

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

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Oberhofen, 05.10.2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors, held on Wednesday 27.09.2023 in Zurich (SUI).

Dear Ski friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **20th October 2023**.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform 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,



Jeff Weinman
Chairman Sub-Committee for Classification

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

Minutes of the Meeting, Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors Wednesday, 27.09.2023, 11:00hrs

- 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting (Jeff Weinman, USA)**

The Chairman Jeff Weinman (USA) welcomed the members and guests and thanked them for their participation.
- 2. Roll-call (Janez Flere, FIS)**

Janez Flere (FIS) called the roll of members present and replacements and stated that only named members present are eligible to vote.
The following members are NOT present or excused: Thomas Bank (CZE), Alice Chilcot (AUS), Juli Selma (ESP), Fernando Enevoldsen (ARG), Joannis Marmarellis (GRE); Alexey Orlov (RUS), Ashlie Avoledo (CAN), Rina Seki (JPN), Paul Trayner (GBR); Fatemeh Kiadarbandsari (IRI).
- 3. Approval of the agenda (Jeff Weinman, USA)**

The agenda was approved without objection with the addition under Miscellaneous on Country Group quotas and CIT race penalties.
- 4. Approval of the last minutes (Janez Flere, FIS)**

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dubrovnik (CRO) in May 2023 were approved without objections.
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1 Chairman (Jeff Weinman USA)**

Jeff Weinman (USA), thanked the FIS Office for all the work on behalf of the members and National Ski Associations.
 - 5.2 Janez Flere, FIS Office**

Janez Flere (FIS) reported that there has been a busy race season in South America. Australia had faced challenges and had not hosted any competitions but New Zealand had been able to host. There were many competitors who registered late and paid for a confirmation to be able to start with their points.
 - 5.3 Daniel Défago, FIS Office**

Daniel Defago (FIS) was not available to report and Flere reported on his behalf. The Youth Olympic Games provisional quotas are updated with each list. The final date for results is 17th December with the final quota list being confirmed 18th December.
- 6. Special Quotas Northern Hemisphere (Janez Flere, FIS)**

Reviewing and updating the special quotas list is a manual process. Special quotas will be handled as they have been in the past few years with requests confirmed to the FIS Office by all parties at least 10 days before the first team captains meeting. This can be a challenge when new races can be added as late as 10 days so in those instances everything must be done the same day. Flere said that it is helpful if he is copied from the start on requests.

Flere reminded that an edit to the rule book will need to be made to reflect the new procedures.

7. **FIS Points rules 2023/2024 (Janez Flere, FIS)**

The updated Alpine Rules of the FIS Points book is available on the website.

8. **Miscellaneous (Jeff Weinman, USA)**

8.1 **Country Group**

The members agreed to confirm the addition of EST-LAT-LTU to the SCAN Country Group. This change will confirm the work done in practice between these nations and reduce the manual work required in the FIS Office.

Art. 7.1.7 Country Groups

For CAN-USA / DEN-~~EST~~-FIN-ISL-~~LAT-LTU~~-NOR-SWE / ARG-BOL-BRA-CHI / AUS-FIJ-NZL / CHN-JNP-KGZ-KOR-MGL-IND-PAK / LBN-ROU-RSA-CYP-LUX-POR-AND-SRB-MON-SMR-IRL: maximum 30; for each nation for races organised in a country of that country group.

8.2 **CIT Penalty**

The CIT Sub-Committee is discussing making a change for their series. Currently athletes can have no fewer than 25 technical points or 30 speed points to participate in CIT races. The discussion at the CIT Sub-Committee is to remove this limitation but impose a minimum penalty of 40 points. If the CIT Sub-Committee decides to go forward with a change, then the Classification Sub-Committee will need to confirm.

Arno Heikkala (FIN) asked if there are any forward-looking topics that are being discussed with the Chair or within FIS staff.

Flere said that he knew there was continued discussion on the proposal from last year to equalize the penalty for NC races with FIS level.

He thinks that things are going well with the point system, with quotas, and with injuries. Alpine Combined is going away and is no longer being scheduled. Parallel is still being discussed. Team Combined should not need any changes from this group.

Weinman reiterated that there is continued discussion on the equalization of NC and FIS levels and that his hope with this topic, and any that impact the points system, that there is some

9. **Next meeting (Jeff Weinman, USA)**

The FIS Spring Meeting, 5th to 9th May 2024 in Portoroz (SLO) is confirmed.

10. **Closing of the meeting**

The Chairman again thanked the members and guests for their continued commitment to our sport.

For the minutes, Jeff Weinman, 04.10.2023