

To the

- Members Sub-Committee for Snowboard Cross
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Provisional Minutes FIS Sub-Committee for Snowboard Cross Meeting

Dear Friends,

Please find enclosed the “**Provisional Minutes**” of the Meeting Sub-Committee Snowboard Cross.

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/NZIJCzWSQzWV0ax>

With kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION



Stefan Knirsch
Chair

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Provisional Minutes for the meeting of the FIS Sub-Committee Snowboard Cross Wednesday, 28.09.2022 – 13:00 – 16:00 hrs, Room “Panorama C”

AGENDA

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 - 6.1 2023-2027 Perspectives
 - 6.2 Fluor Ban Update
7. 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.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Stefan Knirsch welcomed the members in his new role as the Sub-Committee Chair.

He expressed his gratitude to Peter Krogoll for his outstanding work over the last years within the combined Cross Sub-Committee and lately the SBX Sub-Committee. Peter will continue to distribute his competence in the newly formed position as the SBX and Snowboard Alpine Coordinator to the Sub-Committee.

Stefan mentioned that Snowboard Cross faces a transition phase in which Ski-Cross is apparently leaving the umbrella of the Snowboard Freestyle Freeski Committee. A combined working group together with Ski-Cross was set in place to identify and coordinate synergies starting from the major events.

The calendar for the upcoming season is solid, especially given the global circumstances, but it is still not the number of races the SBX is goaling for and it remains difficult to find new destinations and organisers. The reasons are diverse; one may be the cost for building up courses. This matter is getting even more critical since energy costs raise enormously within days and might even lead to additional cancellations. One of our key future approaches is to raise the sustainability of our sports to reduce the economic and ecological impact.

The Snowboard Cross family is jointly asked to deliver great events. A close cooperation with the new FIS M+M is one of the next future practical steps in order to make Snowboard Cross even more attractive for spectators and sponsors

1.1 Identification of Voting Delegates

Members:

Chair: Stefan Knirsch	GER	Present
Alejandro Martin	ESP	Proxy Juli Sala
Ashely Deibold	USA	Present
Petr Knapp	CZE	Proxy Lenka Dvorokova
Luc Faye	FRA	Present
Sacha Giger	SUI	Present
Christian Galler	AUT	Present
Kohta Igarashi	JPN	Proxy Tina Tanaka Sundekvist
Daria Lesnaya	RUS	Proxy Svetlana Safina
Cesare Pisoni	ITA	Present
Jean-Francois Rapatel	CAN	Present
Ben Wordsworth	AUS	Present Online
Viktor Jekov	BUL	Present

Conference:

Stephan de Wit	NED	Present
Memet Guney	TUR	Present
Olha Zinkiv	UKR	Absent
Yongjun Cai	CHN	Absent
Sangbin Nam	KOR	Absent
Bojan Poljansek	SLO	Absent
Jan Jakubco	SVK	Present

FIS Staff:

Uwe Beier	FIS	Present
Klaus Waldner	FIS	Present
Alberto Schiavon	FIS	Present
Chrisian Crétier	FIS	Present
Pascal Perret	FIS	Present

Coordinator:

Peter Krogoll	FIS	Present
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Athletes Representative:

Alex Payer	AUT	Excused
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1.2 Nomination Executive Board Members and Vice-Chair

Current FIS decision: no elections for Executive Boards, where Executive Board is needed, the chairman proposes the new Executive Board. General review of the structure of the Committees will be done in the upcoming year.

Chair and Race Director don't see a need to change the structure until spring and onwards. The members were supporting this evaluation.

Stefan proposed to the Sub-Committee Sacha Giger (SUI) as the new Vice-Chair. All members were in full support of this proposal and kindly ask the Council for approval.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Agenda confirmed as presented.

2. Report Race Director

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. The plan for the Cross competitions foresees to start with the first competitions in the season 2023-2024.

Snowboard Cross

World Cup

The final version of the World Cup calendar faced some light adjustments.

The number of events is reasonable, but the aim for the future years must be to come back to a larger number of competitions. The missing locations due to the ongoing conflict of Russia and the Ukraine, but also still the Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions in Asia have an ongoing direct impact in terms of numbers for our World Cup destinations.

The calendar finally consists of ten World Cup Competitions in seven locations plus the additional season highlight of the races at the World Championships in February.

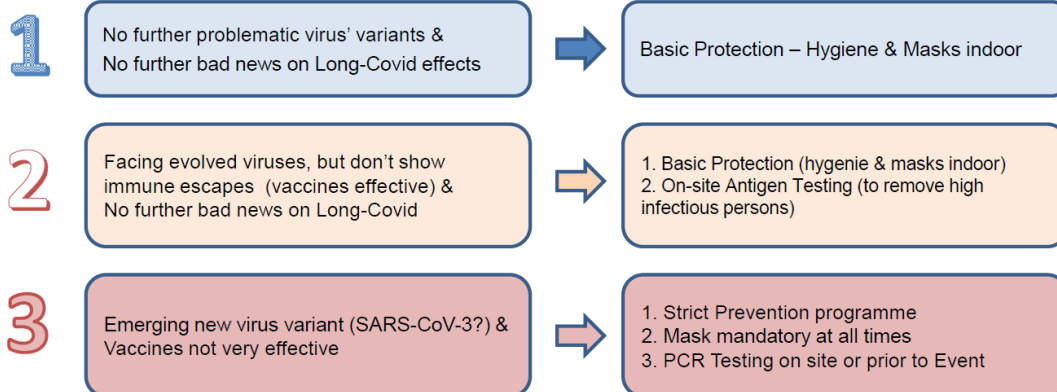
Overall Perspectives

A certain restructuring of the FIS in terms of its structure, staff, departments and its 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.

Covid-19 situation and basic plan for the season:



Covid-19 situation season 2022/23 - Scenarios



3. Report Chair from Rules Advisory Group (Chris Robinson)

After a short introduction of the process and the open topics Chris lead the Committee through the rules proposals for final support or further decision.

3.1 Proposals

See Appendix for the rules proposals.

4. Other Reports

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) Prize 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!

4.2 Media Coordinator

A Communications report was given by Mateusz Kielpinski:

New structure:

- new SX/SBX media coordinator - Steffi Hartl - starting October 1st
- Chad Buchholz - Park&Pipe
- Matt Kielpinski - Moguls & Aerials
- Miha Matavz - Snowboard Alpine photos & social media + external agency for media releases

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
- 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

4.3 EC Coordinators Report (Pascal Perret, Peter Krogoll)

A report was given by the EC coordinator. the main presentation and numbers analyses were given during the SX-SBX connection meeting for the European-Cup

Link

to the presentation: <https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/utwT8g8lh95P8X3>

4.4 World Junior Championships (Peter Krogoll)

2023 WJC Cross in San Pellegrino (ITA) with individual and team events - subject to official application and confirmation by Council.

5. FIS Snowboard Cross Calendar

5.1 World Cup Calendar 2022/2023

Date	Day	Site	NAT	SBX	SBX Team	Notes
October 22 28-29.	Fri-Sat	Les Deux Alpes	FRA	28-29		30th Reserve day
December 22 07.-09.	Wed-Fri	Montafon	AUT	07-08/09		2x SBX
17.-18.	Sat-Sun	Cervinia	ITA	17-18		
January 23 27.-28.	Fri-Sat	Cortina d Ampezzo	ITA	27-28		
February 23 03.-05.	Sat-Sun	Mt. St. Anne	CAN	03-04	05	
19.-06.	Mon-Sun	<i>Bakuriani</i>	<i>GEO</i>	03	04	WSC
March 23 10.-12.	Sat-Sun	Sierra Nevada	ESP	10-11/12		2x SBX
15.-16.	Sat-Sun	Veysonnaz	SUI	16		
Locations 07 / Nations 7 / Competitions 19				09/09	01	

5.2 Longterm World Cup Planning

Draft 1 World Cup Calendar 2023/2024

Date	Day	Site	NAT	SBX	SBX Team	Notes
October 22 27-29.	Fri-Sun	Les Deux Alpes	FRA	27-28	29	30th Reserve day
December 22 01.-03.	Fri-Sun	Beijing	CHN	01-02	03	2x SBX
08.-10.	Wed-Fri	Montafon	AUT	08-09/10		
16.-17.	Sat-Sun	Cervinia	ITA	16-17		
January 23 05.-07.	Fri-Sun	TBC	EUR- ASIA	05-06	07	
12.-14.	Fri-Sun	TBC	EUR	12-13		
26.-28.	Fri-Sun	Cortina d Ampezzo	ITA	26-27	28	
February 23 02.-04.	Sat-Sun	Mt. St. Anne	CAN	02-03	04	
09.-11.	Fri-Sun	Bakuriani	GEO	09-10	11	TBC
March 23 01.-03.	Fri-Sun	Sierra Nevada	ESP	01-02/03		2x SBX
08.-10.	Sat-Sun	Veysonnaz	SUI	08-09	10	
15.-17.	Fri-Sun	St. Moritz	SUI	15-16		
Locations 12 / Nations 10 / Competitions 35				14/14	07	

DRAFT 1 SNOWBOARD CROSS FIS WORLD CUP CALENDAR 2023/2024 – FIS Games

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February 24 02.-04.	Fri-Sun	Mt. St. Anne	CAN	02-03	04	
05.-18.	Mon-Sun	TBD (FIS Games)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
23.-25.	Fri-Sun	Bakuriani	GEO	23-24	25	TBC
March 24 01.-03.	Fri-Sun	Sierra Nevada	ESP	01-02/03		2x SBX
08.-10.	Fri-Sun	Veysonnaz	SUI	08-09	10	
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5.3 Continental Cup Calendar

<https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/general/calendar-results.html?eventselection=&place=§orcode=SB&seasoncode=2023&categorycode=EC&disciplinecode=SBX&gendercode=&racecode=&racecodex=&nationcode=&seasonmonth=X-2023&saveselection=-1&seasonselection=>

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.

5.4 World Championships 2023 Bakuriani, Georgia

See Presentation: <https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/BIRv6Ocf6v5pCRQ>

		11:00:00	08:00:00	Snowboard Cross Qualifications W+M
		12:10:00	09:10:00	Freeski Half Pipe Qualifications M Heat 1
		14:45:00	11:45:00	Freeski Half Pipe Qualifications M Heat 2
Friday, March 3, 2023	12	09:30:00	06:30:00	Freeski Big Air Qualifications W
		10:00:00	07:00:00	Snowboard Half Pipe Finals
		12:30:00	09:30:00	Freeski Big Air Qualifications M Heat 1
		14:30:00	11:30:00	Snowboard Cross Finals
		15:30:00	12:30:00	Freeski Big Air Qualifications M Heat 2
Saturday, March 4, 2023	13	09:30:00	06:30:00	Snowboard Big Air Qualifications W
		10:00:00	07:00:00	Freeski Half Pipe Finals
		12:30:00	09:30:00	Snowboard Big Air Qualifications M Heat 1
		14:30:00	11:30:00	Snowboard Cross Teams Finals

Link to the programme: <https://medias3.fis-ski.com/pdf/2023/SB/6073/2023SB6073PROG.pdf>

5.5 World Championships 2025 Engadin, Switzerland

After the initial meetings that took place a few years ago there has been a spring inspection and the Cross venue has been confirmed to move up to the mountain where the terrain is accommodation the cross needs in a better way in terms of snow consumption, snow safety.

A short presentation was given by Sacha Giger (Swiss-Ski)

See Presentation: <https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/XCE5NwVyHhWE4rf>

5.6 World Championships 2027 Montafon, Austria

We are looking forward to another edition of the joint WSC in Austria. The organiser has several years of WC experience on their back and the concept of the 4 separate and independent venues in the Montafon Valley.

A Presentation from Chisi Speckle: <https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/vrq6dSwpzZNMnEb>

5.8 Youth Olympic Winter Games 2024 Gangwon, Korea

A short report was given by Peter Krogoll.

The qualification criteria for YOG 2024 in Korea are now available here:

<https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/winter-youth-olympic-games>

6. Other Business

6.1 2023-2027 Perspectives

Overall Perspectives

A certain restructuring of the FIS in terms of its structure, staff, departments and its 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.

6.2 Fluor Ban update 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 are 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. Next Meeting

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More information will be soon available here:

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