

To the

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**Minutes Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors
Hotel Hilton, Zurich (SUI), 29.09.2016**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you the Minutes of the 95th Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors held in Zurich (SUI), 29.09.2016.

Thank you very much for your valuable cooperation.

Kindest regards,



Jeff Weinman
Chairman Sub-Committee for Classification

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors**

**Invitation Meeting Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors
Thursday, 29.09.2016, 13.00 – 15.00 hrs, Conference Room “Zürich A”**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting at Hotel Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort & Spa, Cancun (MEX), 06.06.2016
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Chairman
 - 5.2 Janez Flere, FIS Office
 - 5.3 Daniel Défago, FIS Office
6. Special Quotas Northern Hemisphere - enclosure
7. Proposal
 - 7.1.6 Basic Quota for the Organising Ski Association - enclosure
8. FIS Points rules 2016/2017
9. Miscellaneous
10. Next meeting in Portoroz (SLO), 24th – 28th May 2017
11. Closing of the meeting

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The chair, Jeff Weinman (USA), called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and guests and thanked them for attending. He gave special welcome to the new members.

2. Members present

Janez Fleré (FIS) called the roll of members and identified alternates – attached.

3. Approval of the agenda

Weinman noted that within the agenda under 9. Miscellaneous, there would be discussion on injury protection and indoor racing.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting at Hotel Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort & Spa, Cancun (MEX), 06.06.2016

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented without objection.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman

Weinman report that there had been a good southern hemisphere season with positive reports from athletes and trainers who had attended.

He reminded everyone of a topic he had brought up in Mexico regarding increasing the frequency of the alpine lists during the season from the current every three weeks to every two or even every one week. While there is no proposal to change the frequency, he asked if any of the members had discussed this within their federations. There was some discussion on the topic with the general feeling that every two weeks would be a positive direction but every week was too much. Weinman said that the USA would most likely put forward a proposal at the next meeting.

Weinman reported that he had a request from SUI to put forward Peter Bloch as an Honorary member for the Sub-Committee. He stated that he felt that would be an appropriate nomination and that there is a special committee within the Council that reviews Honorary appointments to ensure that they meet the qualification standards. There were no objections to putting Bloch forward as an Honorary member.

5.2 Janez Fleré, FIS Office

Fleré had nothing to report and asked Défago to report items from the FIS office.

5.3 Daniel Défago, FIS Office

Défago reminded the members that the Tag Heuer CP 520 is no longer a homologated device as reported in Mexico. The IT staff has prepared a list of the nations and sites that used the CP 520 during the 2016 season – that list will be distributed to the federations so that they can contact the sites and let them know about the change in the status. The CP 520 should not be used beginning in season 2017. If a CP 520 is used, the TD will get a warning reminding that the device is no longer valid, though the event will still be valid for scoring.

Défago reminded the member that for an athlete to be calculated on the Base List he must be current at the time of calculation.

Défago noted that the FIS Points List program would no longer be supported. Both excel and csv files of the individual lists are available for download from the FIS website.

He reported that there is a new symbol “!” that will be used to designate those athletes whose points are calculated as top 30 in the World Cup.

He reported that the category for disabled races had changed from DAR to PAR.

He noted that Olympic Winter Games quota information is available on the FIS website and that the quotas simulation would be updated with the release of each points list.

The data simulation for the new list calculation proposal is available at <http://datasimulation.fis-ski.com>. The results in the simulation are not current but will be in December.

Iouri Guoriev (RUS) thanked Défago for making the various cup standings available as downloadable csvs. Défago noted that those files are available in the member section for time keepers and have been very helpful.

6. **Special Quotas Northern Hemisphere** **- enclosure**

Weinman thanked Miranda von Niederhäusern (FIS) for her work preparing the list of requests. He stated that at six pages this was the largest number of requests he could remember.

Fleré thanked Tatjana Lüssy (FIS) for having pushed a few years ago to get the requests and approvals done prior to the meetings. Given the number of request this season we would not be able to do this all during the meeting.

Fleré reviewed the special quotas with the group. He noted that the exception requests and approvals were tied to the specific codex. The requests were approved with the exception of those for CIT and FEC which must be approved by those committees.

7. **Proposal**

7.1.6 Basic Quota for the Organising Ski Association

Weinman asked Dusan Grasic (CAN) to speak to the proposal as distributed with the meeting materials.

Grasic stated that the proposal would allow men's races that did not have a full field to open their quotas similar to what is done with women's events. They would like to be able to accommodate late requests when there is room in the field.

Weinman reminded the group that he had brought this forward as an idea a number of years ago and the feeling within European nations was that it would not work because

of how many events have full fields and the number of nations participating. The European representatives continue to feel this would be unworkable for their events.

Fleré asked if the members would be accepting of a proposal that would be specific to North America. Weinman asked if the rule were amended to be specific to North America and to include language that the host nation must agree to any expansion, would the members be in favour. He noted that we currently have a system with quota exceptions to allow for expansion, but that this would give some flexibility in North America when fields are small.

A vote was taken to see if they members would be in favour of a proposal that would be specific to North American men's races to enforce quotas only with the field was over 140. The members were unanimously against such a proposal noting that options currently exist within the rules for exceptions.

8. FIS Points rules 2016/2017

Weinman reported that the Rules of the Points is available online and some hard copy books are available in the FIS office during the meetings. He noted that a few edits had been made including the section on downhill in two runs which the Sub-Committee had previously voted to remove from the Points book and have it be in the ICR. That section had made it into the ICR, but hadn't been removed from the previous addition of the points book; that is now corrected.

Manfred Kattengell (GER) raised a concern with Rules of the Points 7.1.5 and 4.6.1.1 in the requirement that for an athlete to be counted for quota calculations he must have started within the previous season. For athletes who are on injury protection, they cannot have started, and for small nations, this can adversely affect their quota calculation. He said that Germany had lost one quota spot because of this. Défago stated that the current calculations are according to the rules as currently written. Fleré said that Germany could put forward a proposal to change the rule and that he would be willing to work with Kattengell on the wording and if the members agree the rule can be changed.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1 Injury Protection

As information, Fleré showed the current cross country rule regarding pregnancy and point protection. He said that members of the Rules Sub-Committee, the Legal and Safety Committee and the Medical Committee would review appropriate language to accommodate pregnancy and a proposal will be forthcoming.

Weinman stated that an issue had come up with the application of rules for injury protection as they relate to a woman who is pregnant – certainly this is not an injury, but it does prevent a woman from participating.

9.2 Indoor Racing

Weinman reminded the members that at the last meeting there was further discussion around accommodating indoor racing. Previously, the proposal to allow for an exception to the rules for the beginning of the season to allow indoor

ski halls to run ENL category races prior the current evaluation period was not approved. In Mexico the discussion was that the indoor group should come back with a proposal that would move the entire evaluation period earlier without any exceptions and to potentially lower the minimum penalty for ENL racing.

Weinman asked Christophe Lemeire (BEL) to speak to the issue further noting that Lemeire had gone to the FIS office to speak with Fleré about the issue.

Lemeire reiterated that the issue for the indoor ski halls is that they cannot organize races in the current period as the owners of the ski halls will not close the slope because of the public use without a large payment.

Weinman said that without having a proposal that could be distributed with the agenda, there isn't anything the group can do at this point.

Lemeire said that they were hoping that a decision could be made now for season 2018 so that the organizers could prepare and nations could request quota expansions in the spring. Fleré said that there is time after the spring meeting, if a proposal were approved, to get events on the calendar and if needed to address quota issues during that meeting.

Weinman suggested that Lemeire bring a solid proposal to the spring meeting, being mindful that it needs to be different from what was previously denied by the alpine committee. He asked that the members who have representatives on the Executive Committee speak with those individuals and find out what their objections might be so that that can be part of the discussion during our meeting.

10. Next meeting in Portoroz (SLO), 24th – 28th May 2017

The dates and location for the next meeting were presented.

11. Closing of the meeting

Weinman closed the meeting and thanked the members for their time and participation. He wished everyone a good season.

As a note to the minute, after the conclusion of our meeting, the NorAm Sub-Committee approved a change that had an effect on the Rules of the Points. The Chair presented that change to the Alpine Committee as part of his report. The change was:

4.4.9 Alpine Combined

FIS points are awarded for speed events (DH or SG) in all FIS Alpine Combined events, except in World Cup, Europa Cup, Nor-Am Cup, Olympic Winter Games and World Championships, where a competitor only receives FIS points for speed events (DH or SG), if he has completed both runs. The FIS point penalty will be applied taking into consideration the technical data.