

## Meeting of the Rules Commission of the ISMF

Date: 14 April, 2021

Convocation Time: 17:00

Place: On-line (ZOOM)

### **Minutes draft\_**

#### **Attendants:**

Roberto Cavallo

Ram Mikulas

Oriol Montero

Josef Gruber

Malik Fatnassi

Marianne Fatton

Nicolò Canclini

Olivier Mansiot

Jordi Canals

#### **Absents:**

Pierre Dupont

#### **Agenda:**

Schedule

17h to 17:15 Welcome to the members, especially the new ones

17:15- 17:30 Analysis of the season 2020-2021

17:30- 18h Analysis of the new rules 2020-21 and problems detected with regulations during the season 2020-21.

18h-18:45h Starting Motions proposals

18:45-19h Preparation 2nd meeting. Ending meeting.

The meeting starts at 17:06'

Oriol Montero excuses his delay due to familiar issues. Previously, Ram explained the situation of the races of ski mountaineering in the United States of America.

#### **Welcome**

He welcomes all the members and specially to the new members and athlete's representatives Marianne Fatton and Nicolò Canclini.

#### **Analysis of the season 2020-2021**

Roberto Cavallo explained the difficult, known for all the attendants, situation of the events and races during this year due to the uncertainties that the COVID situation is producing worldwide. He reports that all the events were confirmed and no races were cancelled even in the difficult situation produced in Madonna di Campiglio. The overall feeling of the presents is that the season has been successful in

spite of the difficult COVID conditions. However, COVID restrictions affected the participation of the non-European nations in the World Cup and specially in the World Championships (Andorra and France). Josef Gruber explains:

Oriol explain that in some events ISMF staff thought that the competition was near to be canceled. ISMF staff missed the ISMF forum where the LOC explains the tracks of their competitions.

### **Analysis of the new rules 2020-21 and problems detected with regulations during the season 2020-21.**

Oriol explains the main changes in the rules:

1. Change of time references in the sprints: The new references were proposed for the representative of the athletes Mr. Maximilien du Drion referring that these changes had the consensus of all the athletes and they must be applied for the next season 2020-2021. Oriol explained that these changes affected to the software of the ISMF (MSO) and also to the software of the National Federations. Oriol explains the problems in the first sprint of the season because the software of MSO was not correctly updated producing a mistake in the first ranks. However, he remarks the high level of efficiency of MSO.  
The LOC of Andorra WCHs contracted a different time-keeping enterprise and it produced problems specially challenging in the sprints. Oriol thanks the abilities of the referee Marion Maneglia about solving the problems during the sprints.  
Malik asks about how is it possible that MSO was not in Andorra WCH and Roberto explains that the rules allow a different timekeeper in the WCHs. Roberto agrees that it is necessary change the rules in order that **all the WC and WCHs have only the Official time-keeper** for the next season. Oriol agrees and explains that ISMF can have ***different official time-keepers*** according to the continent (**America, Asia and Europe**) due to the coincidence of dates and the travel costs.  
Oriol explains that Spanish Federation didn't not apply this rule this season and he asks to Olivier about the situation in the FFME. Olivier explains that, as he forecasted during the discussion of this new rule last year, it is difficult for no high professional events to control efficiently the times and the rule was not applied in France.  
Jordi says this rule was approved and redacted definitively after the Plenary Assembly in October when the season starts officially the 1<sup>st</sup> July (South America) and only a few weeks before the first event of the World Cup. In "death or life" modifications or small modifications without big "charges" it is possible. But in rules involving important changes in software, this a too short time and produces a loss of confidence of National Federations to the International Federations. Attendants agree that it is important to have the same rules in the International and National rules for coherence and easy understanding for athletes, organizers, timekeepers and referees.
2. Skis in the suit and skis on the ground Oriol explains that athletes are very professional and the analysis of the videos shows that a very high percent of the athletes make the correct manipulation. Malik talks about the penalty to Rémy Bonnet in the individual WCHs in Andorra in the change area of the base of the second loop (close to the start-arrival area and the refreshment area) and he asks about all the transition areas must have referees. Oriol explains

that it is possible in short tracks and/or loops and/or having an increased number of judges as in YOG- Lausanne-2020, but no in long tracks and with only two referees. Oriol explains the communication problems sending videos between the transition areas and the arrival area specially in area without free roaming and dark communication zones as Andorra and others.

### Starting Motions proposals

Oriol explains that everybody received the motions from athlete's representative and caches representatives. Roberto asks to the coaches if the proposal of the coaches have the consensus of all the coaches and the answer is affirmative.

Nicolò explains some motions

1. Nicolò proposes that the ISMF must organize Youth and Senior categories **World Cups** and **World Championships in separated events** because the present situation mixes and produces a confused mediatic repercussion....

Oriol agrees with the statement of the athletes and he explains that he proposed the same in a RC meeting of the former season, but Maximilien du Drion refused this proposal and he states that athletes preferred to have the Youth athletes with the Senior athletes

Jordi exposes that almost all the IF separates Youth (junior) from Absolute (senior) Championships.

A discussion starts about the implementation of this proposal and the new Youth Cup. Roberto explains that Pierre Dupont and himself are preparing the calendar 2021-2022. He explains too that according to the instructions of the President of the ISMF, he should follow the guidelines of the new Strategic Group for the Quality of the Competitions. He has not received any input from this group and he only knows that Olivier is the responsible of the group. Olivier explains the group is still in formation and situation of ????

2. Motion about podiums: The case of the Swedish athlete who missed involuntarily the prize-giving ceremony

There is a discussion about who is the guilty (coach, athlete, both,..)

Nicolò proposes an economical fine (loss of the prize and maybe a fine of the same amount of the prize)... Nicolò explains the podiums of FIS Alpine Ski World Cup podiums: Podium ceremony are usually very fast but they have only one category (men and women races in different venues and/or different dates). ISMF WC has 4 different starts and arrivals with maybe three different itineraries and six podiums (U-20 M and F, U-23 M and F and Senior M and F) in the same day.

There is a discussion about the presence of the flowers and official podiums and their schedule. It is important **to consult the Bureau** about the IOC recommendations for Flower and Official (prize-giving) podiums because these issues were homologated during the process of recognition of the ISMF as an International Recognized Olympic Federation. *Note: In Lausanne-2020 Youth Olympic Games: flowers ceremony was in Villars and the official podiums were in Lausanne during the evening with the presence of high authorities of the IOC.*

Oriol says that it is important a license for coaches and Malik adds for referees. Jordi says that coaches and referees have a license in almost all the IFs and the NFs and even in the small

district matches of football, basket-ball in under-8 years old categories. Everybody agrees that it is important **to include referees and coaches' licenses in the rules** (as the athlete license).

**Preparation 2nd meeting. Ending meeting**

Next meeting: It will be on-line **the 22th April at 17:00' (Central European Time = Paris time; UTC+1:00)**. ISMF Office will send the link.