

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

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**Minutes Sub-Committee Meeting for Alpine Rules
Hotel Hilton Zurich (SUI), Thursday, 03.10.2019, 12:00 to 14:00 hrs**

Dear Ski friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules held in Zurich, 03.10.2019.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **30th October 2019** (flere@fisski.com).

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing 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,



Michael Huber
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

Enclosure: mentioned

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Alpine Committee and to the approval of the FIS Council.

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Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules**

**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules
Thursday, 03.10.2019, 12:00 – 13:45 hrs.**

1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Chairman Michael Huber opens the meeting by welcoming members and guests and asks for your understanding of this special meeting time at noon, because of the many other meetings scheduled on the same day.

2. Roll call (enclosed)

Janez Flere called the Roll. Some members who were not present had apologized and in their absence were represented by other persons, without vote. (see attached list).

The chairman especially excused Manfred Kattengell, a long term member of this SC, who is unable to travel because of health problems. As Manfred will retire in Spring, the wish is to see him again at another occasion.

Additionally, he welcomed new members to this SC, especially Verena Stuffer as Athletes Representative. Based on a decision of the FIS Council on June 2nd 2019, one representative of the FIS Athletes Commission will be included, with the same rights as other full members, in any Committee and Sub-Committee.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The invitation was sent out on September 2nd in compliance with the Sub-Committee Rules. It also included the agenda and enclosures. On September 19th an updated agenda was sent including a proposal from Scandinavia about Vertical Drop in Super-G at ENL competitions.

An additional item was requested by Jean Louis Galinier about the Parallel Penalty time and will be included within the corresponding agenda item, which is approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting in Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO), 30th May 2019

The minutes were approved with no additional remarks from the members present. Michael Huber thanked those involved with the preparation of the excellent minutes and did a brief recap on the rules decisions from the past spring.

- Update all Parallel Rules (ICR 1220-1234)
- Update of the Rules Warm Up Courses (ICR 614), Competition Suits (ICR 606.2),
- Change of Definition about Rigid Pole (ICR 680.1) and about the Gate Panel Homologation Validity
- Precisions about Slalom Direction Changes (ICR 801.2.4), Re-Runs (ICR 623) and Timing (ICR 611.2.1, 611.2.2, 611.3.2.2).
- Deletion of the "second red line" at the Finish (ICR 615.1.5).

5. Report of the Chairman

5.1 Nothing special to be reported from what has happened over the past 4 months with regard to Alpine.

But in the overall section of the ICR (200), an important article was added by Council and presented to the Rules Members:

ICR 222.7. Prohibited of scientific and medical Equipment at FIS Events

It is prohibited for any National Ski Association, its representative or team members to bring and/or use any of the following scientific or medical equipment ("Equipment") into/at any Event Venue during FIS World Championships, World Cups and other competitions registered in the FIS Calendar:

- Oxygen tanks, cylinders and related devices;
- Hypoxic or hyperoxic tents, chambers and related devices;
- Cryogenic chambers for whole body cryotherapy and related devices.

It is the responsibility of the National Ski Association to ensure compliance with this Article 222.7 by all its representatives or team members. Failure to respect this Article 222.7 will be subject to Penalties provided by Article 223.3. In case of recurrence, disqualification of an athlete shall be imposed irrespectively of whether the violation of this provision would result in an advantage for the Athlete(s) with regard to the end result of the competition. In addition to the sanctions listed above, the FIS may order the immediate removal of the Equipment from the Event Venue at the costs of the responsible NSA.

As a final information, the Council decided to replace in all documents including ICR the word "Ladies" by "Women". All necessary changes in the ICR have already been made, thanks to Janez. Additionally, the wish of the FIS Gender Equity Working Group, chaired by Martti Uusitalo, is the use of gender neutral words. This is easier in the English language (the athlete, the judge, the technical delegate), but more difficult in most other languages, which need a constant adjustment to female or male words. As the English version of the ICR is the reference version then this wish could be fulfilled.

6. ICR tabled items from the last meeting

6.1 ICR 1210-1233 PARALLEL

Common review and necessary precisions, especially about

- (a) elimination heat of 16 qualified only
- (b) handling of different timing methods
- (c) ruling special cases of DSQ and DNS
- (d) Harmonization between 1232.1 (stepping back) and 614.2.3 (complete stop)

The chairman repeats that it was really hard work to propose and decide the update for the Spring Meeting. The questions as mentioned (a) – (d) were forwarded to the Fall Meeting. Information about several feedbacks:

- The first response after the meeting was to keep the bracket list (art. 1234) with #1 and #2 at the top and the bottom of the bracket. This was a strong demand by the World Cup Race Directors and confirmed by council.

- A written feedback came after the Spring Meeting from Swiss Ski, Franz Hofer, to adjust the wording about the “maximum Penalty time” and also for “run and re-run”. Some discussions followed.
- Today a presentation from Jean Louis Galinier to calculate the Penalty time based on the run time was shown ([see exhibit of the minutes](#)). Janez Flere finds the concept interesting, but what time will be the basis to decide (best time, average time)? This would also add an extra task when there may not be a lot of time available. General opinion, this will be a proposal for Spring. In addition, this would require the net times in Parallel, not just the difference in time at Finish. So this is another item for the Spring Meeting to be adjusted within the ICR.
- A presentation was made by Daniel Defago about the different timing modes and how to calculate the result ([see exhibit of the minutes](#)). There is a difference between using the Penalty time to decide each Elimination Heat and to use the real time for the result list (2020/21 potentially to calculate points). For Franz Hofer (SUI), this proves that the racer has to finish their run whenever possible. It also confirms that the second run is more important and will remain so in future. The proposal from Switzerland about the Penalty time is withdrawn.
- Finally, a presentation by Janez Flere about the comment from Jean Louis Galinier about the need to harmonize ICR art. 1232.1 and 614.2.3 (it might be the wrong title in 1232.1; not use the word “stepping back”, use the word “after a complete stop”). This will be forwarded to the Spring Meeting.
- Following the above comments, the enclosure of the agenda from the Chairman about Questions to the present Parallel Rule was read and discussed. The following comments are to be recorded for possible rules adjustments at the Spring Congress Meeting.
- Art. 1230.1.1 Qualification run (QR). The adjustment to have both 64 and 16 as exceptions for FIS/ENL level.
- Art. 1230.1.1 Qualification run (QR). The question was asked if the QR only consists of “one” run, or can it be “two” runs. Discussion, that 1233 gives Cups special possibilities, but different opinions about the possibilities for all Levels. In general it is felt there is no need for every rule of the ICR and World Cup to be harmonized, it is more important for the ICR to keep flexibility. But should be considered.
- Art. 1230.1.2 Elimination Heats (EH). The chairman feels that even if it is clear for everyone, a sentence has to be added to define how the winner of a heat is determined.
- Art 1230.3.2. The chairman has the opinion that this sentence does not fit into the sequence of the description about the EH, so he will propose that it be deleted.
- Art. 1232. After a short discussion, the proposal from Franz Hofer SUI is to change the headline into “Disqualifications / Did Not Finish ([for the specific run](#))”. This would indicate, that there is a different consequence, to other Alpine Events. Then no additional sentences for explanation necessary.
- Art. 1232.1 Reasons for DSQ. The last paragraph “after a complete stop” to be changed, as it is not conform with the reference art. 614.2.3.
- Art. 1232.3 – 1232.5. The Chairman is of the opinion that there are still some contradictions included and some special cases missing but at this meeting, with so

many people, it is hard to explain. When asked for feedback, a number of Alpine Rules Members felt that it worked fine in the past and it will work fine in future. This section of the rules seems to be well structured and the principle that the second run is more important, is a fact. The Chairman will review it again and might come with a better wording proposal in Spring.

To conclude this item of the agenda; there are no precisions for the Northern Hemisphere Precisions, but updates or changes at the FIS Spring Meeting are possible.

6.2 ICR 1240 KO

Thoughts about refreshing the KO – M. Huber

An introduction on this matter is given by the Chairman, emphasizing his desire to use the Fall Meeting to work on the hidden pages of the ICR. As far as he knows, the only use of the KO system is in CAN.

So first he would like to explain and sum up the enclosure of the agenda as follows:

KO SYSTEM:

- Open for all Alpine Events.
- 4 runs on 3 different courses
- The 4 runs are described as 1=Qualirun, 2=Top30run, 3=Top15run, 4=Top 9run
- Only indication about the course of the Qualirun with “classical” Vertical Drop, no specific indication about the course for run 2-4.
- Run times not taken from one to the next run, each run counts individually. Some lucky losers rules for athletes with DNF and DSQ. FIS Points only for the Qualirun (1run).

SPRINT RACE SYSTEM (EC)

- Only for GS and SL
- 3 runs on 2 different courses
- The 3 runs are described as 1=Qualirun, 2=Top30run, 3=Top15run
- Indication for the course of the Qualirun with “classical” Vertical Drop, Top30 and Top15 run same course but with lower Vertical Drop.
- Times from Top30 and Top15 run are added. FIS Points only for Quali (1run).

KO SPRINT RACE SYSTEM

- Idea to combine both rules for a KO and (EC) Sprint Race
- Proposed for GS, SL but PAR as well.
- Adopt the principles of the Sprint Race Rules with special amendments for Parallel.

Following that summary, a discussion took place with some comments to be recorded:

- Asked by the Chairman, some opinions to delete the KO rule from the ICR were given, some more opinions to adjust it, but the majority opinion is to keep it like it is now in the ICR.

- Janez Flere explained how the KO System came into the ICR with support from the Council, and how the SPRINT RACE RULE came from the European Cup and what goals were expected to achieve. He does not have the feeling that it can be deleted without specific arguments why.

The chairman thanked the members for their valuable comments and contribution, but he prefers to have an update with more flexibility, so he would like to come back in Spring with this item.

6.3 CIT/MAS/UNI Rules etc.

Report about possible infringements – J. Palovicova, D. Mansfield

This item is presented by David Mansfield (GBR), who worked on it together with Jana Palovicova (SVK). Their task had been to check, if these Special Rules keep the basic principles and follow the ICR Alpine. The following result can be given:

- All specific rules for CIT/MAS/UNI were approved by FIS council.
- In all these rulebooks the reference can be found that they are “a part of the ICR”. After questioning TD’s of these mentioned Series, they confirm that all series are connected with the ICR and ok. In detail, CIT and UNI are run like FIS races. The MAS have their own principles, but the races follow the competition related rules as well. Main concern about safety questions (e.g. different helmet definitions and equipment rules), but these rules are specified in the Equipment Rules and not directly in the ICR.
- Some possible proposals might be considered in future, but this is for discussion of the SC Alpine Rules.
- Jana added her opinion; certain items are not very clear and this could lead to difficulties for the TD. A possible approach might be to look at these with the relevant committee in order to make things easier for the TD.

Following this presentation comments were invited:

- Vicechair Dave Pym would like to stress that CIT/MAS/UNI are separate Committees, not Sub-Committees of Alpine and therefore, SC Rules must not start to tell them what to do! They can adopt rules for their needs and there are many examples e.g. UNI rules for Europe and UNI rules for North America have big differences. He also notes that CIT races only exist in Europe. MAS Alpine and MAS Nordic are also two different groups.

In conclusion, as it is felt that the principles of the ICR are kept, this special task can be seen as finished.

7. ICR Urgent matters

7.1 ICR 602.5 – Proposal for 2020-2021 to change TD Allowance from 100 CHF to 120 CHF for WC/WCS

Vicechair Dave Pym asked to have this item on the agenda for general information. Just to be aware that the Nordic side discussed a proposal to change the TD Allowance from 100 CHF to 150 CHF. Concerns were raised that this proposal should have involved all disciplines.

The Chairman of the SC TD Alpine, Walter Vogel (GER), informed the meeting that the only change will be as indicated in the headline ie. a minor exception for Cross Country.

8. ICR outlook agenda next spring meeting

8.1 ICR 1001.1.4 Entry League Races (ENL)

This item is presented by Anki Svaerdbj-Bergman (SWE), who explains the proposal and the arguments for an update, which is supported by all Scandinavian Countries. ([see exhibit of the minutes](#)).

The item was discussed as follows:

- Chairlady Alpine Courses Elena Gaja (ITA) gave a short review about the opinions from their meeting. Concerns were raised by their members, seen more as a Speed Problem in general and that will not be solved by lowering the Vertical Drop. More steps are necessary. Data indicates there were only 2 ENL Super-G's in the previous season.
- Vicechair Dave Pym enlarged on the discussions from the Alpine Courses Meeting. He is in favour.
- More positive feedback that supports this proposal is given during the SC Alpine Rules Meeting, often mentioning the concerns about Speed Races, which need more support.
- Janez Flere would like to stress, from the FIS side, for everyone to be aware that this only concerns ENL events. He feels that it is always about FIS points and if such a proposal was to be accepted, then the next step cannot be to change the ENL minimum penalty. ENL is a lower level than a FIS Race and must remain so!

Chairman Michael Huber thanked everyone for all the positive Feedback and looks forward to having it on the agenda for a decision in Spring.

9. Precisions (Northern Hemisphere)

Janez Flere informed that the update to the Precisions for the Northern Hemisphere will be published end of November, following the upcoming Council Meeting.

10. Other Reports

- Appeals Commission Alpine: Josef Zingerle (ITA) informs that no cases have been dealt with.
- S.C. TD: Walter Vogel informs that on the TD side, cost pressure is an item to be observed in the future. The reports indicate that Organizers would like to have more and more races the same day (!). Discussions with TD's questioning exactly what is written in the ICR about that. They feel that inspection time must be taken into consideration but that it is not clearly defined in the rules.

11. Miscellaneous

No comments.

12. Next meeting

FIS Congress - Royal Cliff (THA), 17th -23rd May 2020

6.1. Exhibit

Parallel		
race time		penalty
lower	15.00	0.30
between	15.00	0.30
and	15.49	
between	15.50	0.31
and	15.99	
between	16.00	0.32
and	16.49	
between	16.50	0.33
and	16.99	
between	17.00	0.34
and	17.49	
between	17.50	0.35
and	17.99	
between	18.00	0.36
and	18.49	
between	18.50	0.37
and	18.99	
between	19.00	0.38
and	19.49	
between	19.50	0.39
and	19.99	
between	20.00	0.40
and	20.49	
between	20.50	0.41
and	20.99	
between	21.00	0.42
and	21.49	
between	21.50	0.43
and	21.99	
between	22.00	0.44
and	22.49	
between	22.50	0.45
and	22.99	
between	23.00	0.46
and	23.49	
between	23.50	0.47
and	23.99	
between	24.00	0.48
and	24.49	
between	24.50	0.49
and	24.99	
between	25.00	0.50
and	25.49	
upper	25.50	0.50

6.1. Exhibit

Scenario A with delay at start for run 2

Current rules: Penalty time start run 2 = 0.5

	Run 1	Run 2	Total
Racer 1	28,09	28,49	56,58
Racer 2	30,53	29,28	59,81
Time difference	2,44	0,79	3,23
Gap at the finish	0,50	0,79	1,29
Max gap for run	0,50		
Time delay for start run 2	0,50		

Scenario A with start at 0.00 for run 2

Current rules: Penalty time start run 2 = 0.5

	Run 1	Run 2	Total
Racer 1	28,09	28,49	56,58
Racer 2	30,53	29,28	59,81
Time difference	2,44	0,79	3,23
Gap at the finish	0,50	0,79	1,29
Max gap for run 1	0,50		
Time delay for start run 2	0,00		

Scenario B with delay at start for run 2

Current rules: Penalty time start run 2 = 0.5

	Run 1	Run 2	Total
Racer 1	28,09	28,60	56,69
Racer 2	28,69	28,09	56,78
Time difference	0,60	-0,51	0,09
Gap at the finish	0,50	-0,51	-0,01
Max gap for run	0,50		
Time delay for start run 2	0,50		

Scenario B with start at 0.00 for run 2

Current rules: Penalty time start run 2 = 0.5

	Run 1	Run 2	Total
Racer 1	28,09	28,60	56,69
Racer 2	28,69	28,09	56,78
Time difference	0,6	-0,51	0,09
Gap at the finish	0,50	-0,51	-0,01
Max gap for run 1	0,50		
Time delay for start run 2	0,00		

Data used for the progression only (To know the heat winner)

Time used for final ranking

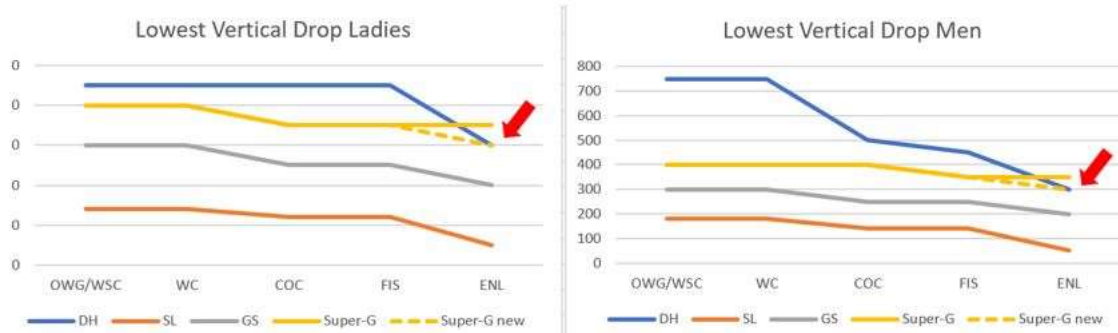
Exhibit 8.1

New Proposal:

1001.1.4 Entry League Races (ENL)
- 300 350 m - 500 m

Comments:

Harmonization of FIS/ENL VD for Super-G.
Currently FIS/ENL Super-G have the same VD, for ladies even COC. With this change, ENL would be 50m lower than FIS.



Positive effects will be more slopes where ENL Super-G can be organised which opens up for easier access to speed events for racers.

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SWE / NOR / FIN

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