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FIS MEDIA INFO

Decisions of the FIS Council at its Spring Meeting 2013 in Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO)

The FIS Council held its Spring Meeting at the Hotel Croatia in Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO) on Monday 10th June 2013 and dealt with a full agenda, including regular items such as reports from Organising Committees of the FIS World Championships, Olympic Winter Games and Youth Olympic Games, appointment of technical officials, proposals from the FIS Technical Committees, FIS World Cup calendars and updates to various rules.

Other key matters addressed by the Council during the Meeting included the television and marketing rights for the FIS World Championships in the Alpine and Nordic events for 2019 and 2021, appointment of key sponsors and partners for FIS properties, and the organisation of the FIS Development Programme.

The main decisions of the Council in Cavtat-Dubrovnik are as follows:

Decisions directly related to ski sports

FIS World Cup calendars 2012/2013 to 2016/2017

Minor modifications to the FIS World Cup Calendars for the 2013/2014 season proposed by the respective Technical Committees were approved, as well as the calendar drafts until 2016/17 for Alpine Skiing, all of which will be available on the FIS website.

Of note in the FIS Alpine World Cup calendar 2013/14 for men, is the change in format to the alpine combined that will be carried out in Kitzbühel. The race will take place on Friday 24th January and consist of the traditional super-G in the morning that will count as a race in its own right and then added to a one-run slalom that will take place in the afternoon to generate the results of the alpine combined.

FIS World Championships and Junior World Championships

- Grandvalira/Pas de la Casa Pas de la Case (Andorra) was appointed as Organiser of the Speed Skiing World Championships in 2015.

- La Plagne (FRA) was appointed as Organiser of the Telemark World Championships 2017.
- Geilo (NOR) was appointed as Organiser of the Telemark Junior World Championships 2014.
- Hafjell (NOR) was appointed as Organiser of the FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2015. This is also designed to serve as a “test event” for the 2016 Youth Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer.
- Almaty (KAZ) was appointed as Organiser of the FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships 2015.
- Valmalenco (ITA) as Organiser of the FIS Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard Junior World Ski Championships 2015.
- The Council confirmed the [Candidates](#) for the FIS World Championships in 2018 and 2019 as well as the procedure for the election on 5th June 2014 in Barcelona (SPA). The deadline for applications for the FIS Freestyle Skiing-Snowboard World Championships 2019 has been extended to 1st October 2013.

Olympic Winter Games

The update report was received from Sochi 2014 and the progress with completion of the venues as well as the outcome of the FIS World Cup and European Cup competitions during 2012/13 were positively received. Confirmation of the appointment of most Sochi 2014 key technical officials was made, with the exception of Cross-Country Skiing.

Television and Marketing Rights

Infront Sports and Media was awarded the television and marketing rights for the FIS World Ski Championships in the Alpine and Nordic Events for 2019 and 2021.

Audi was appointed as a sponsor of the FIS World Cup in the Nordic Disciplines with a range of packages, details of which will be communicated in due course.

Sponsorship at events by commercial betting companies will be permitted. However, advertising on or with athletes (head sponsors, competition suits, starting bibs) is prohibited. Furthermore, FIS title and presenting sponsor rights will not be awarded to commercial betting companies.

Technical Committees

Various updates to the International Competition Rules (ICR) were made. A more detailed summary will be published in the next edition FIS Newsflash. Of note are the following:

Nordic Disciplines

Definition of the minimum age of 16 for participation in the Nordic World Ski Championships and Junior Championships, as well as World Cup.

Introduction of the Nordic Combined “Weekend Challenge” which will be carried out as a stage event over three days with the starting field reduced to 50 on day two and 30 on the final day.

Alpine Skiing

A super combined competition will be included in the programme of the Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, whilst the nations team event will part of the calculation of the Marc Hodler Trophy.

The proposal to have the possibility to carry out a World Cup race in a technical discipline in only one run in case of force majeure was tabled for further discussion by the Committees concerned.

Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard

Further coordination of the rules between the two disciplines has been undertaken especially to assist the procedures for Organisers of joint events with both disciplines.

Other Decisions

The FIS Rules for Betting and other Anti-Corruption Violations were finalised for implementation from 1st July 2013 and will be published on the FIS Website.

FIS Development Programme

The FIS Development Programme incorporates the Aid & Promotion Programme and FIS Solidarity Support in order that there is coordination between these two areas. The concept including the activities and budget for 2013/14 were approved and two experts from the developing nations will be appointed to serve as advisors in the group.

Affiliation of FIS

The **Dominica Ski Association**, **Timor Leste Ski Association** and **Singapore Snowboarding and Skiing Association** were accepted as provisional members of FIS. Furthermore, it granted provisional membership to the all of which are subject to official approval by the FIS Congress in 2014. The suspension of the **Bolivian Ski Association** was lifted after the re-organisation and election of officials.

FIS Committee Members

Horst Hüttel (GER) was appointed as Chairman of the Nordic Combined Committee
Chris Grover (USA) was appointed as Chairman of the Cross-Country Sub-Committee for World and Continental Cups

The members of the Athletes Commission 2013 - 2015 were confirmed: Cross-Country Skiing: Kikkan Randall (USA), Oystein Pettersen (NOR); Ski Jumping: Sabrina Windmüller (SUI), Kamil Stoch (POL); Nordic Combined: Alessandro Pittin (ITA); Alpine Skiing: Veronika Velez-Zuzulova (SVK), Jessica Lindell-Vikarby (SWE), Julien Lizeroux (FRA), Michael Janyk (CAN), Freestyle Skiing: Lydia Lassila (AUS), Filip Flisar (SLO); Snowboard: Marion Kreiner (AUT), Konstantin Schad (GER). During their first meeting the Committee appointed **Kikkan Randall** (Cross-Country Skiing, USA) as their chairperson.

FIS Staff

Gnter Hujara will step down as Men's Alpine Chief Race Director at the end of the 2013/14 season. He will continue to work for FIS on a part-time basis handling different projects including safety aspects, supporting the Organising Committee of the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games, as well as other areas arising.

Markus Waldner, Alpine Continental Coordinator since 1998 will take over the position of Men's Alpine Chief Race Director.

Jan Tischhauser, Ladies Alpine Race Director (DH/SG) will retire at the end of the 2013/14 Olympic season after working 21 years for FIS, since 1993.

Jenny Wiedeke has been appointed as FIS Communications Manager, succeeding Riikka Rakic who has decided to leave FIS after more than seven years of service to spend more time with her young family.

Bring Children to Snow Campaign - FIS World Snow Day

The third FIS World Snow Day will take place on 19th January 2014 after 430'000 participants took part in the second edition, which was nearly double the number of the inaugural event. **Audi** has stepped in as a new partner of the Bring Children to the Snow campaign to jointly develop projects within the programme.

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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 115 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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