



# FIS Book of Reports 2026



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# Cross-Country

## Cross-Country Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Cross-Country Committee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Uroš Ponikvar
<b>Report by</b>	Uroš Ponikvar, Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The Olympic Winter Games 2026 were an exciting edition, with a record number of participating NOCs (65) and the historic achievement of J. H. Klæbo (NOR), who swept all six gold medals, bringing his total Olympic gold medal tally to 11.</p> <p>The Cross-Country flagship event, the Tour de Ski, celebrated its 20th edition. The introduction and testing of a new Cross-Country format, the Heat Mass Start, brought mixed reactions within the Cross-Country community.</p> <p>The first edition of the Asian Roller Ski Cup was introduced, featuring stages in three countries and 170 athletes from 12 participating nations.</p> <p>Two Sub-Committees were merged into one: the Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Development and the Sub-Committee for Youth and Children's Questions.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	The new format, Heat Mass Start, will be further evaluated at two World Cup events next season.



	Further assessment of the current World Cup nation quota system is in progress.
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	The rules for ski testing and course access during World Cup weekends have been modified, and the number of people allowed to ski and test has been restricted. The objective is to create a fairer system for all participating nations.
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>When the FIS points system was changed three years ago, many small nations feared that the new system would prevent them from qualifying for the Olympic Games. Milano-Cortina 2026 proved those fears unfounded: 65 nations were represented. Despite this high number, only 10 nations were able to enter four or more men, resulting in only 10 relay teams at the start. On the other hand, the women's relay had the highest-ever number of teams at the start, with 19 relay teams.</p> <p>Milano-Cortina also marked the first Games at which men and women competed over the same distances in Cross-Country.</p> <p>This year, we need to address this issue while preparing the qualification system for the 2030 Olympic Games.</p>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<p>Satu Kalajainen (FIN) has stepped down as Chair of the Sub-Committee for Youth and Children. The Cross-Country Committee approved the Sub-Committee's proposal to nominate her as an Honorary Member.</p> <p>Alexandr Veleschuk (GER) has been nominated as FIS Roller Skiing World Cup Coordinator.</p> <p>Dmitri Kolomeyets (KAZ) will continue as Coordinator of the Asian Roller Ski Cup.</p>

## Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Rules and Control

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub-Committee Cross-Country Rules & Control
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Anna Rosa
<b>Report by</b>	Anna Rosa, Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a result of the FIS points system enforced in season 2024 and the consequent new qualification criteria (not developed by the Sub-Committee Cross-Country Rules &amp; Control) the OWG of Milano Cortina 2026 were participated by <b>competitors from 65 countries</b>.</li> <li>• A proposal for a new sanction, called a Rank penalty, has been prepared by a dedicated working group and approved by the sub-committee for the next season. The sanction can be used by the juries to react to obstructions that affect results in head-to-head distance formats.</li> <li>• <b>Technical officials' education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The following seminars have been organized: Neutral FIS and Central/Eastern Europe TD Seminar Val di Fiemme (ITA), 17-19 October 2025; Far East TD seminar Pyeongchang (KOR) 25-26, October 2025; Homologation seminar Toblach (ITA) 8-10, May 2026.</li> <li>○ Furthermore, specific online TD updates were organized for Rollerski, Para cross-country skiing , Americas TDs and WC TDs.</li> <li>○ The surveys prepared by the FIS education management team and submitted to the participants after the respective seminars and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>updates returned very positive results and a significant level of satisfaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new <b>TO education system</b> development has been supported and the discipline related new documents have been approved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What is in progress?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The venue license system</b> is on the way to be defined and subsequently described within the competition norms and the documents related to the homologation procedures and to the Homologation Inspectors education and management.</li> <li>• The medical commission is evaluating the possibility to consider (for FIS points) cases of <b>temporary diseases</b> that prevent athletes from competing but are hard to detect and in Autumn the sub-committee will discuss it.</li> <li>• The Regional TD Coordinators and the respective TDs, the Regional HI Coordinators and the respective HIs, as well as the NSAs and the other related stakeholders need to get confident with the new documents that have substituted the <b>Rules for the organization, education and nomination of FIS Cross-Country Technical Officials</b>. Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FIS Technical Official General Rules</li> <li>○ Education Guidelines FIS Technical Officials</li> <li>○ Education Guidelines Annex FIS Technical Delegate Cross-Country</li> <li>○ Education Guidelines Annex FIS Homologation Inspector Cross-Country</li> <li>○ TO Support Document CROSS COUNTRY</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Competition Rules:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ introduction of the Rank penalty;</li> <li>○ rules of conduct in case of broken skis in every competition and within the pit boxes during the 50 km.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ experimentation of wireless communications in long popular events (and consequent cancellation of the related ban in such competitions)</li> <li>○ cancellation of the 83% high limit for the poles in classical technique popular events</li> <li>● <b>Ahead of the French Alps OWG and PWG 2030</b> the course designer for the cross-country and para cross-country courses and the respective HI have been identified.</li> <li>● <b>Technical officials' management:</b></li> <li>● Seminars plan:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scandinavia/Baltic TD Seminar in Lahti</li> <li>○ Western Europe TD Seminar in Prague</li> <li>○ Americas TD Seminar</li> </ul> </li> <li>● TD updates plan: Rollerski, Para cross-country skiing, Central/Eastern Europe TDs and WC TDs.</li> <li>● The TDs and TDAs for the upcoming World Cup season were approved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2200+ races (codex) were organized in season 2026 (2100+ in season 2025 and 1900+ in seasons 2024 and 2023). <b>Italy</b> has hosted the biggest number of competitions (codex), followed by Norway and Sweden.</li> <li>● <b>No appeal</b> was submitted during the season 2025/2026 (we had 7 in 2024/2025 and 4 in 2023/2024).</li> <li>● We have <b>183 active FIS TD</b> and <b>49 active FIS HI</b></li> <li>● <b>More than 85 TDs from 25 NSA</b> took part to the FIS al and Central Eastern Europe TD Seminar held in the OWG 2026 venue, bringing together both TDs and both FIS Race directors of the Olympic and Paralympic competitions, plus an UCI International Commissaire (on duty at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024) for some food for thoughts.</li> </ul>

<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Viljanmaa Annmari</b> from FIN (vice chair of the sub-committee) has resigned.</li> <li>• <b>Sandra Paul</b> from AUS has joined the sub-committee.</li> <li>• <b>Dmitriy Kolomeyets</b> from KAZ (TD) of the has joined the ICR working group.</li> <li>• <b>Petr Mach</b> from CZE (Regional TD coordinator and member of the CCC) has taken over the work of analyzing in detail the FIS point system in use.</li> </ul>
<b>Further comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Torbjörn Broks Pettersen</b>, on behalf of the sub-committee, is making sure there is a stable connection between the Cross-Country ICR and the Para Cross-Country ICR.</li> </ul>



## Sub-Committee for Cross-Country World Cup and Continental Cup

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Cross Country Subcommittee for World Cup and Continental Cup
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Chris Grover
<b>Report by</b>	Chris Grover, Subcommittee Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>A new World Cup format was introduced into the calendar in the 2025-26 season. The Heat Mass Start format, the brainchild of former FIS CC Director Jürg Capol was introduced during the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tour de Ski. Although the format had mixed reviews with the athletes that participated, the event was well-received by the TV audience and fans. Many nations also appreciated that the event highlighted the talents of different athletes, including both sprinters and distance skiers from many nations.</p> <p>For the first time, during the 2025-26 season, the top 6 athletes are being recognized in the podium/flower ceremony after an individual World Cup race. This change from only the top 3 athletes to the top 6 athletes was introduced to recognize the performance of more athletes from a greater variety of nations – something that is important for the NGBs. It has been very well received by everyone involved.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	The discussions and evaluations around the Heat Mass Start have been carried forward into the 2026-27 World Cup season. The subcommittee has voted to add the event to the upcoming World Cup, both as a stand-alone World Cup event and a stage of the Tour de Ski once again. A working group will spend the summer discussing how to best distribute athletes across the different heats to



	<p>create the fairest competitions possible. Another working group will be employed in the summer of 2026 to discuss the possible reduction of World Cup athlete quotas with the intention of ensuring that many nations can reach the podium and to protect the viability and popularity of the sport.</p> <p>The Subcommittee is still interested in finding and developing opportunities for common waxing at the World Cup, as a mechanism for helping the NGBs save money, the Organizers create a smaller ecological footprint and leveling the playing field for nations by reducing the amount of time person-power that goes into waxing. We've had two World Cups in Tallinn, EST now that demonstrate the potential of common waxing, but we were unable to make common waxing work during the 2025-26 season.</p>
<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>In an effort to level the playing field between big and small skiing nations, and to reduce costs for nations, a reduction to the World Cup staff bib quota has been submitted to the Cross Country Committee and passed for the 2026-27 season. This rule change features slightly reduced staff quotas for the biggest nations, slight reductions in course access on race days to protect the course, and the creation of a testing area bib to standardize the number of staff per nation that can access the test area.</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the fluorocarbon ban and supporting testing continues to be an important success for the cross country community. Over the course of the 25-26 season, many thousands of fluoro tests were conducted at the World Cup by the FIS equipment control team, and only 3 positive tests were recorded. The system that has been implemented by our FIS professionals is working extremely well, creating a fair and level playing field for all competitors.</p> <p>Cross Country saw a massive increase in our social media presence in the 2025-26 season, with increased engagement of over 300% on some platforms. This</p>





	speaks to the changing landscape of fan engagement and the importance of meeting a new generation of fans via their preferred platforms.
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	None



## Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Development

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub Committee for Cross Country Development
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Özkan Koyuncu (TUR)
<b>Report by</b>	Özkan Koyuncu (TUR), Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The regional training camp project "Train Together," proposed by the subcommittee, was implemented by the FDP in a clinic format. Two camps were organized for developing countries in this format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For the Balkan region in Zlatibor (SRB) in October 2025,</li> <li>-For the Asian region in Schuchinsk (KAZ) in March 2026.</li> </ul> <p>Following meetings at various levels within FIS over the past year, it was decided to merge SC for CC Development and SC Youth &amp; Children Questions in order to make FIS Development activities more effective and efficient.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>The newly formed subcommittee was advised to continue working towards the implementation and further development of the "Train Together" regional training camp project in accordance with its original concept.</p> <p>The newly formed subcommittee was advised to continue developing the "FIS CC Coach Pool" project, which is still in the conceptual stage.</p> <p>Formed by merging two subcommittees focusing on similar but different issues, the new subcommittee will concentrate on producing more versatile and robust projects.</p>

<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	It was decided that the Sub-Committee for Cross Country Development, which merged with the Sub-Committee for Cross Country Youth and Children Questions, would hold a joint meeting at the FIS Technical Committee Meetings in Portoroz (SLO) in May 2026, chaired by the chairpersons of both sub-committees. This was also the first meeting of the newly formed joint subcommittee, and it was held successfully.
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	-
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	The Sub-Committee for Cross Country Development has merged with the Sub-Committee for Cross Country Youth and Children Questions to form the <b>Sub-Committee for Youth and Development Questions</b> . The existing members of both sub-committees have become the first members of this newly formed sub-committee.
<b>Further comments</b>	<p>As the last chair of the subcommittee, I would like to express my gratitude to all the Chairs and members who have contributed to the subcommittee since its inception. They lit a torch, and many years later, this torch will continue to be carried in the hands of the newly formed Sub-committee members for the further development and spread of cross country skiing.</p> <p>I would also like to extend my thanks to all the FIS managers, Nordic Office and cross-country team members who have always supported and assisted the subcommittee throughout its existence.</p>



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

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Cross Country Youth and Children’s Questions sub-committee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Satu Kalajainen
<b>Report by</b>	Satu Kalajainen, Chair for CC Y&C Questions s-c
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The FIS-accredited “Coach 0 – Train the Trainers” basic skills programme for beginners and children was successfully tested May-25 in Val di Fiemme. After further project enhancements, applications opened Oct-25 to nations with 1 or 2 votes, attracting 16 applicants. Originally scheduled for launch Mar-26, the programme was postponed to Jun and later Sep-26 due to scheduling constraints. The structured 2.5-day course enables developing nations to learn fundamental coaching principles and by replicating similar courses locally to recruit and attract more skiers. This represents one of the sub-committee’s most significant contributions toward ‘bringing more nations onto the podium’. Hopefully levels 1, 2, 3 will follow in years to come. Special thanks to FIS Education and Development for their support, and to Brit Baldishol/NOR for sharing best practices and her major contribution to the script development work.</p> <p>First Youth Coach Webinar 27 Oct-26 attracted 190+ registrations from 26 nations. The aim was “to inspire junior coaches to chase their dreams and empower athletes to take ownership in creating cohesive and successful teams.” Keynote speaker was Anders Byström, Head Coach SWE (also ex Y&amp;C s-c member in early years) was facilitated by Jenny Limby/SWE (current</p>

	<p>member). The initiative was clearly well received, demonstrating a strong thirst for knowledge and a willingness to learn. It is also highly cost-effective and straightforward to organize, more webinars to follow.</p> <p>The first joint meeting with CC Development was held in Portorož May-26 and marked the beginning of the official merger process; new name will be Cross Country Youth and Development (Questions) sub-committee.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>‘Coach 0’ launch in Sep-26.</p> <p>The merger of the two sub-committees; identification of shared synergies and opportunities to streamline the work, and to establish its formal existence.</p>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	No decisions taken.
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	As the CC Y&C s-c kind of ‘ends’ now, it is nice to note that since its foundation 2007 in Portoroz, the amount of members have grown from 7 to 33.
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<p>Myself, as the Chair of CC Y&amp;C, am stepping down – perfect timing in light of new sub-committee forming.</p> <p>New merged sub-committee CC Youth and Development (Questions) starts to operate in autumn. All the best!</p>
<b>Further comments</b>	After 19 years, I am stepping down to make room for new ideas and perspectives. It has been a privilege to lead this fantastic sub-committee with so many enthusiastic and committed members over the years. I want to thank everyone for their loyalty and activeness, and for the truly special atmosphere we managed to create together.

My thanks also go to FIS Council as well as to the Finnish Ski Association for your continuous trust. Through this role, I had the opportunity to represent Bring Children to the Snow at ISPO Munich, act as a multi-year Snowkidz Award judge, contribute to the SnowSafe and Gender Equity working groups, and be part in the Youth & Children Coordination Group led by the highly valued Chair Ken Read. Thank you also to the FIS Office team for all the support and help — it has been wonderful to see the staff grow and develop in their roles over the years. You are the stars, keep shining.

I would also like to thank all colleagues in cross-country skiing and across other disciplines, many of whom became true friends along the way. What an incredible opportunity it has been to work alongside so many of my childhood idols, sitting in the same meeting rooms and sharing the same passion for sport.

I hope the legacy of our sub-committee will continue: sharing best practices, fostering international cooperation, and supporting all nations equally. No matter how small or large a nation may be, everyone has a voice in growing our sport — and everyone has something to teach and something to learn from one another.

I may step down from the role, but never from the passion

Thank you. Kiitos.

## Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub-Committee for Roller Skiing
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Martins Niklass
<b>Report by</b>	Martins Niklass
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p><b>FIS Roller Ski World Cup 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> ever World Cup debut in Rome with Sprint competition in front of Coliseum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Alliansloppet” (SWE) – world’s largest rollerski competition become a part of the FIS Rollerski World Cup.</li> <li>• Overall WC winners: Mateo Tanel (ITA) – Men; Stenman Ebba (SWE) - Women</li> <li>• Sprint Cup winners: Becchis Emanuele (ITA) – Men; Stenman Ebba (SWE) – Women</li> <li>• Nation Cup winner: Team Sweden (35 nations participated – all-time record)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>FIS Roller Ski Junior World Championships 2025 – Madona (LAT):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 nations participated</li> <li>• Medal table leaders: Sweden (6G/2S/4B), Slovakia (1G/3S), Norway (1G/1S/2B)</li> <li>• Men’s gold: Adamov Michal (SVK) – 10K; Pettersson Eddie (SWE) – Sprint &amp; 15K; Sweden – Team Sprint</li> <li>• Women’s gold: Holmberg Johanna (SWE) – 10K &amp; 15K; Lia Emilie Ruud (NOR) – Sprint; Sweden – Team Sprint</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing a productive collaboration with FF Rollerskis AS as official WC equipment provider.</li> </ul>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st ever FIS Roller Ski Asian Championship will be hosted in Kaeng Krachan (THA, Oct 2026)</li> <li>Expansion of Asian Cup to additional nations being pursued (JPN, IRI, LBN, SGP, QAT, KSA, UAE and others)</li> </ul>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIS Roller Ski Asian Cup Rules adopted.</li> <li>WC rule clarifications adopted.</li> </ul>
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>35 nations participated in the FIS Rollerski World Cup in 2025 – an all-time record since tracking began in 2009</li> <li>Approximately 400 athletes competed across all WC categories in 2025 – the highest ever total.</li> <li>Inaugural FIS Roller Ski Asian Cup 2025: 240+ athletes from 12 nations with 6 different medalist nations.</li> </ul>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major changes to Sub-Committee membership during the 2025/26 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alexandr Velechshuk (GER) confirmed as new FIS Roller Coordinator</li> <li>Dmitriy Kolomeyets (KAZ) confirmed as FIS Roller Ski Asian Region Coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Ski Jumping

## Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-2026 (from April 2025 to April 2026)
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub committee for ski jumping hills
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Hans-Martin Renn (GER)
<b>Report by</b>	Hans-Martin Renn – chairman sub committee for ski jumping hills
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>During the 2024 spring meeting, following a proposal by the Slovenian Ski Association, a request was submitted to increase the size of ski flying hills. After lengthy and arduous discussions, this measure was formally approved, establishing a maximum hill size (zU) of 140 meters. This represents an increase of 5.0 meters.</p> <p>At the 2026 spring meeting, building upon this foundation, Planica presented a formal proposal for the profile modification required to enlarge the existing ski flying hill in Planica. Among the many other matters addressed by the Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills during the preceding operational year, these two aforementioned resolutions merit particular emphasis, as they represent a significant step forward in the development of ski flying. It is also worth noting that, through this decision, the wishes of the athletes and coaches have been duly met. Enlarging a ski flying hill entails substantial financial investment. The Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills recognizes that it bears not only a sporting responsibility but also an economic responsibility toward the operators of ski</p>

	jumping and ski flying hills. Consequently, the timing of this decision was carefully considered and executed at the most opportune moment.																																												
<b>What is in progress?</b>	In progress is the update of the norms for the category of normal hills. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills is overseeing the development of a surface material for landing hills that serves as an alternative to the well-known, traditional mat coverings. Initially, this surface material is designed for small hills.																																												
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<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p><b>OVERVIEW SKI JUMPING HILLS AND CERTIFICATES</b></p> <p>24 ski jumping hills were inspected in season 2025/2026 38 certificates have been issued in season 2025/2026</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Ski jumping hills in FIS Database</b></th> <th><b>151</b></th> <th><b>Certificates in FIS Database</b></th> <th><b>258</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ski jumping hills with valid certificates</td> <td>88</td> <td><b>Certificates winter</b></td> <td><b>151</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ski jumping hills with expiring certificates 2026/2027</td> <td>16</td> <td>Valid certificates</td> <td>88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ski jumping hill owner request a new homologation</td> <td>3</td> <td>Expiring certificates 2026/2027</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ski jumping hills with expired certificates</td> <td>44</td> <td>Expired certificates</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>New certificates requested</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>Certificates summer</b></td> <td><b>107</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Valid certificates</td> <td>67</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expiring certificates 2026/2027</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expired certificates</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>New certificates requested</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Ski jumping hills in FIS Database</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>Certificates in FIS Database</b>	<b>258</b>	Ski jumping hills with valid certificates	88	<b>Certificates winter</b>	<b>151</b>	Ski jumping hills with expiring certificates 2026/2027	16	Valid certificates	88	Ski jumping hill owner request a new homologation	3	Expiring certificates 2026/2027	16	Ski jumping hills with expired certificates	44	Expired certificates	44			New certificates requested	3			<b>Certificates summer</b>	<b>107</b>			Valid certificates	67			Expiring certificates 2026/2027	11			Expired certificates	27			New certificates requested	2
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<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	The work of the subcommittee for ski jumping hills and the cooperation together with the science group has been started. In step two the science group should be established to advise institutions for all ski jumping sub-committees. This step could be a connecting link for items which have influence on decisions to more sub-committees. For example a change in the equipment changed the																																												



	<p>flightcurve and so in consequence takes influence into the landingarea of a the ski jumping hill.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>The framework schedules for ski jumping hills hosting major events—such as World Championships and Olympic Games—must be expanded to allow for future test competitions to be held under winter conditions at World Cup level. Adherence to these schedules requires top-down support from the FIS and the IOC; the Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills currently has its hands tied regarding the enforcement of these timelines.</p>



## Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Officials, Rules and Control

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	S.c. Officials, Rules and Control Ski Jumping
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Ivo Gréger
<b>Report by</b>	Ivo Gréger - chairman
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>We continue with education of all crucial officials for ski jumping – TDs, jumping judges, chiefs of competition.</p> <p>TD , judges and Chiefs of competition seminar in Orlando / USA for North America</p> <p>Online tests for chiefs of competition – spring and autumn</p> <p>Practical workshop in Planica SLO for chiefs of comp</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>Detailed evaluation of performance of jumping judges in all FIS competitions (more than 10000 jumps were evaluated)</p> <p>Optimization of judges points for landing</p> <p>Recruitment of new TDs, implementation of mentoring system</p>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	<p>Adjustments of the Rules for Equipment in close cooperation with S.c. for equipment and development SJ</p> <p>Nomination of officials for upcoming big events (SFWC, JWSC, WSC...)</p> <p>With Scientific group SJ we explore potentials of AI in Ski Jumping</p>
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>Thanks to our system we can evaluate judges scores of every jump from FIS competitions. It helps to select the best officials for major events.</p>



<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>Ueli Forrer, former chairman and honorary member of Jumping committee passed away on November the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He was chairman for more than 20 years and he was one of the person who moved Ski Jumping to very high level. He was friendly, always smiling but in serious situations very strict, but always fair. He was teacher for many officials, he was friend for everyone around the hills. Ski jumping family will miss Ueli very much.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>Our subcommittee wants to express thanks to S.c. equipment and development for great and open cooperation throughout all the year.</p>



## Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Equipment and Development

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Equipment and Development Ski Jumping
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Andi Bauer
<b>Report by</b>	Andreas Bauer Chairman Equipment and Development Ski Jumping
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>after the Trondheim case:</p> <p>New Position Head of Equipment for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Ladies and Men with Mathias Hafele</p> <p>New Structure with Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Controllers</p> <p>Reduction of the numbers of jumping suits to 6 in Ski Jumping and 4 in Nordic Combined</p> <p>Implement a Technical Approval for all Jumping Suits before coming into the competition system.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>BMI Monitoring – Adaption for the future</p> <p>Projekt Group Lasse Ottesen for the future Development of 3D Scanning System</p> <p>Fabrics, new Material</p>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	<p>Head of Material with Mathias Hafele</p> <p>Technical Approval</p> <p>Reduction of the number of jumping suits</p>
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>In the season in Ski Jumping we have taken around 15000 controls</p> <p>This was a big step for a fair and credible sport !</p>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Project Group under the lead of Lasse Ottesen

## Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Youth and Children

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	SC Youth and Children in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Harald Haim
<b>Report by</b>	Harald Haim, Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	Overview about the situations in the NSAs in recruiting children, developing youth, organizing competitions, promoting the disciplines... Giving information about future highlight events, Reporting and monitoring of JWSC, COC, ICOC, FIS Cup, Youth Cup....
<b>What is in progress?</b>	Collaboration of SC with SC Equipment and Development SJ, Collaboration with NC Committee Collaboration with FIS Development Department Working together with FIS Youth and Development Committees of other disciplines
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	No key decisions made – focus on providing informations for NSAs, organizers, other SC or Committees,
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	Very interesting facts out of the NSAs, how they work and struggle in all aspects of development of disciplines and athletes
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	No changes, even the weak attendance at meetings from some NSAs stays the same...

# Nordic Combined

## Sub-Committee for Nordic Combined Officials, Rules and Control

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub Committee for Officials, Rules and Control Nordic Combined
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Csar Günter
<b>Report by</b>	Csar Günter, Chairman of the Sub Committee for Officials, Rules and Control Nordic Combined
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the first time, the same formats and competitions for women and men at the WSC</li> <li>• For the first time, equal prize money for the World Cup Overall for women and men – adjusted proportionally to the number of competitions</li> <li>• The ‘Individual Express’ format has been successfully introduced in the Continental Cup and will be added to the rules</li> <li>• Introduction of the jumping suit chipping process in the World Cup and a limited number of suits per season for the World Cup and Continental Cup.</li> </ul>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restructuring of TD education in collaboration with Cornelia Blank (FIS Education Manager) and Pia Reindl.</li> <li>• The “Mass Start” working group is analysing the addition of bonus points/seconds. The aim is to analyse the impact on the final result of awarding bonus points/seconds after each lap or at the finish line.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the Red and Yellow Card Procedure at World Cup and Continental Cup events: Every equipment disqualification in the Ski Jumping venue = Yellow Card. Two Yellow Cards = Red Card. Red Card = Athlete banned from the next two FIS competitions, and the nation loses one quota spot for the following weekend.</li> <li>• Jumping suit limitation for the 2026-27 World Cup and Continental Cup season.</li> <li>• Following a successful test event at the Oslo World Cup, women’s World Cup competitions can now also be held on LH</li> <li>• Overtaking/passing other competitors: A working group was set up and drew up a detailed proposal, which was incorporated into the rules after approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>Record numbers of participants in the Youth Cup summer and winter competitions demonstrate the strong support from the NSA.</p> <p>FIS Youth Cup Overall Standing 2025-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls 1: 27 athletes ranked from 9 nations (GER, AUT, SUI, LAT, UKR, NOR, FRA, ITA, SVK)</li> <li>• Girls 2: 19 athletes ranked from 7 nations (SUI, GER, AUT, ITA, UKR, NOR, SVK)</li> <li>• Boys 1: 58 athletes ranked from 12 nations (GER, FRA, AUT, SLO, EST, ITA, UKR, CZE, SVK, SUI, NOR, LAT)</li> <li>• Boys 2: 63 athletes ranked from 12 nations (EST, AUT, SUI, POL, SLO, FRA, UKR, CZE, EST, NOR, LAT, ITA)</li> </ul>





<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently no changes within the Sub Committee.</li> <li>• The Sub-Committee Meeting in spring 2026 was held online. Due to the very positive feedback from all sides, future meetings will most likely also take place online.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>The women’s Nordic Combined discipline has developed very successfully in all areas and enjoys the full support of the NSAs and the FIS. Therefore, everyone is looking forward with anticipation and confidence to the IOC’s decision on 23 June 2026 regarding the inclusion of women’s Nordic Combined in the 2030 Olympic Winter Games programme.</p>



# Alpine Skiing

## Alpine Executive Board

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Alpine Executive Board
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Massimo Rinaldi
<b>Report by</b>	Massimo Rinaldi-Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	Key points for the safety of athletes: - ratio between the boot's shell and tongue to avoid higher tongue with carbon shin pads -Limitation of ski length -Mandatory use of the Airbags in NorAm-Sac -Suggested use of upper body cutting resistance underwear
<b>What is in progress?</b>	-The decision on the weight limit for skis has been postponed
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	ratio between the boot's shell and tongue to avoid higher tongue with carbon shin pads -Limitation of ski length -Mandatory use of the Airbags in NorAm-Sac -Suggested use of upper body cutting resistance underwear
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	AHU has presented an exhaustive explanation of the key points to improve the safety on our sport



<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	3 Members were not present/ substituted
<b>Further comments</b>	We had the discussion and review of some proposal coming from the Sub Committee, as fis point rules, wild card .



## Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub-Committee for European Cup
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Herbert Mandl
<b>Report by</b>	Herbert Mandl Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	Almost all planned races took place, with only two cancellations on the men's side (one downhill, one slalom) and two on women's side (one GS, one Downhill) during the season. The overall sporting level of the season was considered very strong.
<b>What is in progress?</b>	We have to work on the difference between European Cup and World Cup race preparation, especially in course difficulty and athlete preparation. We must consider and ask some organizers to do a proper base preparation in long term before the races to guarantee good slope conditions even with challenging weather.
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	Several important changes introduced this season received very positive feedback. The reduced finals quota and the new top 45 start field system were both seen as successful improvements. The new online entry system also helped communication a lot. In general, the continued modernization and digitalization of the European Cup was appreciated by everyone involved. The last season was the first one with higher accommodation fees and we received no complaints and is a big help for the organizers.
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	EC Calendar women: Total resorts 17 / Competitions 37 / Nations 7 EC Calendar men: Total resorts 18 / Competitions 37 / Nations 10



<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	None
<b>Further comments</b>	<p>We are still facing the challenging economic situation for the organizers. Support for live streaming to create sponsors for the EC events. Specially for speed events support for the organizers would be needed. The whole committee agrees that we need changes to create a better value for the European Cup series an there are complains we step on the spot. Still I would like to suggest an overall point system over all different levels to bring more attractivity and value for the Continental Cup level. We have to develop young racers to guarantee the future for World Cup.</p>





## Sub-Committee for Alpine North American Cup

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Alpine NorAm Subcommittee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Chip Knight
<b>Report by</b>	Chip Knight, NorAm SC Chair, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Development Director
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The 2025-26 NorAm Cup consisted of 23 women’s and 25 men’s events across 12 venues in the United States and Canada. We leveraged three World Cup venues – Copper Mountain, Beaver Creek, and Mont Tremblant – to provide world-class exposure for emerging North American athletes. We also reintroduced several legacy venues to the calendar, which were very well received. Bromont hosted high-quality women’s technical races in February, and Whiteface Mountain – “the Olympic Mountain” – returned as a speed venue, hosting downhill races for the first time in over 20 years.</p> <p>We lost four races during the season: two super-g events at Whiteface due to extreme cold, and two women’s giant slalom races at Aspen due to unseasonably warm temperatures. Otherwise, all scheduled events were successfully completed.</p> <p>The NorAm Cup continues to strengthen its role as a proving ground for developing athletes. Five athletes who earned individual World Cup start rights from the 2025 NorAm season scored World Cup points during the 2026 season. Additionally, three athletes who secured individual World Cup start rights for</p>





	<p>next season also won medals at the 2026 World Junior Championships in Narvik.</p> <p>Challenges remain for the NorAm Subcommittee in calendaring events appropriately across the development pathway, including regional/provincial, collegiate, and National Team athletes. With continued strategic planning, however, average race penalties have improved year over year. Speed participation and development remain key opportunities for growth, as reflected in our total starts and women’s penalties in downhill and super-g (see graphs below).</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>Planning for the 2027 season is ongoing. With the date or location of the 2027 World Junior Championships not yet confirmed, elements of the calendar remain in flux. The NorAm Subcommittee will finalize dates and locations as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	<p>The calendar will be approved in the coming months.</p>
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>/</p>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<p>None</p>





## Sub-Committee for Alpine South American Cup

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	SOUTH AMERICAN CUP
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	MARTIN BEGINO
<b>Report by</b>	MARTIN BEGINO (CHAIR)
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	WE COULD GET THE COMMITMENT OF ALL THE ORGANIZERS IN SOUTH AMERICA TO IMPROVE IN NEXT RACES
<b>What is in progress?</b>	THIS IMPROVMENT
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	NOT TO GIVE THE CHANCE TO ORGANIZE SAC RACES TO THOSE ORGANIZERS THAT ARE NOT IN CONDITIONS
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	FOR THIS SEASON WE HAVE TWO MORE GS IN THE PROGRAM
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	NONE





## Sub-Committee for Technical Delegates

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025 - 2026
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Markus Malsiner
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Markus Malsiner – chairman
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	Report from the 16 clinics and updates June – November 2025 Report about the last winter season with approx. more than 3.000 competitions
<b>What is in progress?</b>	Preparation for the upcoming season 2026/2027 Planning of the TD courses fall 2026 New proposal for the education for the new TD's





<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>Confirmation to present to the Alpine WC chief race directors the names propose for the upcoming world cup competitions men and women</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>No specific innovations have been introduced regarding the work of the TDs at the races</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>Replacement of the TD commissioner for LIE and SUI Franz Hofer with Christoph Wenger</p>



## Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Arno Heikkala (Chair)
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Arno Heikkala, Chair of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Rules
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The Sub-Committee continued the systematic review and development of the International Competition Rules (ICR), with a focus on keeping the ICR aligned, harmonized and operationally consistent across alpine disciplines.</p> <p>Several rule proposals and wording clarifications were reviewed, refined, and approved for forwarding to the Alpine Committee. Cooperation with other Alpine Sub-Committees and Working Groups was further strengthened.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>Ongoing work includes continued harmonization of course and surface preparation wording, clarification of specific slalom and course-setting rules, and alignment of ICR language and implementation practices. The Sub-Committee is also continuing joint work with other Alpine bodies regarding homologation, TD education, and future rule development needs.</p>

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>Key decisions taken in spring 2026 included the approval of rule proposals related to entry deadlines, course and surface preparation wording alignment, delay gate clarification, and updates to course-setting language. The Sub-Committee also agreed to continue preparatory work on future wording clarifications and structural improvements within the ICR.</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee maintained active cooperation with other Alpine Sub-Committees and Working Groups throughout the season.</p> <p>At the fall and spring meetings, several rule proposals were approved unanimously, reflecting strong collaboration and consensus-oriented development.</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>No major structural changes were recorded within the Sub-Committee during the year.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>The Sub-Committee continues to emphasize continuous improvement of the ICR through practical, transparent, and collaborative development. The overall objective remains to support clear, aligned, and forward-looking rules that serve athletes, organizers, officials, and member nations across all levels of alpine competition.</p>

## Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26 ( from May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025 to April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2026)
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	SC for Alpine Courses
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Elena GAJA DES AMBROIS
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Elena GAJA DES AMBROIS (Chair)
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>a) Full activity of Homologations and Re-Homologations of Alpine courses (validity periods 5 years for Speed events and 10 years for Tech events, after which any competition course must be re-inspected): 448 total number of Homologation Certificates issued, published on the FIS website and sent to the applicants (Ski Resort, Organizers, NSAs, etc). (Please refer to the .xls table 'Event Summary' attached and to the report attached).</p> <p>b) It has been launched in November 2025 the new 'Online form' of the Inspection Report, which is the core of the activity of FIS Homologation Inspectors: the new tool online will allow the FIS Database to have data for his courses not only easily available but that can be 'processed' for statistical or technical purposes.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>a) We have discussed changes to the rules concerning the parameters according to which competition courses are homologated (ndr: approved beginning of May 2026) and also problems related to the activity fees.</p> <p>b) We are defining the details of the educational pathway concerning the training and how to qualify as FIS Homologation inspector.</p>

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>A WG of 8 members has been put in place with the aim to put forward both projects defined in the previous field “What is in progress?” Clarification about the best period to run inspection has been foreseen for the next period.</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>During the period May 2025 - April 2026, on the total of 448 Homologations or Re-Homologations issued and published, there are around 24% of which are related to Speed Events, -4% compared to the previous period, and 76% to Technical Events. (Please refer to the .xls table ‘Event Summary’ attached).</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>a) One Member from Chile retired last Fall and was replaced by one from Argentina this Spring. b) A member representing the Athletes was added last Fall. c) A WG of 8 members was put in place to deal with specific technical proposals.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>Please refer to the ad hoc report attached for further remarks and considerations, and to the .xls table ‘Event Summary 25-26’.</p>

## Ad hoc report by Elena Gaja Des Ambrois

At the FIS Technical Meetings in spring 2025, the Sub Committee for Alpine Courses counted **15 members, 62 inspectors** and **5 honorary members**; during the reporting period the total number of inspectors (including members) slightly decreased to **75**, coming from **33 countries**, together with **12 candidates** from **CAN, CZE, FRA, ITA, JPN, KGZ, POL** and **SWE**.

The **total number of Homologation Certificates** issued, sent and published between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 is **448 (+14%)**, last issued nr **16217/04/26**, approving competition courses in **28 countries**, visiting **181 ski resorts (+18%)** and appointing **54 inspectors**. There is still a good turnover in the 'inspectors' pool', as against some retirements there are each year nevertheless some new entries from different countries, which training processes are left 100% as usual to each individual national association, also considering the great diversity in terms of territory, procedures and sustainability of each country.

Looking at the summary table (see next page), we can observe that the total number of Certificates issued raised from 393 in 2024-2025 to 448 during the last 12 months, while the percentage of the Speed Events' homologations slightly decreased from 28% to 24% of the total amount, making the percentage of the technical events now representing the 76%.

Summary of Homologation Certificates by Country and Events - period 2025-2026								comparison with previous periods				
NSA	DH	SG	GS	SL	P	Total	Venues	2025	2022-24	2020-22	2018-20	2016-18
AND			1	3		4	2	3	12	1	5	7
ARG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	4	10	3
AUT	5	10	14	17	1	47	18	71	97	106	98	67
AZE		1	1	1	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
BIH			2	2		4	1	10	12	6	8	1
BUL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	14	8	20
CAN	2	2	4	11		19	8	16	35	33	27	36
CHI	2	2				4	2	2	18	-	-	-
CHN			4	17	6	27	8	25	26	11	14	4
CRO			1			1	1	-	-	-	-	-
CZE				1		1	1	3	8	9	17	14
ESP		2	8	13		23	9	9	33	16	23	15
FIN	2	2				4	1	-	1	14	6	5
FRA	2	9	10	17	2	40	15	34	77	125	111	97
GBR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	3	-	-
GER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	17	12	10
GRE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	17	7	7
ITA	6	10	30	36	3	85	38	81	148	185	144	129
JPN			3	6		9	6	2	15	15	13	6
KAZ			1	1		2	1	-	3	2	3	5
KOR			2	3		5	1	-	8	2	-	22
LBN			1	2		3	1	-	10	4	4	8
NED				1		1	1	1	-	-	-	-
NOR	2	4	1			7	4	3	13	49	14	14
NZL		1	3	1		5	2	6	3	1	7	-
POL			2	4		6	3	3	11	18	13	4
ROU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	30	3	-	-
RUS	1	1		5	3	10	4	21	16	25	45	25
SLO	2	1	4	9		16	8	6	9	18	16	7
SRB	2	2		1		5	2	5	5	16	4	2
SUI	3	4	13	18		38	14	22	46	56	40	48
SVK		2	2	3		7	3	2	6	7	2	5
SWE	2	2	2	3		9	4	9	17	14	9	33
TUR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	21	9	9
USA	6	16	18	22		62	23	34	113	100	107	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>735</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>+18%</b>					

The Sub Committee met in presence twice, in Spring and Fall 2025, discussing the following main topics:

### **On-Line Inspection Report Form**

The On-Line Inspection Form, presented and explained in details during the Spring 2025 meeting in Portugal, has been officially launched in November 2025 and is fully operational since then: beside few 'adjustments' during the very first weeks, no major issues were encountered and the feedback from all inspectors was very very good and much appreciated. From now on all relevant data about the FIS competition courses will be fully 'processable' both for statistical and technical purposes.

### **Competition Courses' Width**

A specific WG has been put in place with the aim to define concrete proposals concerning the competition courses' width and in general a more consistent and modern definition about all FIS events (DH, SG, GS, etc etc) of the characteristics of the courses in order to give practical instructions to the Organizers and enhance athletes' safety.

### **FIS Homologation Inspectors Education**

Another task of the newly formed WG will be the definition of the Education pathway in order to start (necessary experience, skills, ect) and to qualify (practical activity) as FIS Homologation Inspector.

### **FIS Office - Inspectors**

The good work is always the result of healthy and useful cooperation between all the actors such the FIS Office, especially the IT department, the World Cup Race Directors, the Continental Cup Coordinators, the entire TD's family and all Members and Inspectors: as usual I thank them all personally for their great commitment.

**Our goal remains to help prevent injuries and I thank all the people helping us to do so.**

**Elena Gaja des Ambrois**

**Chair SC for Alpine Courses**

## Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Sub-Committee for Masters Racing
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Stefano Arnhold, BRA
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Stefano Arnhold (BRA) – Sub-Committee for Masters Racing
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>One more extraordinary Season for Alpine Masters Racing where the Masters started 8.341 times in 65 Races organized by 16 different NSAs in 20 different Resorts in 3 Continents comprising 8 SG, 24 SL and 33 GS.</p> <p>Unfortunately, 14 races had to be cancelled due to various reasons, but majorly due to weather issues.</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<p>The good work of our new FIS Masters Race Director, Joe Galinier, contributed to the further development of the racing standards and in special to overall safety of our athletes.</p> <p>A new reporting system, with the participation of a larger number of athletes, was developed that also contributed to the above-mentioned progress by supplying different stakeholders with valuable information and triggering a healthy debate on possible improvements.</p>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	

<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>The highlights of the season were certainly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix with 6 Races in 3 countries and the Finals in Oslo (NOR)</li> <li>- The World Championships organized by GER in Reiteralp (AUT) with an impressive number of over 1.100 starts</li> <li>- The World Cup Finals at Levi (FIN) with a record number of 529 starts</li> </ul>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<p>None</p>
<b>Further comments</b>	<p>The Masters are looking forward to the 2026-27 Season that for the first time will have its World Cup Opening in Australia in August and then move to South America in September. The European Opening of the World Cup will be in November with the 3 stops of the FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix. The World Championships will be at Pila (ITA) and after the European and Asian block, the Worlds Cup moves to North America to Canada and Finals in Big Sky (USA). The approved Calendar presents 86 races organized by 18 different Nations in 23 Resorts with 2 AC, 41 GS, 28 SL and 15 SG in 3 Continents. Considering the above number of Races the mark of 10.000 starts could be broken.</p>

# Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski

## Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Snowboard Freestyle Freeski
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Dean Gosper
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Dean Gosper, Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	The Committee took great pride in the acceptance of Dual Moguls into the OWG and the highly successful execution of the events in Livigno.
<b>What is in progress?</b>	Considerable work
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	

## Freestyle Sub-Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Freestyle
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Michail Kennedy AUS Chair, Anders Olofsson SWE Vice Chair
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Anders Olofsson Vice chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	The successful implementation of Dual Moguls at the Olympic games kind of overshines everything else. The season will be remembered as another significant chapter for Freestyle, highlighted by the Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina, with Livigno providing a spectacular global stage for our disciplines. The performances across Moguls, Aerials, and, for the first time, Dual Moguls in an Olympic setting were exceptional. Dual Moguls proved an instant success, resonating strongly with fans and broadcast audiences alike, and prompting the obvious question of why it has taken so long for inclusion?
<b>What is in progress?</b>	A further area of progress this year has been the Vision 2035 work. We have gathered preliminary data, receiving 34 responses from across the freestyle community, including national federations, athletes, coaches, judges, and officials. This provides a useful directional sense of where stakeholders believe the sport should head and highlights some of the key challenges ahead.

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>Moving forward some key decisions have been made concerning safety in Dual Moguls, Adjustments in Moguls and Aerials regarding sizes in the start fields and adding formats making planning and organizing World Cup events better and easier in the coming seasons.</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>The report from Mateuz with the numbers and impact of the SoMe during the Olympic period showing that, except for Alpine, Freestyle has the, without anyone even close, the highest reach of anyone else of the FIS sports.</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>Mr. Kenedy is leaving as Chair after guiding us during a successful part of our sports history. Any other changes in the Freestyle ski subcommittee will be decided and officialized during the Council meeting in June. During summer we will then look at the advisory and working groups to hopefully be ready in good time before the Technical meetings in Geneva.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>Looking forward working on the finalization and implementation of the vision 2036 (2037?). The outcome of this work will give us a path forward for growth and how to stay relevant in a changing world. Helping our committee and the FIS race directors in decision making moving Freestyle forward. We are also planning for a survey among the federations that hopefully can give us key numbers for a starting point, and from this make KPI's for the future.</p>

## Snowboard Alpine Sub-Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	SB Alpine
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Daniel Weis Chair, Olga Zinkiv Vice Chair
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Daniel Weis Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	In summary, Snowboard Alpine is on a very positive path. Our goal is to continuously strengthen the quality and level of competition at the World Cup level while at the same time maintaining a strong focus on youth development. This balanced approach is essential to ensuring the long-term sustainability and high standard of racing within the discipline.
<b>What is in progress?</b>	Working Groups for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Future SB Alpine</li> <li>- Development Programs</li> <li>- Fis Point System</li> <li>- Course Reset for Finals</li> </ul>
<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	To install some Working Groups to make it possible to really work on issues in small groups.



<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>We once again had a very successful season at World Cup level, featuring a full competition calendar with 17 races across 9 countries. The high level of participation and organization demonstrated the continued strength and stability of the discipline on the international stage.</p>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<p>None</p>

## Ski Cross Sub-Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Ski Cross Sub Committee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Tommy Eliasson Winter
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Klaus Waldner / Tommy Eliasson Winter
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful execution of the 2025/26 FIS Ski Cross World Cup season despite two late event cancellations.</li> <li>• Integration of three new World Cup organizers: Kopaonik (SRB), Montafon (AUT), and Gällivare (SWE).</li> <li>• Successful implementation of the VOGO review system across the World Cup tour.</li> <li>• Introduction and testing of new goggle cam technology at selected events.</li> <li>• Continued improvement of event quality and operational standards.</li> <li>• Successful execution of the Olympic Winter Games Ski Cross competitions under difficult conditions.</li> <li>• Successful execution of the European Cup season with 16 out of 18 planned competitions completed.</li> <li>• Increased visibility of Ski Cross through enhanced digital content production and Olympic storytelling campaigns.</li> </ul>

<p><b>What is in progress?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of more technically demanding and larger Ski Cross courses.</li> <li>• Implementation of new gate panels for increased safety and transparency.</li> <li>• Introduction of mandatory cut-resistant underwear beginning with the 2026/27 season.</li> <li>• Further optimization of the VOGO review system and integration with ScorePlay.</li> <li>• Continued refinement of the goggle cam system.</li> <li>• Preparations for the 2027 World Championships in Montafon.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>New FIS point system for Ski Cross</p> <p>The objective of the new system is to move from a primarily rank-based calculation model towards a more performance-based system, better reflecting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the quality of the competition field,</li> <li>• the number of participating athletes,</li> <li>• and the overall level of the event.</li> </ul> <p>The new methodology is intended to provide a fairer and more accurate representation of athlete performance and race quality across all competition levels.</p> <p>The development process is being carried out in close cooperation with the FIS IT and Data department, with the goal of finalizing the system ahead of the Autumn Meetings.</p>

<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 World Cup locations in 8 nations.</li> <li>• 38 planned World Cup competitions for season 2026/27.</li> <li>• 20 planned European Cup competitions for season 2026/27.</li> <li>• Fastest course: Val Thorens.</li> <li>• Slowest course: Gällivare.</li> <li>• Prize Money Leaders: Sandra Naeslund CHF 181'759 Reece Howden CHF 127'809</li> <li>• 12 warnings, 1 yellow card, 9 monetary fines.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>Changes did not occur during the 2025/ 2026 season but will occur moving forward.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>The 2025/26 season represented an important Olympic season and demonstrated the resilience and flexibility of the Ski Cross community. Despite difficult weather conditions and late calendar adjustments, the overall level of organization and competition quality remained high.</p>



## Sub-Committee for Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski Youth & Development Questions

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the Sub-Committee</b>	Sub-Committee for SB/FS/FK Youth & Development Questions
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Denis Giger
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Denis Giger, Chairman of the SC for SB/FS/FK Youth & Development Questions
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	The collaboration with the FIS Development Department has been further strengthened, with a refined focus on the Sub-Committee’s role, further consolidating its function as a key link between FIS strategies and their implementation at the national level. As a visible result of this strategic repositioning, the Sub-Committee was renamed the “Sub-Committee for Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski Youth & Development Questions,” clearly reflecting its updated focus and direction. The primary focus is on youth performance development, built on a bottom-up approach that reflects the full athlete pathway—from grassroots activation through structured youth performance programs to the transition into elite sport.
<b>What is in progress?</b>	As previously emphasized, the many disciplines represented within the Sub-Committee have different structural and cultural conditions; individual support is therefore a relevant aspect. The focus is on capturing the specific needs of each discipline, as well as the perspectives of the National Ski and Snowboard Associations. A key area of work is the analysis of athlete pathways and competition pipelines to make development stages and requirements more transparent. Dedicated working groups are currently progressing these topics.

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>As a key decision, three working groups were established, each reporting twice a year at the FIS Autumn and Spring Meetings. The <i>Working Group Rule Change Proposal</i> addresses development-related aspects of the rules and prepares proposals for adjustments, if needed, to be submitted to the Technical Sub-Committees. The <i>Working Group Pathway Alignment</i> focuses on aligning development and competition structures along the athlete pathway. The <i>Working Group Compendium &amp; Knowledge Access</i> works on collecting and improving access to know-how, guidelines, and best practices.</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>Feedback from National Ski and Snowboard Associations highlights both the importance and challenges of youth development. Strong programs require qualified coaches, structured competitions, and access to suitable facilities. Coaches are central to athlete recruitment, development, and retention, while trained officials and clear competition frameworks ensure quality and consistency. Addressing these needs requires a coordinated FIS approach, providing practical support, strengthening education, and promoting knowledge exchange to support sustainable development across all disciplines.</p>
<p><b>Changes within the Sub-Committee</b></p>	<p>Building on this, the Sub-Committee has moved towards dedicated working groups, allowing topics to be addressed more efficiently and in greater depth, with members more actively involved in specific areas.</p>

## Para Snow Sports

### Committee for Para Snow Sports

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Committee for Para Snow Sports Sub-Committee for Para Alpine Skiing Sub-Committee for Para Cross Country Skiing Sub-Committee for Para Snowboard
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Stefano Arnhold (BRA) Jana Palovica (SVK) Anne Kroken (NOR) Wopke de Vegt (NED)
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Stefano Arnhold (BRA) – Chair Committee for Para Snowsports Matt Hallat – Vice Chair Para Snow Sports Committee Dimitrije Lazarovski (FIS) – Para Snowsports Director Jana Palovica (SVK) – Chair Para Alpine Skiing Sub-Committee Anne Kroken (NOR) – Chair Para Cross Country Skiing Sub-Committee Wopke de Vegt (NED)
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	During the 2024–2026 period, the Para Snowsports Committee continued to strengthen the governance, development, and international visibility of Para snow sports across Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country, and Snowboard disciplines.  Key achievements included:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful preparation and coordination toward the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games.</li> <li>• Continued modernization of athlete classification systems through scientific research partnerships with international universities.</li> <li>• Establishment of a new advisory expert group for classification and classifier education.</li> <li>• Development and presentation of the 2025–26 competition calendars for all Para disciplines.</li> <li>• Increased integration of Para athlete representation within FIS governance structures, including expanded athlete representation approved during the 2024 FIS Congress.</li> <li>• Improvement of FIS development programs and updated development guidelines to support National Ski Associations and athlete pathways. Strengthened international cooperation during annual FIS Technical Committee Spring Meetings in Vilamoura and Portorož.</li> </ul> <p>In Para Cross Country Skiing “Force Task Group” was formed for concerns regarding Guides/VI issues. Online meetings with good and constructive discussions. This shows that small groups work.</p> <p>Creating and implementation of the Para Snow Sports Operational Plan. This was formed based on updated FIS Strategic plan. 5 Areas of focus – Governance, Education, Membership/Development, Classification and Factors, Sports and Events and Athletes. We have 11 keys initiatives over the 25.26 season.</p>
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<p><b>What is in progress?</b></p>	<p>Several major initiatives remain ongoing and are expected to continue beyond 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the evidence-based Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) review project in cooperation with the University of Queensland.</li> <li>• Continued research into sport-specific performance factors for Para Alpine and Para Cross-Country in collaboration with the Politechnica University of Bucharest.</li> <li>• Ongoing preparation and operational planning for the 2026–27 World Cup season and next Paralympic Games.</li> <li>• Expansion of athlete development pathways and support systems through revised FIS Development Programs.</li> <li>• Further work on governance modernization, athlete inclusion, safety standards, and international representation.</li> <li>• Continued focus on digital engagement, media visibility, and audience growth across FIS disciplines.</li> <li>• Creation in Para Cross Country three new Advisory Groups: Development &amp; Recruiting, Rollerski and Calendar</li> <li>• Cooperation between the Para Alpine Sub-Committee and the FIS Communications Teams will continue to strengthen the promotion, visibility and international profile of Para Alpine Skiing.</li> <li>• Completed Terms of Reference for the Rules Advisory Groups</li> <li>• Progress on an Undertaking document</li> </ul>
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<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	/
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearly 200 stakeholders contributed to the 2023–2025 classification survey process supporting ongoing reforms.</li> <li>• Research projects connected to Para classification and performance analysis are planned through 2028.</li> <li>• FIS expanded Para athlete representation from one to two athlete representatives within Council structures.</li> <li>• International coordination meetings involved experts from Alpine, Cross-Country, Snowboard, and Para disciplines across multiple continents.</li> <li>• FIS continued broad investment in digital growth, media strategy, and athlete visibility leading into the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic cycle.</li> </ul>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthened Para athlete representation within FIS governance following Congress approval in 2024.</li> <li>• Creation of additional expert advisory structures related to classification and technical standards.</li> <li>• Ongoing collaboration with external academic and scientific institutions to support evidence-based governance.</li> <li>• Continued engagement with National Ski Associations and stakeholders to improve coordination and transparency.</li> </ul>

**Further comments**

The 2024–2026 period represented an important transition phase for Para Snowsports within FIS, particularly in preparation for the Milano Cortina 2026 Paralympic Winter Games. The Committee maintained a strong focus on athlete-centered governance, scientific integrity in classification, operational stability, and sustainable sport development.

At the same time, broader discussions across the FIS community highlighted the importance of transparency, athlete welfare, governance standards, media accessibility, and event quality as key priorities for the future development of international snow sports.

# Speed Skiing

## Speed Skiing Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Speed Skiing
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Ricardo Adarraga
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Ricardo Adarraga Chairman
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>New Women's speed World record by Valentina Greggio (ITA) 248.27 km/h in Vars (FRA) in April 2026</p> <p>Excellent number on FIS social media achieving several overall reach and views records on single posts of speedski on FIS Instagram and FIS TikTok</p> <p>Outstanding work with FIS M&amp;M generating media content for social media and FIS TV</p>
<b>What is in progress?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of new Speedski TDs</li> <li>- Several new Speedski tracks in Switzerland, France, Sweden, USA in evaluation</li> <li>- Education and certification program for FIS Speedski TDs</li> </ul>

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>Several rule updates to introduce more flexibility to race schedule due to special track and weather conditions          Approved formula and rule to host specific FIS World record attempt races          Preliminary race calendar for 2026/27 approved          Improved safety requirements for speedski helmets          Acceptance of Alpin TD as referees on WC and WSC races          Asking TDs for more discipline in travel expense spending to limit costs</p>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>Simon Billy (FRA) Winner of WSC Gold Medal with 252,10 km/h 7<sup>th</sup> fastest all-time speed          Valentina Greggio (ITA) achieves a new women's speed record with 248,27 km/h          With this speed Valentina was the second fastest skier in 2025/26 including both genders.          Speedski still candidate to become Olympic in 2030          Final IOC decision in June 2026</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>New Speedski Technical Delegates Coordinator Marco Cozzi (ITA)          Karine DuBouchet (FRA) new Committee Member          Andorra will leave the committee at the end of the season</p>

## Grass Skiing

### Grass Skiing Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Grass Skiing Committee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Fausto Cerentin
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Fausto Cerentin (Chairman)
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	We organized, by the good support of the local organizers, the World Championships and the Junior World Championships in Stitna and Vlari (CZE) with the participation of 10 Nations, five step of the World Cup races in Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Italy for a total of 10 races for four different discipline, five step of the FIS races valid also for the Junior Cup in Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Italy and Austria and last but not least the International Children Camp with the participation about 70 little athletes from 10 different nation as Japan and Ukraine.
<b>What is in progress?</b>	We worked all time to try to increase the numbers of the Nation participant at all events and to increase the numbers of the organizer to have more events throughout the season. We worked a lot with the children category to have a continuous generational turnover.

<b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b>	<p>We have decided to support the organizers of important events by covering essential and mandatory expenses for the running of the competitions. We also provided streaming coverage of all major events such as World Championships and World Cup stages to give this sport the greatest possible visibility.</p>
<b>Interesting facts and figures</b>	<p>Teynor Lara (AUT) are the athletes of the moment. Lara won 3 gold medals at the World Championships and Junior World Championships and won the final World Cup ranking. In the man sector Italy won 4 gold medals at the World Championships by 4 different athletes. In the World Cup, Martin Bartak won the final ranking. Czech Republic won the World Cup ranking for Nations ahead of the Austria and Italy. The continued participation of numerous athletes at the International Children Camp is fundamental to our discipline.</p>
<b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	<p>In recent years, representatives from Sweden and Germany have been officially appointed, who are essential to coordinate all activities and disseminate our work as much as possible. A small working group has also been activated to support and monitor the activity of Children. The Committee worked every year to simplify and improve the regulation and adapt it to ever-changing needs.</p>
<b>Further comments</b>	<p>The search for a sponsor continues to allow us to give greater support and visibility to our discipline, which is increasingly relevant.</p>

## Special Committees

### Coordination Group for Youth & Development

<b>Period to report about</b>	2025 to 2026
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Coordination Group for Youth & Development
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Ken Read
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Ken Read, Chair
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p><b>Improved committee coordination:</b> Youth programs reach across all disciplines of the FIS, managed by four discipline sub-committees, supported by FIS Development activities for all FIS disciplines. The Joint Session is now a fixture of the program for FIS Technical Meetings, to give priority to communications to ensure we share information and knowledge of the resources available to all FIS National Federations.</p> <p><b>Safe Sport:</b> Maintaining the visibility and priority of Safe Sport practices and the implementation of FIS policy continues to be a fundamental goal.</p> <p><b>Clearer alignment:</b> two subcommittees within Cross Country, both with Development responsibilities, were merged and brought under the mandate of the Coordination Group.</p>



**What is in progress?**

**Alignment with the FIS Strategic Plan:** With the implementation of the new FIS Strategic Plan in 2022 and implementation of Development Plans for the period 2026-2030, the Coordination Group will strive to provide ongoing support to the FIS Youth Development, including measurable outcomes and opportunities.

**Sport & Event:** Major events for youth are an annual feature within each discipline: The FIS Junior World Ski Championships. Several multi-sport events are also reviewed, including the Youth Olympic Games and European Youth Olympic Festival. Technical responsibility is undertaken by FIS Technical staff. As each event evolves, ensuring the program remains relevant, the subcommittees and Coordination Group have built a closer relationship with FIS Sport & Event department and with FIS Development. The Coordination Group will maintain close collaboration with FIS Sport & Event as preparations proceed with the 2028 Youth Olympic Games, Valtellina-Dolomiti.

**FIS Education:** As the FIS Education program rolls out for 2027, to strengthen coaching development across all FIS disciplines, to be available as a resource.

**Information and Best Practices:** A primary goal of the Coordination Group is to collaborate across the FIS disciplines, with the objective of constantly improving the athlete development pathway, coaching, training access, events and access to equipment.

<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p><b>Renaming of the Coordination Group:</b> To better align with our sphere of responsibility and to coordinate our activities with FIS Development, the committee was renamed “FIS Coordination Group for Youth and Development.</p> <p><b>Future Priorities:</b> The Coordination group will work closely with FIS staff in areas of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) FIS Development projects</li> <li>2) Major events: Youth Olympic Games (YOG) and European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) with Sandra Spitz</li> <li>3) Junior World Championships</li> <li>4) Education projects with Cornelia Blank</li> <li>5) Speed development with nations needing access to speed training venues</li> </ol>
<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>Over the past four years, FIS Development has delivered significant progress in strengthening global snow sports and expanding opportunities for National Ski Associations (NSAs), athletes, and coaches across all Olympic and Paralympic disciplines. Through a clear strategic vision focused on inclusion, sustainability, and long-term capacity building, the FIS Development Program has evolved into one of the key drivers of global winter sport growth.</p> <p>During the current Olympic and Paralympic cycle, FIS Development delivered more than 19,400 development days on snow, supporting over 2,300 athletes and coaches worldwide. The number of development activities increased by more than 200%, while participation from NSAs continued to grow steadily, demonstrating increasing engagement and trust from the global FIS community.</p>



	<p>The 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons further confirmed this positive trajectory, with nearly 90% of developing NSAs participating in FIS Development activities, expanded discipline-specific programs across Europe, Asia, and South America, and continued growth in Alpine, Cross-Country, Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski, Ski Jumping, and Nordic Combined development initiatives.</p> <p>A major milestone in this process was the recent FIS Development Seminar in Portorož, which brought together representatives from 55 NSAs from all regions and development levels. The seminar clearly demonstrated the importance of listening to members and working collaboratively to shape the future of snow sport development.</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>FIS Council approved the merger of two Cross-Country subcommittees – Youth &amp; Children and Development, into one subcommittee: Cross Country subcommittee for Youth &amp; Development.</p> <p>This brings clarity in mandate, bringing together two subcommittees.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p><b>Youth is our future.</b> Attending training and competitions for our younger competitors is enormously rewarding, to observe the emergence of future champions of our sport and to observe the widening interest in snowsport activities around the world.</p> <p>We must always be attentive to a vibrant and healthy athlete pathway and the support needed to ensure our athletes, their families and their clubs and programs have access to the necessary support to keep snowsports robust and vibrant.</p>

To my colleagues of the Coordination Group, thank you for your passion, experience and commitment each of you bring, which has continued to lift our sport over the past two years, reflecting the new directions and energy for Youth within the FIS.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of FIS Development staff – Dimitrije Lazarovski, Jelena Dojcinovic, Laura Getzmann and the FIS Development Coordinators as well as FIS staff in specific areas: Sandra Spitz (Sports & Events) and Cornelia Blank (Education), with their guidance and support to our subcommittees and the Coordination Group in our work.

## Advertising Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	Advertising Committee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Terje Lund
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Terje Lund - Chairman
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The following decisions have been made during the season and will be adjusted for the upcoming season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adjustment of the commercial markings on Ski Jumping suits adapting better to the future and the basis of the sport.</li> <li>- Concrete proposals to implement Ski Manufacturers online in the TV graphics.</li> <li>- A test for use of FOAM letters in the outrun in Ski Jumping for the season.</li> <li>- A test to enlarge the advertising space for LOC in Snowboard Alpine for the start installations.</li> <li>- A new and updated definition of Commercial Betting companies has been approved.</li> </ul> <p>In all there were 5 meetings during the season with two in-person meetings and 3 online meetings.</p>

<p><b>What is in progress?</b></p>	<p>A new system for commercial Ski Jumping Skies in the future to bring more potential sponsors and manufacturers into the market. Currently there is a lack of Skies available for the second-best level athletes due to the reduced number of Manufacturers in the marked. This is still under discussion with the industry with the goal of finalizing a new system for the 2026/27 season.</p> <p>Detailed discussions about the use of the LED start House have been discussed intensively to find the most optimized system and small adaptations have been agreed.</p> <p>The use of so call “big bibs” in Cross Country and Nordic Combined has been discussed to find a best possible solution for the Sport and not harm the sponsors right of the NSA/LOC. This case is to be followed up further to see if the use of “big bibs” can be reduced in the future.</p> <p>Updates and discussions about FIS M&amp;M sales and possible solutions for unsold categories.</p>
<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>The following decisions have been made during the season and will be adjusted for the upcoming season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adjustment of the commercial markings on Ski Jumping suits adapting better to the future and the basis of the sport.</li> <li>- Concrete proposals to implement Ski Manufacturers online in the TV graphics.</li> <li>- A test for use of FOAM letters in the outrun in Ski Jumping for the season.</li> <li>- A test to enlarge the advertising space for LOC in Snowboard Alpine for the start installations.</li> </ul> <p>A new and updated definition of Commercial Betting companies has been approved.</p>

<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>A discussion regarding a centralized system to find a common solution on the service provider for TV and marked analysis has been discussed several times without finding a solution. In general, most NSA are positive to find a solution with FIS but so far, no final conclusions have been made.</p> <p>The principle of introducing a new presenting partner for FIS in Alpine has been discussed intensely by the committee without any clear conclusion.</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>No changes – a stable Committee structure with key person from small, medium and large Ski Association, representatives from SRS, Organizers and TV expert in additional to key person from the FIS administration.</p> <p>A working group regarding the commercialization of Ski Jumping Skies was established under the lead of Stefan Schwarzbach and a final report was presented to the Committee.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>With the new Executive Board for Media Right we often find areas to discussed which are on the agenda for both the advertising committee and the Executive Board for Media Rights. One example here would be the TV graphics, which must be approved by the Executive Board for Media Rights but at the same time has to be discussed and agreed on within the Advertising Committee when it comes to advertising aspect. A more detailed structure about the cooperation between the Two committees should be discussed in the future.</p>

## Public Relations & Mass Media Committee

<b>Period</b>	Season 2025-26
<b>Name of the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b>	FIS Public Relations & Mass Media Committee
<b>Name of the Chairperson(s)</b>	Tomi Trbovc
<b>Report by (full name and function)</b>	Tomi Trbovc – Chairman, FIS Public Relations & Mass Media Committee
<b>What has been achieved?</b>	<p>The 2025–26 season represented an important transitional and developmental period for the FIS Public Relations &amp; Mass Media Committee. Following the restructuring discussions initiated during the Spring Meetings in Vilamoura and further developed during the Autumn Meetings in Zürich, the committee entered a more operational and project-oriented phase of work.</p> <p>One of the most important achievements of the season was the successful establishment of the PR &amp; MM Core Experts Groups. The objective of this smaller operational structures was to improve efficiency, enable more practical discussions and focus on concrete communication challenges within FIS disciplines and events. The new structure created stronger cooperation between National Ski Associations, FIS Communications, athletes’ representatives, media professionals and LOC representatives.</p> <p>Throughout the season, the committee focused on several strategic areas. Considerable attention was dedicated to the future harmonization of FIS World Cup award ceremonies across disciplines. Discussions focused on creating a more unified visual and operational identity, inspired by the standards already</p>

implemented during FIS World Championships. The committee also initiated work on a more structured Crisis Communication Toolkit, intended to improve coordination and communication procedures between FIS, NSAs and Organising Committees during sensitive situations and unexpected incidents.

Another important topic was the review of media services and post-competition media operations, particularly mixed zone structures and athlete-media interaction. The committee emphasized the importance of maintaining open and efficient communication environments that support both athletes and journalists while adapting to the changing digital and social media landscape. In parallel, cooperation with the International Association of Ski Journalists (AIJS) was strengthened in order to integrate the perspective and operational needs of journalists more directly into future planning processes.

An important operational development was also the expansion of the FIS Media Coordinators' reporting framework. In addition to statistical data, future reports will now also include qualitative assessments of recurring operational challenges and media service limitations across disciplines and venues. This will provide the committee with more concrete analytical foundations for future recommendations and improvements.

The Spring Meetings in Portorož represented an important milestone for the committee, as preliminary findings from all workstreams were presented and discussed. The meetings confirmed strong alignment between committee members regarding the future direction of communications within FIS and highlighted the importance of moving from general discussions toward more practical and implementable solutions.



<p><b>What is in progress?</b></p>	<p>Several initiatives launched during the 2025–26 season remain ongoing and will continue throughout the next period. The committee is currently working on the finalization of the Award Ceremonies Rulebook, further development of the Crisis Communication Toolkit and the preparation of updated Media Services Guidelines. Additional work is also being carried out regarding media accreditation processes, photography coordination, mixed zone concepts and broader communication alignment between FIS, LOCs and National Ski Associations.</p> <p>The committee will continue to collect and analyse operational feedback from Media Coordinators across all disciplines, with the objective of identifying common structural challenges and improving consistency between events.</p>
<p><b>Which key decisions have been taken?</b></p>	<p>During the season, the committee formally implemented its new operational structure consisting of the full PR &amp; MM Committee and the PR &amp; MM Core Experts Groups. Several thematic workstreams were officially established, focusing on crisis communication, media services, athlete-media interaction, award ceremonies and journalist relations.</p> <p>The committee also agreed on the introduction of expanded Media Coordinators’ reports, including qualitative operational feedback, and confirmed the objective of developing more unified communication and operational standards across FIS events.</p>



<p><b>Interesting facts and figures</b></p>	<p>The season marked the first full operational cycle of the newly established Core Experts Group, which conducted regular online coordination meetings in addition to the official FIS meetings. The committee’s work also reflected the broader growth of FIS corporate communications, digital outreach and international media engagement during the 2024–25 and 2025–26 seasons, with increasing emphasis placed on transparency, proactive communications and digital-first storytelling.</p>
<p><b>Changes within the (sub-)committee / board / working group</b></p>	<p>The committee underwent a significant structural transition during the season. Following the approval of the new operational model, smaller and more agile Core Experts Groups were established in parallel with the full committee structure. This allowed more focused work on specific communication topics while maintaining broad representation from National Ski Associations and stakeholders.</p> <p>The committee also strengthened cooperation with the Athletes’ Commission, AIJS representatives, World Championship hosts and the FIS Communications Department.</p>
<p><b>Further comments</b></p>	<p>The committee believes that the changing media landscape, the increasing importance of digital communication and the growing expectations of athletes, media and fans require continuous adaptation of communication structures within snow sports.</p> <p>The work initiated during the 2025–26 season established important foundations for the future development of more unified, transparent and operationally efficient communication standards across all FIS disciplines.</p>



	<p>The committee would also like to thank FIS Communications Director Bruno Sassi and the FIS Communications team for their support, cooperation and commitment throughout the season.</p>
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