

To the

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**Minutes Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules
Online Meeting, Tuesday, 11.05.2021, 09:00 to 10:35 hrs**

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the online Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules held on 11.05.2021.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **30.05.2021** (flere@fisski.com).

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing you that the minutes are available on the Member Services section of the FIS Website: www.fis-ski.com.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution.

Kindest regards,



Michael Huber
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

Enclosure: mentioned

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Alpine Committee and to the approval of the FIS Council.

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1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Chairman Michael Huber opened the meeting by welcoming members, chairs of associated Alpine Sub-Committees, FIS staff and guests to this Online-Meeting of Alpine Rules.

2. Roll call (enclosed)

Janez Flere called the Roll. Some members were absent or replaced (see attached list). A special welcome was made to the new FIS Director Philippe Gueisbuhler. A moment was taken to remember Toni Kägi, an honorary member of the SC Alpine Rules, who passed away on Oct 3rd 2020.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The invitation was sent out on April 13th in compliance with the Sub-Committee Rules. It also included the agenda and enclosures (an additional enclosure about Parallel was sent April 27th). No additional items were requested for the agenda.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the online meeting, 19th May 2020

The minutes were sent out on May 26th. With no additional remarks, the minutes were approved. Chairman Michael Huber recalled the main items that the SC Rules dealt with in 2020.

5. Report of the Chairman

An interesting statistic from the past Alpine season (2020/21), a total of 2'937 FIS calendar competitions took place. This is very close to the 3'042 races held in the last complete season before the pandemic (2018/19). This just goes to prove that Alpine ski racing successfully overcame the challenge of running races in the difficult environment of the pandemic.

Meetings are still online, so no rules workshop in person took place. There are no proposals concerning the Alpine ICR on the agenda for Congress at the beginning of June. Last Fall the council announced the decisions about gender balance requirements for committees and subcommittees (2021/22 = 70:30, 2022/23 = 60:40). Looking at the present balance in the SC Rules, the Chair noted that possible adaptations should be expected within this subcommittee.

No questions were raised to the short report of the Chairman.

6. ICR tabled items from the last meeting

6.1 Art 621.11.3 Precision Starting Order 2nd run SL

- Introduction and basic information about this precision that has been proposed jointly by FIS and the Chairman. There was also additional information showing the chronological evolution of this rule.
- The basic rule is to start the 2nd run by reversing the top 30 classified competitors from the 1st run, with an exception to switch to 15 by Jury decision in special situations.
- This rule has been in place for 13 years.
- The proposal is to add the words “all levels” to make it clear that this rule is meant for all FIS Races in the calendar.
- There was no discussion or questions.
- DECISION: Unanimously support to forward this proposal to the Alpine Committee.

621.11.3 *Starting Order for the 2nd Run at FIS Races (all levels)*

The Jury has the right to decide no later than one hour before the start of the first run; whether the reversed order shall be reduced to the first fifteen placed competitors from the first run.

6.2 Art. 604.3 Precision Online team captain meetings

- Introduction by the Chairman about this topic.
- Additional explanation from rules member Arno Heikkala about this proposal by FIN. An online team captains’ meeting should be allowed, not only in exceptional circumstances.
- It was also revealed that there is a proposal from the FIS Office to make it possible to have online TCM’s for all disciplines. This would be done by an addition in the 1st chapter of the ICR under a new rule 216.5. Vicechair Dave Pym was surprised to learn of this proposal (the new 216.5) and not happy that the correct procedure for this type of adjustment had not been followed.
- Some points were raised. The importance of running a proper team captains’ meeting, if online, was highlighted. A full protocol must be kept, with special attention to attendance and a record of all information that is distributed. Organisers and Jurys should still consider both systems, in person and online, giving preference to the option that is most appropriate.
- DECISION: The majority support to forward this proposal to the Alpine Committee.

604.3 Team Captains Meetings and Draw

In accordance with ICR 213.4 and 216 the time and location of the first team captain's meeting and of the draw must be shown in the program. An actual meeting, attended in person, or in the case of exceptional circumstances held online, by team captains, jury, and race officials is an inseparable part of the competition and is important for communication of jury instructions, support of the OC, OC requests and information as well as a critical element for risk management and liability related matters. Art. 216 and 217 apply in all cases.

6.3 Art. 1001.1.1/2 Super G 2 run

- Introduction by the Chairman about this topic.
- Philippe Martin (FRA) presented the proposal, including the advantages and intended effects of this rule change to FIS level Super-G (raise interest in Speed events, adapt to the existing possibility of a Downhill in 2 runs).
- The chairman pointed out that this touches the philosophy of our sport, so the general opinion of the Alpine Executive should guide us, if to work on this proposal. When referring to the rules for a Downhill in 2 runs, maybe more articles are needed. It should not be forgotten that the characteristics of an alpine event do not depend on the vertical drop, but are more associated to the differing speed and distances from turn to turn.
- A lively discussion followed with several arguments. E.g. minimum vertical drop 300 instead of 250 m, only for ENL, only in exceptional cases and other opinions (see 6.3 appendix).
- DECISION: No decision or vote was taken. France withdrew the proposal and will bring forward an updated wording for the fall meeting.

1001.1.1 Men's Courses For Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships, FIS World Cups and Continental Cups: - 400 m - 650 m For all other FIS competitions: - 350m – 650m. **2 Run race - 250 m – 350 m**

1001.1.2 Women's Courses For Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships and FIS World Cups: - 400 m - 600 m For all other FIS competitions: - 350 m - 600 m
2 Run race - 250 m – 350 m

6.4 Art. 1220 – 1234 Parallel

- Proposals from the Working Group of the Alpine Executive - Chair Ken Read, CAN

The summary report was sent to the subcommittee members. Dave Pym (CAN) gave a brief review of the main content with explanations. One particular point of note; one World Cup Parallel worked out very well (Lech/Zuers), but not the Parallel at the World Ski Championships (unfair course terrain, unfair time penalty). There is no specific ICR

proposal to work with, we must wait for further instructions and orders from the FIS leadership and the Alpine Board.

Under Miscellaneous, Dave Pym reports in addition, that technical precisions about timing in Parallel are under discussion as well.

- Report from the Working Group of the Sub-Committee Alpine Rules - Chair David Mansfield, GBR.

The group had prepared a paper with a number of changes to the PAR rules for discussion but as the event continues to evolve and direction is required from the FIS leadership there was no presentation.

6.5 Report about cut resistant underwear – Working group technical Equipment

Information by FIS Janez Flere. It is expected that for the season 2021/22 it will be a recommendation, and for 2022/23 it might become mandatory.

With regards to the discussion about the ban of fluorinated wax, a decision is expected from the FIS council meeting on June 4th, where it may validate the ban. The production of fluorinated waxes is prohibited anyway.

6.6 Other open items coming from associated Alpine Sub-Committees (Youth & Children, Courses, Classification, TD)

Reports were given to the members Rules by the related Chairwomen and Chairmen. No special remarks were mentioned with regard to items concerning the ICR. The Chairman thanked the colleagues for their contribution to this meeting.

7. Other Reports / Miscellaneous

7.1 Report appeals commission Alpine (Josef Zingerle, ITA)

Report by Josef Zingerle (ITA) as Chairman. There was no case to work on for the Appeals Commission Alpine.

7.2 Report Ski Cross (to be determined)

The FIS council decided last fall that Ski Cross shall move under the guidance of Alpine as a Sub-Committee. At the moment no Chair available to give a report. More information to come and open questions to answer, e.g. will the specific Ski Cross rules be included in the Alpine ICR, or do the Ski Cross rules stays as an independent and stand alone Rule Book.

8. Next meeting, FIS Fall Meeting, 28.09. – 02.10.2021

FIS Fall Meeting - Zurich (SUI), 28th September to 2nd October.

6.3 APPENDIX

OPINIONS ABOUT THE QUESTION, TO HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUPER-G IN 2 RUN WITH VERTICAL DROP 250-300 FOR FIS-LEVEL RACES:

YES (ca. 13)

- ARG, but 300 m VD min
- BEL, only for ENL level
- BIH
- BUL
- CYP
- CZE, only for FIS level
- IRA
- SPA
- SRB
- SVK (liaison asc women), enables advantage for all countries.
- SVK, only in exceptional cases (weather eg.)
- SWE, only in exceptional cases, note that the course must be homologated for SG.
Want to know how many Downhill in 2 runs take place on average per year.
- TUR

NO (ca. 7)

- CAN, to close to GS, differences in alpine events must stay. Want to know how many Super-G of ENL level races take place on average per year (min. Vertical drop already 300 m).
- CHI, problem with penalty calculation
- CRO
- GER
- ITA, to close to GS
- SUI, maybe with 300 m VD min (to get in line with min. number of gates)
- USA