



Ski Orienteering Commission

Summary of notes from the meeting held in Boden
on 24th of March 2012

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IOF Ski Orienteering Commission – Meeting in Boden

Date: 24.03.2012

Agenda topic #1: Touch-free punching in ski orienteering

Discussion:

- In general touch-free punching is seen as a future way to execute punching and time keeping
- Inaccuracy in timing during the SkiO season 2011-2012 has proved that current systems are not reliable enough

Conclusions and action steps:

- touch-free punching should be the official punching system in SkiO
- Action steps:
 - Contact Event Advisers of future IOF Events to discuss this
 - Send the request for quotation to all major timing companies who provide touch-free punching systems
 - Find a sustainable way to finance touch-free punching systems and professional time-keeping staff to all international competitions

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Agenda topic #2: Ski orienteering season 2011-2012

Discussion:

- The challenges of the World Cup season 2011-2012 were discussed.

Conclusions and action steps:

- The Ski Orienteering Commission has to ensure the quality of races → Detailed instructions, to-do lists and personal coaching/training is needed. We should also consider the possibility to have an IT adviser in the competitions
- The Commission tries to time competitions so that there would be only one competition round outside Europe during the season. According to current information, however, the season 2013-2014 might include two rounds outside Europe.

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Agenda topic #3: Rules and guidance

Discussion:

- Change to World Cup Special Rules and IOF Ski Orienteering Competition Rules were discussed.

Conclusions and action steps:

- Special Rules for World Cup will be discussed in the meeting in Lausanne. To whom and by whom the wild cards are granted will also be brought to the table there
- The question whether JWSOC winners in sprint and middle distance should be granted permission to participate in the World Cup will be addressed in Lausanne
- Start punching will be tested in Ski-O Tour next winter IF local organizers are willing to do it

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Agenda topic #4: New marketing material for ski orienteering

- A book with pictures will be put together.
 - Shows the history and the current state of ski orienteering
 - Introduces ski orienteering countries
- A visual image will be worked on.

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Agenda topic #5: Meeting with IOF Council

- SOC representatives will meet IOF Council representatives in April. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Olympic project.

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Agenda topic #6: Meeting in Lausanne

Next meeting will be in Lausanne 17-19 July 2012.

Appendices

Road map for the future development



2012



2013



2014 - 15

Survive and ensure attractiveness

- Ensure that ski orienteering is going to the **right direction**
- Set up a development program to **ensure high quality races** everywhere
- **Communicate the vision** to the national federations, IOC, FISU and other stakeholders

Becoming a real Olympic sport

- Keep **attracting new countries** and athletes
- Make sure that old countries are enthusiastic as well
- **Execute** the development program
- Keep building **distinctive, athlete-focused race concepts**
- Show to the IOC that we really are a great sport
- Fully developed **"challenger" mindset**