

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, 30.09.2016, 08:00 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 (SUI), 30.09.2016.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen no later than **30th October 2016** (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
Friday, 30.09.2016, 08:00 hrs.**

1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

Chairman Michael Huber opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

2. Roll call (enclosed)

Janez Flere called the Roll. Some members who were not present had apologised and were represented by others named (see attached list).

The Chairman gave a special welcome to the 4 new members of the Sub-Committee elected by the FIS Council in Cancun (MEX): HAZELDINE Hannah (NZL), BEGINO Martin (ARG), HOFER Franz (SUI), SZEPESE Bertold (HUN)

The chairman stated, that 4 other members who have not followed Committee Rule 10.5 (not attended 3 or 4 meetings between 2014 - 2016) names were forwarded to FIS, but were again nominated by their Federations and accepted by the Council.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The invitation was sent out in time, on Aug. 25. , including the agenda and 2 proposals to be dealt with in item 6.1.

The chairman asked the Sub-Committee to accept two additional points on the agenda:

- NEW Item 8.3. Information about an idea to run Parallel Slaloms in "dual mode"
- NEW Item 11.1 Applied for by Swiss Ski (honorary membership)

The agenda was approved including the additions unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting in Cancun (MEX), 30th June 2016

Dave Pym, who lead the meeting in Cancun, asked for approval. The minutes were approved with no additional remarks in the meeting.

Michael Huber thanked those who participated and supported the preparation of the minutes adopted.

5. Report of the chairman

The Chairman reported on rules discussions and problems in other sports (Soccer, Golf).

Secondly, he informed the Sub-Committee about Congress and Council decisions in Cancun (MEX) 2016:

- ICR 205 – The Rule Book now includes a new chapter about human rights. In a very personal general statement of opinion, the Chairman expressed his concerns, if such very serious political topics are included in the rules of sport.
- ICR 212.4 and 212.5 – The rules about insurance needs were adapted. He asked the Sub-Committee to please read them carefully, as this is a very important part of our sport.
- As can be seen in the precisions for the Southern Hemisphere, the FIS Council adopted all main rule proposals asked for.

As a supporter, to secure the heritage of our sport, the Chairman was in contact with the International Skiing Historic Association, in coordination with FIS to create a digital rules library for alpine skiing. A search call was published in the Skiing History Journal to get more early FIS rule books from the 1930s till 1980s. He asked for support in this endeavor where possible.

At the same time, Michael Huber anticipates the raise of a new era in our sport. Constant small changes at all levels leads slowly to a change in the sports character. An example of this is the new draw system in World Cup speed races, which changes the group system from “15” to “10”. He expects, that this change will filter down through all alpine FIS levels and events in the next 5 years. Potentially this may lead to more changes to past principles. He finds this outlook disturbing, as he is in favour of the classic conventions of the sport that he remembers from the past. He went on to say that maybe in some years time a more open thinking person may have to chair and guide this committee into this new era.

6. ICR tabled items from the last meeting

6.1. ICR adjustments to NPS (621.3.3 and 627.7)

The chairman repeated the two proposals from rules Sub- Committee member Assia Ilieva (BUL) which were included in the invitation to this meeting, to solve missing wordings relating to NPS discussed in Cancun (MEX).

A discussion with several questions followed. It was made clear, that NPS (Not permitted to start) was designed for technical reasons. Sanctions from Juries in regard to misbehavior may include the prohibition to start the 2nd run in the Alpine Combined if necessary.

With this explanation, the members were unanimously in favor of these clarifications (see enclosures).

7. ICR Urgent matters

No urgent rules matters had to be dealt with.

8. ICR outlook agenda next spring meeting

8.1. ICR 1232.5 (discussion about the 0.5 sec.)

Rules member Enrique Diaz (SPA) explained, why he had informed the Chairman in the spring of the need to create an updated rule for the 0.5 sec penalty time in a parallel event. In his opinion, this penalty is currently too low for many levels such as Children's, CIT, UNI. He cannot present a specific proposal, but asked for the opinion of other members.

Michael Huber reminded the Sub-Committee that the rule was from World Cup. The preceding discussions when this rule had been adopted were controversial and did not lead to a more flexible solution.

Janez Flere would be in favor of a percentage (%) of the running time (ex. forerunners average time) as the penalty time in parallel. It seems to be important to have the right multiplier to keep second runs exciting (chance for both competitors).

Tomas Bank (CZE) reminded us that usually one course is a bit faster than the other and this has to be considered when calculating a percentage.

Generally, the need for an ability to adapt the penalty time to different levels was confirmed by the members.

The chairman asked Janez Flere, if the FIS office could collect winning time data from Parallel Races at different levels and in age groups, in order to have a better basis for developing a possible proposal for the next spring meeting.

8.2. ICR wording updates Sub-Committees Alpine TD / Youth & Children / Courses

Vice Chairman Dave Pym as project leader gave his report on what had been done since Cancun. He thanked the three mentioned Sub-Committees for their contribution and support in dealing with this item as described in past minutes. Serious work was done during the summer and during this fall meeting, first results will be presented for the spring meeting with written proposals well in advance.

8.3. Introduction of Parallel in "Dual Mode"

Some days ago, the Chairman received the request from the Chairman of CIT Races, Mr. Urs Dietrich, to have discussed a new format for parallel events by this Sub-Committee. The conclusion of these discussions will then be reported to Alpine Chairman Bernhard Russi for further actions. The request included some initial ideas as to how to implement this in the ICR.

Michael Huber explained, that it is about a Parallel Event, where the result is not determined by a Knock-Out system (K.O.), it is determined by the running time ("dual system"). An even number of racers compete against each other (bib #1 against #2, bib #3 against #4 ... etc.), the time is taken from start to finish for the first run (Ex. left or red course) and then on the opposite side the second run (Ex. right or blue course), total time being the sum of both runs, finally giving a typical result list of all competing

participants. So this concept will combine the interest of seeing a head to head competition with the typical characteristics of a result based on the running time (the fastest is the winner).

Other detail in the proposal from CIT was about the inclusion of a time penalty for competitors not qualified after the 1st run of fastest 1st run time + 20 %. So no DSQ in 1st run, only DSQ in 2nd.

After this attempt at an explanation, some detailed questions were discussed:

- ☐ Question, will there be FIS points awarded and if yes, for which list (Slalom, or Giant Slalom, or maybe in future Parallel Slalom) ?
- ☐ Question, shall a racer who DNF or DSQ first run be able to start 2nd run (with a time penalty). And if yes, what is the right penalty.
- ☐ Question, shall this “timed dual mode” only be for qualification, following to a final (e.g. best 16 in “KO mode”), or shall this type of event end in a combined time result ?
- ☐ Question, will this type of event only be valid for CIT (put it in their own rules) or is the intention to include it in the ICR for all FIS levels ?

Finally, the consensus of the members was, that the concept sounds interesting and should be forwarded to the Alpine Committee for further studies. It would then be up to them to order the Sub-Committee for rules, to further detail the proposal with a view to adoption in the ICR.

9. Precisions (Northern Hemisphere)

Janez Flere informed us that the update to the Precisions for the Northern Hemisphere will be published around November 15th.

10. Other Reports

APPEALS COMMISSION

Josef Zingerle (ITA), chairman of the Appeals Commission, reported on two cases submitted during the summer.

- A) An appeal case was forwarded against a not granted injury status in the season 2015/16. As this was not based on a Jury decision, as written in the ICR, the case was not considered by the Appeals Commission but forwarded to the FIS Court. As a remark it was suggested that the injury status rules (FIS point rules) should be reviewed. Dave Pym confirmed the need to review these rules in close collaboration with the FIS Medical Experts, the FIS Legal Experts and also the Alpine Classification and Rules Sub-Committees. This will be an item for the spring meeting.
- B) A second appeal case was forwarded from Australia regarding a Jury sanction against a racer after stepping back and possible interference of a next racer (Impairment of starting position). The case was not considered by the Appeals Commission, as the deadline for appeal as written in the rule was exceeded.

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Chairman Ken Read gave a report. A proposal for ICR 608.6.7 (special starting order) was postponed to next spring meeting. A proposal to delete ICR 608 (Limits on Competitions) and following 608.f.f was agreed after a year long discussion, the members of Alpine Rules approved this proposal unanimously.

TD

Chairman Walter Vogel informed us about detailed discussions which took place regarding a split of their specific rules in the ICR into rules and duties. In conclusion he announced that after considering the advantages and disadvantages, the rules referring to TD work and other members of the Organising Committee's tasks and duties shall be kept together where they are.

COURSES

Chairman Elena Gaja also reported on the given order of all rules in the ICR relating to Homologation and Alpine Courses. She started by reminding us that the main working season for the members of Alpine Courses is the summer time, so this review cannot be done before the coming winter. She therefor expected to report on this review during the spring meeting.

CLASSIFICATION

Janez Flere made a short report on behalf of this Sub-Committee with no special item to mention in regard to the ICR.

11. Miscellaneous

ICR 1232.1

Alpine Coordinator Janez Flere outlined discussions on a wording update from the Congress in Cancun (MEX) "stepping back is not allowed", an addition to reasons for DSQ in Parallel. He suggested that the words "~~is not allowed~~" are grammatically wrong from the sense of the whole sub section, so should be deleted. Dave Pym was against an immediate precision in this case, and suggested this change has to be considered at the Spring Meeting.

APPLICATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Swiss Ski applied in an official letter, received on Sept. 14th to the Chairman, for "... examination of the proposal and take further necessary steps to elect Thomas Gurzeler for honorary member of the sub-committee alpine rules ...".

As this was the first time Chairman Michael Huber had had such a case, he wanted to share some more background information on the principles of an honorary membership. Committee Rules art. 8.3. state, that a technical requirement is, that a member rendered particular services for 10 years at least. The proposal has to be made by the Committees, the appointment as Honorary Member is decided by the FIS Council by majority. At the moment the Sub-Committee Rules has two honorary members, from ITA Benito FERRONATO and from SUI Toni KÄGI. The Chairman had also compiled a list of the longest serving members present (20 – 27 years). Thomas Gurzeler himself was an active member for more than 20 years. But a decision should not be based on time served alone but on the activities and contribution of the member to the success of the Sub-Committee. In the case of Thomas there is no doubt.

After asking, the members of the Sub-Committee unanimously supported forward ing the appointment of Thomas Gurzeler as an Honorary member of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules to the Alpine Committee and the FIS Council for approval.

12. Next meeting

FIS Calendar Conference Portoroz (SLO) 24th – 28th of May 2017

The Chairman Michael Huber thanked all members for participating and for their active work. He closed the meeting with best wishes for the Northern Hemisphere Winter Season 2016/17 at 09.25h.