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- Members Sub-Committee Snowboard Alpine Members of the Committee for Snowboard Freestyle Freeski

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Provisional Minutes FIS Sub-Committee for Snowboard Alpine

Dear Friends,

Please find enclosed the "**Provisional Minutes**" of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Snowboard Alpine.

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing you that the meeting documents are available on the FIS Cloud:

https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/A39mTGUGHMvOtMW

With kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

With kind regards,

Cesare Pisoni Chair Christian Galler Vice-Chair

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Provisional Minutes Sub-Committee Snowboard Alpine Thursday, 29.09.2022 – 08:00 – 12:00 hrs, Room "London"

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The Spring Meetings of the FIS Technical Committees are planned to take place at Hotel Croatia, Dubrovnik (CRO) from 3rd to 5th May 2023.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Identification of Voting Delegates

Ordinary Members:

Chair: Cesare Pisoni	ITA	Present
Vice-Chair: Christian Galler	AUT	Present
Members: Stephan De Wit	NED	Present
Lenka Dvorakova	CZE	Present
Aiming Chen	CHN	Absent
Jure Gmajnar	SLO	Proxy Bojan Poljansek
Sangbin Nam	KOR	Absent
Jean-Francois Rapatel	C AN	Present
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Andreas Scheid GER Proxy Stefan Knirsch

Shinobu Ueshima JPN Excused

David Van Wjinkoop SUI Proxy Ralph Pfäffli

Svetlana Safina RUS Present Olha Zinkiv UKR Absent

Georgi Atanasov BUL Proxy Viktor Ginchev

Conference:

Darko Bilen CRO Absent Jan Jakubco SVK Present Roop Chand Negi IND Absent Memet Guney TUR Present

Proxy Tomasz Tylka Oskar Bom POL

Raymond Succar Absent LBN Jani Peyman IRI Absent

FIS Staff:

FIS Present **Uwe Beier** Peter Krogoll FIS Present

Athlete Representative:

Alexander Payer AUT Excused

1.2 Nomination Executive Board Members

Current decision: no elections for Executive Boards, where Executive Board is needed, the chair proposes the new Executive Board (same nations as 21-22), Chair proposal for changes if requested.

General review of the structure of the Committees will be done the upcoming year.

1.3 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Approved as presented.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Approved as presented.

1.5 Previous and Tabled Business and Postponed Items

There were no Items.

1.6 Items and Proposals for Congress/Council affecting SB Alpine

2. Reports FIS Staff

General

As summer comes to an end and in some resorts of the northern hemisphere the first snow has been arriving it's my pleasure to give just a rather compact status update also on behalf of my colleagues.

FIS - Ski and Snowboard Federation. The most notable change within the FIS, at least for the Snowboard Community, has been the name change conducted in spring 2022 - the FIS adopting Snowboard into the title. Might this step have been long time expected and not result in some immediate measurable changes, it has been received as a great and important sign of respect overall FIS disciplines and is providing an important base for future integration and unification of the Snowboard world in general and for the success of the FIS as the governing body of Skiing and Snowboarding according to its statutes.

World Cup and World Championships

Most of the World Cup inspection and preparation meetings have been conducted over the summer and it was evident that all stakeholders usually enjoyed having back the opportunity to gather live face-to-face meetings on site. All our event organisers seem fully motivated and in the midst of or at least starting the preparations of their World Cups, despite the ongoing global challenges which have a remaining impact, not at least financially, on everyone.

In order to respect and accomplish the concept of a long-term World Cup calendar planning we currently asked our NSA's to review and send in their event applications and intentions in due course and in the lead up to the Zurich meetings.

We are very much looking forward to two combined overall Snowboard-Freeski-Freestyle World Championships for 2025 in St. Moritz/Engadin (SUI) and the also in spring confirmed one for 2027 in Montafon (AUT).

Olympic Winter Games

After the successful games in Beijing last February FIS staff together with the Italian Federation, the local representatives and the organisers of the Milan-Cortina Olympic Winter Games 2026 already conducted the one or other inspection meeting and the proposed and for the major parts already confirmed slopes look very promising to allow for fantastic Games back in the heart of Central Europe.

World Cup

Despite the fact that for Snowboard Alpine we are also suffering from the absence of long-term locations in Russia, Korea or China, due to the global crisis of either, Covid-19 pandemic or the Ukraine conflict, the calendar remains a consistently very solid one.

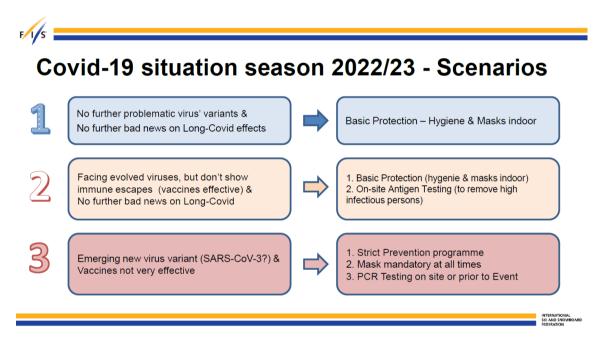
We are looking forward to coming back to Winterberg (GER), Bansko (BUL) and Blue Mountain (CAN) and the season opener will see the premiere of the Parallel Snowboard World Cup in Livigno (ITA), on the slopes dedicated for the Games 2026.

18 competitions in 11 destinations, including the five Mixed-Team World Cup events.

For Snowboard Alpine as well the natural season peak will be the World Championships in Bakuriani (GEO) where six more medal races will take place. Besides the two individual Parallel- Giant and Slalom competitions of each gender, the Mixed Team event will be conducted for the first time as part of the World Championships program.

Covid-19 situation:

A short introduction was given during the meeting in regards to the planned scenarios and actual situation evaluation in terms of Covid-19.



2.1. Communications report:

A report was given by Mateusz Kielpinsky from the Communications department:

New structure:

new SX/SBX media coordinator - Steffi Hartl - starting October 1

The remark came up that for one Cross Media Coordinator for Sx and SBX there are consequently a few locations uncovered - FIS Cross RD's will update on the situation and potential consequences.

- Chad Park&Pipe
- Matt Moguls & Aerials
- Miha Snowboard Alpine photos & social media + external agency for media releases

The remark was brought up that there is a real Media (& Finish) Coordinator missing for SB Alpine.

Automatic Content:

 working with Content X team to create automatic templates - more video and photo content during and after the events

Promotion:

- World Cup Press Office season previews, event previews where to watch, recaps, special features - press releases through FIS mailing system, newsflash
- Photos at every event (provided by FIS and/or local organisers) free of charge photos for editorial purpose for media, as well as athletes and teams (FIS Smugmug)
- Collaboration with Infront in content production videos (trailers, highlights, behind the scenes etc, graphic & branded content)
- Special World Championships package to create interest ahead and during the pinnacle event of the season (photos, graphics, milestones and achievements)
- Cooperation with athletes in content creation and sharing (POV/go pro videos, course previews, tagging, social media)
- Season recaps FIS Bulletin new online interactive hub version
- Season previews and event previews (integrate with Infront distribution system to increase the value for commentators)
- Live-streaming World Cup and World Championships
- FIS App

Other topics:

 TV Pictures - Collaboration between FIS media coordinator and NSAs/teams to maintain TV portraits up-to-date - new TV graphic

It has been highlighted that this is mainly the responsibility of the NSA's

- Content creation There's been a huge improvement in quantity as well as quality of content created at FIS World Cup events and we continue to encourage our organisers to create your own content around your event - benefits include greater exposure for you resort/NSA/sponsors, as well as quality content that can be utilised throughout the year for further promotion and exposure
- Content X publishing and reporting software utilising resources more efficiently, developing
 of automated content
- Ongoing discussion about creating FIS TikTok channels

What's to come in the fall:

- Fan engagement content produced together with Infront including World Cup trailers, calendars, etc.
 - Interviews with crystal globe winners, rookies of the year, etc.
- Season previews
 - Preparation for the upcoming 2022/23 World Cup season as well as 2023 World Championships

3. Competition Planning

3.1 World Cup Calendar 2022/23

Date	Day	Site	NAT	PGS	PGS	PSL	PSL	Notes
					Team		Team	
Decemb	er 22							
0304.	Sat-Sun	Livigno	ITA	03		04		
1011.	Sat-Sun	Winterberg	GER			10	11	
15.	Thu	Carezza	ITA	15				
17.	Sat	Cortina d`Ampezzo	ITA	17				
January	23							
1011.	Tue-Wed	Bad Gastein	AUT			10	11	
14.	Sat	Scuol	SUI	14				
2122.	Sat-Sun	Bansko	BUL	21		22		
2627.	Thu-Fri	Blue Mountain	CAN	26/27				
Februar	y 23							
1906.	Mon-Sun	Bakuriani	GEO	19		21	22	WSC
March 2	3							
1112.	Sat-Sun	Piancavallo	ITA			11	12	
15.	Wed	Rogla	SLO	15				
1819.	Sat-Sun	Berchtesgaden	GER			18	19	
11 Locat	1 Locations / 07 Nations / 32 Competitions 08/08 0 06/06 04							

3.2. World Cup Long Term Planning

DRAFT 1 FIS SNOWBOARD ALPINE FIS WORLD CUP CALENDAR 2023/2024

Date	Day	Site	NAT	PGS	PGS	PSL	PSL	Notes
					Team		Team	
Decemb	er 23							
0203.	Sat-Sun	Livigno	ITA	02		03		TBC
0910.	Sat-Sun	Winterberg	GER			09	10	
14.	Thu	Carezza	ITA	14				
16.	Sat	Cortina d`Ampezzo	ITA	16				
January	24							
0910.	Tue-Wed	Bad Gastein	AUT			09	10	
13.	Sat	Scuol	SUI	13				
2021.	Sat-Sun	Pamporovo	BUL	20		21		
2526.	Thu-Fri	Blue Mountain	CAN	25/26				
February	y 24							
0304.	Sat-Sun	TBD	EUR/Asia	03	04			
1011.	Sat-Sun	TBC	EUR/Asia			10	11	
March 2	4							
0203.	Sat-Sun	Piancavallo	ITA			02	03	
06.	Wed	Rogla	SLO	06				
1617.	Sat-Sun	Berchtesgaden	GER			16	17	
13 Locat	ions / 09 Na	tions / 38 Competitions		09/09	01	07/07	05	

DRAFT 1 FIS SNOWBOARD ALPINE FIS WORLD CUP CALENDAR 2023/2024 - FIS Games

Date	Day	Site	NAT	PGS	PGS	PSL	PSL	Notes
					Team		Team	
Decembe	er 23							
0203.	Sat-Sun	Livigno	ITA	02		03		TBC
0910.	Sat-Sun	Winterberg	GER			09	10	
14.	Thu	Carezza	ITA	14				
16.	Sat	Cortina d`Ampezzo	ITA	16				
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January								
0910.	Tue-Wed	Bad Gastein	AUT			09	10	
13.	Sat	Scuol	SUI	13				
2021.	Sat-Sun	Pamporovo	BUL	20		21		
2526.	Thu-Fri	Blue Mountain	CAN	25/26				
February	24							
0304.	Sat-Sun	TBD	EUR/Asia	03	04			
0518.	Mo-Sun	TBD (FIS Games)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
March 24								
0203.	Sat-Sun	Piancavallo	ITA			02	03	
06.	Wed	Rogla	SLO	06				
1617.	1617. Sat-Sun Berchtesgaden GER		GER			16	17	
13 Locati	ons/ 09 Nat	ions / 38 Competitions		09/09	01	07/07	05	

3.3 World Championships

3.3.1 Bakuriani – Georgia 2023

Bakuriani(GEO)		WSC 2023	07.03.22 V5
			PROGRAM
Date	Day	Freestyle Skiing	Snowboard Alpine
Sunday, February 19, 2023	1	Aerial Teams Finals	Parallel Giant Slalom Qualifications
			Parallel Giant Slalom Finals
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	2	Aerials Qualifications	Parallel Slalom Qualifications
			Parallel Slalom Finals
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	3	Aerials Finals	Parallel Teams Finals

3.3.2 St. Moritz - Switzerland 2025

As short report has been given by Sacha Giger

Link to Presentation: https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/NsH0OuqivYcXjiK

3.3.3 Montafon - Gargellen - Austria 2027

Link to a Presentation: https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/vrq6dSwpzZNMnEb

3.4 Olympic Winter Games 2026

The first Snowboard Alpine World Cup is scheduled as an opening event for the 2022-2023 season already.

The slopes and venue plans for the next edition of the OWG have been inspected for the second time a few weeks ago.

3.5 Continental Cups - European Cup (Peter Krogoll, Roland Horn)

The upcoming Europa Cup season brings a few new hosts and venues to the table as well as our traditional and proven hosts. Unfortunately, the Ukraine conflict has some impact on the EC not only that Ukrainian athletes face difficulties to attend the events but also as Kiew would have been a possible venue. With the new stop in Suche (Poland) in addition to Moninec (CZE) we continue to reward these NSA for their outstanding work to bring kids to the sport.

With the two new venues in Italy Alleghe (long time host of FIS races) and Tarvisio (proven Ski Alpine host, with a slope and infrastructure for PGS night events) we bring even more variety to the calendar. In order to have some weekends reserved for FIS and Jun-FIS events we stick with 8 stops within the tour.

A few more new candidates in line for hosting Alpine events we will have a similar schedule for 23/24 with new countries on board.

In order to have some weekends reserved for FIS and Jun-FIS events we stick with 8 stops within the tour. The Jun-FIS Cup should be an important part of the Calendar and be supported by FIS SC Youth and Children employees. A fixed date for the national championships should be found.

SNOWBOARD ALPINE FIS EUROPA CUP CALENDAR 2022/2023

Date	Day	Site	NAT	PGS	PSL	Notes
December						
2022						
1718.	Sat-Sun	Hochfügen	GER	17/18		AUT
2021.	Tue-Wed	Moninec			20/22	
January 2023						
1415.	Sat-Sun	Alleghe	ITA		14/15	
2829.	Sat-Sun	Simonhöhe	AUT	28/29		
February 2023						
0405.	Sat-Sun	Lenzerheide			04/05	
March 2023						
0405.	Sat-Sun	Suche/Zakopane	POL	06/07		
1112.	Sat-Sun	Davos	SUI	11	12	
1617.	Thu-Fri	Tarvisio	ITA	16/17		Night Finals
Competitions				9	7	

3.6 Junior World Championships

The WJC are confirmed for Bansko (BUL) and everyone is looking forward to this event organised by one of our most experienced World Cup tour organisers over the past seasons.

Status	Date	Codex	Event	Category	Gender
	24 Mar	6358	Parallel Giant Slalom	WJC	М
	24 Mar	6359	Parallel Giant Slalom	WJC	w
	25 Mar	6360	Parallel Slalom	WJC	М
	25 Mar	6361	Parallel Slalom	WJC	w
	26 Mar	6362	Parallel Team	WJC	Α

4. Athletes Representatives Report

4.1. Athletes Report (Alexander Payer)

Dear FIS Snowboard Family

As every year I have to thank everyone for their work and effort they bring into our loved sport. Since I became a member of the Athletes Commission the snowboard world is changing extremely fast. From the new FIS Organisation, Pandemic situations, very strange Olympics up to war between two countries of our friends.

We all struggled with this situation and especially the young athletes didn't have a lot of fun in the past years. So, my and the wish of the Athletes is that we all put as much energy as possible in the next generations of our sport.

The Product we sell on elite level is a solid one (doesn't matter which discipline) but on the lower levels we lost several great talents and structures based on the fact of the known problems.

From my point of view, I really want to ask the FIS and all on the Committee to support the Ukrainian athletes as much as possible in the upcoming season because the program they are running on was one of the most motivated in the alpine scene for years.

Please let us all try to support this movement and show that we don't forget our friends.

One important thing I also want to remind you of is the energy trouble the European countries are facing right now. We will have the issue of canceled events based on this reason in the upcoming season and I want to ask every country to look for possibilities to jump in if one hosting location is getting into trouble. Now it's time to work together more than ever.

Based on this fact also the alpine snowboarders came across with their wish to split the enlarged (by FIS) Price money up to Place 16. Everyone who takes part in the live TV Broadcast should be awarded. At least a bit.

Thanks a lot, to everyone who read these words and let's work on together for our sport!

5. Direction and Action Report and Discussion

5.1 New developments and Implementations for Snowboard Alpine

Overall Perspectives

A certain restructuring of the FIS in terms of its structure, staff, departments and it's general direction and strategy has been ongoing for more or less one year now. Maybe another few more months of patience are necessary. The expectation certainly is that within this period until the spring meeting of 2023 there will be a clear view visible in which direction the FIS and therefore also Snowboard-Freeski-Freestyle will turn or march on over the current decade.

New alternative short competition poles (stubbies) from SPM for WC use. One technical item to get implemented in a testing phase first.

5.2 Discussion about how to find a way to obtain a second even into the Olympic Programme

A presentation and analysis was given by the Chair:

Discussed was the question how to further approach the addition of a second event into the Olympic Winter Games Program and the inclusion of a Snowboard Alpine event into the Youth Olympic Winter Games.

The reasons given for not including a second Olympic specialty in Alpine Snowboarding seem those of a low television response during the last Beijing 2022 Games, data that were dramatically conditioned by two discriminating elements:

- The time of the competition (at 04.00 in the morning in Europe)
- The simultaneous dispute, of the PGS competition, of males and females together, on the same day. Consequently halving the television exposure compared to all the other events that are played on different days for males and females.

In all the feedback that INFRONT gave during the FIS meetings, the Alpine Snowboard showed excellent audience data, constantly growing thanks also to a competition format that, by INFRONT, is defined as "ideal" from a television point of view. , the duration of 50 minutes for the final stages and the ease of understanding by the public of the "single format" (whoever arrives first wins and passes the turn).

The choice to propose the Parallel Team Mixed PSL Snowboard was made to meet the indications of the CIO 2020 Agenda, it is inexplicable and contradictory how it can be possible that, in the races that will be held in Milan Cortina 2026, for the Snowboard Freestyle Freeski the Alpine Snowboard Athletes will have only one chance to get a medal.

Here below the participation during the JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP that represent a clear picture about what will be the future of our Sport and where everybody can see how Alpine Snowboarding has a high ratio about number of Nations involved and the highest Gender Equality inside all our Snowboard Freestyle and Freeski family.

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION 2022				
SNOWBOARD				
	WOMEN	NATIONS	MEN	NATIONS
PGS	45	14	46	17
PSL	45	14	47	17
SBS	26	11	68	21
ВА	25	11	60	21
SBX	22	11	49	17
НР	20	7	22	7
FREESTYLE				
	WOMEN	NATIONS	MEN	NATIONS
мо	16	11	30	11
AE	13	4	15	5
FREESKI				
	WOMEN	NATIONS	MEN	NATIONS
НР	7	5	21	7
ВА	17	10	50	14
ss	19	10	55	14
SKICROSS				
	WOMEN	NATIONS	MEN	NATIONS
sx	23	9	44	11

Remark RD: In order to understand what the reasons have been for not being considered yet have, a first bilateral meeting between the Race Directors and IOC representatives was held in Zurich, after the SC meeting. After fruitful conversations the agreement was found to, amongst others, allow for more direct exchange with the event groups. For SB Alpine there will be another follow-up meeting in Lausanne in due course.

6. Fluor Ban (Peter Krogoll)

Postponement of full implementation of fluor wax ban

The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) today announced that a full fluor wax ban implementation will be postponed to the 2023/2024 season in order to allow additional time for the further refinement of the fluor testing device and to define the procedures to protect the integrity of FIS competitions.

Extensive testing of the fluor detection device, together with experts from National Federations and the International Biathlon Union (IBU), led to the conclusion that more time was needed to check new fluor-free waxes to provide accurate results. The testing of these new products is underway.

FIS will increase the systematic collection and testing of samples during the upcoming season 2022-23. The close cooperation with the National Federations and the IBU will continue to help to further refine the detection system and define the practical implementation processes and regulations which will ensure the fair implementation of a full ban of all fluor waxes for the season 2023-2024.

The ban is intended to reduce risks to human health and the environment coming from chemicals found in fluorocarbon products used in the preparation of skis.

7. Proposals (Chris Robinson, Rules Advisory Group)

See Appendix.

8. Next Meeting

The Spring Meetings of the FIS Technical Committees are planned to take place at Hotel Croatia, Dubrovnik (CRO) from 3rd to 5th May 2023.

More information will be soon available here:

https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/about-fis#d8f0a6894e3bc6286dc388db