

29th Meeting of the FIS Alpine Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions

To the:

- Members of the Alpine Youth & Children's Sub-Committee
- Chairman of the Children's Race Organisers Committee
- Representative of SRS

For information to:

- Gian Franco Kasper, FIS President
- Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General
- Bernhard Russi, Chairman Alpine Committee
- Jeff Weinman, Chairman Classifications Sub-Committee
- Michael Huber, Chairman Rules Sub-Committee

FIS Staff

- Janez Fleré, Alpine Technical and Administrative Coordinator
- Peter Gerdol, Continental Cup Coordinator
- Andrew Cholinski, Coordinator Bring Children to the Snow

Oberhofen, 31.05.2018

Dear Ski Friends:

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution to our meeting in Costa Navarino (GRE).

Please find enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Alpine Youth and Children's Sub-Committee. You are kindly asked to send any remarks to these minutes to the FIS Office in Oberhofen within two weeks (flere@fisski.com).

May I take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant summer to our members in the Northern Hemisphere and successful winter to all our members from the Southern Hemisphere.

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Chairman

(sent by e-mail)

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Sub-committee for Alpine Youth & Children's Questions

Invitation Meeting Sub-Committee for Youth & Children's Questions
Monday, 14.05.2018, 08:00 – 12:00, Meeting Room: "Theory"

AGENDA

1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Report of the Chair
4. Review of the previous meetings and minutes
 - 4.1. Meeting of the 28th Alpine Youth & Sub-Committee (Experts Group) in Zurich (SUI)
 - 4.2. Informal Gathering during the 2018 Alpine Junior World Ski Championships
5. Reports from Special Groups
 - 5.1. Equipment/SRS
 - Report from SRS: Rudi Huber
 - 5.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee: Mauro Detassis, Chair
 - Report from Children's Race Organisers Committee
 - *Calendars – any changes will be circulated at meeting, or in minutes*
 - 5.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute)
6. Special Presentation:
 - 6.1. Norway: Introduction to speed (Stefan Havelid Johnsen)
7. Proposals/Discussion:
 - 7.1. FRA Rule Proposal: U18 Number of starts limitation
 - 7.2. Discussion for youth & children development:
 - Future of the Alpine Combined
 - Development of Parallel Events
 - Continuing development of speed events
8. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Peter Gerdol)
 - 8.1. 2018 – Davos (SUI) – Jan. 29 to Feb. 8, 2018
 - 8.2. 2019 – Val di Fassa (ITA) – Feb. 17 to 27, 2019
 - 8.3. 2020 – Open
 - 8.4. 2021 – Bansko (BUL) – update
 - 8.5. Update on future candidates
9. Other Youth Competitions
 - 9.1. Report: 2018 ISF School Winter Games – Grenoble (FRA) – Francesco Fiorini
 - 9.2. Update: 2019 EYOF – Sarajevo & East Sarajevo – Jasmin Mehic
 - 9.3. 2020 Youth Olympic Winter Games - Lausanne
10. FIS Update/Promotion and Development (Andrew Cholinski)
 - 10.1. FIS Youth Seminar
 - 10.2. FIS Snow Day (January 20, 2019)
 - 10.3. FIS Snowkidz
11. Varia/New Business/Questions
12. Next Meetings/Gathering:
 - 12.1. FIS Meetings: Zurich (SUI) – 25-29 September 2018
 - 12.2. Informal Gathering: Val di Fassa – meeting announced on-site
 - 12.3. FIS Calendar Conference: Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO) – 29 May to 01 June 2019

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ATTENDANCE

Chair: READ Ken (CAN)

Vice Chair: EHN, Gert (AUT)

Secretary: SHUTE, Jenny (GBR)

Members: ANDERLIC, Bostjan (SLO); BEGINO, Martin (ARG); CLARKE, Lachlan (AUS); DOJCINOVIC, Jelena (BIH); DORSS, Dinars (LAT); GRITSI, Sophia (GRE); HAVNELID JOHNSEN, Stefan (NOR); HAZELDINE Hannah (NZL); KARHILA-RASANAN, Jaana (FIN); KATO, Kiyotaka (JPN); KNIGHT, Chip (USA); KOSIC, Rajko (MNE); KRIZOVA-CHARVATOVA, Olga (CZE); MAY, Peus (ESP); MINEV, Teodor (BUL); PASTOR, Jacques (MON); TSCHOUR, Beat (SUI); VOCINIC, Ivan (CRO)

Replacements: GALINIER Jean-Louis, for Pierre Bornat, (FRA); KUPCO Martin for Radovan Cagala, (SVK); MAIER Wolfgang for Andreas Ertl (GER); DE WEGT Wopke for Harald de Man (NED); SUNDBERG Karin for Lars Melin (SWE)

FIS: GERDOL, Peter; CHOLINSKI, Andrew

SRS Representatives: HUBER, Rudi; FRISSON-ROCHE, Christian; ZANNONI, Riccardo

Excused: DETASSIS, Mauro (Children's Race Organisers)

Guests: LANDSTROM Darryl (USA); HUNT, Jesse (USA); SHAW, Tiger (USA); PIROIA, Loretta (ITA); ROELS, Elke (BEL); HUBER, Michael (AUT); OKSHOLM, Henrik (DEN); BREITFUSS, Luis (ESP); JAY, Vincent (FRA); JUGOSLAV, Milosevic (SRB); GATTI, Gian Luca (RSM); KOSIC, Marik (MNE); CRACHES, Lars Inge (NOR); BJARNAZIN, Einar (ISL); RUFENER, Martin (CAN); GRASIC, Dusan (CAN); KERTESZ, Mike (FIS); ROSSEL, Wim (FIS); PILSNER, Peter (RSA); STAMOU, Spiridoula (GRE).

MINUTES

1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and Roll Call of Members present (Chair)

Chairman Ken Read welcomed members and guests to the meeting, and the Secretary took the Roll Call of Members present. He reminded the meeting that if a vote becomes necessary, only the members actually present are allowed to participate.

Apologies had been received from Mauro Detassis, Gianfranco Martin (ITA), Lars Melin (SWE).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Report of the Chair

The Chairman reported slightly increased participation in FIS Children's races, and also in the nations participating in the JWC in Davos; he raised ongoing concerns about speed event participation levels and recognised the need to introduce speed training safely; he reported solid participation at U16 and lower age ranges; FIS registration numbers are stable.

4. Review of Previous Meetings and Minutes

4.1. Meeting of the 28th Alpine Youth & Sub-Committee (Experts Group) in Zurich (SUI) – the minutes were approved.

4.2. Informal Gathering during the 2018 Alpine Junior World Ski Championships – The Chairman reported that the informal gathering had been well attended, and that coaches had raised interesting discussion points, to be covered later in the meeting.

5. Reports from Special Groups

5.1. Equipment/SRS - Report from SRS: Rudi Huber, Christian Frison Roche – no report as there are no equipment changes, but RH welcomed questions to SRS during the meeting or at any time through the Congress week.

5.2. FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee: Mauro Detassis, Chair – apologies had been received from MD; he had sent his report to JS (liaison with this group). 2017- 2018 – there has been a general increase in participation over all the events: U14s increased by 5%, U16s by 3% and the total number of athletes has increased by 4%. The organisers had also seen an overall increase in participating nations, most marked at the events in SVK, AND, CZE and SWE. The Alpecimbra Cup ran a team parallel night event for the first time. A video of the event can be found at: <https://www.sportcultura.tv/index.php?id=filmato&filmato=1355>. The group comprises 11 nations and 12 events (2 events are run in Italy). New statutes have been proposed, to add process to the election of the President and officers, with term limits included, as well as terms of membership. Mauro Detassis is standing down, after leading this group for ten years. Ken Read proposed thanks for his many years of leadership with the FIS Children's Race Organisers Committee and Trofeo Topolino/Alpecimbra Cup.

Ken Read encouraged the NSA subcommittee members from those nations whose are not members of the FIS Children's Race Organisers to join the group in order to coordinate calendars and share expertise.

Calendars – confirmed dates for 2018-19 and drafts for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to be circulated with the minutes

5.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute): FIS Concussion Guidelines has now been published – particular care with U18 athletes, in view of damage to developing brain; longer recovery times must be allowed; for children U13, new 'return to studies' included – this must precede return to sport. Safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse with recent high profile cases, FIS has proposed a policy, awaiting formal Council approval (*post meeting note, now approved*), which covers athletes of all ages, recognising that elite athletes remain especially vulnerable. General policy, in-competition policy; agreements reporting lines and responsibility between organisers and FIS ahead of major FIS events. A FIS Lead Welfare Officer will be appointed. NSAs are strongly encouraged to develop policies and procedures if not already in-place. JS will be coordinating education for NSAs and FIS staff, Zurich Sept 2018. KR underlined the importance for all of us working in positions of trust.

6. Special Presentation:

6.1. Norway: Introduction to speed (Stefan Havelid Johnsen)

Speed training is a basic skill, all clubs U16 down to U8 encouraged to run 1 day of speed training per week; Hafjell Club, 287 athletes attended, along with their club trainers.

25,830 runs in 3 days, over 50,000 jumps

In summary:

Speed is fun

Make speed available

See the possibilities in even the smallest hills

Not focusing on kit, up to U14 can use GS skis

KR challenged the nations to produce a similar presentation for autumn meetings

7. Proposals/Discussion:

7.1. FRA Rule Proposal: U18 Number of starts limitation: The proposal was summarized by Jean-Louis Galinier (FRA). It was devised for the following reasons – a belief that young athletes race too much, limits education at school and also time on skis especially costing speed experience and participation. FRA proposes a limit of 30 starts in tech disciplines in year 1 FIS, 40 in year 2; no limits in speed. The Chairman had circulated statistics from FIS ahead of the meeting, showing details of the numbers of athletes in years 1 and 2 who had exceeded these proposed limits (some by a considerable margin). When the FIS age range changed, now 5 years ago, the previous start limitation rule (FIS year 1 only, 25 tech starts) was abolished, leaving the coaches responsible for determining how many starts to allow their athletes. This rule had been controlled by FIS, with any result after the 25th start deleted. Managing starts was possible, and out of approximately 2300 in year 1 FIS, fewer than 100 went over the limit. It was generally agreed that the proposed limit would not necessarily increase speed participation; the issue with speed is that it isn't trained early enough and needs to be made more fun. There was a general desire to trust coaches to make these decisions but understanding that all are susceptible to pressure from parents. Concerns were raised about athletes from the Southern Hemisphere who race at home, then need to come to the Northern Hemisphere to compete. However, very few athletes from these regions were shown to be over the limit in the FIS statistics.

From a show of hands, a clear majority were in favour of guidelines rather than a rule.

The Chairman proposed four action items for the members of the subcommittee:

1. **Recommendation for the maximum number of starts:** for 1st year FIS of 30 starts in technical events (GS + SL) and 2nd year FIS of 40 starts in technical events (GS + SL), with no limit in speed events (SG, DH and SC);
2. **Athlete Pathway:** The SC strongly encourages NSAs to include speed training at all levels, from U8 and up;
3. **Request to FIS Children's Race Organisers:** more organisers offer SG events (currently only three run SG: Whistler, La Scara, Borrufa) and to encourage introduction of SG for U14 and U16 – Action: KR to write a letter to the group
4. **Subcommittee action:** the Alpine Youth subcommittee will undertake to offer presentations from members, highlighting projects of NSA's that promote speed training and competition opportunities for youth and children.

Discussion – FRA Proposal to reduce vertical for 2-run DH to the Alpine Rules Subcommittee. This gives increased flexibility especially to nation who have smaller mountains – the slopes will still need to be homologated; the aim is to provide an introduction of speed into FIS Junior level (NJR events only). The only caveat is that introducing a 2 run DH might suddenly be adopted by IOC. Each nation would have limited number of tracks with homologation. Must be clear that this is for education, junior level only – only NJR. Not realistic to say that a winner at this level can progress immediate to EC. To include jumps. Maybe even an ENL race.

5 years from FIS age change, and the rule limiting tech starts was abolished at the same time. Have we had sufficient time to consider reintroducing a limit? 80% stick to limit, only 20% exceed responsible guidelines. FIS Y&C SC will continue to monitor; the coaches are to remain responsible to their athletes for balancing training vs. racing. NSAs are strongly advised to raise these questions in their coach education programmes.

7.2. Discussion for youth & children development:

- Future of the Alpine Combined – may be replaced on 2021 calendar by individual parallel (commencing from the World Championships in Cortina 2021, and Olympic Winter Games in Beijing 2022 – if approved by the IOC); it was the single Alpine event in 1936. If lost at top level, will doubtless be lost at lower levels too; JWC likely to stop also in 2021, aligned with World Championships.

- Development of Parallel Events - Parallel events will be more clearly defined before the autumn meetings. The nations are strongly advised to start training their juniors. The current tested format for JWC is felt to be fair (Alpine Team Event); for Parallel Event, 2 runs for all, one in blue, one in red. These are good events for nations with smaller hills; first (qualification) run counts for FIS points; however, many do not compete in parallel afterwards (just there for the FIS points achieved from a single run); those in the top 30 pass through to the parallel stage. Those outside the top 30 get FIS points for qualification run even though they not eligible to compete in the parallel event itself. The World Cup in Courchevel was the first event to have an elimination format rather than open by invitation to the top 30 ranked athletes. The Rules clearly need to be defined.
- Continuing development of speed events; discussed earlier in the meeting
- Jean-Louis Galinier and Jacques Pastor raised a question about back protectors. A competitor had arrived for a speed event in France without a back protector. FRA would like to see back protectors as mandatory in speed disciplines. JS to take to the FIS Medical Committee, especially for Speed, to provide support for a proposal. **Action: JS**

Nations to come forward with a proposal. **Action: FRA, all**

8. FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Peter Gerdol)

8.1. 2018 – Davos (SUI) – Jan. 29 to Feb. 8, 2018 – The Chairman thanked the ROC; Peter Gerdol reported good weather, good snow; an important event, with live streaming of all the races. Beat Tshuor accepted a certificate of thanks from FIS on behalf of Davos. Marco Odermatt SUI – 5 gold medals all events; strong and consistent performances also in the girls events. Marc Hodler Trophy won by SUI

8.2. 2019 – Val di Fassa (ITA) – Feb. 17 to 27, 2019 – most preparations running according to schedule; still some work to be done on the hills. There will be a GS in December, test event on Ladies side (speed) in January 2019. Everything is working well. The hills for Speed/tech are 20mins apart, the programme easily therefore separates ladies Speed/tech, men's tech/Speed. Event program to be included in minutes. The Organisers will make a full presentation in Zurich.

8.3. 2020 – Open - Narvik (NOR) has recently submitted its candidacy. First inspection has taken place. FIS Council will make decision.

8.4. 2021 – Bansko (BUL) – update first inspection due this summer, will be combined with Men's World Cup event to consolidate the work that will have been set up on courses, media etc. - date

8.5. Future candidates – no update

9. Other Youth Competitions

9.1. Report: 2018 ISF School Winter Games – Grenoble (FRA) – Francesco Fiorini No report

9.2. Update: 2019 EYOF – Sarajevo & East Sarajevo (BIH) – Jasmin Mehic – there will be a formal presentation in Zurich, venues are ready; 45 nations confirmed; dates 10-15 February (arrival 9th) 2019.

9.3. 2020 Youth Olympic Winter Games – Lausanne (SUI) – PG reported briefly, longer presentation in Autumn. Venue plan is Les Diablerets for alpine – dates of competition in first week 10-15 Jan 2020; all other FIS disciplines in the second week. All will be prepared soon. 2* EC SGs next season; staff appointments have been made; legacy planning. Report to be included in the minutes.

10. FIS Update/Promotion and Development (Andrew Cholinski)

Update provided, summarizing FIS programs of Snow Kidz and World Snow Day (January 20, 2019). This past season a record 6,483 events in 53 countries, including 3.1million participants. FIS Snowkidz included 2943 events, whilst lower than previous years this is seen as a sustainable number to ensure success.

11. Various / New Business: none.

12. Next Meetings/Gathering:

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The Chairman thanked the FIS staff for their work and support throughout the year, in particular recognising Janez Flere for his many years of work with Youth & Children and the FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships. He also thanked Jenny Shute for her diligent work with the minutes.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11:30.

Attachments

- FIS Childrens Race Organisers Calendar 2018-19 (confirmed)
- FIS Childrens Race Organisers Calendar 2019-20 (Draft v.2))
- FIS Childrens Race Organisers Calendar 2020-21 (Draft v.1)
- Program for the 2019 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships - Val di Fassa (ITA)



WORLD JUNIOR SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019
VAL DI FASSA (ITA)

Date		Ladies	Men
SUN	17	arrival day	arrival day
MON	18		DH TRA
TUE	19	GS	DH TRA
WED	20	SL	DH
THU	21		SG
FRI	22	SG / TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT
SAT	23		AC (SG/SL)
SUN	24	AC (SG/SL)	
MON	25	DH TRA	GS
TUE	26	DH TRA	SL
WED	27	DH	



CALENDAR 2018/2019 (V.2)

Vratna Interkriterium Vratna (SVK)	22 - 23 January 2019
Ricky v Orli. Horàch Skiinterkriterium FIS (CZE)	25 – 26 January 2019
Ordino Arcalis Trofeu Borrufa (AND)	28 – 31 January 2019
Bjelasnica Children for Peace in World (BIH)	21 – 22 February 2019
Stari vrh Pokal Loka (SLO)	9 - 10 February 2019
Zagreb Zagreb Children Fis (CRO)	12 – 13 February 2019
Mokra Gora Fis Children Cup (SRB)	23 – 24 February 2019
Folgaria ALPECIMBRA FIS Children Cup (ITA)	15 – 16 March 2019
Abetone (PT) Pinocchio sugli Sci (ITA)	29 – 30 March 2019
Val d'Isere La Scara (FRA)	4 – 5 April 2019
Whistler Whistler Cup (CAN)	11 – 14 April 2019
Tärnaby Ingemartrofen (SWE)	26 – 28 April 2019



DRAFT CALENDAR 2019/2020

Vratna Interkriterium Vratna (SVK)	20 - 22 January 2020
Ricky v Orli. Horàch Skiinterkriterium FIS (CZE)	24 – 25 January 2020
Ordino Arcalis Trofeu Borrufa (AND)	27 – 30 January 2020
Bjelasnica Children for Peace in World (BIH)	21 – 22 February 2020
Stari vrh Pokal Loka (SLO)	15 - 16 February 2020
Zagreb Zagreb Children Fis (CRO)	18 – 19 February 2020
Mokra Gora Fis Children Cup (SRB)	24 – 25 February 2020
Folgaria ALPECIMBRA FIS Children Cup (ITA)	6 – 7 March 2020
Abetone (PT) Pinocchio sugli Sci (ITA)	27 – 28 March 2020
Val d’Isere La Scara (FRA)	9 – 10 April 2020
Whistler Whistler Cup (CAN)	16 – 19 April 2020
Tärnaby Ingemartrofen (SWE)	24 – 26 April 2020



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Ordino Arcalis Trofeu Borrufa (AND)	25 – 28 January 2021
Bjelasnica Children for Peace in World (BIH)	19 – 20 February 2021
Stari vrh Pokal Loka (SLO)	13 - 14 February 2021
Zagreb Zagreb Children Fis (CRO)	16 – 17 February 2021
Mokra Gora Fis Children Cup (SRB)	22 – 23 February 2021
Folgaria ALPECIMBRA FIS Children Cup (ITA)	5 – 6 March 2021
Abetone (PT) Pinocchio sugli Sci (ITA)	26 – 27 March 2021
Val d'Isere La Scara (FRA)	8 – 9 April 2021
Whistler Whistler Cup (CAN)	15 - 21 April 2021
Tärnaby Ingemartrofen (SWE)	23 – 25 April 2021