

Minutes of Athletes' Commission - SkiO meeting

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1) Opening

EB welcomes the AC to the meeting. AL participates as stand-in for TR.

2) Competition quality

Eivind Tonna asked the AC to discuss acceptable quality of international competitions. The AC thinks the primary priority should be to guarantee as fair competitions as possible.

Therefore the organizers and IOF advisers focus should be on:

- correct time keeping,
- correct mapping,
- correct control placement,
- standardized and correct start procedure

We think the IOF advisers should survey the whole process of competition organizing and not be involved into details. At the same time the IOF marketing director should focus on marketing and publicity work. Some critical positions in competitions organization could be done by professional of the IOF to support local (sometimes unexperienced) organizers.

The AC appreciates nevertheless if organizers do their best for a great competition atmosphere and attractive competitions for public and media.

3) Sport fairness issue on sprint distance at ESOC sprint (missing punching stations)

The AC has no objections to the decisions of the jury. If the competitions can be counted according to rules the competitions should count. We all agree that we think it was according to rules.

4) Feedback on IOF Eventor and World Ranking System

We can support the IOF Eventor development via a web-survey.

5) Future international program

- We would like to state that we are strictly against night events due to safety reasons and material costs.
- The AC thinks World Cup should consist of four WCup rounds with at least 12 individual competitions in total. A double round with 7-9 competition within 10-14 days is preferred. We had World cup seasons like this earlier f. ex. 2010/2011 and 2013/2014. Double rounds are less travel (and thereby cost) intensive with venues in neighboring countries.
- We do not support the idea of shorter rounds (less than 4 events) since travelling is often the most expensive and time consuming part of a WCup round.
- If an annual WCup and WSOC are organized, WSOC should be part of WCup. In that case the participants per nation in individual can be increased to 6. If possible WSOC should be the last event of the season.
- We are positive to annual WSOC and WCup. However we would not like to see a decreased quality of WSOC.
- Double competitions on the same day can be ok if the circumstances are right (close living and enough day time), but only for pursuit for example consisting of two short middle distances (world cup points for both).
- We think during the next years we should focus on event quality and media production and not development of new formats.

6) Event evaluation

EB will prepare the evaluation form just as for WCup round 1 and 2. We decide therefore not discuss the ongoing ESOC at this point. We think these evaluations should be also of special interest for organizers of future international events.

7) Composition of next year's athletes commission:

- CS and TR will leave the AC after this season. Thank you Christian and Tatiana for the great work you have done in the AC!
- AL will officially join the AC.
- Milka Reponen FIN and Sandro Truttmann SUI will join the AC as new members.

8) Next AC meeting

EB will invite to the next meeting in conjunction with the next major international Ski-O event.