

To the
- National Ski Associations
- Members of the FIS Council
- Committee Chairmen

Oberhofen, 14th November 2002
SL/er

FIS Council Meeting 9th November 2002 in Oberhofen (SUI)

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Ski friends,

In accordance with art. 32.2 of the FIS Statutes we have pleasure sending you today

A SHORT SUMMARY
of the most important decisions
of the FIS Council Meeting in Oberhofen (SUI).

1. Members present

The following Council Members were present at the meeting in Oberhofen, 9th November 2002:

President Gian-Franco Kasper, Vice-Presidents Anatolij Akentiev, Yoshiro Ito, Bill Marolt and Carl Eric Stålberg, Members Gaetano Coppi, Geoff Henke, Milan Jirasek, Janez Kocijancic, Sung-Won Lee, Marjo Matikainen-Kallström, Pablo Rosenkjer, Peter Schröcksnadel, Patrick Smith, Fritz Wagnerberger and Secretary-General Sarah Lewis.

Excused: Bernard Chevallier

The Council decided that following the recent death of Council Member Jan Jensen (NOR), the new President of the Norwegian Ski Association Sverre Seeberg would be allowed to participate at all meetings of the Council as an observer until the 44th International Ski Congress in Miami (USA).

2. Minutes from the Council Meetings in Portoroz

The minutes from the Council meetings in Portoroz (SLO) 2nd to 6th June 2002 and 8th June 2002 were approved.

3. The FIS World Championships

3.1 **Report on the 2003 and future FIS World Championships**

- Snowboard in Kreischberg (AUT): 12th to 19th January 2003
- Freestyle Skiing in Deer Valley (USA): 26th January to 3rd February 2003
- Alpine events in St. Moritz (SUI): 2nd to 16th February 2003
- Nordic events in Val di Fiemme (ITA): 20th February to 2nd March 2003
- Skiflying in Planica (SLO): 19th to 22nd February 2004
- Alpine events in Bormio (ITA): 29th January to 13th February 2005
- Nordic events in Oberstdorf (GER): 16th/17th to 27th February 2005
- Snowboard in Whistler (CAN) 2005
- Freestyle Skiing in Ruka (FIN) 2005
- Skiflying in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf (AUT) 2006
- Alpine events in Åre (SWE) 2007
- Nordic events in Sapporo (JPN) 2007

The Council expressed its concern that there are serious problems with RAI (Italian television) the host broadcaster assigned by the EBU to produce the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Val di Fiemme. Council Member Gaetano Coppi reported that the Italian Winter Sports Federation has intervened at government level to demand that RAI is obliged to fulfil all its obligations for the television production of the Championships.

The Council acknowledged progress reports from the respective Organising Committees and that all the various technical preparations appear to be going according to schedule and wished the Organising Committees of the coming season's Championships every success with their events.

At its meeting in spring 2003, the FIS Council will confirm the dates of the FIS World Championships in the Snowboard and Freestyle events in 2005 and the Alpine and Nordic events in 2007. In this regard, Åre (SWE) has requested consideration of exchanging dates with the nordic events from the first half of February to the second half of February.

This request will be studied by the Japanese Ski Association and Sapporo, and reviewed with the television and marketing rights holders, EBU.

3.2 Appointment of Organisers

The Council appointed the following organisers of Championships:

- Rollerski World Championships 2004 in St. Wendel (GER)
- Police Forces World Championships 2004 in Folgaria (ITA)

3.3 Organisation of several FIS World Championships

On request of Vail and the United States Ski and Snowboard Association, the Council will review the rules and consider the implications of whether it will be possible for one resort to be elected as an organiser of more than one discipline of the FIS World Championships during the same period.

3.4 Rules for the Organisation of the FIS World Championships

The Council confirmed its approval for the Rules for the Organisation of FIS World Championships that had been distributed to the Council Members by e-mail on 29th August 2002. The rules have already been distributed to all Organising Committees and National Ski Associations and can be downloaded from the Rules & Publications section of the FIS Website www.fis-ski.com

4. The FIS Junior World Championships

4.1 Report on the 2003 and future FIS Junior World Championships

- Nordic events in Sollefå (SWE), 3rd to 9th February 2003
- Alpine events in Serre Chevalier/Briançon (FRA), 1st to 8th March 2003
- Freestyle events in Marble Mountain (CAN) Canada, 14th to 16th February 2003
- Snowboard events in Bardonecchia (ITA), 14th to 16th February 2003
- FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in Stryn (NOR), 2nd to 8th February 2004
- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships in Maribor (SLO), 8th to 15th February 2004
- FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships 2005 in Otepää (EST)
- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2005 in Bardonecchia (ITA)

The Council confirmed that if it is not possible to carry out the Halfpipe event of the 2003 FIS Snowboard World Championships in Bardonecchia due to the construction work and current snowmaking

capacity, it may take place in nearby Sestrière. In the event that there are further organisational difficulties in Bardonecchia, the Italian Winter Sports Federation reported that Piancavallo would be ready to stage the Championships.

The Council acknowledged progress reports from the respective Organising Committees and expressed its best wishes to the Organising Committees of the coming season's Championships for their events.

4.2 Candidates for FIS Junior World Championships

The Council appointed the following organisers:

- FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships 2004 in Klinovec (CZE) / Oberwiesenthal (GER)
- FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships 2005 in Arosa (SUI)

For the Alpine and Nordic events in 2006, the Council decided to table the decision until spring 2003 following the completion of the technical inspections of the Nordic candidates:

Alpine 2006

- Argentina with Bariloche
- Canada with Quebec City
- Chile with Valle Nevado, La Parva, El Colorado and Portillo
- France with Les Orres

Nordic 2006

- Finland with Rovaniemi
- Slovenia with Kranj

5. The International Olympic Committee

The 114th Session of the International Olympic Committee is scheduled to take place in Mexico on 28th/29th November 2002. The main items on the agenda will be:

- Review of the reports of the Commission "IOC 2002" concerning the reforms adopted by the 110th IOC Session in December 1999;
- Finalising the Olympic Programmes for 2006 Torino and 2008 Beijing;
- Report of the Olympic Games Study Commission;
- Report of the internal and external audit of the IOC.

5.1 Olympic Winter Games Torino

The decision of the Council at its meeting in spring 2002 to appoint Torino as host of the 2004 FIS World Cup Finals in all the FIS disciplines will serve as an important test event for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games. However concern was expressed that the Italian government "Agencia" who is responsible for the construction may refuse to hand over the venues for competitions until every detail of the facility is finished, even though the construction is scheduled to be completed in good time to be ready to host competitions.

5.2 Candidates for the Olympic Winter Games 2010

The final decision on the host city for the XXI Olympic Winter Games will be made by the IOC during the 115th IOC Session in Prague in July 2003. The candidates are:

Austria with Salzburg
Canada with Vancouver
Korea with Pyeongchang

The other applicant cities who were not selected were Andorra with Andorra la Vella, Bosnia-Herzegovina with Sarajevo, China with Harbin and Spain with Jaca. Switzerland with Berne was selected as a candidate but withdrew after a public referendum did not support the candidacy.

5.3 FIS applications for new events at Olympic Winter Games

The Olympic Programme Commission report stated the following:

"Skiflying

The Commission noted the venue requirements of this event, which requires a specialised ski jumping hill. Currently there are very few venues in the world where skiflying can be practised (only five homologated venues, all in Europe). The low global participation was noted and the possibilities for further global development of this event are considered very low.

The Commission therefore recommends not to include skiflying in the programme of the XX Olympic Winter Games.

Snowboard Cross

The Commission recommends further review of Snowboard Cross in regard of inclusion in the programme of the XX Olympic Winter Games, Torino 2006.

The Commission noted the high appeal of the Snowboard events in the Olympic Programmes of 1998 and 2002, in particular with the youth group of 15-25 years.

Therefore, the Commission has requested further information on global participation, Olympic requirements and broadcast appeal of the major events for this event from FIS before giving its final recommendation."

The decision of the IOC Executive Board whether or not to include Snowboard Cross in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino will be taken at its meeting in February 2003.

6. AIOWF

Following the decision of the IOC Executive Board to apply the same size of trademark identification of 20cm² on clothing for the Summer and Winter Games, the FIS Council accepts this decision for all official uniforms. However the impact for competition clothing is such, that manufacturers will not provide clothing with this small branding that cannot be seen at the speeds at which the athletes are travelling. National Ski Associations are requested to contact their National Olympic Committee to explain the consequences and expense of this decision and the FIS Office will provide further information in this regard. The Council requested the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) raises this matter.

7. GAISF

The 36th GAISF Congress will take place on 24th November 2002 in Colorado Springs (USA). The main theme will be "modernisation of an IF's management".

As from 2003, the GAISF Congress will take place as part of a "Sports Convention", which will also include the General Assemblies of AIOWF, ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations), ARIFS (Association of Recognised International Federations) and the IOC Executive Board. The first edition will be carried out from 12th to 18th May 2003 in Madrid (SPA).

8. Financial matters

The Council approved the report of the Treasurer on the accounts per 30th September 2002 and acknowledged that both income and expenditure is in accordance with the 2002-2003 budget. Thanks to the completion of the contract with "Audi" as sponsor of the FIS Alpine World Cup it will be possible to maintain the budget for the remainder of the period without need to make savings and reduce services.

8.1 FIS Solidarity

The 2002 FIS Congress unanimously approved a special distribution for the promotion of skiing from the proceeds of the 2000-2001 financial period, part of which has been allocated to a fund, FIS Solidarity, to which all Member National Associations may apply for the support of special projects to develop their activities.

The Council decided to delegate the review of all applications to FIS Solidarity to the FIS Finance Commission, the first of which will be considered at its meeting in February 2003.

8.2 Aid & Promotion Programme

The Council approved the budget of the Aid & Promotion Programme for 2002/2003 and acknowledged the success of the projects that have already been carried out and their popularity with the developing nations.

8.3 The Marc Hodler Foundation

The Council as the Patronage Committee of the Marc Hodler Foundation acknowledged the report of the President of the Foundation on the finances per 30th September 2002 and the budget for 2003.

9. Marketing and television

9.1 Sponsorship agreements

The Council confirmed its decision taken in writing on 30th August 2002 to approve a new three year sponsorship agreement with "Audi" for the FIS Alpine World Cup as from the 2002/2003 season.

The Council decided to dedicate its gathering during the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships to the subject of television and marketing and a joint approach between FIS and the National Ski Associations.

9.2 Timing and data

At the end of July 2002 Swatch wrote to FIS informing that the company is not prepared to renew any expired contracts for timekeeping and will therefore only honour existing contracts for the 2002/2003 season unless it can sign a global agreement with FIS for the timing services at FIS World Cup events and not individually with each National Ski Association.

By large majority the Council decided that for the time being FIS is not able to enter into a global agreement but that it would be interested in negotiating with Swatch for the 2003/2004 season.

10. Anti-Doping

10.1 **The Case of the Austrian Cross-Country Team and Officials (Marc Mayer, Achim Walcher, Walter Mayer, Peter Baumgartl, Volker Müller) at the Olympic Winter Games**

The Council decided that since an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne had already been lodged against the decision of the International Olympic Committee to sanction the athletes and officials, it was therefore obliged to wait for the outcome of the appeal before taking any action within its own competence.

Furthermore the Council clarified that the reason for tabling any action against the athletes and officials was only that the above-mentioned appeal is already in process and not due to the claim of the Austrian's legal counsel that they are entitled to a presumption of innocence which applies in criminal law and not civil law.

10.2 **Appeals of Olga Danilova, Larissa Lazutina (RUS), Johann Muehlegg (SPA).**

The Russian athletes have appealed the decisions of the FIS Council from 3rd June 2002 to sanction them for a doping offence to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Following the exchange of written submissions, the appeals were heard in Lausanne on 4th and 5th November 2002 and the award of the panel is expected by the end of November.

The appeal of Johann Muehlegg will be heard in December 2002.

10.3 **National doping cases**

On 9th November 2002, the FIS Council dealt with the following national doping cases:

Hodei Yurrita (SPA), Alpine Skiing, tested positive at a competition doping control at the Spanish National Championships in Slalom in Candanchu (SPA) on 21st March 2002, for acid 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic (metabolite of Cannabis).

The Council confirmed the sanction of the Spanish Winter Sports Association in line with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules whereby the athlete is suspended for two years from 21st March 2002 until and including 20th March 2004.

Petr Novak (CZE), Cross-Country, tested positive at an International Junior Cup in Jablonec nad Nisou on 10th February 2002 for norandrosterone.

The Council confirmed the sanction of the Czech Ski Association in line with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules whereby the athlete is suspended for two years from 10th February 2002 until and including 9th February 2004.

10.4 Eligibility of the Finnish Cross-Country Skiers

The Council confirmed that the Finnish Ski Association would be entitled to submit an entry before the suspension expires for the Finnish skiers who are currently suspended for doping offences, for competitions that are taking place after the period of ineligibility is completed.

10.5 Request for grace of Carmin Ranigler (ITA)

The Italian Winter Sports Association requested the Council to reconsider the sanction against Carmin Ranigler, since on 8th October 2002, the Tribunal of Bolzano (ITA) decided that the athlete had demonstrated she was not aware that the tablets she was given by her trainer Johann Federhofer contained prohibited substances.

The Council decided that no new material evidence had been submitted and therefore according to the rules whereby “doping is defined as the presence in the athletes body of a prohibited substance or evidence of the use thereof...”, the application for grace was rejected.

10.6 FIS Medical Guide and Anti-Doping Rules 2002/2003

The Council approved the 2002/2003 FIS Medical Guide and Anti-Doping Rules. The main changes to the regulations are as follows:

- adaptation to the draft World-Anti Doping Code and the International Standards for Doping Controls (ISDC);
- description of FIS anti-doping activities and responsibilities;
- explanation that in-competition doping controls at FIS World Cups carried out by a doping control agency approved by WADA and the costs thereof covered by FIS;
- update of the blood testing procedures following WADA’s independent review of the EPO test;

- start prohibition will be based on blood tests that may also have taken place the day before the competition and will remain valid for five consecutive days (same as IBU/Biathlon);
- update to list of banned substances/methods based on new WADA/IOC list valid from 1st January 2003

The rules will be sent to all National Ski Associations and can already be downloaded from the Rules & Publications section of the FIS Website www.fis-ski.com.

As from the 2003/2004 season the FIS Anti-Doping Regulations will be compiled in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code (see below).

The Council decided that in order to improve its understanding of the regulations and other anti-doping matters, Bengt Saltin, Chairman of the Medical Committee and a member of the WADA Health, Medical & Research Committee would be asked to report to the Council at its Meeting in Stockholm in May 2003.

10.7 Nutritional Supplements

The Council would like to bring to the attention of all National Ski Associations the well-publicised risk of using nutritional supplements and to ensure that their athletes are informed that according to the FIS Rules the athlete is responsible for any substance found in his/her bodily fluids. The enclosed study of nutritional supplements (Appendix I) carried out by the IOC demonstrates that a number of products that were not labelled as containing a prohibited substance, did in fact test as positive in clinical tests.

The report published by the IOC states:

“NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Since 1997, the IOC Medical Commission has been concerned about positive results that could be linked to the use of nutritional supplements. The present lack of regulation concerning these in certain countries, including the USA, has led the IOC to intervene, and it has issued warnings on several occasions, particularly with a view to alerting athletes. At the same time, the IOC has approached various government bodies, seeking the introduction of quality controls for these products like those applied to medicines.

Given the lack of response to its different approaches, the IOC decided to fund a study into a large number of samples. The conclusions of this study have just been published, and confirm the scale of the problem. In view of these findings, the measures taken previously will be pursued.

Until concrete results are achieved, the IOC will continue urging athletes to avoid using these nutritional supplements. At the same time, the IOC recommends that its partners within the Olympic Movement (International Sports Federations and National Olympic Committees) exercise extreme caution with regard to the firms that produce these nutritional supplements."

The report can be found on the IOC Website www.olympic.org under the Medical Commission section.

10.8 Activities with the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)

On 10th June 2002 WADA published the first draft of the World Anti-Doping Code which was sent to 900 organisations of which more than 120 sent feedback. The second draft was published in early October and the final Code will be adopted at the World Conference on Doping in Sport from 3rd to 5th March 2003 in Copenhagen (DEN).

The World Code that will apply across sport provides uniform rules, regulations and procedures that have been compiled by experts world-wide in all aspects of anti-doping and have been subject to extensive consultation.

After its adoption, it will be compulsory for all sporting bodies on the Olympic programme and other organisations involved in anti-doping activities to adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code, including the International Federations and National Associations. The draft and all related information to the World Anti-Doping Code can be obtained from WADA's website www.wada-ama.org

11. Appointment of jury members

The Council appointed respectively confirmed the following jury members for the FIS World Championships:

FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2003, Val di Fiemme (ITA)

Jury members Gudrun Ekblom, SWE replacing Rita van Driel, NED

FIS Snowboard World Championships 2003, Kreischberg (AUT)

Head Judge Per Sandberg, SWE
Assistant Head Judge Steve Brown, AUS

Judges
 Anders Hagen, SWE
 Marcello Centuione, CAN
 Damien Giraud, FRA
 Dan Smith, USA*
 Kyoji Yokayama, JPN

Score verifier Sergio Cabanas, SPA

FIS Junior Snowboard World Championships, Bardonecchia (ITA)

Head Judge: Anders Hagen (SWE)

Judges:
 Markus Thurner (AUT)
 Dan Smith (USA)*
 Fabien Wolff (FRA)
 Lukas Ligocki (POL)
 Steve Brown (AUS)

* under the condition that Dan Smith completes the necessary certification for a Snowboard judge.

12. World Cup Calendars

12.1 2002/2003

The Council approved the following changes to the FIS World Cup calendars for the 2002/2003 season (the full calendars can be viewed in the Calendar section on the FIS Website www.fis-ski.com that will also include any changes immediately as they occur throughout the season):

Cross-Country World Cup: to change the date for Asiago (ITA) from Friday, 14th February to Saturday, 15th February 2002.

Alpine World Cup Ladies: to relocate the two Super G's on 1st/2nd March to Megève (FRA) after the withdrawal of Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER) in order to maintain the existing balance between the number of technical and speed events.

The candidacy of Tarvisio (ITA), to host a considerable number of European Cup races and the 2002 FIS Junior World Ski Championships was also considered, but unfortunately the present course does not fulfil the technical requirements for a World Cup in the Super G discipline.

12.2 2003/2004

On proposal of the respective Technical Committees, the Council approved the FIS World Cup Calendars for the 2003/2004 season (please see following pages):

In the case of the FIS Cross-Country World Cup, the Council decided to table a decision until its meeting in February 2003, in order that the Cross-Country Committee may review the calendar to try and realise the objective of organising a Nordic Opening as the first event of the season in each of the disciplines.

The FIS World Cup Nordic Combined calendar will also be considered by the Council at its meeting in February 2003.

Following the decision of the 43rd International Ski Congress in Portoroz to introduce a Nations Grand Prix for Alpine Skiing, National Ski Associations are invited to submit proposals for hosting the event in the 2003/2004 season, by 31st December 2002.

**PROPOSAL
FIS GRAND PRIX SKI JUMPING
CALENDAR 2003/2004**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Size of Hill	Event	Remarks
I. Period						
10.08.	Sun	Hinterzarten	GER	K 95		Opening
14.08.	Thu	Courchevel	FRA	K 120		
open	open	Predazzo	ITA	K 120		
open	open	Innsbruck	AUT	K 120		Final

**PROPOSAL
FIS SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2003/2004**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Size of Hill	Event	Remarks
II. Period						
28.11.	Fri		FIN/USA	K 120		Opening
29.11.	Sat		FIN/USA	K 120		
06.12.	Sat		NOR/USA	K 120		
07.12.	Sun		NOR/USA	K 120		
13.12.	Sat	Titisee-Neustadt	GER	K 120		
14.12.	Sun	Titisee-Neustadt	GER	K 120		
20.12.	Sat	Engelberg	SUI	K 120		
21.12.	Sun	Engelberg	SUI	K 120		
III. Period						
29.12.	Mon	Oberstdorf	GER	K 115		
01.01.	Thu	Garm.-Partenkirchen	GER	K 115		4 Hills
04.01.	Sun	Innsbruck	AUT	K 120		Tourna- ment
06.01.	Tue	Bischofshofen	AUT	K 120		
IV. Period						
10.01.	Sat		CZE			
11.01.	Sun		CZE			
17.01.	Sat	Zakopane	POL	K 120	night	
18.01.	Sun	Zakopane	POL	K 120		
24.01.	Sat	Oberstdorf	GER	K 185		
25.01.	Sun	Oberstdorf	GER	K 185		
V. Period						
30.01.	Sat	Sapporo	JPN	K 120	night	
31.01.	Sun	Sapporo	JPN	K 120		
06.02.	Fri	Hakuba	JPN	K 120	night	
07.02.	Sat	Hakuba	JPN	K 120	night	
14.02.	Sat	Willingen	GER	K 120		
15.02.	Sun	Willingen	GER	K 120		
VI. Period						
29.02.	Sun	Oslo	NOR	K 115		
03.03.	Wed	Falun	SWE	K 116	night	
05.03.	Fri	Lahti	FIN	K 116	night	
06.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN	K 116	night	
14.03.	Sat	Torino	ITA	K 120	night	
15.03.	Sun	Torino	ITA	K 120		FIS Joint Final

FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships, Stryn (NOR), 02.-08.02.2004
FIS Ski Flying World Championships, Planica (SLO), 20.-22.02.2004

**PROPOSAL
FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2003/2004
MEN**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	DH	SG	GS	SL	C	Remarks	
October 03										
26.	Sun	Opening Sölden	FIS/AUT			26.			Opening L&M	
November 03										
22.-23.	Sat-Sun	Lake Louise	CAN	22.	23.					
29.-30.	Sat-Sun	Vail / Beaver Creek	USA	29.	30.					
December 03										
06.-07.	Sat-Sun	Val d'Isère	FRA	06.		07.			L & M	
08.	Mon	Madonna di Campiglio	ITA				08.		N	
12.-13.	Fri-Sat	Gröden	ITA	13.	12.					
14.	Sun	Alta Badia	ITA			14.				
20.-21.	Sat-Sun	Kranjska Gora	SLO			20.	21.			
27.-28.	Sat-Sun	<i>Nations Grand Prix</i>								
January 04										
04.	Sun	Flachau	AUT				04.			
10.-11.	Sat-Sun	Chamonix	FRA	10.			11.	X		
17.-18.	Sat-Sun	Wengen	SUI	17.			18.			
23.-25.	Fri-Sun	Kitzbühel	AUT	24.	23.		25.	X		
27.	Tue	Schladming	AUT				27.		N	
February 04										
31.-01.	Sat-Sun	Garmisch Partenk.	GER	31.	01.					
07.-08.	Sat-Sun	Oferschwang	GER			07.	08.			
14.-15.	Sat-Sun	St. Anton	AUT	14.			15.			
21.-22.	Sat-Sun	Adelboden	SUI			21.	22.			
28.-29.	Sat-Sun	Kvitfjell	NOR	28.	29.					
March 04										
10.-14.	Wed-Sun	Torino	FIS/ITA	10.	11.	13.	14.		L & M	
Total 20 events / 36 competitions					11	7	7	11	2	

FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Maribor (SLO), 08.-15.02.2004

**PROPOSAL
FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2003/2004
LADIES**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	DH	SG	GS	SL	C	Remarks	
October 03										
25.	Sat	Opening Sölden	FIS/AUT			25.			Opening L&M	
November 03										
22.-23.	Sat-Sun	Park City	USA			22.	23.			
28.-30.	Fri-Sun	Lake Louise	CAN	XX	30.					
December 03										
04.-05.	Thu-Fri	Val d'Isère	FRA		05.	04.			L & M	
07.	Sun	Sestrieres	ITA				07.			
13.-14.	Sat-Sun	Laax *	SUI	13.	14.					
18.	Thu	Jasna	SVK				18.			
20.-21.	Sat-Sun	Spindleruv Mlyn	CZE			20.	21.			
27.-28.	Sat-Sun	<i>Nations Grand Prix</i>								
January 04										
03.-04.	Sat-Sun	Maribor	SLO			03.	04.			
10.-11.	Sat-Sun	Saalbach	AUT	10.	11.					
17.-18.	Sat-Sun	Cortina d'Ampezzo	ITA	17.	18.					
24.-25.	Sat-Sun	Region Arber	GER			24.	25.			
February 04										
31.-01.	Sat-Sun	Haus / Schladming	AUT	31.		01.				
07.-08.	Sat-Sun	Sta Caterina	ITA	07.			08.	X		
14.-15.	Sat-Sun	Lenzerheide	SUI	14.	15.					
21.-22.	Sat-Sun	Are	SWE		21.	22.				
28.-29.	Sat-Sun	Levi	FIN				XX			
March 04										
10.-14.	Wed-Sun	Torino	FIS/ITA	10.	11.	13.	14.		L & M	
Total 18 events / 36 competitions					9	8	9	10	1	

* After inspection 2002 and further check in spring 2003

FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Maribor (SLO), 08.-15.02.2004

**PROPOSAL
FIS SNOWBOARD WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2003/2004
LADIES AND MEN**

Date	Day	Site	NAT	PGS	PSL	HP	SBX	BA
September 03								
12.-14.		Valle Nevado	CHI*	X		X	X	
October 03								
25.-26.		European City	TBD					X
November 03								
07.-09.		TBD	AUT	X	X			
22.-23.		Laax	SUI			X		X
December 03								
04.-07.		Tandadalen	SWE	X		X		X
11.-14.		TBD	CAN	X		X	X	X
19.-21.		TBD	CAN		X	X	X	
January 04								
09.-11.		Alpe d`Huez	FRA		X	X	X	
16.-18.		Arosa	SUI		X		X	
21./24.-25.		Nassfeld- Hermagor/ Schleppe	AUT	X	X			X
31.		Kranjska Gora	SLO		X			
February 04								
06.-08.		Berchtesgaden	GER	X		X	X	
20.-22.		Sapporo- Makomanai	JPN	X		X		
26.-28.		Joetsu/ TBD	JPN/KOR*	X		X	X	
March 04								
05.-07.		TBD	USA	X		X		X
11.-14.		Sestriere/ Bardonecchia	ITA	X		X	X	X

* to be confirmed

13.-15 February World Junior Championships

**PROPOSAL
FIS FREESTYLE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2003/2004
MEN AND LADIES**

DATE	DAY	SITE	NAT	MO	DM	AE	SX	HP	Remarks
September 2003		Mt Buller				06/07			
November 2003									
29.-30.	Sat-Sun	Tignes	FRA	30			29		
December 2003									
6.-7.			Europe						
13.-14.	Sat-Sun	Madonna di Campiglio	ITA	X			X		
20.-21.			Europe						
January 2004									
07.		Pozza di Fassa	ITA						
10.-11	Sat-Sun	Tremblant	CAN	10		11			
16.-18.	Fri-Sun	Lake Placid	USA	17		16/18			
23.-25.	Thu-Sat	Fernie	CAN		X	X			
30.01.-01.02	Fri-Sun	Western USA	USA	30		01			
February 2004									
7.-8.	Sat-Sun	Inawashiro	JPN	X					
14.-15.	Sat-Sun	Nagano Area	JPN	X	X				
21.-22.	Sun	Harbin/Long-zhu	CHN			X			
March 2004									
5.-7.	Fri-Sun	Ruka	FIN	X		X	X		
10.-14.	Fri-Sun	Sauze d'Oulx	ITA	X		X	X		Final 2004
Total				11/11		10/10	4/4		

12.3 Prize-money 2002/2003

According to the International Competition Rules art. 219.1, the FIS Council confirmed the values of prize-money for the 2003/2004 season that remain the same as the amounts for the 2002/2003 season:

- Alpine events:
Minimum cash prize per event: CHF 100'000.—
divided between 1 – 10
Minimum cash prize for European Cup events: CHF 2'300.—
divided between 1 – 10
- Cross-Country events:
Minimum cash prize for individual events: CHF 40'000.—
divided between 1 – 10
Minimum cash prize for relay events: CHF 30'000.—
divided between 1 – 6
- Ski Jumping events:
Minimum cash prize per event: CHF 70'000.—
divided between 1 – 10
Minimum cash prize per double event: CHF 50'000.—
divided between 1-10
Minimum cash prize per team event: CHF 50'000.—
divided between 1-3
Minimum cash prize for Continental Cup events: CHF 1'500.—
divided between 1-6
- Nordic Combined events:
Minimum cash prize per event: CHF 30'000.—
divided between 1 – 10
Minimum cash prize per team event: CHF 12'500.—
divided between 1 – 3
- Freestyle events:
Minimum cash prize per event and sex: 15'000.—
divided between 1 – 6
- Snowboard events:
Minimum cash prize per event and sex: CHF 25'000.—
divided between 1 – 10

13. Proposals and requests from National Ski Associations and FIS Committees

13.1 Requests for change of licence

The Council approved the following requests for a change of licence and granted the exceptions within its competence, whereby the athletes are not suspended for 12 months and they may retain their FIS points:

- Jasmina Dedic (Alpine Skiing), born 1977 – change from Bosnia-Herzegovina to Australia

- Eric Lacas (Alpine Skiing), born 1977 – change from France to Belgium
- Deborah Scanzia, born 1986 (Freestyle Skiing) – change from Switzerland to Italy
- Roland Sascha Albanese, born 1977 (Freestyle Skiing) – change from Switzerland to Italy
- Vladimir Lucic, born 1978 and Boris Mijanovic, born 1983 (both Alpine Skiing) – change from Yugoslavia to Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Daria Gaiazov, born 1983 (Cross-Country Skiing), – change from Russia to Canada
- Tiiu Laurusmaa, born 1982 (Alpine Skiing) – change from Estonia to Canada

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On receipt of the passports the following applications will also be permitted:

- Patrick Ruiner, born 1986 (Alpine Skiing) – change from Austria to Germany
- Wolfgang Rieder, born 1973 (Alpine Skiing) – change from Austria to Germany
- Jason Begg-Smith, born 1980 (Freestyle Skiing) – change from Canada to Australia (passport not yet provided)
- Dale Begg-Smith, born 1985 (Freestyle Skiing) – change from Canada to Australia (passport not yet provided)

13.2 The Cross-Country Committee

On request of the Cross-Country Committee the Council approved the following proposals:

World Cup Rules 2002/03

- In Val di Fiemme (ITA), Otepää (EST), Oslo (NOR) and Falun (SWE) competitions in distance races as well as Sprint races will be carried out during the same weekend. An athlete qualified for the Sprint event but not for the distance race may, on decision of the jury, also participate in the distance race under condition that there are no qualified athletes from his National Ski Association to participate.
- The athletes taking part in Borlänge (SWE) and Falun (SWE) can receive reimbursement only once for travel to and from Borlänge and/or Falun.
- The Sprint competition in Oslo, March 2003, will be carried out in the same way as last year (24 athletes in the finals).

- In the World Cup Double Pursuit events in Ramsau (AUT) and Falun (SWE) the starting field will be limited to:
men: 65 athletes + national group (max. 10 athletes)
ladies: 55 athletes + national group (max. 10 athletes)

The quotas are based on the actual FIS Points List (rank 1-80 for men and 1-70 for ladies) and will give the following quotas for Ramsau. Please note that every nation qualified for World Cup will have one starting place irrespective of the FIS Points list ranking.

Men			Ladies				
AUT	5	LTU	1	AUT	1	KAZ	3
BLR	1	NOR	8	BLR	3	LTU	1
CAN	1	POL	1	CAN	3	NOR	8
CZE	2	RUM	1	CHN	1	POL	1
EST	2	SLO	1	CZE	1	RUS	8
FIN	3	SPA	1	EST	2	SLO	2
FRA	2	SUI	2	FIN	7	SUI	3
GER	5	SVK	2	FRA	3	SVK	1
ITA	8	SWE	8	GER	3	SWE	5
JPN	2	RUS	7	ITA	5	UKR	2
KAZ	1	UKR	1	JPN	1	USA	1
LAT	1	USA	3				
LIE	2						

The Quotas for Falun (SWE) will be calculated in the same way based upon the FIS Points List no. 4 2002/03 and will be communicated to the teams on approx. 1st March 2003.

ICR Precisions 2002/2003

The new ICR articles 223 to 225.4.3 will replace articles 390, 392, 393 and 394 of the ICR. In addition the previous references in the CC-ICR to Official Warning and Verbal Warning are now replaced with Written Reprimand and Verbal Reprimand.

Course Homologation

313.1.3 the maximum value for Total Climb (TC) for the 50 km course is increased to 2000 metres (from 1800 metres)

Regulations for Sprint competitions

Jury: In heat sprints at OWG, WSC, WC and JWSC, the decision is valid if a minimum of three jury members (including TD) have voted for it.

Tie: In case of a tie for the advancement to the next heat, semi-final or final, only the athlete with better qualification time advances.

Protests: Due to the timeline pressure of running successive heats it is not possible to allow protests during the heats and semi-finals. Protests will only be accepted after the Finals (as it is in normal competitions).

Exceptional Homologation

An exceptional homologation for Lavazé as substitute resort of Val di Fiemme 2003 despite of the fact that the maximum altitude is 1810 m (the same as 1991).

Rules for Junior World Championships in the Nordic disciplines

The rules for Junior World Championships in the Nordic disciplines (see following pages). The 'clean' version will be published in the Rules & Publications section of the FIS Website and is available from the FIS Office, Nordic department.

<p style="text-align: center;">RULES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE FIS NORDIC JUNIOR WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>

1 Year and date

- 1.1 The FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships take place every year.
- 1.2 The competitions shall take place in the period between January 15th to March 15th. The exact date shall be decided by the FIS Council considering the international ski calendar.

2 Application for FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships

- 2.1 A National Ski Association wishing to organise FIS World Championships must send in a written application to the FIS, at the latest by January 1st two years before the events will take place. The application must include the name of the place where the FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships shall be carried out.
- 2.2 Should the applying National Ski Association not intend to take care of the technical competition organisation, the application must state which club (or clubs) at the intended competition site is to organise the events (in close collaboration with the National Ski Association applying).
- 2.3 Otherwise, article 5.2 of the FIS Rules for the Organisation of FIS World Ski Championships applies.

3 Appointment of Organiser

- 3.1 The FIS Council, after control of the requirements by inspectors, commissions a National Ski Association affiliated to the FIS, two years in advance, to organise the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships.
- 3.2 Even if the organising National Ski Association delegates the organisation to the events to one or several clubs, the National Ski Association concerned still has the main responsibility for the preparing, the execution and the financial obligations of the FIS Championships. For this purpose, the National Ski Association appoints an Organising Committee proven as organiser of previous international competitions.

4 Daily Programme

- 4.1 The competitions shall be carried out in six days (Tuesday - Sunday).

4.2 **Competition programme**

The following competitions will be carried out during the Championships:

Cross-Country: Ladies 15km* Mass start, 5km*, Sprint, relay 4x5km

Men 30km* Mass start, 10km*, Sprint, relay 4x10km

Ski-Jumping: Individual competition, Team competition

Nordic Combined: Individual Gundersen, SPRINT,

Team Mass start 4x5km

*) The technique changes every year

Occasional changes of the daily programme may be decided by the FIS Council in consultation with the Technical Committees.

Proposal for the daily programme:

Monday: Opening Ceremony

Tuesday: Cross-Country: 15 km ladies (Mass start)

Cross-Country: 30 km men (Mass start)

Wednesday: Nordic Combined: Individual Gundersen

Thursday: Ski-Jumping: Team competition

Cross-Country: 10 km men, 5 km ladies

Friday: Nordic Combined: Team Mass start 4x5 km

Saturday: Ski-Jumping: Individual competition

Cross-Country: Sprint Ladies, Sprint Men

Sunday: Cross-Country: Relay Ladies 4x5 km,

Relay Men 4x10 km

Nordic Combined: SPRINT

The final daily programme will be decided in coordination between the Organising Committee and the FIS at latest three months prior to the competitions.

5 **Right to participate**

5.1 All National Ski Associations affiliated to the FIS are entitled to participate.

5.2 To be eligible for participation in the FIS World Junior Championships, the skier must be a citizen of the country which is entering him (article 208 ICR).

6 **Number of competitors and officials**

6.1 Every National Ski Association invited can send the following maximum number of competitors:

8 Cross-Country racers Men - 4 allowed to start per event

8 Cross-Country racers Ladies - 4 allowed to start per event

5 Ski Jumpers - 4 allowed to start per event

5 6 Nordic Combined racers - 4 allowed to start in the single race and 4 in the team race.

In all, a national team may thus comprise maximum ~~26~~ 27 competitors.

6.2 The following number of officials may be part of a national team:

~~6.2.1 If participating in only one event: 2 Officials
 If participating in two events: 3 Officials
 If participating in more than two events: 4 Officials.~~

6.2.1 If participating in one discipline: 6 Officials
 If participating in two disciplines: 12 Officials
 If participating in three or four disciplines: 18 Officials.

~~6.2.2 At its own expense, a National Ski Association may add to its team a physician and one other official.~~

7 Age limits - Sex control - Anti-Doping control

7.1 In every event only one age group is allowed.

7.1.1 Competitors in Cross-Country ~~men~~ and Nordic Combined may not be more than 20 years old during the competition year.

7.1.2 Competitors in Special Ski-Jumping may not be more than 18 years old during the competition year.

7.2 No minimum age is set.

7.3 Anti-Doping Controls and ~~haemoglobin~~ blood testing is compulsory and must be carried out according to the FIS Rules.

~~7.4 For all regulations concerning haemoglobin and anti-doping control the FIS Medical Committee is responsible (FIS Rule Book 1).~~

8 Control by the FIS

8.1 The events shall be carried out according to the international Ski competition Rules (ICR).

8.2 For the Cross-Country courses and the jumping hill a homologation certificate issued by the FIS is compulsory. ~~For Cross-Country at least one 10 km and two 5 km courses are requested, whereby one of these may be integrated into the 10 km course.~~

8.3 The Ski Jumping competitions shall be carried out on a ~~normal~~ K 90 jumping hill.

8.4 On proposal by the FIS Committees concerned, the FIS Council appoints the following official representatives for the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships:

8.4.1 One official representative of the FIS Council

- 8.4.2 One Technical Delegate for Cross-Country
- 8.4.3 One Technical Delegate for Ski Jumping
- 8.4.4 One Technical Delegate for Nordic Combined
- 8.4.5 One Assistant Technical Delegate each for Cross-Country, Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined
- 8.4.6 One medical supervisor
- 8.4.7 Five Jumping Judges, one of whom to be nominated by the Organising National Ski Association.
- 8.4.8 One Chief Distance Measurer.
- 8.4.9 Two technicians for video measuring
- 8.4.10 ~~One~~ Two controllers of competition equipment

9 Invitation and Entry

- 9.1 The invitation to participate in the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships must be sent out by the National Ski Association concerned (or its Organising Committee) not later than September 15th of the preceding year. The invitation must include the FIS "Rules for the Organisation of FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in the Nordic Events".
- 9.2 The national entries stating the approximate number of team members, (men and ladies), active competitors and officials, must be received by the Organising Committee not later than January 1st.
- 9.3 The official team entry stating the names and birth dates of a maximum number of 10 persons per sex in Cross-Country and 8 participants each in Nordic Combined and Ski Jumping as well as the names of the officials (see article 6.2) must be in possession of the Organising Committee not later than two weeks before the first competition. Only the maximum number of competitors as defined in art. 6.1 can be accredited at the competition site.
- 9.4 The definite entry - which is compulsory for each competition - shall be handed in two hours before the draw for the competition in question with the competitors chosen from the official team entry submitted according to article 9.3.
- 9.5 Together with the accreditation, all entries stating the age shall be checked by the FIS (by the Technical Delegate or a person appointed by him) at the place of competition.

9.6.11 In case of "force majeure" after the first team captains' meeting, the Jury may permit a substitute to be entered in place of another athlete.

10 Finances

10.1 The Organising Committee shall plan and carry out the competitions at its own expense and financial risk under the responsibility of the National Ski Association concerned.

10.2 The following fees and considerations must be paid to the FIS

- Calendar Fee	CHF 2000
- From ticket sales	10 %
- From TV income and from sale of stationary or movable advertising sites within the competition area	0 %

10.3 Teams

10.3.1 Costs for travel from the place of residence to the competition site and back for the participating teams as well as their living expenses are financed entirely by the respective National Ski Associations.

10.3.2 The Organising Committee must offer to the National Ski Associations board and lodging at a maximum price of CHF 65 per person and day with the following conditions:

- No more than two beds in each room for the athletes.
- The meals shall comprise breakfast, lunch and dinner. A non-alcoholic beverage must be served with each meal.
- Only in full agreement with the team concerned may a team accommodated in two or more hotels (guest houses).

10.3.3 ~~The Organising Committee decides if a national team may arrive at the competition site earlier than (as usual) two days before the first competition day. In such a case, the team concerned shall pay for board and lodging themselves for the additional days. Any arrangements outside of the official championship programme are the responsibility of the National Ski Association concerned.~~

10.4 According to the ICR, the Organising Committee is responsible for the total travel to and living expenses at the site of competition for the following persons:

- One TD Cross-Country
- One TD and one TD Assistant for Ski Jumping
- One TD and one TD Assistant for Nordic Combined
- One medical supervisor
- ~~One~~ Two controllers of competition equipment

- 10.5 The Organising Committee is responsible for the travel expenses from the border or the airport of entry of the Organising country and for the living expenses at the place of competition for:
- Five Jumping Judges (article 405.4.2 ICR)
 - One Chief Distance Measurer (article 405.4.2 ICR)
 - One official representative of the FIS Council
 - Two technicians for Video-measuring (except travel expenses according to article 405.4.2 ICR)
- 10.6 The officials mentioned under item 10.4 and 10.5 receive a daily allowance of CHF 80 per day of travel to and from the event only.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 The winner, the second and the third in each event will receive the Championships medal (or plaquette) of the FIS in gold, silver and bronze. The same applies to the three best teams.
- 11.2 All participants receive the FIS diploma.
- 11.3 The medals (plaquettes) and FIS diplomas are provided and paid for by the FIS.
- 11.4 At least the first six of each event will receive a prize (souvenir).
- ~~11.5 The prize giving ceremony shall take place at the same time for all participants, if possible in connection with a reception for all participants and officials.~~
- 11.5 Winner's award ceremonies shall be held in a solemn atmosphere. Design and proceedings shall comply to a great extent with the versions described in the enclosure.
- 11.6 Same as the winner's award ceremony, the opening ceremony shall also comply with the respective FIS regulations in the enclosure.

12 Television

- 12.1 Negotiations and decisions concerning possible TV transmissions of FIS Junior World Championships must comply with the rules and regulations of the FIS in regard to Television (article 226 ICR).
- 12.2 The FIS Advertising Rules must be followed by Organising Committees respectively National Ski Associations in respective of the presence of sponsors and advertising.

12.3 FIS Corporate Identity must integrally be observed. All relating details are listed in the enclosure.

13 General Report

13.1 After the closing of the Championships and no later than May 1st of the respective competition year, the Organising National Ski Association shall present a report on the Championships together with complete lists of results. 10 copies must be sent to the FIS and one copy each to the FIS Technical Committee concerned and the participating National Associations.

13.2 It is duty of the FIS Official Representative to the Championships as well as of the FIS Technical Delegates to present to the FIS a written report on these competitions, not later than by May 1st of competition year.

14 Technical Regulations

14.1 For all other issues the international Ski Competition Rules (ICR) are applicable.

14.2 Video-measuring and electronic data processing must conform to the FIS requirements.

13.3 The Committee for Nordic Combined

On request of the Committee for Nordic Combined the Council approved the following proposals:

World Cup Rules 2003/04

Implementation of a Basic-Quota for the A World Cup 2003/04

Basic quota for the nations who do not have an athlete in the qualified starting field for the A World Cup.

Conditions must be fulfilled as follows:

- participation of the nation at the previous WSC (or OWG), and
- participation of the nation at the previous JWSC, and
- the athlete must have achieved 1 result within the best 25 at the World Cup "B" competition during the last season or in a past period from the actual season

If the conditions are fulfilled the competitor can start in the A World Cup until the end of the season;

With the implementation of the basic quota only the best 40 of the WRL in the World Cup "A" are allowed to start;

A rule of 1+1 for the basic quota will be fixed for travel costs and accommodation.

Honorary Membership

To appoint Esa Klinga (FIN) as an Honorary Member of the Nordic Combined Committee (tabled from Portoroz)

13.4 The Alpine Committee

On request of the Alpine Committee the Council approved the following proposals:

Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

- To correct the adder for the "Entry" league from 60 down to 10 in both disciplines. The minimum penalty of 60 FIS points will remain (as decided in Portoroz).
- To introduce a new category for National Junior Races (NJR) for junior races with limited participation (max. foreign quota 25).

- Rule 1.4 (Rules of the FIS Points) Junior Races
If a National Ski Association wishes to change a JUN race to a normal FIS race in order to permit senior participants FIS points to be considered, the application to change must be made latest 10 days before the race day. If the deadline is not followed the senior racer's FIS points will not be counted in the penalty calculation, nor may they earn FIS points from the race.

Sub-Committee for Rules and Control of Competitions

The amendment of the timing rules in order that starting gates and photocells are homologated. The new rules also allow the use of a wireless timing system at FIS-level races.

Sub-Committee for Alpine TD's

As from 2003/2004, for all World Cup events with speed as well as technical events only one TD shall be nominated. The Alpine Committee has commissioned the Sub-Committee to nominate young, upcoming TD's in World Cups, also for educational reasons and for the same reason experienced TD's should be nominated to FIS and COC races to educate and assist organisers. The recruiting and nomination of female TD's shall always be encouraged.

Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup

To permit an exception to the ICR for Giant Slalom Gates (901.2.1 and 901.2.2) for the European Cup KO Race in Obereggen (ITA) on 12.-13.12.2002 in order that all three courses can be set and prepared before the event, as follows:

All three runs will be set without outside gates. The qualification run will be set using green gate flags, the second run with blue gate flags and the final run with red gate flags.

Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

To grant an exception for **Bjornrike (SWE)** for a Downhill in two runs and a Super-G for men on a course with 400 metres vertical drop (instead of 450 metres for Downhill and 500 metres for Super-G men – permitted exception 450 metres) valid for the 2003 Swedish Championships only.

Alpine Executive Board – Alpine Equipment

Specifications for Alpine Equipment

The Council confirmed its previous approval in writing of 28th June 2002 of the specifications for alpine competition equipment that were proposed following a special meeting on 18th June 2002 between SRS (Ski Racing Suppliers) and the FIS Experts. These specifications were subsequently distributed to the National Ski Associations in the "Precisions 2002 Edition 1." and published on the FIS Website.

“Rules for Alpine Competition Equipment valid from season 2003/04

Type of rules	2002/03	2002/03	200	200	Observations
Senior and Junior					
Discipline	Minimum radius	Minimum Length	Minimum radius	Minimum length	
Downhill Men	40m	-	45m	215cm	From 2003/04: radius measurement with a preparation tolerance of –1m
Downhill Ladies	40m	-	45m	210cm	
			new rules for DH valid from 2003/04 for WC races only, COC/FIS races new rules in 2004/05.		
Super G Men	33m	-	33m	205cm	Minimum length for SG and GS: Tolerance –5cm for COC/FIS races
Super G Ladies	33m	-	33m	200cm	
GS Men	21m	-	21m	185cm	
GS Ladies	21m	-	21m	180cm	
SL Men	-	155cm	-	165cm	
SL Ladies	-	150cm	-	155cm	
Children					
Children 1 GS	14m		14m		applicable at FIS international races. applicable at national level by NSA national rules
Children 2 GS	17 m		17m		
Children's minimum length		130cm		130cm	Minimum length applicable to all disciplines including in particular SL.

Standing height	Ski/binding/plate	Ski boots	Ski/binding/plate	Ski boots
Men	55mm	50mm	55mm	45mm
Ladies	55mm	45mm	55mm	45mm
Children 1	45mm	45mm	45mm	45mm
Children 2	50mm	45mm	50mm	45mm

Length measurement will be carried out as in the past based on the total “developed” length ("abgewickelte Länge"), and in accordance with ISO Norm including a measurement tolerance of +/- 1 cm (new precision).

The preparation tolerance for DH skis only and shall not be used in the conception phase but is there to compensate possible evolution of the skis over a period of time due to their preparation.

The above framework will be valid for at least the Olympic cycle (as will any future changes to the equipment rules). Nevertheless the development will be monitored in the meantime by FIS and the ski industry, and changes will be made if necessary specifically for safety-related reasons.

All skis must be marked.

Cooperation between FIS and the Ski Racing Suppliers Association (SRS)

The FIS and the ski industry through the Ski Racing Suppliers Association (SRS, formerly IRT) have established this framework of competition equipment specifications, which will become valid as equipment rules from the season 2003/2004. It takes into account the significant developments in equipment and overall competition conditions over the last years, with the purpose of establishing a stable basis on which FIS and the ski industry can plan the development of ski competition and ski equipment with the objective of preserving the safety and attractiveness of ski competition.”

13.5 The Freestyle Committee

On request of the Freestyle Committee the Council approved the following proposals:

DSQ in Moguls and Dual Moguls

3056 Disqualifications (DSQ)

3056.12 for an intentional straight over front or back flip or ~~shoulder rolls~~ in Moguls and Dual Moguls.

Payment of accommodation and meals for teams

As from season 2003/2004, the charges to teams by the organisers will be as follows:

5. Payment of expenses for teams
Lodging, breakfast, dinner and transportation on site will be charged with a maximum of CHF 45.-- (EUR 30.--) per day per person to all teams.

Addition of Halfpipe to the 2003 FIS Junior Freestyle Championships

On proposal of the Canadian Ski and Snowboard Association, the addition of men's and women's Halfpipe competitions to the programme of the 2003 FIS Junior World Freestyle Championships.

The organisation of a summer FIS Freestyle Aerial Grand Prix

The organisation of a series of FIS Aerial competitions as a "Summer Water Ramp Grand Prix" starting in 2003.

13.7 Committee for Grass Skiing

On request of the Committee for Grass Skiing the Council approved the World Cup Rules for Grass Skiing (please see FIS Website www.fis-ski.com, section "Rules & Publications").

13.8 The Sub-Committee for Masters Racers

The Council approved the following proposals of the Sub-Committee for Masters Racers:

- Course setting of the Super-G in Masters races is to be suited Masters Skiing (shorter, slower and smaller radius). The use of Giant Slalom skis is permitted.
- Wearing a crash helmet is mandatory in Super-G and Giant Slalom races.
- Change of name from "Sub-Committee for Masters Racers" to "Sub-Committee for Masters Racing (Sous-Comité pour Coureurs Masters = Sous-Comité pour Compétitions Masters; Subkomitee für Masters-Wettkämpfer = Subkomitee für Masters Rennlauf".

13.9 Commercial Markings

The Council approved the following amendment to the precisions for the identification of National Ski Association identification on helmets and headgear:

2.5.2 Helmets and Headgear

The front (in the middle) of helmets and all headwear worn in competition and within the competition area including for flower and prize-giving ceremonies, interviews etc. must carry the national ski association identification with a minimum size of 9 cm². emblem of the national team 3 cm in any direction.

A national association may sign sponsorship contracts for helmet/headwear advertising rights of up to a maximum of 50 cm² (which may be divided between 2 identical - same size - logos) with firms who are not suppliers of ski equipment (hardware or software), subject to the regulations of each national association. In such a case, the front of helmets and headwear must carry the national ski association identification with a minimum size of 9 cm² emblem of the national team 3 cm in any direction.

The relevant advertising must be placed either to the side of or above the emblem of the national team. The free space between the national ski association identification in the middle of the front of the headgear and the sponsor advertising (50 cm²) must be at least 1.5 cm.

For headbands the relevant advertising may be placed at the front of the headband, with the national emblem to the side. No advertising is allowed on the movable or integrated chin straps of helmets.

Additionally it is not permitted to affix a website address which refers directly to the athlete, either on headgear or other clothing.

13.10 Report of the Working Group for Sanctions

On proposal of the Council's Working Group for Sanctions, the Council approved the following regulations for the Anti-Doping Rules and International Competition Rules (see following pages):

Furthermore the Council agreed that the Working Group addresses the following items for the Council Meeting in spring 2003 in accordance to the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code that will be finalised at the World Conference in March 2003:

- duration of sanctions for officials;
- finalises details of the sanction for a doping violation at an event such as the FIS World Championships, FIS Junior World Championships, etc. whereby all results obtained during that event will be cancelled; and the invalidation of points obtained in the Cup Series during the current season.

FIS Doping Rules Sanction Catalogue

1 Doping

1.1 Suspension from participation in all international ski competitions for at least 2 years for the first offence and invalidation of all results including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes from the date the positive sample was collected, or any other doping violation occurred.

1.1.1 In the case of a violation of the anti-doping rules at an event during the FIS World Championships (FIS Junior World Championships, etc.), the suspension will additionally extend to include all competitions at the next FIS World Championships in the same discipline should this be scheduled after the 2 year period (providing that the Championships take place during the competition season two years later and are not postponed).

1.1.2 Suspension from participation in all international ski competitions for life-time for the second offence and disqualification of all results including forfeit of any medals, points and prizes from the date the positive sample was collected, or any other doping violation occurred.

1.2 Inadvertent doping

Doping shall be deemed as inadvertent in cases where the prohibited substance is a stimulant according to the IOC/WADA List (FIS Anti-Doping Rules, Chapters F, G and Annexe 1) and when the athlete can clearly establish that the findings of such substance results from his/her inadvertent use of a therapeutical product, that was not intended to enhance the sports performance. In the event of inadvertent doping the sanction shall be:

1.2.1 Suspension from participation in all international ski competitions for a period of 3 months to 6 months for the first offence, during a fixed period or periods within the actual or next competition season and invalidation of all results including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes from the date the positive sample was collected, or any other doping violation occurred.

The competition season of the respective discipline is based on all events published in the FIS calendar, whereby the competition season in the Southern Hemisphere shall only be taken into consideration for:

- athletes from the Northern Hemisphere participating in FIS World Cup events in the Southern Hemisphere
- all athletes from the Southern Hemisphere

1.2.2 Suspension from participation in all international ski competitions for 2 years for the second offence and invalidation of all results including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes from the date the positive sample was collected, or any other doping violation occurred.

- 1.2.3 Suspension from participation in all international competitions for life-time for the third offence and invalidation of all results including forfeit of any medals, points and prizes from the date the positive sample was collected, or any other doping violation occurred.
- 1.3 Infringements by doctors and other officials
- 1.3.1 Suspension from participation and accreditation in all international ski competitions for life-time.
- 1.4 Where repeated offences of the FIS doping rules or systematic doping involving any athletes, coaches, support staff and others to employ prohibited substances and methods in violation of FIS Doping Rules have taken place, the Council will impose one or more of the following sanctions against the National Ski Association and/or the individuals involved:
- 1.4.1 Sanctions against individuals involved:
 A fine not to exceed the sum of CHF 100'000;
and/or
 A suspension of athlete(s) involved; if they have not already been sanctioned for the doping offence in question under the provisions of the above article 1;
and/or
 Withdrawal of accreditation from individuals involved for a duration up to life-time.
- 1.4.2 Sanctions against a National Ski Association:
 Withdrawal of some or all of FIS funding to the National Ski Association;
and/or
 Cancellation of future FIS events in the discipline concerned in the country involved;
and/or
 Withdrawal of some or all FIS membership rights, including participating in all FIS calendar competitions, voting rights at the FIS Congress, membership of FIS committees.

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2. ICR Rules (200 section), Violation of Sanctions

Where there is a violation of a sanction that has been imposed by Council, a jury or an appeals commission, the Council may impose such further and other sanctions that it considers appropriate.

In such cases, some or all of the following sanctions may apply:

Sanctions against individuals involved:
 A written reprimand;

and/or

A monetary fine not to exceed the sum of CHF 100'000;

and/or

Competition suspension at the next level of sanction – for example if a three month suspension for a doping offence was imposed, a violation of the suspension will cause a two year suspension; if a two year suspension for a doping offence was imposed, a violation of the suspension will cause a lifetime suspension;

and/or

Withdrawal of accreditation from individuals involved.

Sanctions against a National Ski Association:

Withdrawal of FIS funding to the National Ski Association;

and/or

Cancellation of future FIS events in the country involved;

and/or

Withdrawal of some or all FIS membership rights, including participating in all FIS calendar competitions, voting rights at the FIS Congress, membership of FIS committees.

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14. Nomination of Committee Members

On proposal of the National Ski Associations the Council appointed the following persons as Committee Members for the remaining election period until the FIS Congress in Miami 2004:

Croatian Ski Association

- **Zivko SUPAK** as member of the Conference of the Cross-Country Committee, replacing Nenad Ivankovic

The Italian Winter Sports Federation

- **Aldo DEL BO'** as member of the Recreational Committee, replacing the deceased Gianni Marzola

The Ski Association of Japan

- **Akira WADA** as new member of the Executive Board of the Cross-Country Committee (current member of Cross-Committee Sub-Committee for Rules and Control)
- **Yukio KASAYA** as member of the Executive Board of the Jumping Committee, replacing Akio Kasaya

- **Kyoichi OMORI** as member of the Sub-Committee of Jumping Hills, replacing Keihiko Nakamura and member of the Jumping Sub-Committee for Calendar Planning, replacing Akio Kasaya
- **Hirokazu YAGI** as member of the Jumping Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control, replacing Kyoichi Omori
- **Manabu ONO** as member of the Jumping Sub-Committee for Equipment and Development, replacing Kyoichi Omori
- **Toshimasa FURUKAWA** as member of the Sub-Committee for Master Racers, replacing Kazuo Ogawa and as member of the Sub-Committee for the Alpine World Cup, replacing Aki Murasato
- **Tamae MITANI** as new corresponding member of the Committee for Telemark Skiing
- **Shohei ONISHI** as new corresponding member of the Medical Committee

The Netherlands Ski Association

- **George BROUWER** as honorary member of the Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing (member since 1986)

The Slovak and Czech Ski Associations

- **Jana PAVLOVICOVA** as member of the Sub-Committee for Alpine TD's, representing "Eastern Europe" (replacing Miroslav Sochor)

The Slovak Ski Association

- **Peter CERVEN** as member of the Conference of the Freestyle Committee (open position)

The Swedish Ski Association

- **Jan LARSSON** as member of the Committee for Public Relations and Mass Media, replacing Mats Arjes

The Swiss Ski Federation

- **Thomas GURZELER** as member of the Alpine Sub-Committee for Rules and Control (ICR), replacing Lance Kelly
- **Christian RUFER** as member of the Snowboard Committee, replacing Brigitte de Roche

14.1 Committee for Youth & Children and Committee for Advertising Matters

The Council appointed the following persons, proposed by their National Ski Associations, to the Committee for Youth & Children's Questions and Committee for Advertising Matters:

Committee for Youth and Children's Matters

USA Harald SCHÖNHAAR (as Chairman)
 ARG Eduardo ESTEBAN QUIROGA
 CAN Diana (Dee Dee) Haight-Arn
 CRO Febo MARINELLI
 FIN Sami TIKKANEN
 FRA Georges COQUILLARD
 GBR Ingie CHRISTOPHERSEN
 GRE Loukas SKLIVANIOTIS
 ISR Uzi BARLEV
 ITA Ivano EDALINI for Alpine Skiing
 Alfred RUNGALDIER for Cross-Country
 JPN Michihiko NAKAMURA
 NED Marcel LOOZE
 SLO Roman ŠTURM
 SVK Jana GANTNEROVA
 SWE Rolf CARLSSON
 TUR Özkan KOYUNCU

Committee for Advertising Matters

USA Howard PETERSON (as Chairman)
 AUT Klaus LEISTNER
 CAN Greg SCOTT
 CRO Vedran PAVLEK
 FIN Matti LEIKOSKI
 FRA Jean-Michel BOISIER
 GBR Fiona MCNEILLY
 GER Thomas MAYR
 ITA Waltner HOLZNER
 JPN Sadahiko MATSUI
 NED Herman RAM
 SLO Anton VOGRINEC
 SUI Josef ZENHÄUSERN
 SWE Jan LARSSON

14.2 Chairman / Vice-Chairmen Appeals Commissions

In accordance with the rules for sanctions (ICR 225 see below), the Council appointed the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Appeals Commissions in the respective disciplines:

Cross-Country

Chairman Peter PETRICEK (SLO)
 Vice-Chairman Dietmar MIKLAUTSCH (AUT)

Ski Jumping

Chairman Ueli FORRER (SUI)
 Vice-Chairman Torgeir NORDBY (NOR)

Nordic Combined

Chairman Roman KUMPOST (CZE)
 Vice-Chairman Ilkka TIILIKAINEN (FIN)

Alpine Skiing

Chairman Enrico VALLE (ITA)
 Vice-Chairman Jarl FORSMARK (SWE)

Freestyle Skiing

Chairman Jay SIMSON (USA)
 Vice-Chairman Vladimir ALEJNIK (AUT)

Snowboard

Chairman Dean GOSPER (AUS)
 Vice-Chairman Peter KROGOLL (GER)

Speed Skiing Committee

Chairman Richard BEARE (CAN)
 Vice-Chairman Francesco ROVEYAZ (ITA)

Telemark Skiing

Chairman Anthony FAVRE (FRA)
 Vice-Chairman Leslie BECK (GBR)

Grass Skiing

Chairman Jirí RUSSWURM (CZE)
 Vice-Chairman Riccardo TANGHETTI (ITA)

225 Appeals Commission**225.1 Appointments**

225.1.1 The FIS Council shall appoint from the Discipline Sub-committee for Rules (or Discipline Committee if there is no Rules Sub-Committee) a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Appeals Commission. The Vice Chairman shall preside when the Chairman is either unavailable or is disqualified for bias and prejudice.

The Chairman shall appoint 3 members, which may include himself, to the Appeals Commission from the Discipline Rules Sub-Committee (or Discipline Committee if there is no Rules Sub-committee) for each case appealed or submitted to be heard, whose decisions shall be by majority vote.

- 225.1.2 When serving on an Appeals Commission, members are independent of the FIS Council.
- 225.1.3 To avoid either actual bias and prejudice or the appearance of bias and prejudice, members appointed to an Appeals Commission shall not be members of the same National Association as the offender whose case is under appeal. In addition, members appointed to an Appeals Commission must report voluntarily to the Chairman any bias and prejudice they may hold for or against the offender. Persons who are biased and prejudiced shall be disqualified from serving on the Appeals Commission by the Chairman or, in the event the Chairman is disqualified, by the Vice Chairman.

14.3 Chairman of the Cross-Country Committee

The Council decided to appoint the acting Vice-Chairman Peter Petricek (SLO) as Chairman of the Cross-Country Committee until the FIS Congress in 2004 when all Committee Chairmen will be re-appointed.

16. The International Ski Congress

16.1 Minutes of the 43rd International Ski Congress

The draft minutes of the 43rd International Ski Congress in Portoroz (SLO) on 7th June 2000 were distributed to the National Ski Associations, Committee Chairmen and the official certifiers Charles Conrad (FRA) and Leland Sosman (USA) on 31st July 2002. The certifiers have provided some minor editorial corrections whilst no comments or remarks were received from the National Ski Associations before the deadline of 15th October 2002.

The Council approved the minutes for submission to the International Ski Congress in 2004 for final approval.

16.2 The 45th International Ski Congress in 2006

The following official applications to host the 45th International Ski Congress in 2006 were received:

Cyprus with Limassol
 India with New Delhi
 Morocco with Marrakech
 Portugal with Lisbon
 Turkey with Antalya

After evaluation of the conditions offered by each of the candidates the Council appointed Portugal with Lisbon as host of the 45th International Ski Congress in 2006.

17. Educational activities

17.1 **FIS Institute in association with La Trobe University (AUS)**

The Council acknowledged the report provided by La Trobe University and Cambridge Consulting in regard to the development of educational programmes for winter sports related education and delegated the Finance Commission to study the budget before 1st December 2002.

17.2 **Winter Sports Academy in Utah (USA)**

The Council tabled the decision on the financial investment of FIS into a Winter Sports Academy in Utah until a detailed business plan has been submitted.

18. Affiliation of new members

Request for affiliation of Hong Kong

The request for affiliation of the Hong Kong Skiing Sports Association has been tabled by the Council until the Chinese Ski Association send through their written acceptance of the Association. However in consideration of the young skiers from Hong Kong, they will be permitted to participate in children's races.

19. Any Other Business

Meeting for Alpine World Cup Organisers

The Council decided to introduce a Meeting for the Organisers of FIS Alpine World Cup events, as already takes place every second year for the Nordic disciplines. The first edition will take place on 4th May 2003 in Strasbourg (FRA), immediately after the 2003 FIS Calendar Conference there.

20. Next meeting of the FIS Council

The next meeting of the FIS Council will take place in Stockholm (SWE) on Saturday, 10th May 2003.

Proposals of National Ski Associations and Technical Committees, etc. for this meeting have to be sent to the FIS Secretary General before 1st April 2003.

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If you should have any further questions in regard to the decisions of the FIS Council, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary General.

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION

Sarah Lewis
Secretary General

Oberhofen, 14th November 2002
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