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Minutes of the meeting Working Group Men's Coaches

Dear Coaches,

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting Working Group Men's Coaches, which took place in Zurich (SUI), on September 28th, 2022.

Kind regards,

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Chairman Working Group Men's Coaches Alpine

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1. Welcome, roll call

There are several changes in the FIS team compared to season 2021/22 with a new Race Director for Tech Events, Jani Hladnik, replacing Emmanuel Couder. Emmanuel now holds the position of Alpine Operational Event Coordinator and will be responsible for men and women.

On the Speed Events side, Hannes will now be supported by an assistant, Raimund Plancker.

Mike Kertesz changed his title from Technical Operations Manager to Director of Race Operations. His functions, however, remain the same.

Finally, a new Media Coordinator, Charlotte Chable, replacing Tim Cetinich.

The team is composed of:

- Markus Waldner as a Chief Race Director
- Hannes Trinkl as Race Director for the speed events
- Janez Hladnik as Race Director for tech events
- Raimund Plancker as Assistant Race Director for the speed events
- Mike Kertesz as Director of Race Operations
- Emmanuel Couder as Alpine Operational Event Coordinator
- Charlotte Chable as Media Coordinator.

2. General Information Markus Waldner

FIS has a new name and is now called International Ski and Snowboard Federation. The prize money has slightly increased by 10% to a minimum of CHF 132,000.

3. Election of the Chairman and his substitute

The Chairman, Thomas Stauffer (SUI) did a great job so far and was confirmed in his role through a vote by rising hands.

As vice Chairman, Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), has now a new role as Chairman in the Executive Board Alpine Committee, Christian Schwaiger (GER) was proposed to take over the post. Everyone voted for him.

4. FIS Travel info's

Caroline Ris gave updates. The same deal as last year will be available with Star Alliance.

The Charter flight from Calgary to Eagle was confirmed as last year with departure time 10:00am

There is a new flight leaving from Denver on Sunday evening at 8.20pm that allows teams to arrive in Europe on Sunday night.

Laura Grossi, Business Manager from SEL explained what the company can offer. They take care of everything, that means they plan all logistical aspects, transport of

equipment, custom clearance/procedures, etc. SEL was working with some teams travelling to New Zealand and Chile this summer.
The company is at disposal if some teams are interested.

5. Report summer inspections (M. Waldner)

All the summer inspections, except Courchevel-Méribel, Lech/Zuers and Sölden which will take place the week after the Zurich meetings, were carried out during the summer and were very successful. Several topics were discussed such as camera positions, some adjustments to the tracks, to the start or to the finish area.

Although the pandemic will still be present and we will have to remain careful, all events will be organized as they were in 2019 with all side events. (VIP program, public award ceremony, public bib draw, etc.) The situation can change but on the FIS side there will be no more FIS passport and restrictions. If some countries impose restrictions, they have to be followed.

Another topic that often came up was energy/electricity. No night races will be replaced by a regular race, but it's a sensitive issue and it's important that everyone communicates properly and in the same way.

Fluor wax ban should have been implemented during the next season but the device, although it works, will not be used this upcoming season. Some rules concerning where and how to test are still missing. The work will continue this winter to improve the device and to implement rules for the testing procedure.

6. Calendar 2022/23

Calendar is very intense with 42 races. Therefore, cancelled DH races, will not be replaced (except several cancellations, then solutions will be considered in order to keep the balance between the disciplines).

Some adjustments to the 22/23 calendar were made during summer. Lake Louise (CAN) will have an additional race with an extra SG and Beaver Creek will change the program by hosting the first Downhill on Friday, the second on Saturday and the Super-G on Sunday.

Markus Waldner and the organizers go through the different World Cup venues, mentioning the key points for each site:

Sölden	Rainer Gstrein will take contact regarding a potential training on the race slope. This will depend on the conditions, as usual.
Zermatt	The glacier has suffered a lot this summer but the first part of the race is ready. Concerning the part from the border to the finish, a lot of work with the snow making has to be done and will be done. Even so, there is a need for natural snow to cover the crashing zones. Hannes Trinkl (FIS) and Raimund Plancker (FIS) will be in Zermatt

	on October 16th to do the snow control.
Lech/Zuers	Summer inspection will take place on October 5th
Lake Louise	A race has been added. 1 Downhill and 2 Super-G will take place. Sunday night will be spent in Calgary Airport and paid for by the teams.
Beaver Creek	The program switched again with the first DH on Friday, the 2 nd on Saturday and the Super-G on Sunday. A TV window was difficult to find but good solutions were found to broadcast the races live and that's why the starting time will be early, 10am.
Val d'Isère	The slalom slope will be a bit further to the right to be able to prepare it better. The slalom start will be a few gates higher up as it makes the start more convenient.
Val Gardena	There will be training opportunities on Monday and Tuesday.
Alta Badia	Two Giant Slalom will take place again.
Madonna di Camp.	No discussion about energy, it will be a night event! A training slope is available on Monday and Tuesday.
Bormio	In preparation for the Olympic Games, some projects will be done. (The tunnel needs to be expanded, the house in the finish area will be demolished)
Garmisch-Partenkirchen	The night Slalom will be with a temporary light system.
Adelboden	Hans Pieren retired as a Chief of Race but will still be on the board during the races.
Wengen	The start of the Super-G will be at the start of the Alpine Combined start in order to ski the "Hundschoopf" twice. Two hotels are under total renovation so Switzerland and Germany Team will be relocated to a different hotel.
Kitzbühel	There will be two Downhill races. Work has been done on the A-nets in the traverse to increase safety.
Schladming	Nothing special. It will be in any case a night event.
Chamonix	Regarding the rooms, teams should ideally leave the rooms on Saturday morning before the race and the lunch will be served in the team hospitality.
Courchevel-Méribel	Little change in the program, Team Parallel event will not take place on Wednesday 15 th but on Tuesday 14 th at 12pm in Méribel. And the qualification for the individual parallel will be in the stadium of Courchevel on Tuesday evening at 5pm followed by the individual parallel race on Wednesday in Méribel.
Palisades	With one reserve day, the program will be tight like in Cortina 2021.
Kranjska Gora	See point 10
	OC cut a lot of trees and they have now a corridor coming directly to the finish area, respectively to the hospitality tent. This can be important if there are hot temperatures and the race slope has to be closed to preserve it. Athletes can then use the corridor
Soldeu	Major work on the last part of the Downhill to make it wider. For the

Team Parallel, a corridor has been created to bring the athletes to the start easier.

Free skiing : Tech Event will not have a free skiing session!

Final entries – electronic draw board – live draw

- 1 unique restricted portal is used by each NSA/head coach: <https://profile.fis-ski.com/login> Name + event have to be confirmed up to 1 hour before the TCM of the event concerned.
- Only the name confirmed during the entries (deadline 7 days before the 1st TCM) can be selected
- In case an athlete must be switched within those 7 days, he can be switched using the entries procedure

3 hours before the TCM:

- based on **the final entries** an online « unofficial participants list » (list per nation) will be published (<https://draw.fis-ski.com> + FIS APP.)
- If a nation entered has not confirmed the final entries yet, only the nation will be listed, without competitors.
- If the entries are partially confirmed, only competitors confirmed will be part of the « unofficial participants list ».
- A notification will be sent through the FIS APP with reminder of the time when the system will be closed.

DRAW LIST :

- Between 3 hours and 1 hour before the TCMs, each NSA can still update their **final entries online**
- For any entries confirmation, the « unofficial participants list » will be automatically updated
- The list will be also available on <https://draw.fis-ski.com>
- **1 hour** before the TCM the online **final entries** will be **closed** and the « DRAW LIST » will be published
 - No notification will be sent through the FIS APP, the list status will change from « unofficial participants list » to « draw list ».
 - The list will be also available on <https://draw.fis-ski.com>

This process will be used and tested for Sölden and Zermatt and discussed again for the rest of the season

7. World Cup rules 2022/23

- **Alpine Combined Quota (proposal Sub-Committee for Alpine World Cup)**
With only one Alpine Combined by the World Championship, the same Quota as season 21/22 will be used.
- **Information Parallel Quota**
With only one race in Zuers, the higher Quota of WCSL or PWSL will be used.

- **Information about the new starting order DH**

After a great amount of work by the Working Group Coaches, the new starting order for the downhill run was accepted and confirmed.

The best ten (10) competitors present (quota adjusted) of the corresponding event WCSL will be drawn between start numbers 6 – 15, the competitors 11 – 20 between start numbers 1 – 5 and 16 – 20. Competitors with at least 500 WCSL points will receive start numbers right after 20, followed by the remaining competitors from the group 21 – 30, who will be drawn between the remaining start numbers up to 30.

TV breaks are confirmed after bib number 15, 22 and 30. In the case of a tie at position 30, the draw will be extended to number 31.

8. World Cup 2022/23

- **Course setters and connection coaches (Calculation and Communication modus) T. Stauffer**

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 well attachments to the minutes).

In order to be assigned one course setting, each nation needs to have at least one athlete in the top 30 WCSL.

- **Working Group Men's Coaches – Time schedule**

22nd November in Lake Louise

14th December in Val Gardena

11th January in Wengen

3rd February in Chamonix (course setter draw WSC according to WCSL after Garmisch GS)

1st March in Aspen

13th March in Soldeu

The majority of the meetings will be during the speed events because, as there is no more freeskiiing, it's difficult to find time to do it during a Tech event.

- **Distance measurement course setting / Devices**

After several tests last season, an easy-to-read output will be delivered throughout the season. This output will be delivered directly to the WhatsApp group and to the FIS application when the course setter will have finish to set.

- **Arrival- departure dates (as well in connection with agenda item #4 and DH TRA)**

Tatjana Luessy (FIS) has corrected the list and it will be sent shortly.

Concerning the DH trainings, three are planned but only two will be held.

- **Transponder for Tech. Events (M. Couder)**

The latest version of the sensor has been improved thanks to the various tests made during the last 4 years.

In Sölden, all athletes will be equipped but the data will remain in shadow. The same thing for Val d'Isère and Adelboden, but this time with the use of the graphic in shadow.

During the Ski World Championships, the device will be used.

For the speed races the same transponder as last season will be used in Bormio, Wengen, Kitzbühel, at the World Ski Championship and at the finals in Andorra.

The TV graphic has also been improved and will be present on the right side of the screen. The example is attached to this minutes.

- **Finish Area Operations (M. Kertesz)**

The mixed zone will again be as in 2019, i.e. the Restricted Coach Area are getting smaller. The double fence lines will be eliminated.

Depending on the number of athletes at the start, there will be a limit to the number of people who can be in the restricted area so that those who are there can do their job.

Season accreditation will be back again and if someone needs an additional one, he can have a daily access card distributed at the TCM by Mike Kertesz.

TV bib presentation for Top 10 athletes will be maintained as it's an added value for TVs who can use it as a pre-show. It will take place in the finish area at the exit gate at every races! This procedure is mandatory for all the athletes concerned.

All the post inspection interviews will take place in the mixed zone.

Regarding the post-race procedures, the finish line will be closed after the last racer. All the people on the hill have to go out using the slipper's exit. For the teams on the podium, they can access through the restricted area and watch the ceremony from there. Afterwards, they will be allowed to do the team picture after the live ceremony and the TV procedures are finished.

Evening program are back and all information will be transmitted through the WhatsApp group, but it will be the same procedures regarding meeting rooms and meeting times.

Pre-race equipment control in Sölden will take place at the Hotel Bergland on Friday and Saturday afternoon. In parallel, a photo shooting for TV graphics will be organized. All the information will follow.

- **TCM**

One coach per nation

- **WhatsApp Groups**

2 WhatsApp groups:

- One regarding pre-race information and updates information for the head coaches.
- Warm-up group led by Thomas Stauffer.

- **Covid 19 protocol**

No protocol so far. The vaccine is mandatory for America.

- **Season course access**

They were distributed at the end of the meeting.

- **AHU: information development airbag & rules (M. Waldner)**

Airbags will not be mandatory but are recommended.

9. **FIS Alpine World Championships Courchevel-Méribel (FRA)**

- **Technical Information (Program, Course plans etc.)**

Information will follow after the FIS inspection

10. **Organiser Information**

- **Speedopening Zermatt-Cervinia (Franz Julen)**

Not having a test event is a challenge and that is why a collaboration with Val Gardena and Crans-Montana was set up.

A waiver must be signed regarding the rules to be followed on the glacier before collecting the accreditations.

In case of cancellation, the race can be postponed to Monday 31st October.

Accommodations will be in Zermatt and there may be restrictions on prize money and participation if there is a no-show on the evening program because an athlete is staying in Cervinia.

For ecological and fairness reasons, athletes are requested not to use helicopters.

All training, as in the contact with FIS will be managed by Erik Seletto.

- **Palisade Tahoe (Lindsay Arnold, Kyle/Phil)**

The accommodations are reserved from Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th. In case of early or late arrival, please advise.

A training slope prepared like the race slope will be available from Monday 20th February.

If arriving before the official day, reservations should be made immediately as the resort is already almost fully booked.

- **World Cup Finals Andorra (David Hidalgo)**

Barcelona is the main airport and shuttles will be provided to Soldeu. On the way back, rooms can be booked for Sunday evening in Barcelona, if needed. Everyone will have guaranteed parking in the finish area. One ski room will be in the garage for all teams and a digital SIM card can be obtained in order to benefit from attractive prices.

11. Miscellaneous

- **Open points**

If anyone didn't get the information from CWG (Thomas Stauffer), please contact him to get added to the contact list.

- **after the meeting Head Coaches only: TRA information Zermatt (Franz Julien / Erik Seletto)**

12. Next meeting – 22nd November in Lake Louise (CAN)