



FIS RULES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES

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POUR LES COMITÉS**

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Introduction

The Rules (Terms of Reference) for the FIS Committees, Version VI, March 1983 was worked out on request of the FIS Council and the Working Group for Re-organisation (meetings of December 3, 1982 in Rome and of February 26, 1983 in Falun) and based on the decisions of the FIS Council Meeting in February 1982 in Oslo and the provisional drawings of the proposed re-structure of the Committees (December 4, 1982).

A revision of the regulations was undertaken in 2000 and distributed after the 42nd International Ski Congress in Melbourne since there were a number of new Committees introduced since the regulations were implemented in 1983 and additionally other Committees which no longer exist or have merged with others. Further changes to the Committees decided by the FIS Council at its meetings during the FIS Congress in Portoroz in June 2002 and some amendments to their tasks and responsibilities were updated. Adaptations have been made thereafter on a regular, evolving basis to the Committees and other Bodies such as the Athletes' Commission, including their membership and tasks.

This version incorporates the amendments to the Committees until 2016.

The funnel system, which is designed to improve the working methods and communication of the various Committees, is also recognised in the structure of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups.

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PART A

The FIS Statutes

- 1** The Council appoints the Chairmen and the Members of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups that shall be advisory to the Council and shall be responsible for the technical and other specified activities of the FIS.
- 2** The Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups may be appointed for the period between two ordinary Congresses or for a specified period.
- 3** The Chairmen and Members of the Committees and/or Sub-Committees should if possible belong to different Member Associations.

If a Chairman and/or members of a Committee or Sub-Committee belong to the same Member Association, they have only one vote between them.

PART B

Joint Regulations for all Committees

The FIS Council specifies the tasks, rights and duties of a Committee.

4 Appointment and members

- 4.1 The Council appoints Committees and any necessary Sub-Committees, Commissions and Working Group as **advisory bodies** to the Council. They shall deal with special fields of activities as determined by the Council.

All decisions of the Committees, Commissions and Working Groups, etc. **are subject to the approval** of the Council.

- 4.2 The members of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups, etc. are appointed by the Council with the agreement of their National Ski Association in principle immediately after the conclusion of the Ordinary Ski Congress. The appointments are in force until the end of the next Ordinary Congress or for shorter period, as may be indicated. An outgoing member may be replaced (see also 10.5). A working group of the Council will review the proposals and applications from the National Ski Associations beforehand.
- 4.3 Members of the FIS Council may exceptionally be considered for membership of a Committee.
- 4.4 Membership of the Athletes' Commission is determined by election carried out by the athletes in the discipline concerned, in principle during the FIS World Championships. Only one athlete per National Ski Association may be elected and the Council shall confirm the results of the elections thereafter (see regulations for the Athletes' Commission).

5 General Constitution

- 5.1 In principle technical Committees, and/or Executive Boards and technical Sub-Committees consist of a maximum of 7 regular members, special Committees of a maximum of 9 regular members, including the Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. One elected representative of the Athletes' Commission is additionally considered as a member of the respective Technical Committee. Only the FIS Council is empowered to decide regarding exceptions from this rule. In the Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard, Freestyle, FreeSki and other designated Committee's Conference, each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented.

- 5.2 In principle the National Associations may not be represented on the Committee by more than one regular member, with the exception of the special composition of Co-ordinating Committees, where several Committees are represented by their Chairman or specially designated ordinary members, without regard to nationality.
- 5.3 The Council appoints the Chairmen of the Committees and Sub-Committees as well as all other Committee Members and confirms the elections and membership of the Athletes' Commission.
- 5.4 Each Committee may appoint a minute-taker (secretary) from amongst its members. For the Committees where the minutes are taken by a member of the FIS staff, this person is appointed by the Secretary-General.

6 Committee Members

- 6.1 Only affiliated National Associations and the members of the FIS Council may propose candidates for the Committees and Sub-Committees. Candidates shall be appropriately expert in the field of activity for which they are proposed.
- 6.2 Affiliated National Associations wishing to propose candidates for Committees and Sub-Committees shall submit to the FIS Headquarters a written statement of each candidate's qualifications with their list of proposals for membership of the FIS Committees, by the deadline given in the circular letter of approximately 3 months before the Congress.

7 Travel Expenses, etc.

- 7.1 A Member Association proposing a candidate for a Committee or a Sub-Committee who is later elected member of the Committee by the Council, undertakes the obligation to meet travel and hotel expenses incurred by the member in question when attending regular meetings of the relevant Committees.
- 7.2 When the FIS Council or the Presidency confers a special task on a Committee Chairman, other Committee Member or group of Member bringing about travel expenses, the FIS will then be responsible for the travel and hotel expenses as far as the FIS Competition Rules do not otherwise rule (as for instance Technical Delegates, Ski Jumping Judges, Inspectors, etc.).
- 7.3 Reimbursement of contribution to travel expenses is carried out according to regulations established by the FIS Finance Commission (appendix). Properly documented receipts are to be sent to the Finance Department at the FIS Headquarters.

8 Honorary Members

The FIS Congress approved the following regulations for Honorary Members at its meeting in May 1990 in Montreux.

Honorary Awards

For the services rendered to international skisport and for the activities fulfilled during long years with the FIS organisation structures, the FIS Congress and the FIS Council award the following titles and distinctions:

1. FIS Honorary President
2. FIS Honorary Member
3. Honorary Member of a FIS Committee
4. FIS Honorary Plaque or FIS Honorary Badge

8.1 FIS Honorary President

The FIS Congress can award the title of an Honorary President, after his retirement, to the FIS President having directed the FIS for 10 years at least and having rendered particular services to international skiing.

Procedure

Together with the appointment as FIS Honorary President, the FIS Honorary Badge as well as the FIS Honorary Diploma are conferred at the same time.

The proposal in view of the appointment as FIS Honorary President can be submitted by:

- the FIS Member Associations
- the FIS Council

Prerogatives of the Honorary Members

- The Honorary President is entitled to participate, without having the right to vote, in the FIS Congresses and in the meetings of the FIS Council.
- The Honorary President is entitled to participate in the World Championships and at the competitions contained in the FIS calendar and to be accredited like a Member of the Council.

8.2 FIS Honorary Members

The Congress can appoint as FIS Honorary Members, Members of the Council, Chairmen of the Committees and other personalities, who have rendered, for 10 years at least, particular services to international skiing.

Procedure

Together with the appointment as FIS Honorary Members the FIS Honorary Badge as well as the FIS Honorary Diploma are awarded at the same time.

The proposal in view of the appointment as FIS Honorary Member can be made by:

- the FIS Member Associations
- the FIS Council
- the individual Members of the Council
- the Working Group 'Titles and Distinctions'

Prerogatives of the Honorary Members

The FIS Honorary Members are entitled to participate, without having the right to vote, in the FIS Congresses.

The FIS Honorary Members are entitled to participate in the World Championships and at the competitions contained in the FIS calendar and to be accredited like an ordinary Member of the Council.

8.3 Honorary Members of the FIS Committees

The members of the Committees who have, for 10 years at least, rendered particular services to international skiing within the FIS Committees can be appointed as Honorary members of a FIS Committee.

Procedure

The proposal is made by the Committees. The appointment as Honorary Member is decided by the FIS Council by majority.

Prerogatives of the Honorary Members of Committees

The Honorary members of the Committees can participate without having the right to vote, in the meetings of the Committees in question.

All the persons appointed as FIS Honorary President, FIS Honorary Members and FIS Honorary Members of the Committees are entitled to receive the FIS Bulletin free of charge,

These persons have no right to a reimbursement of their travel and accommodation expenses when they participate in the meetings of the Congress and the Committees or at a sports event.

4. Distinction with the FIS Plaque or the FIS Honorary Present

The FIS Honorary Plaque or the FIS Honorary Present can be handed over by the FIS President or the FIS Secretary General.

Procedures by the Congress or the Council for the distinctions

The Working Group 'Titles and Distinctions' of the FIS Council examines, on behalf of the Council, the proposals submitted in view of a distinction and submits to the Council its corresponding proposals.

The titles of FIS Honorary President, FIS Honorary Members and FIS Honorary Members of a Committee are awarded, as a rule, within the frame of a FIS Congress and published in the FIS Bulletin.

9 General Purpose

- 9.1 The purpose of a Committee is:
 - 9.1.1 To advise the Council;
 - 9.1.2 To make recommendations, when found necessary, for alterations and revisions of the International Ski Competition Rules and other FIS Rules and Regulations, and
 - 9.1.3 To assist the Council and the FIS Headquarters in technical matters;
 - 9.1.4 To deal with all matters referred to the Committee, Commission, Sub-Committee or Working Group by the Council and to take measures which may lead to the furthering and development of the sport of skiing.
 - 9.1.5 To submit reports on the Committee's activities to the Council (publication in the FIS Bulletin, FIS Newsflash);
 - 9.1.6 To secure collaboration and to co-ordinate its work with other Committees.

10 Meetings, Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 The Committees shall normally meet once a year. The Technical Committees concerned (Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard Freestyle, FreeSki Committees) shall meet in time before the Congress in order to submit proposals to the Council. (please see Terms of Reference for the individual Committees and Sub-Committees in part 3 of these Rules).
- 10.2 For financial and practical reasons, invitations to Committee Meetings shall be issued only when there is work to be done. Guarantee must be given that the projected work is carried out at all meetings.
- 10.3 The Committee Chairman has to send the invitations and agendas of the planned Committee Meetings for approval to the Secretary-General at least 8 weeks before the meeting.
- 10.4 Invitations for Committee Meetings to the members and to the delegated Council Members, including the Agenda, comments on the main items and accompanying documentation, have to be issued at least 6 weeks before the meeting ("at least 4 weeks notice is given").
 - 10.4.1 The Committee may only make decisions respectively submit proposals to the FIS Council on items that were included on the draft agenda for the meeting, or added to the agenda and circulated in writing at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

- 10.5 If a regular member is unable to attend a meeting, a substitute may be appointed by his National Association (or by the main Committee in case of meetings of Committees with special constitution, e.g. Equipment Committee). The substitute shall present a written authorisation from his Association. The substitute shall be entitled to make proposals but has no vote.
- If a regular member does not attend three consecutive ordinary meetings of his Committee, his membership automatically expires. The National Ski Association concerned shall in this case propose a new member.
- 10.6 The Chairman of a Committee has the right in an emergency to act on his/her own responsibility, with the permission of the FIS President or the Secretary-General. The Chairman must report such action to the Committee Members as soon as possible.
- 10.7 It is the duty of the Chairman of each Committee and Sub-Committee to keep minutes of the Committee meetings and as soon as possible after each meeting distribute the minutes to the members of the Committee, the FIS President, the Secretary-General, the delegated Council Members and to other addresses according to decisions taken by the Committee from time to time.
- 10.8 Agendas and minutes of each meeting which are prepared by the designated Committee member should be provided in electronic format, by e-mail, to the appointed member of staff at the FIS Headquarters in order that these may be properly formatted, distributed and loaded onto the Member Services section of the FIS website in order that the agendas and minutes of all FIS Committees are available to all National Ski Associations.
- 10.9 All National Associations shall be informed through the FIS Headquarters as soon as possible after the meeting about the actions and resolutions of the Committee through a summary of important matters in the FIS Newsflash.
- 10.10 It is also the duty of the Chairman of each Committee to compile a report on the Committee's activities during the last 2-year's period, to be sent to the FIS Headquarters at a time decided by the Headquarters with due regard to the next International Ski Congress and the publication of the reports in the Congress edition of the FIS Bulletin and/or FIS Yearbook.
- 10.11 The Chairmen of the Committees are responsible to submit for publication the reports on the activity of the Committees in the FIS Bulletin, as the content of such reports is considered of interest and importance for the FIS Members and for the activities of the different Committees.

11 Quorum – Voting

- 11.1 The quorum for a Committee, resp. Sub-Committee is reached when half of the regular members of the Committee attend the meeting.
- 11.2 All Committees, Commissions and Working Groups are appointed as advisory bodies to the Council and all decisions are subject to the approval of the Council.
- 11.3 In the case of the need for an indicative vote, each regular member of the Committee and Sub-Committee including the designated representative of the Athletes Commission has one vote. If more than one delegate is from the same nation are on a Committee, only one vote per nation will be counted.
 - 11.3.1 The Chairman of the Committee has the right of vote, subject to art. 5.2 whereby only one representative per National Ski Association has the right to vote.

12 Finances

- 12.1 Two months before each Congress, a Committee may present a budget for the coming 2-years' period. The budget shall show calculated costs for the activity of the Committee such as technical seminars, courses, projects, etc. (considering article 7).
- 12.2 The activity budget shall be studied and established by the Council (Finance Commission), after which the activity budget is approved.
- 12.3 At the end of each financial period, the Committee Chairman shall send in to the FIS a rendering of accounts, following directions issued by the Finance Commission.
- 12.4 A Committee has no right to incur expenses other than those authorized in its budget as established by the Council.

13 Unforeseen Circumstances – Appeals

- 13.1 All matters not specified in these regulations will be dealt with by the FIS President and the Secretary-General in consultation with the Committee Chairmen concerned.
- 13.2 Decisions in accordance with 13.1 above which are considered of special importance are to be reported at the next Council Meeting.
- 13.3 Appeals against decisions according to 13.1 and 13.2 above may be made to the FIS Council.

PART C

Terms of Reference and tasks of the different Committees and Sub-Committees

14 The Cross-Country Skiing Committee

14.1 General purpose

- to follow and study cross-country competition sport, discuss its future and present to the Council proposals for its organisation, promotion and further sound development;
- to function as an instrument of co-ordination between officials, National Ski Associations, competition Organisers, teams, etc. and to collaborate with the FIS Headquarters;
- to submit to the Council rules and competition schedules on proposal of the Sub-Committees;
- to propose to the Council members of the jury for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters and on proposal of the Sub-Committee for Rules and Control, the Technical Delegates for all international competitions with the exception of World Championships and Olympic Winter Games.
- to follow and study the development of the competition equipment and to submit viewpoints on new competition equipment to the Committee for Competition Equipment;

14.1.1 Purpose of the Executive

- to co-ordinate the work of the Sub-Committees, to act as an executive body in all questions regarding cross-country skiing and to advise the Council on all technical matters;
- to nominate and commission periodical Working Groups for special tasks.

14.1.2 Purpose of the Cross-Country Committee

- to co-ordinate the work of the Sub-Committees and to discuss the proposals of the Sub-Committees and Working Groups and to submit its viewpoints to the Council.

14.1.3 Purpose of the Conference

- to discuss the current status and the future of the Cross-Country sport and to act as an instrument of information between the Cross-Country Committee and the National Ski Associations.

14.1.4 Purpose of the Co-ordination Group

- to select and direct proposals for consideration by the relevant Sub-Committee.

14.2 Constitution

Executive: Chairman + max. 7 regular members

Committee: Chairman (the Chairman of the Executive) + Chairman of the Sub-Committees + the members of the Executive + the Chairman of the Committee for Nordic Combined + representatives from the 4 areas, if they are not already represented by the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees or the members of the Executive + representative of the Athletes Commission.

Conference: each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

Co-ordination Group: Race Director (Manager) for Cross-Country, Chairmen of the Cross-Country Committee and the Sub-Committees.

14.3 Meetings

Executive: when necessary (in principle twice per year)

Committee: in principle once per year

Conference: in principle once per year

Co-ordination Group: when necessary and in good time prior to the Cross-Country Committee Meeting in order to select and circulate proposals to the Members and the National Ski Associations

15 The Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth and Children's Questions

15.1 Purpose

- to promote children's and youth activities in Cross-Country skiing and deal with questions relating to children's activities;
- to coordinate children's and youth Cross-Country skiing activities with the Cross-Country Committee and the different Sub-Committees;
- to collaborate with the appointed Nordic Combined expert
- to support and engage with the FIS Bring Children to the Snow campaign

15.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

15.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

16 The Sub-Committee for Ladies' Cross-Country Skiing

16.1 Purpose

- to deal with all questions concerning ladies' international Cross-Country skiing and present proposals for its promotion to the Cross-Country and the Council;
- to collaborate with the different Cross-Country Sub-Committees concerning rules, Cups and calendar questions, and with the Sub-Committees Ladies' Alpine concerning special ladies questions, such as gender verification, medical examination, youth skiing, representation, etc;
- to work with the Sub-Committee for Rules and Control to propose to the Cross-Country Committee, members of the jury for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to collaborate with and assist the Sub-Committee for Rules and Control propose Technical Delegates and officials.
- to actively participate with the organisation of the FIS seminars to promote ladies snow sports.

16.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

16.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

17 The Sub-Committee Cross-Country for Rules and Control

17.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Cross-Country Committee and the Council for the improvement of the competition rules or other measures having to do with the International Competitions Rules;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the Committee and the different Cross-Country Sub-Committees;
- to supervise the wording of new editions of the International Competition Rules.
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Cross-Country Committee and the Council for the improvement of the supervision and the control of cross-country skiing competitions;
- to co-ordinate Cross-Country homologation matters and the education of Cross-Country homologation inspectors;
- to supervise and to instruct the Technical Delegates in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters
- to organise technical seminars for the improvement of Technical Delegates with the approval of the Cross-Country Committee and the Council;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

17.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

17.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

18 The Sub-Committee for Cross-Country World and Continental Cups

18.1 Purpose

- to present to the Council and to the Cross-Country Committee proposals for rules for the Cross-Country World Cup and Continental Cup competitions;
- to propose the Calendar of the World Cup and Continental Cup competitions in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters, National Ski Associations and other parties concerned;
- to follow and analyse the development of the World Cup and Continental Cups;
- to decide in co-operation with the FIS Headquarters on last minute changes in the World Cup and Continental Cups schedule and to decide on a substitute organiser in case of cancellation of an event.

18.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

18.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

19 The Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing

19.1 Purpose

- to deal with all questions concerning FIS Marathon, long-distance and mass races and to follow and study the development of popular Cross-Country skiing and to submit to the Cross-Country Committee and the Council proposals for the promotion of the sport;
- to collaborate with the Organisers of the main popular Cross-Country events and to propose the Calendar of international long-distance events;
- to propose guidelines for popular Cross-Country events in collaboration with the parties concerned.

19.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

19.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

20 The Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing

20.1 Purpose

- to deal with all questions concerning roller skiing races and to follow and study its development and to submit to the Cross-Country Committee and the Council proposals for the promotion of the sport;
- to collaborate with the Organisers of the roller skiing events;
- to elaborate the Calendars in collaboration with the National Ski Associations and to co-ordinate rules, schedules, quotas, etc;

20.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

20.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

21 The Ski Jumping Committee

21.1 General purpose

- to follow and study Ski Jumping sport, discuss its future and present to the Council proposals for its promotion and further sound development;
- to function as an instrument of co-ordination between officials, National Ski Associations competition Organisers, teams, etc. and to collaborate with the FIS Headquarters;
- to submit to the Council rules and competition schedules on proposal of the Sub-Committees;
- to propose to the Council members of the jury for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters and on proposal of the Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Championships and Olympic Winter Games;

21.1.1 Purpose of the Ski Jumping Committee

- to co-ordinate the work of the Sub-Committees and to discuss the proposals of the Sub-Committees and Working Groups, to act as an executive body in all questions regarding Ski Jumping and to advise the Council on all technical matters;
- to nominate and commission periodical Working Groups for special tasks.

21.1.2 Purpose of the Conference

- to discuss the current status and the future of the Ski Jumping sport and to act as an instrument of information between the Ski Jumping Committee and the National Ski Associations.

21.1.3 Purpose of the Co-ordination Group

- to select and direct proposals from the National Ski Associations for consideration by the relevant Sub-Committee.

21.2 Constitution

Committee: Chairman (the Chairman of the Executive) + Chairman of the Sub-Committees + the members of the Executive + the Chairman of the Committee for Nordic Combined + representatives from the 4 areas, if they are not already represented by the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees or the members of the Executive + representative of the Athletes' Commission.

Conference: each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

Co-ordination Group: Co-ordinator for Ski Jumping, Chairmen of the Ski Jumping Committee and the Sub-Committees.

21.3 Meetings

Committee: in principle once per year

Conference: in principle once per year

Co-ordination Group: when necessary and at least 3 weeks prior to the Ski Jumping Committee Meeting in order to select and circulate proposals to the Members and the National Ski Associations

22 The Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Youth and Children's Questions

22.1 Purpose

- to promote children's activities in Ski Jumping and deal with questions relating to children's activities;
- to coordinate children's Ski Jumping activities with the Ski Jumping Committee and the different Sub-Committees;
- to engage in projects within the FIS Bring Children to the Snow campaign.

22.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

22.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

23 The Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills

23.1 Purpose

- to control construction standards;
- to propose directions for the construction and maintenance of Ski Jumping hills and their preparation for Ski Jumping competitions;
- to make proposals as far as it influences construction standards to the Committee and the Council;
- to examine homologation documents for Ski Jumping hills to be used for international competitions and to approve such hills in collaboration with the FIS controllers for Ski Jumping hills;
- to assist member countries in the design and construction of Ski Jumping hills;
- to issue homologation certificates for approved Ski Jumping hills.

23.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

23.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

24 The Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Calendar Planning

24.1 Purpose

- to propose the Calendar of the World Cup, Continental Cup, Grand Prix and other FIS competitions in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters, National Ski Associations and other parties concerned;
- to collaborate with the other Ski Jumping Sub-Committees in all issues which may affect calendar planning.

24.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

24.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

25 The Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Officials, Rules and Control

25.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints, recommendations and proposals to the Ski Jumping Committee and the Council for the improvement of the competition rules or other measures having to do with the International Competitions Rules;
- to present viewpoints, recommendations and proposals to the Ski Jumping Committee and the Council for the improvement of the supervision and the control of Jumping competitions;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the Ski Jumping Committee and the different Sub-Committees;
- to supervise the wording of new editions of the International Competition Rules.
- to improve international Ski Jumping judging;
- to make proposals to the Ski Jumping Committee for Technical Delegates, International Technical Officials, Ski Jumping judges and distance measuring referees for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games to be appointed by the FIS Council;
- to supervise the activity of the FIS Ski Jumping judges and to test and approve new Ski Jumping judges;
- to conduct technical seminars for the improvement of Ski Jumping judges with the approval of the Ski Jumping Committee and the Council.
- to supervise and to instruct the Technical Delegates in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters
- to organise technical seminars for the Technical Delegates with the approval of the Ski Jumping Committee and the Council;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

25.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

25.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

26 The Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Equipment and Development

26.1 Purpose

- to follow and study the development of the competition equipment and to submit viewpoints on new competition equipment to the Ski Jumping Committee and to the Committee for Competition Equipment;
- to work out in collaboration with the Committee for Competition Equipment the definitions of the different items of equipment;

26.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

26.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

27 The Committee for Nordic Combined

27.1 Purpose

- to follow and study the Nordic Combined discipline, discuss its future and present to the Council proposals for its promotion and further development;
- to propose to the Council members of the jury for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to propose the calendar of international Nordic Combined events in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters, the National Ski Associations the Cross-Country and Ski Jumping Committee and other parties concerned;
- to function as an instrument of co-ordination between the Ski Jumping Committee and the Cross-Country Committee in order to take care of special interest for Nordic Combined competitions;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to organise technical seminars for the improvement of FIS Nordic Combined officials with the approval of the Council;
- to decide in co-operation with the FIS Headquarters on last minute changes in the Nordic Combined competition schedule and to decide on a substitute organiser in case of cancellation of an event.

27.1.1 Purpose of the Executive Board

- to act as an executive body in all questions regarding Nordic Combined and to advise the Council on all technical matters;
- to nominate and commission periodical Working Groups for special tasks.

27.1.2 Purpose of the Conference

- to discuss the current status and the future of Nordic Combined and to act as an instrument of information between the Nordic Combined Committee and the National Ski Associations.

27.2 Constitution

Executive: Chairman + max. 7 regular members (exceptions please see art. 5.1)

Committee: Chairman (the Chairman of the Executive) + the members of the Executive + the Chairman of the Cross Country Committee for Nordic Combined + Chairman of the Ski Jumping Committee + representatives from the 4 areas, if they are not already represented by the members of the Executive + Member of the Athletes' Commission.

Conference: each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

27.3 Meetings

Executive: in principle once per year

Committee: in principle once per year

Conference: in principle once per year

28 The Sub-Committee for Nordic Combined Officials, Rules and Control

28.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Nordic Combined Committee and the Council for the improvement of the competition rules or other measures having to do with the International Competitions Rules;
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Nordic Combined Committee and the Council for the improvement of the supervision and the control of Nordic Combined competitions;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the Nordic Combined Committee;
- to supervise the wording of new editions of the International Competition Rules;
- to collaborate with the Ski Jumping Sub-Committee for Officials, Rules and Control;
- to supervise and to instruct the Nordic Combined Technical Delegates in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters;
- to organise technical seminars for the Technical Delegates with the approval of the Nordic Combined Committee and the Council;
- to make proposals to the Nordic Combined Committee for Technical Delegates and International Technical Officials for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games to be appointed by the FIS Council;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

28.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

28.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

29 The Alpine Skiing Committee

29.1 General purpose

- to follow and study Alpine ski competition, while defining its philosophy;
- to present to the FIS Council proposals for improvement or modifications, while bearing in mind the consideration of sport;
- to experiment in following up all initiatives tending to facilitate, safeguard, better organise and better control the aspects of Alpine ski sport;
- to co-ordinate and control the activity of the different Alpine Sub-Committees and Working Groups, to exchange information between the Sub-Committees, to keep in contact with athletes, team captains, officials and Organisers with the FIS Headquarters;
- to supervise the instruction and appointment of Technical Delegates;
- to propose to the Council members of the jury for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games to the Council;
- to follow and study the development of the competition equipment and to submit viewpoints on new competition equipment to the Committee for Competition Equipment;
- to supervise the Junior World Ski Championships and study Alpine ski competitions as they relate to youth;
- to discuss proposals submitted by the different Alpine Sub-Committees and to present them to the Council.

29.1.1 Purpose of the Executive

- to co-ordinate and supervise the work of the Sub-Committees, to act as an executive body in all questions regarding Alpine skiing and to advise the Council on all Alpine technical matters;
- to nominate and commission periodical Working Groups for special tasks.

29.1.2 Purpose of the Alpine Skiing Committee

- to co-ordinate the work of the Sub-Committees and to discuss the proposals of the Sub-Committees and Working Groups and to submit its viewpoints to the Council.

29.1.3 Purpose of the Conference

- to discuss the future of the Alpine ski competition sport and to act as an instrument of information between the Alpine Skiing Committee and the National Ski Associations.

29.2 Constitution

Executive: Chairman + max. 7 regular members

Committee: Chairman (the Chairman of the Executive) + Chairman of the Sub-Committees + the members of the Executive.

Conference: each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

29.3 Meetings

Executive: when necessary (in principle twice per year)

Committee: in principle once per year

Conference: in principle once per year

30 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth and Children's Questions

30.1 Purpose

- to promote children's and youth activities in Alpine Skiing and deal with questions relating to children's and youth activities;
- to coordinate children's and youth Alpine Skiing activities with the Alpine Skiing Committee and the different Sub-Committees;
- to support and engage with the FIS Bring Children to the Snow campaign.

30.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

30.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

31 The Sub-Committee for Classification of Alpine Competitors

31.1 Purpose

- to publish in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters FIS points lists as often as this is found necessary for the fair classification of racers in international Alpine competitions;
- to check the result lists;
- to submit to the Alpine Skiing Committee and to the Council proposals in regard to the evaluation of races for FIS points;
- to study the development of the FIS points;
- to propose the participation quotas and the points penalties to the Executive Board and the Alpine Skiing Committee;

31.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman, (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

31.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

32 The Sub-Committee for Ladies' Alpine Skiing

32.1 Purpose

- to supervise and study the Alpine competitions for ladies while discussing its future and present to the Alpine Executive, Committee and Council proposals for its promotion and sound development in the future;
- to collaborate with the different Alpine Sub-Committees concerning rules, Cups and calendar questions, and with the Sub-Committee for Ladies' Cross-Country concerning special ladies questions, such as gender verification, medical examination, youth skiing, representation, etc;
- to actively participate with the organisation of FIS seminars dedicated to promote ladies snow sports.

32.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

32.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

33 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

33.1 Purpose

- to examine applications for homologation of courses for international competitions in downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super G, city and team parallel events;
- to submit proposals in regard to the requirements of the courses to the Alpine Skiing Committee and the Council;
- to issue homologation certificates for approved courses;
- to appoint experts for the homologation of the courses;

33.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

33.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

34 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

34.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Alpine Skiing Committee and the Council for the improvement of the competition rules or other measures having to do with the International Competitions Rules;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the Executive and the Committee and the different Alpine Sub-Committees;
- to supervise the wording of new editions of the International Competition Rules.
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Alpine Skiing Committee and the Council for the improvement of the supervision and the control of Alpine ski competitions;

34.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

34.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

35 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

35.1 Purpose

- to supervise and to instruct the Technical Delegates in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters;
- to organise technical seminars for the improvement of Technical Delegates with the approval of the Executive of the Alpine Committee and the Council;
- to make proposals to the Alpine Committee for members of the jury for World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to nominate to the Alpine Committee in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

35.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

35.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

36 The Sub-Committee for Alpine World Cup

36.1 Purpose of the Committee

- to present to the Executive and the Alpine Skiing Committee and the Council proposals for rules and the formula for the Alpine World Cup;
- to elaborate proposals for the Calendars of the Alpine World Cup in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters and the National Ski Associations and to submit the proposed calendars to the Executive, the Alpine Skiing Committee and the Council;
- to follow and analyse the development of the Alpine World Cup events
- to closely co-operate with the Sub-Committee for Continental Cup;
- to collaborate with the FIS Race Directors and Technical Delegates at the different venues

36.2 Purpose of the Conference

- to discuss the future of the Alpine World Cup and to act as an instrument of information between the Alpine Skiing Committee and the National Ski Associations.

36.3 Constitution

Committee: Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman + maximum 3 representatives of the AIJS and rights holders + maximum 2 representatives of the Organisers;

Conference: each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

36.4 Meetings

In principle once per year.

**37 The Sub-Committees for Alpine Intercontinental Cups
 The Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup
 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Nor-Am Cup
 The Sub-Committee for Alpine South American Cup
 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Australia/New Zealand Cup
 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Far East Cup**

37.1 Purpose

- to coordinate and present to the Executive, the Alpine Skiing Committee and the Council proposals for rules for the different Continental Cups;
- to make proposals for the Calendars of the different Continental Cups in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters and the National Ski Associations;
- to follow and analyse the development of the Continental Cups and to liaise with the Sub-Committee for World Cup.

37.2 Constitution

Intercontinental Cup

Maximum 6 regular members (1 from each Continental Cup + Chairman of the Sub-Committee for World Cup), plus the Chairman.

Continental Cup (per continent)

Maximum 7 regular members including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

37.3 Meetings

in principle once per year.

38 The Working Group for Alpine Technical Equipment

38.1 Purpose

- to closely follow the evolution of alpine equipment which directly influences the evolution of alpine ski racing and act in an advisory capacity for the Executive and Alpine Skiing Committee as a source of new initiatives and ideas;
- to specifically focus on the impact of equipment on the safety of alpine ski racing in coordination with the FIS Injury Surveillance System partners (University and similar specialist institutions, Medical Committee representatives, FIS experts);

38.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman.

38.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

39 The Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee

39.1 Purpose

- to follow and study Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki competition sport while defining its philosophy and to formulate “whole-of-sport” proposals to present to the FIS Council for its promotion and development (e.g. harmonisation principles, safety issues, prize money and whole-of-sport rules);
- to emphasise the unification and harmonisation of the two, newer disciplines within FIS to achieve a sustainable model for Event Organisers with dual use focus of facilities and common regulations;
- to propose to the Council members of the jury for FIS World Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Championships and Olympic Winter Games to the Council;
- to present to the Council opinions regarding candidatures for the organisation of FIS Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki World Championships;
- to make in co-operation with the FIS Headquarters and National Ski Associations proposals for the international Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki calendars;
- to approve in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters on last minute changes in the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki competition schedules and on a substitute organiser in case of cancellation of an event;
- to co-ordinate and supervise the work of the Sub-Committees and Working Groups and to discuss, review, approve, return or reject the proposals of the Sub-Committees and Working Groups and to submit its viewpoints to the Council. There is no re-working of Sub-Committee and Working Group proposals at Committee level;
- to operate as an Executive Group dealing with the broader issues confronting each of the Snowboard and Freestyle FreeSki events;
- to appoint members of the Working Groups for Rules and for Technical Delegates per art. 42.1 and 43.1
- to develop concepts to increase the commercial sustainability of its events in consultation with FIS Marketing, the marketing department at FIS and industry experts on an ad-hoc basis; and
- to nominate and commission periodical Working Groups for special tasks.

39.1.1 Purpose of the Conference

- to discuss the current status and the future of the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki sport notably in the developing nations newer to the disciplines and to act as an instrument of information between the Freestyle Committee and these National Ski Associations.
- to broaden the pool of experts, including global and development perspectives consulting the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee for greater diversity of expertise

39.2 Constitution

Committee: Maximum 15 regular members, including the Chair and deputy Chair of the four Sub-Committees or their NSA nominated specialist, Athletes' Commission representation (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

Conference: Each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

39.3 Meetings

Committee: In principle twice per year.

40 The Sub-Committees for Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki

- Park & Pipe
- Snowboard Cross & Ski Cross
- Mogul and Aerial
- Snowboard Alpine

40.1 Purpose

- to serve as the custodians of their specific events;
- to focus on event delivery issues including rules, course development and safety with the goal of harmonisation wherever possible for the benefit of the Event Organisers and sustainable use of infrastructure, facilities, television production, etc.
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee for the improvement of the competition rules or other measures having to do with the International Competitions Rules;
- to elaborate the wording of the rules and supervise the wording of new editions of the International Competition Rules in collaboration with the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee;
- to appoint members of the Mogul and Aerial Sub-Committee and Park & Pipe Sub-Committee's Judges Working Groups per art. 44.1.

40.2 Constitution

- Park & Pipe
- Snowboard Cross & Ski Cross

Maximum 13 regular members, including the Chairman and Deputy Chair with an even weighting from Snowboard and Freestyle-FreeSki and rotation of the chair position between the disciplines between meetings or as agreed (exceptions please see art. 5.1). Nationals Associations may nominate one Snowboard and one Freestyle FreeSki member, but have only one vote.

Conference members based on merit and universality representing both disciplines equally.

- Mogul and Aerial
- Snowboard Alpine

Maximum 11-13 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

40.3 Meetings

In principle twice per year in person (maximum).

41 The Sub-Committee for Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Youth and Children's Questions

41.1 Purpose

- to promote children's and youth activities in Snowboard Freestyle and FreeSki and deal with questions relating to children's and youth activities;
- to coordinate children's and youth Snowboard Freestyle and FreeSki activities with the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee and the Sub-Committees;
- to support and engage with the FIS Bring Children to the Snow campaign.

41.2. Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

41.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

42 The Working Group for Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Rules

42.1 Purpose

- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Sub-Committees and the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee for the improvement of the competition rules or other measures having to do with the International Competitions Rules;
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Sub-Committees and the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee for the improvement of the supervision and the control of Snowboard Freestyle and FreeSki and competitions;
- to elaborate the wording of the rules and supervise the wording of new editions of the International Competition Rules in collaboration with the Sub-Committees and Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee;

42.2 Constitution

Maximum members tbc (exceptions please see art. 5.1)

42.3 Meetings

When necessary, in principle twice per year in person (maximum).

43 The Working Group for Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Technical Delegates

43.1 Purpose

- to supervise and to instruct the activity of the Technical Delegates and to examine and approve new TD Candidates;
- to conduct technical seminars for Freestyle FreeSki and Snowboard Technical Delegates with the approval of the Freestyle FreeSki and Snowboard Committee and the Council;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the Technical Delegates for all international competitions to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions, with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to propose to the Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee (and thereafter the Council) Technical Delegates for assignments at the FIS World Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

43.2 Constitution

Maximum tbc members including the Race Director (exceptions please see art. 5.1)

43.3 Meetings

When necessary, in principle twice per year in person (maximum).

44 The Working Group for Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Judges

- Park & Pipe
- Mogul & Aerial

44.1 Purpose

- to improve international Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki judging in the respective events;
- to supervise and to instruct the activity of the judges and to examine and approve new judges;
- to conduct technical seminars for judges with the approval of the respective Sub-Committee, Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee and the Council;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters the officials and judges for all international competitions with the exception of World Ski Championships and Olympic Winter Games;
- to propose to the respective Sub-Committee and Snowboard Freestyle FreeSki Committee (and thereafter the Council) officials and judges for assignments at the FIS World Championships and Olympic Winter Games.

44.2 Constitution

Maximum members tbc (exceptions please see art. 5.1)

44.3 Meetings

When necessary, in principle twice per year in person (maximum).

45 The Committee for Speed Skiing

45.1 Purpose

- to present to the Council proposals for rules for Speed Skiing;
- to elaborate the Calendars in collaboration with the National Ski Associations and to co-ordinate rules, schedules, quotas, etc;
- to supervise the instruction and appointment of Technical Delegates who control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions
- to present to the Council opinions regarding candidatures for the organisation of Speed Skiing Championships;
- to supervise and study Speed Skiing competitions

45.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

45.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

46 The Committee for Telemark

46.1 Purpose

- to present to the Council proposals for rules for Telemark;
- to elaborate the Calendars in collaboration with the National Ski Associations and to co-ordinate rules, schedules, quotas, etc;
- to supervise the instruction and appointment of Technical Delegates to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions;
- to present to the Council opinions regarding candidatures for the organisation of Telemark Championships;
- to supervise and study Telemark competitions

46.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman

46.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

47 The Committee for Grass Skiing

47.1 Purpose

- to present to the Council proposals for rules for Grass Skiing;
- to elaborate the Calendars in collaboration with the National Ski Associations and to co-ordinate rules, schedules, quotas, etc;
- to supervise the instruction and appointment of Technical Delegates to control the organisation and carrying-out of the competitions
- to present to the Council opinions regarding candidatures for the organisation of Grass Skiing Championships;
- to supervise and study Grass Skiing competitions

47.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

47.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

**48 Coordination Group for Youth and Children's Questions
(all disciplines)**

48.1 Purpose

- to promote children's and youth activities in skiing and deal with general questions relating to children's and youth sporting and specifically skiing activities;
- to co-ordinate questions such as promotion of skiing for children and youngsters through schools;
- to exchange information about the work within each of the discipline-specific youth and children's working groups;
- to participate actively in the annual Youth & Children's Seminar;
- to support and contribute to the Bring Children to the Snow campaign involving SnowKidz projects and the World Snow Day.

48.2 Constitution

Chairmen of the four discipline Sub-Committees for Youth and Children's Questions, plus a Chairman

48.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

49 The Nordic Coordination Group

49.1 Purpose

- to coordinate information about activities in the Cross-Country, Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Committees;
- to discuss matters of common interest and present viewpoints, recommendations and proposals to the respective Discipline Committee and the Council;
- to handles issues relating to joint activities such as the junior world championships and discuss potential new joint initiatives.

49.2 Constitution

Chairman + Chairman and Race Directors of the Committees for Cross-Country, Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

49.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

50 The Legal and Safety Committee

50.1 Purpose

- to examine all legal questions directly or indirectly connected with skiing and snowboarding and search for practical and legal solutions necessary to the safety of skiers and snowboarders;
- to establish regulations governing legal questions directly concerning the FIS or its relations with a third party;
- to investigate legal questions raised by the National Associations, Committees and/or the Council;
- to study legal matters directly related to skiing and snowboarding, recreational or competitive, and the security of the skiers and snowboarders;
- to investigate and classify the doctrine and the jurisprudence of different countries when it comes to the rights of ski and snowboard;
- to establish liaison and co-operation with existing organisations, national and international, in this field.

50.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

50.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

51 The Medical Committee

51.1 Purpose

- to act as an advisor to the Council on matters of medical nature and conduct such activities as may be requested by the Council;
- to assist the interchange of information of a medical nature that relates to ski sport;
- to endorse medical meetings that are of a beneficial nature to the development and safety of ski sport –as required or requested by the Council;
- to closely co-operate with the Technical Committees in all matters of medical nature;
- to actively support and cooperate with the Injury Surveillance System projects (ISS) and the involved expert institutions and persons;
- to inform the World Anti-Doping Agency about specific doping questions through the FIS Anti-Doping Expert;
- to work within the National Associations in education about doping and its harmful effects;
- to be responsible for the definition of gender verification tests and related controls as required by the Council or the Statutes;

51.2 Constitution

Committee: Maximum 8-12 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1)

Coordination Group: Chairman of the Medical Committee, one member per Discipline Working Group (Alpine/Freestyle/Snowboard, Nordic, Education, Medical Guide/Anti-Doping, ISS Project)

51.3 Meetings

Committee: In principle once per year

Coordination Group: When necessary (in principle twice per year)

52 The Committee for Advertising Matters

52.1 Purpose

- to present to the Council proposals for the specifications and bye-laws of the rules on commercial markings on equipment, clothing and accessories;
- to monitor and where necessary present to the Council proposals for the FIS advertising rules at events (in accordance with the EBU rules);
- to discuss problems and be a body where the exchange of information about the various sponsor and supplier systems may take place;
- to be a contact organ between FIS and the ski industry in regard to commercial markings, sponsor and supplier programmes, etc.
- to liaise with the Committee for Public Relations and Mass Media on common matters to promote skiing and snow sports.

52.2 Constitution

Committee: Maximum 8-12 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

52.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

53 The Committee for Public Relations and Mass Media

53.1 Purpose

- to provide input in regard to the format and content of the Bulletin (Yearbook) of the FIS and the weekly FIS Newsflash, in conformity with instructions and decisions by the Congress and/or the Council;
- to execute public relation's actions on order of the Council;
- to monitor media developments in various forms, including digital and social and propose appropriate updating of the regulations to the Council;
- to propose to the Council special public relation activities for the promotion of skiing;

to study and to follow up the history of skiing and supplement a FIS library on an ongoing basis;

- to present viewpoints and proposals for the improvement of the collaboration between FIS and the different media associations;

to liaise with the Committee for Advertising Matters on common matters to promote skiing and snow sports.

53.1.1 Purpose of the Conference:

- to exchange information about Public Relations in the various nations and to act as an instrument of information between the PR Committee and the National Ski Associations.

53.2 Constitution

Committee: Maximum 8-12 regular members (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

Conference: each affiliated National Ski Association may be represented by one member.

53.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

54 The Committee for Competition Equipment

54.1 Purpose

- to collaborate with the responsible Technical Committees (Cross-Country, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard, Freestyle, FreeSki). The competitors' safety and health are to be taken into consideration and all matters regarding competition clothing and equipment shall be treated with due regard to fairplay and a sound development of the sport;
- to collaborate with the sports industry (Ski Racing Suppliers);
- to closely co-operate with the respective Sub-Committees or Working Groups for Rules or for Equipment of the Technical Discipline Committees;
- to work out and adopt uniform principles and directions for the approval of new developments in the field of competition equipment;
- to work out and publish lists of approved competition clothing and equipment in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters;
- to supervise in collaboration with the responsible Technical Committees and the competition jury the observance of directions and lists of approved articles of competition clothing and equipment;
- to establish exchange of experiences with similar Committees and Commissions within other International Sports Federations;
- to nominate in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters equipment controllers at international competitions for approval by the Council.

54.2 Constitution

Maximum 8-12 regular members, including the Chairman, in principle the Chairman and Race Director or Coordinator of the Discipline Committee concerned + Chairman of the Medical Committee + Chairman of the Legal Committee + 2 representatives of the ski industry, SRS.

54.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

55 The Committee for European Questions

55.1 Purpose

- to assess specific issues affecting European skiing and make proposals to the FIS Council to address these;
- to share best practice relating to the development of skiing and snowboarding activities amongst European nations;
- to exchange ideas to encourage children and youth participation;
- to look into common training opportunities;
- to engage in FIS initiatives such as World Snow Day and Bring Children to the Snow including with other parties, such as tourist organisations, ski schools, etc.
- to undertake projects relating to European activities delegated by the FIS Council;

55.2 Constitution

All European nations may propose members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

55.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

56 The Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications

56.1 Purpose

- to follow and study competition sport for racers with special qualifications, discuss its future and present to the Council proposals for its promotion and further development;
- to experiment in following up all initiatives tending to simplify, facilitate, better organise and better control the competition sport for racers with special qualifications;
- to function as an instrument of co-ordination between officials, competition Organisers, competitors, etc. and to collaborate with the FIS Headquarters;
- to co-ordinate and control the activity of the different Sub-Committees and to exchange information between the Sub-Committees;
- to discuss proposals submitted by the Sub-Committees and to present them to the Council;
- to act as an executive body in all questions regarding competitions for racers with special qualifications;
- to nominate and commission periodical Working Groups for special tasks;

56.2 Constitution

Chairman + Vice-Chairman + the Chairman of the 5 Sub-Committees.

56.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

57 The Sub-Committee for Alpine Citizen Racers

57.1 Purpose

- to develop competitions for Alpine citizen racers in and between countries and regions where special conditions, mostly climatical and geographical, make it difficult to reach top class;
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications and to the Council;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the competition rules for Alpine citizen racers in collaboration with the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications;
- to collaborate with the Alpine Skiing Committees in matters of common interest;
- to develop competitions for Alpine citizen racers and to follow and study the competition sport for Alpine citizen racers, discuss its future and present proposals for its promotion;
- to propose in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters to the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates, the Technical Delegates for all international competitions for Alpine citizen racers.

57.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

57.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

58 The Sub-Committee Cross-Country Development

58.1 Purpose

- to develop Cross-Country competitions in and between countries and regions where special conditions, mostly climatical and geographical, make it difficult to reach top class;
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications and to the Council;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules in collaboration with the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications;
- to collaborate with the Cross-Country Committees in matters of common interest;
- to propose in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters to the Sub-Committee for Rules and Control the Technical Delegates for all international Cross-Country competitions for lowlanders and citizen racers.

58.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

58.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

59 The Sub-Committee for University Racers

59.1 Purpose

- to develop and supervise competitions in the FIS disciplines for university racers;
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications and to the Council;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules for competition for university racers in collaboration with the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications;
- to collaborate with the Discipline Technical Committees in matters of common interest;
- to develop competitions in the FIS disciplines for university racers, discuss its future and present proposals for its promotion;
- to propose in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters to the respective FIS Sub-Committees the Technical Delegates for all international competitions for university racers;

59.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

59.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

60 The Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

60.1 Purpose

- to develop Alpine and Nordic Masters competitions in and between countries and regions where special conditions, mostly climatical and geographical, make it difficult to reach top class;
- to present viewpoints and proposals to the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications and to the Council;
- to elaborate the exact wording of the rules for masters competition in collaboration with the Committee for Racers with Special Qualifications;
- to collaborate with the Cross-Country and Alpine Skiing Committees in matters of common interest;
- to develop Alpine and Nordic Masters competitions and to follow and study the competition sport for masters, discuss its future and present proposals for its promotion;
- to propose in collaboration with the FIS Headquarters to the respective Alpine and Cross-Country Sub-Committees the Technical Delegates for all international masters competitions ;
- to establish liaison and co-operation with existing organisations, national and international, in this field.

60.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman (exceptions please see art. 5.1).

60.3 Meetings

In principle once per year.

61 The Sub-Committee for Para Snowsports

61.1 Purpose

- to serve as a liaison between IPC (International Paralympic Committee) and FIS and provide assistance to the IPC with FIS technical documentation such as check-lists, FIS rules and updates, Technical Delegates education pathways, development, networking and facilitating contact with potential Organisers;
- to oversee the technical co-operation between IPC and FIS in accordance with the Memorandum between FIS and IPC for topics such as:
 - publication of IPC Alpine Skiing competitions in the FIS Calendar upon registration by the corresponding NSAs;
 - consulting with the respective FIS Sub-Committees for the assignment of FIS Technical Delegates at IPC Alpine Skiing competitions and to collaborate in an exchange programme offering FIS TDs the opportunity to participate in IPC TD activities;
 - facilitating an opportunity for IPC TDs to attend FIS TD updates to assist their education and knowledge;
- to follow developments within FIS in areas such as rules, equipment, TD education, etc. to report back to the respective IPC Sport Committee;
- on request of the FIS Council, to provide advice about technical questions.

61.2 Constitution

Maximum 5-6 regular members, including the Chairman.

61.3 Meetings

At FIS Technical Committee Meetings

62 The Athletes' Commission

62.1 Purpose

- to discuss and address issues concerning Athletes in general;
- to present to the Council viewpoints and wishes from the Athletes;
- to serve as a liaison for the Athlete Commissions in all National Ski Associations and assist their set up;
- to liaise with the IOC and WADA and other appropriate Athletes Commissions;
- to propose their representative to the Congress to represent the Athletes' Commission in the Council;
- to appoint their representative in each discipline to serve as member of the Technical Committee/Executive Board.

62.2 Constitution

At the time of their elections, which take place at the respective FIS World Ski Championships every two years, the Athletes must be active competitors who competed at the previous FIS World Championships or at World Cup level latest two years earlier than the election;

4 representatives of Alpine Skiing (at least two of each sex),
2 representatives of Cross-Country Skiing (one lady, one man),
2 representatives of Ski Jumping (one lady, one man),
1 representative of Nordic Combined,
2 representatives of Snowboarding (one lady, one man),
2 representatives of Freestyle Skiing (one lady, one man);

- the Chairman is elected by the members;

62.3 Meetings

In principle once per year in conjunction with the FIS Technical Committee Meetings, or major events where all disciplines are represented such as Olympic Winter Games.

63 The Ethics Commission

63.1 Purpose

- to ensure that the Code of Ethics is being respected
- to receive complaints regarding any infringement to the present Code of Ethics
- to give advice and assistance on ethical matters, particularly as regards the application of the present Code
- to advise on how to avoid or resolve conflicts of interest
- to recommend sanctions which could be taken against offenders of the present Code
- from time to time to recommend further measures for the application and amendment of the Code of Ethics
- to report to the FIS Council on the application of the present Code, listing any infringements to its rules. If necessary, the Ethics Commission shall also present a report to the FIS Congress.

63.2 Constitution

Maximum 3-4 regular members, including the Chairman.

63.3 Meetings

When necessary.

64 The FIS Court

64.1 Purpose

to decide on matters brought to it in accordance with the FIS Statutes, Rules, Regulations based on the FIS Court Rules of Procedure;

- In accordance with the FIS Statutes, the FIS Court decides about:

- appeals against sanctions imposed by the Council and Appeals Commissions with the exception of doping cases;

- disputes between Member Associations;

- disputes between Member Associations and competitors as long as both parties are in agreement;

- other cases on request of the Council (see: regulations for disciplinary sanctions).

64.2 Constitution

Maximum 7 regular members, including the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Each Tribunal consists of three Judges appointed by the Chairman of the FIS Court, who may be part of the Tribunal. Judges from countries whose National Ski Associations are involved directly or indirectly or are directly interested in the result of the case are not eligible for the Tribunal.

64.3 Meetings

When necessary.

The Tribunal convenes or communicates by 'phone and electronically

65 The Working Group for Timing and Data

65.1 Purpose

- to establish criteria for the homologation of timing equipment to safeguard the accurate timing of competitions
- to control the accuracy of the timing at competitions through the analysis of timing reports
- to review the data format for the electronic submission of results
- to monitor and implement useful technical developments for timing and results management

65.2 Constitution

- Maximum 7 members including representatives of the timing and data companies and the FIS IT representatives

65.3 Meetings

When necessary, in principle 2 per year

66 The Working Group for the FIS Development Programme

66.1 Purpose

- to establish a programme to support developing National Ski Associations
- to co-ordinate various activities and projects for developing nations and the organisation of seminars
- to propose to the Finance Commission and Council a programme and budget in accordance with the available resources to include financial support for training activities, organisation of races, seminars, workshops, etc.
- to evaluate proposals for FIS Solidarity applications and make recommendations to the Council.

66.2 Constitution

Approximately 5 Council Members from different regions, ex-officio FIS Treasurer and 2-3 members from developing nations.

66.3 Meetings

When necessary, in principle 2 per year