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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions
Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portoroz (SLO), Tuesday, 07.05.2024, 13:30 – 17:30 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions held in Portoroz, 07.05.2024.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30th June 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.

Kindest regards,



Satu Kalajainen (FIN)
Chair Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions

(sent by e-mail without signature)

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Appointment of a secretary
4. Approval of the agenda and possible additions to it
5. Approval of the minutes of Zurich meeting, 27.09.2024
6. FIS update on JWSC/U23/YOG, Michal Lamplot/Simon Caprini
7. FIS Parasport news, Georg Zipfel
8. Follow-up from last meeting topics (fluor ban, race distances etc.)
9. Strategical discussion I based on premeeting questions
10. FIS Development update, Dimitrije Lazarovski/Jelena Dojcinovic
 - How each NSA can access different opportunities/programmes available at FIS Development
 - How we should navigate dialog at CC Y&C committee based on FIS Strategic Plan & Goals
 - What are the priorities for the next two years that would support progressive development of NSAs in accordance to the FIS Strategic plan (focus Y&C)
 - Tactics to implement the plan
11. FIS Update and synergies CC Communications, Synne Dyrhaug
12. Strategical discussion II based on previous updates and discussions
13. Other matters arising
14. Next meeting
15. Closing of the meeting

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 08.05.2024 and to the approval of the FIS Council meeting, 04.06.2024

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair welcomed everyone. She gave prewarning of the effective 4 h meeting ahead. Meeting will be slightly different to previous ones because it is a lot of discussion based on premeeting questions and because Andrew Cholinski is no longer working for FIS; subsequently no Snowkidz/World Snow Day presentations. The Chair asked the Chair of the Cross Country Committee Uros Ponikvar to give his view how he sees the role of this sub-committee; 1) co-operation with Nordic Combined is lacking 2) athlete welfare development 3) create drop-out avoidance programmes 4) education and coaching – all in all more structure, goals, timelines, follow-ups. The Chair asked also Ken Read, the Chair for Y&C Co-ordination group, to say few words to have an inspiring start for the long meeting: “shifts within FIS which could come with a new impetus”.

2. Members present

| Members | Country | Remarks | Substitute |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Satu Kalajainen | FIN | Chair, secretary | |
| Achleitner Lisa | AUT | Absent | |
| Angerer Tobias | GER | Excused | Andreas Schlutter |
| Baldishol Brit | NOR | | |
| Beaulieu Julie | CAN | Partly present | |
| Borch Christian | DEN | Excused | |
| Cool Herbert | NED | Partly present | |
| Eretova Katerina | CZE | Absent | Petra Hyncicova |
| Gamash Yuri | RUS | Absent | |
| Goebel Ronice | AUS | Absent | |
| Graves Cami T. | USA | Excused | |
| Huber Rudi | SRS | Absent | |
| Ilic Mina | SRB | | |
| Isenschmid Marco | SUI | | |
| Jerman Matias | ARG | Absent | |
| Billur Sule | TUR | Absent | |
| Limby Jenny | SWE | | |
| Malik Faustyna | POL | Excused | |
| Mrazova Ivana | SVK | Absent | |
| Ormeno Jose Miguel | CHI | Excused | |
| Paruzzi Gabriella | ITA | Excused | Marco Albarello |
| Pubil Ferran | SPA | Absent | |
| Abdelaaziz Rkioiu | MAR | Absent | |
| Tomomi Shimizu | JPN | Excused | Masahiko Watanabe |
| Jeetendra Shrestha | NEP | Absent | |
| Maria Vaikou | GRE | Absent | |
| Jeff Po-Jen | TPE | Excused | Nick Chen (partly)/Yanh Vincent |
| Roy Young | GBR | Excused | Jenny Shute partly present |

13/28 members were present (online possibility to join the meeting was heavily requested beforehand). Additionally several FIS staff members attended and many observers, including Council member Magdalena Kast and Women's Nordic s-c Chair Virginia de Martin Topranin. Overlapping meetings meant many people having to switch to other meeting/s including members - hence recording exact time of presence is not accurate.

3. Appointment of a secretary

The Chair volunteered to do the minutes.

4. Approval of the agenda and possible additions to it

The agenda was approved with few additions: 1) Brit/Norway presents a company that makes activity equipment for ie. XCX tracks 2) Brit/Norway presents short video of International Junior Training Camp 3) Im/South-Korea's presentation on youth project (if around – this was requested beforehand). It was agreed that the sequence of the topics is flexible; minutes have been recorded according to the original agenda.

5. Approval of the minutes of Zurich meeting, 27.09.2024

The minutes were approved. The Chair mentioned that the youth questionnaire did not go ahead; its significance must be re-evaluated.

6. FIS update on JWSC/U23/YOG, Michal Lamplot/Simon Caprini

Simon Caprini presented figures from JWSC in Planica. Almost record participation nation- and participantwise since 2019. Follows the slogan "we need more nations on the podium". The presentation is attached. JWSC 2025 in Schilpario, Italy 3.-9.2. and 2026 in Trondheim, Norway.

7. FIS Parasport news, Georg Zipfel

Unfortunately we ran out of time but Georg's presentation is attached.

8. Follow-up from last meeting topics (fluor ban, race distances etc.)

Quick exchange of views how last season went in terms of fluor ban: overall good, some common waxing tests in youth races; some challenges but also leading to creative systematic processes, lots of variation between nations on how many test devices there are, fluor tests on junior national champs at least in SWE/NOR. Race distance summary pointless to make as only a few nations replied; still not all nations have streamlined their distances on girls/boys.

9. Strategical discussion I based on premeeting questions

This is described in item 12.

10. FIS Development update, Dimitrije Lazarovski/Jelena Dojcinovic

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Dimitrije Lazarovski summarized the current activities of the Development Department and highlighted the willingness for co-operation. New funding tools FIS Plus and FIS Start, also nations with 3 votes can now apply, applications all year round. Good reminder was to also explore funding opportunities by IOC;

applications through NOC. The Development and Education Hub is still being built and any feedback is appreciated. Snowkidz and World Snow Day websites are closed and there will be more information by midJune what is the continuation of these brands. New Education Manager Cornelia Blank has started at the beginning of May. Department's strategy is growth on every aspect. FIS sent recently a questionnaire to all NSAs with low response rate; in a future, members of the s-c can act as a link to their NSAs helping to get responses. The presentation is attached.

11. FIS Update and synergies CC Communications, Synne Dyrhaug

Synne Dyrhaug presented mostly social media coverage from JWSC. Exposure was immense. Idea to create a common social media account to which nations would have access to promote y&c activities (marketing dept.). The presentation is attached.

12. Strategical discussion II based on previous updates and discussions

Lots of discussion based on homework questions. Unfortunately only small number of nations gave their view beforehand. Attached presentation gives flavour to what we were tied up with most of our meeting (all comments pretty much recorded as they were answered without filtering/much editing – will serve as a working document for our future meetings too). Actions and proposals that came out of the long fruitful debate were: to find out IBU Y&C activities/structure - learnings, own social media channel for Y&C activities (across disciplines?) – should be FIS operated, webinars for coaches/youth themselves, 'this week's training tips' – international coverage in a form of videos on a FIS platform, drop-out huge issue – could AHU help, mentoring schemes between nations – again FIS leadership expected, a collaboration with NC must be established, strong wish for starting to execute the development plan that was created between different CC s-c.s incl. para a year ago → CC Main Committee/FIS Dev. Dept.

13. Other matters arising

Brit showed video of the company FUN2SKILLS – [Fun2Skills | Ski treningsutstyr | Norge](#) .

Brit showed a video of their International Junior Training Camp. Last year 75 athletes, total 100 including coaches, 12 nations. Several today's big names internationally have participated the camp.
South-Korea presentation did not go ahead.

14. Next meeting

Next meeting will be held in Zurich in the autumn.

15. Closing of the meeting

Chair thanked everyone for their endurance and activeness in 4,5 h meeting and closed it at 17.53.