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- Members of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

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Oberhofen, 07.10.2024

Minutes Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules, Thursday, 26.09.2024 held in Zurich (SUI)

Dear Ski friends,

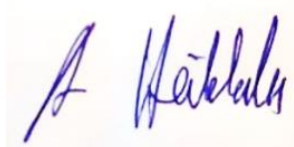
We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules held on 26.09.2024.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **18.10.2024** (luessy@fis-ski.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,



Arno Heikkala
Chair Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

Meeting Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

Thursday, 26.09.2024, 12:00 – 14:00hrs, Conference Room Zurich A/B

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Meeting was opened at 12.00hrs by the Arno Heikkala (FIN), the new Chair of this Sub-Committee. He requested that members and observers stand for one minute silence in order to respect the passing of Risto Happonen (FIN) who died recently.

2. Roll call (enclosed)

Janez Flere (FIS) called the Roll (see attached list).

3. Approval of the agenda

The Agenda was approved without change.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Portoroz (SLO) on 07.05.2024

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were unanimously approved.

5. Report of the Chair

The Chair welcomed delegates and observers to the Meeting, including Council Member Michael Huber (AUT), the previous Chair of this Sub-Committee, who was asked to say a few words.

Michael Huber (AUT) noted that in Spring he was asked by AUT to consider being a candidate for a position on the FIS Council. He was elected to FIS Council and in then a decision was passed that FIS Council members could not be members of any FIS Committee nor Sub-Committee nor hold posts as Honorary Members. He was however asked to consider nominating a new Chair and thought it was time to pass this responsibility on to the next generation hence he proposed Arno Heikkala (FIN). Looking for a Vice Chair he proposed Alexandra Zemsauer (AUT) who is an Alpine TD and as the Rules and TD Sub-Committees are closely bound he believed this to be a good balance. He was delighted to say that his proposals were accepted and that both agreed to take up their roles. He further thanked both Tatjana Lüssy (FIS) and Janez Flere (FIS) for the wonderful support he enjoyed during the past 20 years.

Arno Heikkala (FIN) introduced himself and briefly outlined his career and skiing background and the fact that he is a member of both the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses and Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors. He looks carefully at the technical understanding and consequences of any rule and its wording and hopes to be able to follow on in Michael Huber's footsteps. He introduced Alexandra Zemsauer (AUT) who in turn briefly outlined her credentials.

The Chair then welcomed new members Jan Fielder (CZE), Jean-Francois Rapatel (CAN), Paul Van Slyke (USA) and Hiroshi Sawano (JPN).

6. ICR – items from the last meeting

6.1. ICR art. 601.4.2.4 Chief of Race National Ski Association

The amendment to the rule was brought by Jana Palovicova (SVK) who noted that as it stands the regulation could bring about a competition that was not validated/classified. Stefano Pirola (CHI), Matjaz Kranjc (SLO) and Paul Van Slyke (USA), all spoke in favour of the change to wording.

The members unanimously approved the proposal.

6.2. ICR art. 614.4 Slip Crews

This matter required clarification by the Legal and Safety Committee and was therefore tabled until the Spring Meeting.

6.3. ICR art. 669.3 Number of Gate Judges at Continental Cups

It was noted that there were 28 Alpine TDs and 8 non-TDs on the Sub-Committee. It was the general opinion that this was a matter for the Organising Committee and that a Jury could always request further coverage. The members voted not to support this proposal.

6.4. ICR art. 670 Video Controller

After an open discussion it was decided to table this proposal until after consultation with the World Cup group where the matter is mostly in use. Members thought that in coming years the subject could appear at Europa Cup and National Championship level events. Members acknowledged that the controller should have a good working knowledge of alpine rules and hold some experience of Jury and race matters. The members felt they should wait until the World Cup group responded and then see if a way forward was necessary. Stefano Pirola (CHI) noted that when Video was present the Jury managed the controller. Franz Hofer (SUI) noted that currently it is only a World Cup matter and awaited their comments. Matjaz Kranjc (SLO) noted that the subject did not appear in Art. 601. It was noted that the proposal would place the Video Controller within the administration group of an Organising Committee (Art. 601.3.9.4) and it was the general opinion that this person was reporting to the Referee and to the Jury; the person is in fact a dedicated and specialist Gate Judge and for the role requires to have both technical knowledge and experience of dealing with these matters. At higher level championships this person is often a TD/Member of the accredited Jury.

The Chair asked what was to be fixed by this amendment to the Rules? Was something not correct or being taken advantage of? He believed strongly that these two questions should always be addressed before considering any change in the working documents.

It was agreed that the matter would be tabled at the Spring Meeting and after discussions with World Cup and Europa Cup.

7. ICR – urgent rule proposals

There were no matters to be discussed here.

8. ICR – rules discussions and outlook

8.1. ICR art. 663.1 & ICR 614.2.3 Give Information to a Competitor

It was noted that the proposal stated that a Gate Judge could disqualify a competitor (...“if asked, must inform the competitors that he/she is disqualified”) and this is not correct. A Gate Judge can but report a gate fault. In this form the proposal cannot be supported but may be brought up in the Working Group and reported on at the Spring Meeting.

8.2. ICR art. 614.2.3 & ICR 615.3 (Conflict between art.)

This matter was tabled for the Spring Meeting.

8.3. ICR art. 623.2.6 Re-Run Rule

Discussion of the specification of the Re-Run Rule was briefly had. It was noted however, that it was more of a wording matter and as such, would be brought up in the Working Group and reported on at the Spring Meeting.

9. Other rules changes / Reports

9.1. ICR related items from other Alpine Sub-Committees:

Classification Sub-Committee had no comments to make.

Alpine Committee had no comments to make.

Timing Working Group noted that Art. 612.4 would be reviewed as there is a proposal for further activity by the Chief of Timing. Matters will be enhanced in order to ensure that where a time is “generated” a Report must be presented to the Jury who must control it. Within the TD Report there will be the ability to attach this document and transmit it by way of the official TD Report.

9.2. Appeals Commission

Josef Zingerle (ITA) Chair of the Appeals Commission, noted that the Southern Hemisphere events are still no going however to date no reports have been received.

9.3. Precisions (Northern Hemisphere)

Will be published after the next FIS Council meeting.

9.4. ICR Overall (1st Section 200)

Members were reminded that Art. 200 matters are for FIS Council to consider and not Committees nor Sub-Committees.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1. Athletes Inspection. Regarding the question as to whether an athlete could carry out two inspections it was noted that the wording on the Official Programme, a binding Protocol, issued at the Team Captain's Meeting is quite clear; it states categorically that one (1) Inspection is permitted.

10.2. It was noted that athletes, during Inspection, constantly turn at or in the gates during their run. Organisers strive to produce the best possible race surface

across the whole competition run however this “turning” constantly shaves about 1mm per competitor from the race surface. If 100 competitors inspect and turn this is the equivalent of some 10cm of race surface that is no longer present. It should be clearly stated at the Team Captain's Meeting that turning is not permitted. Action could take place. It was suggested, that Juries with the help of coaches would educate athletes on this issue to ensure, that the race surface would stay intact in all inspections. No specific rule is proposed to this issue at this point, as enforcement of such rule is difficult.

10.3. Jana Palovicova (SVK), on behalf of all present, thanked Michael Huber (AUT) for his many years of commitment to Alpine Rules and noted that the current quality of those rules is a direct result of his leadership. He was wished the very best for the future and would be always welcome at these Meetings.

11. Next meeting

FIS Technical Committee Spring Meeting at Vilamoura (POR), 05.-09 May 2025

12. Closing of the Meeting

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 13.30.hrs.