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**Minutes 38th Obmen Meeting and
Fall Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping Meeting
Willingen, GER, Saturday, August 27, 2022, 08:00 – 17:00 hrs.**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping and 38th Obmen meeting held on August 27th, 2022 in Willingen,

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until the **31st of October 2022**.

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 season to come.

Kindest regards,

Ivo Gréger
Chair Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping

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38th Obmen Meeting and

Fall Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping Meeting

Willingen, GER, Saturday, August 27, 2022, 08:00 – 17:00 hrs.

Agenda

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1. Opening of the meeting

Chairman Ivo Greger welcomed the obmen and members of the Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control to the Fall meeting in Willingen, GER and thanked the hosts – Franz Rappenglueck and Erik Stahlhut for their efforts in planning and scheduling the meeting.

Mr. Greger then welcomed former chairman Ueli Forrer and the FIS office staff to the meeting and thanked them for their hard work during the COVID period when in person meetings were not possible.

2. Roll call of members present - obmen

<u>NAT</u>	<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
AUT	Kathol Christian	excused
BLR	Chashchyn Leonid	absent
CAN	Tanaka Shinya	present
CZE	Greger Ivo	present
EST	Tahk Suzanne	present
FIN	Hyvarinen Jani	present
FRA	Salvi Franck	excused
GER	Rappenglück Franz/Stahlhut Erik	present
ITA	Sambugao Sandro	present
JPN	Minemura Yutaka	present
KAZ	Nassyrov Nazym	present
KOR	Mun Jong Seon	excused
NOR	Walseth Ole	present
POL	Malik Faustyna	excused
ROU	Axinte Ovidiu	present
RUS	Kalinin Yuri	excused
SLO	Komovec Saso	present
SUI	Amstein David	present
SVK	Chudy Peter	present
SWE	Stub-Nybelius Marit	present
TUR	Konca Yavuz M.	absent
USA	Zuehlke Reed	present

Guests

FIS	Aschhoff Josephine
FIS	Nappey Madeline
FIS	Forrer Ueli

3. Roll call of members present – Subcommittee for Officials, Rules and Control

<u>NAT</u>	<u>MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
FIS	Greger Ivo	Chairman
AUT	Winkler Juergen	excused
CAN	Johansson Kelly	absent
CZE	Greger Ivo	present
EST	Tasane Vahur	present
FIN	Hyvarinen Jani	present
FRA	Dessum Nicolas	absent
GER	Rappenglück Franz/Stahlhut Erik	present
ITA	Roggia Andrea	excused
JPN	Minemura Yutaka	present
KAZ	Nassyrov Nazym	present
KOR	Jung Lak-kyu	absent
NOR	Espelid Kjersti	present
POL	Malik Faustyna	excused
ROU	Spulber Florin	present
RUS	Vashurin Evgeny	present
SLO	Komovec Saso	present
SUI	Mathis Hubert	excused
SVK	OPEN	
SWE	Aren Andreas	absent
TUR	Vangolu Yenai	present
USA	Zuehlke Reed	present
Expert		
FIS	Muller Soren	excused
Appeals Commission		
CZE	Greger Ivo, Chair	present
SUI	Mathis Hubert, Vice Chair	excused

4. Appointment of a secretary

Reed Zuehlke (USA) was appointed secretary.

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

6. Approval of the minutes of the online obmen meeting, August 21, 2021

The minutes of the previous obmen meeting were unanimously approved.

7. Approval of the minutes of the online Spring 2022 subcommittee meeting

The minutes of the Spring subcommittee meeting were unanimously approved.

8. Opinion on the work of Jumping Judges

Chairman Greger deferred much of the discussion on judging to item 10 on the agenda. He did comment that overall, judge scores showing on the nations list are lower, but there are more judges on the list than in prior years. He said that the list is much larger than it should be.

National judging

One judge exceeded the 10.00 limit on the national judging assessment list – Tom Normann (NOR). Tom Normann will not be permitted to be assigned to World Cup events for the upcoming season. If the 80% rule had been applied, eight more judges would have been out as well.

The respective Obman is required to speak with any judge who has received 5.00 or higher on the national list to review judging rules and guidelines.

date	place	disc.	name	nat.	score	rem.	80% rule
26/3/22	Planica SLO	WC J MSF	Jošt Bojan	SLO	10.66	Team	
6/3/22	Oslo NOR	NC M	Normann Tom	NOR	10.14	Ind.	79.59%
5/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	NC M	Normann Tom	NOR	9.77	Quali	
27/1/22	Seefeld AUT	NC M	Vettori Marion	AUT	9.77	Ind.	
28/1/22	Seefeld AUT	NC M	Vettori Marion	AUT	9.77	Ind.	
5/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	NC M	Normann Tom	NOR	9.1	Ind.	
7/2/22	Beijing CHN OWG	SJ	Liang Bing	CHN	9.02	mixed team	
27/1/22	Seefeld AUT	NC M	Gay Jerome	FRA	8.42	Ind.	
28/1/22	Seefeld AUT	NC M	Gay Jerome	FRA	8.42	Ind.	
8/1/22	Bischofshofen AUT	WCJ M	Reissner Wolfgang	AUT	8.4	Ind.	
4/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	WCJ W	Stielow Mark	GER	8.04	Ind.	
19/12/21	Engelberg SUI	WCJ M	Keller Christian	SUI	7.76	Quali	
11/12/21	Otepaeae EST	NC W	Suboch Eduard	RUS	7.48	Ind.	71.43%
28/11/21	Ruka FIN	NC M	Scherm Thomas	GER	7.43	Ind.	
28/1/22	Willingen GER	WC J W	Reissner Wolfgang	AUT	6.85	Ind.	
16/1/22	Zakopane POL	WCJ M	Sever Miha	SLO	6.64	Ind.	
28/11/21	Ruka FIN	WCJ M	Grigoriev Konstantin	RUS	6.52	Ind.	
25/2/22	Hinzenbach AUT	WCJ W	Grill Lambert	AUT	6.51	Ind.	
4/12/21	Wisla POL	WCJ M	Becker Dirk	GER	6.2	Team	
15/1/22	Zakopane POL	WCJ M	Sever Miha	SLO	6.06	Team	
3/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	WCJ W	Normann Tom	NOR	5.42	Ind.	
27/1/22	Seefeld AUT	NC M	Dezman Tomaz	SLO	5.26	Ind.	
12/12/21	Otepaeae EST	NC W	Tasane Vahur	EST			79.17%
16/12/21	Ramsau AUT	NC M	Baier Jan	CZE			74.07%
11/12/21	Klingenthal GER	WCJ W	Larsen Joern	NOR			73.33%
2/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	NC M	Contamine Amelie	FRA			77.78%
3/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	NC M	Contamine Amelie	FRA			77.78%
3/12/21	Lillehammer NOR	NCM	Grigoriev Konstantin	RUS			73.08%
8/1/22	Val di Fiemme ITA	NCW	Langer Andreas	GER			78.26%
6/3/22	Oslo NOR	NCM	Normann Tom	NOR			77.55%

Nations List penalties from the past five years are shown in the following table.

2017/2018			
Gunka Ryszard	POL		
Denifl Claudia	AUT		
2018/2019			
Bercic Joze	SLO	Herzig Michael	GER
Solbu Jarle	NOR	Prevc Bozidar	SLO
Lorenz Michael	GER		
2019/2020			
Boerseth Kurt		NOR	
Gswentner Hermann		AUT	
Justin Anton		SLO	
Gobel Angelika		GER	
2020/2021			
Hlava Josef	CZE	Gunka Ryszard	POL
Suzic Zlato	SLO		
2021/2022			
Normann Tom	NOR		

9. Opinion on the work of TDs and TDAs

General

Chairman Greger began the discussion on TDs and TDAs by sharing that there have been several changes at the World Cup level since last season. There are now 15 TD candidates and there will be opportunities for new TDs in World Cup soon. The highlights are:

- Bertil Palsrud will end his career at the WSC in Planica this winter
- Thomas Hasselberger will take a break this year
- The above means two Ski Flying TDs have been lost for the upcoming winter

Overall, the chairman is pleased with the performance of TDs, but some prematurely close the report in the Berkutschi database instead of just saving it for additional editing. Horst Nilgen is quite busy in the winter and it is not easy for him to reopen reports while he is traveling and working at an event. Nevertheless, the reports are generally completed on time with the proper attachments, and it appears that TDs are getting more comfortable with the system and the process.

Suzanne Tahk (EST) commented that the process is working well and the Berkutschi system makes it much easier to ensure the correct information is included in a report.

Qualification

There is an upcoming seminar in Liberec near the end of October. All European and World Cup TDs are required to attend. This includes all of the new Women's TD candidates. However, there will be a separate seminar for North American Women TD candidates during the upcoming Continental Cup competitions in Lake Placid led

by chairman Greger. All candidates who have only taken the online theoretical exam will be required to take the exam again in person.

The Women's TD group began with a Spring 2021 recruitment program. There are now 15 candidates – some former athletes/team members and some LOC members. A special section during the TD seminar in Liberec will be held specifically for these candidates.

10. Working Group “Judge Performance”

Women's Ski Jumping – Klaus Dobrezberger (AUT)

A working group of 5-6 members is currently evaluating the differences between Men's and Women's judge scores. Klaus Dobrezberger leads this group but was not present. Kjersti Espelid (NOR) provided feedback on the group's objectives. The group, formed during the 2022 judge seminar in Grainau, GER, is tasked with determining whether Men's scores are higher than Women's scores for the same performance. Some facts that may influence scores:

- Men travel at lower inrun speeds, but increase speed after takeoff
- Women travel at higher inrun speeds, but decrease speed after takeoff

If the above is the reason for lower scores for Women, should the judging criteria be adjusted to realign scores?

Virtual Judge Analysis – Erik Stahlhut (GER)

Chairman Greger introduced this topic by saying that the virtual judge system has many purposes:

1. Train judges
2. Evaluate onsite judge performance
3. Review judge performance - obmen can view all scores

Mr. Stahlhut noted that there are two different perspectives of a jumping competition – the onsite judge view and the “Super Judge” view. The system should be used for so much more than just determining whether the scores given by onsite judges is correct. However, that is the only meaningful statistic at this time. He provided an overview of the analysis system that was presented at the 2022 judge seminar in Grainau.

The analysis simulated a competition using 18 unique jumps from the past season. The scores were adjusted to show how they would impact the end results of the competition and the determination of whether a judge would be on the national points list or not.

The virtual judge system gives individual judges a direct comparison of your own performance against the scores from other judges. It can identify critical jumps with major deviations or other issues. It also provides proof that judges who were out of the range may be the only judge who gave the correct score. One thing to

be mindful of is that scores provided by judges on TV may influence the scores entered into the virtual judge system.

The virtual judge system gives obmen an overview of national judges, identifies weak points for individual judges, helps evaluate candidates and provides information for training of individuals and national judges.

The virtual judge system gives the FIS the ability to compare the quality of judges between nations, identify critical jumps for continuing education purposes, exposes the need for possible rule changes and will allow for the ability to determine whether judging is related to distance and/or discipline (Men vs. Women, Special Jumping vs. Nordic Combined).

One challenge with the current judge performance process is that the Swiss Timing national judge list does not show an issue, but the virtual judge system shows that only one judge was correct, and the other judges were high. This means that judges who should be on the national list don't end up on the list.

Possible extensions of the virtual judge system include the potential for providing quicker, more meaningful statistics for onsite judges and greater transparency of scores, the ability to compare scores across disciplines, to identify trends, the ability to identify when judges score other nations too low instead of their own nation too high.

Florin Spulber (ROU) commented that Romanian jumpers seem to get lower scores than other nations and asked whether there was a way to: 1) confirm this hypothesis and 2) if true, determine what the reason for the deduction is.

Jani Hyvarinen (FIN) asked how many judges there are in the "reference" group and whether these judges are experienced.

Reed Zuehlke (USA) shared an additional thought for the analysis project. Are there more score deviations during the earlier rounds or the later rounds in a competition or more deviations in earlier competitions or later ones if they are conducted on the same day – with multi-discipline events?

Chairman Greger concluded the discussion by saying that there needs to be more data available for further analysis that already exists in the official results – speed, wind, distance – and information provided by the motion and GPS sensors. However, the FIS IT team is the weak link at the moment as they are quite busy and may not be able to make these changes for quite some time.

He also emphasized that for the virtual judge system to be effective there needs to be at least 10 "Super Judges" scoring the event. To provide some incentive for judges to participate, he said that judges who do more work on the virtual judge platform will have greater opportunities on the World Cup starting this winter.

11. ICR 431 and the Deduction List

The proposal to update the “Blue Book” to sanction judges for being outside the “80% Rule” was reviewed and once again postponed until the judge working group comes up with additional analysis to determine whether this approach would be fair.

To clarify, the proposal was submitted by Franz Rappenglück (GER) in 2019 and section “10. Sanctions” in the guidelines was proposed to be amended to include the following text:

- A FIS ski jumping judge should not deviate more than $+0.5 > -0.5$ from the mean value of the remaining judges’ scores in the Swiss-Timing Judge Analysis. If the FIS ski jumping judge achieves less than 80% in the $+0.5 > -0.5$ column, he may not be nominated for WC in the upcoming season.
- If a FIS ski jumping judge is sanctioned a second time in his career for a “Judges Points” violation, he may not be assigned to WC events for the next two years. The subcommittee will decide what to do for additional “Judges Points” violations.

Current versions of the guidelines are available on the FIS Website (click on the orange section “guidelines and information”: <https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/document-library/ski-jumping-documents>)

12. IT Tools (formerly Berkutschi)

The Berkutschi database has been migrated from berkutschi.com to the FIS website. Software development and maintenance is now under the control of the FIS IT team. The new URLs (Internet addresses) are as follows:

- <https://siforms.fis-ski.com/>
- <https://elearning.fis-ski.com/>
- <https://virtualjudge.fis-ski.com/>

13. Amendments and changes of ICR and other rules

ICR changes

- **405.3.2 Daily Allowance**
CHF 125.- per day of travel to and from the event.
- **405.3.2.1**
The TD and TD Assistant/s get in addition during OWG, WSC, WSFC, WCJ and GPJ, COC, JWSC and, if necessary, for FCJ (see 405.4.5) competitions CHF 125.- per day for the duration of the event.
- **405.3.2.2**
Jumping judges get in addition during WSC, WSFC, WCJ and GPJ, COC, JWSC and, if necessary, for FCJ (see 405.4.5) competitions CHF 125.- per day counted from the 4th day of the duration of the event.
- **441. Sanctions, Disqualifications, Not Permitted to Start (NPS)**

The Jury shall sanction a competitor if she/he violates the regulations of the ICR or the competition rules or doesn't follow decisions of the Jury. In particular, if she/he

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- **441.5 Not Permitted to Start**
A competitor will not be permitted to start (NPS) in any FIS international ski jumping competition who:
 - **441.5.1** wears obscene names and/or symbols on any part of ski jumping competition equipment/competition suit
 - **441.5.2** behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner in the start area (art. 205.5, 223.1.1)
 - **441.5.3** violates the FIS rules regards to the FIS Specification for Competition Equipment and Commercial Markings on Equipment (art. 207 and 222).
 - **441.5.4** violates the rule forbidding use of fluor wax (art. 222.8)
 - **454.4.3 International FIS competition Ski Flying (ref. ICR 201.3.4)**
In exceptional cases Ski Flying International FIS Competition can be organized, such a competition must be approved by FIS Jumping committee. Such a competition must be held in compliance with all FIS Rules.
 - **454.4.4 Scoring valuation of the Ski Flying**
At Ski Flying events the K-point distance as calculation point equals 120 distance points and the meter value is 1,2 pts./m.

Updated versions of the ICR can be found in the FIS Cloud: <https://cloud.fis-ski.com/index.php/s/qOHgzOzPbYKeQ1I>.

World Cup Rule Changes – Men and Women

- **1.1.6 World Cup competition should be organized on a snow surface.** However, in exceptional cases, events can also be organized on ice/snow tracks, using a plastic surface in the landing area.
- **2.2.1 World Cup Ski Jumping Team event**
Four competitors per team, while
 - a) minimum three per team, who have already gained GP or WC points or at least one COCJ-W point of the past or the current season.
 - b) maximum one competitor per team, who has gained at least one FIS Cup-W point in the past or the current season.

World Cup Rules Men

- **3.2.4 Super Team competitions**
Starting order in Super Team competitions:
 - The starting order will be determined as follows:
 - Group I: draw (for those NSAs that have not scored points in the current season)
 - Group II: reverse order of the actual World Cup Nations' standings.
 - Due to organizational reasons the result of an individual competition carried out on the same day may not be considered for the starting order.
 - Every team consists of two athletes, that are included in two different groups. Every NSA has the right to enter one team in the event.
 - The competition consists of **two** rounds. In the first round all the entered teams have the right to start, by group. After the first round, only the best 12 teams are qualified for the **final** round. The break after the first round should

be 20 minutes. In the final round the first group starts in the normal order while the second group is sorted into reverse order of the current standing.

- The ranking is determined by adding the scores of all jumps of the athletes each team.

World Cup Rules Women

▪ 5. WCJ Prizes

5.1 Prize Money

The Organising Committee must provide prize-money of at least the following amount in Swiss Francs (CHF) per competition:

Single competition: **CHF 28'120.—**, divided between the top 25 athletes as follows:

CHF 40.— per World Cup point achieved:

1. CHF 4'000.—	10. CHF 1'040.—
2. CHF 3'200.—	15. CHF 640.—
3. CHF 2'400.—	25. CHF 240.—

Team competition Women: **CHF 10'000.—**, divided between the top 3 teams:

1. CHF 6'000.—
2. CHF 3'000.—
3. CHF 1'000.—

(Mixed team competition see World Cup Rules Men, art. 5.1)

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Other rule changes

- **Adjustment of Wind Compensation System – Proposal to increase in the value of tail wind compensation FROM 21% up to 50%**

Based on the development in the ski jumping with the connection of decreasing inrun speed the influence of the wind has increased – especially the effect of the tail wind.

- **Fluor Ban**

The following document was provided to all ski associations by the FIS on August 11, 2022, postponing the implementation of the proposed fluor wax ban.

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FIS MEDIA INFO

FIS postpones 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.

About FIS

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, [founded in 1924](#) during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of [Alpine Skiing](#), [Cross-Country Skiing](#), [Ski Jumping](#), [Nordic Combined](#), [Freestyle Skiing](#) and [Snowboarding](#), including setting the international competition rules. Through its 138 member nations, more than 7'500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, [notably for the young](#). For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.

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14. COVID-19 impact and related changes

Chairman Greger once again reiterated his appreciation for the excellent cooperation with all obmen over the past summer and winter seasons regarding changes to the nomination of officials. Use of the WhatsApp group, Emails and phone calls enabled the rapid updating of nominations for 181 changes during 2021-22. All competitions were completed with the appropriate mix of judges with the exception of one event in Russia with three Russian judges.

15. eLearning for Chiefs of Competition

The eLearning Education and Coaching Program (ECP) for Chiefs of Competition got underway during the winter season. There were 122 candidates from 21 nations enrolled in the program. The first exams took place January 14, 15 and 18 with 95 candidates signed up. The passing score for this exam was lowered to 75%. A total of 66 candidates passed the exam.

Two practical workshops then took place in Iron Mountain (License B) and Planica (License A). Six candidates completed the Iron Mountain workshop and now hold a License B. Twenty-four candidates completed the Planica workshop and now hold a License A.

The License B is valid for Conitnental Cup, FIS Cup and lower level FIS events and is good for 6 years. The Chief of Competition can retain the license if he/she takes the theoretical exam every 4 years or takes the exam and attends a workshop every 6 years.

The License A is valid for OWG, WSC, JWSC and World Cup and is good for 4 years. The Chief of Competition can retain the license if he/she takes the theoretical exam every 2 years or takes the exam and attends a workshop every 4 years.

Next steps in the education process include the addition of case studies, the development of a structured feedback mechanism for the practical workshop, creating a requirements list for seminar rooms and establishing a “chat” group for Chiefs of Competition to share issues, ideas and proposals. Another theoretical test will be scheduled this fall. With practical workshops planned for either Ruka or Lahti (FIN), Sapporo (JPN) and Zakopane (POL) during the winter of 2022-23.

The Chief of Competition license will be mandatory during the 20243-24 season. Reed Zuehlke (USA) proposed having an additional practical workshop in Lake Placid during the planned World Cup competition for North American candidates. Chairman Greger said that Sandro Pertile wants the focus to be on ensuring the first World Cup in Lake Placid goes smoothly. Scheduling a separate Chief of Competition seminar would distract from that goal.

Mr. Zuehlke then pointed out that without a workshop in North America there would not be any qualified Chiefs of Competition available should a World Cup event be held in the USA during the 2023-24 season. The chairman suggested that there could be an exception made in that case, but he also reminded the group that it is critical to submit the names of women Chief of Competition candidates as quickly as possible.

16. Women TD Group

See topic 8 for detail.

The morning meeting was adjourned at 11:54 with a planned start of the afternoon session at 14:00.

The afternoon session began at 14:13.

17. Examination lists of active Jumping Judges and TDs

All obmen were asked once again to verify their respective lists of active judges and TDs and send the names of any inactive officials to him as soon as possible so they can be designated inactive in the database. The obmen were also asked to ensure that all officials update their contact information in the database as quickly as possible.

18. Nomination TDs and Jumping Judges season 2022/2023

Chairman Greger sent a nomination list with TD assignments to the obmen prior to the meeting. An updated version was sent out immediately after the meeting and the obmen are requested to submit all judge assignments by September 15, 2022.

Of note for 2023, the European Olympic Games (EOG) will be the first Ski Jumping championship held in the summer.

Final nominations for the 2024 WSFC should be submitted by the 2023 Spring subcommittee meeting and nominations for the 2025 WSC should be submitted by the 2024 Spring subcommittee meeting.

19. Judges and Juries

2023 EOG – Krakow, POL

TD	Dolhar Aljosa	SLO
TDA	Thak Suzanne	EST

Judges	POL	Szostak Tadeusz
	CZE	Hlava Josef
	SVK	Durco Dominik
	GER	Feifel Benedikt
	AUT	Pogoda Michael

2023 WSC – Planica, SLO

TD	Mathis Hubert	SUI
TDA	Hafker Harald	GER
TDA	Nadarkiewicz Renata	POL
Ch.DM	Walseth Ole	NOR

Judges	SLO	Ograjenšek Luka
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AUT	Gschwentner Hermann
FRA	Grand Chavin Bruno
JPN	Inoue Ryuichi
NOR	Nikolai Sebergensen
SWE	Marit Stub Nybelius

2023 JWSC – Whistler, CAN

TD	Zuehlke Reed	USA
TDA	Brendan Kristian	NOR
Ch.DM	tbd	

Judges	CAN	Johansson Kelly
	AUT	Grill Lambert
	GER	Schwarz Michael
	JPN	Minemura Yutaka
	ROU	Grosz Willhem

2023 EYOWF – Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, ITA/Planica, SLO

TD	Brunner Martin	GER
TDA	Hlava Josef	CZE

Judges	ITA	Dunnhofer Mateo
	SLO	Borut Markosek
	AUT	Engl Stefan
	SUI	Keller Christian
	POL	Pilch Marek

2023 Universiade – Lake Placid, USA

TD	Loeng Geir S.	NOR
TDA	Späth Georg	GER
Ch.DM	Forrer Ueli	SUI

Judges	USA	Blair Tomten
	CAN	Lyon Curtis
	JPN	Oda Masaki
	KOR	Sang on LEE
	GER	Stahlhut Erik

2024 SFWSC – Bad Mitterndorf, AUT

TD	Gros Jelko	SLO
TDA	Greger Ivo	CZE
TDA	Späth Georg	GER
Ch.DM	Eero Kuusinen	FIN

Judges	AUT	Beguter Christian/Dobrezberger Klaus
	FRA	Pascal Malec/Jerome Gay
	RUS	Lisovsky Vadim/Evgeniy Vashurin
	USA	Tomten Blair/Levasseur Mark
	SLO	Tomaz Dezman/Evgen Jesenko

2024 JWSC – Planica, SLO

TD	Spath Georg	GER
TDA		
Ch.DM		

Judges	SLO
	FIN
	ITA
	KAZ
	SWE

2024 YOG – Gangwon, KOR

TD	Brenden Kristian	NOR
TDA		
Ch.DM		

Judges	KOR
	AUT
	GER
	CZE
	POL

2025 WSC – Trondheim, NOR

TD	Dolhar Aljosa	SLO
TDA	Bauer Andi	GER
TDA	Thak Suzanne	EST
Ch.DM	Bukovnik Janez	SLO

Judges	NOR	Ole Walseth / Martin Ronningen
	CZE	Parma Jiri / Bartos Michal
	GER	Olaf Beyer/Maik Stielow
	ITA	De Crignis Martino/Sambugaro Sandro
	SUI	Piazzini Fabrice/Parpan Rico
	USA	Sydow Steve/Zuehlke Reed

2026 OWG – Milano-Cortina, ITA

TD	Gros Jelko	SLO
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TDA	Späth Georg	GER
TDA	Jerome Jessica/Johnson Alissa	USA
Ch.DM	tbd	
Judges	ITA	Comina Giovanna / DeCrignis Martino
	CAN	
	GER	
	FRA	
	SUI	Piguet David/Parpan Rico
	SWE	

20. Nomination of candidates

Chairman Greger requested that the obmen provide the names of candidates for the upcoming TD seminar in Liberec so they can be scheduled for the second theoretical test. He requested the same for the North American TD candidates who will be taking the theoretical test in Lake Placid during the October COC event.

The obmen were reminded to ensure that each candidate taking the test has his/her own laptop computer and login to the eLearning platform. There will not be enough time at the seminar to spend fixing login issues.

The names of all candidates – especially TD candidates – need to be communicated to the chairman by the end of September.

21. Training and further education seminars (reports and dates)

- TD Course – Liberec, CZE – October 20-22, 2022
- TD/Judge/OC courses
 - Sapporo/Yamagata, JPN – September 23-24, 2022
 - North America – Vancouver, CAN – Dates TBD
- Chief Distance Measurer – Online Seminar – November 4, 2022
- Chief of Competition License A & B
 - Online Test – TBD
 - Workshop – Ruka, FIN – November 26-27, 2022
 - Workshop – Sapporo, JPN – January 7-8, 2023
 - Workshop – Kulm, AUT – January 28-29, 2023

22. Next Obmen meeting

Suzanne Tahk (EST) will host the next Obmen meeting in Talinn, EST during the fall of 2022.

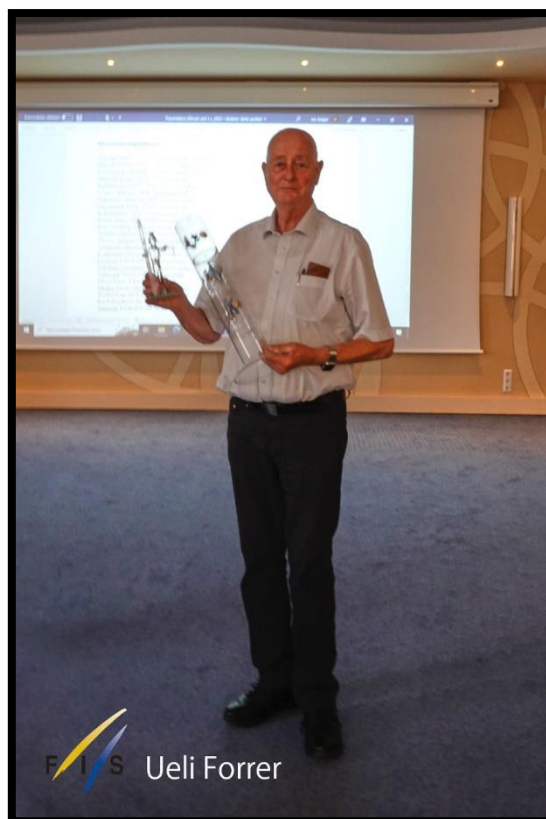
23. Honorary diplomas 2022

AUT	Bachmayer, Johann	Jumping judge
AUT	Koch, Friedrich	TD SJ
AUT	Kothleitner, Hermann	Jumping judge

AUT	Millonig, Franz	Jumping judge
AUT	Walter, Kurt	TD SJ
CAN	Servold, Mark	Jumping judge, TD SJ
FRA	Morel, Pierre	Jumping judge
GER	Langer, Andreas	Jumping judge
GER	Thomas, Jurgen	Jumping judge
JPN	Nakamura, Mitsushi	Jumping judge
JPN	Takahashi, Masahiko	Jumping judge
JPN	Takahata, Yoshihiro	Jumping judge
POL	Pochwala, Lech	Jumping judge, TD NC
POL	Przybyla, Edward	Jumping judge
POL	Siderek, Marek	Jumping judge, TD SJ
POL	Wlodarczyk, Pawel	Jumping judge
SLO	Bester, Janez	Jumping judge
SLO	Bras, Vladimir	Jumping judge
SLO	Kokalj, Janez	Jumping judge
SLO	Mlakar, Marko	TD SJ
SLO	Ograjensek, Jozef	Jumping judge
SLO	Vrhovnik, Martin	Jumping judge
SUI	Zarucchi, Fredi	Jumping judge, TD SJ

Thanks to Horst Nilgen for copies of his book, "30 Ski Jumping Hills"!

Chairman Greger recognized Mr. Ueli Forrer (FIS) and Mr. Franz Rappenglueck (GER) for their years of dedication to the FIS and the sport of Ski Jumping. Mr. Peter Chudy (SVK) also presented a gift to Mr. Rappenglueck in appreciation of his service.



24. Data service licensing process

Validating process for Data Service provider PRIOT - SLO

The chairman provided an update on the process of certifying the calculations and video distance measuring software from the Slovenian data service company PRIOT. He reminded the group of the objective to get PRIOT involved at the FIS Cup level to enable organizing committees to host Ski Jumping competitions at reasonable prices.

The PRIOT system is the first cloud solution. Because there is not much hardware required onsite, the cost for shipping equipment and additional IT experts is significantly reduced. Specifically, the video distance measuring operator performs the task remotely. A license for the PRIOT system and two VDM operators has been granted by the FIS. The Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the 2023-24 season is underway and PRIOT will be allowed to submit a bid.

A key question for FIS Cup events going forward - Is wind/gate compensation needed for a FIS Cup competition? If the answer to that question is no, then there the cost will be lower to host an event and there will likely be more FIS Cup competitions on the calendar. Since FIS Cup supports the development of athletes and the sport in general, lower cost events will enable the sport to grow more quickly.

25. Report on the meetings of the Sub-Committees, the Coordination Group and the Jumping Committee

As most involved in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined are aware, the Olympic Committee has been evaluating/reevaluating sports for inclusion in the Olympic Games. Key questions for a sport are:

- How many nations are competing?
- How many spectators follow the sport?

At this point the Olympic Committee feels that not enough nations are participating in or following Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined. For example, the total number of USA spectators is equivalent to the totals from NOR and POL. There are millions more people living in the USA, so there should be millions more spectators as well. Freestyle for example, has many more spectators in the USA than Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined.

The question asked by the Jumping Committee and the Coordination Group Is, “What are the options?” What they are really asking in a more direct manner is, what can WE do to improve the situation? How can WE get more nations involved?

At a high level from the TV viewership, it appears that Team events are not as attractive as individual events, so it would make sense to create new competition formats that will attract more viewers.

Lowering or putting off the cost of reengineering jumping facilities would help as well. Fortunately, the new equipment rules are resulting in slower inrun speeds which helps existing hills survive longer without a redesign.

Another question to be asked – what/where is the interest in the sport from an athlete perspective? The greatest interest comes from athletes in the range of 13-19 years old and the sport is available in almost every northern nation.

Sandro Sambugaro (ITA) proposed to increase the BMI to make it healthier for athletes to compete at a high level in the sport. Saso Komovec (SLO) agreed that this would help athletes not only stay healthy, but they would stay in the sport longer.

On the topic of fewer nations competing at the highest level, Franz Rappenglueck (GER) proposed to reduce number of athletes per nation who can qualify for an event to four. He believes it would help smaller nations gain more quota spots and allow them to be competitive, which would hopefully increase interest from spectators in their home countries.

Mr. Komovec also offered that there could be a limit on the number of suits an athlete could use each season. Athletes from the stronger nations have many suits each season, where those from weaker nations cannot afford so many suits for different conditions.

The chairman acknowledged these ideas and added that a mix of many things will need to be done to increase involvement. He emphasized that it is important for us to begin the conversation and work toward a common approach to implementing changes that grow our sport in the future.

Mr. Greger then shared that a new equipment control video will soon be available on the FIS website. For those who were not aware, Mika Jukkara (FIN) stepped down at the end of the 2021-22 season. Prior to his departure, Mr. Jukkara authored a paper on issues and concerns with the equipment control process. In the report he made several key observations and offered recommendations for the most effective equipment control procedures going forward.

Christian Kathol (AUT) has accepted the position as Men's Equipment Control Coordinator for the upcoming season and the new FIS Equipment Control video shows Mr. Kathol demonstrating the updated system for body measurement based on Mr. Jukkara's recommendations.

26. Requests and proposals

None.

Chairman Ivo Greger thanked everyone for their efforts to travel to Willingen to finally meet in person again, for their participation and for the great cooperation this past year. He wished everyone a safe journey home and hoped to see many of those present at the TD seminar in Liberec, CZE.

The meeting was adjourned on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 16:15