

To the

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**Minutes Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules
Hotel Hilton Zurich (SUI), Thursday, 29.09.2022**

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure of sending you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules held on 29.09.2022.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **17.10.2022** (flere@fisski.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,



Michael Huber
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

Enclosure: mentioned

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Alpine Committee and to the approval of the FIS Council.

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Hotel Hilton Zurich (SUI), Thursday, 29.09.2022, 12:00 to 13:45 hrs.

1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Chairman Michael Huber opened by welcoming members and guests to this first Fall Meeting of Alpine Rules in person since Fall 2019.

2. Roll call (enclosed)

Janez Flere called the Roll. Some members were absent. A special welcome was made to new members for the next period 2022-2024, they were introduced and their predecessors thanked for their voluntary service to this Sub-Committee.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The official invitation was sent out on August 31st in compliance with the Sub-Committee Rules. It also included the agenda, but no enclosures.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the online meeting, 11.05.2022

The minutes of the Online Spring meeting were sent out on May 18th 2022. With no additional remarks, the minutes were approved.

5. Report of the Chairman

5.1 Information about new FIS Sub-Committee Strategies

The Chairman informed the Sub-Committee about an online Meeting on 30th August 2022 with about 60 Chairs of all disciplines, lead by the FIS secretary generals. Ideas were proposed to have an Executive Board in each Committee / Sub-Committee (C / SC), elected by its members, as well the election of Chair and Vice-Chair. For Michael Huber a main question related to that is, does it improve the efficiency of the C/SC work? A comment from the members was given, that it will become a political issue, which is never easy to lead. Following that, the members were asked to express their opinions on the proposals in writing. Generally this SC works well, as long as there are experienced and motivated members attending. In the name of the FIS Management, Chair Michael Huber thanked everyone for their readiness, to support this SC even after the pandemic period.

OTHER ITEMS

Chair Michael Huber informed regarding the inclusion of Para-Sport within FIS (Alpine, Cross Country, Snowboard). The Para-Sports will form their own special committee with their own rulebook. The Para-Sports shall be given a warm welcome within the FIS family.

Finally the spotlight was given to the newly established "Mountain 10", coordinated by the UN, IOC and FIS. It is about sustainable behavior in the mountains. A copy will be sent with the minutes (**ENCLOSURE**).

6. ICR – items from last meeting

6.1 Info about prop. ICR art. 1001.1.1 and 1001.1.2 (Super-G in 2 runs).

>> Introduction and discussion regarding more technical details of the proposal.

As an introduction to this agenda point, Chair Michael Huber repeated the development of the French proposal since Spring 2021. As summarized in the minutes of the Spring Meeting 2022, an updated proposal was presented to the attending members.

After intensive discussion about the Pros and Cons of the updated proposal, Philipp Martin and the majority of the members made known their wish, to stick to the original proposal which was voted on and supported in Spring. Alpine FIS Coordinator Janez Flere explained, that he will inform the Alpine Executive again with the basic proposal. It does not make sense to go into more details at this stage if the basic principle would not be supported by the Alpine Executive. The members express their support for this procedure.

6.2. Info ICR art. 1232.2 (Parallel 0.75 sec Penalty instead of 0.5 sec).

>> Decision FIS council of May 25th 2022; not approved / not adopted.

The Chairman informed, that the FIS council on 25th of May 2022 did not support the proposal from the Spring meeting, to level up the penalty time from 0.50 to 0.75 seconds first run. FIS Alpine Coordinator Janez Flere explained the wording of the Council minutes, which indicates a desire to the use of the “real time”. But that would leave the question of how to handle DNS, DNF, DSQ. Flere sees the responsibility of this Sub-Committee to work up an alternative proposal for Spring 2023.

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

Firstly, information was given about the adaption of the ICR regarding the new FIS statutes (ICR art. 225.4.1, 225.4.2 and 647.1.4). The word “FIS Court” (old) was replaced with “CAS” (new). The respective wordings were published in the Southern Hemisphere precisions.

Secondly, information was given with reference to the adaption of the ICR, decided by the FIS Council on May 25th, in regard to daily rates for TD (art. 602.5).

Finally, questions were raised regarding the new FIS statutes, which included the request to publish all ICR’s in English, French, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish. Alpine FIS Coordinator Janez Flere informed, that this task does not have to be done by the Sub-Committee. Information on the technical solution will be supplied at a later date.

8. ICR – outlook about rules subjects and questions

8.1 AUT - Change of general principles of start order (adapt to World Cup)

Chairman Michael Huber presented a short overview of the long term ICR principle of the draw with the 1st group consisting of the best 15 racers present. On the other hand, the World Cup decided to move towards groups of 10 to be drawn within the top 30. The Chair if this represented a new era in Alpine Racing and might be adopted within the ICR. The vast majority of the members present expressed their preference, to stay with the long term system of groups of 15.

8.2 AUT - Advantages and Disadvantages to use “FIS Levels” in the ICR

Chairman Michael Huber presented a detailed overview of the “levels” as given in the so called “1st page” of each FIS Point list. In the past, the word “level” was not used in the ICR, however, in the past few years, the word can be found 16 times as a guide in several articles. As additional information, within the S.C. Alpine Classification, the discussion has begun to adjust the level of “FIS races”. The members of S.C. Alpine rules were asked if they feel inclined to further support the use of the term “level” within the ICR, or to reduce it, as changes might be complicated to implement. The vast majority of the members present expressed their opinion, to support the use of “level” within the ICR, by (a) making it clear, where the overall view of levels can be found, and (b) produce a list containing the fully written levels (not only the abbreviations) as a reference at the end of the ICR.

8.3 FRA – Improve Online Registration possibilities (ICR art 215)

The French member of Alpine rules pointed out his opinion, that FIS should support with the option to enable online entry not just for World Cup level, but also for lower levels. After some years of development, it should be made mandatory. For that reason, a database and a definition for data exchange should be established. The members of this Committee support this opinion, with the notice from Alpine FIS Coordinator Janez Flere, that this will take time, as there are about 4.000 competitions across many different levels that have to be considered in Alpine alone. Therefore the system must be made very flexible for all FIS disciplines and levels.

8.4 ITA – Possible Precision regarding gate distance (art. 801.2.3) and gate color (art. 1001.3.2)

At the Italian TD update, the following questions had been raised.

Firstly, the minimum distance of a delay gate within a delay combination is not defined. It can be interpreted to be 0.75 cm, and that all undefined distances are subject to a Jury decision within their jurisdiction of control as described in the ICR. The members of the Alpine rules committee expressed their opinion, that this precision should be included in the ICR, as a proposal for the FIS spring meeting 2023.

Secondly, for Super-G, there is no exception indicated, as there is in Downhill (art. 701.3.2), concerning a change of color based on a jury decision to improve visibility and therefore safety in a speed event. The members of the S.C. Alpine Rules expressed their opinion, that such a possibility in specific circumstances should be brought into the ICR, but only for a limited number of gates and not for the whole course set.

9. Reports

9.1 ICR related items from other Alpine Sub-Committees

Chairman Michael Huber and Janez Flere confirmed, that after asking the relevant Chairs, that they gave no information, to the Fall Meeting to be immediately considered for ICR articles.

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

Information was given by the Chairman Michael Huber regarding a meeting that took place in the summer for the necessary coordination as requested. As a detail, the S.C. Alpine Ski Cross still uses the ICR of Freestyle and Snowboard. For questions regarding appeals, the relevant Appeals Commission is responsible. If the ICR Alpine would be the basis in future, the Alpine appeals commission has to deal with Ski Cross matters but can ask experts from the sport for support. The long-term outlook will be, that Ski Cross becomes an independent Discipline (like Nordic Combined, consisting of Cross Country and Jumping elements).

9.3 Appeals Commission

The Appeals Chair Josef Zingerle was excused. But he informed, that there was no cases to deal with from the Southern Hemisphere season.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Proposal Honorary Member S.C. Alpine Rules

Chairman Michael Huber welcomed former Vice-Chair Dave Pym from Canada and expressed his endless thank you to Dave, for 20 years of unbelievable support and expertise for this Sub-Committee Alpine Rules. After Dave stepping down in Spring, the Chairman asked the members to support the proposal, to recognize Dave Pym for his outstanding professional and voluntary work and become an honorary member of this Sub-Committee. Members express their unanimous support by standing ovation. This proposal will be forwarded to the Alpine Committee and the FIS Council.

11. Next meeting, FIS Spring Technical Committees Meetings, 03.-05.05.2023, Dubrovnik (CRO)

Alpine FIS Coordinator Janez Flere informed the Committee, that the FIS Technical Meetings will take place from May 3rd – 5th 2023 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.