

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing

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Oberhofen, 4th October 2024

**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing
Thursday, 26th September 2024, 10:30 – 12:30 hrs**

Dear Roller Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing held on 26th 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.

Kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Martins Niklass
Chairman Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing

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AGENDA

1. Opening and roll call
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Appointment of meeting secretary
4. Approval of the minutes of 2024 spring meeting
5. Report from FIS Roller Ski WC & World Championships 2024
6. Applications for FIS Roller Ski World Cup & FIS Roller Ski World Championships 2026 organization, World Cup 2025 calendar draft
7. Proposals for FIS Roller Ski World Cup Rules
8. Other matters arising
 - Proposals about Asian region regional cup / championships.
 - Future of FIS Roller Ski World Cup
9. Next meeting during the FIS Spring meetings (place and time tbc)

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 26.09.2024 and to the approval of the FIS Council meeting, 23.10.2024

1. Opening and roll call

All Committee members and guests were welcomed by Martins Niklass.

Members present

Martins Niklass (LAT), Chair
 Derek Bolger (IRL)
 Christian Borch (DEN)
 Viviana Cassas (BOL)
 Andreas Droussiotis (CYP)
 Pedro Farromba (POR)
 Iglesias Lydia (ESP)
 Yeui Gyu Im (KOR)
 Nikola Jeremic (SRB)
 Özkan Koyuncu (TUR)
 Filip Kontak (CRO)
 Guy Magand (FRA)
 Jurii Matuzov (RUS)
 Seraina Mischol (SUI)
 Asgeir Moberg (NOR)
 Payam Mohebi (IRI)
 Buzekova Jana (SVK)
 Andrey Nesterenko (UKR)
 Andrey Nevzorov (KAZ)
 Sandra Paul (AUS)
 Jussi Prykaeri (FIN)
 Ludvig Remb (SWE)
 Leandro Ribela (BRA)
 Anna Rosa (ITA)
 Gagik Sargsyan (ARM)
 Bijaya Shrestha (NEP)
 Hollo Matyas (HUN)
 Andreas Tannert (GER)
 Timoleon Tsourekas (GRE)
 Watanabe Masahiko (JPN)
 Vincent Wen-Hsiung Yang (TPE)

Excuses / Replaced by:

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 Excused, Sub Andrea Noell
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George Brouwer (NED)

Honorary Member, not present

Athletes Commission representative

Emanuele Becchis (ITA) present

Guests

Several officials from FIS office

Other participants

Several guest from a variety of NSA's were represented.

2. Approval of the agenda

The proposed agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved with the following addition under "other matters":

- *Report on rollerski wheel resistance from SWE NSA*

3. Appointment of meeting secretary

Ludvig Remb (SWE) was unanimously appointed as meeting secretary.

4. Approval of the minutes of 2024 spring meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

5. Report from FIS Roller Ski WC & World Championships 2024

Martins Niklass reported from the WC and WSC events that been organized during the summer.

The Team Captains survey from the summer shows a general impression between eight and nine out of ten.

Emanuele Becchis gave his impressions from the athlete's perspective from the summer:

- Short season, when WSC ROL is organized would be good to increase nation quota up to 6 athletes in each race.
- Every race stage must be broadcasted on Youtube, should be broadcasted on FIS TV.
- One more racing weekend during the summer is a wish for the future.

Martins Niklass thanked all OC's and jury's during the summer for a dedicated and fantastic work for the sport!

Martins Niklass showed statistics from the overall participation in FIS ROL competitions. Both the number of ROL events in the calendar and the participation is increasing.

See the meeting presentation for further details.

6. Applications for FIS Roller Ski World Cup & FIS Roller Ski World Championships 2026 organization, World Cup 2025 calendar draft

Martins Niklass showed the draft for the WC calendar 2025, it's still under discussion and is subject for decision on next meeting.

Proposal for 2025 is four stages: Otepää (EST), Madona (LAT), Schumzinsk, also JWSC (KAZ), Val di Fiemme (ITA).

The following items to be discussed with the Team Captains:

- Ok, with two stages in a row (Otepää and Madona)?
- ITA, one day less than in EST?
- Take away the TS when the teams have a long way to travel?

7. Proposals for FIS Roller Ski World Cup Rules

The following proposals for changes in the were unanimously approved and will be forwarded to S.C for rules and control for further approval by the CC committee and FIS Council.

- ICR 396.2.7, Jury can decide if eye protection is needed whether it is poor visible conditions.

- ICR 396.2.12, The athletes must use ski that are assigned to the athlete.
- ICR 352.2.3, Same handling of sanctions for ROL WSC and ROL JWSC as for WSC and JWSC.

No proposals for updates in ROL WC/WSC rules, subject for next meeting.

8. Other matters arising

- Proposals about FIS Asian Rollerski Cup / Championships

M.Niklass reported on joint proposal from Far East Region NSA and Kazakhstan Ski federation to initiate FIS Asian Rollerski Cup / Championships starting from summer 2025 (presentation enclosed).

The committee unanimously approved proposal to FIS Asian Rollerski Cup with 3-6 stages can be organized annually and FIS Asian Rollerski Championships every 2 years. The decision is forwarded to World and Continental Cup Committee and FIS Council for further approval.

- Report rolling resistance measure

Ludvig Remb (SWE) gave a short update regarding the project of measuring of rollerski wheel rolling resistance that SWE NSA has started in cooperation with Chalmers University.

The committee encouraged SWE NSA to continue with the work.

- Future of FIS Roller Ski World Cup

The committee had an open and creative discussion about the future for ROL WC but no clear decision, it's a complex question.

Some examples of topics that were discussed:

- Elevate the importance of roller skiing within FIS.
- Establish a distinct identity for roller skiing in FIS — it's not just cross-country skiing without snow.
- Leverage the opportunity to showcase roller skiing to a wider audience by organizing events in urban areas.
- Private, high-budget events do not attract new skiers, they mostly promote existing stars which already have exposure. To grow the rollerski sport, a dedicated Roller Skiing World Cup is essential.
- Focus on hosting events where the athletes are already based, rather than creating new locations.
- Consider offering extra free quota in the 1st period of the Cross Country World Cup season for overall winners (men/women) of the Roller Skiing World Cup, emphasizing the sport's year-round nature.
- Roller skiing faces challenges in development due to its non-Olympic status.
- Promote the ease of organizing roller skiing events to encourage more involvement.
- Request clearer guidelines from the official ski supplier on what is needed for distributing skis to the Roller Skiing World Cup Organizing Committee (OC), both when staff are present and when they are not.

Next meeting during the FIS Spring meetings

Vilamoura, Portugal in 5th – 9th May 2025.

9. Closing of the meeting

Martins Niklass thanked everybody for a fruitful meeting and closed the meeting at 12.50 h.