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FIS MEDIA INFO**Decisions of the FIS Council Meetings in Barcelona (SPA)**

The FIS Council held its spring Meetings during the FIS Congress Week in Barcelona (KOR) from 2nd - 6th June. The agendas included going through the agenda for the FIS Congress, reports from the Organising Committees of the FIS World Championships, Olympic Winter Games and Youth Olympic Games and dealing with proposals from the FIS Technical Committees in relation to World Cup calendars, the appointment of technical officials and adaptation to various rules.

The main decisions of the Council in Barcelona include the following:

FIS World Cup calendars 2014/2015 to 2017/2018

A number of modifications to the FIS World Cup Calendars for the 2014/2015 season proposed by the respective Technical Committees were approved, the final versions of which are available on the FIS website. Calendar drafts for future seasons were also reviewed.

The election of Aspen (USA) as Organisers of the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Finals in 2016/2017 ahead of Lenzerheide (SUI) and Soldeu (AND).

FIS World Championships and Junior World Championships

The appointment of Sochi (RUS) as Organisers of the FIS Alpine Junior World Championships in 2016, which is a very positive legacy from the outstanding Olympic Winter Games.

In addition the following Organisers were appointed:

- Tambre (ITA) as Organisers of the FIS Grass Ski World Championships, 1st to 6th September 2015
- Rjukan (NOR) as Organisers of the Telemark World Championships 2019
- FIS Grasski Junior World Championships 2015, Stitna nad Vlari (CZE)

Olympic Winter Games

The Council decided to propose to the Congress that FIS should submit the addition of new events on the programme of the Olympic Winter Games following the outcome and in the context of the Olympic Agenda 2020 when the roadmap for the future of the Olympic Winter Games programme is defined. These include the Alpine Skiing nations team event, Ski Jumping mixed team event, Nordic Combined team sprint, Snowboard big air, team snowboard cross and Telemark parallel sprint and team parallel sprint.

Technical Committees

A number of adaptations to the technical rules were made, details of which have been published under the discipline committee reports. These include:

Cross-Country Skiing

- Rules relating to false starts and changing of corridors have been clarified and strengthened
- Starting order for interval start distance races has been adapted to better deal with adverse snow and weather conditions
- The process for snow control, cancellation and re-assignment of competitions has been reviewed and clearly defined

Ski Jumping

- A new competition format for Ski Flying will be implemented in the winter competition season 2014/15 and tested during the SJ Grand Prix Series 2014
- Limitation of the participation quotas for both the men's and ladies SJ Continental Cup Series'
- Increased flexibility to the thickness of jumping suits and compulsory use of helmets that provide a higher level of protection for both Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined (as introduced for Alpine Skiing last season)

Nordic Combined

- Introduction of the provisional competition round (PCR) for the Junior Nordic World Ski Championships
- Introduction of training camp for Ladies' Nordic Combined including two competitions in Oberstdorf (GER) in August 2014

Alpine Skiing

- The current equipment specifications are confirmed until the end of the current Olympic period 2017/18
- For World Cup the Race Director as Assistant Referee appointed by the FIS will also be a member of the Jury
- Adaptation of the quota allocation for the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships to limit the starting fields to a maximum of 100 athletes. Only the top 30 athletes are qualified for the second run, whereby FIS points will also be awarded to athletes completing the first run

Freestyle Skiing

- Updating of the technical specifications for ski slopestyle and halfpipe to synchronise with Snowboard
- Introduction of short format for aerials and adaptation to the standard format
- World Cup qualification standards in moguls, slopestyle and halfpipe events

Snowboard

- Adaptation of the format for the single run race for Snowboard parallel events
- Revision of World Cup quotas by controlling the starting fields for both safety reasons and management of competitions World Championship quotas and qualification levels
- Introduction of a common FIS Points calculation process for both Snowboard and Freestyle Skiing

Updates to the technical rules for Speed Skiing, Telemark as well as Advertising, Sponsorship and Commercial Markings were also approved.

Other Decisions

Doping Cases - Marina Lisogor (UKR) and Johannes Duerr (AUT)

Marina Lisogor (UKR), Cross-Country Skiing, tested positive on 18th February 2014 for the presence of trimetazidine (Class S.6 Stimulants). Since the sample was collected during the period of the Olympic Winter Games, the IOC Disciplinary Commission dealt the case and decided that the athlete is disqualified from the Ladies' Team Sprint Classic semi-final B event (and at the same time the team members of this race).

The Ukrainian Ski Federation informed FIS that based on a decision of the Executive Committee, the Federation has removed the athlete from the national team and banned her from participation in national competitions.

The FIS Doping Panel found that Marina Lisogor has committed an anti-doping rule violation contrary to article 2.1 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules and sanctioned her to two years ineligibility, beginning on 6th May 2014.

Johannes Duerr (AUT), Cross-Country Skiing, tested positive on 22nd February 2014 for the substance recombinant erythropoietin (EPO). Since the sample was collected during the period of the Olympic Winter Games, the IOC Disciplinary Commission dealt the case and decided that the athlete is disqualified from the Men's 15km and 15km Skiathlon event where he placed 8th; shall have his diploma in the above-mentioned event withdrawn; and is excluded from the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi in 2014.

The Austrian Ski Association has expelled the athlete from the Association as of 24th March 2014.

The FIS Doping Panel found that Johannes Duerr has committed an anti-doping rule violation contrary to article 2.1 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules and sanctioned him to two years ineligibility, as from 26th February 2014, whereby all of the athlete's individual results

obtained since September 2013 are disqualified, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes.

Athletes Commission representative on the FIS Council

On proposal of the FIS Athletes' Commission the Council decided that as from forthwith to include a representative of the Athletes' Commission as part of the FIS Council with observer status (voice but no vote).

FIS Calendar Conference 2015 (Technical Committees and FIS Council Meetings)

Varna (BUL) will host the FIS Calendar Conference and the FIS Council Meeting in the first week of June 2015.

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About FIS

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. Through its 122 member nations, more than 6'500 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, notably for the young.

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