 600	CHF 1'000 (+400)
5.	CHF 3'300	CHF 3'300	15.	CHF 500	CHF 900 (+400)
6.	CHF 2'300	CHF 2'500 (+200)	16.	CHF 400	CHF 800 (+400)
7.	CHF 1'700	CHF 1'900 (+200)	17.	CHF 350	CHF 700 (+350)
8.	CHF 1'300	CHF 1'600 (+300)	18.	CHF 300	CHF 600 (+300)
9.	CHF 1'100	CHF 1'500 (+400)	19.	CHF 250	CHF 500 (+250)
10.	CHF 1'000	CHF 1'400 (+400)	20.	CHF 200	CHF 400 (+200)

Daily Prize Money Team competition

CHF 4'000 additional daily prize money per race and new split:

Rank	OLD	NEW	Rank	OLD	NEW
1.	CHF 15'000	CHF 15'000	6.	CHF 2'000	CHF 2'000
2.	CHF 10'000	CHF 10'000	7.	CHF 0	CHF 1'500 (+1'500)
3.	CHF 6'000	CHF 6'000	8.	CHF 0	CHF 1'200 (+1'200)
4.	CHF 4'000	CHF 4'000	9.	CHF 0	CHF 800 (+800)
5.	CHF 3'000	CHF 3'000	10.	CHF 0	CHF 500 (+500)

} new

Overall World Cup prize money split

Rank	OLD	NEW	Rank	OLD	NEW
1.	CHF 50'000	CHF 60'000 (+10'000)	11.	CHF 4'000	CHF 5'400 (+1'400)
2.	CHF 40'000	CHF 50'000 (+10'000)	12.	CHF 3'500	CHF 4'200 (+700)
3.	CHF 30'000	CHF 40'000 (+10'000)	13.	CHF 3'000	CHF 3'500 (+500)
4.	CHF 20'000	CHF 25'000 (+5'000)	14.	CHF 2'200	CHF 3'000 (+800)
5.	CHF 15'000	CHF 20'000 (+5'000)	15.	CHF 2'000	CHF 2'500 (+500)
6.	CHF 10'000	CHF 12'000 (+2'000)	16.	CHF 1'750	CHF 2'000 (+250)
7.	CHF 8'000	CHF 10'000 (+2'000)	17.	CHF 1'500	CHF 1'800 (+300)
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Prize Money Tour de Ski

The Tour de Ski daily prize money remains unchanged due to the different concept of the Tour where the goal is to keep it attractive for athletes to finish the full Tour in a good rank.

The additional prize money split for the Tour de Ski is therefore proposed as follows:

- 50% “daily prize money contribution” per race go to the Overall Tour de Ski pot
- 50% go to the World Cup Overall end of season pot

With this concept, all TdS prize money remains unchanged as until now the daily prize money contribution was already in the Tour Overall pot.

NEW is, that the Overall contribution of CHF 5'000 per race go into the Overall World Cup pot.

2.6.3 Additional course bibs (status 22nd September)

2.6.3.1 Additional course bibs for female staff members

FEMALE STAFF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF EXTRA BIBS
USA	2
FRA	2
GER	2
NOR	2
CAN	2
AUT	2
SUI	2
SWE	2

Cooperating nations

For the 2023/24 World Cup season the following cooperation have been applied for:

COOPERATING NATIONS	NUMBER OF EXTRA BIBS
USA, AUS	2
ITA, THA, ESP, ARG	2
FRA, AND	2
POL, CZE, SVK	2
NOR, GBR	2
FIN, EST	2
SUI, LIE	2
AUT, HUN	2
SWE, BUL	2

6.1 Red Group

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The Red Group List consists of the 15 best women and the 15 best men in the current Distance and Sprint World Ranking Lists (WRL).

Distance World Ranking List is calculated based on the sum of Distance World Cup points collected by an athlete during the period previous 12 months. For the applicable period 2 best distance results at WSC / OWG are included.

Sprint World Ranking List is calculated based on the sum of Sprint World Cup points collected by an athlete during the period of previous 12 months. For the applicable period 1 sprint result at WSC / OWG is included.

After each WRL period a new WRL will be compiled which is valid for the next WRL period.

<u>World Cup 2023/24</u>	<u>Valid WRL</u>
<u>Period I</u>	<u>WC period I-IV 22/23 + WSC 2023</u>
<u>Period II</u>	<u>WC period II-IV 22/23 + WSC 2023 + WC period I 23/24</u>
<u>Period III</u>	<u>WC period III - IV 22/23 + WSC 2023 + WC period I-II 23/24</u>
<u>Period IV</u>	<u>WC period IV - 22/23 + WSC 2023 + WC period I-III 23/24</u>

~~All World Cup results – and maximum two results of the Distance and one Sprint competitions at OWG or WSC – will count for the Red Group.~~ Athletes who withdraw before the start of the season will be substituted by the following athlete.

FIS Tour de Ski – Points Standing

Date & venue	Format	Bonus seconds	Points Standing	Comment
Saturday, 30/12/2023 Toblach (ITA)	Sprint F	Final result Top 30: 60/54/48/..	Final result Top 10: 30/24/20/16/12/10/8/6/4/2	
Sunday, 31/12/2023 Toblach (ITA)	10km Interval C		Fastest time to 1 st TV intermediate Top 10: 15/12/10/8/6/5/4/3/2/1	
Monday, 01/01/2024 Toblach (ITA)	25km Pursuit F		Fastest time from start to TV intermediate XX km Top 10: 15/12/10/8/6/5/4/3/2/1*	*Only if the “standard” course is used.
Wednesday, 03/01/2024 Davos (SUI)	Sprint F	Final result Top 30: 60/54/48/..	Final result Top 10: 30/24/20/16/12/10/8/6/4/2	
Thursday, 04/01/2024 Davos (SUI)	20km Pursuit C		Fastest time to “top of the valley/ XXXTV intermediate” Top 10: 15/12/10/8/6/5/4/3/2/1**	**Only if the course wide enough
Saturday, 06/01/2024 Val di Fiemme (ITA)	15km Mst C	1 intermediate at 8.5 km: Top 10: 15/12/10/8/6/5/4/3/2/1	Intermediate Sprint after 1 lap Top 10: 15/12/10/8/6/5/4/3/2/1	
Sunday, 07/01/2024 Val di Fiemme (ITA)	10km Mst F		Intermediate Sprint in the stadium and at bottom of Alpe Cermis: Top 10: 15/12/10/8/6/5/4/3/2/1	

7 Starting order Tour de Ski

7.3 Stage 3 (25km/20km Pursuit F)

The starting order will be assigned according to the **current Overall** FIS Tour de Ski standing after stage 2 (actual time where tenths of seconds are truncated). To prevent too large start time differences, the Jury can decide upon the use of the "wave start".

7.5 Stage 5 (20km Pursuit C)

The starting order will be assigned according to **the results of the FIS Tour de Ski stage 4** (actual time where tenths of seconds are truncated). To prevent too large start time differences, the Jury can decide upon the use of the "wave start".

FIS Cross-Country World Cups

- **2023/24**
 - Ruka
 - 20 km Mass Start on 8x2.5 km
 - or
 - 20 km Pursuit Free on 6x3.3 km
 - Oberhof
 - 20 km Mass Start on 8x2.5 km
 - 4x7.5 km Relay on 2.5 km (12x2.5 km)

- **2024/25**
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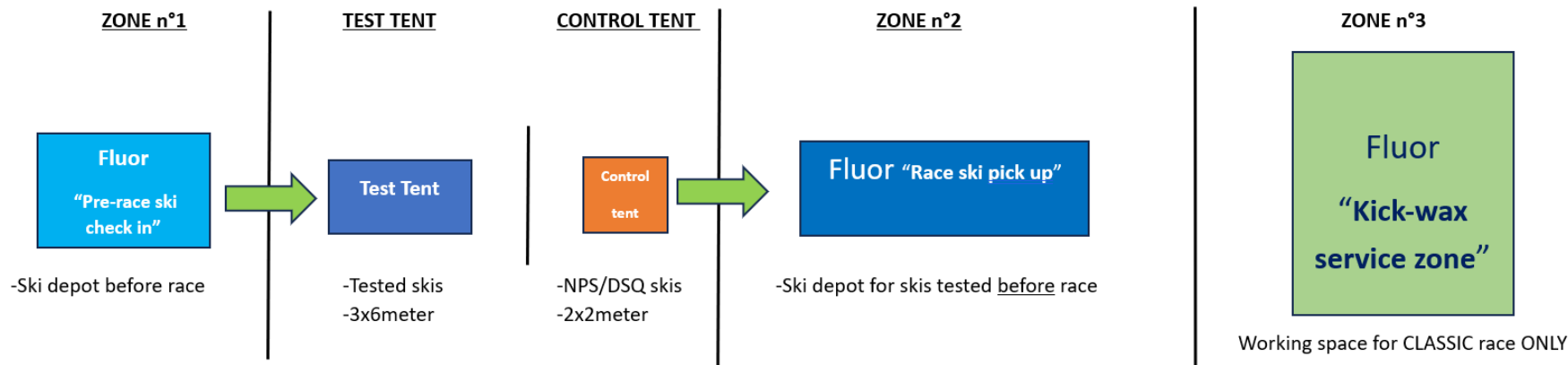
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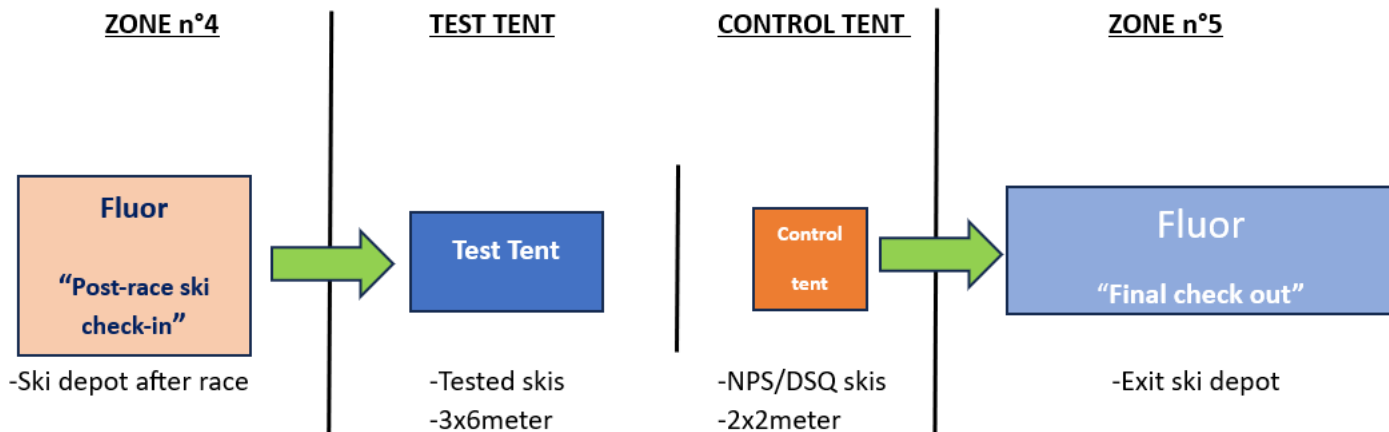
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JWSC & U23 WSC YOG 2024



Jwsc & U23 WSC update

PLANICA 2024

NORDIC JUNIOR WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS
U23 WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS CROSS-COUNTRY

- Invitation was sent to all NSAs by September 1st
- Organisation on track
- Invitation sent out, entries open

Format	Distances (men & Women)
Interval Start :	Classic 10 km
Mass start :	Free technic 20 km
Sprint :	Free technic 20 km
Mixed relay :	4x5km C/F

Jwsc & U23 WSC update

OC PLANICA KEY POSITIONS

President
Secretary General
Coordinator
Venue
Accommodation
Transportation
Security
Catering
Communication & Media
Marketing & Branding
Medical Coordinator

Chief of Competition Cross Country
Chief of Competition Ski Jumping Men
Chief of Competition Ski Jumping Women
Chief of Competition Nordic Combined

Enzo Smrekar
Tomaž Šušteršič
Ana Dolhar
Maja Širok
Mirjam Žerjav
Jože Ajdišek
Marjan Jakše
Klemen Čuden
Tomi Trbovc
Nuša Rakovec / Nataša Albreht
Robert Carotta

Marko Luštrek
Aljoša Dolhar
Sašo Komovec
Matija Stegnar

FIS OFFICIALS

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Assistant Race Director
Technical Delegate
Assistant Technical Delegate
Jury Member

Simon Caprini, FIS
Michal Kucera, CZE
Martins Niklass, LAT
Seraina Mischo, SUI

GENERAL

FIS Nordic Assistant
FIS Nordic Assistant

Madeline Nappey, FIS
Jessica Rochat, FIS

Competition Programme

- Junior:

Day 1: Monday, 05/02/2024

10:30 h	Women/Men	Sprint F Qualification	Junior
13:00 h	Women/Men	Sprint F Finals	Junior

Day 3: Wednesday, 07/02/2024

11:15 h	Women	20 km Mass Start F	Junior
13:30 h	Men	20 km Mass Start F	Junior

Day 5: Friday, 09/02/2024

10:00 h	Women	10 km Individual C	Junior
11:45 h	Men	10 km Individual C	Junior

Day 2: Tuesday, 06/02/2024

10:30 h	Women/Men	Sprint F Qualification	U23
13:00 h	Women/Men	Sprint F Finals	U23

Day 4: Thursday, 08/02/2024

11:15 h	Women	20 km Mass Start F	U23
14:00 h	Men	20 km Mass Start F	U23

Day 6: Saturday, 10/02/2024

11:00 h	Women	10 km Individual C	U23
13:00 h	Men	10 km Individual C	U23

Day 7: Sunday, 11/02/2024

10:00 h	Women/Men	4x5 km Mixed Team Relay C/FJunior	
12:00 h	Women/Men	4x5 km Mixed Team Relay C/FU23	

- U23:

Next JWCS Events coming

- **Schilpario 2025**
 - Organisation on track
 - First step to define the competition dates
 - Start of the preparation and layout from fall 2024
- **Trondheim 2026**

YOG 2024 update



- Qualification system for YOG 2024 has been published, [HERE](#)
- Age requirements: 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2008
- The NOCs ranked in the **Marc Hodler Trophy Cross-Country Skiing** standings at the FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships 2023 and the Host Country are entitled to a quota of **three (3) male and three (3) female** athletes.
- Any remaining quota places will be distributed with a maximum of **one (1) male and/or one (1) female** athlete per NOC amongst the NOCs not yet qualified according to above.

- **Reminder about events**

- Women's/Men's Sprint F
- Women's/Men's 7.5 km C Interval Start
- Mixed Relay 4x5 km C/F

- **Cross-Country**

- January 27 – February 1
- Sprint F, Interval 7.5 km, Mixed Relay 4x5 km



Men's events (2)	Women's events (2)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's Sprint Free Men's 7.5 km Classic	Women's Sprint Free Women's 7.5km Classic	Mixed Relay 4x5km Classic/Free

WSC 2025



FIS Nordic WSC Trondheim 2025

WSC Trondheim 2025

		24th Feb Mon				26th February 2025 Tue				Move NH to LH				9th March 2025 Sun	
Zone	Discipline	DAY -2	DAY -1	DAY 0	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11
	Ski Jumping			Official Training W,	Quali NH Ind W	NH W/ Official Training M (3 rounds)	Quali NH M/ NH Team W	NH Ind M		Official Training W & M (3 rounds)	LH Mixed Team	LH Team/ Quali LH W	Quali LH M/ LH Ind W	LH Ind M	
	Medals SJ					1	1	1			1	1	1	1	
	Nordic Combined			Official Training W & M (3 rounds)	NH W (Mass start)	Mixed Team	NH Ind M	NH Ind W			Official Training (3 rounds)	LH Team M	Official Training (3 rounds)	LH Ind M	
	Medals NC														
CC- Stadium	Cross-Country			Quali Race C	Quali Sprint F/ Sprint F W/M		Skiathlon M	Skiathlon W		Ind C M/Ind C W	Quali & Team Sprint C W/M	Relay M	Relay W	50 km F M	50 km F W
	Medals CC				2		1	1		2	1	1	1	1	1
	Nordic Combined				NH Mass W	Mixed Team	10 km M	5 km W				4xS Team M		10 km M	
	Medals NC				1	1	1	1				1		1	
	Para			Option 1: Para Sprint (W & M) Quali	Option 1: Para Sprint competition **/**										Option 2: Para Sprint (W & M) Quali, competition **
	Medals Para				6										6
Medal events (calculated at the moment without para)					3	2	3	3	0	2	2	3	2	3	1

* Option 1 is the preferred option by the IOC but a sport-logical visibility study needs to take place with all stakeholders in summer 2023.** Depending on rights holders agreement and on the confirmation of a World Cup in Sweden in conjunction of the World Championships event

Other matters



Other matters

- Eligibility limits – other presentation
- Number of stickers for ski marking
- Order for mixed relay – M/W/M/W or W/M/W/M (JWSC & U23 WSC)
- **Proposal 3: “World Cup B”**

The W.G. proposes that the FIS Cross-Country staff should look into the possibility to introduce “World Cup B”, which should be an extra step for athletes before entering the World Cup.

- **Proposal 4: FIS points for FIS and COC events**

Possibility to differentiate the minimum penalty between COC and FIS competitions. Currently the minimum penalty is 20 both for FIS and COC competitions.

Eligibility updates – FIS points World Cup, WSC, OWG

Proposal – September 2023



Proposal for limits from WG

Average difference	New-Orig
0-60 points	3,16
	1%
60-120 points	11,23
	3%
120-300 points	36,44
	11%
300-1000 points	80,16
	25%

Original limit	New limit
60	65
90	100
100	110
120	130
300	350

World Cup Eligibility

Proposal



World Cup

	Sprint	Distance	Exception for NSAs without World Cup
Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one (1) result 120 better than or equalizing FIS points (distance or sprint) 	One result equal or better than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 FIS Distance Points men 90 FIS Distance Points women 120 FIS Distance Points for National Group athletes 	1 athlete per gender who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one (1) result better than or equalizing 120 FIS Distance Points during the last 365 days
Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 150 points on valid FIS points list (Sprint or distance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 150 FIS distance points in the valid FIS points list 	1 athlete per gender who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 150 FIS points (Sprint or distance) in the valid FIS points list Or 1 result equal or better than 100 FIS points (distance or sprint) at the U23 WSC or JWSC in the previous season

WSC Eligibility

Proposal



WSC – Current and proposed (in red) eligibility limits

Competition	Current eligibility criteria	Proposed criteria. 2	Alternative/Conditions
Qualification race	700 or less FIS points in the last FIS points list (distance or sprint) as published before the deadline for the provisional team selection.	800 or less FIS points in the last FIS points list (distance or sprint) as published before the deadline for the provisional team selection.	Maximum penalty? If yes, how high?
Sprint Qualification	700 or less FIS points in the last FIS points list (distance or sprint) as published before the deadline for the provisional team selection.	800 or less FIS points in the last FIS points list (distance or sprint) as published before the deadline for the provisional team selection.	
Women's 10 km Interval Start	1 result better than 120 FIS point distance in last 365 days	≤ 150 distance points in the latest FIS points list before the start of the Championships	or Top 10 qualification race
Men's 15 km Interval Start	1 result better than 90 FIS point distance in last 365 days		
Women's Skiathlon	1 result better than 120 FIS point distance in last 365 days or Top 10 qualification race + less than 180 FIS Distance points (current list)		or Top 10 qualification race + less than 200 FIS Distance points (current list)
Men's Skiathlon	1 result better than 90 FIS point distance in last 365 days or Top 10 qualification race + less than 140 FIS Distance points (current list)		
30 km Mass Start	1 result better than 120 FIS point distance in last 365 days or Top 10 qualification race + less than 180 FIS Distance points (current list)		
50 km Mass Start	1 result better than 90 FIS point distance in last 365 days or Top 10 qualification race + less than 140 FIS Distance points (current list)		
Team events	Less than 700 FIS points distance or sprint	800 or less FIS points in the last FIS points list (distance or sprint) as published before the deadline for the provisional team selection.	

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Total Quota Places

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	144	4*	148
Women	144	4*	148
Total	288	8*	296

Maximum number of athletes/NOC

	Quota places per NOC
Men	8
Women	8
Total	16

OWG – athlete eligibility – max on the FIS points list

	Sprint	10/10km	Skiathlon & 50km Mass Start	Relay	Team Sprint
Current	< 150 distance points or < 350 sprint points In the list published 19 th January 2026	< 350 distance points In the list published 19 th January 2026	< 150 distance points In the list published 19 th January 2026	< 350 distance points In the list published 19 th January 2026	< 350 distance points or < 350 sprint points In the list published 19 th January 2026

OWG – quota allocation

	Male	Female
D.1 - male	<ul style="list-style-type: none">at least one (1) male athlete scoring less than 300 FIS points at one (1) individual competition held WSC 2025 and U23 WSC 2025	
D.1 - female	<ul style="list-style-type: none">at least one (1) female athlete scoring less than 330 FIS points at one (1) individual competition held WSC 2025 and U23 WSC 2025	
D3 - new	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The 10 quota places by gender will be assigned to all NOCs which were not able to achieve a quota until the end of the season 2024/2025 if they have at least one (1) male athlete respectively one (1) female athlete scoring less than 300.00 FIS points (including penalty) at one (1) individual FIS World Cup competition in the first World Cup period 2025/2026. The remaining quotas will be reallocated according to the general reallocation process	