

To the

Members Sub-Committee for Freestyle (Moguls - Aerials)
 Members of the Committee for Snowboard Freestyle Freeski

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Provisional Minutes FIS for Sub-Committee for Freestyle

Dear Friends,

Please find enclosed the "**Provisional Minutes**" of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Freestyle.

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing you that the meeting documents are available here:

With kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Michael Kennedy

Chair

Anders Olofsson

Vice-Chair

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Provisional Minutes – for the meeting of the FIS Sub-Committee Freestyle Thursday, 26.09.2024 – 14:00 – 18:00 hrs, Room "London"

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 - 7.6 World University Games 2025 Torino (ITA)
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- 7. Next Meeting
 - Vilamoura (POR) 5th 9th May, 2025

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dear Freestyle Friends

Welcome once again to the Autumn meetings of the FIS Freestyle Sub Committee.

The past months since our Spring meetings in Portoroz has seen our Southern Winter season come and go! It was another challenging snow season for Australia and to a lesser extent New Zealand. South America fared better with Mogul teams training in Chile and Argentina. There is clearly opportunity to grow our sport in the Southern Hemisphere with teams prepared to travel but very little CoC and FIS level competitions being held on snow in Moguls and Aerials outside of Australia.

The difficult snow conditions in Australia resulted in the cancellation of events both at the Continental Cup level and FIS/National event level. Despite this Perisher was once again able to deliver a world class mogul course and CoC event and remains a popular destination for visiting international teams.

Whilst the FIS Summer Grand Prix series for Aerials was held over until 2025, it was great to see several FIS level water-jump competitions run in many locations including Switzerland, USA, Austria, China, Czech and Australia. With updated Summer Grand Prix rules being considered at these meeting it is hoped we will see the series return in 2025 with more hosts and participation from Nations as we collectively balance team training needs, budgets and athlete competition opportunities.

Over the past month you will know that we called for expressions of interest for members of the Freestyle community to join the various advisory groups. The FIS Freestyle Executive is committed to ensuring Advisory Groups are efficient, expert, and well-connected to their communities. A process of assessment and "refresh" ultimately helps ensure the right mix of skills and experience to meet the Committee's strategic objectives. While current Advisory Groups have been effective, it is timely to evaluate their capacity and impact, including how members support professional staff and engage the broader community. We are encouraged by the interest expressed in joining the advisory groups and we look forward to finalising these shortly. Each Advisory Group and Working Group will propose a chair, subject to approval by the FIS Freestyle Executive.

Additionally at the Zurich meetings we have scheduled a special Aerial Advisory Group "Taskforce" meeting to specifically discuss some of the challenges and opportunities available to grow the sport of aerial skiing. It is no secret that the World Cup calendar is facing challenges with certain traditional host nations unable to run events currently. We look forward to discussing how the active nations in terms of those that invest in programs, facilities and/or events can collaborate to drive growth in the sport into the future.

More broadly our committee is beginning a process to define a future vision. "Where do we see Freestyle in 10 years?". I am grateful to Anders Olofsson and Joe Fitzgerald who have begun framing the process and we look forward to an update at the meeting.

We are now inside 500 days from the opening of 2026 Milan Cortina Olympic Winter Games and the Olympic Qualification period has effectively commenced. I recently visited the Olympic venue in Livigno and I have no doubt it will be an amazing showcase for Freestyle Skiing with the Aerial site and Mogul venue side by side. As we all know Dual Moguls will make an Olympic Debut and we all know what an incredible show it will be.

Congratulations also to Iain Mackay (GBR) who was recently confirmed by council as the latest Honorary Member of the FIS Freestyle Sub-Committee.

I wish you good meetings.

Regards Michael Kennedy

1.1 Identification of Voting Delegates

Members:

Chair: Michael Kennedy AUS Present Vice-Chair: Anders Olofsson SWE Present Todd Allison CAN Present **Enver Ablaiev** UKR Absent Fabien Bertrand FRA Present Matthew Gnoza USA Present Mikhail Kurlovic BLR Excused Minna Karhu FIN Present Pat Sharples GBR Present

Michel Roth SUI Online Present

Tina Tanaka Sundekvist JPN Present
Askar Valiyev KAZ Present
Anatoly Yakheev RUS Excused
Matevz Stanovnik SLO Present

Zhen Wang CHN Online Present Filip Vich CZE Online Present

Conference:

Junsung Park **KOR** Absent Yuliya Fominikh Present ARM Jan Jakuobco SVK Absent Camila Freitas BRA Absent Vakhtang Kopadze **GEO** Present Melanie Melinger Present AUT Reyes Santaolalla ESP Absent

FIS Staff:

Andrea Rinaldi FIS Present

Konrad Rotermund FIS Online Present

Karin Arnold FIS Present

Athletes Committee:

Alex Fiva SUI (Freestyle Skiing men) Absent (Freestyle Skiing women) Sarah Höfflin SUI Absent Annamari Dancha UKR (Snowboard women) Absent Alexander Payer (Snowboard men) Absent **AUT**

Honorary Members:

Joseph T Fitzgerald CAN Present
Walt Hiltner AUS Excused
Peter Judge CAN Present
Iain Mackay GBR Excused

1.2 Introduction of Executive Board Members

Chair: Michael Kennedy AUS NAC WG Chair: Todd Allison CAN EC WG Chair: Anders Olofsson SWE AC/ANC/JAG WG Chair: Tina Tanaka JPN AAG Chair: Jeff Bean CAN MAG Chair: Matthew Gnoza USA TDAG Chair: Andy Stein CAN Member: Fabien Bertrand FRA Member: Askar Valivev KAZ

1.3 Approval of Minutes from last meeting (Spring 2024)

Minutes have been approved as presented.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Agenda has been approved as presented.

2. Reports FIS

2.1 Chair's Report

See "Opening and welcome remarks".

2.2 Race Director Report

Since last May's FIS Meeting in Portoroz SLO and the FIS Meetings in Zurich, I have traveled extensively and invested a lot of time in consolidating existing and proven relationships as well as cultivating new relationships and potential new stakeholders in the freestyle world, consequently I can summarize it with the following visits:

- **Switzerland:** visit and inspection with related preparatory meeting for the World Championships in St. Moritz, visit to Mettmenstetten for training and preparation for the Waterjump competition.
- **Italy:** visit and check of the ongoing work on the new 2026 Olympic couses and preparation of the WC Finals, now definitively confirmed.
- **Azerbaijan:** visit and inspection of Shahdag, intending to host events in the future.
- Georgia: with classic inspection in Bakuriani and a visit to Gudauri to assess possible future collaborations.
- **Armenia:** visit to 3 ski resorts in full development in winter sports.
- Kazakhstan: with inspection and definition of AE venue improvement projects for WJC and WC, and visit to Oi-Qaragai for future events especially in the Moguls.

- **France:** with visit to Alpe d'Huez for planning and preparation of the now classic MO and DM World Cup.
- **USA:** with inspection in Deer Valley, Lake Placid and Waterville Valley for World Cup competitions; Park City to attend FIS WaterJump competition.
- **Canada:** with inspection and visit to Val St. Come and Lac Beauport for traditional World Cup stages; visit to Mt. St. Anne. Attendance at the Waterjump competition.
- **China:** with visit to Shenyang, Changchung, Beidahu and Arshan locations for World Cup races and future development plans for international events. As well as a most interesting visit to the Qinhuangdao National Training Center for the 2 WaterJump competitions.

Unfortunately, I had to leave out for now Scandinavia, where anyway OCs are established and there were no real urgencies to deal with at the moment.

However, the list is long and there are many projects and ideas on the table, it is now a matter of consolidating some of them by opening new and further perspectives for the future of freestyle.

2.2.1 WC TV Data

It was my intention to report TV statistics with an in-depth analysis on the data provided by Infront; after looking at the data several times and finding several inconsistencies I don't think it is useful to report specific data that have no solid basis for analysis. Let me draw attention to just a few pieces of data:

- Ruka AE 32 million viewers, FS/FK/SB event by far with the highest number of viewers.
- AE Deer Valley 6.5 million, AE Lac-Beauport 4.5 million.
- Changchun AE/AET, 170,000 total viewers?
- MO/DM Alpe d'Huez season 2023, 3.5 million viewers, 2024, 90,000?

Also, there are too many inconsistencies between the report provided by FIS M&M and that of Infront, as well as on the takers list and the one then actually displayed in the statistics. I think and hope that in the future we could be more precise to provide our organisers with good tools to work with.

2.2.2 WJC 2025, future

As you all know I'm particularly and historically connected to the World Junior Championships, during my coaching career I have often participated in these events, I have been involved in at least 10-15 editions as an organiser, from Chief of Course to Chief of Competition, from TD to RD. Linked to this I have emphatically promoted the return of freestyle to the Youth Olympic Games.

I think it is essential that this event be constantly on our calendar in the future, if then Moguls and Aerials can also be combined with other Snowboard and Freeski events, so much the better, but surely, we must ensure its annual organisation.

Having said that I have to say that there are many locations and some NSAs interested but as of today we don't have a real candidate for the 2026 season where we should go back to placing the event in a traditional way at the end of the season, the interested ones now are the following:

- Arshan (CHN) exclusively with Aerials.
- Airolo (SUI), Valmalenco (ITA) and Jyvaskyla (FIN), for Moguls and Aerials only.
- Are-Duved (SWE) with something combined with SX and P&P, perhaps excluding Aerials.

- Canada and Czech Republic with undefined projects.

FIS M&M is paying special attention to this event; this year it will be more involved in the promotion and production of the Almaty competitions. We will have a presentation at the end of the Subcommittee meeting today.

It would be important for me and my colleagues to receive an official bid as soon as possible to submit to the Council for approval and so then to be able to start working calmly.

2.2.3 FIS Freestyle Education Plan

At the Strategy and Projects meeting the new strategy of the FIS Education department was presented by Cornelia Blank, area manager, the presentation was very precise and clear. This is a new step forward for FIS and all disciplines, especially for freestyle it will be of great help in implementing our Online, Onsite and Onsnow education strategy in various areas ranging from judges to technical delegates, from homologators to data service managers. Please see the presentation attached to the meeting documents and contact Cornelia or me for further clarification.

Overall, FIS education strategy will cover formal (i.e., licensed) and informal (i.e., information, awareness) education. The current focus is set on the formal education that aims at the development of different target groups including technical officials, coaches, athletes, and NSA. Starting with the technical officials, the first layer of the education strategy focuses on strategic decisions how the set-up should be implemented. Currently, we are working on the second layer defining the pathways of education of different roles in close cooperation with the respective disciplines. After finishing the second layer, the third layer will address the actual content and how this will be delivered.

2.2.4 FIS Freestyle GRAND PRIX 2025

I visited all Water Jump competitions around the world except for Brisbane AUS and Štíty CZE, the main purpose was to get a clear idea of what the future of Water Jump Gran Prix could be and the possibility of promoting this different vision of our sport as well.

After today's approval of the rules, it is my intention to prepare as soon as possible a calendar proposal to submit to the NSAs and Aerials Team, considering the geographical and sport implications.

Also very interesting is Australia's innovative proposal to offer an WC Opening on the Water Jump ramp in Brisbane Australia.

Summer calendar and evolution of the sport to be followed with much interest.

2.3 Athletes Report

There is the following news from the athletes' side: we were able to secure a permanent athlete spot on all technical committees. What we also achieved, which could be very interesting for you, is that we are allowed to nominate an athlete who is not on the Athletes' Committee for certain committees. This means it would be possible to nominate a mogul or aerial athlete to represent the athletes in the Freestyle Sub-Committee.

We are also looking for a candidate for the WADA Athlete Council. Every international federation is allowed to put one name forward for the vote. The Athlete does not need to be a member of the FIS Athletes' Committee.

Alex Fiva

3. Reports from Advisory Groups

3.1 Judges Advisory Group

The minutes of the Judges Advisory Group Meeting on 12th September can be found here.

3.1.1 Judges Advisory Group Members

Chair: Tina Tanaka Sundekvist, JPN

Members: Ian Hutchings, CAN

Marko Klančar, SLO Zoe Jaboor, AUS Alberto Orsatti, ITA

Aerial Advisory Group (AAG) chair: Michel Roth, SUI/ Co-chair Jeff Bean, CAN

Mogul Advisory Group (MAG) chair: Matt Gnoza, USA Member at Large: Matt Gnoza, USA Andrea Rinaldi, FIS RD

3.1.2 Chair's Report (Assignements)

After the spring meetings, we have been prepared education materials together with MAG and AAG (especially Dmitriy). Thank you so much for your cooperation and sharing your professional knowledge.

Online education and platform

FIS works on centralize the education platform for all the sports in FIS.

Learning Suites (https://www.learningsuite.io/) in Austria have informed as a new platform. There were two online meetings of the plan by FIS in July and August. In FS part, TD education and judges' education will be included.

On that platform in FS part, upgrade requirements and procedures as well as judging training with runs and jumps will be included. FIS plans to start using this from 2025-2026 season.

At present (15th April) for www.fis-edu.com, we have 1838 users registered.

Users on www.fis-edu.com:

Snowboard (SB): 662 Users Freestyle (FS): 598 Users Freeski (FK): 484 Users Combined Users: SB / FK: 29 Users SB / FS: 32 Users FS / FK: 55 Users SB / FS / FK: 11 Users

The decision about proposal to Judging Handbook in spring

- 6204.1, Change agreed to change Mogul turn scoring to Carving 60% Upper body 20%-absorption to 20% from previous 50%-25%-25% criteria.
- 6204.1.5 Change wording for turns 'Average' changes to 'Adequate', 'Below Average changes to 'Managing'
- The ranges category of MO Turn stays in 5 sections (Proposal to split the Excellent range into Very Good and Excellent was not agreed).
- Deduction scores, MAG wants judges to give base and deduction scores for all runs, (The proposal was not agreed if there are more than 12 points as deduction – no score).

Motions to FIS FS JAG

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The purpose to modify this part is to make this part easier to understand and harmonize with 2008.7.

WC assignment

FIS has sent out the WC judges spots to the NSAs.

Some B license judges have been recommended by NSA.

After the clinics and webinars attendance is completed near the middle of November the final Judging list will be completed. Judges and NSA will be informed at this time.

2024-2025 season WC Head Judges

They were determined according to each term and area.

November and December, John Buhler, CAN

January and February North America, Chuck Search (MO/DM) and John Gandolfo (AE), USA February and March in Asia, Yuliya Fominykh, ARM

March in Europe, Alberto Orsatti, ITA

FIN	Ruka, 30.11.2024	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Chuck Search, USA
МО	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: John Buhler, CAN	Alberto Orsatti, ITA	Martine Kohly, FRA
	TD: Peter Abrunner, AUT	Petri Anttila, FIN	Yuliya Fominykh, ARM	Danielle de Kleivert, NED, MO
			Midori Takano, JPN	,
SWE	Idre Fjäll, 0607.12.2024	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Mark Bunnah, CAN, MO
MO/DM	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: John Buhler, CAN	Pavla Slaba, CZE, MO	Tina Tanaka Sundekvist, JPN, MO/DM
	TD: Jukka Alkunen, FIN	Rasmus Täck, SWE	Arttu Leppäluoto, FIN, MO	Alexandra Krieger, GER, DM
			Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, DM	Danielle de Kleivert, NED, MO/DM
			Pipsa Pohjavirta, FIN, DM	Nicole Gafner-Bumann, SUI, MO
			Jose Maria Puig Crisol, ESP, DM	
FRA	Alpe d'Huez,1314.12.2024	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Hajime Ito, JPN, MO
MO/DM	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: John Buhler, CAN	Alberto Orsatti, ITA, MO/DM	Andrea Murphy, CAN, DM
	TD: Vicky Hamel, CAN	Gaspard Rubin, FRA	Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, MO/DM	Chuck Search, USA, DM
			Pavla Slaba, CZE, MO	Jim Bates, USA, MO
			Jose Maria Puig Crisol, ESP, DM	Danielle de Kleivert, NED, MO/DM
GEO	Bakuriani, 2021.12.2024	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Arttu Leppäluoto, FIN, MO
MO/DM	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: John Buhler, CAN	Alberto Orsatti, ITA, MO/DM	Pipsa Pohjavirta, FIN, DM
	Ast. RD: Stephen Fearing, FIS		Monique Clot, SUI, MO/DM	Marion Kohly, FRA, MO/DM
	TD: Jussi-Pekka Kinnunen, FIN		Yuliya Fominykh, ARM, MO/DM	Alexandra Krieger, GER, MO, DM
USA	Lake Placid, 1819.01.2025	On-Site Judges	Dejan Ladic, SLO, MO/DM Remote Judges	Nicole Gafner-Bumann, SUI, AET
	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: Chuck Search, USA	Olha Polyuk, UKR, AE/AET	Andrea Murphy, CAN, AE/AET
AL/AL1	Ast. RD: Konrad Rotermund, FIS	AE Spezialist: Dmitriy Kavunov, UZB	Qiu Sen, CHN, AE	Kalmurzayeva Akmarzhan, KAZ, AE/AET
	TD: Roman Vidovic, SLO	Emily Cook Lauer, USA, AE/AET	Qid octi, ottiv, te	Namarzayera / Namarzhan, 1992, / Nej / Ne
USA	Waterville, 2425.01.2025	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Jocelyne Volpe, CAN, MO/DM
	RD: Stephen Fearing, FIS	HJ: Chuck Search, USA	Rasmus Täck, SWE, MO/DM	Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, MO/DM
	TD: Guy André, CAN	Helena Carpenter, USA, MO/DM	Tina Tanaka Sundekvist, JPN, DM	Yuliya Fominykh, ARM, MO
		• • •	Giovanni Leoni, SUI, MO/DM	Gaspard Rubin, FRA, MO/DM
CAN	Lac-Beauport, 2526.01.2025	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Monique Clot, SUI, AE
AE/AE	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: John Gandolfo, USA	Alberto Orsatti, ITA, AE/AE	Emily Cook Lauer, USA, AE/AE
	TD: Roman Vidovic, SLO	AE Spezialist: Dmitriy Kavunov, UZB	Pipsa Pohjavirta, FIN, AE/AE	
		Daniel Murphy, CAN, AE/AE	Peter Medulics, HUN, AE	
CAN	Val St. Come, 31.0101.02.2025	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Jocelyne Volpe, CAN, MO/DM
MO/DM	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: Chuck Search, USA	Mikael Johansson, SWE, MO/DM	Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, MO/DM
	TD: Thomas J Soar, USA	Jocelyne Volpe, CAN, MO/DM	Yuliya Fominykh, ARM, MO/DM	Bill McNice, USA, MO/DM
USA	Deer Valley, 0608.02.2025	On-Site Judges	Hajime Ito, JPN, MO/DM Remote Judges	Keita Kise, JPN, MO/DM
	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: Chuck Search, USA	Alberto Orsatti, ITA, MO/DM/AE	Mark Bunnah, CAN, MO/DM
AE	TD: Luc Kohly, FRA	AE Spezialist: Dmitriy Kavunov, UZB	Sangmok Lee, KOR, MO/DM	Dana Liquorish, CAN, AE
_	,,	Emily Cook Lauer, USA, AE	Kalmurzayeva Akmarzhan, KAZ, AE	Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, MO/DM
		Chris Ellis, USA, MO/DM	Mldori Takano, JPN, AE	Yuliya Fominykh, ARM, MO/DM
CHN	Beidahu, 2124.02.2025	On-Site Judges	On-Site Judges	Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, MO/DM
	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: Yuliya Fominykh, ARM	Jörgen Eriksson, SWE, MO/DM	Alexandra Foroglou, USA, MO/DM/AE/AET
AE/AET	Ast. RD: Stephen Fearing, FIS	AE Spezialist: Dmitriy Kavunov, UZB	Qiu Sen, CHN, AE/AET/MO/DM	Zoe Jaboor, AUS, MO/DM/AE/AET
	TD; Sangmok Lee, KOR		Midori Takano, JPN, MO/DM/AE/AET	Danielle Gingras , CAN, MO/DM/AE/AET
KAZ	Almaty, 28.0202.03.2025	On-Site Judges	Remote Judges	Andrea Murphy, CAN, MO/DM
	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: Yuliya Fominykh, ARM	Alberto Orsatti, ITA, MO/DM	Qiu Sen, CHN, AE
AE	Ast. RD: Stephen Fearing, FIS	AE Spezialist: Dmitriy Kavanov, UZB	Martin Carr, GBR, MO/DM	Keita Kise, JPN, MO/DM
	TD: Craig Matthews, USA	Degteva Yuliya, KAZ, MO/DM Kalmurzayeva Akmarzhan, KAZ, AE	Chuck Search, USA, MO/DM Daniel Murphy, CAN, AE	Emily Cook Lauer, USA, AE Marion Kohly, FRA, MO/DM
		Naimurzayeva Akmarznan, NAZ, AE	Olha Polyuk, UKR, AE	Manon Kony, FRA, MO/DM
ITA	Livigno, 1113.03.2025	On-Site Judges	On-Site Judges	Chuck Search, USA, MO/DM/AE
	RD: Andrea Rinaldi, FIS	HJ: Alberto Orsatti, ITA	Jörgen Eriksson, SWE, MO/DM	Fu Chunming, CHN, MO/DM/AE
AE	Ast. RD: Karin Arnold, FIS	AE Spezialist: Dmitriy Kavunov, UZB	Giovanni Leoni, SUI, MO/DM/AE	Marion Kohly, FRA, MO/DM/AE
	TD: Andy Stein, CAN		Marko Klancar, SLO, MO/DM/AE	Alexandra Krieger, GER, MO/DM/AE

H.J.: Head Judge / TD: Technical Delegate / RD: Race Director / Ast. RD: Assistant Race Director / Ast.Ref: Assistant Referee/CA: Course Advisor

Nomination recommendations of judges for WJC 2025

Head Judge: Martin Carr, GBR

Judges: Alexandra Krieger (MO/DM/DMT/AE/AET)

Dejan Ladic, SLO (MO/DM/DMT/AE/AET) Keita Kise, JPN (MO/DM/DMT/AE/AET)

Josep Maria Puig Crisol, ESP (MO/DM/DMT/AE/AET)

Yuliya Degteva, KAZ (only MO/DM/DMT) Kalmurzayeva Akmarzhan, KAZ (only AE/AET) Rubin Gaspard, FRA (only MO/DM/DMT) Jackson Comben, AUS (MO/DM/DMT/AE/AET)

Video Controller: Dmitriy Kavunov, UZB

3.1.3 Dates of Judges clinics and Webinars / Online Training and Evaluation

4th to 6th October 2024, Annecy, FRA 18th to 20th October 2024r, Montreal, CAN 2nd to 4th November 2024, Tokyo, JPN

Webinar online schedule,

11th to 13th October 2024 in European time zone 18th to 20th October 2024 in North American time zone 15th to 17th November 2024 in Tokyo time zone

Online judging training and evaluation (Previous Mentoring / Assist program)

This is a very good system and opportunities for judges to train their skills.

FIS will plan to have this available during WC events as much as possible. All judges will have access to this link to watch events and maintain their skills throughout the season. We will prepare the information and google link to send out from FIS to the NSAs before the season get started.

The plan is also to set the evaluation program using this system. The results of assessment will be used for upgrade evaluation. The judges who plan to upgrade judges license are encouraged to join the evaluation program and further details being worked out.

The plan is that the schedule and procedure will be shared at the clinics and webinars.

One group of the next WC judges will use the system for training and another group can use for online training. Details still to be worked out.

Judges payment

For WC judges, FIS now will offer CHF25 (coffee and snacks) and CHF25 (improve technical setup and connection) to the daily fee.

- Total fee per day will be **CHF 175 per day** to be online judge.
 - o CHF125 (daily fee)
 - CHF25 (improve technical setup and connection)
 - CHF25 (coffee and snacks)

3.1.4 Upgrades

None

3.2 TD Advisory Group

3.2.1 TD Advisory Group Members

Member: Andy Stein CAN

Member: Matevz Stanovnik SLO
Member: Thomas Schaefer USA
Member: Jyrki Säämänen, FIN
Member at Large: Karin Arnold FIS

3.2.2 Chair's Report (Assignments)

Ruka 2023 in person Level 3 TD training:

11 Candidates from Europe and North America attended. They were divided into two groups and moved between the MO and AE site over a 3-day period. All the candidates also wrote their exams, and all passed. it was a positive experience. There were some recommendations to make it better:

- A published, detailed agenda for each group for each day. This would allow more preparation.
- A quiet classroom to write the test in (this was not available due to some scheduling issues).
- The ability to arrive early and see the actual mogul course build.
- More time in the Judges stand during the event so they can get a better understanding
 of the process and technology for on line judging as well as data entry by FIS.
- A request for FIS branded clothing once they become licensed TDs. They all want to represent FIS in a professional manner.

Online Courses:

There are two online courses (level 1 and 2) that are prerequisites for the in-person course. These are being updated for this season. These need to be promoted better to the NSAs for use by all officials entering the stream. Regardless of what individuals' goals are, completing the courses will make for better officials.

More importantly there needs to be a more formal process of enrolling and monitoring of progress so that we can create a database of officials. This is good for FIS and the NSAs.

TD Updates:

Online and in person updates will contain essentially the same material. Both will treat equally regarding License status. North America will continue doing only online while Europe and Asia will have a combination of both. The intent id that the North American online content be used for any other online updates. Proctors for the online updates will be primarily from their respective time zones.

There is an issue that needs to be addressed where the North American update occurs in early November making it late elsewhere. The timing of the North American online update should be reviewed.

3.2.3 Dates of TD updates (Webinar, Onsite & Oncourse)

28. September 2024 Zurich SUI, Update only SB Alpine, Cross, P&P

11.-13. October 2024 Innsbruck AUT

18.-20. October 2024 Oslo NOR, Scandinavia

26.-27. October 2024 Tokyo JPN

2./3. November 2024 online North America

9. November 2024 online Europe (P&P, AE/MO/Cross)

15.-17. November 2024 Annecy FRA

WJC Almaty (7.-11.1.2025) on snow Clinic MO/AE To be confirm!

3.2.4 TD new candidates

None

3.3 Mogul Advisory Group

3.3.1 Mogul Advisory Group Members

Chair	Matt Gnoza	USA
Members	Jim Schiman	CAN
	Fabien Bertrand	FRA
	Herald Marbler	SWE
	Eemeli Kallas	FIN
	Jo Yuta	JPN
	Giacomo Matiz	SUI
	Timothy Slivets	KAZ
	Kaz Horie	KOR
Secretary	Kate Blamey	AUS
Member at Large	Konrad Rotermund	FIS
TD Rep	lain Mackay	GBR
JAG Chair	Tina Tanaka Sundekvist	JPN

3.3.2 Chair's Report

The Mogul Advisory Group (MAG) has been working to ensure the proper implementation of the following topics from MAG discussions.

- Welcome new MAG member Kaz Horie KOR
- Reviewed tabled items from FIS Spring Meeting and made recommendations, these included:
 - o Endorsed proposal to adjust women's pace time
 - Endorsed addition of rule-following 6405.1.2 Jumps evaluation
 - Endorsed changes made to 6402.3.4-7
- MAG worked with Tina and Marko to create master scores and comments for judging clinic content – Thanks to Kate and Harold for the efforts on this project.

- Consistently review World Cup competitions
- Discussed current issues being seen in judging:
- Airs:
 - On Axis tricks aren't being rewarded to athletes are choosing not to perform them e.g. bdF
 - o 7oG axis not being considered, whilst low score for 10op
- Turns:
 - o Still not seeing high turns scores, even those these are the best skiers in the world.
- Due to the above issues seen in judging, need a more systemic scoring system for judging is required.
- MAG updated and improved the turn steno to assist the judging process.
- Judging concerns Remain the same from spring report.
 - Judges ability to watch training MAG concerned judges did not watch a lot training.
 - Request to re share the judges guidelines regarding screen size, internet connection and location of judging (home? Office? NSA?)
 - Add guidelines for the following
- What is the protocol if a judge doesn't see the run (new item)
- What is the process when judges are not able to submit a score (based on internet disruptions)
 - Continue to consider time zone considerations to limit the amount of judges who would be judging in the middle of the night.
 - Judges should utilize the dial to ensure accuracy of jumps, in particular, grabs. Note: It was used in the 2022 season, resulted in minimal errors in coding and missed grabs.
- Coaches would like to continue to receive judges video stream & stenos post event.
 The MAG discusses the topics and then, if needed, assigns the proposal to MAG working groups, the working groups then create a plan of action that is reviewed by the entire MAG and submitted as a proposal if necessary.
 COMPLETED
 - Judging Steno Implementation of system on how a base scores are created -
 - Addressed Concerns around:
 - Lower scores
 - Promote wider range in scores Sometimes can be .1 to separate the top skiers turn scores
 - Better explanation of base scores.
 - Created a method of determining base score that will be consistent.
 - Judges Handbook improved the turns category descriptions, assist the judges and community to better understand what an excellent mogul skiing turn.

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- Evaluate taking base scores and deductions from different judges is this working as intended?
- Improve Jump Stenos
- FIS point list Split SM & DM Further investigation required. If deemed necessary, should aim to be implemented after Milan 2026.
- Dual mogul judge panel -
- Looking to see if we can introduce an overall judge into the 7-judge panel. MAG is open to the idea but also recognize that Dual Moguls is running pretty well at the moment.

2023/24 MAG MEETINGS

- 1. 18th July 2023 Online
- 2. 12th September 2023 Online
- 3. 8th January 2024 Online
- 4. 30th January 2024 In person in Deer Valley
- 5. 10th April 2024 Online

2024/25 MAG MEETINGS

- 1. October 2024 Online
- 2. January 2025 Online During World Cup Break
- 3. February 2025 In person @ Deer Valley
- 4. April 2025 Online Spring Meeting Prep
- 5. June/July 2025 Online Off Season Assignments

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

How do we continue to grow the sport?

- Holding more events at lower levels = exposure
- Through providing athletes and families with a positive & consistent experience.
- Ensure the integrity of the sport through non bias, high quality and consistent judging
- Ensure all levels of the sport (regional, National, Continental & WC) are officiated professionally and appropriately for their level in the pathway.
 - I.e. the level of quality increases with each level of competition, performance, quality of course, and athlete experience.

MAG ACTION ITEMS

The MAG continues to discuss topics which currently include the following.

- Air stenos for judging to assist judging process and delivery of information
- Future schedule & cost associated
- Resorts are not supporting sport
- The cost of mogul course access has increased worldwide.
- Continue to improve communication between JAG and MAG MAG members should be involved with creation of judge education.
- Improve judge education and access to an online course
 - Judge education should be available year round
 - Clarity to judge upgrade process
- Consider using test scores or performance evaluation to give judge assignments
- Mogul Specific judges at major events
- All DM should be DM from start
- Return to a M/DM/TDM rule book make printed copies available Ensure ICR includes all the info needed for WC, WC Finals, WCS JWC and OWG
- Use of video replay for judges
- Discussion around OWG schedule with DM added

3.4 Aerial Advisory Group

3.4.1 Aerial Advisory Group Members

Chair: Jeff Bean, Canada
Past Chair: Michel Roth, Switzerland
Members: Vladimir Lebedev, USA

Enver Ablaev, Ukraine Dmitri Dashinski, Australia

Ji Dong, China

Askar Valiyev, Kazakstan

Dmitriy Kavunov, Technical Specialist

Dennis Capicik, Independent

Kayo Hemmi, Japan Wang Zhen, China

3.4.2 Chair's Report

Primary Focus of the AAG during summer 2024

- The AAG did not hold any formal meeting this summer although with the summer tour, we were able to meet in small groups throughout the summer.
- The primary focus of the AAG remains increasing the number of ex-athletes to take part in judging clinics across every participating Nations.
- All group members continued to work with Aerial specialist Dmitriy Kavunov in regard to judge training and review of judging criteria. The AAG would like to confirm all members continue to support the judge analysis tool created by Dmitriy Kavunov and would suggest it continue to be used when judge allocation is performed for major championships (OWG and World Championships).

Summer Water Ramp Tour.

Thank you to The Swiss, USA, Australia and Chine for continuing to support and run summer water ramp competitions! Judging continued to be a point of discussion at these events with new judges with limited experience participating in the USA and in Australia. The AAG realises it needs to work harder in recruitment of ex-athletes to support the program.

A proposal to have a winter World Cup maximum number of 4 days in one location was made at the FIS meeting in Zurich by the AAG and was deferred until the spring meeting. An analysis wil be done by the race director and AAG chair this upcoming winter season looking at site readiness upon arrival and # of training days used by teams at each venue.

Currently, as was discussed at length last season and summer; the AAG would like to make it clear that it supports 3 official days of practice on World Cup venues prior to World Cup competition.

Jeff Bean

4. Continental Cup Working Group Reports

4.1 Europa Cup

4.1.1 EC Working Group Members

Chairman: Anders Olofsson (SWE) Vice-Chair: Michel Roth (SUI)

Peter Medulic (HUN)
Enver Ablaiev (UKR)
Fabien Bertrand (FRA)
Jyrky Säämmänen (FIN)
lain Mackay (GBR)
Matevž Stanovnik (SLO)
Melanie Meilinger (AUT)
Reyes Santolalla (ESP)
Andreas Eckle (GER)
Daniel Honzig (CZE)

4.1.2 Chair's Report

We have had one meeting during the summer.

The guidelines have been updated to be more aligned with the NorAm guidelines considering entries and refund coming to cancelations. Also some changes regarding numbers of judges and days of judges attending.

Karin have done a hard job with the competition schedule, it has not ended up as we hoped but still contains five venues for moguls and two for aerials'.

Anders Olofsson

4.1.3 Race Director Report

Main topics that were worked on during the summer 2024:

- Finalization of the EC Calendar 24/25
- Update of the Manual for the GSS Data Tool
- Update of the Europa Cup Guidelines
- Create the Guidelines for the Moguls Alps Tour

4.1.4 Calendar 2024/2025

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	DM	AE	AET	AES	Notes
December 24	ļ								
1314.	Fri-Sat	Ruka	FIN			13/14			
2021.	Sat-Sun	Airolo	SUI			20/21			
January 25									
2526.	Sat-Sun	Duved	SWE	25	26				
February 25									
31.101.02.	Fri-Sat	Jyväskylä	FIN	31.01./01.02.					
0607.	Thu-Fri	Stockholm	SWE		06/07				
2223.	Sat-Sun	Montafon / Golm	AUT	22	23				
March 25									
0607.	Thu-Fri	Bílá	CZE	06	07				
Locations 07	l / Nations 0ଶ	 5 / Competitions 14		05/05	05/05	04/04			

4.2 North America Cup (Todd Allison) / South America Cup (Stefano Arnhold)

4.2.1 NAC Working Group Members

Matt Gnoza (USA) – Chair
Todd Allison (CAN) – Vice Chair
Phil Marquis (CAN)
Audrey Robichaud (CAN)

Nicolas Fontaine (CAN)
Freddy Mooney (USA)
Chris Haslock (USA)
Jon Obrien (USA)

4.2.2 Chair's Report

The NAWG is excited to embark on our 2024-25 season. The committee is pleased to return to tried and true resorts for our events. There will be four stops in Moguls and two in Aerials:

Moguls	Aerials
Deer Valley (MO, DM)	 Utah Olympic Park (AE,
 Apex Resort (MO, DM) 	AE)
Stratton (MO, DM)	 Lac Beauport (AE, AE)
○ Val StCome (MO, DM)	

We thank our resort partners and the Local Organisers who make these important events happen.

The NAWG looks forward to our third season with FIS providing a NorAm RD. We continue to appreciate his consistency in operations and rule application at the events, as well as his willingness to mentor LOC volunteers.

The NAWG hosted an open meeting on July 25th. We will host another FIS meeting in October after the fall to update any relevant rule changes. Canada would like to welcome Audrey Robichaud as a new committee member.

4.2.3 Race Director Report

4.2.4 Calendar 2024/2025

4.3 Asian Cup (Tina Tanaka) / Australia New Zealand Cup (Michael Kennedy)

4.3.1 AC/ANC Working Group Members

Chair AC:	Tina Tanaka Sundekvist	JPN
Chair ANC	: Michael Kennedy	AUS
	Zhen Wang	CHN
	Yasuo Wakayama	JPN
	Shigeki Yamaguchi	JPN
	Askar Valiyev	KAZ
	Adil Baimenov	KAZ
	Jung Woo Kim	KOR
	Jun Park	KOR
	Andrea Rinaldi	FIS

4.3.2 Chair's Report

After spring meeting, there was two ANC Moguls competitions in Perisher from 26th to 28th September. Due to the condition, ANC Dual Moguls competitions in Mt. Buller was cancelled. Aerial water ramp competition was hosted at Olympic Winter Training Centre in Brisbane on 15th September as FIS race.

On 21st and 22nd September, China hosts two Aerial water ramp competitions at Qinhuangdao, Hebei as FIS races.

It is a good step that Korea showed interest to host AC Moguls events in this coming season. We continue to work together with all the nations in this area to develop the sports. The key is to have a good calendar which is good for the athletes to join together with a new FIS AC/ANC coordinator.

4.3.3 Calendar 2024/2025

By 19th September, following competitions have been registered by SAJ on FIS website, 1st and 2nd March 2025, two Moguls competition, Sapporo Bankei 7th to 9th March 2025, four Moguls competitions, Taira Ski resort

5. Communication Report

Introduction and Goals: Since establishing the Media & Marketing department, our primary focus has been on evolving our digital strategies, with content as the key to generating reach, engagement, and monetization. Our goal is to increase media consumption among our fans, creating more business opportunities. We aim to retain and satisfy our existing audience, reach and grow a new audience, and monetize content and experiences.

Trends in Live Sports Consumption: The shift from traditional TV to digital platforms continues, with audiences moving from scheduled broadcasts to on-demand viewing. Fans are increasingly seeking interactive and personalized content, transitioning from passive viewing to active community engagement.

Recent Developments:

Content Rights Agreement via Infront Alignment:

- Access to highlights, archive footage, behind-the-scenes coverage, and the production of documentaries, television series, motion pictures, and similar productions.
- Streaming into previously underserved markets.

FIS.TV:

- FIS.TV serves as the central hub for fan-related video content and engagement.
- Aims to become a commercial pillar in FIS fan engagement, delivering value to partners and establishing leadership in the winter sport content space.
- Immediate content for the FIS World Cup 24/25 season includes long and short-form highlights, behind-the-scenes narratives, interviews, analysis, lifestyle content, and livestreams for various FIS events.

Tools:

- Editorial and asset planning platform.
- Media exchange platform.
- Infographics design tool.
- Digital and social media analytics dashboard.

Team Reinforcements for Freestyle and Snowboard:

- Chad Buchholz Park & Pipe Media Coordinator
- Mateusz Kielpinski Freestyle Media Coordinator
- Sanna Luedi Ski Cross Media Coordinator
- Miha Matavz Snowboard Alpine/Snowboard Cross Media Coordinator
- New Social Media Manager/Content Creator Positions: Four positions to be confirmed.
 The main goal is to provide remote and on-site support for content creation and managing our digital platforms.

FIS Content Exchange Platform:

- Facilitates content exchange among all stakeholders: FIS, NSAs, teams, athletes, sponsors, and partners.
- Serves as a tool for real-time marketing and editorial services across all channels, offering long and short-form highlights, live/near-live clips, behind-the-scenes content, archive footage, and pictures.

Conclusion: The shifts in media consumption trends, especially among younger generations, require us to adjust our strategies. With our recent developments and reinforcements, we are well-positioned to continue engaging and expanding our fan base.

Link to Presentation done by Matt Kielpinski.

6. Proposals from FIS and NSAs

See atachments with the Rule Proposals.

7. Freestyle Moguls/Aerials Competitions

7.1 World Cup Calendar 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028

FIS Freestyle Calendar 2024/25

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	DM	AE	AET	AES	Notes
November	1								
30.	Sat	Ruka	FIN	30					
December									
0607.	Fri-Sat	Idre Fjäll	SWE	06	07				
1314.	Fri-Sat	Alpe d'Huez	FRA	13	14				
2021.	Fri-Sat	Bakuriani	GEO	20	21				
January 25	5								
1819.	Sat-Sun	Lake Placid	USA			18	19		
2425.	Fri-Sat	Waterville Valley	USA	24	25				
2526.	Sat-Sun	Lac-Beauport	CAN			25/26			
3101.	Fri-Sat	Val St. Come	CAN	31	1				
February 2	5								
0608.	Thu-Sat	Deer Valley	USA	06	08	07			
2124.	Thu-Mon	Beidahu	CHN	21	22	23	24		
2802.	Fri-Sun	Almaty	KAZ	28	01	02			
March 25									
1113.	Thu-Sun	Livigno	ITA	11	12	13			
1730.	Mon-Sun	Engadin	SUI	18Q/19F	21	29Q/30F	27		WSC
Locations 12	/ Nations 9 /	Competitions 58		10/10	09/09	07/07	02	00/00	

^{*} Waiting for application from LOC/NSA -TBC

Draft 7 FIS Freestyle Calendar 2025/26

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	DM	AE	AET	AES	Notes
Novembe	r 25								
2930.	Sat-Sun	Ruka	FIN	29		30			
Decembe									
0506.	Fri-Sat	Idre Fjäll	SWE	05	06				
0708.	Sat-Sun	Airolo	SUI			07	08		
1213.	Fri-Sat	Alpe d'Huez	FRA	12	13				
1314.	Sat-Sun	TBD	CHN			13	14		TBC
2021.	Sat-Sun	Bakuriani	GEO	20	21				
2021.	Sat-Sun	TBD	CHN			20	21		TBC
January 2	ne .								
0304.	Sat-Sun	Val St. Come	CAN	03	04				
0304.	Sat-Sun	TBD	USA	00	01	03	04		TBC
0910.	Fri-Sat	TBD	USA	09	10				1.50
1011.	Sat-Sun	Lac-Beauport	CAN		. •	10	11		
1517.	Thu-Sat	Deer Valley	USA	15	17	16			
February	26								
0621.		Milene Osutine	ITA	400	4.4147	470	21		014/0
0621.	Tue-Sat	Milano-Cortina	IIA	10Q	14W	17Q	21		OWG
		(Livigno)		11W 12M	15M	18W 19M			
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March 26									
0708	Sat-Sun	TBD	JPN	28	01				TBC
1315.	Fri-Sun	Almaty	KAZ	13	14	15			
2122.	Sat-Sun	Mégève	FRA	21	22				
Locations	15 / Nation	s 10/ Competition 65		10/10	09/09	08/08	05	00/00	

Draft 3 FIS Freestyle Calendar 2026/27

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	DM	AE	AET	AES	Notes
Novembe	er 26								
2829.	Sat-Sun	Ruka	FIN	28		29			
Decembe			014/5		a=				
0405.	Fri-Sat	Idre Fjäll	SWE	04	05				
1112.	Fri-Sat	Alpe d'Huez	FRA	11	12				
1213.	Sat-Sun	Airolo	SUI			12		13	
1920.	Sat-Sun	Bakuriani	GEO	19	20				
January 2	07								
1516.	Fri-Sun	TBD	USA			14	15	16	
2223.	Fri-Sat	TBD	USA	22	23	14	13	10	
				22	23	23		11	
2324.	Sat-Sun	Le Relais	CAN	00	00	23		11	
2930.	Fri-Sat	Val St. Come	CAN	29	30				
February	27								
46.	Thu-Sat	Deer Valley	USA	04	06	05			
1314.	SatSun	TBD	JPN	13	14				
1314.	Sat-Sun	TBD	CHN			13	14		
1922.	Fri-Sun	TBD	CHN	19	20	21	22		
2628.	Sat-Sun	Almaty	KAZ	26	27	28	01		
March 27									
0607.	Sat-Sun								
0821.	Mon-Sun	Montafon	AUT	<i>0</i> 8Q	11*	20	19		WSC
				09F	12				DMT*
Locations	14 / Nation	s 10/ Competitions 64		10/10	09/09	08/08	04	03/03	

7.2 World Championships 2025 in Engadin (SUI)

Presentation in the SBFSFK Committee.

7.3 World Championships 2027 in Montafon (AUT)

No presentation.

7.4 Candidate World Championships 2029 in Zhangjiakou (CHN)

No presentation.

7.5 Junior World Championships 2025 in Almaty (KAZ)

Link to Presentation from Askar Valiyev

7.6 World University Games 2025 Torino (ITA)

Presentation in the SBFSFK Committee

7.7 OWG 2026 Milano (Livigno) (ITA)

Link to Presentation from Hanzel Longa.

8. Next Meeting
- Vilamoura (POR) 5th – 9th May, 2025