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**Minutes Nordic Combined Committee Meeting  
Hotel Croatia Cavtat, Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO), 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 14:00 – 18:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Nordic Combined Committee held in Dubrovnik on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30<sup>th</sup> June 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](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution. We wish you a nice and beautiful summer.

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Lasse Ottesen  
Race Director Nordic Combined

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**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the Nordic Combined Committee Zurich 30.09.2022
5. Report from the past season
  - Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control
  - Sub-Committee for NC/SJ Youth & Children's Questions
  - FIS World Cup presented by Viessmann
  - FIS Continental Cup
  - FIS Youth-Cup
  - Equipment control
  - Other important reports
6. New proposals "Funnel System" discussion and decisions
  - Rules
  - Calendars
7. Proposals to the FIS Council
8. TD Nominations
9. Other items arising
10. Next meetings
  - FIS Autumn meetings 2023 in Zurich (SUI)

**All proposals and decisions of the Nordic Combined Committee are subject to the approval of the FIS Council in its online meeting, 24.05.2023**

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

The Chair Horst Hüttel (GER) welcomed all members and guests to the 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Nordic Combined Committee.

**Appointment of a Secretary**

Sophie Hargesheimer (FIS) was appointed to be secretary.

<b>2. Members Present</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Ait Ouarchikh Hicham	MAR	not present
Bukovnik Janez	SLO	Excused
Chashchyn Leonid	BLR	Excused
Chudy Peter	SVK	
Dubrovsky Stanislav	RUS	Excused
Kaplan Necati	TUR	Substituted by Yenal Vangolu
Bieri Joel	SUI	Excused
Lee Jaehong	KOR	not present
Michalczuk Jakub	POL	Excused
Nazarova Lena	UKR	not present
Pertile Ivo	ITA	
Slavik Tomas	CZE	
Loit Rauno	EST	
Vervevkin Andrey	KAZ	
Woolsey Jim	CAN	
Hüttel Horst	Chair	
Sato Tomoki JPN	Executive Board	Substituted by T. Kohno
Demong Bill, USA	Executive Board	Substituted by Rex Bell
Gouy Etienne, FRA	Executive Board	
Pelkonen Jyri, FIN	Executive Board	not present
Fossheim Edgar, NOR	Executive Board	
Csar Günter AUT	for S.C. NC for Rules & Control	
Rydzek Johannes, GER	for Athletes' Commission	
Hagen Ida Marie, NOR	for Athletes' Commission	
De Martin Topranin Virginia	Women's Nordic Disc.	Substituted by J.Stark
Ponikvar Uros SLO	Cross-Country	not present
Kojonkoski Mika FIN	Ski Jumping	not present
Haim Harald AUT	Youth & Children	
Aarhus Harald NOR	Honorary Member	
Ginther Werner AUT	Honorary Member	
Klinga Esa FIN	Honorary Member	
Lamb Joe USA	Honorary Member	
Weinbuch Helmut GER	Honorary Member	
Ottesen Lasse	FIS Race Director	
Grave Jan Rune	FIS Assistant Race Director	
Kraus Guntram	FIS Coordinator / Equipment Controller	

Löscher Kerstin	FIS Equipment Controller	Excused
Neumayer Michael	FIS COC Coordinator	
Hargesheimer Sophie	FIS Media Coordinator	
Nappey Madeline	FIS Nordic Assistant	

**Guests:**

Niklas Carlsson	FIS Deputy Secretary General
Fiona Stevens	Council Member
Tom Kastner	Injury & Illness Surveillance
Ronny Brandl	Marketing (Flüge, Manner)
Mario Stecher	AUT
Kristi Loit	EST
Suzanne Takh	EST
Peter Riedel	Inrun Implementation
Angela Wiartalla	LOC Oberstdorf
Luca Gianmoena	LOC Predazzo/Val di Fiemme

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was sent out on 03.04.2023. The Committee approved the agenda.

**4. Approval of the minutes of the Nordic Combined Committee Zurich 30.09.2022**

**5. Report from the past season**

- Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control  
[Report by Günter Csar](#)

- Sub-Committee for NC/SJ Youth & Children's Questions  
[Report by Harald Haim](#)

Jim Woolsey (CAN) asked about a "Snow Kids" program for Nordic Combined.

Harald Haim recommended to get in touch with Andy Cholinski from the initiative.

Jan Rune Grave mentioned that there are development workshops planned during the fall meetings.

Horst Hüttel mentioned the importance of sending athletes to the YOG 2024 to have as many nations on start as possible.

- FIS World Cup presented by Viessmann  
[Report by Lasse Ottesen](#)

- FIS Continental Cup  
[Report by Michael Neumayer](#)

Lasse Ottesen thanked Michael Neumayer for his work.

- FIS Youth Cup  
[Report by Günter Csar](#)

- Equipment control  
[Report by Guntram Kraus](#)
- Media  
[Report by Sophie Hargesheimer](#)

Rauno Loit thanked Sophie Hargesheimer for the cooperation.

## 6. New proposals “Funnel System” discussion and decisions

### Format proposals (not on Funnel System)

- 528.2 World Ski Championships (WSC)  
Proposal to add a Mass Start NH 5km for the women. **Confirmed**
- NC Super Sprint  
Proposal to implement the Super Sprint in the WC rules.

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) commented that the analysis document from the Super Sprint test in Rena was not sent out to the Sub-Committee members.

Günter Csar (FIS) confirmed that.

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) summarized the analysis for the committee.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented that the Norwegian NSA was confused why the Super Sprint format was not proposed for WC, after being tested for several years. In favor of the proposal.

Johannes Rydzek (Athletes Rep.) commented that the core of NC is finishing in the CC stadium. The Super Sprint doesn't support that.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) agreed with that.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) informed that the most successful TV format is the traditional IG.

Günter Csar (FIS) not in favour of the proposal.

Horst Hüttel (Chair) not in favour of the proposal.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented that the development is too slow and changes are necessary.

Tomaz Slavik (CZE) asked about potential organizers for the format.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that organizers are available.

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) proposed to keep it in the COC rules and test it again with the analysis received.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) asked the committee what could go wrong if the format would be tested in Lillehammer.

Tomaz Slavik (CZE) commented that no experience was collected for most of the athletes.

Sophie Hargesheimer (FIS) commented that it could be too complicated to explain to the media.

Rauno Loit (EST) commented that the WC rule leaves the option open to use it if necessary.

Jim Woolsey (CAN) commented that if the format doesn't work on TV the negative impact is too high.

Committee voting:

Adding the Super Sprint into the WC rules. YES: 3, NO: 8

Update of COC rules regarding analysis report, new test next season at the spring meetings 2024. **Denied** with a report **Confirmed**

- Team Sprint / Team  
Changing the points per minute for the Team Sprint and Team event.  
TS: 45pts pr min  
T: 60pts pr min

**Confirmed**

#### Funnel System decisions

- 4.6 WC rules: Implementation of Individual Compact  
Proposal to give fixed starting times depended on the position after Ski Jumping. **Confirmed**
- 528.2 and 528.4 ICR – Competition format WSC and WC  
Proposal to increase the CC distance to 12.5km for the men instead of 10km, as well as 7.5km for the women instead of 5km in Individual Gundersen competitions and Mass Starts.  
Additionally, the Mixed Team Sprint (8x1.5km) and the Individual Compact for both genders with 5km for men and women in NH competitions and 7.5km in LH competitions of the men should be added.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that updates are necessary, but too many changes are not good for the audience. He proposed to keep the distances for the IG events, while adding the Compact event.

Edgar Fosshem (NOR) asked why the Compact event can go right into the WC rules without testing. Proposal to test it in COC first.

Tomaz Slavik (CZE) commented that the Compact format is easier to understand because it has the same set up as the IG.

Horst Hüttel (Chair) agreed.

Rauno Loit (EST) agreed with testing it in SGP.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) proposed to bring the Compact to the WC with a maximum of 3 events, keeping the MS for balance and having mostly IG competitions.

Committee voting:

Adding 7.5km for IG women: YES: 11, NO: 0

Adding 12.5km for IG men: YES: 1 NO: 10

Adding the Individual Compact: YES: 10, NO: 1

**Confirmed**

**Denied**

**Confirmed**

Rauno Loit (EST) proposed to have a report about the Compact event at the spring meetings 2024.

Proposal to change the Mass Start distances to 7.5km (women) and 12.5km (men) for Individual Gundersen competitions. **Denied**

Proposal to add the Mixed Team Sprint to the WC rules. **Confirmed**

- WC/COC points

Proposal to give points to top 40 athletes instead of top 30. **Confirmed**

- Prize money

Proposal to give prize money to the top 30 athletes instead of top 20. The concrete distribution was proposed by the Athletes representatives. **Confirmed**

- 5.2 WC rules World Cup Trophy

Proposal to add an additional World Cup Trophy to the winner of the overall standing of the Individual Compact competitions. **Confirmed**

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) asked the committee for which format the trophy should be given out.

Tomas Slavik (CZE) in favour of the Compact format.

Horst Hüttel (Chair) proposed to delay the decision until 2024, after the Compact format was tested.

Sophie Hargesheimer (FIS) commented that there would only be a globe for the men and not for the women.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that the rule can be added but doesn't have to be used, when there are not enough organizers to have 3 events.

- 4.3 WC rules Nordic Combined Triple Women

Proposal to use the men's Triple rules for the women, while they will be competing 5km races on day 1 and 2, as well as 7.5km on day 3. **Confirmed**

- 5.2.1 WC rules Junior World Championships rules

Proposal to replace the men's Team event with a 2x7.5km Team Sprint competition, as well as adding a 2x4.5km Team Sprint for the women. **Confirmed**

Tomaz Slavik (CZE) commented that the men's TS distance is too long for the juniors.

- COC rules 1.1.5

Proposal to take out the flat rate system for timing and data providers. **Confirmed**

Jim Woolsey (CAN) commented that their NSA is planning on buying an own system for North American competitions. Question if this can be used.

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) answered that the system needs to be approved first, but can be used afterwards.

- Equipment Update

The decisions of the Ski Jumping Committee regarding Equipment were presented by Guntram Kraus.

For Nordic Combined a 3D Scan Body Measurement will be tested during SGP, while the old measurements will still be in use. The BMI measurements will be taken without a suit in the future.

Furthermore, ski stoppers and safety straps on the bindings will be mandatory from SGP 2023 on. New rules for boots and wedges were implemented.

- Wax Concept 2024

Proposal to test a common wax concept during the WC competitions in Oberstdorf (GER), tbc and Schonach (GER) in the 2023/24 season, based on the experiences from the CC test event in Otepää (EST) last season. A detailed plan will be presented in the FIS fall meeting.

**Confirmed**

- ICR 222.8 - Fluor Ban

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented [the testing plan for the flour ban](#) that will be implemented from the 2023/24 season on.

Mario Stecher (AUT) asked about the testing after the race.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) answered that the procedure after the race is still in discussion.

- Calendars

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented the calendars for the upcoming season.

Women's WC 2023/24

Men's WC 2023/24

Etienne Gouy (FRA) commented that Chaux-Neuve will make a final decision about hosting two events in the end of June. The events can be added to the calendar with a remark, also for the NC women.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that Chaux-Neuve has a large hill and those rules are not implemented yet for the women.

Takanori Kohno (JPN) in favour of jumping on the large hill with the women.

Horst Hüttel (Chair) proposed to decide in the fall meetings if the large hill rule for women should be added, after the Chaux-Neuve events are confirmed.

Edgar Fosshheim (NOR) commented that the women should also jump in Holmenkollen, Oslo, if they are allowed to compete in Chaux-Neuve.

Rauno Loit (EST) asked about the missing Klingenthal events.

Horst Hüttel (Chair) answered that the German Ski Federation will unfortunately only host two event weekends.

Günter Csar (FIS) proposed to have an additional Compact race for both genders in Ramsau to be able to give out a mini globe.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that there should also be an extra globe for the women and more Compact events are necessary for them.

Mario Stecher (AUT) offered to host a Compact race for the women in Seefeld as well, if there is no TRIPLE for the women.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented that the open weekends in January and February are not good for the sport.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) mentioned that the total amount of events is higher compared to last season, especially for the women. The only reason for the gaps is that there are no championships taking place.

Summer Grand Prix 2023  
Continental Cup 2023/24

Horst Hüttel (Chair) commented that Klingenthal might host a third COC event.

## **7. TD Nominations**

Gangwon 2024 (KOR)  
TD: Branko Simic (SLO)  
TDA: Würth Jonas (GER)

JWSC Planica (SLO)  
TD: Rune Sörli (NOR)  
TDA: Daniel Köhler (GER)

WSC 2025, Trondheim (NOR)  
TD: Matjia Stegnar (SLO)  
TDA: Jana Koziskova (CZE)

OWG 2026, Milano-Cortina (ITA)  
TD: Günter Csar (AUT)  
TDA: Stanislav Jirasek (CZE)

## **8. Other items arising**

- Development / partnership program  
The program has to be confirmed by the FIS Council on May 24<sup>th</sup>. All info on the application process will be send out in June/July.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented that not only events should be supported but also support programs between nations.

- Nations supporting nations  
The Nations supporting nations program is in progress.

Mario Stecher (AUT) informed that there is a cooperation with Ivo Pertile (ITA), that includes exchanges about equipment as well as with the coaches and service staff. Additionally, the ITA athletes can compete at the Austrian National events. Furthermore, a cooperation is planned with Poland for their Youth.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) thanked the Austrian NSA for the cooperation.

Horst Hüttel (Chair) informed about their cooperation with SUI. Additionally, a cooperation with the Netherlands is planned in Winterberg. Also KAZ reached out to train during summer in Germany.

Takanori Kohno (JPN) informed that other teams can use the wind tunnel in Tokyo. Especially the women's teams.

- Working group Timing  
A new working group for Timing was implemented with Ulf Seechase (FIS), Jan Rune Grave (FIS), Jyri Pelkonen (FIN) and Andrea Roggia (ITA).

Jan Rune Grave (FIS) informed that the group is looking into the timing reports.

#### Injury & Illness Report

Tom Kastner presented the [results from the Injury & Illness](#) surveillance during the WSC in Planica 2023

#### FIS Strategic Plan

Niklas Carlsson and Fiona Stevens presented the [Five-Year Rolling Strategic Plan](#).

### **9. Next meetings**

FIS Autumn meetings take place from 26.-28.09.2023 in Zurich (SUI).

### **10. Closing of the Meeting**

Horst Hüttel informed that he will step down as Chairman of the Nordic Combined Committee. He will part of the Committee as a member in the future.

Chairman Horst Hüttel closed the meeting at 18:44 CET.