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**Meeting Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions,
Hotel Hilton, Zürich-Airport (SUI), 27.09.2023**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions held in Zurich, 27.09.2023.

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 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,

Satu Kalajainen (FIN)
Chair Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions

(sent by e-mail without signature)

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AGENDA

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 - Framework and advice for FIS Youth & Development
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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 online meeting, 25.10.2023.

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair opened the meeting informing that straight after the meeting there will be JWSC/U23 and YOG LOC presentations in the same room. The Chair also made a note that there are some meetings overlapping with ours, and the 'members present' list represents the situation at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Members present

Members	Country	Remarks	Substitute
Satu Kalajainen	FIN	Chair, secretary	
Achleitner Lisa	AUT	Absent	
Angerer Tobias	GER	Absent	
Baldishol Brit	NOR		
Beaulieu Julie	CAN	Excused	
Borch Christian	DEN	Excused	
Cool Herbert	NED	Absent	Horst Tielmann
Eretova Katerina	CZE		
Gamash Yuri	RUS	Absent	
Goebel Ronice	AUS	Absent	
Graves Cami T.	USA	Excused	
Huber Rudi	SRS	Absent	
Ilic Mina	SRB		
Isenschmid Marco	SUI		
Jerman Matias	ARG	Absent	
Billur Sule	TUR	Absent	Ötzkan Koyuncu
Limby Jenny	SWE		
Malik Faustyna	POL		
Mrazova Ivana	SVK		
Ormeno Jose Miguel	CHI	Excused	
Paruzzi Gabriella	ITA		
Pubil Ferran	SPA	Absent	
Abdelaaziz Rkioiu	MAR	Absent	
Tomomi Shimizu	JPN	Excused	Masahiko Watanabe
Jeetendra Shrestha	NEP	Excused	
Maria Vaikou	GRE	Absent	
Jeff Po-Jen	TPE	Excused	Nick Chen
Roy Young	GBR		

14/28 members present plus observers and FIS staff S. Dyrhaug, A. Cholinski (partly present) and S. Caprini, The Chair welcomed also Ken Read (Chair of the Y&C co-ord. group) and Council member Fiona Stevens to attend the meeting (both partly present).

3. Appointment of a secretary

The Chair and Madeline Nappey offered to do the minutes. The minutes are recorded according to the original agenda sequence.

4. Approval of the agenda and possible additions to it

Item 6 is not taking place. Item 8 will be presented by Simon Caprini. Fluor ban discussion was requested pre meeting onto the agenda. Development in Thailand featuring Roller Ski video was added. To item 5 also Zurich -22 minutes were added and after going through item 5, Youth Questionnaire 2024 added onto agenda.

5. Approval of the minutes of Dubrovnik (CRO) meeting, 03.05.2023

Zurich 2022 minutes were approved; Youth questionnaire topic will be taken up in other matters. Dubrovnik 2023 minutes were also approved.

6. Election of the executive board

This was irrelevant and on the agenda by mistake.

7. Bring children to the snow / WSD, Andrew Cholinski FIS

Bring Children to the Snow has seen an important milestone achieving 10.000 events and actions! The campaign has defined its further goals 1) to have 50 events/actions with environmental activities 2) to have 50 events/actions with snow safety inside organizer's programme. The first Nordic Shred Park has been tested in Germany; 1/year will be given out based on applications between 1.2.-30.3.2024. COOP mini world cup will be run in context with real WC events; focus is fun on skis for children without racing. Campaign includes great material such as bibs, banners, medals etc. Almost all WC events have confirmed. Organiser Care Packages out for distribution by application. New CC ski Code of Conduct ratified by Council and live with several languages. Project Play on FIS TV from 15.11.23. Reminder of 2024 Snowkidz Award. A completely revamped Snowkidz site including all the info and application forms can be found www.snowkidz.com.

World Snow Day will be 21.1.2024 – the application closes 15.12.23. To date 39 events have been registered. Similarly Organiser Care Packages are available by application. Next steps to all associations: 1) Communicate 2) Host an event/action 3) Utilise new (and existing) tools 4) Check out Snowkidz Award 5) Prepare to apply for the first Shred Snow Park .

A question was posed about roller ski inclusion to existing projects/campaigns with following grounds; better reach on nations as many lack snow, also cheaper and easier to arrange equipment. Currently resources (and sponsorship) are focused on snow product, however this idea will be kept under consideration.

Whole presentation attached.

8. JWSC/YOG update, Simon Caprini FIS

Planica is well on the way arranging 2024 JWSC/U23 event. FIS team will be onsite to reflect and show the next generation the importance of the event for FIS. Fluor testing team will be also present. Schilpario, will host 2025 competition only on cross country ski. Trondheim 2026 will see again joint event with SJ/NC.

YOG will be organised in Kangwon, South Korea: cross country races 27.1.-1.2.24. Presentations attached.

9. FIS Youth Development, Dimitrije Lazarovski/Jelena Dojcinovic/FIS Youth Coordinator

- Framework and advice for FIS Youth & Development

Jelena presented the Development Department staffing and different sub units. Lots of new initiatives to be expected in a near future; ie. FIS Solidarity Fund has been split into 1) FIS Plus Programme and 2) FIS Start Programme, there will be a new education platform and hub webpage. The group highlighted the fact that in terms of education, a lot of the knowledge and wisdom sits "in the building currently", know-how and expertise is found within FIS family member nations; everyone can learn something from each

other. Also big nations helping smaller nations deserve some support. Jelena: there are projects on how to include big nations in the programs to build partnerships. The presentation is attached.

10. SCs Collaboration Working Group Report – Roy Young

Small working group was formed after CC Main Committee mandate given in spring to work on cross country ski development matters. Presentation made by Roy Young (Jelena was present). Working group consisted of Roy Young/GBR (voted as a Chair), Virginia Topranin/ITA (Chair for Women's Nordic s-c), Ötzkan Koyuncu/TUR (Chair for Development s-c), Brit Baldishol/NOR (Y&C), Freddy Kairouz/LBN (Dev.), Im Yeugyu/KOR (Dev.), Anne Ragnhild/NOR (Para) and Satu Kalajainen/FIN (Chair for Y&C s-c).

The outcome touched upon the following topics (not all directly linked to Y&C matters):

- 1 Categorise the development nation
- 2 Advisors to work with the development nation (part time volunteer) work with pilot L1 countries - to start a plan
- 3 Use of funding – what is there and how to use.
- 4 FIS to establish ability for L1 countries to get kit at low cost
- 5 Provide on line models of development (Case studies)
- 6 FIS to organise online training and seminars targeted at L1 countries in first place; then L2
- 7 Continue with the Coaching course for youth development
- 8 Continue the coaching at world junior level (Norway camps)
- 9 FDP camps

This has also been presented to Michal Lamplot, Uros Ponikvar and Simon Caprini pre Zurich. The next steps will be decided in the Main Committee. Warm thanks to all the members of the working group. The presentation is attached.

11. Parasport news, Georg Zipfel FIS

Georg highlighted the importance of basic skills; parcour tracks and roller ski practice. No matter para or non-para, children will love to learn in a fun way with some guidance on equipment. Europapark/GER showcasing parcour park is a great example where all kids blend nicely.

12. Update on harmonizing distances in y&c

This was left as homework. The Chair will reach out and ask details via email of each nation and their current distances per various age groups, and if any plans for harmonizing, in case not already done so.

13. Other matters arising

Fluor ban - quick poll around the table indicated that not much is being done in most of the nations. Norway told having had a ban already for two seasons for juniors (no tests). Sweden will use heavy communication aimed to clubs, coaches and parents. Simon/FIS mentioned about the upcoming meeting on the topic to get more clarification on national practices. FIS distributes all relevant info online [Fluor Ban Information \(fis-ski.com\)](https://www.fis-ski.com/fluor-ban). Italy, France (for six years now) and Czech (partly) use common waxing at least in some races which should help. Georg suggested a climate campaign; to make it fun with funny pictures so that kids get enthusiastic about it. Good practices are helpful to share and the supporting role of the waxing companies is essential.

Watched a 'How we grow roller skiing in Thailand' video from Thailand by Sueb Tarasiri, Secretary General of Thai Ski and Snowboard Federation, who described the huge development steps taken in Thailand ie. with the help of current ParaSki Race Director Georg Zipfel. Link to the video

[\(3\) How we grow Roller Ski in Thailand 2023 - YouTube](#)

The decision was made to repeat the biennial Youth Questionnaire. It was hoped that FIS could get involved also in different practicalities. The Chair will follow up. A working group was formed to see the questions reflect current needs (Chair/FIN, Jenny/SWE, Brit/NOR, Roy/GBR, Marco/SUI and Virginia/ITA - Chair for Women's Nordic s-c as per invitation). Time for the questionnaire is spring 2024.

14. Next meeting

Next meeting will be held in Portoroz (SLO) 5-9th of May 2024.

15. Closing of the meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution and closed the meeting at 11.59.

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