

To the

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

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SL/er

FIS Council Meeting 5th November 2007, Bariloche (ARG)

Dear Mr. President,
Dear Ski friends,

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

A SHORT SUMMARY
of the most important decisions
of the FIS Council Meeting, 5th November 2007
in Bariloche (ARG)

1. Members present

The following Council Members were present at the meeting in Bariloche, Argentina on 5th November 2007:

President Gian Franco Kasper, Vice-Presidents Yoshiro Ito, Bill Marolt and Members Jaakko Holkeri, Milan Jirasek, Janez Kocijancic, Sung-Won Lee, Eduardo Roldan, Pablo Rosenkjer, Peter Schröcksnadel, Sverre Seeberg, Patrick Smith and Secretary General Sarah Lewis.

Excused: Vice-President Leonid Tyagachev, Members Carl Eric Stålberg, Gataeno Coppi (replaced without vote by Dario Bazzoni), Michel Vion, Fritz Wagnerberger.

2. Minutes from the Council Meeting in Portoroz (SLO)

The minutes from the Council Meeting in Portoroz (SLO) on 28th May 2007 were approved.

3. The FIS World Championships

3.1 **Reports 2007 FIS World Championships**

The Council expressed its thanks to the Organising Committees and National Ski Associations of the FIS World Championships during the summer:

- FIS Rollerski World Championships, 30th August to 2nd September 2007 in Oroslavje (CRO)
- FIS Grasski World Championships, 6th to 9th September 2007 in Olesnice v Olickych Horach (CZE)

3.2 **Reports future FIS World Championships**

The Council Members from the respective nations reported on the following upcoming events:

- FIS Skiflying World Championships 2008, 22nd to 24th February in Oberstdorf (GER): a written report was submitted
- FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2009, 2nd to 15th February in Val d'Isère (FRA): a written report was submitted
- FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2009, 18th February to 1st March in Liberec (CZE): Council Member Milan Jirasek
- FIS Freestyle World Championships 2009, 1st to 8th March in Inawashiro (JPN): Vice-President Yoshiro Ito

The Council approved the following competition programme for the Championships in Inawashiro:

Date	Event	Location Ski Area
Tuesday, 3 rd March, 2009	Ski Cross	Snow Paradais
Wednesday, 4 th March, 2009	HalfPipe	Alts Bandai
Thursday, 5 th March, 2009	Aerial Qualifications	Listel
Friday, 6 th March, 2009	Aerial Final	Listel
Saturday, 7 th March, 2009	Moguls	Listel
Sunday, 8 th March, 2009	Dual Moguls	Listel

- FIS Snowboard World Championships 2009, in Gangwon Province (KOR), 16th to 25th January 2009: Council Member Sung-Won Lee
- FIS Skiflying World Championships 2010, Planica (SLO): Council Member Janez Kocijancic
- FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2011, Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER): a written report was submitted
- FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2011, Oslo (NOR): Council Member Sverre Seeberg
- FIS Freestyle World Championships 2011, Deer Valley (USA): Vice-President Bill Marolt
- FIS Snowboard World Championships 2011, La Molina (SPA): Council Member Eduardo Roldan

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

In the cases of Val d'Isère (FRA) and Liberec (CZE) the work in both Organising Committees appears to be progressing once again following the major changes during the summer. Nevertheless, the Council expressed its concern about the political interference that had occurred in Liberec.

3.3 Candidates for future FIS World Championships

Applications for the 2012 Ski Flying and 2013 FIS World Ski Championships in the Alpine, Nordic and Freestyle Events were submitted by 1st May 2007 from the following Candidates:

- Harrachov (CZE), Ski Flying 2012
- Vikersund (NOR), Ski Flying 2012

- Falun (SWE), Nordic Events 2013
- Lahti (FIN), Nordic Events 2013
- Oberstdorf (GER), Nordic Events 2013
- Val di Fiemme (ITA), Nordic Events 2013
- Zakopane (POL), Nordic Events 2013

- Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA), Alpine Events 2013
- Schladming (AUT), Alpine Events 2013
- St. Moritz (SUI), Alpine Events 2013
- Vail (USA), Alpine Events 2013

- Voss (NOR), Freestyle Events 2013

No application was received for the 2013 FIS Snowboard World Championships by the 1st May or 1st October deadlines and therefore at the Council Meeting in Bariloche, the Council decided to extend the deadline for the receipt of applications to 31st March 2008.

Inspections of the Candidates in the Alpine and Nordic Events have been undertaken by the inspection group and the report will be established over the coming months and submitted to the FIS Council Members and National Ski Associations in April 2008 prior to the FIS Congress in Cape Town (RSA).

A technical inspection for the Freestyle, Ski Flying and eventually Snowboard Candidates will take place during the upcoming winter season.

A visit to the Congress location in Cape Town with representatives of all candidates took place in mid-October to inspect the facilities for the exhibition and presentations to the Council, as well as to draw lots for the order of exhibition stands and the presentations. Furthermore the Candidates jointly decided on procedures to be followed regarding promotional activities that are in compliance with the FIS regulations, so as order to ensure high ethical standards of behaviour by the Candidates.

Telemark World Championships 2009

The Austrian Ski Association with Fiss was appointed by the Council with the organisation of the 2009 Telemark World Championships. In July 2007, the Austrian Ski Association submitted a replacement candidate with Kreischberg/Murau/St. Georgen (host of the 2003 FIS Snowboard World Championships), which was subsequently confirmed by the Council.

World Championships of Police Forces

The Council acknowledged the Italian Winter Sports Federation with the Ski Club Teamitalia as organizers of the "World Championships of Police Forces - under the patronage of FIS" for the years 2010, 2011,

2012, whereby the sites for the respective events will be decided at a later stage.

4. The FIS Junior World Championships

4.1 **Reports 2008 and future FIS Junior World Championships**

The Council acknowledged the progress reports given by the respective Council Members on behalf of the various Organising Committees for the Championships in 2008 and future years and confirmed the appointment of the above-mentioned Council's representatives to the Championships.

- FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships 2008, 3rd to 10th February in Szczyrk (POL): Council representative: Milan Jirasek

The situation in Szczyrk (POL) is still of major concern. Despite the report with the schedule of works submitted by the Organising Committee in February 2007 at the Council Gathering in Åre, little progress was observed by the inspection of FIS experts on 22nd August 2007. The Polish Ski Association confirmed to the Technical Committees at their Meetings in Zurich on 28th and 29th September that the necessary constructions in Szczyrk can be completed in time, however the inspections by the FIS experts at the end of October showed that there is still very much work to be done.

The Council expressed its serious concern at the present situation and decided that the Championships may only go ahead if the Nordic Combined World Cup B competitions at the beginning of January 2008 can be carried out properly.

Furthermore, the Council decided to strongly request the Polish Ski Association to pay CHF 10'000 as a contribution towards the costs for additional inspections that have been necessary by various FIS experts over the past two years.

- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2008 in Formigal (SPA), 23rd February to 1st March 2008, Council representative: Eduardo Roldan
- FIS Freestyle Junior World Championships 2008 in Airolo (SUI), 26th to 30th March 2008, Council representative: to be confirmed
- FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships 2008 in Khanty-Mansiysk (RUS), 24th to 30th March 2008, Council representative: Leonid Tyagachev

Future Junior World Ski Championships

- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2009 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (GER): report in writing
- FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2010 in Termas de Chillan (CHI): report by Council Member Pablo Rosenkjer
- FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships 2010 in Hinterzarten (GER): report in writing

4.2 Candidates for FIS Junior World Championships

No candidates were submitted for future FIS Junior World Ski Championships. National Ski Associations are invited to submit their applications, especially for the Nordic, Freestyle and Snowboard Events in 2009.

5. The International Olympic Committee

The 119th IOC Session took place from 3rd to 7th July 2007 in Guatemala City (GUA) during which the main item on the agenda was the election of the host city for the Olympic Winter Games in 2014.

On 4th July 2007 after 2 rounds of voting, the winner was declared as Sochi (RUS). The results of the voting were as follows:

Round One

Pyeongchang 36

Sochi 34

Salzburg 25

Round Two

Sochi 51

Pyeongchang 47

Olympic Programme Review

As part of the IOC's strategy of ensuring the excellence of the Games and vision that they remain inspirational for future generations, in addition to controlling their size, cost and complexity, each sport is subject to review of its place on the Olympic Programme.

At the IOC Session in Guatemala, the seven sports on the existing programme of the Olympic Winter Games: FIS - Skiing, IIHF - Ice Hockey, ISU - Ice Skating, IBU - Biathlon, FIBT - Bobsleigh, FIL - Luge, WCF - Curling were elected en bloc for the Games in 2014.

5.1 Olympic Winter Games 2010 in Vancouver

The 5th IOC Coordination Commission for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver took place from 10th - 13th September 2007. In addition to the Commission meetings and Working Group sessions (the Media Working Group is chaired by FIS President Gian Franco Kasper), the seven International Federations were invited to participate with their President and Secretary General during the IOC Coordination Commission meetings.

The Council acknowledged the very positive reports in regard to the construction and state of readiness of the different FIS competition venues, as well as their quality. However, the Council expressed concern about the plans in place after the Games that foresee dismantling the Ski Jumping hills located in the Callaghan Valley, near Whistler Mountain, which will effectively put an end to Ski Jumping in Canada.

Furthermore, the Council approved the following summary of the Qualification and Participation Criteria for the 2010 Games that have been prepared in collaboration with the IOC Sports Department and VANOC and will be considered by the IOC Executive Board at its Meeting in December 2007. Details about the specific timelines for the allocation and reallocation of unused places will be worked out during the 2007/08 season:

Qualification and participation criteria for the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver 2010

Changes compared to Torino

- Maximum total number of competitors
- Allocation to NOCs fixed number of quota places per discipline
- Reallocation of unused quotas
- Host Nation quota
- Basic quota competitors participation in 2009 FIS World Championships

Qualification System Principles

- Full teams for top nations in respective disciplines
- Opportunity for as many NOCs as possible to qualify
- Allocation of quotas to a nation (NOC)
- Max. 4 competitors per event per NOC

Allocation of Quotas - Alpine

- Basic Quota (same standard since 1994) 140 FIS points, 1 male and 1 female
- Qualified competitors in top 500 of the FIS points list +1 competitor
- Top athletes in top 30 of the FIS points list +2 male and +2 female
- Allocation of remaining quotas places using Overall FIS List to 320
- Maximum possible team size 22 (14 male or 14 female)

Allocation of Quotas - Cross-Country

- Basic Quota 5 FIS race starts, 1 competitor; 300 FIS points 1 male and 1 female
- Next Level - competitors in top 300 of the FIS points list +1 competitor
- Top athletes in top 30 of the FIS world ranking list +2 male and +2 female
- Allocation of remaining quotas places to 310 using Overall FIS List
- Maximum possible team size 20 (10 male or 10 female)

Allocation of Quotas - Ski Jumping

- Qualification by FIS World Cup, Grand Prix or Continental Cup points during qualification period
- Allocation based on the World Ranking List assigning quota places until 70 is reached
- Goal of minimum 12 NOCs in Team Competition
- Maximum possible team size 5

Allocation of Quotas - Nordic Combined

- Qualification through World Ranking List (World Cup A or B points), first third at a FIS Junior World Championships, first half at a FIS World Cup B
- Allocation based on World Ranking List assigning quota places until 55 is reached
- Goal of minimum 10 NOCs in Team Competition
- Maximum possible team size 5

Allocation of Quotas - Freestyle

- Top 30 FIS World Cup or FIS World Championships in the event concerned and minimum of 100 FIS points in the respective event.
- Allocation based on World Ranking List (12 month-period World Cup points and 2009 World Championship placings) with following quotas per event, totalling 180:

	Men	Ladies
Moguls	30	30
Aerials	25	25
Ski Cross	35	35

Maximum possible team size 18 (10 male, 10 female)

Allocation of Quotas - Snowboarding

- Top 30 FIS World Cup or FIS World Championships in the event concerned and minimum of 100 FIS points in the respective event.
- Allocation based on World Ranking List (12 month-period World Cup points and 2009 World Championship placings) with following quotas per event, totalling 190:

	Men	Ladies
Parallel Giant Slalom	30	30
Halfpipe	40	30
Snowboard Cross	35	25

Maximum possible team size 18 (10 male, 10 female)

Qualification Timeline for all Disciplines

Dates and details under review by IOC/VANOC

Qualification Period:

- for allocation of quotas per NOC July 2008 - to be defined
- to achieve personal qualification standard July 2008 - 31st January 2010
- FIS allocation of quota spots: to be defined

Reallocation of places

Dates and details for re-allocation of quota places is being developed by IOC/VANOC to correspond to logistical and practical requirements, based on procedures already in place for other sports:

Injury replacement

- Replacement of competitor at Games is only permissible due to force majeure.
- Not possible due to loss of form or review of the team nominations.
- Force majeure includes for example death in close family, serious illness or injury (subject to inspection by the IOC Medical Committee)

5.2 Youth Olympic Games

During the Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Guatemala City in July 2007, the IOC decided to proceed with the introducing of Youth Olympic Games with the first Summer Games taking place in 2010 and Winter Games in 2012.

The rules for the Winter Games will be reviewed after the Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010. In principle all seven sports that are part of the Olympic Winter Games will be on the programme, however this will be subject to the facilities that exist in the host city.

The IOC agreed however that each sport could define the appropriate age groups applicable for its sport, between 14 and 18. In consultation with the FIS experts, the age groups of 14 to 16 for all FIS disciplines have been submitted, which are the same as presently used for the European Olympic Youth Festival (EYOF).

The Council decided that the Youth Olympic Games should be aimed at younger athletes and not the leading World Cup competitors, which can be in principle controlled through the definition of appropriate age groups.

6. AIOWF

A meeting of the Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF) took place on 11th September 2007 in Vancouver (CAN), during the International Federation's visit in conjunction with the IOC Coordination Commission from 10th to 13th September 2007.

The main items on the agenda were the logistical and organisational issues in Vancouver and Whistler, the revised World Anti-Doping Code, SportAccord 2008 and the 2007 IF Sports Forum.

7. GAISF

The 42nd GAISF General Assembly will take place in Athens (GRE) in June 2008 as part of SportAccord, which includes the General Assemblies of AIOWF, ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations), ARIFS (Association of Recognised International Federations) and the IOC Executive Board.

8. Financial Matters

The FIS Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Commission Fritz Wagnerberger and the Vice Chairman, Council Member Carl Eric Stahlberg were unable to attend the Council Meeting in Bariloche (ARG) and consequently a meeting of the Finance Commission took place on 29th October 2007.

The Council acknowledged the report of the FIS Treasurer on the accounts per 30th June 2007 and the satisfactory financial situation at present.

Concerning the organisation of the FIS Finance Department, Martin Plüss has been appointed as FIS Finance and Human Resources Manager (the same Martin Plüss who worked for FIS from 1999 to 2002), following the departure of Christina Ritschard in October.

The financial position of Freestyle particularly, as well as Snowboarding still gives cause for concern. The expenditure for the upcoming season is under review, whilst the budgets for 2008/09 will put in place to reach the stage where the expenditure does not exceed the discipline's income.

8.1 FIS Solidarity

On proposal of the FIS Finance Commission, the Council decided to assist projects and requests for assistance from the National Ski Associations of Armenia, Chile, Croatia, Hungary, India, Iran, Portugal, Serbia and Ukraine for projects that comply with the criteria for support from FIS is to contribute towards assisting special projects or activities that are not part of the regular day-to-day work of a National Ski Association and for which the applicant has shown initiative and efforts in obtaining support from other sources.

A proposal from the Medical Committee for a basic medical course in China was not supported.

8.2 The Marc Hodler Foundation

The Council as the Patronage Committee of the Marc Hodler Foundation acknowledged the accounts per 30th June 2007.

Following the decision of the Council to appoint a member of the Hodler family to the Board of the Marc Hodler Foundation at its Meeting in Portoroz, the nomination of Beat Hodler has been confirmed.

Projects approved for the support of the Marc Hodler Foundation include a contribution towards the biography of Sigge Bergman, compilation of a book of posters from the FIS World Ski Championships over the years, publication of a comprehensive history of skiing that has been compiled by Elisabeth Hussey and a group of leading ski historians and a seminar on the environment and climate.

9. Sponsorship agreements

At the Meeting in Portoroz in spring 2007, the Council confirmed the various sponsor and partner contracts. Subsequently, the only change to report is the conclusion of the sponsorship agreement with "Nokia" for the Snowboard World Cup at the end of the 2007/08 when the existing agreement expires. The sponsorship with Nokia has extended for 10 years and provided tremendous support for the development of Snowboarding over the years.

Negotiations with different companies and agencies for the title sponsorship of the Snowboard FIS World Cup as from 2008/09 as well as for Freestyle with immediate effect are presently ongoing.

Strong interest has been expressed by a sponsor to support Ski Cross since the company has previously supported another Ski Cross tour, but at this stage the sponsor is not ready to include the other Freestyle events due to the close proximity to the season.

10. FIS Media Strategy

The Council approved the following proposal initiated by the FIS Committee for Public Relations and Mass Media outlining a New Media Strategy for the FIS and the National Ski Associations, taking account of the technological developments that are currently affecting the distribution of digital content. This proposal will be submitted to the 2008 FIS Congress:

208 Electronic Media including Television, Radio and New Media

208.1 Rights of the National Member Associations Definitions

~~Each of the FIS-affiliated National Ski Associations, and only those associations, are entitled to enter into contracts which apply to the transmission of FIS events which the association organises in its country.~~

~~Such contracts shall be prepared in consultation with the FIS and shall be in the best interest of the sport of skiing and snowboarding and of the National Ski Associations.~~

~~This applies to the transmission in the associations own country as well as for transmission in telecasting range of other countries (hillrights).~~

~~Excepted are the Olympic Winter Games and FIS World Ski Championships which belong to the IOC and FIS respectively.~~

208.2 Best and Most Extensive Publicity Through high quality TV

~~In terms of agreements according to article 208.1~~

~~In the context of this rule the following definitions will apply:~~

~~Television is defined as the distribution and reception of television programmes, both analogue and digital, comprising video and sound, by means of a television screen receiving signals over the air, by wire, or through connection with a cable or satellite service. Pay-per-view, subscription, interactive, video on demand services and IPTV may also be included in this definition, depending on the rights acquired and exploited.~~

~~Radio is defined as the distribution and reception of radio programmes, both analogue and digital, over the air, by wire or via cable to devices, both fixed and portable.~~

~~New Media are defined as the distribution and reception of digital content (text, audio, video, images, etc) to fixed, mobile or portable devices by means of wireless communications technologies, the Internet and any other similar technology existing or still to be invented.~~

208.2 General Principles

208.2.1 Rights of the National Member Associations

~~Each of the FIS-affiliated National Ski Associations, and only those Associations, is entitled to enter into contracts regarding the sale of rights to~~

television, radio and new media distribution of FIS events which the Association organises in its country.

Such contracts shall be prepared in consultation with the FIS and shall be in the best interest of the sports of skiing and snowboarding and of the National Ski Associations.

This applies to the transmission in the association's own country as well as for transmission in other countries.

208.2.2 Access to events

In all cases, admission to the different media areas will be determined by the type of access granted to rights holders and non-rights holders.

208.2.3 Control by the FIS Council

The FIS Council exercises control over the adherence by National Ski Associations and all organisers to the principles of art. 208.2.1. Contracts, or individual clauses thereof, which adversely affect the interests of the FIS, of a member National Ski Association, or of its organiser must be appropriately evaluated by the FIS Council.

208.2.4 Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships

All Electronic Media rights to the Olympic Winter Games and FIS World Championships belong to the IOC and to the FIS respectively.

208.3 Television

208.3.1 Best and most extensive publicity through high quality TV

In terms of agreements with a TV organisation or agency, attention must be paid to the quality of TV transmissions for all ski and snowboard events - especially for FIS World Cup competitions – published in the FIS Calendar, in particular concerning:

- Top quality and optimal production of a TV signal in which sport is the centrepiece;
- Adequate consideration and presentation of advertising and event sponsors;
~~– Where it is~~
- A standard of production appropriate to current market conditions for the discipline and to the level of the FIS competition series, especially the production of the entire event for live transmission, including coverage of all competitors and a world feed;
- Transmission on ~~best possible~~those TV channels offering the greatest potential audience exposures based on size and/or demographics.
- Where it is appropriate to the nature of the TV market in the region of the host nation, there should be live TV transmission in ~~at least~~ the country where the event takes place and in the most interested other countries.

- Live TV transmission must include appropriate graphics, particularly the official FIS logo, timing and data information and results, as well as graphics and international sound.

208.3 Control by the FIS Council 208.3.2 Production costs

The FIS Council exercises control over the adherence by National Ski Associations and all organisers to the principles of art. 208.2. Contracts, expenses relating to accessing the basic television signal (original picture and sound without commentary) and other production costs have to be agreed between the producing company or individual clauses thereof, which adversely affect the interests of the FIS, of a member National Ski Association, or of its organiser must be appropriately evaluated by the FIS Council the agency/company managing the rights, as applicable, and the networks having bought the rights.

208.4 Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Championships

All TV rights of Olympic Winter Games and FIS World Championships belong to agency/company managing the IOC respectively to the FIS.

208.5 Contracts

The expense for the acquisition of the basic signal (original picture and sound without commentary) and commissions have to be agreed on between the producing network rights, as applicable, and the networks having bought the rights.

208.63.3 Short Reports reports

Television reports and information which do not last longer than three minutes are excluded from the above stipulations. Such reports shall, if possible, be produced by the host broadcaster and put at the disposal of other networks, under the condition that such reports cannot be shown before the rights holder has shown the event and in any case not later than 72 hours after the event.

In order to strengthen this rule only right holders shall be admitted to the restricted media area.

Short reports and information (news access) are to be provided to television companies according to the following rules, recognising that in a number of countries national legislation and broadcaster relations govern the use of news material.

- In those countries where legislation exists regarding news access to sporting events then this legislation will apply for reporting on skiing events.
- In those countries where agreements exist between competing broadcasters regarding news access on programme material acquired on an exclusive basis by one network, then those agreements will apply.
- In those countries where the TV rights on ski races are acquired and transmitted on an exclusive basis and no agreement exists regarding

news access by competing networks, then a maximum of 180 seconds news access will be granted to competing networks four hours after the rights holder has shown the race. The use of this material will cease 48 hours after the end of the race. If the rights holding network delays its transmissions by more than 72 hours from the end of the race, then competing networks can show 60 seconds of news material 48 hours after the event itself.

- d) In those countries where no transmission rights have been purchased by a national television company, all television organisations will be able to transmit news access of 180 seconds as soon as the material is available.

News reports will be produced and distributed by the host broadcaster or the agency/company managing the rights, unless an alternative arrangement is agreed, and will be restricted to regularly scheduled news bulletins.

208.4 Radio

The promotion of ski events through radio programmes will be encouraged by making available accreditation to the principle radio station(s) in each interested country. The access granted will be solely for the production of radio programmes, which can also be distributed without change to their content on the internet site of the radio station.

208.5 New Media

208.5.1 Internet

On a national level, if the television rights holder has acquired the necessary rights, it can distribute moving images on its own web site, provided that the site is geoblocked against access from outside its own territory.

If the necessary rights have not been acquired, and also for access from outside the country, broadcasters will be able to place photographs of the competition (maximum one photo per minute) on their websites. For access to video material they will direct the visitor to the FIS website which will be the only source of Internet news access on an international scale.

The maximum duration of the news material from the competitions to be placed on the FIS website will be 30 seconds per discipline/per session. There will be no limit on non competition material. The news material will be provided within two hours and a half of the end of the competition or, for major events, within four and a half hours by the company responsible for the international programme of FIS World Cup events, and will be available on the website until 48 hours after the end of the event.

208.5.2 Mobile and portable devices

The content of any live streaming of television programmes on a national basis through mobile and portable devices shall not be different to the programmes available through normal distribution channels.

News clips of a maximum duration of 20 seconds will be offered to operators on the condition that they pay all related editing and distribution costs as well as any rights payment that may be requested by and negotiated with the rights owner concerned. Should they seek to have more material for their services then this will be a matter of negotiation with the relevant rights holder. To ensure that this provision is not abused, these longer reports shall be produced and distributed by the company responsible for the international programme of FIS World Cup events.

208.5.3 Future technologies

The principles governing New Media contained in this Rule 208.5 shall be the basis for the exploitation of FIS rights by future technologies, and the FIS Council, on the recommendation of the relevant commissions and experts will establish the limitations considered appropriate.

209 Film Rights

Agreement between a film producer and an organiser of FIS World Championships or other international competitions regarding film recording of those events must be approved by the FIS Council if the films are to be shown for commercial purposes in other countries than those in which the competition takes place.

11. Doping

11.1 Report from the Chairman of the FIS Doping Panel

Possible violations of FIS Anti-Doping Rules during the OWG 2006 in Torino

The Council acknowledged the report of the Chairman of the FIS Doping Panel, Justice Patrick Smith that the decisions in the cases of the Austrian Cross-Country athletes and officials regarding possible violations of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules during the Olympic Winter Games 2006 in Torino should be concluded before the end of the year.

The case of Walter Mayer

In connection with offences against the IOC and FIS Anti-Doping Rules relating to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Walter Mayer, then coach of the Austrian Cross-Country Team appealed the decision of the FIS to suspend him to civil court.

An out of court settlement was concluded in April 2007 which was conditional to the validity of the decision of the Council that Walter Mayer committed an offence against the FIS Anti-Doping Rules and the suspension of ten (10) years is upheld.

In July 2007, FIS received notification that the Higher Court of Appeal upheld the decision of the Appeal Court in Innsbruck to dismiss the appeal of Walter Mayer.

The case of the Kazakhstan Ski Association

At its Meeting in May 2007, the Council decided to sanction the Kazakhstan Ski Association in connection with the doping cases of Cross-Country Athletes Andrey Kondryshev, Yevgeniy Koshevoy, Ruslan Ochilov (KAZ) by fining them CHF 10'000 per athlete, totalling CHF 30'000 of FIS financial support based on clause 13.2 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules. Furthermore, the remainder of all funds of the Kazakhstan Ski Association were suspended until the Association demonstrates it is properly undertaking its role and obligations with anti-doping work.

On 15th October 2007, the Kazakhstan Ski Association submitted its report about the action it has taken to implement the responsibilities of a National Ski Association and measures taken to educate the athletes, coaches and officials about doping.

The Council decided that the suspension of the funds of the Kazakhstan Ski Association is lifted, but warned that the Association must remain in compliance with the obligations of anti-doping work.

11.2 National cases

The following decisions from national cases that have been reported to FIS were acknowledged by the Council:

Name	Nat	Disc.	Event tested	Substance/ Method	Sanction	Dates suspension
Remi Santiago, 2107	FRA	JP		THC	2 months, reduction if proving active promotion of doping free sport	01.10. - 01.12.2007
Matias Bourdel, 4979	FRA	JP		THC	2 months	01.10. - 01.12.2007

Name	Nat	Disc.	Event tested	Substance/ Method	Sanction	Dates suspension
Mikhail Semionov, 3480283	RUS	CC		Carphedon	2 years (increased from 1 year) after WADA intervention	04.04.2007 - 03.04.2009
Ekaterina Sheviakova, 3485332	RUS	CC		Furosemid	2 years (increased from 1 year) after WADA intervention	19.03.2007 - 18.03.2009
Andrey Morozov, 3480367	RUS	CC		Carphedon	2 years (increased from 1 year) after WADA intervention	19.03.2007 - 18.03.2009
Irina Artemova, 3485193	RUS	CC		Furosemide	2 years	31.05.2007 – 30.05.2009

11.3 FIS Anti-Doping Rules

The Council approved the following minor changes to the FIS Anti-Doping Rules and Procedural Guidelines to keep the rules and regulations in line with anti-doping developments:

5.7.1.3 At the FIS Junior World Championships, the competitions at which testing takes place during the event may be agreed in consultation with FIS (e.g. Alpine, 1 speed and 1 technical event per gender; Cross-Country and Nordic Combined 1 distance and 1 sprint event; Ski Jumping 1 competition, Freestyle and Snowboarding, per event).

As has been practiced since 2001 in the event of doping cases concerning athletes that have participated at the FIS World Championships, the following article describes the procedure:

12.3.4 The FIS financial support for the participant share relating to any Athlete who has committed an Anti-Doping Rule violation will not be credited to the National Ski Association (National Ski Association financial support is calculated based on an Athlete's participation at the previous FIS Alpine or Nordic World Ski Championships).

In the Procedural Guidelines to the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, the following article relates to the actual system used to support the medical organisation:

FIS.C.2.1.1 For the FIS Junior World Championships in the Nordic, Alpine, Freestyle and Snowboard Events the Medical Supervisor is in principle the organising nation's member of the FIS Medical Committee. In the event that the organising

nation does not have one, a suitable alternative member of the FIS Medical Committee will be assigned to support the Organising Committee.

The Medical Supervisor will be responsible prior to the designated event for liaising with the Organising Committee to check the medical organisation and assisting the Organising Committee in communicating with the Agency carrying out the doping control testing. It is not mandatory for the Medical Supervisor to be present during the event unless it is agreed between the Organising Committee and the Medical Supervisor that it is necessary.

FIS.D. OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING

FIS.D.1 Registered Testing Pool

The following criteria determine Athletes in the FIS Registered Testing Pool. In addition FIS can select athletes to be included in the FIS RTP (e.g. athletes applying for an exemption according to FIS.B.4.9).

11.4 Revision of the WADA Code

At its Meeting in Portoroz, the Council acknowledged the on-going revision of the World Anti-Doping Code which will be ready for the World Anti-Doping Conference in November 2007. The final draft of the WADA Code is available following the WADA Executive Board Meeting in late September, together with the revised International Standards for Testing which will become a mandatory part of the procedures for testing (Downloads are available on the WADA website <http://www.wada-ama.org> in the section World Anti-Doping Code).

Following the adoption of the revised World Anti-Doping Code which is scheduled to take place during the World Anti-Doping Conference in Madrid (SPA) from 14th - 17th November, together with the International Standards for Testing, WADA will again prepare Model Rules for the various organisations (International Federations, National Anti-Doping Organisations) for implementation of the Code in the respective organisation's rules and regulations.

The Council decided that subject to approval of the new World Anti-Doping Code at the WADA Conference, the FIS Rules will be updated for the 2008/09 season accordingly and the new Code will be submitted to the FIS Congress in 2008.

12. Appointment of Jury Members

The Council appointed the jury members for the remaining positions at FIS World Championships in the upcoming and future seasons. The full list of jury members for the Championships during the 2007/08 season follows, as well as

the nominations that were made by the Council in Bariloche for future Championships and events:

2008 Ski Flying World Championship, Oberstdorf, GER

Technical Delegate	Bertil Palsrud, NOR
TD Assistant	Marko Mlakar, SLO
Chief Distance Measurer	Ueli Forrer, SUI
Jumping Judges	Thomas Jürgen, GER Peter Stattmann, AUT Sandro Dalle Ave, ITA Hans Elvsveen, NOR Lech Pochwala, POL Joze Ograjensek, SLO
Equipment Control	Jouko Toermaenen, FIN
Technical Support	Sepp Gratzer, FIS
Medical Supervisor	Inggard Lereim, NOR

2008 FIS Nordic and U23 World Ski Championships, Szczyrk (POL)

Cross-Country

Technical Delegate	Tomas Granlund, SWE
TD Assistant	Niklas Turku, FIN
Jury Member	Ms. Kari Mette Vika, NOR

Ski Jumping

Technical Delegate	Eero Kuisinen, FIN
TD Assistant	Thomas Klauser, GER
Chief Distance Measurer	Gerhard Wenninger, AUT
Jumping Judges	Marek Tucznió, POL Willi Putz, AUT Mika Jukkara, FIN Nils Livland, NOR Vladimir Bras, SLO

Nordic Combined

Technical Delegate	Rainer Eberlein, AUT
TD Assistant	Michael Georgiev, CZE

2008 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Formigal (SPA)

Technical Delegate Ladies	Pierre Bornat, FRA
Technical Delegate Men	Stefano Pirola, CHI

2008 FIS Snowboard Junior World Championships, Khanty-Mansiysk, (RUS)

Technical Delegates: Helmut Lexer, AUT
Wojciech Golebiowski, POL

Head Judge: Paul Rak, CAN

Judges: Markus Thurner, AUT
Alexey Potapov, RUS
Lukasz Ligocki, POL
Ola Sundequist, SWE
Yoshimasa Takabatake, JPN

2009 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Val d'Isère (FRA)

Men's Jury Wilfried Däuber, GER
(replacing Peter Krogoll, GER)

2009 FIS Freestyle World Championships Inawashiro, (JPN)

Technical Delegate: Jyrki Säämänen, FIN
Assist Technical Delegate: Iain Mackay, GBR

Head Judge: Uli Menrad, GER
Assist Head Judge: Oleg Kitov, RUS

Judges: Midori Takano, JPN
Frank Howell, USA
Ola Sundequist, SWE
Olivier Grange, FRA
Stefan Buob, SUI
Timo Kanninen, FIN
Ian Hutchings, CAN

Score Verifier: Steve Brown, AUS

2009 FIS Snowboard World Championships, Gangwon Province, (KOR)

Technical Delegates: Mike Mallon, USA
Josh Lyle, AUS

Head Judge: Johan Korin, FIN
Assist Head Judge: Steén Webster, NZE

Judges: Marcello Centurione, CAN
Steve Brown, AUS
Kyoji Yokoyama, JPN
Ola Sundequist, SWE
Stefan Williner, SUI

Score Verifier:	Jesus Fiochi, SPA
Video Control:	Peter Krogoll, GER
Start Referee:	Viktor Krstevski, MKD
Finish Referee:	Michael Neuenschwander, SUI

2010 Olympic Winter Games, Vancouver (CAN)

Alpine Skiing

Ladies' Events: Technical Delegate	Peter Krogoll, GER
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Men's Events: Technical Delegate	Greg Johnson, USA
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Freestyle Skiing

Technical Delegates:	Heli Herdt, GER Jeffrey Lange, USA
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Assistant Technical:	Walt Hiltner, AUS
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Head Judge:	Martine Kohly, FRA
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Snowboard

Technical Delegates:	Fredrik Bergström, SWE Franz Weiss, AUT
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Jury*:	Andreas Görlich, GER
Jury*:	Markus Malsiner, ITA
Jury*:	Tom Winters, USA

(Jury* = Video Control, Start Referee, Finish Referee)

12.1 Appointment of key technical officials in World Championships Organising Committees

The Council approved the following proposals for the key technical officials for future FIS World Championships:

FIS Alpine World Ski Championships 2009, Val d'Isère (FRA)

Director General	Jean-Luc Fabre (replacing Jean-Paul Pierrat who is the deputy, and head of operations)
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2009 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships, Liberec (CZE)

President	Katerina Neumannova
Secretary General	Jaroslav Honzu
Assistant	Jana Noskova
Executive Director	Marek Rejman
Operations Director	Renata Abtova
Office Manager	Pavla Kubova
Sport Facilities	L. Tyfa / R. Heczko
Sport Organisation	Michal Lampolt

Cross-Country

Chief of Competition	Zora Honzlová
Substitute Chief of Comp.	Zdeněk Seidl
Chief of Race Office	Iveta Roubíčková
Ass. Chief of Race Office	Petra Skalická
Chief of Sub-Race Office	Petra Skalická

Ski Jumping

Chief of Competition	Leoš Škoda
Substitute Chief of Comp.	Dalibor Motejlek
Chief of Race Office	Zuzana Kunášková
Ass. Chief of Race Office	Jan Skrovný
Chief of Sub-Race Office	Jan Skrovný

Nordic Combined

Chief of Competition	Stanislav Slavík
Substitute Chief of Comp.	Michael Georgiev
Chief of Race Office	Lucie Slavíková
Ass. Chief of Race Office	Pánková Jitka
Chief of Sub-Race Office	Pánková Jitka

FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2011, Oslo (NOR)

Chief Executive Officer	Åsne Havelid
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13. World Cup Calendars

The Council approved minor modifications to the FIS World Cup calendars for the 2007/2008 season, the final versions of which are available on the FIS website.

The Council acknowledged the request of the German Ski Association to make further significant changes to the FIS World Cup calendars, but decided that despite the circumstances of the German Ski Association, such requests which include the addition of a Men's Alpine World Cup race in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in February 2008 and the cancellation/rescheduling of one of the stages of the FIS Tour de Ski in Oberstdorf cannot possibly be accepted with the season already underway. The only exception is with the Nordic Combined

calendar request (the competition season of which has not yet started) which sees the requested consolidation of events.

The Council approved the FIS World Cup calendars for the 2008/2009 season that are published on the following pages.

In regard to the Alpine Calendar for Men, the decision between candidates for the men's events in Bormio or La Thuile (ITA) will be decided in spring 2008.

Since the Nokia Snowboard FIS World Cup in Valle Nevado (CHI) was organised during the same period as the annual FIS autumn meetings in Zurich (SUI), the Snowboard Committee could not meet. Therefore no realistic, well-elaborated World Cup Calendar for the season 2008/2009 could be presented and the Snowboard Committee will submit its calendar to the Council in spring 2008.

PROPOSAL
FIS CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2008/2009

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Ladies	Men	Remarks	
Period I							
25.10.	Sat	Open		Sprint F	Sprint F	Opening	
26.10.	Sun	Open		Team Sprint F	Team Sprint F		
22.11.	Sat	Gällivare	SWE	10 km F	15 km F		
23.11.	Sun	Gällivare	SWE	4 x 5 km	4 x 10 km		
29.11.	Sat	Kuusamo	FIN	Sprint C	Sprint C		
30.11.	Sun	Kuusamo	FIN	10 km C	15 km C		
13.12.	Sat	Davos	SUI	10 km C	15 km C		
14.12.	Sun	Davos	SUI	4 x 5 km	4 x 10 km		
20.12.	Sat	La Clusaz	FRA	15 km F	30 km F		Mass Start
21.12.	Sun	La Clusaz/Grenoble	FRA	Sprint F	Sprint F		
Period II							
Tour de Ski							
28.12.	Sun	Sites T.B.C. in spring 2008 after season 2007/08					
29.12.	Mon						
30.12.	Tue						
01.01.	Thu						
02.01.	Fri						
03.01.	Sat						
04.01.	Sun						
15.01.	Thu	Vancouver	CAN	10 km F	15 km F		
16.01.	Fri	Vancouver	CAN	Sprint C	Sprint C		
17.01.	Sat	Vancouver	CAN	Pursuit	Pursuit		
24.01.	Sat	Otepää	EST	10 km C	15 km C		
25.01.	Sun	Otepää	EST	Sprint C	Sprint C		
Period III							
31.01.	Sat	Rybinsk	RUS	Pursuit	Pursuit		
01.02.	Sun	Rybinsk	RUS	Sprint F	Sprint F		
13.02.	Fri	Val di Dentro	ITA	Sprint F	Sprint F		
14.02.	Sat	Val di Dentro	ITA	10 km C	15 km C		
Period IV							
07.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN	10 km F	15 km F		
08.03.	Sun	Lahti	FIN	Sprint F	Sprint F		
11.03.	Wed	Drammen	NOR	Sprint C	Sprint C		
14.03.	Sat	Oslo	NOR	30 km C	50 km C		
World Cup Final							
18.03.	Wed	Stockholm	SWE	Sprint C	Sprint C		
20.03.	Fri	Falun	SWE	3.3 km F	3.3 km F		
21.03.	Sat	Falun	SWE	Pursuit 5+5	Pursuit 10+10		
22.03.	Sun	Falun	SWE	10 km F	15 km F	Handicap	

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**FIS SKI JUMPING SUMMER GRAND PRIX
CALENDAR 2008/2009**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Hill Size	Event	Remarks
I. Period						
26.07.	Sat	Hinterzarten	GER	HS 108	Team	Opening
27.07.	Sun	Hinterzarten	GER	HS 108		4-Nations Grand Prix
01.08.	Fri	Einsiedeln	SUI	HS 117	night	
03.08.	Sun	Courchevel	FRA	HS 132	night	
05.08.	Tue	Pragelato	ITA	HS 140	night	
29.08.	Fri	Zakopane	POL	HS 134	night	
30.08.	Sat	Zakopane	POL	HS 134	night	
05.09.	Fri	Hakuba	JPN	HS 131	night	
06.09.	Sat	Hakuba	JPN	HS 131	night	
03.10.	Fri	Oberhof	GER	HS 140		Final
04.10.	Sat	Liberec	CZE	HS 140	night	

PROPOSAL
FIS SKI JUMPING WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2008/2009

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Hill	Event	Remarks
II. Period						
28.11.	Fri	*)	*)			Opening
29.11.	Sat					
06.12.	Sat	*)	*)			
07.12.	Sun					
13.12.	Sat	*)	*)			
14.12.	Sun					
20.12.	Sat	Engelberg	SUI	HS 137		
21.12.	Sun	Engelberg	SUI	HS 137		
III. Period						
30.12.	Tue	Oberstdorf	GER	HS 137	night	Four Hills Tournament
01.01.	Thu	Garm.-Partenkirchen	GER	HS 138		
04.01.	Sun	Innsbruck	AUT	HS 130		
06.01.	Tue	Bischofshofen	AUT	HS 140	night	
IV. Period						
10.01.	Sat	Kulm	AUT	HS 200	Ski Flying	
11.01.	Sun	Kulm	AUT	HS 200	Ski Flying	
16.01.	Fri	Zakopane	POL	HS 134	night	
17.01.	Sat	Zakopane	POL	HS 134	night	
24.01.	Sat	Vancouver	CAN	HS 140		
25.01.	Sun	Vancouver	CAN	HS 140		
31.01.	Sat	Sapporo	JPN	HS 134	night	
01.02.	Sun	Sapporo	JPN	HS 134		
V. Period						
07.02.	Sat	Willingen	GER	HS 145	night/Team	Team Tour
08.02.	Sun	Willingen	GER	HS 145	night	
11.02.	Wed	Klingenthal	GER	HS 140	night	
14.02.	Sat	Oberstdorf	GER	HS 213	night/SF	
15.02.	Sun	Oberstdorf	GER	HS 213	night/SF/Team	
07.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN	HS 130	night/Team	
VI. Period						
08.03.	Sun	Lahti	FIN	HS 130		Nordic Tournament
10.03.	Tue	Kuopio	FIN	HS 127	night	
13.03.	Fri	Lillehammer	NOR	HS 138	night	
15.03.	Sun	Oslo	NOR	T.B.C.		
20.03.	Fri	Planica	SLO	HS 215	Ski Flying	Final
21.03.	Sat	Planica	SLO	HS 215	Flying/Team	
22.03.	Sun	Planica	SLO	HS 215	Ski Flying	

*) NSA/Organiser for the calendar will be selected at the spring meetings after the season analysis 2007/08!

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**PROPOSAL
FIS NORDIC COMBINED WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2008/2009**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	Hill	Dist.	Format	Remarks
I. Period							
29.11.	Sat	Kuusamo	FIN				Opening
30.11.	Sun	Kuusamo	FIN				
06.12.	Sat	Trondheim	NOR				
07.12.	Sun	Trondheim	NOR				
13.12.	Sat	Ramsau	AUT				
14.12.	Sun	Ramsau	AUT				
20.12.	Sat	Seefeld	AUT				
21.12.	Sun	Seefeld	AUT				
II. Period							
30.12.	Tue	T.B.C.	GER*)				German Grand Prix
03.01.	Sat	T.B.C.	GER*)				
06.01.	Tue	T.B.C.	GER*)				
10.01.	Sat	Val di Fiemme	ITA				
11.01.	Sun	Val di Fiemme	ITA				
16.01.	Fri	Vancouver	CAN				
18.01.	Sun	Vancouver	CAN				
24.01.		T.B.C.	USA**)				
25.01.		T.B.C.	USA**)				
III. Period							
14.02.	Sat	Chaux-Neuve	FRA				Final
15.02.	Sun	Chaux-Neuve	FRA				
06.03.	Fri	Lahti	FIN				
07.03.	Sat	Lahti	FIN				
14.03.	Sat	Oslo	NOR				
15.03.	Sun	Oslo	NOR				

*) Dates, sites and number of competitions have to be confirmed by the German Ski Association

**) Competition sites have to be confirmed by USSA until end of November 2007

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**PROPOSAL
FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2008/2009
LADIES**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	DH	SG	GS	SL	SC	NTE	Remarks	
October 08											
25.-26.	Sat-Sun	Opening Sölden	FIS / AUT			X				Opening L&M	
November 08											
15.-16.	Sat-Sun	Levi	FIN				X			L&M	
28.-30.	Fri-Sun	Aspen	USA		X	X	X				
December 08											
05.-07.	Fri-Sun	Lake Louise	CAN	XX	X						
13.-14.	Sat-Sun	La Molina	SPA			X	X				
20.-21.	Sat-Sun	St. Moritz	SUI	X				X		DH/SL	
28.-29.	Sun-Mon	Semmering	AUT			X	X			Night SL	
January 09											
04.	Sun	Zagreb	CRO				X				
10.-11.	Sat-Sun	Maribor	SLO			X	X				
17.-18.	Sat-Sun	Altenmarkt. Zauchensee	AUT	X				X		DH/SL	
23.-25.	Fri-Sun	Cortina d'Ampezzo	ITA	X	X	X					
30.01.02	Fri-Sun	Garmisch Partenk.	GER		X		X				
February 09											
21.-22.	Sat-Sun		SUI	X			X				
March 09											
28.-01.	Sat-Sun	Bansko *	BUL	X	X						
06.-07.	Fri-Sat	Tarvisio	ITA	X				X			
11.-15.	Wed-Sun	Are	FIS / SWE	X	X	X	X		X	Finals L & M	
Total resorts 16 / competitions 35					9	6	7	9	3	1	

* to be confirmed after EC events 2007/08 at the same period of the year!

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**PROPOSAL
FIS ALPINE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2008/2009
MEN**

Date	Day	Site	Nation	DH	SG	GS	SL	SC	NTE	Remarks	
October 08											
25.-26.	Sat-Sun	Opening Sölden	FIS / AUT			X				Opening L&M	
November 08											
15.-16.	Sat-Sun	Levi	FIN				X			L&M	
29.-30.	Sat-Sun	Lake Louise	CAN	X	X						
December 08											
04.-06.	Thu-Sat	Beaver Creek	USA	X	X	X	X				
13.-14.	Sat-Sun	Val d'Isère	FRA			X		X		SG/SL	
19.-20.	Fri-Sat	Val Gardena	ITA	X	X						
21.-22.	Sun-Mon	Alta Badia	ITA			X					
28.	Sun	Bormio or La Thuile	ITA	X							
January 09											
06.	Tue	Zagreb	CRO				X			Night	
10.-11.	Sat-Sun	Adelboden	SUI			X	X				
16.-18.	Fri-Sun	Wengen	SUI	X			X	X		DH/SL	
23.-25.	Fri-Sun	Kitzbühel	AUT	X	X		X*	K*			
27.	Tue	Schladming	AUT				X			Night	
30.-01.02	Fri-Sun	Garmisch Partenk.	GER	X				X		L&M	
February 09											
21.-22.	Sat-Sun	Sestriere	ITA			X	X				
March 09											
28.-01.	Sat-Sun	Kranjska Gora	SLO			X	X				
07.-08.	Sat-Sun	Kvitfjell	NOR	X	X						
11.-15.	Wed-Sun	Are	FIS / SWE	X	X	X	X		X	Finals L & M	
Total resorts 17 / competitions 36					9	6	8	10	3 + K	1	

* TBC - infrastructure has to be adapted

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**PROPOSAL
FIS FREESTYLE WORLD CUP
CALENDAR 2008/2009
LADIES / MEN**

Date	Day	Site	NAT	MO	AE	SX	HP	Remarks
December 08								
06.	Sat	Zermatt	SUI			X		
08.	Mon	Tignes	FRA	X				
19.-20.	Fri-Sat	Tbd	CHN		XX			
January 09								
09.-10.	Fri-Sat	Les Contamines	FRA			X	X	
14.	Wed	Flaine	FRA			X		
17.-18.	Sat-Sun	Lake Placid	USA	X	X			3 rd event tbd
24.-25.	Sat-Sun	Mont Gabriel	CAN	X	X			
31.-1.2.	Sat-Sun	Deer Valley	USA	X	X		X	
February 09								
07.-08.	Sat-Sun	Cypress	CAN	X	X	X*		
14.-15.	Sat-Sun	Are	SWE	XX				
21.-22.	Sat-Sun	Voss	NOR	X	X	X		
March 09								
12.	Thu	Grindelwald	SUI			X		
13.	Fri	Davos	SUI		X			
15.	Sun	Meiringen-Hasliberg	SUI			X		
20.-22.	Fri-Sun	La Plagne	FRA	X		X	X	
Total				09/09	8/8	8/8	3/3	

SWE with Branäs: Ski Cross still to be scheduled

* Subject to FIS SX competition as a training event by end of 2008 season.

FIS Freestyle World Championships, Inawashiro (JPN), 01. – 08.03.2009

13.1 Prize-money

According to the International Competition Rules art. 219.1, the FIS Council confirmed the values of prize-money for the 2008/2009 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
(The amount of CHF 2'500.— per competition shall be paid by the organisers in an “overall pool” that will be distributed at the World Cup Finals)
- Ski Jumping events:
Minimum cash prize per event: CHF 70'000.—
divided between 1 – 10
Minimum cash prize per double event: CHF 70'000.—
divided between 1-10
Minimum cash prize per team event: CHF 70'000.—
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 20'000.—
divided between 1 – 6
(The amount of CHF 2'500.— per competition shall be paid by the organisers in an “overall pool” that will be distributed at the World Cup Finals)
- Freestyle events:
Minimum cash prize per event: 15'000.—
divided between 1 – 10
- Snowboard events:
Minimum cash prize per event: CHF 25'000.—
divided between 1 – 10

The request for an increase in the amount of prize money for the Nordic Combined team event was rejected by the Council.

14. Proposals and requests from the National Ski Associations

14.1 **Change of licence**

At its Meeting in Portoroz the Council approved revised regulations for amending Article 203.5 relating to change of licence registration. Furthermore, the Council decided that these new regulations are provisionally implemented forthwith, subject to the final decision of the FIS Congress in 2008.

In Bariloche, the Council approved the following amendment to the second paragraph of the rules:

1. An athlete must possess the citizenship and passport of the country for which he/she wishes to compete.
2. In addition, the athlete must have had his/her principal legal and effective place of residence in the new country for a minimum of two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the request to change registration to the new country/National Ski Association, for all cases except where the athlete is ~~not~~ born in the territory of the new country or whose mother or father is a national of the new country.
3. The FIS Council reserves the right in its absolute discretion, to grant or to decline to grant, a change of licence notwithstanding the fulfilment of the aforementioned conditions where it deems there to be truly exceptional circumstances and it is in the best interests of snow sport to do so.
4. The onus shall be on the athlete to demonstrate in writing to the satisfaction of the FIS Council that such exceptional circumstances exist.

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The Council approved the following change of licence registration that are in compliance with the above regulations:

Cross-Country

- **Eugenia Medvedeva**, born 1985 – change from Russia to Belarus

Ski Jumping

- **Martin Sutor**, born 1991, Ski Jumping – change from Slovakia to the Czech Republic

Alpine Skiing

- **Robert Femy**, born 1989 – change from Canada to France
- **Fritz Dopfer**, born 1987 – change from Austria to Germany
- **Emanuele di Lorenzi**, born 1990 – change from Switzerland to Italy
- **Dow Travers**, born 1987 – change from Great Britain to Cayman Islands
- **Dillon Travers**, born 1991 – change from Great Britain to Cayman Islands
- **Patricia Gallyova**, born 1991 – change from Germany to Slovakia
- **Jonathan Hadley**, born 1986 – change from Canada to Great Britain
- **Sandra Balbi**, born 1991 – change from Switzerland to Canada
- **Alexander Fidjeland**, born 1991 – change from Germany to Norway
- **Fabian Denzler**, born 1980, change from USA to Switzerland

Freestyle

- **Stanley Hayer**, born 1973 – change from the Czech Republic to Canada (having changed from Canada to Czech Republic several years ago)
- **Sarah Sauvey**, born 1983 – change from Australia to Great Britain
- **Christopher Delbosco**, born 1982 (former Alpine athlete) – change from USA to Canada

Snowboard

- **Iouy Podlatchikov**, born 1988 – change from Russia to Switzerland
- **Liam Walsh**, born 1980 – change from Canada to Ireland

The application from the Canadian Ski Association for the transfer of Cross-Country skier Ivan Babikov to Canada from Russia was not approved, since the athlete does not have Canadian citizenship.

14.2 French Ski Association – Alpine World Cup injury status

The Council referred the proposal of the French Ski Association to the Alpine Committee and Sub-Committee for Alpine World Cup for consideration to amend art. 21 of the Rules for the Alpine World Cup relating to injury status. However, the Council stated that such an amendment to the rules could not be implemented before the 2008/09 season.

15. Proposals and requests from the Technical Committees

15.1 The Cross-Country Committee

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

7.6 Accommodation

Each organiser will be responsible for rooms at (~~standard or superior~~ 3 Star) incl. full board and 1 drink [3 dl]) for the **Red Group List and their qualified coaches**, for at least two nights before the first competition until at least the morning after the last competition. There shall be a maximum of two persons per room with separate beds.

For the other FIS World Cup team members (outside of the Red Group lists), the organiser shall offer the same quality room (standard 3 star) and full board at a maximum price of CHF 125.—

~~CHF 100.— Standard category (** and less)~~

~~CHF 125.— Superior category (*** and more)~~

per person (full board and 1 drink [3 dl]). There shall be a maximum of two persons per room with separate beds. The National Teams have to receive the same conditions for 5 days before the competition (3 Star, incl. full board and 1 drink [3 dl]). The prices for the accommodation may not be higher than the official local prices offered at the time of the World Cup event. If teams wish to use other hotels than the ones proposed by the OC, the effective costs must be paid, i.e. the OC must pay CHF 125.— to the NSA, who has members of the Red Group lists that are booked at another hotel.

SRS Industry

- Price for SRS representatives that are carrying out equipment service (servicemen) as for teams, if available (3 members get the same price as the teams)
- Invitation has to be sent to all SRS industry companies by the OC
- The entry will be done directly by each SRS industry company.

Sub Committee for Rollerski

Rollerski ICR

The following represents a new section for the Cross-Country ICR that will deal with the unique differences for FIS sanctioned Rollerski Competitions.

396 Rollerski Competitions

396.1 Rollerski ICR Definitions

- 396.1.1. The matters covered within this section of the ICR are intended to focus on the unique aspects of Rollerski sport that are significantly different from the methodologies used in Cross-Country ski sport as outlined in the previous sections of this ICR publication.
- 396.1.2. The previous sections in this ICR will to be used to give specific requirements in areas where there is direct similarity between Rollerski and Cross-Country. (Including ICR 200-226.2).
- 396.1.3. In addition, the underlying principles that apply in the Cross-Country sections of this ICR must also be applied to Rollerski sport.

396.2 Competition Equipment

- 396.2.1 Rollerski sport equipment must be available as a commercially produced product that is available to the general public.
- 396.2.2 Random controls will be carried out during the competition.
- 396.2.3 The diameter of the wheels must not be more than 100 mm.
- 396.2.4 The distance between the axles of the Rollerskis must not be less than 530 mm.
- 396.2.5 Two ski poles with specific Rollerski or Cross-Country skiing tips must be used.
- 396.2.6 Approved cycling helmets and eye protection must be worn.
- 396.2.7 Shoes or ski boots have to be fixed on the Rollerskis with a Cross-Country binding.
- 396.2.8 The changing of poles and Rollerskis is allowed during the competition.

396.3 Competition Formats and Programs

- 396.3.1 The following competition formats and recommended distances may be used and the competitions may be carried out in either classic or free technique:

Prologue	
Up-hill 4 – 6 km	all categories
Undulating 8 – 12 km	all categories

Interval Start or Pursuit

20 km	all Ladies and Junior Men
30 km	Senior Men

Uphill (Interval or Pursuit or Mass Start)

Up to 10 km	all Ladies and Junior Men
Up to 15 km	Senior Men

Individual Sprint

150 – 1000 m	all categories
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Pursuit (with or without a break)

4 – 20 km	all Ladies and Junior Men
4 – 30 km	Senior Men

Team Sprint (2 members per team)

2 x 2 km x 3 laps	Junior Men and all Ladies
2 x 2 km x 5 laps	Senior Men

Team Relay

4 km x 3 laps	Junior Men and all Ladies
6 km x 3 laps	Senior Men

All distances shall be measured to +/- 10% accuracy

396.4 Course Design Standards

- 396.4.1 Rollerski competitions are held on asphalt or similar artificial or natural surfaces which are hard packed.
- 396.4.2 The course must be designed with the highest priority being given to the safety of competitors.
- 396.4.3 Obstacles or hazardous objects along or beside the track must be removed, or if not possible, they must be clearly marked and where necessary protected by padding.
- 396.4.4 The course has to be at least 4 metres wide.
- 396.4.5 The downhill sections must not have any sharp curves.
- 396.4.6 Warm up and cool down areas must exist and be secured.

396.5 General Course Preparations

- 396.5.1 Courses should be ready for inspection and for official training by the teams at least one day before the competition.

396.5.2 Courses must be closed to normal traffic. Only the OC, Jury, security cars/motorbikes are allowed to be on the course during the competition or during official training.

396.6 Requirements of the Competitors

396.6.1 The competition season is defined as 1st January to 31st December. See CC ICR article 331.1 for age categories.

396.6.2 Final entries should be received at least 14 days before the competition starts.

396.6.3 Methods of seeding

396.6.4 Refer to ROL World Cup Rules for special seeding rules.

396.7 Servicing the Competitors during the Competition

396.7.1 During competitions which are 15 km or less, refreshment services are only permitted in the finish zone after the finish line.

396.7.2 For competitions greater than 15 km but less than 40 km, refreshment services are allowed along the course without the use of motorized vehicles. For competitions greater than 40 km, motorbikes may be allowed at the discretion of the jury.

396.7.3 Bicycles are forbidden on the course.

396.7.4 Competitors are permitted to change or repair equipment during the competition but they must do this without any outside assistance other than being handed the replacement equipment or tools.

396.8 Start and Finish Requirements

396.8.1 The start line must be clearly marked on the surface using paint.

396.8.1.1 Mass start areas must be a minimum of 6 m wide in order to permit a fair start.

396.8.1.2 Skating is not permitted for the first 70 m after the start.

396.8.1.3 Pursuit starts must have a minimum of two corridors that are a minimum of 10 m in length and each corridor must be a minimum of 2 m wide.

- 396.8.1.4 For World Cup during Mass Starts and Pursuit Starts it is required to video tape the no-skating areas at the start and the finish with a minimum of two digital video cameras.
- 396.8.1.5 There must be radio or phone contact between the start and the finish area.
- 396.8.1.6 There must be a loudspeaker system at the start and the finish area.
- 396.8.2 **Finish Area Requirements**
 - 396.8.2.1 Three finish corridors which are 2m wide must be marked for the final 100 m before the finish line. The final 200 m of the course should be relatively straight.
 - 396.8.2.2 For Rollerski World Cup and Rollerski World Championships the finish corridors must be video taped using a minimum of 2 digital video cameras. Play back units must be available in the jury room.
 - 396.8.2.3 The finish line must be clearly painted on the surface of the course.
 - 396.8.2.4 The Finish Zone (Roll Out Zone) which follows the finish line must be a minimum of 100 m.
 - 396.8.2.5 The start area, the finish area and the exchange area must be secure from spectators and unauthorised coaches and service personnel.
- 396.9 Timing**
 - 396.9.1 For Relay or Sprint competitions a photo finish camera must be used.
- 396.10 Exchange Zone**
 - 396.10.1 The exchange zone for Team Relay or Team Sprint must be a minimum of 15 m wide and 50 m in length.
 - 396.10.2 The exchange zone must be clearly marked with a line at the beginning of the zone. When the front wheel of the arriving competitor reaches this exchange line the corresponding team mate is allowed to depart the exchange zone. No physical contact between the competitors is required.

15.2 Proposals from the Jumping Committee

On request of the Jumping Committee, the Council approved the following proposals:

Basic Requirements FIS World Cup/Grand Prix Ski Jumping

The following shall be applied as Selection Criteria for the nomination as organiser of a FIS World Cup/Grand Prix event in Ski Jumping:

General Conditions

- Technical requirements in general must follow the „standards for the construction of jumping hills“. For all FIS event applications, the National Ski Association must submit a written guarantee that the event organiser will have a valid Jumping Hill certificate if it is required in the event season.
- In addition, a written guarantee is also required from the respective National Ski Association that the event organiser will undertake all the hill modification requirements for the specific facility as set forth by the FIS Sub-Committee for Jumping Hills.
- Additional review points to be evaluated for FIS World Cup/Grand Prix calendar applications will include the COCJ-M event and FIS-Cup event applications received from the respective National Ski Association's applicant in addition to the World Cup event application.
- The attendance of the number of athletes from the resp. NSA applicant at events of the FIS World Cup and Grand Prix calendar will also be taken into consideration.
- All aspects and requirements of the so called "Event Agreement" must be fulfilled and kept.

1. ORGANISATION

Service

- Organising Committee
- Invitation
- Information
- Team captain's meeting
- Team service

Transport

- Arrival/departure
- From/to venue
- Parking

Accommodation

- Rooms
- Food
- Flexibility

Accreditation

- Categories
- Procedure
- Technical system

NSA support

- Fore jumper
- Participation at other WC/GP events
- Development activities

2. FACILITY**Location**

- Local population
- Airport international
- Airport domestic
- Road access
- Altitude of competition site
- Meteorological and environmental conditions
- Stadium layout

Infrastructure

- Race office
- Judges tower
- Athlete's area
- Coaches platform take off
- Coach's platform landing area
- Service support
- Lift
- Communication equipment
- Warm up area
- Mixed zone
- Lightning system
- Toilets
- Equipment control
- Corridors
- Score board
- Video wall
- Public address system

Preparation

- Cooling system
- Starting area
- In-run
- Take off
- Landing area

- Out-run
- Artificial snow making system
- Personnel staff
- Equipment

Security

- Stadium areas
- Separations
- Control system

Safety

- Wind protection
- Safety barriers
- Short term weather information system
- First aid

3. EVENT FACTORS

Atmosphere

Entertainment

- Speaker
- Music
- Frame programme

Spectators

- Capacity
- Placement of stands

Marketing

- Concept

Hospitality

- VIP

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Event promotion

- Public information
- Activities
- Ticketing

Programme

- Date
- Schedule

TV Production

- Camera positions
- TV signal
- Commentary booth
- Briefing

Press and Media

- Media centre
- Photographers platforms
- IT
- Press conferences

Ceremonies

- Flower presentation
- Prize giving ceremony
- Prize-money

15.3 Proposals from the Committee for Nordic Combined

On request of the Nordic Combined Executive Board, the Council approved the following proposals:

511.2 Hill sizes OWG and WSC

Competitions are carried out on Large Hill (LH) and Normal Hill (NH) at OWG and WSC. -For NH at least K 95 = HS 105 and for LH at least K 120 = HS 134 is needed.

Changes to the World Cup Rules Nordic Combined**FIS World Cup A, Season 2007/08****6.2.8 SPRINT Qualification Format**

In a series of 3 competitions, the final competition can be carried out as a Qualification Format. The WRL points of the first two competitions are the basis for the qualification of the final SPRINT.

The 10 best athletes of the current World Cup standings are pre-qualified. The total number of participants is limited to 30. The starting order is according to the current World Cup standings.

6.2.9 Mass Start Format with Bonus Sprints

Bonus Sprints will be carried out during the Cross-Country competition to increase the attractiveness of the Mass Start format. These Sprints are carried out on attractive areas on the Cross-Country course (preferably in the stadium by passing at the intermediate time). The athletes get bonus meters for the following jumping competition.

The following Bonus Sprints can be fixed for the 10 km Mass Start competition on a course of 2,5 km:

<u>1st Bonus Sprint</u>	<u>after the 1st round (2,5 km)</u>
<u>2nd Bonus Sprint</u>	<u>after the 2nd round (5 km)</u>
<u>3rd Bonus Sprint</u>	<u>after the 3rd round (7,5 km)</u>

Evaluation of the Bonus Sprints

<u>1st and 3rd Bonus Sprints</u>	<u>1st – 3rd ranks</u>	<u>single valuation</u>
<u>2nd Bonus Sprint</u>	<u>1st – 6th ranks</u>	<u>double valuation</u>

Distribution of Bonus Meters

<u>NH</u>	<u>Bonus Sprint No. 1 + 3</u>	<u>Bonus Sprint No. 2</u>
	<u>1st rank = 2 m</u>	<u>1st rank = 4 m</u>
	<u>2nd rank = 1 m</u>	<u>2nd rank = 3 m</u>
	<u>3rd rank = 0,5 m</u>	<u>3rd rank = 2 m</u>
		<u>4th rank = 1,5 m</u>
		<u>5th rank = 1 m</u>
		<u>6th rank = 0,5 m</u>

On the NH a maximum value of 8 m is possible.

<u>LH</u>	<u>Bonus Sprint No. 1 + 3</u>	<u>Bonus Sprint No. 2</u>
	<u>1st rank = 3 m</u>	<u>1st rank = 6 m</u>
	<u>2nd rank = 2 m</u>	<u>2nd rank = 5 m</u>
	<u>3rd rank = 1 m</u>	<u>3rd rank = 4 m</u>
		<u>4th rank = 3m</u>
		<u>5th rank = 2 m</u>
		<u>6th rank = 1 m</u>

On the LH a maximum value of 12 m is possible.

The achieved meter values will be credited to the Cross-Country result.

15.4 Proposals from the Alpine Committee

On request of the Alpine Committee respectively its Sub-Committees, the Council approved the following proposals:

Changes to the ICR

- 601.4.1.2 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates proposes qualified TD's as Jury members to the Alpine Committee, who in turn submit the names to the FIS Council for approval. In order to qualify, a proposed member must hold a valid licence as a Technical Delegate of the FIS. ~~Furthermore, in order to function as the TD, the nominee must also be a member of a FIS Alpine Technical Committee.~~
- 607.3 ¹⁾ 1st year junior I: maximum number of starts per season in Giant Slalom and Slalom events counting for FIS points = 25. Any results from races after the maximum of 25 starts for the first year Junior I athletes are cancelled and therefore

not count for FIS points. There is no limit for participation in the speed disciplines Downhill and Super-G.

[The Sub-Committee for Classification will communicate infringements against this rule to the FIS Council.](#)

614.1.3

Warm up Slope

Appropriate warm up slopes ~~closed to the public~~ should be made available.

617.3.2

Combined results are calculated by adding together the race ~~times points~~ obtained in each event of the combined event.

~~(or OWGAWSCAWC: B~~ [by](#) adding the race [pointtime](#))

621.12

Double entries

If a competitor is entered into and drawn for a competition and subsequently leaves this competition in order to participate in another competition, he will not be permitted to return to the first competition. [The FIS Office will refer all double entries to the FIS Council](#) for appropriate action.

664

Immediate Announcement of Disqualifying Faults

664.1

~~Particularly in Slalom (or in Parallel races) the decision can be made~~ [The Jury may](#) ~~can~~ [decide](#) that the gate judge will signal a disqualifying fault immediately ~~by~~

664.2

~~The immediate indication of a disqualifying fault can be made in the following ways:~~

664.2.1

~~In good visibility by~~ raising a flag of a particular colour ~~.~~

664.2.2

~~In bad visibility or fog,~~ by a sound signal.

664.2.3

~~By~~ [by](#) other means as provided by the organisers [\(art. 670 video conrol\)](#).

664.32

[The gate judge must record all infringements on his check card regardless of immediate announcements.](#) ~~The immediate announcement does not relieve the gate judge from recording on his check card.~~

- 664.34 The gate judge is required to give information to the Jury members on request.
- ~~Note: Are Rules in 664 valid for Slalom or should these Rules apply only to Parallel races only? If so then we should remove this section and add it to Parallel~~
- 680.1** **Rigid Poles**
Round, uniform poles with a diameter between a minimum of 20 mm and a maximum of 32 mm without joints are allowed as rigid poles. They must be of such a length that when set, they project about 1.80 m out of the snow and they must be made of a non-splintering material (plastic, plasticised bamboo or material with similar properties).
- ~~For Downhill a maximum diameter of 50 mm is allowed (Rigid poles and Flex poles (max 35 mm)).~~
- 680.2.2** **FIS Specifications for Flex Poles**
All further details in regard to construction and functioning of the flex poles are regulated in the valid FIS Specifications for flex poles.
- 701.1** **Vertical Drop**
- 701.1.1** **Men's Courses**
For Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships, FIS World Cups and FIS Continental Cups
- 800 m (in exceptional cases 750 m, for Continental Cups ~~550~~ 650 m) - 1100-m.
- For all other FIS races:
- 500 m - 1100 m (Junior 700 m)
- 801.2.3** A gate must have a minimum width of 4 m and a maximum of 6 m.
- The distance between ~~two~~ gates within combinations (hairpin or vertical) (1) may not be less than 0.75 m. ~~This distance must exist between the poles of different gates as well as between the gate line of one gate and the poles of another.~~

The distance from turning pole to turning pole of successive open or closed gates may not be less than 6 m, nor more than 13 m (valid for all categories/levels). (2)

Delayed turns must have a minimum distance of 12 m and a maximum distance of 18 m from turning pole to turning pole. (3)

803.2 A Slalom must contain horizontal (open) and vertical (closed) gates as well as a minimum of one and maximum of three vertical combinations consisting of three to four gates and at least three hairpin-combinations. Slalom should also contain minimum of one and maximum of three delayed turns.

803.3 The most important types of gates and combinations of gates are: Open gates, closed vertical gates, vertical combinations, hairpin-combinations and delayed turns.

1001.3.4 The Super-G has to be set as follows: 10% of the vertical drop equals the maximum number of gates, respectively changes of direction. A minimum of 35 gates must be set for men and 30 gates for ladies (Exception according art. 1001.1.1: vertical drop of 450 m: minimum of 32 gates). The minimum number of gates (men 35, ladies 30) counts only those requiring change of direction.

The distance between the turning poles of two successive gates must be at least 25 m (exception: art. 1003.1.1).

Children I and II: minimum ~~8~~10%, maximum ~~10~~2% direction changes of the vertical drop.

Entry League (ENL) Men: minimum 10% of the vertical drop

1100210 **Combined Competitions / Common regulations**
(As it is an "event" with own FIS points)

1100.7 The Combined results are calculated by adding the race times of the single events or runs. Special forms of Combined events (Art. 1103) can be calculated according to other regulations. These regulations can also be valid for the Special forms of Combined events (Art. 1103).

- 1101 Super Combined**
- 1101.1 Is the result of a Downhill or Super-G run and a single Slalom run held according to the technical regulations for Slalom and those for DH or SG. The Super Combined event consists of two runs.
- 1101.3 ~~If possible b~~Both runs should be held on one day (exceptions can only be decided by the Jury).
- 1102 Classical Combined**
- 1102.2 If the Slalom is held as the second event, those competitors marked with K or ZK start last in the second run, if they aren't qualified within the top 30 competitors. ~~The Jury may nevertheless let them start before the 30th competitor qualified for the second run in case the number of K and ZK competitor is low.~~
- 1220 Parallel Events (old 1100)**
- ~~122~~104.1 Each course is designated by a series of gates, poles or curve markers; each gate marker is composed of two slalom poles with a GS gate flag measuring ~~approx. 30 cm wide by approx. 70 cm high,~~ stretched between them and fastened in such a way so as to tear or break away (see also art. 690).

New numbers: Articles 1250 become 608

Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

FIS Points Rules

Minimum penalty for Entry League races (all events): 40.00 FIS Points

Electronic Data Processing / Working Group Timing

- Nomination of two developers specialized in the problems of timing.
- To appoint three persons specialized in the process definition, the presentations, in the assistance at the companies of programming as well as the assistance to be brought to the users being, normally all specialists in data processing. This Group will primarily work and communicate through emails, telephone conferences, chats, etc. Meetings will be held only if necessary.

15.5 Proposals from the Freestyle Committee

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

Changes to the ICR

3020 The Competition Committee & Competition Officials

3020.1 The Competition Committee

Appointments by the organizer

The organizer appoints all other members of the organizing committee. The chairman (or their representative) represents the committee in public, leads the meetings and makes decisions concerning all matters that are not made by other persons or groups. Before, during and after the competition they work closely with the International Ski Federation and their appointed officials. He takes on all other duties that are necessary for carrying out the competition.

- The Chief of Competition;
- The Chief of Course;
- The Chief of Timing;
- The Chief of Scoring;
- The Competition Secretary;
- The Chief Steward;
- The Chief of Medical and Rescue Services;
- The Chief of Course Equipment;
- The Chief of Press;
- The Chief of Sound/and DJ;
- The Chief of Gate Judges;
- The Chief of Maintenance.

3020.2.11 The Chief of Gate Judges

The Chief of Gate Judges is responsible for all the gate judges and the conveying of the necessary information to the jury.

3020.2.12 The Chief of Maintenance

The Chief of Maintenance is responsible to control the work of side slippers and other course crew during competition and training in order to provide for the preparation of the slope

3020.2.13 Referee

The referee will record the reports from the Chief of Gate Judges about the infraction of the rules and the gate faults at the end of heat and at the end of the competition. Checking, signing and posting referee minutes immediately after each heat on the official notice board.

3032.1 Composition

The Jury consists of the following members who are members of the Organizing Committee:

- The Race Director (Chairman) - appointed by FIS for major competitions
- TD appointed by FIS
- Head Judge / Referee (SX) - appointed by FIS
- Chief of Competition - appointed by the organizer

3043.7.4 The start order will include the following information:

- Name of Competition Sponsor;
- Name of Competition;
- Site of Competition;
- Dates;
- Times;
- FIS Codes
- Name, Nationality, and Bib Number of Competitors
- Starting Order Number
- Name and Nationality of Jury and Judges;
- Name and Nationality of Chief of Course;
- General Course Standards;

3045.2.2 The Official Results must contain the following information:

- Name of Competition Sponsor;
- Name of Competition;
- Site of Competition;
- Date and Time of Competition;
- Name and Nationality of Jury and Judges
- Name and Nationality of Chief of Course;
- General Course Standards;
- Name of Organization, Club or Association;
- Competitor Names, Nationalities, Bib Numbers; FIS Points
- FIS Codes;
- Complete Scoring Calculations (i.e.: individual judges scores, and where applicable degree of difficulty factors, speed of competitor, speed points, Dual Mogul protocols, Ski Cross protocols)
- Sanction of National Ski Association and FIS;
- Signature of TD approving the above list.

4505.6**Gate Judges**

Gate Judges — between A SX Competition must have a minimum of 4- and a maximum of 8 Gate Judges placed appropriately on the entire length of the course so as to provide for a full visual reference of all gates and features to those Gate Judges. All Gate Judges must be able to communicate by (with radios connected with the to both the fFinish-rReferee as well as the Chief of Gate Judges.) on a Ski Cross is necessary. They All Gate Judges must be familiar with the rules governing a SX Competition and in particular those rules governing (Inspection, Training, Gate-DSQ and Contact, etc.). A Gate Judge may be responsible for the supervision of one or more gates. A Gate Judge must observe accurately whether the passage of the competitor was correct through their area of observation and immediately report both in writing and by radio any gate fault or breaches of the rules.

4507.3**Ski Cross Start ramp and Start Device**

The Start Ramp shall be prepared in such a way that the competitors can stand relaxed in the starting device and can quickly reach full speed after leaving the start.

The specifications can be adjusted to the needs of the specific course.

The start gates are to be placed in the center of the courses. The gates have to open simultaneously and it must be impossible for a competitor to open the gates himself or block the opening of the gate by applying force to the gate.

Standards:

Hinged gates, each 100 cm wide and 40 cm in height.

There shall be 60 cm between the outside edges of each gate section.

The height of the handles shall be 95 cm above the snow level and set parallel to the hinged gate. The size of each handle shall be 10 cm long with a width between 3 cm to 4 cm. The width between the ends of each handle needs to be between 80 cm – 90 cm. Different positions for the handles should be available for children and junior skiers.

The starting surface of the gate must be covered with a protection for the skis. The gate must have sufficient weight to operate properly.

The bolt (lock) system should operate in such a way that the gates open outward, as least past 45 degrees, on operation of a single control mechanism. Mechanical controls are all preferred over electrical ones, for reasons of reliability and portability.

All Start Device for FIS World Cup, FIS World Championships and Olympic Winter Games need to be approved by the FIS.

4510 Final Ranking

4510.1 Four Person Format

Skiers 1 to 4 are ranked according to their place of finish in the final heat. Skiers 5 to 8 are ranked according to their place of finish in the consolation round. All remaining skiers are ranked according to the round they go out in (i.e. quarter finals) and their qualification times within that round. (example: skiers ranked 8 9 to 16 in the quarterfinal would be ranked according to their qualification times.)

4700 Freestyle Team Competition Rules

4701 Type of Team Competitions

The team competition rules can be used in the aerial and mogul events. The competitions can either be in the men's event or the ladies event or a mixed competition of ladies and men.

4702 Freestyle Team Competition Team Size

Maximum team size of three (3) athletes on one team. Teams can be made up of male or female athletes or a mixed team of male and female athletes. No more than two athletes can be of one gender on each mixed team. There needs to be at least 5 or more ladies or men's teams to hold those competitions separately, if not then the mixed team competition will be held.

4703 Number of teams per Nation

One team is allowed per Nation.

4704 Competition Format

There are three competition rounds. Each athlete can only take part in one round and take one run.

4705 Draw and Starting List

The start order for the first round is based on a random draw of the nation (not the skiers name). The athlete is named in the start gate just before the run. In the second and third round, the nations run in the reverse order of the ranking of the previous round. The start order for the second round is based upon the results of the first round and the ranking is done by nation. The start order for the third round is based upon the results of the second round.

The ranking after each round is announced.

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Ranking

Each score from each team member is added up and the teams are ranked after each round according to these totals.

The national team with the highest total score after the third rounds wins. All other teams are ranked according to their scores.

15.6 Proposals from the Committee for Advertising Matters

On request of the Committee for Advertising Matters, the Council approved the following proposals that are valid from the 2008/09 season:

Total surface area of all commercial markings on the clothing

Art. 2.4.2

The total surface area of all commercial markings on the clothing of one person shall not exceed ~~300~~ 350 cm². The maximum surface area for a single marking is 100 cm².

Commercial markings of the same sponsor may not appear one above the other or one beside the other. The national association may decide on the placing of the commercial markings.

Art. 2.4.3

Roll necks may in addition to the ~~300~~ 350 cm² display the manufacturer's trademark and/or sponsor, which may also be divided into two parts, with a maximum total surface area of 20 cm².

~~Should the roll neck be used for sponsor logos, then it is not counted within the total of 300 350 cm² for commercial marking.~~

Art. 2.4.4

A military symbol (emblem), indicating the national military organisation and similar organisations may be displayed (not on headgear or race suits), with a maximum size of 20 cm². This symbol is including within the ~~300~~ 350 cm² total surface area of the commercial markings. This applies as well to markings of charitable organisations.

The proposal from the Committee for Advertising Matters to extend this regulation to non-profit and other non-commercial organisations was rejected.

Furthermore, the Council tabled the following proposal of the Committee for Advertising Matters for “small advertising installations” in alpine technical races for further study and is categorically against creating such a “corridor of advertising” either side of the race course.

- In Alpine technical races (SL, GS) it is allowed to position small advertising installations means close to the course-line with a size of 100cm width/60cm height maximum, where due to security reasons the regular banners are positioned far from the actual line.
- The advertising must show the exact design or part of the design as shown on the regular banners. The placement of the smaller banners must be in accordance with FIS Race Directors and must fulfil all security and safety conditions.

Enforcement of the FIS Rules regarding commercial markings on athletes

- A detailed method of rules enforcement incorporating the following principles:
 1. Positive communication and constructive education to prevent violation.
 2. Instead of financial sanctions, a system where a written warning is issued to the athlete and to the NSA detailing the violation and providing the opportunity to cure within a short period of time. Thereafter if the violation is not cured, the athlete will not be allowed to start at the next competition.
 3. Enforcement should be applied in a consistent manner.
 4. It is the National Ski Association’s responsibility to ensure that it’s competitors clothing and equipment adhere to the rules. Control is the responsibility of FIS.

15.7 Proposals from the Speed Skiing Committee

On request of the Speed Skiing Committee, the Council approved the following proposals that are valid from the 2008/09 season:

Speed Skiing ICR precisions

- 1233.4.1** Starting points are set by the Jury and are indicated with a pole, a fence or a banner. The approach from the public piste to a point level with the current start area must be securely protected to stop racers and/or equipment from slipping on the downhill side; this security fence is known as the CAT line.

Comment: This is to improve security for racers to get to the subsequent start points. As a mark of respect to Caitlin Tovar who died following a slip at Les Arcs, the committee propose to call this the CAT line.

1233.8.1 A competitor may only start at ~~anywhere on the launching area below~~ the start point currently in use. However, all competitors must remain above the start line until the Starter has announced "Go", at which time the competitor should descend to the his/her selected start point and start the run within the following 60 seconds.

Comment: This is also to improve on-piste safety following the accident in Les Arcs. Support cannot be safely provided for racers who descend below the in-use start area netting, and out of range of the start personnel. Hence they may only start from the current start point.

1234.3.1 In use, the athlete must hold the poles at their upper limit – i.e. they must not protrude forward of the hands. ~~Furthermore, in order to avoid dangerous manoeuvres, such as 'hooking of poles', the athlete must maintain the same arm position while passing through and out of the timing zone.~~

Comment: This rule has proved unnecessary and impossible to police, since the athlete needs to make adjustments to his stance frequently to maintain balance, and thus safety. A rigid stance could contribute to an accident, and the shape of the ski poles means that they cannot be pushed forward in any case.

1234.5 All elements of Skiboosts must be from the same standard model(s). Skiboosts cannot weigh more than 6kg per pair. Boots may not have any added aerodynamic appendages or streamlining, but may be partly covered by the legs of the ski suit. Boots must be capable of being opened by hand and without the use of any tools.

Comment: In order to reduce drag, some racers have removed the boot clips and secured the boots with industrial closers, needing a screwdriver to tighten or open them. This is dangerous, and could impede first aid in the case of an accident.

1234.6 A crash helmet in toto (both inner and outer). For the 2007/08 season, racers may use inner helmets conforming to CE 1077 standards and fitted with an approved outer-helmet fixation system accompanied by a maker's certificate. In the case of such helmets, the "circle test" is increased to 48 cm in diameter.

Comment: Scott have now produced a helmet which meets standard racing helmet standards (CE 1077), which incorporates an outer-helmet fixation device maintaining the structural integrity of the helmet. These are now mandatory for Pro racers, and optional for FIS events. We hope to bring these improved helmets fully into use in the 2008/9 season.

Further points of interest:

- I. Les Arcs (FRA) has to be re-homologated before use as a FIS event
- II. The Speed Skiing Committee expressed their support for Vars (FRA) holding a WC in 2008 prior to the World Championships 2009. Their OC meets on Friday 5th October for the first time.
- III. Salla's (FIN) desire to hold a double WC (in calendar) is supported, with proviso that the Hakkinen Jubilee race is the first of the 2 events.
- IV. New pistes are to be homologated in ISL and NZE.
- V. CAN is to be approached to support CAN TD (Blake Andreassen) to do a TD assignment in Europe (to avoid another repeat assignment).

15.8 Proposals from the Committee for Telemark Skiing

On request of the Telemark Committee, the Council approved the following proposals that are valid from the 2008/09 season:

International Competition Rules (ICR)

New Art.

2050.2.1 The starting order of the 2nd run is determined by reversing the finish order of the 1st run. If there is an unequal number of 1st run finisher, the 1st athlete (the slowest competitor) will race unopposed to ensure that there is a final pairing.

replace the existing articles

~~1805.5~~ The distance jumped is measured to the heel of the hindmost boot.

~~1906.4~~ The distance jumped is measured to the heel of the hindmost boot.

~~2003.5~~ The distance jumped is measured to the heel of the hindmost boot.

with the following wording:

- 1805.5 The Jump distance is measured anywhere between the two boots
- 1906.4 The Jump distance is measured anywhere between the two boots
- 2003.5 The Jump distance is measured anywhere between the two boots

Comment: Jump landing rule change: the purpose of this rule change is to ensure the racer safety and to align the jump rules with existing landing rules in Ski Jumping by altering the existing wording.

New Art.

- 1909 Special rules for Classic into FIS Telemark world championships
- 1909.1 The Classic competition must be organised as the last event in the FIS Telemark World Championships program and must be considered as the super final event.
- 1909.2 Juniors
In order to qualify for the Classic race, Junior athletes must have either less than 100 FIS points in the Classic FIS points list or finish in the top 33 % in either the Telemark or Sprint events preceding the Classic competition at these World Championships.
- 1909.3 Female
In order to qualify for the Classic race, female athletes must have either less than 100 FIS points in the Classic FIS points list or finish in the top 10 in either the Telemark or Sprint events preceding the Classic competition at these World Championships.
- 1909.4 Male
In order to qualify for the Classic race, Male athletes must have either less than 100 FIS points in the Classic FIS points list or finish in the top 30 in either the Telemark or Sprint events preceding the Classic competition at these World Championships.

Comment: This rule has been added to ensure the safety of the male, female and junior athletes and to raise the level of the Classic competition. The Classic event is to be considered the premier event at the World Championships and will take place on the final day of the event.

15.9 The Committee for Competition Equipment

At its Meetings in Vilamoura in spring 2006, the Council confirmed changes to the length, width and radius of Alpine skis and ski boot standing height as from the 2007/08 season for World Cup and Continental Cup and 2008/09 for FIS-level competitions.

In consultation with the Ski Racing Suppliers (SRS), it has become apparent that the new material will not be available for all Continental Cup level athletes in time for the northern hemisphere season. As a consequence the following practical solution has been approved by the Equipment Committee via correspondence and confirmed by the Council in Bariloche:

- the new rules will be strictly applied at World Cup level from the start of season 07/08
- at COC level, the new rules are applicable, however, equipment within the existing specification (06/07) will be accepted in the sense of a tolerance valid only for one more year.

15.10 Sub-Committee for Alpine Citizen Races

The Council acknowledged the revised regulations submitted that will be published on the FIS Website, subject to minor review of some details by the FIS Alpine Office. Furthermore, the Council stated that a series may not be named after a serving FIS official and any proposal to name an event after any person, place, etc. is subject to the approval of the FIS Council.

16. Nomination of FIS Committee Members

On proposal of the National Ski Associations, the Council appointed the following persons as Committee Members for the remaining period 2006 – 2008:

The Austrian Ski Association

- Klaus Exenberger as member of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses replacing the deceased Rudolf Rohregger
- Heinz Stohl as new inspector/controller of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses
- Karl Reisenbichler as new inspector/controller of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

The Canadian Ski and Snowboard Association

- Frank Robert Caputo as member of the FIS Court, replacing Don Brenner

The French Ski Association

- Pierre Bornat as a member of the Alpine Working Group of the Sub-Committee for Youth and Children

The United States Ski and Snowboard Association

- Calum Clark as member of the Conference of the Sub-Committee for Alpine World Cup, replacing Annette Royle
- Larry Gaul as member of the Medical Committee, replacing Melinda Roalstad
- Richard Quincy as Corresponding Member of the Medical Committee, replacing William Sterett
- Jim Stein as member of the Committee for Telemark Skiing, replacing Duncan Edwards
- Dick Coe as member of the Committee for Recreational Skiing, replacing Bill Gorton

16.1 FIS Committee Structure

The Council approved updated Rules for the Committees that is posted on the FIS Website. They will be distributed to the National Ski Associations in January 2008 together with the information about the procedures for proposing membership of FIS Committees for the period from 2008 to 2010.

16.2 Ethics Commission

To date there are two personalities who have confirmed their acceptance as members of the FIS Ethics Commission, Hans Blix and Professor Hans Küng. The former Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan has responded that he is unable to accept the invitation due to the many other functions he has already accepted.

A proposal for a third member is currently sought and National Ski Associations are welcome to contact the FIS Secretary General if they have suggestions for an outstanding personality of the calibre of the existing members to whom they have a contact.

17. Membership of FIS

17.1 Grenada International Sports Foundation

At the Council Meeting in Oberhofen on 17th November 2006, the Council decided to suspend the activities of the Grenada International Sports Foundation including the participation of athletes and to submit a proposal to the International Ski Congress in 2008 to end the membership of the Grenada International Sports Foundation with FIS.

In Bariloche the Council confirmed the suspension of the Grenada Ski Association and will include the issue of its membership status with FIS on the Agenda of the 2008 International Ski Congress in Cape Town.

17.2 The Greenland Ski Federation

The Greenland Ski Federation submitted an application for membership with FIS. Since there is no National Olympic Committee in Greenland, letters of support from the Danish Ministry of Culture and the Danish Ski Association were provided.

The FIS Statutes clearly state that only members of autonomous states respectively sovereign countries are accepted as members of FIS and therefore the Council decided that it is unable to consider the application.

17.3 Participation in Aid & Promotion Seminars and Courses

The Council confirmed that as part of the Aid & Promotion programme for developing nations, FIS Member National Ski Associations with two votes, as well as those with one vote are entitled to participate in the various Aid & Promotion seminars, training courses, etc. However, the budget that was approved by the Council in spring 2007 remains the same.

17.4 Speed Skiing, Grass Skiing and Roller Skiing Activities

Following an analysis of the activities of the disciplines of Speed Skiing, Grass Skiing and Roller Skiing in the National Ski Associations, the Council decided to propose to the Congress that Speed Skiing, Grass Skiing and Roller Skiing are graded as “associate disciplines” and receive smaller trophies, medals, etc. compared to the “major disciplines” FIS World Championships and World Cups.

Furthermore, criteria will be defined to determine conditions such as the level of participation required for an event to be designated as a FIS World Championships or World Cup, etc. In the event that these levels are not met, an alternative title such as International Championship or International Cup will be used.

18. The International Ski Congress

18.1 The 46th Congress in Cape Town (RSA) 2008

The 46th International Ski Congress will take place from Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st May 2008 in Cape Town (RSA).

The registration form and detailed information was sent to all National Ski Associations, Committee Members and other parties in July 2007.

The Council confirmed the provisional agenda and the programme for the meetings of the Council and the Committees during the 2008 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 2008 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 2008 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, 25 th May 2008	Arrival Golf Tournament for registered players
Sunday, 25 th May 2008	Welcome Cocktail
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, 26 th , 27 th and 28 th May 2008	Meetings of the FIS Council and the FIS Committees
Thursday, 27 th May 2008	Excursion with lunch
Friday, 28 th May 2008	Congress Closing Dinner
Saturday, 29 th May 2008	Departure or post congress tours

18.2 The 47th Congress 2010 in Antalya (TUR)

Following the decision of the Council at its Gathering in Åre (SWE) to appoint Turkey with Antalya as host of the International Ski Congress in 2010, it was agreed during the Council Meeting in Portoroz to investigate the security situation. In Bariloche, the Council decided that the arrangements for the organisation of the 2010 FIS Congress should proceed, whereby FIS Travel Service needs to take out appropriate insurance to cover the eventuality of cancellation in the event of a worsening of the situation in Turkey.

19. Other business

19.1 FIS Staff

The change in the organisation of the Finance Department is reported with the addition of Human Resources to the Finance Management.

19.2 Ski Racing Suppliers (SRS)

A Working Group with the ski industry co-chaired by the FIS President Gian Franco Kasper and the SRS co-Presidents was formed after the FIS Calendar Conference in spring 2007.

Two meetings have taken place during which different issues have been addressed. One aspect concerns different ways for the ski industry and the National Ski Associations to find solutions to reduce the costs.

The second theme has focussed the way FIS and the ski industry can collaborate on initiatives for the promotion of ski sport and initiatives to participation.

19.3 Special Project “Bring back Children to the Snow”

The Council approved an important campaign to “Bring back Children to the Snow” announced by the FIS President Gian Franco Kasper. This will be a worldwide project to encourage children and families to skiing and to the snow. Introducing youngsters to skiing and the snow is vital for the future of our sports and the project is foreseen to involve Governments and schools, tourism organisations, UNESCO foundation and the ski industry, which has already pledged its support.

A leading public relations agency specialised in such campaigns will be sought and tasked with development and implementation of such a project.

19.4 Optimisation of the FIS Alpine World Cup

The Council approved collaboration with the sports television and marketing agency Infront to develop a project to optimise the branding, marketing and impact of the FIS Alpine World Cup.

20. Next Meeting with the FIS Council

The spring meetings of the FIS Council will take place during the 46th International Ski Congress 26th to 31st May 2008 in Cape Town (RSA).

The 2008 autumn meeting will take place on 14th November 2008, on invitation of the Finnish Ski Association in conjunction with its centenary during the FIS Alpine World Cup races in Levi (FIN).

Furthermore, the Council decided that one of its two official meetings per year, in principle the autumn meeting will take place in Oberhofen at the FIS Headquarters.

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Proposals of National Ski Associations and Technical Committees, etc. for the spring meetings have to be sent to the FIS Secretary General before 15th April 2008

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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

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Sarah Lewis
Secretary General

Oberhofen, 12th November 2007
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