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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions,
Hotel Hilton, Zürich-Airport (SUI), 25.09.2024**

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 Zurich, 25.09.2024.

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.

Kindest regards,



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Chair Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions

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6. U23/JWSC update, Simon Caprini/FIS Assistant Race Director Cross Country
7. Argentinian ski culture and FIS Council work, Magdalena Kast/FIS ex-Council member
8. Parasport news, Georg Zipfel/FIS Paraski Race Director
9. Norway-Brazil mentoring program, Brit Baldishol/Development Manager for Norwegian Ski Federation and Leandro Ribela/Olympic and Paralympic coordinator of the Brazilian Snow Sports Confederation
10. Introduction and joint brainstorming of future synergies, Cornelia Blank/FIS Education Manager
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All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 27.09.2024 and to the approval of the FIS Council online meeting, 23.10.2024.

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair welcomed everyone in a room and declared the meeting open. We have three more nations joining our s-c; France, Islamic Republic of Iran and Hungary (total now 31 members, 30 nations). Moreover, some new names from existing nations. Busy schedule again ahead of us with different presentations. Harald Haim, the Chair for the Skijumping and Nordic Combined Y&C Questions was introduced; he will work on to find our associate in Nordic Combined by spring (as set out in FIS Rules and Terms of Reference for Committees). Jim Woolsey, Chair of Nordic Combined in Ski Canada, was given an opportunity to promote a career opportunity for NC Coach based in BC, Canada.

2. Members present

Members	Country	Remarks	Substitute
Kalajainen Satu	FIN	Chair, secretary	
Erharter Stefanie	AUT	Absent	
Angerer Tobias	GER	Absent	
Baldishol Brit	NOR		
Beaulieu Julie	CAN	Absent	Ilona Gyapay
Borch Christian	DEN	Excused	
Beyramibaher Samaneh	IRI		
Caroline Van Den Boogaard	NED	Excused	
Hyncicova Petra	CZE		
Gamash Yuri	RUS	Absent	
Marco Albarello	ITA	Excused	Anna Rosa
Goebel Ronice	AUS	Absent	
Lagler Kristof	HUN	Absent	
Graves Cami T.	USA	Absent	
Huber Rudi	SRS	Absent	
Ilic Mina	SRB	Absent	
Isenschmid Marco	SUI		
Jerman Matias	ARG	Absent	Magdalena Kast
Billur Sule	TUR	Absent	
Limby Jenny	SWE		
Malik Faustyna	POL		
Bonnin Arnould Christelle	FRA		
Buzekova Jana	SVK		
Ormeno Jose Miguel	CHI	Excused	
Pubil Ferran	ESP	Absent	
Rkiou Abdelaziz	MAR	Absent	
Shimizu Tomomi	JPN	Excused	Masahiko Watanabe
Bhattarai Rama	NEP	Absent	
Vaikou Maria	GRE	Absent	
Yang Vincent Wen-Hsiung	TPE	Excused	
Young Roy	GBR		

14/31 members were present. Ken Read, the Chair for Y&C Co-ordination group, some FIS staff and other observers attended too. Some 'present' members walked in to the room few minutes after the start due overlapping meetings.

3. Appointment of a secretary

The Chair volunteered to act also as a secretary and was approved. The minutes are recorded according to the original agenda sequence.

4. Approval of the agenda and possible additions to it

Introduction of Alberto Rigoni, FIS Development Co-ordinator, FRI CC Main Committee presenter, future on-line meeting master, report from International Junior Camp and possible Development Department update.

5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting in Portoroz (SLO), 07.05.2024

The minutes were approved.

6. U23/JWSC update, Simon Caprini/FIS Assistant Race Director Cross Country

Simon's presentation is attached. 2025 JWSC in Schilpario Italy will be stand-alone cross country event (SJ&NC elsewhere). 2026 JWSC will be held in Trondheim, Norway 2-8.3.2026. 2027 JWSC will be held in Schuchinsk, Kazakhstan (early Nov snow, altitude about 500 m). Marco/CH asked possibility to have long term dates fixed enabling better planning for coaches.

7. Argentinian ski culture and FIS Council work, Magdalena Kast/FIS ex-Council member

Magdalena, also the President of the Argentinian Ski, Snowboard, Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation, took us through the hard work done in Argentina and South-America overall. Work has paid off; now there are three South-American TDs and one Homologator. Different school programmes running, five clubs for youth&children. Areas mainly in Patagonia/Andes (Bariloche). Teams go out to Europe for 3-5 months (athletes some 17-18 years). Biggest challenges are getting more kids on snow and lack of equipment (ie. roller skis).

8. Parasport news, Georg Zipfel/FIS Paraski Race Director

Georg was delighted of the development work overall; for the first time Mongolian Junior won the gold medal in Roller Ski World Cup - few years back he was mentoring Mongolia, great to see fruitful evolution. Georg gave us very inspiring heads up on para-ski development steps: one highlight is to have, for the first time, para-sprints as part of Trondheim Cross Country World Champs the coming winter! (Zofia reported that also for the first time FISU incorporates para-cross country skiing events in University Games in Torino 2025!) Development Camps are run together with para and able-bodied athletes. Unfortunately IBU cancelled the contract with FIS and this creates a challenge as 65% of the athletes are the same (in para-ski and para-biathlon) → hard to find World Cup organizers. In order to make para-skiing more understandable for the public, new competition formats are needed. In contact with African Ski Federation to develop para-sport (skiing) with roller skis. Georg's guidance was; make contact with national Para Federation and start working together – ideal to establish joint trainings with para- and non-para-athletes from young age so it becomes natural – inclusion! We need more athletes in para cross-country skiing, so it is very important that we work closely together with Youth & Children; encourages many people with disabilities to get out on the snow! The annual Para Action Day at Europa-Park is a very good showcase of this.

9. Norway-Brazil mentoring program, Brit Baldishol/Development Manager for Norwegian Ski Federation and Leandro Ribela/Olympic and Paralympic coordinator of the Brazilian Snow Sports Confederation

Leandro, former Olympic-skier himself (Vancouver, Sochi), first gave grounds and insight of their development work so far. The head office is in Sao Paulo. There are no high mountains, no snow so roller skiing is the only option. 2012 he started Ski na Rua (Street Skiing) project and school weeks, mostly 7-11 years. This involves also para-athletes whom they were searching from hospitals and through physiotherapists. They reached 520 kids, out of 345 tried, out of 101 who trained and 60 ended up competing. They have produced Olympic athletes and the next challenge is the coach education; having no endurance sport culture, need external help. 2022 help from Norway; 28 Brazilian and South-American coaches were educated for level 0, level 1 takes place 2024-2025.

Brit shared a presentation of extensive and structured coach education programme (attached) designed for Brazil and was looking forward to the deeper co-operation. The education programme is a long-term plan and vision is to have level 2 2025-2027 and level 3 2027-2029 with relevant and increasing qualifications attached to each level. Great showcase of bigger nation mentoring smaller one and yet, surely everyone can learn something from each other. More updates to follow as the project evolves.

10. Introduction and joint brainstorming of future synergies, Cornelia Blank/FIS Education Manager

Cornelia's presentation is attached. She started 1May as Education Manager and outlined the FIS Education Strategy; FIS Formal Education and FIS Education Information Awareness. It was agreed to meet later in the evening and to maintain regular dialogue of our needs and wishes.

11. Follow up on last meeting's pending matters

The Chair encouraged everyone to find out more about IOC funding with their national OC, same as with national Biathlon Federation to find out any learnings on youth & children activities and structure – the Chair will talk to IBU. Y&C social media platform and 'this week's training tips' proposal has been submitted to M&M with no reflection yet. Webinars to youth and coaches we talked about (actually brief 15 mins after the meeting with most of the members) and had some idea to organize still in Nov'ish; Synne/FIS Comms promised to find out how she could help. These webinars with various topics could act as Drop-Out preventor (ie. how to handle/live with eating disorder). Mentoring schemes hope to become standard FIS activity at some stage. In this our development plan (collaboration group between different s-c.s) could come in hand. All these to be further followed-up.

12. Snow Safe update

Sarah Fussek, FIS Integrity Manager presented some topical development steps on this subject. 'Snow Safe' brand has been extended to 'Safeguarding' to better express the entity of it. Her presentation attached in the minutes. Some volunteers are needed to proof read the LOC Risk Assessment Kit for LOCs (report to Sarah directly).

13. Other matters arising

Alberto Rigoni introduced himself and briefly talked us through some recent activities; Development and Education Camps etc. He is looking forward the co-operation with us. His email is alb.rigoni@gmail.com.

Jana/SVK volunteered to present in CC Main Committee on Friday.

Brit/NOR can help with setting up the online facility in the next meeting, if need be.

Brit/NOR and Anne/Para NOR showed a video from the International Junior Camp. For the first time also para-athletes were included and this was a huge success. Same

activities thought out the camp. In total 100 athletes and 35 coaches from 15 nations (incl. 8 para-athletes/9 para-coaches from 7 nations) participated.

14. Next meeting

Next meeting will be held in Vilamoura, Portugal 3-5May2025.

15. Closing of the meeting

The Chair thanked all the members and ended the meeting 13.30.