

To the

- Members of the Committee for Snowboard and Freestyle and Snowboarding
- Sub-Committee for Alpine Ski Cross

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Provisional Minutes FIS Sub-Committee for Ski Cross Meeting

Dear Friends,

Please find enclosed the “**Provisional Minutes**” of the Meeting Sub-Committee Ski Cross.

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing you that the meeting documents are available on the [FIS Cloud](#):

With kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION



Tommy Eliasson Winter
Chair



Heli Herdt
Vice-Chair

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Provisional Minutes FIS Alpine Ski Cross Sub Committee
Tuesday, 06.05.2025 – 14:00 – 18:00 hrs, Room “Pegaso VI”

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 - Zurich (SUI) 23.-26.09.2025

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Tommy welcomed everybody and excused for his absence during the last view meetings. Report from Heli Herdt, interim Chair.

The 2024/25 winter season began with an unusual and challenging start for nearly all teams – in Pitztal, general ski cross training had to be put on hold for almost a week. But thanks to the tireless dedication of M. Gutenbrunner, creative and effective solutions were found for the training groups. A heartfelt thank you for making that possible!

As the season progressed, the momentum only grew: another successful Women's Camp took place in Idre, and with St. Moritz added as a new location, the calendar gained a fresh highlight. Huge thanks to both organizing teams for their outstanding efforts – your work made these events truly memorable.

Detailed stats on the World Cup and European Cup races were once again provided by Klaus and Andi Görlich – a valuable resource for everyone following the season closely.

The undeniable highlight of the season was the Ski Cross World Championships in St. Moritz. Despite the challenges posed by high altitude and unpredictable weather, the competitions were executed brilliantly. The joint World Championships across Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski, and Ski Cross featured an incredible 30 medal events in just 19 days – 16 in ski disciplines and 14 in snowboard. Hats off to the World Cup Organizing Committee for pulling off such a logistical and sporting masterpiece!

The final ski cross highlight of the 2024/25 season came in April at the Junior World Championships in Isola 2000, France. With great snow and weather conditions, fair and exciting races took place across all three events. Big thanks to the team in Isola 2000! Based on the footage I saw from our team, the course there certainly has the potential – with a bit of effort – to host a European Cup or even a World Cup in the future.

1.1 Identification of Voting Delegates

Members:

Chair: Tommy Eliasson	SWE	Present
Vice-Chair: Heli Herdt	GER	Present
Dave Ellis	CAN	Present
Shawn Fleming	AUS	Excused
Filip Flisar	SLO	Absent
Markus Gutenbrunner	AUT	Present
Vakhtang Kopadze	GEO	Present
Tomas Kraus	CZE	Present
Bartolomeo Pala	ITA	Present
Ralph Pfäffli	SUI	Present
Rémi Sella	FRA	Proxy: Laurent Chretien

Conference:

Miao Hu	CHN	Proxy: Zhenguo Zheng (Georg)
Jan Jakubco	SVK	Present
Jun Woo Kim	KOR	Absent
Pavel Kolotin	RUS	Excused
Jorge Mandru	CHI	Proxy: Matias Viel
Giorgio Marchesini	IRL	Present
Tomoru Matsuoka	JPN	Present
Guillaume Nantermond	GBR	Absent

Lode Nolf	BEL	Absent
Juli Sala	ESP	Absent
Bertold Szepesi	HUN	Present

Rudi Huber	SRS	Excused
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FIS Staff:

Klaus Waldner	FIS	Present
Christian Crétier	FIS	Present
Sanna Lüdi	FIS	Present

Athletes Representative:

Alex Fiva	SUI	Present
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1.2 Review of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved as presented.

1. 3 Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

1.4 Items from FIS Council regarding Ski Cross

Nothing to report.

1.5 Items from Cross Coordination Group

Update of the work on the ICR and WC / CoC event chapters

- Discussion about the Cup Books (WC / CoC)
- Deeper look how the event groups may be specified incl. the continental aspects
- Topic is on the Agenda for the SBFSFK Committee
- A discussed solution can be, to specify the Cup Books in line with the ICR (one chapter per event group)

1.6 Items from/to other Committees

No items

1.6.1 Medical / Athlete Health Unit

No items

1.6.2 Equipment Committee

RCP SX15 & SX16 have been presented at the Equipment Committee

2. Previous and Tabled Business and Postponed Item

Nothing

3. Rule Proposals from FIS/ NSA

3.1 Rule Change Proposals

16 RCP's from SX – detailed review during meeting – all proposals to be added to minutes with comments.

See RCP document: <https://sbfsfk-rules.fis.ski/>

3.2 Other Proposals

4. Reports

4.1 Race Director Report

2024/2025 Season

The 2024/2025 FIS Ski Cross World Cup season was an exhilarating series, featuring 17 races across 10 venues. One of the highlights was the World Championships (WSC) in St. Moritz. The season also welcomed two new venues: Val di Fassa (Italy) and Gudauri (Georgia), both of which made strong debuts.

Early Season Races

Val Thorens, as always, delivered a strong season start, despite some weather issues. In the second race, we had to use the reserve start for the first time, which ultimately saved the event. Next, the tour headed to Arosa, where a new sprint slope layout was introduced. While appreciated by athletes, it didn't produce the thrilling race we had hoped for. After the athletes representative meeting we will try the new line for another year and will see the outcome in the upcoming season.

Just two days after the Arosa night race, the qualification in Innichen was already underway. Innichen once again welcomed the Ski Cross Tour with perfect conditions and an upgraded race track—arguably the best we've seen there. Two successful races followed before the Christmas break.

Mid-Season Highlights

After a 3-week break, the tour resumed in Reiteralm. Small changes to the course layout worked well, though safety improvements remain a priority for the venue.

Alleghe was unfortunately canceled back in October, so after a short break, the tour continued in Veysonnaz. The OC and course builders delivered the best track we've had at this venue so far, with excellent weather enabling two outstanding races.

New Venues: Val di Fassa & Gudauri

San Pellegrino / Val di Fassa hosted their first World Cup race and made a fantastic debut. The OC, in cooperation with our course builders and the Alpine World Cup organisers from Val di Fassa, delivered a world-class track and a flawlessly organised event. We're pleased to confirm Val di Fassa will remain on the calendar for next season.

Gudauri, the second new venue, also impressed with two strong races and ideal weather conditions. However, the local organisers faced logistical challenges, particularly with hotel quality and transportation, due to heavy snowfall leading up to race week.

Final Races before WSC

Craigleith, Ontario hosted the final stop before the World Championships. For the second year on this track, we made improvements that were well-received. Unfortunately, the weather was extremely challenging—up to 15°C and rain on race day. Despite this, thanks to the OC's incredible efforts, we safely completed the competition.

World Championships – St. Moritz

Teams returned to Europe promptly for the World Championships in St. Moritz. Despite early issues with course building, we began the week on schedule. Due to an unfavorable weather forecast, both the Single and Team events were moved one day earlier. This rescheduling required massive collaboration from all stakeholders, and thanks to everyone's efforts, we enjoyed two phenomenal race days. The course was perfectly prepared, and the racing action served as excellent promotion for our sport.

Season Finale – Idre Fjäll

The season wrapped up at Idre Fjäll with the World Cup Finals. As expected, the venue delivered a world-class track with its signature finish straight. The battle for the overall globes came down to the wire: the women's title was decided on the first race day, while the men's title wasn't settled until the final heat—an epic showdown between Reece Howden and Simone Deromedis. Once again, Idre Fjäll proved itself as one of the top organisers on the tour.

Season Summary

We successfully held:

- 17 races each for men and women (same as last season)
- 1 individual and 1 team event at the WSC
- Total: **19 races**

A big thank you goes out to our long-term and new partners for their support. In total, we distributed CHF 510,000 in prize money each to both men and women, a crucial step forward in supporting our athletes.

Women's Field

The women's competition saw significant improvement compared to the past two seasons. At the World Championships, 30 women started—a clear sign of positive development. Special thanks to the federations investing in women's Ski Cross, with the USA and China each fielding two athletes in St. Moritz.

Women's Development Camp

In collaboration with the Swedish Ski Federation, FIS hosted the second edition of the Women's Development Camp in early December in Idre Fjäll. It was another major success, with 22 athletes from 9 nations participating. Supported by Andrea Limbacher, this initiative—backed by the FIS Development Department—will continue in coming years.

Junior World Championships – Isola 2000

The French Ski Federation hosted an outstanding Junior World Championships in Isola 2000. Christian was on-site to manage the races. The track was well-prepared, and the weather supported strong performances. A big thanks to the French federation for organising such a memorable event.

Olympic Winter Games 2026 – Livigno Update

The situation in Livigno remains critical. While we managed to test the start section in February, many key infrastructures are still incomplete, including:

- Earthwork from start to Turn 2
- Parking garage
- Snowmaking system
- Chairlift

A two-day test (Feb 2–3, 2026) is confirmed with 32 men and 32 women. More detailed information will follow.

Key Projects

Goggle Cam – WSC Debut

After 3 years of development, the ski goggle cam project was launched live at the WSC. Despite passing all safety tests (impact, rotation), technical issues with routers prevented live TV integration. We remain committed to this innovative project and plan to improve its reliability for next season.

AHU SX Injury Assessment Project

We continued our injury assessment collaboration with AHU, measuring at Val Thorens, Arosa, San Pellegrino, Craigleith, and Idre Fjäll. Results will be presented at the Autumn Meeting in Zurich, together with Mathias Gilgen.

Ski Cross Gate Panel Project

Last season, we investigated the safety of standard snowboard gates. Field tests with the University of Innsbruck, Liski, SPM, FIS AHU, and race staff revealed inconsistencies. We're pleased to report that standardized gate panels will be mandatory on the World Cup level starting in 2026/2027.

TV & Social Media

This was the first season with dedicated social media channels on Instagram and TikTok. Engagement continues to grow, reinforcing the importance of a strong digital presence to promote our sport.

Season Data

Heats:

Total: **464**

Woman **51** Berger Sabbatel Marielle – Men **62** Florian Wilmsmann

Rang 15; **12** Linnea Moberg – Men **30** Johannes Rohrweck

Sanctions:

8 Monetary Fee's

10 Warnings

8 Yellow Card's

2 DSQ Fluor

Prize Money:

Fanny Smith and Reece Howden over CHF 100.000.-

Summary

[Link](#) to Summary:

Interesting; Arosa fastest course of the season.

Differences between the fastest Skiers gender gap around **5,5-6%** and between the slowest skiers between **6-12 %**.

4.2 EC Coordinator Report

The 2024/2025 European Cup Ski Cross season began with a planned calendar of 18 races.

Opening at Idre Fjäll (SWE):

The season kicked off at Idre Fjäll, hosting the first race with participation from 10 nations (59 men and 34 women). Despite a short delay due to strong winds, the first race was successfully completed.

The second race was cancelled following the men's training session due to heavy snowfall and increasing wind, which caused very poor visibility.

Lenk (SUI) – January 2025:

The next stop was Lenk, Switzerland. Swiss Ski ensured a perfectly organised event, with two well-run races on a well-prepared course.

Two yellow cards were issued — one to Austria and one to Canada.

Reiteralm (AUT):

For the first time, the slope was used after World Cup races — a great challenge for the young athletes. Two races took place under good conditions.

Canada received one yellow card during this event.

Grasgehren (GER):

Unfortunately, both scheduled races had to be cancelled due to lack of snow.

Les Contamines (FRA):

Two spectacular races were held on a demanding course, successfully carried out by assistant race director Tobie Jacquemoud.

Passo San Pellegrino (ITA):

The first event in Italy saw athletes compete on the World Cup course. Both races featured intense action and numerous overtaking maneuvers.

Plesivec (CZE):

Due to unmet agreements and poor snow conditions, the races at Plesivec had to be cancelled.

Second stop at Passo San Pellegrino (ITA):

In March, the tour returned to Passo San Pellegrino. The organising committee of Skiclub US Monti Pallidi once again delivered a flawless event, with two races on the established World Cup course.

Replacement for Grasgehren – Les Saisies (FRA):

To replace the cancelled German stop, a new venue, Les Saisies, was added to the calendar. Two races were held there. Thanks to the organising committee and race director Tobie Jacquemoud for making this possible.

Final at Reiteralm (AUT):

Unfortunately, the training day had to be cancelled due to soft snow. However, the final two races of the season were held under very good conditions. The season concluded with the celebration of the overall European Cup winners and the best team.

4.3 Athletes Representative Report**Welcome**

- No event cancellations to date.

Val Thorens

- Bovo Jump continues to be problematic
- Maybe the old line before the big Negative was better.
- The second race (sprint) had a poor start section.
- Start straight was an improvement, but overall elements were lacking. No significant step-up feature.
- Finish section remains too tight.
- Steps in the Negative turn was not good.
- Emergency protocol was executed very well — kudos to the team.

Arosa

- Track elements were too easy for a sprint format.
- The new straight line was good
- New course builder: more input needed — current build was too mellow.
- Suggestion: Add a more difficult start section and tougher features for sprint races.

Innichen

- Same as 2024 — still a solid race.
- Potential to reintroduce larger jumps.
- Tight schedule work well for traditional race venues.
- New layout in the middle section was a nice touch.
- Ongoing discussion around Turn 3

Reiteralm

- Jump after Turn 2 did not function well.
- Still positioned too close to the safety fence.
- Final turn with double jumps remains too narrow.
- PistenBully jump must be centered on the track — alternatively, install an "A" fence for safety.
- Important note: if these changes are not implemented, there should not be a race anymore

Craigleith

- Potential for alternative course layouts.
- Need for a more challenging start section for a race like this.
- Organisers declined assistance from a course advisor.
- Skidoo transport needs to be mandatory.
- Concerns regarding food quality and waste management.
- Poor TV production.
- Inadequate fencing before wooded sections – safety

St. Moritz

- Course could benefit from increased difficulty.
- Second turn during the test event was superior.
- Start straight also performed better in the test configuration.

Idre

- Good race as always. Nice upper section.

General Notes

- Yellow card situations during turns (especially in Craigleith) need to be reviewed.
- Current rule regarding result changes has issues — needs clarification.
- Clarify whether it is a full stop or not. (Reiteralm case)

4.4 Report ANC/SAC/NAC

For the CAN SX NorAms:

- Two separate NorAm events hosted at Nakiska Ski Resort this year.
- SX numbers were down at second event – partly due scheduling of World Junior Championships in France and development athletes focusing on Europa Cup competition to bridge the gap to the World Cup
- Greatest success with driving numbers has come from providing development/training opportunities in the lead up to the event.

For the USA SX NorAms:

- One event cancelled by the resort so only 2 stops this year
- Gore was best it has been - good feedback from athletes and coaches
- Steamboat was not well liked by the SX athletes the turns don't work for them. US is looking at a different location on the mountain to see it would be more suitable.
- SX numbers year over year were down a good amount.
- Challenging to run a SX event for less than 20 athletes given the cost of organising and the footprint in terms of skier terrain and days at the resort.

Seasonal numbers at events:

- Nakiska #1 - 29 M/11 W
- Steamboat Ski Resort - 13 M/6 W
- Gore Mountain - 19 M/6 W
- Nakiska #2 - 15 M/7 W
- CAN and USA will work together to try to optimize calendar planning and continue to grow SX competitors at the NorAM Cup level.

4.5 Marketing Report

4.6 Communication Report and Strategy Ski Cross WC 2025/26

The 2024/25 season brought significant advancements in how Freestyle, Snowboard, and Freeski disciplines connect with global audiences. While maintaining our core efforts in media coordination, athlete engagement, and event services, this year introduced several structural upgrades that shaped a more focused and impactful communication strategy.

A major highlight was the **restructuring of our social media channels**, creating a clearer identity for each discipline. On Instagram and TikTok, we introduced a **split-channel approach**, dividing content into four distinct categories: *Freestyle* (Moguls & Aerials), *Park & Pipe* (Freeski & Snowboard), *Snowboard Racing* (Snowboard Cross and Snowboard Alpine), and *Ski Cross*. Meanwhile, Facebook, X (Twitter), and YouTube continue to function as consolidated platforms, supporting broader reach and cross-discipline promotion.

This restructuring, combined with a greater investment in resources, led to **substantial growth across all social media platforms**. We saw a sharp rise in video views, driven by short-form content on Instagram Reels, TikTok, and YouTube Shorts. To support this momentum, we expanded our digital team to include **four media coordinators and four content creators**, enabling real-time coverage, deeper storytelling, and more comprehensive content output across events.

Another key achievement was the successful rollout of the **FIS Content Exchange Platform**—a centralized tool designed to distribute competition content to athletes, NSAs, and local organizers. As a first-year initiative, it proved highly effective, offering easy access to quality media assets and laying the groundwork for future growth. This milestone project helped streamline our content ecosystem and build stronger connections between stakeholders. Traditional media coordination continued to deliver value, with season previews, event summaries, and athlete-focused features distributed via the FIS mailing service, supported by timely news flashes. Photography was made available through FIS and local organizing committees via SmugMug, while video production and content collaboration with athletes remained a core focus.

In terms of **broadcasting**, the season delivered excellent global reach. Our long-standing partnership with **Infront** ensured strong **traditional TV coverage** for World Cup and World Championship events. In parallel, **live-streaming was offered in dark markets**, expanding access to key competitions worldwide. Notably, this season also featured **full international broadcast coverage of the Junior World Championships**.

As we look ahead to the next season, we are mindful that **2025/26 is an Olympic year**. With momentum built through this season's communications strategy, digital growth, and media infrastructure, we are well-positioned to achieve even greater exposure and impact on the road to the Games.

Social Media Reports: [LINK](#)

5. Presentations

5.1 World Cup Calendar 2025/2026

DRAFT 2 - SKI CROSS FIS WORLD CUP CALENDAR 2025/2026

Date	Day	Site	NAT	SX	SX Team	Notes
December 25						
09.-12.	Tue-Fri	Val Thorens	FRA	09-10-11/12		Reserve Day 13.12. Night Event
15.-16.	Mon-Tue	Arosa	SUI	15-16		
18.-21.	Thu-Sun	Innichen	ITA	18-19-20/21		
January 26						
08.-11.	Thu-Sun	Val di Fassa	ITA	08-09-10/11		Date TBC
15.-18.	Thu-Sun	Alleghe	ITA	15-16-17/18		Date TBC
22.-25.	Thu-Sun	Veysonnaz	SUI	22-23-24/25		
February 26						
06.-22.		Milano - Cortina	ITA	20-21		Olympic Winter Games
March 26						
26.-01	Thu-Sun	Kopaonik	SRB	26-27-28/01		Finals
05.-08	Thu-Sun	TBD	GEO	05-06-07/08		
14.-15.	Sat-Sun	Montafon	AUT	14/15		
18.-21.	Thu-Sun	Craigleith	CAN	18-19-20/21		
26.-29	Thu-Sun	Idre Fjäll	SWE	26-27-28/29		
Locations 11 / Nations 8 / Competitions 40				20/20		

Note: 1) 10 = 10th Quali+Final date, 2) 09-11 = 09th Qu - 11th Fin date, 3) 09/11 = 09 Qu+Fin/11 Qu+Fin, 4) 09-11/12 = 09th Qu-11th Fin/ 12 Fin dates)

5.2 Long Term Calendar Planning

Will be presented in the FIS Fall Meetings

5.3 CoC Calendar 2025/2026

Draft 1 SKI CROSS FIS EUROPEAN CUP CALENDAR 2025/2026

Date	Day	Site	NAT	SX	SX Team	Notes
December 25 17.18	Wed-Thu	Idre Fjäll	SWE	17/18		
January 26						
14.-15	Wed-Thu	Lenk	SUI	14/15		
23.-24	Fri-Sat	Reiteralm	AUT	23/24		
29.-01.02	Thu-Sun	Les Contamines	FRA	31/01		
February 26						
05.-07	Thu-Sat	TBD	FRA	06/07		
13.-14	Fri-Sat	TBD		13/14		
March 26						
06.-07	Fri-Sat	S.Pellegrino	ITA	06/07		
12.-13	Thu-Fri	tbd	GEO	12/13		
19.-20	Thu-Fri	St.Moritz	SUI	19/20		Final
Locations 8 / Nations 5 / Competitions 36				18/18		

5.4 Junior World Championships 2026

[Presentation](#) SBFSFKSX Junior World Championships 2025 and Beyond:

Application from Switzerland with St. Moritz. (to be confirmed)

For the season 2027 Sweden applied with Are-Duved for Moguls, Dual Moguls and Ski Cross. Proposed dates 8th April – 14th April 2027.

5.5 Olympic Winter Games 2026 Milano – Cortina

The presentation from Hanzel Longa, Snowboard and Freestyle Sport Manager can be found [here](#):

The qualification criteria can be found [here](#):

5.6 Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski and Ski Cross World Championships 2027

Presentation in SBFSFK Committee

6. Other Business

none

6.1 Fluor Ban Update

FIS will continue the Fluor Control testing at least at the same level as this season to ensure fair competitions.

In total FIS did 61.000 measurements over all disciplines in the last season.

[Link](#) to report.

6.2 TD Clinics

Update about TD education by Cornelia Blank. [Link](#) to Presentation.

6.3 Woman Development Camp 2026

Will continue in the upcoming season, update at the Fall Meetings in Zürich.

6.4 Organiser Meeting

Request for financial support for organising the organiser meeting at the FIS Fall Meeting in Zürich in the amount of CHF 2000.--.

7. Next Meeting

Zurich (SUI) 23.-26.09.2025