

To the:

- Members of the Alpine Youth & Children's Sub-Committee
- Janez Dekleva, Chair of the Children's Race Organisers Group
- Rudi Huber, Executive Director, SRS

For information to:

- Johan Eliasch, FIS President
- Michel Vion, FIS Secretary General
- Massimo Rinaldi, Chairman Alpine Committee
- Jeff Weinman, Chairman Classifications Sub-Committee
- Michael Huber, Chairman Rules Sub-Committee

FIS Staff

- Lukas Brawand, Communications and Digital Coordinator
- Jordi Pujol, Continental Cup Coordinator
- Andrew Cholinski, Coordinator Bring Children to the Snow
- Dimitrije Lazarovski, Development Manager

10.October. 2023

Meeting of the FIS Alpine Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions

Dear Ski Friends:

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution to our meeting.

Please find enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Alpine Youth and Children's Sub-Committee. You are kindly asked to send any remarks to these minutes to the FIS Office in Oberhofen within two weeks.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a successful winter to those members from the Northern Hemisphere and a safe summer to all in the Southern Hemisphere.

With best regards,



Janez Flere
Alpine Technical Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL SKI & SNOWBOARD FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth & Children's Questions
Wednesday, 27. 09. 2023, 14:00 – 16:00

1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present

Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present - no Chair has yet been appointed; this will be decided at the next meeting of FIS Council.

Janez Flere, (FIS Acting Chair) welcomed FIS Council members attending, and all members and guests.

Jenny Shute (GBR) made the roll call.

Acting Chair:

FLERE Janez (FIS)

Vice-Chair:

KRIECHBAUM Jürgen (AUT)

Members:

ANDERLIC Bostjan (SLO); DORSS Dinars (LAT); ERTL Andreas, (GER); FARROMBA Pedro (POR); FELLMAN Tobias (SWE); FLATSCHER Hans (SUI); GATTI Gian Luca (SMR); GRITSI Sophia (GRE); HAVNELID JOHNSEN Stefan (NOR); HOWSON Jono (NZL); KNIGHT Chip (USA); KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA Olga (CZE); KYRIACOU Kiriacos (CYP); LEMEIRE Christophe (BEL); MARTIN Philippe (FRA); MITAL Martyna (POL); OKSHOLM Henrik (DEN); PASTOR Jacques (MON); SAWANO Hiroshi (JPN); SHUTE Jenny (GBR); SLJUKA Igor (BIH); THOMPSON Jeff (CAN); VISA Carles (AND); VUCINIC Ivan (CRO).

Replacing absent members:

CAGALA Radovan for CHOVANAK Pavol (SVK); TIELMAN Horst for COOL Herbert, (NED); NASSER, Laure for DARIANE Zeina (LBN); RINALDI, Massimo for DE FLORIAN Paolo (ITA); PIROLA Stefano for GROB Rainer (CHI); HEIKKALA Arno for KARHILA-RASAANEN Jaana (FIN); DIAZ Enrique for RUIZ CASTILLO Carolina (ESP); BOSIC Milan for SABANOVIC Srdjan (SRB); THORSTEINSDOTTIR Brynja for THORVALDSSON Jon Vidar (ISL).

Alpine Committee Honorary Member: READ, Ken CAN

FIS Council Members: MURASATO Aki JPN; STEVENS Fiona NZL;

FIS Staff: CHOLINSKI Andrew; LAZAROVSKI Dimitrije; PUJOL Jordi; ROSSEL Wim;

Invited Guests: DEKLEVA Janez, Chair FCROC; SENONER Rainer (Val Gardena, ITA); Sasa Kurto, (Telemach Speed camps, BIH);

Apologies had been received from HUBER Rudi (SRS) and BOLGER Derek (IRL)

Guests: AHWANI Emil (ALB); BJARNASON Bjarni (ISL); HOFER Franz (SUI); INGLIN Osi (SUI); LEYDER Jean (LUX); LYNAM Brian (CAN); MOANGE Ake (SWE); O'CONNOR Anne (IRL); ODASHIMA Ken (JPN); PETRAHU Barbara (HUN); PILZ Peter (RSA); POLAT Metin (TUR); ROWAN Mark (CAN); SIGURDUR Nikk (ISL); SUNDBERG Karin (SWE); SUNDQUIST Anders (SWE); ZURBURCHER Werner (SUI); TOLI Elvin (ALB).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the 38th meeting held online 03.05.2023.**

Minutes were approved with no comments.

4. **Report from Special Groups**

4.1 Equipment /SRS

Report from SRS: Rudi Huber – excused; the fluor wax ban was discussed. It is understood that there will be testing at the FIS Alpine World Junior Ski Championships.

4.2 FIS Children’s Race Organisers Committee: Janez Dekleva (SLO) Chair

Janez Dekleva gave a short report from the recent meeting in Mokra Gora, (SRB).

Calendars – the updated calendar is attached to the minutes.

Members discussed the inclusion of Para-Alpine athletes. Jenny Shute (GBR) had given a safeguarding presentation (remotely). There is a new candidate member – Bansko (BUL).

4.3 FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute, GBR) spoke about the new Athlete Health Unit (AHU) which will cover many topics including injury prevention, concussion (a study under way with GBR), mental health, relative energy deficiency etc. The size and structure of the Medical Committee is to change after the FIS Spring meetings in 2024.

5. **FIS Snow Safe Policy (Jenny Shute, GBR) - Update**

Jenny Shute (GBR) gave a short presentation (attached to the minutes). World Junior Championship organisers are reminded that they need to appoint an event welfare officer. The FIS Integrity Officer is the point of contact for reporting concerns (fusseck@fis-ski.com)

6. **Proposal**

6.1 Start limitation U18 (USA) (Decision postponed at the Spring meeting 2023)

Chip Knight (USA) gave a short introduction to the proposal from USA.

He noted that 400 “1st year athletes” had made more than 25 starts during the 2022-23 season.

Proposal: U18 – YOB 2006-2007 - 1st year U18 athletes: maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 30. Athletes must not participate beyond the maximum of 30 starts for the first year U18. All results beyond 30 starts are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points. There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G, and Alpine Combined.

2nd year U18 athletes: maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 40. Athletes must not participate beyond the maximum of 40 starts for the first year U18. All results beyond 40 starts are cancelled and therefore do not count for FIS points. There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G, and Alpine Combined.

The Youth & Children’s Sub-Committee will inform the Classifications Sub-Committee and Alpine Executive Board of any infringements of the rule and any recommended sanctions. The Classification Sub- Committee will inform FIS Council.

Reasons:

- Re-establish start limitation in SL and GS for first-year FIS athletes.
- Set progressively higher start limitation of 40 in SL and GS for second-year FIS athletes.
- Reduce over-racing and the chasing of FIS point opportunities by young athletes.
- Increase speed event participation to broaden skill development in young athletes.
- Increase percentage of training days for athletes while still in development years

- Reduce risk of injury for young athletes as a result of racing too much and fatigue through the season.

A short discussion took place; the final decision will be made during the Spring meeting in May 2024.

7. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol, FIS)

7.1. 2024 – Haute Savoie (FRA) 28.-01.2024 / 03.-02. 2024 – Jordi Pujol gave a short update; events will run over 5 ski areas; good organisation. The Organising Committee made a short presentation to the meeting.

7.2. 2025 – Santa Caterina (ITA) - now moved to Tarvisio (ITA), end-February/beginning-March 2025; a short presentation was made by the organisers.

7.3. 2026 / 2027 – No candidates yet.

8. Other Youth Competitions:

8.1. 2024 – Youth Olympic Winter Games, Gangwon (KOR) – an inspection was held in August, everything is in place other than the SG homologation. This will be the last AC with a dedicated SG; AC points will be used for the draw (those with only SG points will start last). Quotas will be calculated after each new FIS list. FIS has received a positive response to all questions. Janez Flere (FIS) will manage the Alpine events while the Race Directors will remain on the main circuit.

9. FIS Youth Development: Dimitrije Lazarovski / Jelena Dojcinovic (FIS Youth Coordinator)

9.1. Dimitrije Lazarovski (FIS) reported that the inaugural FIS Summit had taken place the previous day. This gave an opportunity for FIS President and Development team to present the FIS strategic plan to developing nations. There were opportunities for questions, and exchange of knowledge. FIS aims to support regional activities, and is currently looking to support the Balkan regions, and the Far East. The equipment programme has been discussed again with SRS. DL attended the recent FIS CROC meeting and has welcomed good discussions with the FIS Y&C Coordination Group. More information will become available over coming months. The Development programme will support Alpine Speed, and all FIS disciplines.

Jenny Shute was thanked for her work over many years, and received a FIS award from FIS President.

10. FIS Update/Promotion and Development (Dimitrije Lazarovski, Andrew Cholinski)

10.1 FIS Youth Seminar

Bring Children to the snow – Andrew Cholinski (FIS) reported that an interim target of 10,000 events has been reached and exceeded!

10.2. FIS Snow Day (21st January 2024) – registrations are currently open; so far 38 events across 18 countries are registered; care package applications open 1st October; we should all communicate with our NSAs and ideally host an event.

10.3. FIS Snowkidz

Snowkidz – has strong environmental targets, and is working with UN and IOC; snow safety, promoting FIS safety rules; Snowkidz Shred parks were provided to GER / CAN / POR; Pedro Faromba (POR), reported that they had built the park amongst university

buildings – to bring kids to have first experience with skis and snowboards; he felt it provided a real boost for the sports in Portugal. The next Park will go to Hokkaido. JPN; applications are open on the new website: www.snowkidz.com. Applications for equipment are dealt with on a first come, first serve basis; FIS had supported a major project in Lebanon Project Play and a summary can be found on the new FIS TV channel; Ken Read, Denis Giger and Satu Kalajainen will be judging the 2024 Snowkidz awards; applications are already open.

11. Varia/New Business/Questions/Best Practices/Knowledge Exchange

11.1 Telemach Speed camp presentation - Sasa Kurto (BIH): Bjelasnica (BIH). Many elite-level athletes supported the camp, including Kristian Ghedina, Ivica Kostelic, Paola Magoni, Sead Causevic, Jan Hudec, Edin Terzic, and Ariana Boras. Sharing knowledge and experience; training methods; activities focused on skills for speed - gliding, efficient body-positioning, etc. The Nic Zoricic Foundation provided safety equipment; training took place on the FIS-homologated Olympic Men's DH slope in Sarajevo. Training on first two days, followed by video analysis, including coaches, and then 2 x Super G races on day 3. All nations are welcome to attend!

11.2 Val Gardena ITA - Rainer Senoner (ITA): 27th to 30th November 2023 Speed camp for men and women; 1st to 4th December 2023 FIS Speed races, as usual; now offering 2004-2007 YoB training facilities ahead of the main event (women only). info@saslong.org; enroll by 5th November. Benefits include free ski pass; video analysis. Peter Runggaldier (ITA) and other elite athletes will be present.

Ken Read (Alpine Committee Honorary Member, CAN) emphasized the need to continue to focus on speed events; fields getting smaller. This investment in Speed camps will pay dividends. He thanked Janez Flere for acting as interim chair for the meetings.

12. Next Meetings/Gatherings:

12.1. FIS Spring Technical Meetings: 5th to 9th May 2024 in Portoroz (SLO).

12.2. Informal 'Gathering' of Sub-Committee members and coaches: TBC, Haute Savoie (FRA)

The Chair thanked all members and guests for attending, Jenny Shute for the minutes and wished all members the very best for the upcoming Northern Hemisphere winter.

For the minutes Jenny Shute & Ken Read, 06.10.2023