

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Meeting of the Working Group Men's Coaches

Minutes to the meeting of the Working Group Men's Coaches

Wednesday, 27th September 2023, 09:00 – 12:00 hrs Meeting room Panorama A/B in Hotel Hilton, Zurich (SUI)

AGENDA/MINUTES:

1. Welcome, roll call

Thomas Stauffer opened the meeting by greeting everyone and proceeded with the roll call.

The nations present were: SUI, NOR, AUT, ITA, FRA, GER, CAN, USA, SLO, CRO, AND, SWE, BEL, ESP, LIE, SVK, FIN, CZE, DEN, JPN, MON

Nations not present were: GBR, BUL, GRE, CHI

2. General Information Markus Waldner

Markus Waldner welcomed coaches and special partners including Stefan Krauss (Infront), Pierre Meyrat (Swiss Timing), Geri Mitterbauer and Michael Lasshofer (AHU), Augusto Gillio (FIS Fluor), Caroline Ris (FIS Travel) and Michel Vion (FIS Secretary General)

He reintroduced the FIS team for the 2023/2024 season.

- Hannes Trinkl, Race Director for the speed events
- Janez Hladnik, Race Director for tech events
- Raimund Plancker, Assistant Race Director for the speed events
- Mike Kertesz, Director of Race Operations
- Tatjana Luessy, Alpine assistant
- Emmanuel Couder, Alpine Operational Event Coordinator
- Charlotte Chable, Media Coordinator

3. Election of the Chairman and his substitute

Chairman Thomas Stauffer and vice-chairman Christian Schwaiger have done a good job and Markus then proposed that they be re-elected by hand vote. The members present in the room voted in favor.

4. Report summer inspections (M. Waldner)

- Sölden → All the trainings will be coordinate by Rainer Gstrein
- Palisades Tahoe → SRS was part of the summer inspection there. The situation about the wax room is now good.
- Aspen → There will be some new wax facilities over there too (Garage @ Mountain Chalet)
- Zermatt → The amount of snow is good at the moment comparing to last season.
- Gurgl → New snow making installation and they built a tunnel and a potential GS slope was checked for the upcoming seasons.

- Adelboden / Wengen → A new plan will be set in order to provide a good accreditation system.
- Kitzbühel → There is an issue about the Team Combined. Markus got a letter from the athlete representative with 112 racers which are not supporting the event under the existing rules which have been approved after the meeting in Dubrovnik.
- Garmisch → For the future, the downhill will be back in Garmisch but due to an overloading of the speed races in the calendar at this period it was better to go with two Super-G.
- Chamonix → Double speed event in Chamonix with two Downhills and one slalom.
- Saalbach → The women's downhill slope will be used for the men's Super-G and Downhill and the finals will be raced over two weekends.

5. Calendar 2023/24

Information on next season's calendar was covered by Markus in the previous item, the summer inspection report.

Hannes Trinkl confirmed that jump measurements will be taken in Val Gardena, Kitzbühel, Wengen).

Janez Hladnik also gave some information on the various venues, explaining the work that has been done to improve the races.

Finish area Operations (M.Kertesz)

As the requests for persons to be present in the Mixed Zone making the restricted areas quite packed, a limited access based on athlete quotas have been implemented.

After the race, only the winning teams of the top 3 athletes can exit out the slippers exit and enter the restricted area regardless of whether they have a restricted area access card or not to celebrate their athletes' achievements.

Sölden will have a special evening program with the bib draw as they are celebrating their 30-year anniversary.

The WhatsApp group will again be used for the important information throughout the winter.

6. FIS Travel info's

Travel to Beaver Creek → The Star Alliance contract is still in place, with 3 free baggage items and the possibility of modifying or cancelling the ticket free of charge up to one day before departure.

Travel to Bansko → FIS Travel is ready to do a Charter flight if necessary. Departure from Zurich on Thursday, return to Zurich on Sunday.

Travel to Kvitfjell → Contract with SAS allowing tickets to be modified or cancelled free of charge up to one day before departure.

Travel to Palisades Tahoe/Aspen → Same deal as for Beaver Creek

7. Information of different LOC

Franz Julen (Zermatt/Cervinia)

The glacier is in a good situation right now.

Monday following the race weekend is a reserve day in case of cancellation.

There will be three Team Hospitality →

1. Laghe Cime Bianche in the finish area with small snacks and quick meals.
2. Testa Grigia.
3. Trockener Steg where the official lunch will be served after the race.

Travel to Zermatt → Per FIS quota, one permission to drive up to Zermatt will be given. For that, Teams need to provide the name, the date of the arrival date and the car plate number until the end of October.

For the one who doesn't have a permission, they will park directly in Täsch and go up with Taxi.

During the week, it's not allowed to drive to the Cable car with the hotel shuttle. A number to a taxi company will be given to the teams and they need to book the evening before the taxi for the next day. Everything will be paid by the OC.

Warm up will be organized by Thomas Stauffer.

Pre-race training → The information on the letter received the 1st of June is still actual. That means from the 23rd of October, three slopes (2A/2B/2C) will be ready.

The Swiss part of the Grand Becca will also be open with the possibility to train there for two days for each nation.

Costs are for 40 euro per person (lift pass).

Post-race training → Three training slopes during two weeks will be ready for the teams. To organized these trainings, the contact person is Melanie from ZBAG or Cervinia SPA

Sarah Franke (Beaver Creek)

Monday 27th of November is the official arrival day.

Ingrid Jacquemod (Val d'Isère)

New set up for the team hospitality and the waxing room. An email with specifics information about accommodation, parking quota and hospitality will be sent from the OC at the beginning of November.

Rainer Senoner (Val Gardena)

Trainings slope will be open from Monday before the race (11th of December)

Lorenzo Conci (Madonna Di Campiglio)

Training facilities will be ready for the days between Alta Badia races and Madonna.

Massimo Rinaldi (Bormio)

Improvement on the safety system. It would be appreciated if teams could send any accommodation requirements in advance.

Michael Huber (Kitzbühel)

A lot of effort has been put into the Team Combined since May. This is a very expensive event, as everything has to be doubled up on the same day. The aim is not to kill the sport, but to give a chance to the proposal that has been made by the athletes. If nobody wants to take part, Kitzbühel doesn't see the sense in running this event.

Given the situation, an inquiry has to be filled up in by Thursday September 28, 8 p.m., with who will take part in the race or not. Depending on the results, a decision will be made.

Ole Christian Kirkerud (Kvitfjell)

Despite the fact that World Cup week is in the middle of the vacation and high season, the accommodation situation is under control, as are wax facilities.

Bill Hudson (Palisades)

If teams arrive before the official arrival day, it's important to book as soon as possible, as prices rise rapidly.

A truck will be available to Aspen on Sunday after the race. Details of costs will be announced in the coming days.

Deric Gunshor (Aspen)

If anyone has not received a letter from Niina Haaslahti regarding training opportunities during the week before the races, please contact her directly to coordinate everything.

Official Arrival and Departure dates:

[link](#)

The sheet will be updated soon

8. World Cup rules 2023/24 adaptations

Fluor measurements

Augusto Gillio. The fluor band is confirmed.

You can find all the information on this [link](#).

Rules changes (precisions [link](#)):

- Replacement of nation quota can be done with athletes in the top120 FIS list (top80 before)
 - Basic quota für speed for athletes rank in the top30 of a discipline WCSL: 80 FIS points in SG or DH (in the discipline concerned before)
 - Teams with a quota up to 7 athletes can add 3 extra competitors for the DH training in case of a 2 scheduled DHs
 - Not allowed to continue after a complete stop in SL
- See link for precisions

Prize Money

The minimum prize money per race is 144'000. The organizers have to provide 120'000 and FIS is adding 20% to reach the 144'000 CHF prize money requested.

Rules for TC

Rules are on the FIS website and you can find them on [link](#)

Mandatory use of Airbag (from season 2024/25)

See attachment form AHU

Quota Periods

Quotas have been adjusted with two additional periods as discussed during last season. You can find the link [here](#).

Compensation for NSA/SRS for USA tour in FEB/MAR

This is a one-shot support and therefore valid only for this season. A total of 750,000 euros will be distributed to the FIS and then paid out to the various nations according to quotas. This distribution will be made after the race, according to which athletes were present at the start.

Gate measurements system / Longines Transponder-Chip (Info M. Couder)

Gate to gate measurement is confirmed for this season.

A CSV format with more elaborate data will be available after each race. Those analysis will be available at 2 different places:

1. On the web attached with every event as PDF (Download section -> "Results, Analysis, standings" file) or HTML on the "Result details" Tab, example: <https://www.fis-ski.com/DB/general/results.html?sectorcode=AL&raceid=114027#details>
2. The CSV files will be available through the member section for the people which have the "online entries" access rights (majority of the head coaches have this access)

Transponder-Chip → For the slalom, a first test session was carried out this summer, and a second will take place in winter snow conditions in the presence of Swiss Timing, in order to collect feedback directly. As long as the tests are not satisfactory, the next step will not be taken.

Animated pictures will also be used for other proposers. All the information regarding the time schedule and venue will be discussed directly with the person concerned.

Team radio conversation: Various situations have been studied and the proposal is, as of today, to have the authorization of the various teams to proceed with a test phase. The tests will be carried out on a voluntary basis by the teams, and will only be used in the shadow of the live stream.

9. CWG World Cup men 2023/24

- Course setters and connection coaches (calculation and communication modus)

As last season, the course setters will be determined five days prior to the events. Thomas Stauffer did a calculation based on the WCSL-points per nation in each discipline to determine how many course setters each nation gets (see as well attachment).

For the Team Combined, a draw out of the top 15 nations from the WCSL slalom will be done in the first TCM in Kitzbühel.

Discussed and agreed in the meeting:

- USA (no athlete in top30 WCSL) gets one course set for SL not according the guidelines in order to complete the 26 course setters in SL. USA has more

- WCSL points than CAN, who gets a course according the guidelines and their athletes are rank 31st and 37th,
- SUI gets a 4th course set (guidelines: max.3 course st per nation) to complete the 22 course setters in GS. SUI is best nations in the WCSL GS standing.
 - ➔ We need to review/discuss the guidelines for course setters in one of the next meetings.

For connection coaches, the distribution is done according WCSL points of all athletes in the top 30 WCSL in the discipline concerned (see attachment).
 Due to a higher number of SL we have to extend the maximum to 5 times connection coaches (not according to the guidelines)
 If Kitzbühel gets a 2nd DH confirmed, we just take the same connection coaches as already assigned for the confirmed DH.
 ➔ Please check the names on the list

- **Working Group Men's Coaches – meeting schedule**
See attachment
- **Coordination of the warm-up**
Warm up slopes will be coordinated by the head coach of the host nation as in the past seasons.

10. Miscellaneous

TCM: Tech event 2 coaches/Nation
 Speed event 3 coaches/Nation
 Same for the jury inspection.

11. Next meeting – during W-C Beaver Creek (USA)