

To the
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates held
on Wednesday, 27.09.2023.**

Dear Ski Friends,

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

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **15th
November 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 and have a safe and healthy winter.

Kindest regards,



Markus Malsiner
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates Wednesday, 27.09.2023

1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed all Sub-Committee members as well as all present. He welcomed in particular Anne-Chantal Pigelet Grévy (FRA), Council Member as well as the two honorary members Edwin Fritz (AUT) and Thomas Gurzeler (SUI). He also welcomed Daniel Défago (FIS) and those FIS Professionals present.

2. Roll call-

Janez Fleré (FIS) called the Roll.

Simon Wi Rutene (NZL), TD Commissioner for AUS-NZL and Alexey Orlov (RUS) were excused.

The Chair introduced the Commissioner for SUI&LIE, Osi Inglin (SUI).

3. Approval of the agenda

The Agenda, with no remarks or comments, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 03.05.2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 03.05.2023, were, without additions or comments, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman

The Chairman began by thanking Janez Fleré for preparing the Annual TD Update and the most interesting material in contained.

The new season started in ARG/CHI/AUS and NZE. All five competitions in NZE took place however AUS, with two competitions, had to cancel both due to weather conditions.

In ARG it was very good with most planned completions taking place less two technical ones where the weather interfered. In CHI some 9 events took place that included ones within the South American Cup (SAC).

As we can see, the future in the South with so many events is very useful and maybe in the future we can count on high-level competitions returning, maybe even a World Cup.

At its meeting on 24th May, FIS Council finally decided to change the Per Diem for all TDs, for all Events and Disciplines, from CHF 100.-- to CHF 125.-- and this will appear shortly in the relevant ICR Articles (602.5). This new rule comes into effect as of 16th October 2023. It is a first step and does not fill our wishes, first raised in 2019, when we requested an increase to CHF 150.--. It was a tough discussion with FIS and the Secretary General, but thanks to him the Council finally made its decision. The Chairman wishes to thank Janez for his ideas and our Council Member Anne-Chantal as well as Peter Krogoll (GER) who pushed this request on behalf of Snowboard and Freestyle. This teamwork was very positive in producing a result for the TD family as a whole. It may be

that a lot of Organisers are not happy with this decision but in all honesty it is not that much when considering all the work done by a TD once assigned. Nowadays the TD is exposed to all kinds of risks, not least the legal ones. As a comparison a football referee, and I talked to a few, receives some Euro 80K a year. An Umpire at an ATP tennis tournament also receives some Euro 80K or US Dollar 80K. In the 1st League of ITA football a referee receives EURO 3800- for each game and in the 2nd League, some Euro 1700. Obviously one cannot compare skiing with football but need to take this example in order to look at the level of risks each takes.

The first list for World Cup assignments was sent out early in the year but was not accepted and there followed a second list. The Chairman is convinced of the need to return to the allocation system that was in use in previous years. When reviewing assignments in Europe and in Intercontinental events it makes no sense that each year a venue receives a TD assigned from a particular nation or venue region and in turn requests a TD from that nation/venue: year for year then the same nation supports the same venue. We therefore need to exchange assignments better, in order to learn, to better educate our TDs, at all levels.

For each alpine World Cup competition the Organisers have a far larger financial pool (turnover) when compared to a World Cup, in say Slopestyle, Park and Pipe, Moguls or Aerials therefore it cannot be a matter of costs. For an alpine World Cup but one TD is required; for a Slopestyle Alpine World Cup the requirement is one TD, one Head-judge, and up to nine international judges for World Cup Events. You can just imagine the cost of moving all of these people, coming from all over the world, to the venue and sometimes we are arguing about the cost of one TD in the alpine World Cup moving within N. Europe!

As a further example at a recent Snowboard Alpine World Ski Championships event some thirty-five (35) international judges were present in addition to the TDs. At the recent alpine World Championships in France we sent but two (2) TDs and four (4) Jury members – you can see the difference!

I would like to discuss this subject with you as we have to solve it and need to move a little.

Finally, my thanks, to Franz Hofer (SUI) who has been with us since 2016. I am extremely grateful for his support and on behalf of all for his commitment over these years. My thanks to Janez for all his support and the tremendous work done for the Update as well as to Paul Van Slyke (USA) for his presentation and lastly Wim Rossel (FIS), European Cup Men's Coordinator, on how a TD should prepare for an Intercontinental Cup event.

To all the Commissioners, an extra thank-you for their continuing support.

Remarks.

Anne-Chantal Pigelet Grévy noted that from her first day as a Commissioner she was confronted by this issue. Primarily the problem is one of finance; on a day to day basis she is confronted by a reluctance on the part of Organisers to pay for a TD as they do not see what the TD brings. There is only one thing in mind; what is the TD is going to cost me? We have to educate the Organisers.

The TD is a precious resource that is not all that expensive however before that, and also discussing the exchange of TDs, which is important for educational purposes, we have to sort out this financial issue. Last year you would not believe how many ski resorts managing races called and noted that this (TD) was too expensive and that they wished to optimise from one place to another. It is not good for one TD to always go from the nearest place. In doing so the

TD becomes acquainted with habits that decrease their awareness, it diminishes the senses.

This becomes a vicious circle, on one hand the pressure from the Organisers as cheap as possible and on the other, exchange is very important as we learn from having different TDs from different nations on how they operate and in doing so better educate our own TDs.

She was not sure yet of any solution however on one hand there is the need to educate the OCs as well as increasing the level of education of our own TDs. There is the need to identify resources and we must address the Chairmans' ideas.

5.2 FIS Office (Daniel Defago)

Daniel Défago thanked all Technical Delegates for their work with the new TD Report during the past season and welcomed the feedback. He outlined the coming FIS Points List and relevant dates when updates will be made.

On the 18th December the YOG quotas will be calculated with all valid results made until 17th December. Important is to send all TD reports in time.

There were no remarks.

5.3. FIS Office (Janez Flere)

Janez Flere reported about the start of a successful season in the Southern Hemisphere where over 100 races held in South America (with 25 NSA participating) and more than 20 in New Zealand.

All TD reports were sent on time and without any big problems.

6. Reports from TD courses June 2023 (Southern Hemisphere)

6.1. Stefano Pirola (CHI) reported briefly on the 2 Updates/Seminars held in June in Bariloche (ARG). All FIS TDs were present as well as national and local TDs and officials, in total some 60 odd persons.

The meetings were very interesting and interactive.

6.2. Written report from AUS-NZL was received.

7. Planning of TD courses 2023

Commissioners confirmed dates, venues and examination numbers/languages.

REGION	PLACE	DATE	CANDIDATES	INSPECTOR
ARG-CHI	Bariloche (ARG)	30.-Jun	---	Janez Flere
AUS-NZL	NZL	04. Jun	---	Simon Wi Rutene
JPN*	Seoul (KOR)	21.-22. Oct	---	Michihko Nakamura
AUT	St. Anton (AUT)	13.-14. Oct	- Isidor Grüner - Marco Neurauther - Mario Sieder	Franz Hofer
FRA	Nice – Cannes (FRA)	07.-08. Oct	- Thibault Marin-Lamellet - Thomas Clement Michel - Loic Brun	Enrique Diaz

NOR*	Stockholm (SWE)	21.-22. Oct	- Emilie Danig (DEN) - Kenneth Rabben (NOR) - Ole Froenes (NOR) - Trond Indresand (NOR)	Franz Hofer
CAN / USA	Nashville (USA)	20.-22. Oct	- Cameron Stephen (CAN) - John Crichton (CAN) - Greg Towle (USA) - Jack Bailey (USA) - John Norton (USA)	Markus Malsiner
SVK-CZE*	Katowice (POL)	13.-15. Oct	- Krzysztof Mazurek (POL)	Matjaz Vrecl
SUI / LIE	Sion (SUI)	27.-28. Oct.	- Serge Allemann - Urs Elmer - Lisa Agerer	Anne Chantal
GER	Munich (GER)	03.-04. Nov	- Andreas Kindsmüller - Benedikt Staubitzer (tbc)	Jana Palovicova
GBR*	Manchester (GBR)	03.-05. Nov.	---	Christophe Lemeire
SLO* (1)	Sofia (BUL)	21.-22. Oct	---	Matjaz Kranjc
SLO* (2)	Ljubljana (SLO)	23.-24. Nov	- Jani Hladnik (SLO)	TBD
ITA	Lago di Garda (ITA)	13.-14. Oct		Markus Malsiner
ESP/AND	Granada (ESP)	28.-29. Oct	- Marta Pintado (ESP) - Ignacio Suarez (ESP) - Xavier Coll (AND) - Alex Antor (AND)	Janez Flerè

8. Planning of Speed Clinics 2023/24

Janez Flerè confirmed two Speed Clinics for the Northern Hemisphere Winter season. The first one will be held in Yanqing (CHN) during FEC Downhill events scheduled between 04th and 11th January 2024. It will also be possible for TD candidates in the region to complete their Speed Practical Examination.

The second Clinic will be in Hafjell (NOR) at the National Junior Championships the last week in January 2024.

There is also the request to support a Speed Clinic in Canada under the supervision of the North American TD Commissioner, Doug Campbell (CAN) and Paul Van Slyke (USA).

9. Planning of TD assignments 2023/24

9.1 Confirmation [TD names assignments for World Cup 2023/24](#)

9.2 Confirmation [TD names assignments for European Cup 2023/24](#)

9.3 TD assignments for FIS events 2023/24

Janez Fleré confirmed with Commissioners nations / names assigned to events on the FIS Alpine Calendar (see Alpine Calendar) Some nominations will only be confirmed after TD Updates.

He thanked all Commissioners for the work done prior to the Meeting ensuring that the confirmation process was quick and precise.

9.4 Confirmation TD assignments for 2026 OWG Milano – Cortina (ITA)

Alpine

Technical Delegate Women
Jury Women

Paul Van Slyke, USA
Stefano Pirola, CHI
Anneli Richardsson, SWE
Anne-Chantal Pigelet, FRA (written confirmation from NSA FRA missing)

Technical Delegate Men
Jury Men

Thomas Braun, GER
Enrique Diaz, ESP
Janez Dekleva, SLO
Olav Skjotskift, NOR

Para Alpine

Technical Delegate Women
Technical Delegate Men

Herman Putz, AUT
Didier Bovin, SUI

Start Referee
Finish Referee

Paul Trayner, GBR
Yohann Taberlet, FRA

Video Control

Jin Liu, CHN

10. Miscellaneous

A request was made by Osi Inglin (SUI) to all TD Commissioner to assign only Examiner for all scheduled DH events.

11. Next Meeting

FIS Spring Technical Committee Meetings will be held between 5th and 9th May 2024 in Portoroz (SLO)

12. Closing of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked once more all TD Commissioner for their great job and support during the season.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.30hrs.

For the Minutes, Martin Leach

Read and approved by Markus Malsiner, Chairman of the TD Sub-Committee