

<p style="text-align: center;">All proposals and decisions of the FIS Alpine Committee were approved by the FIS Council at its online Meeting held on 25.05.2020</p>

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman, Bernhard Russi (SUI), welcomed all online present to the 90th meeting of the FIS Alpine Committee and extended his greetings to Gian Franco Kasper, FIS President, Sarah Lewis, FIS General Secretary, Council Members, as well as members of Working Groups.

2. Roll Call

Janez Fleré (FIS) conducted the Roll Call. (see page 27)

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda, without additions or remarks, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 89th Meeting held in October 2019 in Zurich (SUI) were, without comments or remarks, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

From Sarah Lewis FIS Secretary General

She welcomes all members of the Alpine Committee, NSA representatives and thanked all organisers who suffered the damage of cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The main goal is to focus on the future and how to approach the next winter season with the correct solutions. She explained how important next season will be in order to safeguard the future of our sport and the World Cup and of course the World Championships. To find solutions to travel restrictions and event limitations for the organisers will be one of our tasks. *The FIS Council will establish a task force that includes members of the National Ski Association organising nation, the respective local organising committee, broadcast-commercial rights holder, FIS Race Director and Management, Medical Committee representative, Alpine Committee Chair and Council member from the organising nation*

The slides show details of how FIS is working in finding solutions to organise the FIS World Cup 2020/21.

OBJECTIVE: TO ORGANISE FIS WORLD CUP 2020-2021

ACTION AGAINST CORONA

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

To find **solutions** for FIS World Cup to take place and broadcast, with the underlying principle of providing a **safe environment** for the athletes and all participants.

The potential **challenges** to **address** in all disciplines and coordinate the strategy:

1. **Travel** Restrictions
2. Sport Event **Organisation** Restrictions
3. **Changing** Situation During Season

FIS WORLD CUP 2020-2021 / WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FUNDAMENTAL FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

1. No broadcast visibility and media coverage during 2020-2021 season would take **many years to recover**
2. FIS World Cup and World Championship Events are a **main source of financing** for many organising **National Ski Associations**
3. Some **Organisers** and **Resorts** may not be able to **return or recover** if they lose their competitions
4. Impact entire **operational expenditure** and National Ski Association **financial support** from FIS

TRAVEL SITUATION: **POTENTIAL SCENARIOS**

1. Best Case: Travel is permitted without/minimal limitations
 - **World Cup per existing calendars**
2. Limitation for a nation to leave their country
 - **To manage with authorities**
3. Access to some nationalities subject to quarantine
 - **Option to avoid events in these countries, or organise block in region**
4. No access to some nationalities in certain countries
 - **Review calendar for countries who do not permit participating nations**

TRAVEL LIMITATIONS: **SOLUTIONS**

- Participation Criteria defined minimum nations with access to host country:
 - **Per discipline and event: e.g. World Cup point scoring nations during 2018-2019 season with an active athlete ranked in top xx**
- Access permitted only with quarantine for some defined nations:
 - **Focus all World Cup events in discipline's main region/s**
 - **Charter flight if required for travel**

EVENT ORGANISATION: **POTENTIAL RESTRICTIONS**

1. Measures with minor changes, i.e. hand-washing facilities, limited distancing
 - **World Cup maintains existing calendars**
2. Some restrictions: i.e. limitation on number of public, distancing measures
 - **Review impact with Organisers, National Ski Associations, Rights Holder: potentially less income, health-measure costs**
3. Strong restrictions: no public, total limited number persons on site
 - **Review impact with Organisers, National Ski Associations, Rights Holder: affects on income, health-measure costs**

CALENDAR 2020/2021 - **TIMING / DEADLINES**

1. FIS Committee Meetings / Council Meeting, May 2020
 - **Present focus and goal on existing calendars Option 1**
 - **Present and discuss calendar framework back-up with Option 2 light measures Option 3 strong measures**
2. Final version World Cup Calendars 2020-2021
 - **May 2020: Objective to maintain existing calendars**
 - **End June 2020: intermediate evaluation with LOCs, NSAs, Rights Holder**
 - **Mid August 2020: intermediate evaluation with LOCs, NSAs, Rights Holder**
 - **End September 2020: deadline to implement adapted calendar if necessary**
 - **Final Calendars subject to approval of FIS Council**

CALENDAR MANAGEMENT: IN-SEASON

1. Implement Covid-19 Event Cancellation
 - 30 day deadline: current status and outlook
 - Required measures in place / sign-off from national/local health authorities
2. Snow Control deadlines
 - Existing regulations serve as back-up Covid-19 check
3. Event Task Force / Support Group
 - Per Event specific group: NSA organising nation, respective LOC, Rights Holder, FIS Race Director and Management, Medical Committee representative, Discipline Committee Chair, Council Member from organising nation
 - Permanent monitoring by FIS Support Group to assist all disciplines

HEALTH PROTECTION MEASURES

FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines for Event Organisers to be finalised based on WHO Guidelines and Risk Assessment, IOC-IFs shared information:
Summer 2020 version / updated for Winter 2020-2021

1. Vaccination exists
 - All participants with vaccination (whereabouts for previous 14 days)
2. No vaccination:
 - Athletes, Team officials, FIS competition management and staff, LOC key persons, service teams have Covid-19 test (whereabouts for previous 14 days)
 - All participants have Covid-19 test (whereabouts for previous 14 days)

EVENT ORGANISATION: FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

FIS Competition Management review scenarios with Organisers, National Ski Associations, Rights Holder, including:

- **Compulsory Elements:** e.g. field of play set-up and safety, broadcast, timing&data
- **Optional Elements to reduce costs:** e.g. entertainment events, official functions
- **Modify due to Covid-19 restrictions:** e.g. distancing measures, facilities

OUTCOME: ORGANISING FIS WORLD CUP 2020-2021



Sport and FIS Events can be **role models** for managing new conditions to organise **safe events** - we have **structured** events and are used to respecting **rules** - and sport can play it's role as a key contributor to **health** and **well-being**

Let's jointly address **challenges** and **solutions** for the FIS World Cup 2020-2021 series to **take place**

5.1 Chairman (Bernhard Russi, SUI)

The Chairman gave a report. The following are his words verbatim:

Nature decides

Alpine ski racing was heavily influenced by nature in both the 2019 and 2020 seasons. Sometimes even decisively.

While the normal course of the programme was heavily influenced by capricious weather in both seasons, last year the Corona Pandemic was even a bigger mess. The implementation of important, decisive races at all levels fell victim to the global crisis situation and its ramifications.

However, the 2019 Alpine World Championships in Are (Sweden) have shown that alpine skiing, its organizers, race directors, coaches and athletes are willing to compromise when it comes to saving individual races. Even if the standards no longer correspond to the best-case scenarios, technical requirements are no longer so high and start times have to be postponed by days or hours.

This was the only way we could speak of successful world championships, with top-class sporting performances and well-deserved world champions and medallists.

For ski racing, the World Cup and the World Championships are an important component and an important product for television stations and sports enthusiasts worldwide. That is why we constantly question our system, our racing processes and our disciplines. How high is the interest in the Alpine combination, for example, or can we win a larger and maybe even a younger audience through parallel races? New ski fans, from other countries and cultures, may follow the event not because of tradition, but because it is easy to understand.

Is there an either-or? How many races can the market digest?

One answer should come after the 2020-21 season. Until then it should be clear whether and how the rule and format changes have had an impact. What is wanted and required by the market, the media and viewers and athletes.

Important events could no longer be staged at the end of the 2020 season due to the Corona pandemic. At the moment, we are lacking the tests of the Olympic slopes for the 2022 Olympics in Beijing. However, the women's World Cup races in winter 2021, on the same slopes as the men, will bring us the necessary information.

The same applies to the World Cup final, which was scheduled in mid-March as the largest test for the upcoming Alpine World Championships in 2021. Here we can count on the great experience of the organizers in Cortina.

The new world health situation has shown us that we can and must continue to plan ahead. That we have to remain flexible at all times and adapt to the conditions wherever they come from.

6. Executive Board (Bernhard Russi, SUI)

The following proposals for the Parallel Qualification Run to be held at the 2021 World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo were approved.

Rules for the Qualification Race for Parallel Event

Qualification races will take place for women and men's Parallel. The qualification race will also be in parallel format and 16 competitors per gender will be qualified to participate in the final race.

Modus:

- a. Eligibility requirements for the qualification race:
Each nation can participate with a maximum of up to four (4) competitors per gender:
 - for women, the top 500 from the Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL) are eligible;
 - for men, the top 300 from the Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL) are eligible.

- b. Entries and Enrolment:
Entries for the qualification race are carried out according to World Cup rules.
The best 30 competitors present are enrolled according to the actual WCSL in PAR event. Competitors with at least 500 WCSL points are considered according the World Cup rules.
The next competitors, up to a total of 70, follow according to their actual PWSL position.
Thereafter, the first 30 nations on the board represented by one competitor only with his/her valid PWSL points, which are not already represented by the first 70 eligible competitors, are eligible.

- c. Qualifiers:
The 16 best ranked competitors per gender from the qualification race, after confirmation from each Team Captain right after qualification's protest time is over, will qualify to the final race.

Based on the eligibility requirements above, a maximum of 100 competitors per gender are allowed to participate in the qualification race.

All competitors participating in the qualification race will also be included in the official results list of the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Parallel, which includes both the qualification and final races.

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

7. Evaluation

7.1 Timing Working Group (Daniel Defago, FIS)

Daniel Defago reported on behalf of the Working Group.

Our TWG meeting was held online on 28th and 29th of May. The data group has been postponed to Autumn.

Maria Civiac (ESP) left FIS at the End of January 2020, a welcome to Uldis Brize (LAT) who will take over her task.

We made the Start door homologation easier by allowing the possibility to homologate it only for Parallel, Cross, or both. For Parallel, is also allowed to homologate it without a delayed start. We agreed also to define the current WC start sequence (4 beeps/lights) as a requirement for parallel homologation.

A new Start door for Parallel by "SIMARD FABRICATION MÉCANIQUE" was homologated in February.

After analysing the last season timing reports, we figure out that a lot of acoustic signal devices were used as a Start clock. That why having mandatory homologated Start clock for the upcoming season is postponed. The homologation number will be removed from the Timing report.

7.2 Classification of Alpine Competitors (Jeff Weinman, USA)

The Sub-Committee had an online meeting and different proposals were discussed and

voted on. An Austrian proposal to have an early start of the northern hemisphere winter season (for FIS level events) and a German proposal to add a new adder to COC events were not approved.

The following proposals are the ones approved by the sub-committee:

2020 cancelled National Championships

1.4 National Championships

For each National Ski Association's national championships, only one competition per gender in each event is allowed for women and men using the relevant category adder for NC and NJC. In the season 2020/21 the following exception is granted for cancelled NC and NJC of the season 2019/20:

- The originally cancelled NC or NJC must be organised by 31.12.2020 at latest. It is not possible to organise the event in calendar year 2021. These events are indicated in the FIS calendar with a NC* or NJC*
- All National Ski Associations are allowed to organise one competition per gender and event for U18, where only U18 competitors can start.

Competitors without any results during previous season

7.1.5 Competitors without any results

A competitor without any results (respectively in each event) during the previous season (signed with ">" in the FIS Points List) will not be included in the respective event quota calculations; he still has the right to start according to his FIS points. This rule is not valid for athletes with active injured status (signed with "#" in the FIS Points List). This art. is also valid for all quota calculations (World Cup, Continental Cups and Parallel World Seeding List).

The Alpine Committee supported both proposals

Travel limitation due to COVID-19

Southern Hemisphere events

FIS Level competitions (including National Championships) can be organised in nations where the access for other National Ski Associations is limited or forbidden.

ANC & SAC events can be organised if at least the following National Ski Associations have the possibility to access the organising nation:

ANC: AUS and NZL

SAC: ARG and CHI (mandatory)

8. Women's Alpine Skiing (Karen Korfanta, USA)

Considering the FIS decision to postpone the 52nd International Ski Congress scheduled for Thailand the Alpine Women's Sub-Committee will not host an online committee conference call. We will look forward to a rescheduled time/place for the FIS Congress, hopefully in the fall 2020.

The 19-20 World Cup season had its difficulties with weather not to mention the significant implications of Covid-19.

The FIS Race Directors and the entire race organising committees spent countless hours preparing for the World Cup events. Most were conducted successfully and gave the women athletes the opportunity to perform at their highest level. Congratulations to all, FIS Race Directors, ROCs, athlete staffs and all the athletes!

Initiatives that continue are finding solutions to very intense schedules in World Cup and European Cup, athlete hospitality, athlete security and demanding travel under normal circumstances.

In the meantime, I am asking each of you to take the time to share with all any notes you may have from this past season. Many of you may have officiated, enjoyed as a spectator or watched on live-stream. In the fall we will have the opportunity to discuss your comments and look forward to a great 2021 World Cup season.

9. Alpine Courses (Elena Gaja, ITA)

The Sub-Committee Alpine Courses met on Monday 18th with 11 out of 14 members present or represented, together with many inspectors for a total of 51 people.

Since the Fall meetings in Zürich, 337 Homologation Certificates were issued and currently there are still around 270 requests for homologation open.

An exception has been requested last November by the SC for Masters Racing about an homologation in Croatia for a SG with a vertical drop below the minimum (-11m): it has been approved with N° 13340/11/19 in order to promote the development of Masters Racing in that region, but it's important to remark that the exception has only been given for Masters races.

Following Race Directors and CC Coordinators' reports, there are few venues requiring re-homologations and/or more careful safety installation and control that will be done during coming summer.

Concerning the well-known Covid-19 difficult situation worldwide, Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses discussed which could be the major challenges to be faced in the next 3/4 months: inspection activity itself doesn't seem to be a risky one (as outdoor and involving a small group of people); but problems may arise if travels and/or borders' crossing will be impossible, as some of the venues are far from Inspectors or in few countries inspectors have to come from abroad because there are no FIS inspectors of their nationality. In this case, and only if really necessary and carefully evaluated on a case by case basis, we ask to the Council to grant the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses the right to extend the validity of a given homologation up to the end of season 2020-2021 (July 2021 for Northern and November 2021 for Southern Hemisphere).

We assure that such potential decision will only be taken considering very seriously both the real need and the safety of the athletes; obviously we will try to avoid those situations and resort to such a solution as 'extrema ratio'.

We furthermore suggest that, in case of positive response of the Council and in case of extension of the validity, very experienced TDs have to be assigned to races held on those competition courses.

Finally, information has been given about Council actions promoting gender balance: currently the balance for Alpine Courses is 85 % - 15%. Given the extremely technical characteristics of the Homologation Inspector's role, NSAs have been invited to start and promote education programs in order to provide medium-term results.

To extend validity of homologation certificates

Request to grant the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses the right to extend the validity of a given homologation up to the end of season 2020-2021 (July 2021 for Northern and November 2021 for Southern Hemisphere) if not all re-homologations can be done during the summer and autumn period due to the actual COVID 19

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

10. Alpine Rules (Michael Huber, AUT)

The Sub-Committee held its very first Online Meeting, 45 members and guests attended. As a new procedure, members were asked to send written feedback as kind of “pre-opinions” about the agendas proposals in advance. 50 % gave answers, which supported very much the efficient running of the meeting from a technical standpoint.

The proposal referring to Parallel rules had too many questions and different opinions so no decision was made to change the rules but to install a working group (lead by David Mansfield) to discuss the wording, especially to harmonize once again in between the different competition levels.

The proposal regarding the Alpine Combined 2nd run starting order was postponed until the next year.

The following proposals were confirmed by the Sub-Committee and forwarded to the Alpine Committee:

New minimum Vertical Drop ENL Super G

- 1000 Super-G
- 1001 Technical Data
- 1001.1 Vertical Drop
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- 1001.1.4 Entry League Races (ENL)
- 3050 m - 500 m

Rename Mixed Team Parallel

- 608 Youth International Alpine Competitions
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- 608.6.1 U16 - U14 events may include Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Parallel, Kombi events, team competition (~~e.g Mixed and Alpine~~ Team ParallelEvent).
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- 1212 ~~MixedAlpine~~ Team ParallelEvent
- 1212.1 Type of Event
An ~~AlpineMixed~~ ParallelTeam event will be conducted as a parallel using Giant Slalom gates and panels.
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- 1212.3 Team Entry
The entries for the ~~MixedAlpine~~ Team Parallel Event (without names) must be within 24 hours before the scheduled start of the team event.

Honorary member

The Sub-Committee for the Alpine Rules unanimously supports the nomination of Manfred Kattengell (GER) as an Honorary Member for his long lasting work and service as volunteer during 29 years.

The Alpine Committee supported all three proposals

11. Alpine Technical Delegates (Walter Vogel, GER)

The past season probably was one of the most difficult in history of alpine skiing. The season started with precarious snow conditions in several regions, followed by tough weather conditions and finished by a hard corona-break - in Asia the problems arose even earlier. As

a consequence, there were a lot of changes to handle. The fact that we could cope with these extraordinary situations the sub-committee really can be proud of. Therefore the Chairman thanks all commissioners who took care of this management and to all Alpine Technical Delegates for their engagement and flexibility.

At the beginning of the corona crisis there were some critical moments when assigned TDs from corona-concerned regions were declared as undesirable. The Chairman thinks that we have to express our understanding for such opinions and actions as a result of a mixture of lack of information, fear and care.

From the operational side there were only a few smaller problems that occurred during the last season. A big majority of all competitions were supervised professionally and results were transmitted quickly.

Administrative business usually dominates the SC's Spring meeting so the Chairman decided not to have a web conference. The commissioners provided their content concerning assignments, updates and TD staff in time and the results can be seen in these Minutes.

Last but not least the Chairman thanked alpine administrator, Janez Fleré, and Daniel Defago for their support.

Proposed TDs and Jury members for:

2021 FIS Alpine Junior World Championships, Bansko (BUL)

Technical Delegate Women: Julie Klotz (CAN)

Technical Delegate Men: Sepp Odermatt (SUI)

The following changes of Technical Delegate were requested:

2021 EYOF, Vuokatti, (FIN)

Technical Delegate Men: ~~Stefan Havelid (NOR)~~ replaced by David Hansson (SWE)

2021 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA)

Jury Member: ~~Paul Trayner (GBR)~~ replaced by Bruno Tuaire (FRA)

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

12. Alpine World Cup (Bernhard Russi, SUI)

Bernhard Russi the Alpine Committee Chairman, ran the online meeting as Interim World Cup sub-committee Chairman.

The following proposals, confirmed in the sub-committee, were presented for approval in the Alpine Committee:

Replacement of competitors in Parallel

3.3.2 Replacement of competitors in Parallel

Qualified competitors from within the national quota can be replaced by competitors ranked within the first 60 of the WCSL or within the first 200 of the Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL), or ranked within the first 120 (80 for men's event) of the valid FIS points list of GS/SL or -by competitors who have at least 500 WCSL overall points (if the conditions according to art. 3.2 are fulfilled)

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

Competitor without any result

3.1.1 Qualification standards

The qualification standards will be established before each season, based on an agreement with the Committee for Alpine Skiing.

The standards cannot be modified during the season. A competitor without any results during the previous season will not be included in the respective event quota calculations. (art 7.1.5 FIS Points Rules).

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

Parallel Quota calculation (only valid for the season 2020/2021)

For the season 2020/21, the nation's higher quota, WCSL or PWSL, is valid.

3.3 National quota

For each event a national quota is calculated periodically according to the World Cup Starting List (WCSL) ~~and for Parallel according to the Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL).~~ The periods are adapted to the respective calendar planning and fixed before the start of the competition season. The quota is established on the basis of the number of competitors per nation, classified within rank 1 to max. 60 of the WCSL ~~(PWSL for Parallel)~~ in the event concerned. There is no moving up. For Parallel the nation's higher quota, WCSL or PWSL is valid.

A National Ski Association may enter a maximum of eight (8) (seven (7) for Men's competitions) additional competitors (under consideration of art. 3.2).

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

Rules for World Cup Parallel

1. Type of Event

- The race will be conducted as a parallel ~~(PSL or PGS)~~ with a qualification.

2. Eligibility

- World Cup rules, art. 3 are valid for the qualification ~~run~~. Basic – and nation quota according to the event concerned.
- The best ~~1632~~ ranked competitors from the qualification are qualified for the parallel race.

3. Entry deadlines: According to World Cup rules

4. Qualification

4.1 Qualification run in parallel format (run-rerun)

- Takes place on the parallel competition course.
- Enrolment: The best 30 competitors present are enrolled according to the actual ~~WCSL Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL).~~
- Enrolment after the best 30th competitor: ~~6~~ competitors with at least 500 WCSL points are enrolled after the 30th competitor. Thereafter the competitors are enrolled according to the PWSL ~~(Parallel World Seeding List).~~
- Starting order: 1st run, odd bibs on red course and even bibs on blue course
2nd run: odd bibs on blue course and even bibs on red course
- The competitors DNF, DNS, DSQ in the run 1 are not starting the run 2
- Only competitors with time in both runs are classified.
- The best ~~1632~~ total times (adding 1st and 2nd run time), after confirmation from each Team Captain right after qualification's protest time is over, will be qualified for the round of ~~1632~~. If there are no ~~3216~~ competitors with both times the best single times will be the next qualified competitors.
- In case of a tie, the competitor with the best single time will be better ranked. If there is still a tie the higher bib will be better ranked.
- In case only 1 run can be completed, the ~~846~~ best ranked competitors from each course will be qualified for the round of ~~3216~~. If there is a tie the higher bib will be

better ranked. Competitors from the course with the best time will be enrolled with odd numbers according to rank (1, 3, 5, etc). Competitors from the other course will be enrolled with even numbers according to rank (2, 4, 6, etc)..

4.2 Qualification run (one run only)

- Takes place on a different course (not the parallel competition course).
- Enrolment: same as Qualification in the parallel course.
- Starting order according to art 9.2 (World Cup Rules).
- A qualification run is shorter than traditional SL or GS runs.
- ~~The qualification run will be set with single GS gates. In case of PSL: the distance from turning pole to turning pole according to ICR (art. 801.2.3).~~
- ~~In case of PGS: the distance from turning pole to turning pole should not be less than 13 m.~~
- The best ~~1632~~ ranked competitors from the qualification run, after confirmation from each Team Captain right after qualification's protest time is over, are qualified. In case of a tie for the ~~16th32nd~~ position, the higher bib is the qualified competitor.

5. Parallel race

- Enrolment: The ~~1632~~ qualified competitors are enrolled
- Enrolment according to their ranking in the qualification run.
- Bracket (Start list) for the parallel is according to ICR. (art. 1230.2.1)
- ~~First round:~~ Each heat between competitors consists of two runs. The two competitors change courses for the second run.
- ~~From each pair, the competitor who is listed first or respectively on the top of the pairing, will start on the red course for the first run of the round. (ICR art. 1230.2.3).~~
- ~~For all heats, the allocation of course, blue or red, will be drawn.~~
- ~~The maximum penalty time after the first heat is: 0.5 second.~~
- ~~The losing competitors from the Round of 16 (first round) will be ranked from 9 to 16 according to their total time (run and re-run). Competitors without total time will be ranked according to their time from the qualification.~~
- ~~The losing competitors from the Quarter final will be ranked from 5 to 8 according to their total time (run and re-run). Competitors without total time will be ranked according to their time from the qualification. In case of a single gender competition all competitors losing the Quarter finals will race for their final ranking.~~
- ~~The losing competitors after the first round will be ranked from 17 to 32 according to their total time (run and re-run) Competitors without total time will be ranked according to the time from the qualification.~~
- ~~All following rounds from round of 16, consist of one run.~~
- ~~In case of a tie in the round of 16, the Quarter finals or the Semi-finals the winner will be determined by the best total time from the first round (run and re-run). In case the competitors cannot be separated on total time from the first round, the competitor with the lowest bib will advance to the next round.~~
- ~~The losing competitors from the round of 16 will be ranked from 9 to 16 according to their total time from their run. In case of tie, the time of previous round is valid. Those without a time will be ranked according their time of previous round.~~
- ~~The losing competitors from the Quarter final will race for their final ranking. (rank 5 to 8, according to bracket, ICR.) In case of a tie, the regulation above is valid.~~
- In case of a tie in the Final and/or the Small Final, competitors are ranked ex-aequo. (tie)
- ICR Art. 1220, Parallel events is valid

6. Precisions

- In Parallel events the distance from turning pole to turning pole should not be less than 16 m and not more than 20 m.

- ~~In case of PSL, Slalom Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment are valid. In case of PGS, Giant Slalom Specifications for Alpine competition equipment are valid (Exception race suits).~~
- Qualification run and Parallel race will be set by FIS.
- ~~Parallel WCSL will be introduced for season 2020/2021.~~
- For the season 2020/21, the nation's higher quota, WCSL or PWSL, is valid.
- In case of force majeure the Jury can decide to use any qualification method. (art. 4.1 or 4.2)

7. World Cup points

- Neither for the qualification run or parallel race, FIS points will be awarded.
- Athletes ranked from 17th to 30th position in the Qualification run will be awarded World Cup points.
Exception: no points will be awarded in case of Qualification run in parallel format with only 1 run, according to art. 4.1.
- World Cup points in the event concerned (PAR) and Overall World Cup points (also including Nation Cup points) will be awarded as follows:

1 st	100	17 th	14
2 nd	80	18 th	13
3 rd	60	19 th	12
4 th	50	20 th	11
5 th	45	21 th	10
6 th	40	22 th	9
7 th	36	23 th	8
8 th	32	24 th	7
9 th	29	25 th	6
10 th	26	26 th	5
11 th	24	27 th	4
12 th	22	28 th	3
13 th	20	29 th	2
14 th	18	30 th	1
15 th	16	31st	1
16 th	15	32nd	1

8. Prize Money: According to World Cup rules art. 6

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

Another rules proposed at the meeting were tabled to the autumn meeting.

The Swiss representative asked to remove Wengen as the organiser of World Cup events in the calendar 2021/22 and 2022/23. *(This proposal was finally withdrawn by the Swiss NSA before the FIS Council meeting)*

A first idea how to ensure the minimum number of participation NSA in a World Cup event to make it a valid competition was presented. After short discussions not written proposal will be send to the FIS Council.

(The FIS Council will establish a FIS World Cup Task Force per event, including members of the National Ski Association organising nation, the respective local organising committee, broadcast-commercial rights holder, FIS Race Director and Management, Medical Committee representative, Alpine Committee Chair and Council member from the organising nation)

12.1 Working Group Coaches Women (Peter Gerdol, FIS)

The Women's Chief Race Director informed that an online meeting was held on April, 22nd with 20 nations present, along with the whole FIS Women's World Cup Team.

The Chairman (Paul Kristofic - USA) and Vice-Chairman (Tim Gfeller - NOR) were confirmed in their positions for one more season. During the meeting some feedback from the Head Coaches was asked in order to better address possible issues during the summer inspections. Of particular notice was some information in regard to accommodation and ski rooms. The Women's team will discuss these themes with the LOCs. Concerning the competition rules there were raised some ideas to regulate the quotas in PAR races - this led to a formal proposal that was accepted at the World Cup Sub-Committee meeting earlier.

Atle Skaardal was invited to report on the ISPP project and to give first information about the status of preparation for the OWG test event in Yanqing (CHN).

12.2 Working Group Coaches Men (Markus Waldner, FIS)

During the season 19/20 the Working Group had five meetings (Sölden, Beaver Creek, Wengen, Garmisch and Kvitfjell). The last scheduled meeting in Cortina could not be held because the World Cup finals were cancelled.

One of the main topics was the debriefing of the Events on a regular basis, generally to discuss eventual issues with the goal for immediate improvements.

Most important points on the agenda were the discussion of the Parallel rules (runnerun), the Parallel quotas for the next season and the proposal for a new starting order in speed events which were forwarded first to the Executive Board and proposed in the World Cup Sub-Committee online meeting.

Markus Waldner would like to thank the Chairmen Thomas Stauffer (SUI) and Vice Chair Massimo Rinaldi (ITA) for all the efforts and great job they did over the season.

13. Intercontinental Cup (Stefano Pirola, CHI)

In general all the Continental Cups faced different snow conditions, very good mainly in the Northern Hemisphere and difficult conditions in the Southern Hemisphere.

Regarding the season 2019/2020 a total of 179 races was held with about 25% less races because of cancellations due to the Corona virus outbreak in the Northern Hemisphere:

EUROPA CUP	60
NOR AM CUP	46
FAR EAST CUP	24
SOUTH AMERICAN CUP	30
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND CUP	19

The South American Cup season faced, in the central part of the Andes, the worsted season in the last 30 years with a big drought in some ski resorts in ARG and CHI, instead the southern part receive a lot of snow with excellent conditions. They had replaced a lot of races in the southern ski resorts like the speed finals in a new site, Corralco, CHI.

The Australia New Zealand Cup also faced different snow conditions, in Australia a lot of snow and bad weather and in New Zealand, despite the less snow in some resorts at the beginning of the season, snowfalls in August and snow making, allowed to run all the races. Again the Winter Games NZ were successfully completed at Coronet Peak.

Despite the good snow conditions in the Northern Hemisphere, at the end of the season, the

Corona virus has a huge impact in the FEC with all the races in Japan cancelled, but good news coming early in the season with a lot of races organised in China. Europa and North America must also cancel all the races in March included the finals.

For all the future looks uncertain but at least in the ANC and SAC Cups they have already finalized their calendars and we hope they can carry out their competitions and for the other cups in the Northern Hemisphere they have more time to fix the calendars and take the measures that may be required in the current situation.

A proposal to install a Parallel Cup at all Continental Cups in the season 2020/2021 starting in the Northern Hemisphere is presented for approval.

Rules and Precisions will be presented and approved during the FIS Autumn meeting.

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

13.1 European Cup (Herbert Mandl, AUT)

The Sub-Committee had no online meeting this time. The Chairman was in contact with both Coordinators working on the 2020/21 draft calendars. He wishes to have a meeting in Zurich in Autumn.

Overall Leader Bib (EC)

3.4 Leader Bib

The current leader or the best placed competitor present at the event in the respective Continental Cup ~~and the actual Overall leader~~ will compete in the leader bibs. For the first race of the season this is the winner of the previous season, for the second race this is the winner of the first race and for the third race and thereafter the leader bib is worn by the current leader of the series according to the respective Continental Cup standings.

The Alpine Committee supported the proposal

13.2 Nor-Am Cup (Chip Knight, USA)

The Nor-Am Sub-Committee had a meeting in April. Draft calendars are prepared but with some question marks included, waiting for the confirmation of the World Cup event in Lake Louise in November.

Looking forward to have the finals in Panorama next March as part of the test events in preparation of the 2022 World Junior Championships.

13.3 Far East Cup (Michihiko Nakamura, JPN)

The Chairman informed that half of the scheduled programmed races had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

A draft calendar for the next season was established but in any case most of the sites and dates are to be confirmed.

13.4 South American Cup (Ernesto Cingolani, ARG)

Report was given by the Chairman. The winter season is still not clear due to the actual restrictions. Ski areas will try to open even with the restrictions that will be adopted.

13.5 Australia / New Zealand Cup (Lachlan, Clark AUS)

The Chairman Lachlan Clark made his report.

Even if the actual situation in the region is very stable the borders however are still closed to travel out or in the country.

Discussion between both nations (AUS-NZL) are taking place and there is an idea to have a "travel bubble" to permit travel and have the possibility to run the ANC Cup during the Southern Hemisphere season.

14. Youth Questions (Ken Read, CAN)

As our Sub-Committee had no urgent proposals, it was decided to postpone our meeting until the autumn meetings in Zurich.

We did organise a 'gathering', as is our usual practice, with attending Members of the sub-committee and the coaches and Team Leaders at the 2020 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, where topics of the parallel, safety, speed training/competition and future Organisers were reviewed.

Over the past season, our junior competitors have delivered great performances at the Continental Cup level and in the World Cup. These performances in the technical events are a positive statement. Several Junior World Champions have moved quickly into leadership roles on the World Cup.

The FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships continue to be a remarkable project, with record numbers of participating nations. Our 2020 host, Narvik (NOR), invested tremendous effort into the venues and staging of these Championships, with exceptional volunteer and community support. Unfortunately, we were unable to compete the Championship. But this in no way should diminish the result. *Tusen takk* to the community of Narvik and the Norwegian Ski Federation.

But we must continue to flag attention to our profound concern: the continuing decline of participation in the speed events of downhill and super G. The numbers of competitors, particularly with women in Continental Cups and the World Juniors are at or near record low levels.

We need concrete steps to give our younger competitors access to speed training and competition, so we have strong competitive fields for both women and men, now and long into the future. The sub-committee has committed to find solutions, working with our organisers and National Ski Association youth leaders.

The FIS Children's Race Organisers reported to us that due to the cancellation of the season in mid-March, many FIS Children's Competitions did not take place and several competitions were compromised. They remain fully committed to supporting our youngest competitors.

Our sub-committee does have one major proposal for review at our autumn meeting: a proposal for the change of age for FIS competitors. The sub-committee will thoroughly discuss this proposal and make a recommendation to the Alpine Committee in Zurich.

Youth and juniors are the foundation of our sport. Every member of our sub-committee is dedicated to share knowledge and provide leadership, so our investment today pays dividends in the not too distant future. Our National Ski Associations and their member clubs work hard to provide robust development pathways, to develop good athletes and good citizens.

We are also fortunate to work with many dedicated professionals within the FIS.

Our thanks to all the FIS Staff for your tremendous efforts to support our competitors.

14.1 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol, FIS)

2020 Narvik (NOR)

The 2020 FIS Junior World Championships was held in Narvik (NOR), it was an amazing place and a very good Organising Committee.

The fact that the Finish area is almost on the fiord, makes the weather changing very fast so, in 24 hours we had all different types of meteo. Nevertheless, the Organising Committee, Volunteers and the Norway Ski Team Staff reacted quickly and precisely in every situation. Due to the strong wind we had to start the DH race from the reserve Start for women and men, the speed race course was demanding so we end up with good winners.

Following the local Medical instructions about COVID 19, we had to cancel the WJC before we could run all the events, losing on the Men's side the AC, GS and SL and the Mixed Team Parallel for both genders.

Thanks to the Organising Committee, Volunteers, TD's, Coaches and FIS colleagues for the great job.

The Marc Hodler Trophy was won by Austria ahead of Norway and Sweden.

2021 Bansko (BUL)

Appreciate that the Men's TD in Narvik was Viktor Gichev from Bansko (BUL) who will be the Chief of Race in 2021 Bansko WJC. Also part of the Bansko Organising Committee was in Narvik as a study group, attending meetings and helping on the slopes. They are well prepared for next 2021 World Junior Championships.

Because the COVID 19, inspections on site are planned for the next Autumn.

2022 Panorama (CAN)

The NAC Finals in Panorama were also cancelled, which was planned to be a test for the 2022 WJC. The idea is to organise the 2021 NAC Finals.

During the FIS Council meeting St. Anton was confirmed by the Austrian National Ski Association as the organiser of the 2023 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships.

Yuzhno Sakhalinsk in Russia has applied for the 2024 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships.

15. Material and Equipment (Bernhard Russi, SUI)

15.1 Working Group Alpine Equipment (Pernilla Wiberg, SWE)

The working group for Alpine Equipment got together in a video conference meeting on the 2nd of April where we summarized the season 2019/2020.

Since the autumn meetings in Zürich we have had two telephone meetings with the working group for "cut resistant fabrics", and one physical meeting in Kitzbühel. We are very happy with the work that has come out of this group, which was launched in Zürich (October 2019) by the ISPP Chairman Atle Skaardal. We also would like to thank the FIS Council in their support of the budget asked for. The work to make a special test machine for alpine/ski-cross cut resistant fabrics is coming along well. The German institute; "Deutsche Institute für Textil- und Faserforschung Denkendorf", led by i.V. Dr. Thomas Stegmaier, has been entrusted with this work.

The goal is to have a test machine ready in the fall so that the FIS can start allowing labels to the products already out there. The discussion to make this compulsory or not, for the athletes, is being discussed.

At the Fall meeting in Zürich the ISPP also wanted to establish an injury working group. A few of our members will be represented. The first meeting is supposed to take place in May. We have given other names forward to the ISPP chairman as well. It is important to have a balanced gender representation!

We discussed vividly, at our video conference, the format of the parallel competition. We of course support the athletes wish to make the format more fair, with a run and rerun. If there are concerns, from the TV, not to make the race too long, only the best 16 qualified racers should be in the final stage, not 32. Nevertheless, World Cup points should be given to the top 30.

15.2 Injury Surveillance and Prevention Program (ISPP) (Atle Skaardal, FIS)

The Chairman Dr. Hubert Hörterer organized an online meeting on Tuesday 19th May. He informed and explained the restructuring of the Steering Committee that has been going on since the FIS Autumn meetings last year and the clear intention to get more activity back into the group through initiatives from the competition managements and FIS committees.

“The Steering Committee should be a meeting point for all initiatives that can help preventing injuries for the FIS disciplines.”

The Chairman proposed to include Pernilla Wiberg as a member in the Steering Committee. The proposal was accepted by the Steering Committee

Andy Wenger reported to the Steering Committee on the new injury registration data base.

Together with the Alpine Equipment Working Group and Prof. Nachbauer, which have been the architects of the new alpine Injury registration system reported on updates and improvements to the system and he informed about approx. 500 injury registrations over the last two years. This in-house system will replace the injury registration project conducted for many years by the OSLO research group.

Pernilla Wiberg reported to the Steering Committee from the working group “cut resistant fabric”

As the Chairwomen of the working group she reported about the status of the work done since the group was established in autumn last year.

Race Director Sandro Pertile presented a project for Ski jumping

His request for support from the Steering Committee was in regard to a centralized injury data registration system for ski jumping similar to alpine.

Finally, a new working group called “Alpine injury prevention” will be established under ISPP.

The FIS Council decided in February this year to establish a working group of sport and medical experts through the Steering Committee with the goal of reducing the number of serious injuries. The group will identify the most important injury hot-spots through methodical injury analysis and evaluation, in order to propose effective solutions for implementation to the competition. Management and the FIS committees. The new working group will be established in the next weeks and we will have the first online meeting already in June.

The new working group will discuss the proposal from Pernilla Wiberg in regards to a project called "LACE".

Flourinated Ski Wax (Atle Skaardal. FIS)

Environmental and health issues connected to fluorinated ski wax have been discussed for a while now and especially within our Nordic disciplines.

It is scientifically shown that fluorinated ski wax has a negative environmental and health impact and from 4th July this summer, the European Union will regulate the production, transport, and sale of products containing specific Fluor compounds.

So with this knowledge the FIS Council decided to ban fluorinated ski waxes at their meeting in November 2019, and since it cannot be excluded that also other fluorine compounds used in waxes (not only the long chained C8 compound) can be harmful to environment and health; FIS decided to ban all fluorinated waxes, for all FIS disciplines and all levels from season 20/21.

The FIS Council then appointed FIS Council member Roman Kumpost (CZE) and Council member Erik Røste (NOR), to lead a working group implementing the ban.

FIS cross country Race director Pierre Mignerey, Lars Karløf (SWE) as external ski-wax expert, Stefan Huber FIS Event Director and myself were requested to join the working group. And also since Biathlon followed FIS and is aiming for the same ban as us; Max Cobb, President of the US Biathlon association and IBU executive board member, was also included in the working group.

The working group was assigned to implement sport and equipment regulations in regard to the Fluor ban, in cooperation with FIS legal committee, and discipline committees and the race directors. It is important to have harmonized regulations for all FIS disciplines and to establish a reliable and appropriate test method and test procedure for the FIS competitions.

The working group immediately contacted and interviewed various expert groups and potential partners who are able to develop a control device that measures whether fluorinated wax is used or not and finally an agreement was signed for this project with the, in Germany based, Fraunhofer Institute and a partner company called Kompass.

Necessary functions, requirements and a so called wish-list for the control device which will be used out on the venues was established by the working group.

Ski-wax suppliers were through SRS, also requested to send wax samples to Kompass for the development process.

The control device, the Fluor wax detector is now well under development and also according to agreed time frames and the first prototype of the device is expected to be ready in July 2020.

The control device will be easy to use, it will be rather small, it's hand-held and with different support functions helping to validate the measurement process which will be done by the appointed controller. The test result will be determined within seconds and will only be shown as positive or negative. (red or green light)

A threshold/ or measurement tolerance is planned to be included as a function integrated in the control device, the exact threshold is still to be determined.

The controls will preferably be conducted in the start area, but discipline specific procedures are discussed this week.

More details about the test device itself can be better informed in June at our next working group meeting planned with SRS and hopefully the NSA's.

As soon as the prototype is developed, we will immediately start with testing and the validation process of the device itself before the final control device will be confirmed delivered to the competition management.

To ban fluorinated wax is widely supported but FIS also understand the challenges emphasized by stakeholders in regard to implementation from next seasons, but FIS is

determined and committed, not to be late with implementation of the full ban since the EU regulation will come into force this summer also.

To secure a reasonable and fair-minded implementation it is important to know that FIS will;

1. Adapted the control procedures to requirements for each of the FIS disciplines according to the comp. management.
2. FIS will provide a “test session” for manufacturer in August/September, as well as test sessions at sites before the competitions.
3. Basically, all wax suppliers have Fluor free wax products available.
And very important; used skis containing Fluorinated wax can definitely be cleaned and made Fluor free and ready for next season.

16. Athletes´ Commission (Daniel Yule, SUI)

One of the big issues they had last season was with the Parallel event rules but finally a good solution was found working together with both World Cup Chief Race Directors. He is also happy to hear that many of the proposals were tabled for the next season and this helps the sport in the current situation. Thanks to all !!

17. Reports from Organisers of the previous and next major championships:

There followed a series of short presentations by representatives of the venues briefing committee members of the current states of preparation.

17.1 2020 Youth Olympic Winter Games, Lausanne (SUI)

17.2 2021 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Cortina d´Ampezzo (ITA)

17.3 2022 Olympic Winter Games, Beijing (CHN)

17.4 2023 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Courchevel-Meribel (FRA).

18. Questions, Various

There were no Questions.

The Chairman of the Alpine Committee then thanked the Chairmen of the various Sub-Committees, their members, as well as the Executive Board members, the various Working Groups and the FIS Staff for their work and continued support.

For more details in regard to all Sub-Committee meetings (agenda, minutes) see www.fis-ski.com under Members Section.

19. Next Meetings (To be confirmed by the FIS Council)

FIS Congress 2020 - provisionally 28th September to 2nd October, Zurich (SUI) - dates and location subject to confirmation by the Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting

Read and approved by Bernhard Russi, Chairman Alpine Committee