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## FIS MEDIA INFO

### Decisions of the FIS Council at the 45th International Ski Congress

Vilamoura, May 24th, 2006 -- The 45th International Ski Congress is currently underway in Vilamoura (POR). The following items related to Cross-Country Skiing have been approved by the FIS Council at its meeting today:

- The Viessmann FIS World Cup Calendar Cross-Country for the Season 2006/2007 (see  [here](#))
- Approval of the World Cup rules for 2006/2007, including a modification of the rules for the Sprint whereby all final heats will be run with six competitors, instead of four as has been the case in the semi-finals until now. In reality, this means that the two best Lucky Losers in the quarter-final heats will also advance to the semi-finals.

The decision on the organizer of the 2011 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships will be made by the FIS Council on Thursday, 25th May and announced at around 18 CET.

Successor to Peter Petricek (SLO) as Chairman of the Cross-Country Committee will be appointed by the new FIS Council at the end of the Congress, by Saturday, May 27th.

Please also note that according to the ICR art. 219.1, the prize money for the coming 2006-2007 season has already been confirmed by the FIS Council in its November 2005 meeting (approximately 1 ½ years before the applicable competition season). For Cross-Country events the amounts will be, as in the previous season:

- Minimum cash prize for individual events: CHF 40,000,- (divided between 1-10)
- Minimum cash prize for relay events: CHF 30,000,- (divided between 1-6)

#### Ski Jumping Decisions

The FIS Council has confirmed at its meeting today the different FIS World Cup, Summer Grand Prix and Continental Cup Calendars for the Season 2006/2007.

 [E-On Ruhrgas FIS World Cup Ski Jumping 2006-07](#)

 [FIS Grand Prix Ski Jumping 2006](#)

 [FIS Continental Cup Ski Jumping \(men\) 2006-07](#)

 [FIS Continental Cup Ski Jumping \(ladies\) 2006-07](#)

Please note that the World Cup season will start, as last year, in Kuusamo/FIN on November 24th, 2006 while the final will take place in Planica/SLO on March 24th-25th, 2007. For the first time, the last competition of the Four-Hills Tournament will take place on January 7th instead of the traditional date of January 6th. This is at the request of the television since January 7th is a Sunday and larger audiences are expected both at the stadium and on TV.

On proposal of the FIS Ski Jumping Committee, the FIS Council will recommend the FIS Congress on Friday to introduce Ladies' Ski Jumping in the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships as of 2009 and to submit a request to the International Olympic Committee for including Ladies' Ski Jumping in the program of the Olympic Winter Games.

As a reminder, the FIS Council has confirmed in its November 2005 the prize money for Ski Jumping in the 2006/07 season to be as follows:

- Minimum cash prize per event: CHF 70'000 — divided between 1 – 10
- Minimum cash prize per double event: CHF 70'000 — divided between 1-10
- Minimum cash prize per team event: CHF 70'000 — divided between 1-3
- Minimum cash prize for Continental Cup events: CHF 1'500 — divided between 1-6

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#### Alpine Decisions:

The 45th International Ski Congress is currently underway in Vilamoura (POR). The following items related to Alpine Skiing have been approved by the FIS Council at its meeting today:

- The Audi FIS Alpine World Cup Calendars for the Season 2006/2007  
 [Audi Alpine FIS Ski World Cup 2006/07 Men](#)  
 [Audi Alpine FIS Ski World Cup 2006/07 Ladies](#)
- Starting order for the downhill, super-G and super combined will be based on the best thirty (30) competitors starting in the reversed order of the corresponding WCSL points (Article 9.4). In competitions held in two runs (downhill, super combined, slalom and giant slalom) the best 30 competitors qualified for the second run shall start in reversed order of the times achieved in the first run (new Article 9.5).
- Definition of the technical data of slalom courses will be based on the number of direction changes, rather than on the number of gates. The required number of direction changes in the Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships, World Cup, FIS and Continental Cup slalom competitions is 30%-35% of the vertical drop, +/- 3 direction changes (Article 801.2.4.1).
- Increase of the maximum vertical drop for the Ladies' slalom courses in the Olympic Winter Games, FIS World Ski Championships and FIS World Cup from 200m to 220m, which is equal to that of the men (Article 801.1.2).
- Decrease of the minimum vertical drop for the men's super-G events from 500m to 400m (Article 1001.1.1)
- Making crash helmets compulsory in all FIS Alpine Skiing events.

Please also note that according to the ICR art. 219.1, the prize money for the coming 2006-2007 season has been confirmed by the FIS Council in its November 2005 meeting. For Alpine events the amounts will be the following:

- Minimum cash prize per World Cup event: CHF 100,000,- (divided between 1-10)
- Minimum cash prize for European Cup events: CHF 2,300,- (divided between 1-10)

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## **About FIS**

Founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France, the International Ski Federation (FIS) aims to promote the sport of skiing and snowboarding and directs the development of all ski and snowboarding activities world-wide. FIS administers the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. With the help of its 112 member nations (one currently suspended), it stages more than 6'000 ski and snowboard competitions annually. FIS also makes recommendations for recreational skiing and snowboarding in the interest of all and promotes play in the snow as a healthy leisure activity for children and the youth. For more information, please visit [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com).