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- Members of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

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- Michel Vion, FIS Secretary General
- Massimo Rinaldi, Chairman Alpine Committee
- Janez Fleré, Alpine Coordinator
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- Elena Gaja, Chair of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses
- Markus Malsiner, Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine TD's
- Tommy Eliasson, Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Ski Cross

Oberhofen, 11.10.2023

Minutes Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules, Thursday, 28.09.2023 held in Zurich (SUI)

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules held on 28.09.2023.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **30.09.2023** (luessy@fis-ski.com).

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Huber', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michael Huber
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

**Meeting Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules
Thursday, 28.09.2023, 12:00 – 12:35, Conference Room Zurich A/B**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

Chairman Michael Huber (AUT) opened by welcoming members and guests. He congratulated Jana Palovicova (SVK) to be nominated by FIS Council decision as Vice Chair.

2. Roll call (enclosed)

Janez Flere (FIS) called the Roll. Some members were absent and excused. See the enclosed attendance list.

3. Approval of the agenda

Approval of the official invitation, including the agenda, which was sent out on August 30th 2023 in compliance with the Sub-Committee Rules.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO) on 04.05.2023

The minutes of the Spring meeting, which were sent out on May 15th 2023, were approved. The only remark by the Chair was to highlight a copy and paste error in the last sentence of the agenda concerning point 11. This was not an online meeting, it was a meeting in person. Members are asked to check the minutes carefully in future as well.

5. Report of the Chairperson

- The FIS Online Congress on May 25th 2023 did not include any ICR related items to report.
- The FIS Council Meeting on May 24th 2023 included the item about Committee principles. The FIS Council confirmed the further wish to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the FIS Organisation. Currently 1,385 committee positions are in 56 committees, many consisting of 40+ members. More information to come.
- As a note, on Friday 02.02.2024, everybody should celebrate the 100th anniversary of FIS.
- No further questions about the report.

6. ICR – items from the last meeting

Information from the Chair, nothing to deal with now. But a reminder of a very productive Spring Meeting:

- BASIC DECISION about the rule change, now it is generally prohibited to continue in a racer's run after a complete stop, now also in Slalom. Complementary information by Stefano Pirola (CHI), that this rule was valid for the Southern Hemisphere based on their Precisions, but teams did not recognize this change. So, it will be a process for further education, which takes time.

- BASIC DECISION to change the old format of the Combined Team Event with 4 competitors (2m/2w) into the new format Team Combined with 2 competitors.
- INTRODUCTION that modern communication channels, which can be used instead of an official notice board, if announced at the 1st team captains' meeting.
- INTRODUCTION about a definition of the expression "Level" within the ICR, based on the 1st page of the FIS Point list.
- PRECISION about double entries, that racers may enter two competitions on the same day at the same site. For competitions at different sites, the old rule stayed the same.
- PRECISION about the minimum gate distance within delayed combinations.
- PRECISION about the exceptional use of an alternative gate panel color in Super-G for improved visibility.
- PRECISION minor change about timing and parallel rules.
- ALL PROPOSALS WERE APPROVED BY THE FIS COUNCIL. These were included in the Spring Meeting Minutes (see ICR articles in case of).

7. ICR – urgent matters and precisions (Northern Hemisphere)

No urgent matters came up at the last minute to be dealt with.

8. ICR – outlook about rules subjects and questions

8.1. ICR art. 601.4.1.4 and 601.4.2.3 Jury composition

- Explanation by Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), it is time to think about adjusting and harmonizing these rules.
- Anki Svaerdby-Bergman (SWE) supports the idea and wanted to express this, the same has to be valid for men in women's juries as well.
- Olga Krizova (CZE) (SC WOMEN) informs about the history of the rule how it came into being and supports this thinking, as well- and vice versa.
- Michael Huber (AUT) (CHAIR) reminds, that not just TD, Chief of Race and Referees are members of the Jury, but also Start- and Finish Referee. Thanks to the feedback, a proposal will be presented in spring.

8.2. ICR art. 601.4.5.6 Language of Jury minutes

- Information by the Chair, the FIS Congress on May 25th 2023 decided about an update of the FIS Statutes. For the ICR the only official language is English. So, the Jury minutes have to be adjusted accordingly.
- Will be prepared by Janez Flerc (FIS).
- Reminder by the Chair from the last Fall meeting, that for all other ICR languages (Spanish, Italian, German, French etc.), the NSA concerned should organise the translation of the latest version. Do not wait too long, do it annually.

The Chairman asked all members of the Sub-Committee Alpine Rules to be sensitive over the next weeks and months to listen and look out for necessary items to be dealt with at the Spring Meeting. We should never get tired to work on improvements of the ICR. As another example:

- Check about ICR adaptations in regard to the Airbag protector's mandatory use from 2024/25 season World Cup / OWG / WSC and 2025/26 COC.

9. Reports

9.1. ICR related items from other Alpine Sub-Committees:

- Asked by the Chairman, no special cases were mentioned directly relating to Sub-Committees for Courses, Classification, Youth & Children.
- In regard to Equipment, Chair Michael Huber will inform FIS office in writing about ICR art. 222.6.f, with the proposal to find a common name for (A) Official FIS Equipment Controllers, (B) FIS Technical Expert, (C) FIS Measurement Experts, as this person seems to be the same person all of the time.
- About Sub-Committee Alpine World Cup, Michael Huber (AUT) gave information about the proposal of the Athletes Commission about the introduction of a "Highest Leader Bib" for World Cup purposes only. For more information, please ask Verena Stuffer (ITA). Additional information was given about the newly introduced Team Combined. Questions, especially about the point system, were raised and will be dealt with at tomorrow's World Cup Meeting.
- Final report about the FIS Council approval, to have the daily TD Reimbursement for all Levels valid from October 16th 2023 from CHF 100.-- to CHF 125.--.

9.2. Alpine Sub-Committee Ski Cross (Update Appeals Rules)

Nothing to report.

9.3. Appeals Commission

The Chair of the Alpine Appeals Commission Josef Zingerle (ITA), reported that there was no case to deal with during the past period. Michael Huber (AUT) thanked Josef for his readiness to act in case of.

10. Miscellaneous

Janez Flere (FIS) was asked to confirm if the FIS Congress decision of not reprinting the ICR by the FIS Administration was the same. It was confirmed, no reprinting, only the digital version is available.

11. Next meeting, 5th -9th May 2024, Portoroz (SLO)

Alpine FIS Coordinator Janez Flere informed the Sub-Committee, that the FIS Technical Meetings will take place from May 5th – 9th 2024 in Portoroz (SLO).

Michael Huber (AUT) thanked everyone for their attendance of this meeting. He reminded everyone to keep an eye on ICR matters for possible updates in the Spring Meeting and wished a good Northern Hemisphere winter season.

The meeting was closed at 12:35