

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

Oberhofen, 19th November 2003
SL/er

FIS Council Meeting 16th November 2003, 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, 16th November 2003
in Oberhofen (SUI).

1. Members present

The following Council Members were present at the meeting in Oberhofen,
16th November 2003:

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

Excused: Gaetano Coppi (replaced by Angelo Vergani)

2. Minutes from the Council Meeting in Stockholm

The minutes from the Council meeting in Stockholm, 10th May 2003 were approved.

3. The FIS World Championships

3.1 **Reports future FIS World Championships**

- 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 to 27th February 2005
- Snowboard in Whistler (CAN) 2005: 21st to 30th January 2005
- Freestyle Skiing in Ruka (FIN) 2005: 13th to 19th February 2005
- Skiflying in Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf (AUT) 2006
- Alpine events in Åre (SWE) 2007
- Nordic events in Sapporo (JPN) 2007

The Council acknowledged progress reports from the respective Organising Committees and that all the various technical preparations appear in principle to be going according to schedule.

The following competition programmes were approved by the Council:

2005 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Bormio (ITA)

Friday, 28 th January	18:00	Opening Ceremony
Saturday, 29 th January	12:30	Super-G Men
Sunday, 30 th January	12:00	Super-G Ladies

Monday, 31 st January	10:00 12:00	1 st Downhill Training Ladies 1 st Downhill Training Men
Tuesday, 1 st February	10:00 12:00	2 nd Downhill Training Ladies 2 nd Downhill Training Men
Wednesday, 2 nd February	10:00 12:30	3 rd Downhill Training Men 3 rd Downhill Training Ladies
Thursday, 3 rd February	12:00 17:30 19:30	Combined Downhill Men Comb. Slalom Men, 1 st Run Comb. Slalom Men, 2 nd Run
Friday, 4 th February	12:00 17:30 19:30 12:30	Combined Downhill Ladies Comb. Slalom Ladies, 1 st Run Comb. Slalom Ladies, 2 nd Run 4 th Downhill Training Men
Saturday, 5 th February	12:30	Downhill Men
Sunday, 6 th February	12:00	Downhill Ladies
Monday, 7 th February		Reserve Day
Tuesday, 8 th February	09:30 13:00	Giant Slalom Ladies, 1 st Run Giant Slalom Ladies, 2 nd Run
Wednesday, 9 th February	09:30 13:00	Giant Slalom Men, 1 st Run Giant Slalom Men, 2 nd Run
Thursday, 10 th February		Reserve Day
Friday, 11 th February	17:30 19:30	Slalom Ladies, 1 st Run Slalom Ladies, 2 nd Run
Saturday, 12 th February	10:00 13:00	Slalom Men, 1 st Run Slalom Men, 2 nd Run
Sunday, 13 th February		Nations Team Event Closing Ceremony

The Council confirmed that, in agreement with the Organising Committee, the first Alpine Nations Team Event will take place at the 2005 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Bormio (ITA), subject to ratification by the 2004 International Ski Congress.

The team consists of two men and two ladies competing in both a speed and technical event with the total team result counting.

2005 FIS Snowboard World Championships, Whistler (CAN)

Friday, 21 st January	Opening Ceremony
Saturday, 22 nd January	Halfpipe Ladies and Men
Sunday, 23 rd January	Snowboard Cross Ladies and Men
Monday, 24 th January	Reserve Day
Tuesday, 25 th January	Parallel Slalom Ladies and Men
Wednesday, 26 th January	Festival Special Event Slopestyle (non-championship event)
Thursday, 27 th January	Parallel Giant Slalom Ladies
Friday, 28 th January	Parallel Giant Slalom Men
Saturday, 29 th January	Big Air Ladies and Men Closing Ceremony

In regard to the dates of the 2007 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Åre (SWE), the Council decided to table a final decision about the dates of the Championships until its next meeting in spring 2004.

3.2 Candidates for 2007, 2008, 2009 FIS World Championships

The Council acknowledged the outcome of the meeting with the Candidates that took place at the Congress location in Miami (USA) on 18th October 2003.

The draw for the order of the presentations of the Candidates to the Council in the Alpine and Nordic events is as follows:

Nordic

- 1 Liberec (CZE)
- 2 Oslo (NOR)

Alpine

- 1 Val d'Isère (FRA)
- 2 Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER)
- 3 Vail/Beaver Creek (USA)
- 4 Schladming (AUT)

Since the deadline for applications for the 2007 and 2009 Snowboard and Freestyle Events is 31st December 2003 the order of the elections will be finalised after this date:

Draw A

1. Snowboard 2007*
2. Freestyle 2007*
3. Ski Flying 2008
4. Snowboard 2009
5. Freestyle 2009
6. Nordic 2009
7. Alpine 2009

Draw B

1. Snowboard 2007*
2. Freestyle 2007*
3. Ski Flying 2008
4. Nordic 2009
5. Freestyle 2009*
6. Snowboard 2009*
7. Alpine 2009

- Draw A is based on one Candidate for 2009 Snowboard and Freestyle (draw between those two disciplines only);
- Draw B is based on more than one Candidate for 2009 Snowboard and Freestyle, drawn together with Nordic.
- *In the event that either Snowboard or Freestyle has only one Candidate, that Candidate will go first.

3.3 Modifications to the Rules for the FIS World Championships

The Council approved the following amendments to the rules. A re-print of the rulebook will only take place following the 2004 FIS Congress:

- to accommodate the inclusion of the sprint and new team sprint events:
9. Number of Participants and Officials
 - 9.1 The Maximum Number of Participants from each Country shall be:
 - 9.1.1 Nordic events
No more than 32 competitors (Cross-Country 12 ~~40~~ + 12 ~~20~~, Nordic Combined 6, Ski Jumping 6) plus the competitors according to art. 9.3.

- to include the same clause as in the FIS World Cup Contract in regard to the responsibility for safety equipment:

10.2 The Organising Committee is required ~~for the to use safety nets and further safety equipment material which conforms to the latest technical standards, as well as to ensure that safety-nets and other protection equipment are tested every year. -(quantity and quality)-~~

- to adapt the number of nights of free full board accommodation in the alpine events for qualified competitors:

17.2.2 Alpine Disciplines (free accommodation)

Downhill: ~~4 days, 5~~ 6 nights

Super G: ~~2 days, 3~~ 4 nights

Giant Slalom: ~~2 days, 3~~ 4 nights

Slalom: ~~2 days, 3~~ 4 nights

17.2.3 In addition, the current FIS World Champions in the respective Nordic, ~~and Alpine, Freestyle and Snowboard disciplines~~ events will profit automatically from free accommodation.

4. The FIS Junior World Championships

4.1 **Report on the future FIS Junior World Championships**

The Council acknowledged progress reports from the Organising Committees and appointed its representatives to the respective Championships:

- FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships, 2nd to 8th February 2004 in Stryn (NOR), Council Member Marjo Matikainen-Kallström
- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, 8th to 15th February 2004 in Maribor (SLO), Council Member Milan Jirasek
- FIS Snowboard Junior World Ski Championships, 13th to 15th February 2004 in Klinovec (CZE) / Oberwiesenthal (GER) Vice-President Anatolij Akentiev
- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2005 in Bardonecchia (ITA), 20th to 27th February 2005

4.2 **Candidates for FIS Junior World Championships**

Following the withdrawal of Otepää (EST) as the Organiser of the 2005 FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships, the Council appointed Rovaniemi (FIN) from 21st to 28th March 2005.

5. The International Olympic Committee

The IOC has appointed a new Director General, Urs Lacotte from Switzerland who is an alpine skier and a FIS Technical Delegate. He replaces Me. François Carrard who will continue as the IOC's legal advisor. Successor to Gilbert Felli as Sports Director, who was recently appointed as Executive Director for the Olympic Games, is Kelly Fairweather from South Africa. A former field hockey player, he has worked for the IOC for a number of years in the transfer of knowledge programme.

5.1 **Olympic Winter Games Torino 2006**

As part of the test event programme for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino (ITA), the FIS World Cup Finals in Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country, Freestyle and Snowboard will take place in Sestrière, Pragelato, Sauze d'Oulx and Bardonecchia from 10th - 14th March 2004.

On request of the Organising Committee to reduce the amounts of minimum prize money payable at the Finals, the Council confirmed that the FIS rules in regard to the amount of minimum prize money for each event must be respected.

5.2 **Candidates for the Olympic Winter Games 2010**

Vancouver (CAN) was elected by the IOC during the 115th IOC Session in Prague in July 2003 as the host city for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The candidates were Austria with Salzburg, Canada with Vancouver, Korea with Pyeongchang.

The results of the voting were as follows:

1st round

Pyeongchang (KOR): 51 votes

Vancouver (CAN): 40 votes

Salzburg (AUT): 16 votes

Final round

Vancouver (CAN): 56 votes

Pyeongchang (KOR): 53 votes

6. AIOWF

The next General Assembly of the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) will take place in Lausanne on 16th May 2004.

7. GAISF

The 38th GAISF Congress will take place from 10th to 15th May 2004 in Lausanne (SUI) as part of SportAccord, which also includes the General Assemblies of AIOWF, ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations), ARIFS (Association of Recognised International Federations) and the IOC Executive Board alongside a Sports Conference.

8. Financial matters

The Council approved the report of the Treasurer on the accounts per 30th June 2003 and acknowledged that both income and expenditure are presently in accordance with the 2002-2003 budget, whereby some savings could be made on the expenditure side.

8.1 **FIS Solidarity**

The Council approved a contribution from FIS Solidarity towards special projects of the Ski Associations of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Hungary.

The applications for support for national team programmes were not approved, since these do not comply with the type of special projects or activities in the framework of FIS Solidarity.

8.2 **The Marc Hodler Foundation**

The Council as the Patronage Committee of the Marc Hodler Foundation acknowledged the report of the co-President of the Foundation on the accounts per 30th June 2003.

9. Marketing and television

9.1 **Television and Marketing Strategy**

In July 2003, the President circulated a questionnaire to the National Ski Associations and FIS World Cup Organisers to obtain details of their specific situation in regard to television and marketing rights and arrangements and to gather the Member Association's opinions.

As a next step in developing the future television and marketing strategy to try and ensure that FIS and the National Ski Associations have control of the sport and that revenues for the staging of the events and the National Ski Associations are maximised, the Council decided to mandate a leading specialist company to prepare an expert market analysis evaluation of the television and marketing rights for skiing.

9.2 **Sponsorship agreements**

There were no changes to the sponsorship and partner agreements that were confirmed by the Council at its meeting in Stockholm on 10th May 2003 (for a list see "Short Summary, May 2003).

9.3 **Timing and data**

The contracts for the timing and data service between Swatch and the National Ski Associations organising FIS Alpine World Cup races have expired with the exception of three Associations whose agreements expire at the end of the 2003/2004 season. After negotiations with a number of interested companies, Swatch is the only one who is prepared to provide the full timing, data (World Cup standings and WSCL) and television graphic service, and will only do so if a global contract for all events is concluded.

The Council approved the conditions of a global agreement with Swatch, whereby the banner space held by Swatch (6 for Downhill and Super G; 5 for Slalom and Giant Slalom) will become property of the National Ski Association whilst accommodation expenses of the timing and data service team will be partly covered by Swatch (Organisers covering accommodation costs for 4 persons for Slalom and Giant Slalom events and 5 persons for Downhill and Super G events). The Austrian and Canadian Ski Associations stated that they do not wish to participate in the global contract for timing, whereby the Council confirmed that only homologated timing equipment can be used.

10. Anti-Doping

10.1 National doping cases

On 16th November 2003, the FIS Council dealt with the following national doping cases:

- Primoz Skerbinek (SLO); Alpine Skiing; steroid stanozolol-metabolites
The Council confirmed the decision of the Slovenian Ski Association in accordance with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, whereby the athlete is suspended for 2 years from 28th March 2003 until and including 27th March 2005 and all results since 28th March 2003 are invalidated.
- Lidia Marton Bedia (SPA); Alpine Skiing; stimulant pseudoephedrine
The Council decided that a doping offence had taken place and to sanction the athlete in accordance with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, whereby the athlete is suspended for 3 months from 3rd February until 3rd May 2003 and all results since 3rd February to 3rd May 2003 are invalidated.
- Peter Alexander Bouvrie Morales (SPA); Freestyle Skiing; 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic (cannabinoids)
The Council decided that a doping offence had taken place and to sanction the athlete in accordance with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, whereby the athlete is suspended for two years from 9th March 2003 until and including 8th March 2005 and all results since 9th March 2003 are invalidated.
- Ilazki Barace Baque (SPA); Cross-Country Skiing; 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic (cannabinoids)
The Council decided that a doping offence had taken place and to sanction the athlete in accordance with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, whereby the athlete is suspended for two years from 26th March 2003 until and including 25th March 2005 and all results since 26th March 2003 are invalidated.
- Paolo Bazzano (ITA); Snowboarding; THC metabolite >15 ng/ml (cannabinoids)
The Council reviewed the decision of the First Degree Legal and Disciplinary Commission of the Italian Winter Sports Federation to reduce the suspension, and decided that a doping offence had taken

place and to sanction the athlete in accordance with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, whereby the athlete is suspended for two years from 29th March 2003 until and including 28th March 2005 and all results since 29th March 2003 are invalidated.

- Lorenzo Barbieri (ITA); Snowboarding; THC metabolite >15 ng/ml (cannabinoids)
The Council reviewed the decision of the First Degree Legal and Disciplinary Commission of the Italian Winter Sports Federation to reduce the suspension, and decided that a doping offence had taken place and to sanction the athlete in accordance with the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, whereby the athlete is suspended for two years from 29th March 2003 until and including 28th March 2005 and of all results since 29th March 2003 are invalidated.
- Ine Wigernaes (NOR); Cross-Country Skiing (NOR); stimulant caffeine
The Council reviewed the decision of the Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports to acquit the athlete and decided to apply a provisional suspension from participation in international competitions until the outcome of the appeal against the acquittal of the athlete by Anti-Doping Norway.

10.2 Request for grace of Petr Novak (CZE)

The Czech Ski Association requested the Council to re-consider the sanction against Petr Novak (the athlete is suspended for two years from 10th February 2002 until and including 9th February 2004), since the athlete had provided evidence from an analysis of the nutritional supplements he had used which showed that the product was contaminated.

The Council decided that 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.

10.3 The FIS Anti-Doping Rules and Procedural Guidelines

The 2003/2004 FIS Anti-Doping Rules and Procedural Guidelines that have been compiled in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code were approved with immediate validity (see FIS Website, Rules & Publications, Medical/Doping).

Based on the decision of the WADA Executive Board, the maximum value for haemoglobin has been reduced for men from 17.5 to equal to or more than 17.0 (ladies remains at equal to or more than 16.0).

In order to be compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code, the following changes to the Statutes and the ICR were approved by the Council, whereby the Statutes changes will be submitted to the 2004 International Ski Congress for ratification:

Adaptations to FIS Rules as a consequence of the World Anti-Doping Code:

FIS Statutes

3.8 to fight against doping in the sport of skiing and implement Anti-Doping Rules in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code to do so.

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12. The FIS consists of the following bodies

12.1 For decision:

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12.1.2 Council with Executive Board and Secretary General

12.1.3 The Doping Panel of the Council

27. Duties and Responsibilities (Council)

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27.2.5 to establish and amend the International Ski Competition Rules, the Anti-Doping Rules and ~~to establish~~ other regulations;

28. Appointments

28.1 The Council makes the following appointments:

28.1.3 the Chairmen and the Members of FIS Committees and Sub-Committees;

28.1.4 the Doping Panel of the Council as well as experts according to the Anti-Doping Rules

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G. The Doping Panel of the Council

39. Duties and decision-making competence of the Doping Panel of the Council are defined in the FIS Anti-Doping Rules.

51.3 Decisions of the Council which concern the membership rights may be appealed within 30 days to the next Congress.

51.4 Decisions of the Council and its' Doping Panel, which concern ~~the breaches-violations~~ of the doping rules may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days.

51.5 Decisions of the Council which concern sanctions for other offences etc...

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International Competition Rules (ICR)

221.3 Doping is forbidden. Any offence under ~~these~~ FIS Anti-Doping Rules will be punished under the provisions of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules.

221.4 Doping controls may be carried out at any FIS competition (as well as out-of-competition). Rules and procedures are published in the FIS Anti-Doping Rules and FIS Procedural Guidelines.

10.4 FIS Anti-Doping E-Learning

A new FIS Anti-Doping E-Learning programme will be launched at the end of November during a seminar given by the FIS Medical Committee during the FIS Cross-Country World Cup in Beitostølen (NOR). The on-line E-Learning programme is primarily designed to officials, coaches and support staff working with athletes and can be accessed through the FIS Website www.fis-ski.com.

11. Appointment of jury members

The Council approved the following proposals for the appointment of jury members and officials made by the Technical Committees, respectively confirmed the appointments for the Championships in the 2003/2004 season:

2004 FIS Skiflying World Championships, Planica (SLO)

Technical Delegate	Bertil Paalsrud, NOR
TD Assistant	Frank Alvi, FRA
Chief Distance Measurer	Joachim Bruder, GER
Jumping Judges	Janez Gros, SLO Wolfgang Patzina, GER Knut A. Bakken, NOR Ryszard Gunka, POL Ernst Egloss, SUI Gay Sparpana, USA
Medical Supervisor	Inggard Lereim, NOR

2004 FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships, Stryn (NOR)Cross-Country

Technical Delegate	Uros Ponikvar, SLO
TD Assistant	Tomas Jons, SWE

Ski Jumping

Technical Delegate	Magnus Westmann, SWE
TD Assistant	Josel Slavik, CZE
Chief Distance Measurer	Reijo Virmavirta, FIN

Jumping Judges	Sigbjörn Normann, NOR Heinz Glawischnig, AUT Juhani Käkilehto, FIN Joze Orgrajensek, SLO Marit Nybelius, SWE
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Nordic Combined

Technical Delegate	Kiyoshi Hayasaka, JPN
TD Assistant	Esa Suikkanen, FIN

Medical Supervisor	Inggard Lereim, NOR
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2004 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Maribor (SLO)

TD Men's events	Eduardo Gaja, ITA
TD Ladies' events	Jan-Erik Haedström, SWE

Medical Supervisor	Sigrid Szabo, HUN
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2004 FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships, Klinovec/Oberwiesenthal (CZE/GER)

Technical Delegates	Claude Dumontier, CAN Wolfgang Steinberger, AUT
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Head Judge	Steve Brown, AUS
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Judges
 Matthieu Giraud, FRA
 Mattias Mattsson, SWE
 Markus Thurner, AUT
 Sami Savela, FIN
 Sergio Cabanas, SPA

Medical Supervisor Hubert Hörterer, GER

2005 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, Oberstdorf (GER)

Chief Distance Measurer Gert Aigmüller (AUT)

Jumping Judges from GER, CZE, JPN, NOR, SUI, USA
 Medical Supervisor Inggard Lereim, NOR

2005 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Bormio (ITA)

Ladies Jury Members: Peter Both (AUT)
 Yolanda Vogt (LIE)
 Wojciech Gajewski (POL)

Men's Jury members: Jean Francois Leduc (FRA)
 Roine Lang (SWE)
 Ted Savage (CAN)

Medical Supervisor Hurbert Hörterer, GER

2005 FIS Snowboard World Championships, Whistler (CAN)

Medical Supervisor Bob Morrell, CAN

2005 FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships,

Nordic Combined:

Technical Delegate Michael Georgiev (CZE)
 TD Assistant Kai Arne Ringen (NOR)
 Medical Supervisor Eero Hyvarinen, FIN

11.1 Age Limit for Officials

The Council decided to table its decision to introduce a maximum age limit of 65 for technical officials in an Organising Committee, whereby it is the responsibility of the respective Organising Committee to ensure that its officials are capable of carrying out their duties.

In the case of FIS World Ski Championships the Chief of Competition/Race has to be submitted to the Council for approval. The Council rejected the original appointment of the proposed Chief of Competition for the 2004 FIS Skiflying World Championships in Planica (SLO).

12. World Cup Calendars

12.1 2003/2004 Calendars

On proposal of the respective Technical Committees, the Council approved some amendments to the 2003/2004 FIS World Cup calendars. The final calendars can be downloaded from the FIS Website, Calendar section:

Cross-Country

- 18.12.2003 Linz (AUT); 2 x Sprint races are cancelled.
One or both of the Sprint competitions may eventually be replaced in Borlänge (SWE) as part of the competition programme in Falun in the first week of January 2004.

Ski Jumping (Continental Cup)

- As an exception only, the Council accepted the proposal of the Norwegian Ski Association to carry out the competitions in Vikersund originally planned on the K90 on the Skiflying hill. However the data service will require a larger contribution from the Organiser (CHF 4'750 – 4'950 instead of CHF 3'950) for additional personnel. The request for a change of the date as well could not be accepted for organisational reasons and the competitions will take place on 6.-7.3.2004.

Nordic Combined

- 16.-17.12.2003 Strbske Pleso (SVK); Team and Sprint races are cancelled and will not be replaced.

Alpine (Ladies)

- 14.-15.02.2004 Santa Caterina (ITA); DH and SG are cancelled, since the necessary modifications that are being undertaken on the course in preparation for the 2005 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships will not be completed in time. A FIS European Cup event will take place in Santa Caterina in December 2004.

The DH and SG (from Santa Caterina) will be carried out in Veysonnaz (SUI) on 10.-11.01.2004. The Council approved Veysonnaz as a replacement site as an exception, despite the teams will be accommodated in Sion (15 – 20 minutes travelling time).

- 10.-11.01.2004 Lech (AUT); DH/SL Combined Ladies is cancelled. The Downhill may eventually be carried out in Haus im Ennstal on Friday 30th January 2004 in addition to the scheduled DH and SG there on 31st January/1st February 2004.

12.2 2004/2005 Calendars

On proposal of the respective Technical Committees, the Council approved the 2004/2005 FIS World Cup calendars (please see following pages):

The Council confirmed that the Ski Jumping World Cup may only be scheduled during the winter season and rejected the application of the Italian Winter Sports Federation to begin the Ski Jumping World Cup in September or October using plastic hills.

Alpine (Men and Ladies)

The finals in Lenzerheide (SUI) are subject to confirmation that the Organising Committee will pay the minimum prize money according to the FIS Rules.

**FIS CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Ladies	Men	Remarks
Period I						
23.10.	Sat	Düsseldorf	GER	Sprint F	Sprint F	
24.10.	Sun	Düsseldorf	GER	Team Sprint F	Team Sprint F	
20.11.	Sat	Östersund	SWE	Pursuit M	Pursuit M	
21.11.	Sun	Östersund	SWE	4x5 km M	4x10 km M	
26.11.	Sat	Kuusamo	FIN	Sprint C	Sprint C	Nordic Opening
27.11.	Sun	Kuusamo	FIN	Team Sprint F	Team Sprint F	
04.12.	Sat	Davos (tbc)	SUI	10 km C	15 km C	
05.12.	Sun	Davos (tbc)	SUI	4x5 km M	4x10 km M	
11.12.	Sat	Val di Fiemme	ITA	15 km F	30 km F	Mass Start
12.12.	Sun	Val di Fiemme	ITA	4x5 km M	4x10 km M	
14.12.	Tue	Asiago	ITA	Sprint C	Sprint C	
15.12.	Wed	Asiago	ITA	Team Sprint F	Team Sprint F	
18.12.	Sat	Ramsau	AUT	Pursuit M	10 km F	
19.12.	Sun	Ramsau	AUT	10 km F	Pursuit M	
Period II						
07.01.	Fri	Otepää	EST	Sprint F	Sprint F	
08.01.	Sat	Otepää	EST	10 km C	15 km C	
09.01.	Sun	Otepää	EST	Team Sprint C	Team Sprint C	
14.01.	Fri	Nove Mesto	CZE	Sprint C	Sprint C	
15.01.	Sat	Nove Mesto	CZE	Pursuit M	10 km F	
16.01.	Sun	Nove Mesto	CZE	10 km F	Pursuit	
20.01.	Thu	Pragelato/		Sprint F	Sprint F	
21.01.	Fri	Olympic Region	ITA	10 km C	Pursuit M	
22.01.	Sat	Pragelato/		Team Sprint C	Team Sprint C	
23.01.	Sun	Olympic Region	ITA	Pursuit M	15 km C	
Period III						
12.02.	Sat	Reit im Winkl	GER	10 km F	15 km F	
13.02.	Sun	Reit im Winkl	GER	Sprint C	Sprint C	
Period IV						
04.03.	Fri	Lahti	FIN	Sprint F	Sprint F	
05.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN	Team Sprint C	Team Sprint C	
10.03.	Thu	Drammen	NOR	Sprint C	Sprint C	
12.03.	Sat	Oslo-Holmenkollen	NOR	30 km F	50 km F	
17.03.	Thu	Göteborg	SWE	Sprint F	Sprint F	
19.03.	Sat	Falun	SWE	Pursuit M	Pursuit M	
20.03.	Sun	Falun	SWE	4x5 km M	4x10 km M	Final

FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships, March 2005
FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, Oberstdorf (GER), 16.-27.02.2005

**FIS SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Hill	Event	Remarks
II. Period						
26.11.	Fri	Kuusamo	FIN	K 120	night	Opening
27.11.	Sat	Kuusamo	FIN	K 120	night	
04.12.	Sat	Trondheim	NOR	K 120	night	
05.12.	Sun	Trondheim	NOR	K 120		
11.12.	Sat	GER		K 120		
12.12.	Sun	GER		K 120		
18.12.	Sat	Engelberg	SUI	K 120		
19.12.	Sun	Engelberg	SUI	K 120		
III. Period						
29.12.	Wed	Oberstdorf	GER	K 120		Four Hills Tournament
01.01.	Sat	Garm.-Partenkirchen	GER	K 115		
04.01.	Tue	Innsbruck	AUT	K 120		
06.01.	Thu	Bischofshofen	AUT	K 120		
IV. Period						
09.01.	Sun	Pragelato/ Olympic Region	ITA	K 120	night	Ski-Flying Ski-Flying/ night night
15.01.	Sat	Zakopane	POL	K 120	night	
16.01.	Sun	Zakopane	POL	K 120		
22.01.	Sat	Harrachov	CZE	K 185	Ski-Flying	
23.01.	Sun	Harrachov	CZE	K 185	Ski-Flying/ night	
29.01.	Sat	Sapporo	JPN	K 120	night	
30.01.	Sun	Sapporo	JPN	K 120		
05.02.	Sat	Tauplitz/ Bad Mitterndorf	AUT	K 185	Ski-Flying	Ski-Flying
06.02.	Sun		AUT	K 185		
VI. Period						
05.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN	K 116	Team/night	Nor- dic Tourn- ament
06.03.	Sun	Lahti	FIN	K 116		
09.03.	Wed	Kuopio	FIN	K 120	night	Final
11.03.	Fri	Lillehammer	NOR	K 120	night	
13.03.	Sun	Oslo	NOR	K 115		
19.03.	Sat	SLO/USA		K 120		Final
20.03.	Sun	SLO/USA		K 120		

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**FIS NORDIC COMBINED WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Hill	Dist.	Format	Remarks
I. Period							
26.11.	Sat	Kuusamo	FIN	K 120	15km	Ind. Gund.	Opening
27.11.	Sun	Kuusamo	FIN	K 120	7,5km	SPRINT	
04.12.	Sat	Trondheim	NOR	K 120	15km	Ind. Gund.	
05.12.	Sun	Trondheim	NOR	K 120	7,5km	SPRINT	
11.12.	Sat	Val di Fiemme	ITA	K 120	7,5km	SPRINT	
12.12.	Sun	Val di Fiemme	ITA	K 120	15km	Ind. Gund.	
18.12.	Sat						
19.12.	Sun						
II. Period							
30.12.	Thu	Oberhof	GER	K 120		Ind. Gund.	Warsteiner Grand Prix Germany
02.01.	Sun	Reit i. W./Ruhpolding	GER	K 120		SPRINT	
05.01.	Wed	Schonach	GER	K 90		Ind. Gund.	
08.01.	Sat	Pragelato/	ITA	K 90	3x5km	Team	Pre-OWG Test
09.01.	Sun	Olympic Region	ITA	K 120		SPRINT	
15.01.	Sat		AUT			SPRINT	
16.01.	Sun		AUT			Ind. Gund.	
26.01.	Wed	Hakuba	JPN	K 120		SPRINT	
29.01.	Sat	Sapporo	JPN	K 120		SPRINT	
30.01.	Sun	Sapporo	JPN	K 120	10km	MS	
05.02.	Sat	Liberec	CZE	K 120	7,5km	SPRINT	
06.02.	Sun	Liberec	CZE	K 120	15km	Ind. Gund.	
III. Period							
05.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN	K 116	7,5km	SPRINT	
06.03.	Sun	Lahti	FIN	K 116	15km	Ind. Gund.	
12.03.	Sat	Oslo	NOR	K 115	15km	Ind. Gund.	
13.03.	Sun	Oslo	NOR	K 115	7,5km	SPRINT	
16.-17.			(SLO) ?				Final

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**FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005
MEN**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	DH	SG	GS	SL	C	Remarks	
October 04										
23.-24. or 30.-31.	Sat-Sun	Opening Sölden	FIS/AUT			X			Opening L&M	
November 04										
19./21.	Fri/Sun	Park City	USA			X	X		L & M	
27.-28.	Sat.-Sun	Lake Louise	CAN	X	X					
December 04										
04.-05.	Sat-Sun	Beaver Creek	USA	X	X					
11.-12.	Sat-Sun	Val d'Isère	FRA	X		X				
13.	Mon	Sestrieres	ITA				X			
17.-18.	Fri-Sat	Val Gardena / Gröden	ITA	X	X					
19.	Sun	Alta Badia	ITA			X				
21.-22.	Tue-Wed	Kranjska Gora	SLO			X	X			
29.	Wed	Bormio	ITA	X						
January 05										
08.-09.	Sat-Sun	Chamonix	FRA	X			X			
15.-16.	Fri-Sun	Wengen	SUI	X			X	X		
21.-23.	Fri-Sun	Kitzbühel	AUT	X	X		X	X		
25.	Tue	Schladming	AUT				X		N	
February 05										
18.-20.	Fri-Sun	Garmisch Partenk.	GER	X			X			
26.-27.	Sat-Sun	Adelboden	SUI			X	X			
March 05										
05.-06.	Sat-Sun	Kvitfjell	NOR	X	X					
09.-13.	Wed-Sun	Lenzerheide*	SUI	X	X	X	X		Finals L & M	
Total: 18 resorts / 34 competitions					11	6	7	10	2	

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29.-13.02	Sat-Sun	FIS WSC Bormio	ITA	X	X	X	X	X	
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**FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005
LADIES**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	DH	SG	GS	SL	C	Remarks
October 04									
23. or or 30.	Sat	Opening Sölden	FIS/AU T			X			Opening L&M
November 04									
18./20.	Thu/Sat	Park City	USA			X	X		
26.-27.	Fri-Sat								
December 04									
03.-05.	Fri-Sun	Lake Louise	CAN	XX	X				
11.-12.	Sat-Sun	Altenmarkt Zauchens.	AUT		X		X		
18.-19.	Sat-Sun	Val d'Isère	FRA	XX					
21.-22.	Tue-Wed	St. Moritz	SUI		X	X			
28.-29.	Tue-Wed	Semmering	AUT			X	X		
January 05									
08.-09.	Sat-Sun	Berchtesgaden	GER			X	X		
14.-16.	Fri-Sun	Cortina d'Ampezzo	ITA	XX	X				
20.	Thu	Zagreb	CRO				X		N / Project
22.-23.	Sat-Sun	Maribor	SLO			X	X		
February 05									
19.-20.	Sat-Sun	Are	SWE		X	X			
25.-27.	Fri-Sun	Sestrieres	ITA	X	X		X	X	
March 05									
09.-13.	Wed-Sun	Lenzerheide*	SUI	X	X	X	X		Finals L & M
Total resorts / competitions					8	8	7	8	

FIS Alpine World Ski Championships

29.-13.02	Sat-Sun	FIS WSC Bormio	ITA	X	X	X	X	X	
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**FIS FREESTYLE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005
MEN / LADIES**

Date	Day	Site		MO	DM	AE	SX	HP	Remarks
September 04									
04.-05.	Sat-Sun	Mt. Buller	AUS			04/05			
October 04									
22.-23.	Fri-Sat	Saas-Fee	SUI				22	23	With SB WC
December 04									
04.-05.	Sat-Sun								
10.-12.	Fri-Sun	Tignes	FRA	11			10	12	
17.-19.	Fri-Sun	Alpe d'Huez	FRA	17			18	19	With SB WC
January 05									
08.-09.	Sat-Sun	Tremblant	CAN	08		09			
08.-09.	Sat-Sun	Les Contamines	FRA				08	09	
13.-16.	Thu-Sun	Lake Placid	USA	15		14/16			
22.-23.	Sat-Sun	Fernie	CAN		22	23			
28.-30.	Fri-Sun	West USA	USA	28	30	29			
February 05									
05.-06.	Sat-Sun	Western USA	USA			05		05	
05.-06.	Sat-Sun	Japan	JPN	05	06				
12.-13.	Sat-Sun	Japan	JPN	12	13				
12.-13.	Sat-Sun	Long-Zhu	CHN			12/13			
19.-20.	Sat-Sun	Sauze D'Oulx	ITA	19		20			Olympic Test
26.-27.	Sat-Sun	Airolo	SUI	05		06			
March 05									
04.	Fri	Voss	NOR	04					
Total				14 / 14		12 / 12		4/4 5/5	

FIS Freestyle World Championship 2005

Date	Day	Site	Nat	MO	DM	AE	SX	HP
16.-20.03.05	Wed-Sun	Ruka	FIN	19	20	18	18	17

**FIS SNOWBOARD WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2004/2005
MEN / LADIES**

Date	Day	Site	NAT	PGS	PSL	HP	SBX	BA	Remarks
October 04									
09.		Monaco	FRA					x	Opening
15.-17.		Sölden	AUT	x	x				Opening
23.-24.		Saas-Fee	SUI			x	x		Opening
29.-30.		Landgraaf	NED		x				
November 04									
12.		Glasgow (Scotland)	GBR					x	
December 04									
04.-05.		Laax	SUI			x			
10.-12.		tbd	FRA		x		x		
17.		Nassfeld-Hermagor	AUT				x		
19.		Klagenfurt	AUT					x	
January 05									
08.-09.		St. Petersburg	RUS		x			x	
14.-16.		Stoneham	CAN	x		x			
February 05									
04.-06.		Winterberg	GER				x	x	
11.-13.		Bardonecchia	ITA	x		x	x		
19.-20.		Fukuoka	JPN					x	
25.-27.		Yongpyong	KOR		x	x			
March 05									
04.-06.		tbd	USA	x		x	x		
11.-13.		Sierra Nevada	SPA		x		x		
17.-20.		Tandadalen	SWE	x		x	x	x	Finals

FIS Snowboard World Championships

Date	Site	NAT	PGS	PSL	HP	SBX	BA
22.-30.01.05	Whistler	CAN	X	X	X	X	X

12.3 Prize-money 2004/2005

According to the International Competition Rules art. 219.1, the FIS Council confirmed the values of prize-money for the 2004/2005 season that remain the same as the amounts for the 2003/2004 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 – 8
- 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 may retain their FIS points:

- Claudio Bosia, born 1983 (Freestyle Skiing) – change from Switzerland to Italy
- Svetlana Nageikina, born 1965 (Cross-Country Skiing) – change from Belarus to Russia
- Anton Kushnir, born 1984 (Freestyle Skiing) – change from Ukraine to Belarus

The following changes of nationality are subject to the completion of the required documentation:

- Gerhard Unterkofler, born 1980 (Snowboard) – change from Austria to Germany – on receipt of a the German passport
- Roman Virolainen, born 1981 (Cross Country) – change from Belarus to Russia – on receipt of the letter of release from Belarus

13.2 Ski length for Alpine Masters (AUT)

On proposal of the Austrian Ski Association to make an amendment to the rules for Masters ski lengths as from the 2004/2005 season, the Council referred this decision back to the Alpine and Equipment Committees for clarification:

Valid Rules for 2003/2004

Ladies Giant Slalom and Super G 180 cm / -5 cm tolerance

Men Giant Slalom and Super G 185 cm / -5 cm tolerance:

13.3 Nordic and Alpine Championships Police Forces (ITA)

The Council confirmed the inclusion of the following events in the FIS Calendar:

European Championships Police Forces

26.-27.02.2005, Schilpario, Bergamo (15km C/F men, 10 km C/F ladies)

19.-20.03.2005, Sestrière (GS/SL for men)

World Championships Police Forces
 25.-26.02.2006, Schilpario, Bergamo (15km C/F men, 10 km C/F ladies)
 25.-26.03.2006, Sestrière (GS/SL for men)

13.4 Proposals from the Cross-Country Committee

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

Cross-Country Skiing International Competition Rules (ICR) 2004

The new rule book to be printed after the FIS Congress in 2004 will incorporate the rules for the sprint, double pursuit, etc. that were previously published as 'guidelines'. This summary only includes new rules or revised rules that were not already approved in the annual updates for 2001, 2002 and 2003. New text is underlined, deleted text is shown as ~~strike-through~~.

Part 1: Revised Rules:

303.2.1 The Jury must ensure that the competition is organized and carried out according to the FIS Rules. The responsibilities begin when the jury is appointed and are ended when the protest time from the final competition has expired ~~have been decided~~. The first Jury meeting should be held before the first official training.

304.3.2 - checking the start procedures ~~of the pursuit start~~ for the competition format

add to the list...

- ensure that the wax cabins have adequate ventilation

TD Duties during the Competition

304.4 - supervise every aspect that might influence the success of the competition, ~~and be present if difficulties arise~~ make the necessary decisions and adjustments.
 - promote good team work among time keeping, data management and information distribution personnel.

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add to list...

- check that the official results are published (including the FIS Website)

304.5.2 Within three ~~ten~~ days after the competition, the TD shall submit to the FIS Office, the Organiser and the association of the Organiser, a detailed written report on the preparation, the organisation and the carrying- out of the competition as well as the competence of the technical preparations. For OWG and WSC, this report must be submitted also to the FIS Council.

311.1 Table for Distances and Course Lengths

Race Format	Competition Distance (km)	Course Length
Interval start competition	5, 7.5, 10, 15, 30, 50	<u>3.3, 3.75</u> , 5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15, 16.7
Mass Start competition	10, 15, 30, 50	<u>2.5, 3.3, 3.75</u> , 5, 7.5, 10
Popular competitions	No limitations	No limitations
Pursuit competition	3.3, 5, 7.5, 10, 15	2.5, 3.3, <u>3.75</u> , 5, 7.5, 10
Relay competition (teams with 3 or 4 competitors, can include mixed gender)	4 x 5, 4 x 10, <u>2.5, 5, 7.5</u> , (2x5+2x10)	2.5, <u>3.3, 3.75</u> , 5
Individual Sprint Men	0.8 – 1.8 <u>1 – 1.4</u>	0.4 – 1.8 <u>0.5 – 1.4</u>
Individual Sprint Women	<u>0.8 – 1.2</u>	<u>0.4 – 1.2</u>
Team Sprint Men Relay	2 athletes x (3-5 legs) 1.5 – 2.0 <u>1 – 1.4 km</u>	1.5 – 2.0 <u>0.5 – 1.4</u>
Team Sprint Women	2 athletes x (3-5 legs) <u>0.8 – 1.2 km</u>	<u>0.4 – 1.2</u>

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This table is valid for organizing multi-lap races but when choosing a short course with many laps, the overall distance, start format and course width must be considered.

Individual Sprint competitions can be carried out on one or more laps. Team Sprint competitions should normally be carried out on one lap.

313 (this section now includes the homologation data for course lengths of 3.3 and 3.75 km)

Deleted Rule replaced with additional wording above in 311.1

~~313.2.5 Guidelines for planning a competition distance~~

~~The Cross-Country competition may be planned using one or more laps.~~

~~Example for planning a 15 km competition distance:~~

~~a) one 15 km course, use the 15 km course table even if you have one or more laps~~

~~b) 10 km course + 5 km course for a 15 km course, use the 10 km course table and the 5 km course table~~

~~c) 7.5 km course twice for a 15 km course, use the 7.5 km course table~~

~~d) 5 km course three times for a 15 km course, use the 5 km course table~~

~~For OWG and WSC option a), the 15 km table should normally be used and pursuit and mass start competitions should normally be carried out using 5 km laps. Individual sprint competitions can be carried out on one or more laps. Sprint relay competitions should normally be carried out on one lap.~~

332.1.1 The National Associations are responsible for the health of the competitors they enter. The competition doctor will only carry out a medical examination at the request of: the trainer, the competitor or the representative of the FIS Medical Committee (see article 221).

335.1.1 After the draw at OWG, WSC, JWSC and international competitions with limited team entries, reserves may only be substituted for a competitor if the originally drawn competitor can not start due to force majeure (injury, illness, etc., certified by a medical doctor) and if the Jury permits the entry. If the withdrawn competitor was selected for blood testing then this test must still be carried out. If the withdrawn competitor produces a result that exceeds the permitted values, no substitute is allowed.

For Mass start:

- replacement is possible but not later than two hours before the start
- the athlete starts in his position which he takes according to his ranking in the WRL or due to FIS points

- the athlete's position in the starting field is in between the starting lines (arrow)
- the athlete takes the bib of the one he is replacing.

For Interval start:

- replacement is possible but ~~the athletes start at the end of the starting field~~ their starting position will be determined by the Jury.

Late entries are not admitted

335.1.3 Competitors, who are on the starting list and can not take part in the competition because of illness or other reasons, must be reported by the team captain to the competition secretary at latest 30 min. before the start. If any of these competitors were selected for doping control, they must still be tested.

337.2 Leg Numbers

337.2.1 For Mass Start, Pursuit, Individual Sprints and Team Sprint competitions it is also required to affix start numbers to the competitor's leg that is closest to the finish-line camera.

340.1.4 Once the competitors enter a zone where corridors are marked they must ~~should~~ remain in their chosen corridor unless they are overtaking another competitor in the same corridor.

340.1.5 For OWG, WSC and WC, in Pursuit competitions, Mass Start, Team Sprint and Relay Competitions, competitors or teams who are lapped, must abandon the competition. Only in the Team Sprint and Relay Competitions will the teams be ranked in the final results (no time). In other competitions the competitor will be designated as DNF.

341.1.2 add to list...

- wireless support, connection between competitor and coach is not allowed.

351.4 and all sub-sections moved to 363.2

354.1.3 moved to article 363.3

Section G Popular Cross Country Competitions

- 381.7** For Popular cross country races on the FIS WC or Marathon Cup calendar, all competitors placed in an elite group must comply with ICR article 207 “Advertising and Commercial Marking” and with article 222 “Competition Equipment”
- 383.1.1** In addition to being a forum for dispute resolution, the Jury should act as an adviser for the competition Organiser in dealing with various aspects of the competition. In PCCC the safety of the competitor should be given priority.
- The Jury should consist of:
 the TD who is the chairman of the jury
 the chief of competition
the National TD Assistant, appointed by the NSA
- The TD may invite additional persons to attend Jury meetings where appropriate. These persons are advisory in capacity and do not carry a vote.
- 384.4.4** Classical Technique
 Normally the course should be set with two tracks. Where the width makes it possible, more tracks should be set. In curves the tracks should only be set if the skis can glide unrestrained in the set track. Where the curves are too sharp or the speed is too great to remain in the tracks, then the tracks should be removed.
 In steep downhills or other locations as designated by the TD and chief of competition, no tracks should be set.
- In the finish area, the last 200 meters should be set with as many tracks as possible. In appropriate situations, with approval of the TD and the chief of competition, course grooming may take place during the competition.
- 386.1.1** A chief medical officer will be appointed for every PCCC. He will be a member of the Competition Committee, and may be invited to attend the Jury meetings. ~~Whenever possible, The chief medical officer should~~ must be a licensed medical doctor ~~officer~~.

388.1.2 Cancellation or Postponement more than Six Days Before the Competition:

~~If a competition is to be postponed or cancelled, all competitors must be notified at least six days before the date of the original competition. Information regarding this should be immediately sent to NSAs and the media. The decision to cancel more than six days before the competition shall be made by the chief of competition and the TD.~~ If a decision to cancel or postpone a competition is taken at least 6 days before the date of the original competition, the organizing committee must immediately inform the NSAs, the media and post the information on the Internet. This decision will be made by the Organizing Committee in consultation with the TD.

Part 2: New Rules

(These articles 360-361 created with minor modifications from existing Sprint Guidelines)

E New Competition Formats ~~Sprint Competitions~~ **360** Individual Sprint Competitions

360.1 Individual sprint competitions ~~consists of~~ begin with a qualification part, organized as an interval start ~~and heats~~. After the qualification selected athletes compete in the sprint finals using heats of different formats with mass start. In OWG, WSC and JWSC the heats consist of four athletes and 16 competitors advance to the quarterfinals.

360.2 Qualification

360.2.1 Starting order of the qualification will be in accordance with the FIS-sprint point list, then according the FIS-point list and finally for those competitors who are not present on these lists a draw must be made. At OWG.WSC and WC the seeded group has to be drawn.

360.2.2 Start intervals can be 10, 15, 20 or 30 seconds for an interval start.

360.2.3 The qualification course and the distance has in principle to be the same as in the finals.

360.2.4 If two laps are used with interval starts, separate corridors must be used for first and second lap. If this is not possible an interval block start should be used.

360.2.5 In case of equal qualification times, the competitors who will be advancing to the quarterfinals will be ranked according to their FIS sprint points on the qualification results. (See art. 360.2.1)
Competitors with the same qualification time who did not advance to the quarterfinals will have the same ranking on this result list.

360.3 Sprint Finals (Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, and Finals)

360.3.1 In OWG, WSC, WC and JWSC heats will start with the quarterfinals, in other competitions as decided by the organizer.

360.3.2 The heats and the starting order for the quarterfinals are determined from the finish ranking in the qualification round. Examples for each sprint format can be found on the FIS Website – Cross Country and through the FIS Nordic Office. The table below illustrates the principle of allocating the competitors to their heats.

	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4
4 competitors /Heat	1	4	2	3
	8	5	7	6
	9	12	10	11
	16	13	15	14
6 competitors /Heat	17	20	18	19
	24	21	23	22
8 competitors /Heat	25	28	26	27
	32	29	31	30

360.3.3 In the sprint finals the starting positions are chosen according to the following:

Quarterfinals - qualification times are used

Semi-finals - rankings from the Quarterfinals and qualification times are used

Finals - rankings from the Semi-finals and qualification times are used

360.3.4 Competitors with the same rank in the quarterfinals or semi-finals (if there is no B-final) who do not reach the next round are ranked according their qualification times in the final results.

360.3.5 In case of a tie (dead heat) the competitor with the better qualification time moves to the next round. If there is a tie between 2 competitors who do not reach the next round, the athlete with the better qualification time will be on the better rank in this heat. If there is a tie in the A or B finals the competitors are ranked on the same place in the final results.

360.3.6 A second false start for the same competitor in the same heat means that the competitor has to stop the competition. The competitor will be ranked at the last of these finals (rank 4, 8 or 16)

360.3.7 The competitor must ski the entire course in each heat in order to be ranked within that heat, otherwise he will be ranked as the last of all qualified finalists.

360.3.8 If a competitor does not finish a heat due to force majeure he is ranked last in this heat.

360.3.9 If an obstruction leads to disqualification, and the obstruction caused another athlete not to advanced to the next round, he will be allowed to proceed into the next round. In this case the competitor concerned will start in a second row, 6 m behind. This rule will only be applied in exceptional cases where the obstruction was intentional (see Art. 223.1.3)“

360.3.10 Obstructions ~~can~~are also to be sanctioned by competition suspension (ranking the competitor in last place of the relevant heat) accompanied by a written reprimand (see art. 223.3)

360.4 Course

360.4.1 The start should be organized with straight corridors or straight set tracks for the first 30 – 50 meters.

360.4.2 The course must be sufficiently wide (6 m – 10 m) and without many sharp corners, so that the conditions are equal for all competitors.

360.4.3 Sections of the course must be designed straight, wide and long enough to make overtaking possible.

Along straight parts of the course corridors may be marked. ~~The competitor should stay inside the chosen corridor during the marked zone if the corridor in front of him is free.~~ The corridors should be each 3 m wide for free technique and 1,5 m wide for classic technique.

360.4.5 The number of finish corridors should be equal the number of competitors in the heat. For OWG, WSC and JWSC ~~and WC~~ this is a requirement.

360.4.6 The length of the finish zone should be a minimum of 80 m. ~~this can be reduced in situations where the finish is on an uphill slope.~~

360.5 Finish Results

360.5.1 In sprint competitions with 16 competitors to the quarterfinal the result list will be made as follows:
 17th to last rank, the results from the qualification round will be used
 13th – 16th rank the 4th place finisher from each heat in the quarterfinal will be assigned based their respective ranking in the qualifying round
 9th – 12th rank the 3rd place finisher from each heat in the quarterfinal will be assigned based their respective ranking in the qualifying round
 5th – 8th rank based on the order of finish in the B final
 1st – 4th rank based on the order of finish in the A final

With a different number of competitors in the sprint finals the same principles apply.

360.6 **Jury**

360.6.1 In heat sprints at OWG, SWC, JSWC and WC the unanimous decision of minimum three jury members (including TD) equates to the jury decision.

360.7 Protest

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

361 Team Sprint Competitions (formerly Sprint Relay guidelines)

361.1 Team-Sprints are competitions carried out as relays with 2 athletes who alternately ski between 3 – 6 legs each. The numbers and distances of the legs have to be published in the official invitation.

361.2 Entry/Quota

The number of teams in one semi-final heat or in the final should not exceed 20. Semi-final ~~and final~~ heats can also be used to select the teams for the final in the team sprints. For OWG, WSC and WC this is defined in the WC Rules; for other events the composition of the semi-final heats and for qualification to the final must be defined at latest at the team captains meeting is according in accordance with the guidelines and principles for sprint competitions. Refer to the FIS Website for WC examples.

361.3 Starting Order

361.3.1 The team with the lowest Sprint FIS points starts as number one, the team with the second lowest ~~score~~ Sprint FIS Points as number two and so on. In the case of more teams having an equal total Sprint FIS Points~~score~~, the team with the lowest point-holder starts ahead of the other. If this is not sufficient to determine the starting order, then starting order is drawn by lot.

361.3.2 A change of team composition may be made up to two hours before the start. However, the team will lose its starting position and will have to start at the end of the field. If more than one team has to be placed at the end of the field, the start order at the end of the field will be the same as the original starting order. The original start positions will be left empty.

361.4 Starting Position

- 361.4.1 Depending on the starting area, two to six parallel tracks/corridors should be prepared which are straight for approx. 100 m. The starter for team number one starts in lane number one on the starting line. The starter for team number two starts in lane number two 2 – 3 meters behind the starting line, and so on. The starters may not change lanes until they have crossed the starting line.

361.5 Course and Exchange Zone

- 361.5.1 Sections of the course must be designed straight, wide and long enough to make overtaking possible.

- 361.5.2 The exchange zone should be 15 m wide and 45 m long. The exchange zone should be well situated and prepared so that the speed of the competitors is slow enough to permit a clean exchange.

- 361.5.3 A ski preparation zone must be provided close to the exchange zone. The teams are allowed to work on their skis without assistance during the semi-final and final competitions. Coaches must leave this zone 5 minutes before the start.

- 361.5.4 Finish: There must be minimum three corridors for the finish. Rules for photo finish and finishing zone also apply, see ICR art. 353.1. For OWG, WSC and WC four corridors are required.

361.6 Scoring and Results

- 361.6.1 For skiers who are lapped refer to ICR article 340.1.5

- 361.6.2 The final results will be published according to the following: All teams in the final will be placed in the results list according to their rank in the final. When semi-final heats are used the teams who do not advance to the final round will be placed on the results list so that each team with the same rank in their heat will be given a ranking for the next available rank on the result list. As an example if 5 teams from two semi-final heats advance to the final then the teams ranked 6th in each heat will be given the rank of

11th and 12th according to their time in their respective semi-final heats, the teams ranked 7th in each heat will be given a rank of 13th and 14th etc. in the final results.

361.7 Jury

361.7.1 In team sprints at OWG, SWC, and WC the unanimous decision of minimum three jury members (including TD) equates to the jury decision.

361.8 Protest

361.8.1 Due to the timeline pressure of running successive heats it is not possible to allow protests during the semi-finals. Protests will only be accepted after the finals.

(These next sections 362 – 364 were developed from existing rules and guidelines for pursuit competitions.)

362 Pursuit Competitions (With and without a break)

362.1 Pursuit competitions are carried out as a combined competition where one half is in classic technique and the other half is in free technique. There can be a break between this technique change that can carry over to another race day or it can be as short as 1.5 hours on the same day. For OWG and WSC and WC the pursuit competition is conducted without a break.

363 Pursuit Competitions with a break

363.1 This format of pursuit competition is made up of two separate competitions that produce an overall result at the end of the second competition.

363.2 Start Procedures (MOVED FROM OLD 351.4)

363.2.1 The first competition is carried out as a standard interval start race which produces its own interim results. (see ICR art. 351.2)

363.2.2 In the second race of this pursuit competition, the winner of the first race starts first, the second ranked finisher starts next, etc. The starting intervals are the same as the differences between the competitors' times from the first race results, from which the tenths of seconds have been deleted.

Results from first race:

Rank	Name	Country	Final
1	SVENSSON, Lars	SWE	25:12.(9)
2	ARKJANOW, Nikolai	RUS	25:14.(2)
3	KRECEK, Jan	CZE	25:21.(7)

The start list should be prepared according to the following example:

Start No.	Name	Country	Start time
1	SVENSSON, Lars	SWE	0:00
2	ARKJANOW, Nikolai	RUS	0:02
3	KRECEK, Jan	CZE	0:09

363.2.3 To avoid competitors starting first from overtaking late starting competitors, the Jury may allow a mass or heat start for the late starting competitors. The Jury is allowed to reduce the number of starting competitors for the second race of the pursuit competition.

363.2.4 The pursuit start is carried out without an electronic start gate. The starting officials must ensure that all competitors are ready for their starts.

363.2.5 In order to guarantee an exact start, a large display clock must be used. The start must be prepared so that two or more competitors may start side by side. The first 100-200 meters of the course must be prepared to a width of at least six meters.

363.2.6 The second part of the pursuit competition must be carried out with the pursuit start. Under difficult weather conditions the Jury may decide to postpone the start or to cancel the competition. If it is cancelled the result from the first part of the competition will count as the final result.

363.3 Results

363.3.1 The calculation of the final results in this pursuit competition format will be done by combining the final results of the first race without the tenths of a second with the final results of the second race with the tenths of a second. See also ICR article 340.1.5 and 363.2.6

364 Pursuit Competitions without a break (Double Pursuit)

364.1 Pursuit competitions without a break consist of a classical part with mass start, followed by the changing of skis in an exchange/pit zone in the stadium and then continues with a second part in free technique.

364.2 Start

364.2.1 A Mass Start handicap start system (arrow >>>) must be used.

364.2.2 The starting order is according FIS points or WC points.

364.2.3 Ski marking for both C and F skis is obligatory.

364.3 Course

364.3.1 Distances: men 10 km + 10 km or 15 km + 15 km
 women 5 km + 5 km or 7.5 km + 7.5 km

364.3.2 Two separated courses for classical and free technique will normally be used. If one course is used then it must have homologation standard E.

364.4 Exchange/Pit Zone

364.4.1 Pits: length 2.5 m – 3 m; width: 1.5 m

364.4.2 Within the exchange/pit area there is no technique control.

364.4.3 The course along the access to the pits must be a minimum of 4 m wide. The course on the exit side of the pits must be a minimum of 6 m wide.

364.4.4 Overtaking along the access to the pits is only allowed on the distant side of the pits.

364.4.5 The free technique equipment must be deposited into the assigned pit before the mass start. Clothes are not allowed to be deposited in the pits.

364.4.6 Skis must be exchanged, poles and boots may also be exchanged. All equipment exchanges must be done by the athlete within the assigned pit without any assistance. The exchanged equipment must be left in the pits until the competitor has finished the competition.

364.4.7 5 minutes before the start coaches or service people have to leave the pit area.

364.5 Results

364.5.1 The lap lane will be closed as soon as the first competitor has finished the competition.

364.5.2 [For skiers who are lapped refer to ICR article 340.1.5](#)

381.7 Competitors placed in an elite group [in FIS World Cup and FIS Marathon Cup races](#) must comply with ICR article 207 "Advertising and Commercial Markings" and with article 222 "Competition Equipment".

The Council does not support the idea of the Cross-Country Committee to consider awarding points to individual skiers in the team events (relay and team sprints), since the winner of the individual World Cup should be determined by their own performances in individual races and an athlete should not be able to profit individually from having a strong team.

13.5 Proposals from the Nordic Combined Committee Executive Board

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

World Cup Rules (to supplement the adjustments from spring meetings)

4.4 World Ranking List

The world ranking list consists of the results of the two World Cup's (A and B). The common ranking of both World Cup's at the end of a period or the season is based on this list.

4.4.1 Classification of World Cup A points

In the World Cup A the results will be multiplied by 10. Additional points (9 – 1) will be distributed for the ranks 31 to 39.

4.4.2 Classification of World Cup B points

In the World Cup B the results will be multiplied by 2.

4.4.3 Supplementary Calculation

At an unequal number of organised World Cup "B" competitions, a supplementary calculation will be used as follows:

The sum of all points in a period at World Cup "B" will be multiplied by a factor (per missing competition + 0,05 resp. an extra competition – 0.05 to number 1). The obtained value will be mathematically rounded to an integer and added to the points of the World Cup "B". This applies exclusively for competitors who started in one Cup only.

4.4.4 Classification of the "climber" into the World Cup "A" list

The WRL points of the climber will be divided through 10 for the classification in the World Cup "A" list.

4.4.5 Classification of competitors „relegated“ in to the World Cup B list

The WRL points of „relegated“ competitors will be divided by through 2 for the classification in the World Cup "B" list and, if necessary, multiplied by a factor according to art. 4.4.3.

4.4.6 Exceptional cases

Competitors according to art. 2.5 to 2.7 who are switching the Cup, will get their points from the former periods of a season calculated according to art. 4.4.4 and 4.4.5. Points which are obtained during a period, count only for the Cup in which they were achieved. Only at the end of the period the points are united in the World Ranking List.

13.6 Proposals from the Alpine Committee

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

Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

- In the time between the World Cup Opening and the 15th November, only races at Entry League (ENL) level may be classified for FIS points.
- To extend the evaluation period until the 30th April for all races.

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Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

Art. 650.5 Appointment of an Inspector
The chairman of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses will study the homologation request and appoint an inspector to examine the course. The inspector for Downhill courses to be used for Entry League races ~~must~~should not belong to the country requesting a first homologation.

Sub-Committee Rules and Control

Art. 223.3.3
A competitor shall ~~not only be~~ disqualified if his mistake would result in an advantage for him with regard to the end result, unless the rules state otherwise in an individual case, unless the offence gives the competitor an advantage in the final result of the competition.

Art. 629.3
does not pass through a gate correctly (Art. 661.4) or does not start within the time limits defined by Art. 613.7

Sub-Committee Alpine World Cup

Art. 21.3.2 Participation 2003/04
In case of participation at a WCSL competition after injury, the penalty is calculated according to the competitor's WCSL rank at the moment of his last WCSL participation ~~in the discipline concerned, irrespective of the discipline.~~

13.7 Proposals from the Freestyle Committee

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

Quotas for the FIS Junior Freestyle World Championships
If 5 events are held, then a maximum team size of 32 participants with a maximum of 16 of either gender (presently 24).

Increase in the fees for Organisers of the Freestyle FIS World Cup
To increase the organizers fees for officials by CHF 1000 (6.25%) for the Freestyle FIS World Cup officials starting in season 2004 / 2005 (from CHF 11'000 to CHF 12'000)

13.8 Proposal from the Legal Committee

The Council approved the following amendment to the rules:

Art. 226 Violation of Sanctions (Council Decision, November 2002)
Where there is a violation of a sanction that has been imposed according to ICR 223 or the FIS Anti-Doping Rules 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:

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13.9 Grass Skiing

The Council approved a number of modifications to the Grass Skiing rules (see FIS Website, Rules & Publications for full updated rules).

13.10 Insurance - amendment to Art. 212 section of the ICR

212.1 The organiser must take out liability insurance for all members of the Organising Committee. The FIS shall provide its employees and appointed officials, who are not members of the Organising Committee (e.g. equipment controller, medical supervisor, etc.) with liability insurance when they are acting on behalf of the FIS.

212.3 The Organiser respectively its' National Ski Association may request the FIS insurance broker may take over responsibility for carrying to arrange cover for the out the competition (at the cost of the Organiser) if the organiser does not have the necessary insurance documents cover in place.

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:

The Canadian Ski and Snowboard Association

- **Ken Read** as member of the Sub-Committee for the Alpine World Cup, replacing Joze Sparovec
- **Max Gartner** as member of the Nor-Am Committee, replacing Joze Sparovec
- **Julie Lemieux** as member of the Nor-Am Committee, replacing Gerry Rinaldi
- **Mike Cooper** as member of the Sub-Committee for Disabled Skiers, replacing Jerry Johnston
- **Patricia Smith** as member of the Conference of the Freestyle Committee, replacing John Paone

The Ski Association of Japan

- **Hitonari Maruyama** as member of the Technical Advisor Working Group within the Sub-Committee of Alpine Courses

The Swedish Ski Association

- **Ulf Nilsson** as member of the Committee for Public Relations and Mass Media, replacing Jan Larsson

The United States Ski and Snowboard Association

- **Tom Johnston** as inspector & controller in the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses, replacing Tim LaMarche
- **Polly Jo Clark** as an additional member of the Committee for Youth and Children's Questions (as Freestyle expert)
- **Richard Rokos** as member of the Sub-Committee for University Racers, replacing Peter Dodge

14.1 **Sub-Committee for Disabled Skiers**

Following extensive discussions with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) about the organisation of activities for disabled skiers, the Council confirmed the following tasks and composition of the sub-committee for disabled skiers that will serve as a liaison group between

FIS and IPC for disabled skiers in all FIS disciplines, which will come into effect after the 2004 International Ski Congress in Miami:

FIS Sub-Committee for Disabled Skiers (liaison group)

The Sub-Committee will be a small group of members proposed by their National Ski Association that are also members of the respective IPC SAEC and comprising a chairman, two members each for Alpine and Nordic Skiing with eventually an additional member for Snowboard and other FIS disciplines co-opted as its development progresses.

The Sub-Committee's role is:

- To serve as a liaison between IPC and FIS in order for the members to attend meetings of the FIS Technical Committees and follow developments within FIS in areas such as rules, equipment, TD education, etc. to report back to the respective IPC SAEC and its Competition Working Groups
- To liaise with FIS TD Sub-Committees for the assignment of FIS TDs at Disabled competitions and to collaborate in an exchange programme offering FIS TDs the opportunity to participate in IPC TD activities and similarly for IPC TDs that are ski experts
- Contact with FIS Office for obtaining existing FIS technical documentation, such as check-lists and FIS rules

IPC Sports Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC) for Alpine and Nordic Skiing

- Tasks and responsibilities for the management of Alpine and Nordic Skiing for the Disabled per the IPC Terms of Reference
- Delegate practical tasks of the organisation of competitions to Competition Working Groups for Alpine and Nordic Skiing

IPC Competition Working Groups for Alpine Skiing and Nordic Skiing

- Prepare rules for Disabled Skiing, adapted from the FIS ICR 300 Articles (Cross-Country) and 600 (Alpine Skiing) with additional specific rules
- Prepare specific rules for any Series (World Cup, etc.)
- Operate points/ranking systems for all skiing competitions for the Disabled
- Establish calendar of events
- Draft Organisers Agreements
- Appoint Officials (FIS TDs or IPC TDs)

FIS and IPC agreed in August 2003, that for the interim period until after the FIS Congress in Miami in June 2004, there would be no meetings of the FIS Sub-Committee for Disabled Skiers. The IPC SAEC, respectively its appointed competition working group is the body handling the organisation of competition activities for disabled skiers.

15. Educational activities

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

The Council acknowledged the report of the Chief Executive of the FIS Academy and expressed its thanks especially to Michael Osborne, Vice-Chancellor and President of La Trobe University in Australia for the development of the FIS Academy. As a first step, the Academy's focus is to establish a non-award level 1 course to provide athletes, coaches and administrators with access to high quality education all over the world. The course will be launched and demonstrated at the 2004 FIS Congress in Miami.

16. The 44th International Ski Congress

The 44th International Ski Congress will take place from Sunday 30th May to Friday 4th June 2004 in Miami (USA).

The registration form and detailed information was sent to all National Ski Associations, Committee Members and other parties in August 2003.

The Council confirmed the provisional agenda and the programme for the meetings of the Council and the Committees during the 2004 Congress week as well as the time-table for submitting nominations for members of the FIS Committee and the FIS Council.

The Council discussed the various proposals submitted by the National Ski Associations to the 2004 International Ski Congress and those of the Technical Committees and expressed its opinion. The proposals of the National Ski Associations and of the Council will be sent to the affiliated member associations by 15th February 2004 according to art. 20.5 of the Statutes.

Furthermore the Council confirmed that the Congress package for one delegate from each FIS member National Ski Association would be paid by FIS.

Programme

Sunday, 30 th May 2004	Arrival
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, 31 st May, 1 st and 2 nd June 2004	Meetings of the FIS Council and the FIS Committees
Monday, 31 st May 2004	Welcome Cocktail
Thursday, 3 rd June 2004	Excursion with lunch
Friday, 4 th June 2004	Congress Gala Dinner
Saturday, 5 th June 2004	Departure or post congress tours

16.1 2006 International Ski Congress

The Council decided that the 2006 International Ski Congress will take place in Vilamoura/Algarve (POR) from 21st to 26th May and not in Lisbon as originally proposed, due to the extremely high prices in Lisbon.

17. Next meeting of the FIS Council

The next meeting of the FIS Council will take place during the 44th International Ski Congress on 1st June 2004 at 08.30 at the Hotel Intercontinental in the meeting room "Bayfront" in Miami (USA).

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Proposals of National Ski Associations and Technical Committees, etc. for this meeting have to be sent to the FIS Secretary General before 15th 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.

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Sarah Lewis
Secretary General

Oberhofen, 19th November 2003
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