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DR. FRANZ STEINLE



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PROFILE & CV

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» PROFILE

I stand for integrity, reliability and a responsible, forward-looking development of international ski and snowboard sport. My candidacy is based on the conviction that sustainable positive development can only be achieved through the interplay of clear values, stable structures, and economic strength.

As Honorary President of the German Ski Association and former President of a Higher Regional Court, I combine independent judgment with many years of leadership experience. At the same time, decades of commitment in Nordic skiing have enabled me to maintain a close connection to practical sport. This allows me to balance even complex sets of interests and translate them into viable solutions.

» ATTITUDE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- » Independence: Decisions based on clear values
- » Transparency: Traceable processes as a foundation for trust
- » Consistency: Clear stance on good governance, fairness, and antidoping
- » Experience: Combination of strong legal expertise, many years of association work & in-depth sporting practice
- » Sense of proportion: Ensuring stability while developing it in a targeted way

» OBJECTIVES

I aim to actively contribute to the further development of international ski and snowboard sport within the FIS:

- » Strengthening integrity and trust
- » Further development of good governance and decision-making processes
- » Securing economic foundations
- » Balanced consideration of all stakeholders
- » Future-oriented positioning of ski and snowboard sport, taking into account the current challenging framework conditions

» LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

I stand for clear and balanced leadership within the international federation system. My experience enables me to bring together complex interests and translate them into viable decisions.

Within the FIS Council, I actively contribute to strategic processes with the aim of developing sustainable solutions and ensuring the long-term stability of the system.

» PERSPECTIVE

International ski and snowboard sport thrives on different perspectives. The key is to translate these into joint decisions. I see my strength in moderating this balance and further developing it in a structured way.

For me, securing the future means consciously combining tradition and innovation.

International ski and snowboard sport faces important decisions. I want to contribute my experience and understanding of structures in a targeted way in order to actively and responsibly help shape this process. It is important to me that we jointly position ski sport in a stable, credible, and future-proof manner. I stand for this – and I am ready to take responsibility for it.

» SPORTING BACKGROUND (EXCERPT)

- » Over 20 years as a licensed coach in Nordic skiing
- » In-depth understanding of performance and youth sport
- » Experience in marketing as well as TV and event rights
- » Close cooperation with international partners, media, and sponsors

» PROFESSIONAL CAREER (EXCERPT)

- » Since 12/2017: Admitted to the bar as a lawyer
- » 04/1973 – 10/2017: After law studies and legal clerkship, judge in the judiciary of the State of Baden-Württemberg, most recently President of the Higher Regional Court of Stuttgart, the highest court in Baden-Württemberg
- » 1968 – 1973: Tax administration of Baden-Württemberg: training and graduation as a Diplom-Finanzwirt

» ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES (EXCERPT)

- » Since 2025: Honorary President of the German Ski Association
- » Since 2021: Member of the FIS Council
- » 2014 – 2024: Spokesperson of the winter sports federations within the DOSB
- » 2013 – 2024: President of the German Ski Association
- » 2005 – 2013: Vice President of the German Ski Association
- » 2011 – 2021: Member of the FIS Legal & Safety Committee
- » Since 2007: Member of the NADA Legal Commission

» VOLUNTARY ENGAGEMENT (EXCERPT)

- » Since 2012: Board member of the German Association for Sports Law
- » Since 2002: Supervisory Board member, Liebenau Foundation
- » 1973 – 1993: SC Wiesensteig (including >20 years as coach and sports director)