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Participation:

1. Oriol Monterro, ESP, referee manager and technical coordinator (host and moderator)
2. Josef Gruber, AUT, Technical Expert
3. Roberto Cavallo, ITA, Event manager and General Manager
4. Marianne Fatton, SUI, athlete's representant
5. Nico Canclini, ITA, athlete's representant
6. Olivier Mansiot, FRA, Technical Expert
7. Malik Fatnassi, SUI, coach's representant
8. Thierry Galando, FRA, coach's representant
9. Hermann Gruber, DE, Expert - represented of LOC and NF
10. Zuzka Rychlikova, SVK, ISMF referee
11. Valeria Ponzio, ITA, ISMF office

Programm of the meeting :

1. Introduction and presentation of Zuzka & Hermann: by Oriol Monterro
2. Presentation of the concept of Youth European Cup: Josep Gruber - Project leader

A, Process to be followed :

1. Final concept approved by Rules commission
2. Submission to ISMF Bureau and ISMF MC and approbation
3. Presentation to PA and approbation by PA

C, Discussion and questions and important points to be considered:

- Relay : yes or not?
 - o Olivir Mansiot: Why **not relay**?
 - o Oriol/ Nico Camclini : We never think about relay. Maybe we can test it
 - o **CONCLUSION to be vote = Test the relay in ISMF Youth Cup?**
- Name of the Cup and participation : Why European Cup? When it's for all origins?
 - o By Tim Zander, USA If this is European Youth Cup, what about **US and other non – EU athlete's participation?**
 - o Answer by Roberto Cavallo – **Test project only for one year**, we decided



- to call it European as the competitions will be only in Europe but we allow others continental to participation.
- For the first year, we can call it European cup and after we can change it. The idea was to allow the European athletes to have a competition without traveling. The name is related to the location of the events.
 - Nicollini – **test the relay**, and cancel the nomination of European, like a world cup for young, initially we were thinking that hat we, will have continental cups, but it will be not the case.
 - Zuzka – ISMF Youth Cup / Open Youth Cup – Cancel the name EU -> discussion: to avoid the confusion, think about the pre-Olympic season and understandable name for NOC and sport government.
 - Oriol – Goal is to develop to also continental cups but, it will not be very soon. We could have one race but several rankings per continent.
 - Tim – only one ranking and one cup. “European” is good for EU and not good for non EU.
 - Roberto C- we are in rules competition and **no to discuss** the name of the Cup. **Everybody can participate, worldwide origin, with license B.**
 - **CONCLUSION: think carefully about denomination and avoid the European.**
- License B and how to provide it : Discussion about the permit / control of delivering the license B:
- Olivier Mansiot – NF should be able to control de License B.
 - Malik – With presented system the NF will be not able to decide who can have the License B
 - Hermann Gruber – What is the process of getting the License B? Is going by NF or directly by athletes. => **Clear definition of process** to be definite.
 - Malik- If the NF have nothing to say about License B, with would like underlined that with this system the NF has nothing to say. For us, **NF is a second tool the promote the skimo** – national team.
 - Josef Gruber –The idea was to **give the opportunity** to accept the **private** financing and open it also to **skiclub**
 - Malik – is not good to remove the youth without having an equivalent replacement. – The rules are not clear now and should be more precise.
 - Hermann Gruber - make a very clear the access / process to the Cup – how to proceed if the NF has the national License or not. We remove U20 from WC, this cup will be only international competition where +18 can run.
 - **CONCLUSION – RC will prepare the special rules for Youth Cup with clear description of the process of Licence B**
- Categories and participation by age and corresponding tracks:
- Olivier Mansiot – I’m **not** in favour of the name of “Open” and to open it to **U16**. NF need to take same control of licence B. this is not the question for now.



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- Nico C – About the category – if we consider **U20 free**, and they can run in SM, we will be **losing them forever**. What to do with the category U23?
 - Malik – same meaning that Nico.
 - Josef Gruber – In Youth EU Cup – is open also to everybody in Open race.
 - Oriol Monterro / Roberto CavalloC – **U23** = will have an **overall ranking** but **not podium in every event**.
 - Hermann Gruber- as organizer will have **3 different tracks**,
 - Olivier Mansiot- in theory there will be 3 category tracks, and is complicated.
 - Tim Zander – Question about U20 competing in WC, is ok as soon they have license A. and a athlete of U20 can win category of U23
 - **Conclusion:**
 - **Redaction of special rules for EU –**
 - **technical issue - OM / JG**
 - **access to the competition = RC and Bureau.**
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Next changes should be approved by Bureau / MC and PA

- Categories – Information
 - RC- In WC is now only senior category SW and SM.
 - HG – respect the rules for WC also during Championships.
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- Time of the competition – reduce the during of the competition:
 - Malik – what the position of ISMF regarding the number of WC Stages? , if we have too much, we should **reduce the during of the competitions**.
 - Oriol Monterro- we should think also the needs of EBU.
 - RC- we start very early, in November, the season is long and we can run more competitions, request from EBU – streaming life = not to long = we should **reduce the competition time**. According **EBU** – the **maximum** time is **1h – 1,5h**.
 - Malik – we should precise/ limited the altitude of the first race and not to start on glacier in the begging of the season.
 - Nico – due to a **EBU request** we prepared a table where we analyse the positive ascents and distance. we adapted **to 75 minutes or 90 minutes**, according time **of 1st and 15th**. We should **reduce actual altitude** difference
 - HG – is not only about the positive altitude difference and distance but also about the **style of the race**. We should think about the visibility on the screen maybe also on other way.
 - RC – we have only first experiences from EBU, and only 2 races, I agreed with Herman that we should think also about the visibility. On inspection



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visit there is also a guy from EBU to check the track, maybe we could precise the difference in altitude in Organization Rules.

- Malik – what is the meaning of the athlete about the shorter racer?
- Nico – is only an opinion, and not objective data. This is not the role of athletes, we are professional, the decision about Rules should be based on the datas or EBU requirement.
- JG – last 30 minutes of the race were boring.
- Malik – from coaches is also better to reduce the positive altitude, is more game for more athletes
- Thierry Galando – Technical part are important
- HG – is **good to reduce the elevation**, is also **easier to reach** senior level **for youth athletes**
- Malik – maybe we can do the same track for Men and Woman.
- ZR – This is the request for IOC.
- Oriol Monterro – and we need to Think about the transgender athletes for next years.

CONCLUSION:

- **Adapt the positive altitude to request of EBU according the table of Nico with analyses from season 2021/2022**
- **Think again about the same track for SW & SM as exigence from IOC**
- Youth Tracks :
 - HG – The same track for all Youth U18 and U20
 - Nico C – I agree with HG, but careful about U16
 - Malik – we had the study from SUI that we done.
 - Olivier Mansiot – I don't agree with U16 within YEC. And I'm sure that 800m si too long for U16W. Lot of travels too.
 - Thierry Galando– I agree with OM, U16 just starts, I think that only national competition is enough for them.
 - Oriol Monterro – U16, only for one Event / one competition, Championships U18 and U20, no U16. Some countries ask us for a competition in U16. In some countries with start at 12y. we should be here for everybody.
 - Thierry – we have only 3 w and 10 man of U16.
 - Malik – I don't think that is a role of ISMF to promote Skimo with so young, and advantage some countries.
 - Oriol M – give the opportunity to compete also in counties where there is not a competition at all.
 - HG – Why we should not take the opportunity to test our youngest racers in international level.
 - TZ – we have children also in U14 athletes and we have many athletes who will appreciate to have race.
 - OM- some NF wanted to have some advise on the elevation for U16 as they have it on national level. We should take the time as reference.



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- Nico - maybe we can do the same table for youth .
- TZ / Oriol M/ Olivier M – will send relevant datas to Nico.

CONCLUSION:

- **Nico prepares the table for next meeting summarizing the altitude of tracks in different countries/**
- **same Track for U20 and U18/**
- **U16 Only one stage of YC**

- Relay Races: Distance
 - Marion – maybe it will **be better to reduce** the duration of the race.
 - Nico – it's **more interesting and dynamic** if we **have shorter races**. It's important that in relay **the ascents are the same**.
 - HG – I agree that is better if the race is dynamic, and also the athletes have more possibilities to train and the gap is getting less. We can use the years to WOG to test and find the best event.

CONCLUSION: Technical team prepares the new design for relay

- Rankings:
 - Patrick Rassat: what to do with the finale ranking in relay and how to put it in overall ranking???
 - Thierry – WC Ranking for the nations 2023/2024 ???
 - And it can be unfair that overall is in the overall IND ranking
 - Oriol – overall nation ranking – we can include relay

CONCLUSION: Prepare schema for Ranking per nation

- Sprint:
 - Nico: Sprint – **max 10% on foot**=>it's a running race and not skimo, this season we had more than 5% on foot on IND too.
 - Olivier M – 10% of 60m is 6m of elevation and is not enough.
 - HG – We should be careful with changes in Rules, to not to be too strict because it can lead to the cancelation of the race and it's too strict for organization. if I cannot handle the rule in organization, I don't write it. And we should **put the gap**.

 - Malik –good idea to do **the same track** but should be shorter, **max 3 minutes**.
 - Oriol – proposal from 4 years was that the women will stay the same and men will be shorter.
 - Malik – the most important is the timing, and elevation.
 - Oriol – reduce to 70 M maximum. And reduce also the foot part.
 - HG – the same track is good for LOC, media, but we **do reduce the time**. Malik – it will be good as we will have also youth athletes U18 in the



senior category.

- Nico – take **more care on Fair play** and have more place to overtake especially in **downhill**.

 - Diverses:
 - Malik – the job before the competition is very important, this is the problem of communication.
 - RC – **Technical team** should find **the % or distance**, and we will try to **improve the communication**.
 - Oriol – the **Homologation** is very **important**, because we have the reference and we should copy the track of the homologation.
 - **HG – We need also more explication for motion – precise the reason of the motion, and it will be easier to vote and evaluate it for PA.**
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6.5.2022

4. Organising rules

- Relay Races: Duration and Qualification system:
 - **No quota in WC for relay teams => therefore think about the qualification system.**
 - Olivier Mansiot- relay also in battery, **qualification**, short uphill, if, only second one and not the first one. Make only one loop.... We need to think about it and study all the options – including qualification system.
 - Oriol/ Thierry / RC/ Olivier M - discussion - We will have 3 relay next season. Apply the **Qualification system? on 2 days? How long** between the Qualification and Final?
 - JG / HG – Is possible to switch team mate during the season? For relay?
 - Olivier M – **minimum of 30 minutes**, with **possibility to do it on 2 days**.
Ex – Val Thorens – we need to do the sprint final at 9h30 because of TV slot. In this case, we will do it in 2 days – Friday evening qualification, Saturday Final, and Saturday afternoon – qualification of relay.
 - Nico – according from **Biathlon** and **cross country** the break is **more than 1h**.
 - Roberto – in WOG – 2 days. It's better to organize it in 2 days.
 - We need to think also how to prepare the track.
 - Herman – We need to have one competition per day, and one system for not only for next season and others.
 - Roberto – I agree, but we need to take in consideration also other factors as Marketing / TV.
 - For next year – we have 2 relay – VT and Wchamp.

CONCLUSION: Find the Qualification system with right break / Final 12 teams



- Equipment:
 - No remarks
 - Oriol – ski-breaks = good experience it was working well, thanks to the manufactures.
 - Oriol – same rules for Youth / Junior than for World championships (ex. Boots)
 - **Ski-breaks also for Licence B?**
 - Actual situation in different countries:
 - ITA compulsory /
 - Fra from 2024 /
 - SUI from 2023/ 2024 probably.
 - ESP is compulsory
 - Malik – no possibility to add the supplement equipment for YEC.
 - ZR – also mention it in organizing rules.

CONCLUSION:

- **SKI-Breaks mandatory from 2023/2024 but mention it also in the regulation from this season.**
- **Crampons – Lets keep it also for Youth, but specify that in organizing rules we will recommend to limit to use of crampons, all others additional equipemt = NO for Youth**

- Start Procedure:
 - JG – Start procedure with **Start Gate** – we should have always the same start – Malik – it should be the ISMF gate. Possibility that MSO / or implementation team is always brinking it.
 - ZR – if we want have gate on WOG – we should start with it know, to be sure that it's working and athletes will be able to use to it.
 - Hermann – I can bring the contact.
 - The one from Lausanne wasn't good.

CONCLUSION: The use of the official ISMF gate is compulsory, if for any reason the ISMF gate is not available, there will be no Gate.

Roberto/ Oriol/ Dani/ Hermann will take care of it – find a homologation system long enough.

- Cutting the tracks
 - Nico – apply the real sanction for cutting the track, it's not nice for FairPlay, and for spectators. = > be more clear and not forget the penalties in the behaviour.
 - See penalty section



- Behaviour in transition area:
 - HG – the rules is clear, starting manipulation with ski breaks down and finish when taking it up.
 - Oriol - The rule is clear, but we have to much penalties,
 - Olivier M – poles – if the poles are removed un-intentional => no penalties
 - Tim – adjust the rules to be more clear.

Conclusion : adjust the rules to be more clear

- Environment: open the possibility to abandon in the transition area?
- No => JG , we are in the mountain and we should carry your rubbish.

Conclusion: Leave it like it 's

- Abandon: apply the penalty, see belllow
- False start.

If the the delay between SET and Whistle is too long = faute of the referee, not a penalties. Oriol 99% is correct from referees.

- Penalties:
 - Offences = > the time is too long for some penalties = it means more or less the disqualification. = C5 for ex.
 - Malik = C5 make special rules for uphill and downhill if we want to be more precise on distance.
 - C10 = Tim, OM , Malik = let's keep it. Oriol lets reduce it.
 - Penalties for Abandon or "NOT START"=> Tim = fine of 100 EUR,, if not the athlete can not start
 - C22 : compulsory to participate / if not not receive the money / Disqualification. = proposal from Roberto.

Conclusion: think about the reduce some time slot / introduce the fine for abandon.

B, Deadline for Rules commission: 28.5.2022