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**Minutes of the 92nd Nordic Combined Committee Meeting
Hotel Hilton, Zürich-Airport (SUI), 27.09.2024**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the 92nd Meeting of the Nordic Combined Committee held in Zurich on 27th September 2024.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **15th November 2024**.

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. We wish you a nice and beautiful summer.

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Lasse Ottesen
Race Director Nordic Combined



Jacqueline Stark
Chair Nordic Combined Committee

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Nordic Combined Committee**

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All proposals and decisions of the Nordic Combined Committee are subject to the approval of the FIS Council, 25.10.2023.

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair Jacqueline Stark (AUT) welcomed all members and guests to the 92nd meeting of the Nordic Combined Committee at 08:00 CET.
Appointment of Secretary, Sophie Hargesheimer.

2. Members Present

	Remarks	Substitutes
STARK Jacqueline AUT	Chair	
AIT OUARCHIKH Hicham MAR	Not present	
BIERI Joel SUI		
BUKOVNIK Janez SLO	Not present	
CHASHCHYN Leonid BLR	Excused	
CHUDY Peter SVK		
DUBROVSKI Stanislav RUS	Excused	
HÜTTEL Horst GER		
LOIT Rauno EST		
MICHALCZUK Jakub POL		
PERTILE Ivo ITA		
SLAVIK Tomas CZE	Excused	
VANGOLU Sebahattin Yenai TUR	Not present	
VERVEYKIN Andrey KAZ	Excused	
WOOLSEY Jim CAN		

Executive Board:

SATO Tomoki JPN		
JARETT John David, USA	Excused	Anders Johnson
GOUY Etienne, FRA		
PELKONEN Jyri FIN	Excused	
FOSSHEIM Edgar NOR		

CSAR Günter AUT	Chair NC SC Rules and Control	
RYDZEK Johannes GER	Athlete Rep.	
HAGEN Ida Marie NOR	Athlete Rep	Excused

HAIM Harald AUT	Excused
PONIKVAR Uros SLO	Not present
KOJONKOSKI, Mika FIN	Not present

OTTESEN Lasse	FIS Race Director
GRAVE Jan Rune	FIS Assistant Race Director
KRAUS Guntram	FIS Coordinator / Equipment Control
NEUMAYER Michael	FIS COC Coordinator
HARGESHEIMER Sophie	FIS Media Coordinator
LÖSCHER Kerstin	FIS Equipment Control Women Excused
NAPPEY Madeline	FIS Nordic Assistant
SCHMID Catrin	FIS Equipment Control Women COC

Guests:

Alexander Emde	Infront
Luca Gianmoena	LOC Cortina Milano
Florian Liegl	NSA AUT
Maximilian Obergruber	NSA AUT
Michael Simmak	Swiss Timing
Benjamin Stoll	FIS M&M
Stefan Distel	FIS M&M
Takanori Kohno	NSA JPN
Suzanne Tahk	NSA EST
Linda Svendsrud	NSA NOR
Ulf Seehase	FIS IT
LOC Ruka	
LOC Lahti	

3. Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the minutes of the Nordic Combined Committee 08.05.2024

4. Report from Summer events 2024

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) reported about the FIS Youth Cup in Tschagguns and thanked Günter Csar for his work.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) reported about the FIS Summer Grand Prix, including the women's large hill premiere in Oberstdorf and the return to Chaux-Neuve.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) commented that the course in Chaux-Neuve was not save. The athletes reported before that the corners are difficult and nobody listened, which lead to crashes during the rain.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) answered that there was a plan to change the course in case of rain but since it started raining after the race was already started, no change was possible. For the future a different layout will be chosen together with the LOC.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) said that in general it was a good event and everybody was happy to be back in France.

Rauno Loit (EST) commented that safety is most important and athletes do not think about difficult corners during the race because everybody is focused on winning. Therefore, the course, also in winter, needs to be safe.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) agreed and will bring the comments to the LOCs.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) reported that the attendance at the Media Day in Oberstdorf was not good and it is necessary that everybody understands the importance of these events. FIS TV is interested in promoting the SGP next season and to be able to sell the product properly, everybody has to be on board.

Etienne Guy (FRA) commented that it was sad that no Norwegian women were on start in Chaux-Neuve. Only 19 athletes were present on the women's side and the LOC was very disappointed.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) agreed. It is difficult to get all nations to participate in the

summer.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) commented that most top athletes are just participating in one or two events.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented that there have been some serious injuries in the Norwegian team which lead to less athletes participating. But this should not be an excuse for the future.

Horst Hüttel (GER) commented that the coaches are deciding whether the athletes are participating or not. A clear commitment from the coaches is therefore needed. Proposal to inform the coaches in spring about the summer plans to get their feedback.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) proposal to have events where teams are training anyway. For example, Trondheim would have been an option this summer. Next year it could be Val di Fiemme.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) commented that it is important for all nations to participate everywhere. Many nations are doing an effort to be a part and it is a matter of respect towards the LOC.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) reported about the Equipment updates that were implemented and tested during SGP.

Rauno Loit (EST) commented that it will not look good on TV how the athletes are behaving in the outrun after the jump, due to the crotch measurement taken at the bottom.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) agreed. Any kind of manipulation of the equipment will of course not be tolerated.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) commented that the development in Ski Jumping was similar. It regulated itself over time.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that it is about how the athletes want to present themselves. Taking away the box at the top would be an option to avoid weird behaviour before the jump.

5. WC and COC 2024-25 calendar

Michael Neumayer (FIS) presented the COC calendar.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented the World Cup calendars.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) asked if the Super Sprint is out of the calendar in Lillehammer.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) confirmed that it was not possible to do the Super Sprint in Lillehammer. Goal to do it next season.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented the Summer Grand Prix calendar 2025.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) explained that the plan is to have competitions in Planica or Villach together with the Youth Cup, in August.

Etienne Gouy (FRA) commented that Chaux-Neuve would also be an option for the Summer Grand Prix.

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) asked if they would be able to host a Youth Cup.

Etienne Gouy (FRA) answered that accommodation could be an issue.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) presented the World Cup calendars 2025/26.

Rauno Loit (EST) asked Horst Hüttel how the opportunities for a second weekend in Germany are.

Horst Hüttel (GER) answered that the federation had financial problems but the goal is to have two weekends in Germany again in the future.

6. Rules & Regulation update / proposals.

Bonus seconds Mass Start

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) gave an update from the Working Group. Two different options for simulation were found and will be tested. The final proposal will be presented in the sub-committee in spring 2025, to not interfere with the WSC in Trondheim.

Confirmed.

Suit limitations

Maximum of 5 suits are allowed per season.

1. Period: 3 suits

2. Period: 0 suit.

3. Period: 1 suit

WSC/JWSC: 1 suit

4. Period: 0 suit

3 suits for the 1. Period

8 YES, 3 NO - Confirmed.

1 additional suit for the 2. Period

1 YES, 10 NO - Denied.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) commented that athletes want to have more suits in the beginning. 3 suits should be allowed in the first period instead of 2.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) agreed with the proposal. It could support middle nations to have the option to change already during the first period.

Anders Johnson (USA) commented that a maximum of two suits can be stamped during one weekend. Therefore, it will only be two suits in Ruka, even if three are allowed in the first period in total.

Etienne Gouy (FRA) commented to stamp both suits at the same time to avoid teams adjusting their second suit after testing the first.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) agreed to 3 suits in the first period and 0 in the second.

The suits will be marked by stamps. The new chip system will be tested during the season and evaluated in the spring.

Confirmed.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) commented that it has to be made sure that the stamps cannot be faked.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) commented that multiple stamps and colours will be used to ensure that cheating is not possible.

Joel Bieri (SUI) asked if all parts of the suit are getting stamped.

Guntram Kraus (FIS) answered that the stamps will be in the place where the chips will be in the future. A total of 7 stamps will be used. The athletes full name has to be written in the suit for identification.

Rauno Loit (EST) commented that for now the stamp system is safer than the chip system, that is not fully tested yet.

Etienne Gouy (FRA) asked what the punishment is for manipulation.

Michael Neumayer (FIS) answered that in the Ski Jumping guidelines the rule is that the suit will be out and athlete will be disqualified for the day.

Per competition day 1 suit is allowed and can only be replaced, if it was broken due to a crash in the field of play.

WC Quota update

Outside WC quota updated for the men.

Confirmed.

Günter Csar (Chair Rules&Control) proposed to double the total quota for all nations, because with the new proposal, NC has a lower quota than SJ.

Ruka LOC commented that the hotels are defining the prices. The LOC will support in finding accommodation but the Over quota price has nothing to do with the LOC.

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) commented that the goal should be to support the LOCs and to close the gap between smaller and bigger nations.

Rauno Loit (EST) agreed with Jan-Rune Grave that this proposal helps the Nations supporting Nations program, because it is a benefit for the bigger nations.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) commented that all nations can bring as much staff as they like when they pay the full price. Rising costs for the LOCs will not help finding new organizers.

Eligible to start WC women

SGP points are valid for qualifying for World Cup, since the Falun COC was cancelled.

Confirmed.

Common waxing rules in Schonach

Waxing tent and no extra waxing cabins for teams.

1 changing cabin/nation (Men and women together)

Wax trucks allowed for preparation

Working group to establish guidelines (LOC, wax supplier, FIS, NSA, Wax tech rep)

All equipment for Saturday and Sunday will be provided by the supplier.

Confirmed.

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) asked why it is allowed to take the truck to Schonach.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) answered that common waxing will only happen on Saturday and Sunday. The truck is needed for transportation and for preparation on Thursday and Friday.

Etienne Gouy (FRA) commented that it is not fair that some teams have trucks and they can grind inside there.

Horst Hüttel (GER) answered that it is allowed for everyone to grind on Friday. It is very difficult to regulate everything, therefore it is possible for everyone on the first two days in the tent.

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) added that the teams need multiple cars to transport the equipment otherwise, so it is easier to let them bring the truck.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) commented that the best teams already have the best skis and therefore an advantage.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) commented that one changing cabin can be a challenge with the national group on site.

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) added that there is additional space in the main building for changing. The new rule, regarding only bringing one container per nation, just needs to be set.

Ivo Pertile (ITA) commented that common waxing is not helping Nordic Combined to develop further. The gap is just getting bigger between the nations.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) gave an update on the Timeline and Process until the OWG 2030. The IOC decision about the program will be made in June 2025.

OWG 2030 Program Application

Quota: 36 Women – 36 Men

Events: Mixed Team, Individual LH (Men), Individual NH (Women), Team Sprint LH (Men and Women)

Edgar Fossheim (NOR) proposed to add one more Individual event per gender.

Johannes Rydzek (AR) agreed.

Joel Bieri (SUI) agreed.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) informed that the proposal will be discussed internally with the

management first, before it will be sent to the IOC.

Michael Neumayer (FIS) commented that it is crucial that all nations are participating in the JWSC in Lake Placid, to present good numbers to the IOC.

Horst Hüttel (GER) asked if it would be possible to continue the FIS Development program over 2026 to support Nordic Combined after the IOC decision.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) answered that the goal should be to also support in the future.

7. Q&A with the futures organizers

- WSC Trondheim 2025

Johannes Rydzek (AR) asked if the Individual Compact for the men is confirmed and if the same course is used as in the World Cup.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) confirmed.

- JWSC Lake Placid 2025
- OWG Milano Cortina 2026
- WSC Falun 2027

8. Other items arising

Benjamin Stoll (FIS) gave an update on the Digital M&M strategy.

Jim Woolsey (CAN) asked if there are possibilities for individual sponsoring for athletes with the content provided by FIS.

Benjamin Stoll (FIS) answered that the content can be used in allocations with possible sponsors and gives the athletes the opportunity to use their own footage to promote themselves.

Rauno Loit (EST) asked if there are still promotions happening on Facebook or if only TikTok is used in the future.

Benjamin Stoll (FIS) answered that the engagement on Facebook is lower compared to other platforms. The services will still be there, but the focus will be on platforms where it is possible to reach the audience that does not own a TV anymore, which is the next generation.

Rauno Loit (EST) asked if the support will also be there for the LOCs.

Benjamin Stoll (FIS) answered that collaboration posts and behind-the-scenes content are there to support the LOCs.

Alexander Emde (Infront) gave an update on the TV numbers from Infront.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) gave an update on the Development program that takes place in cooperation with the other Nordic disciplines.

Jan-Rune Grave (FIS) added that the Nations supporting Nations program is finally taking off and many teams are supporting each other. The goal is to work even closer together in the future to bring nations back that were lost and recruit new ones in the

future. Support in developing them is needed from the teams.

Lasse Ottesen (FIS) informed that the Nordic Combined development fund received 19 applications and the final decision will be made next week.

Günter Csar (Chair Rules&Control) informed that the next TD Seminar will take place 12th – 14th June 2025.

9. Next meetings

The next Nordic Combined Committee meeting will take place during the FIS Spring meetings 5th - 9th May 2025 in Villamoura (POR).

Chair Jacqueline Stark closed the meeting at 12:20 CET.