

## MINUTES

**Event: IPC Alpine Skiing Technical Committee Meeting**

**Date: 16-19 May 2009**

**Place: IPC Headquarters, Bonn**

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<b>Participants</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>(Initials)</b>
	Sylvana Mestre	Chairperson	SM
	Nick Dean	Vice Chairperson	ND
	Markus Walser	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	MW
	Kihong Kim	Head of Competition Asia	KK
	Erik Petersen	Head of Competition North America	EP
<b>(members pending appointment)</b>	Jordi Carbonelli	Head of Competition Europe	JC
	Nick Cutcliffe	Head of Classification	NC
<b>IPC Management</b>	Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA
<b>Not Present</b>			
<b>Invited</b>	Adrian Bellwald	For the position of RD	AB
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**Purpose of the Meeting** of STC Spring Meeting.  
Competitions Calendar.  
Factor System.  
Working Groups.  
Vancouver 2010 PWG

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**Executive Summary/ Main Outcomes** Adjustment of the Rules & Regulations Book.

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## AGENDA

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1. Welcome to the committee members.
  - Presentation of new STC members
2. Agenda
  - Approval of the Agenda
  - Additions or deletions to the Agenda
  - Correspondence
3. Review and Approval of the minutes Bonn 08
  - Review minutes Zurich 08
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  - Structure and future working structure STC
  - Athletes Representative
  - Analysis of the season 2008/2009
  - General discussion
4. Report of the Management Department.
  - Finances
    - a. Year 2009, Final Balance
    - b. Financial Planning
    - c. Budget 2009/2010
      - i. IPC Financial support
      - ii. Sponsoring
      - iii. Incomes
      - iv. Expenses
    - d. Competition fee regulations
      - i. Competition sanction fee
      - ii. Race fee
      - iii. License fee
      - iv. Accommodation fee
    - e. Trophies WC and EC
  - FIS
    - a. Goals of the committee versus FIS
    - b. Strategic planning
    - c. Preparing FIS meetings
  - Other issues



- . Handicap System Alpine Skiing, Factor restoration
  - Review changes to the factor restoration procedure
  - Protocol for implementation
  - Restoration
  
- 6. Calendar and Race Management
  - 2009/2010
  - 2010/2011
  - 2011/2012
  - 2012/2013
  
- 7. Report Working Group Equipment
  - Rules for equipment
  - Protocol for implementation
  
- 8. Rules and regulations
  
- 9. Classification
  - 400 rules
  - Protocol for implementation
  - Strategic planning
  - Education planning 2009/2010
  - Panels of classifiers races 2009/2010
  - Vancouver panels
  - Other issues
  
- 10. Anti-Doping
  - Review of the season 2008/2009
  - Doping Control Athletes
  - Doping control races
  - Vancouver update
  
- 11. Other Matters
- 12. Next Meeting
- 13 Adjournment



## SUMMARY

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### OPENING

#### 1. Welcome

Sylvana Mestre welcomed the committee members and extended a special welcome to the new members: Jordi Carbonelli, the new HC Europe, and Nick Cutcliffe, HoC (arrival 17 May).

SM informs the committee members that a person applying for the position of Race Director will attend the meeting on the 17th.

Informs that Peter Van der Vliet will attend the meeting the 18<sup>th</sup> for all classification and anti-doping matters.

#### **Presentation new STC members**

SM invited JC to present his credentials to the meeting.

NC is arriving later.

#### Roll Call

Sylvana Mestre (ESP) Chairperson  
Nick Dean (AUS) Vice Chairperson  
Markus Walser (CAN) Head of Technical Control  
Eric Angstadt (ESP) IPC Winter Sports Manager  
Jordi Carbonelli (ESP) Head of Competition Europe  
Kim Ki Hong (Kor) Head of Competition Asia  
Eric Petersen (USA) Head of Competition NA

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#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

<i>Discussion</i>	The members discussed the Agenda as presented. Point 6 was moved to the 18 <sup>th</sup> .
<i>Decision(s)</i>	The meeting accepted the Agenda.
<i>Action(s)</i>	Moved EP. Seconded MW



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## 2.1 Correspondence

Note: correspondence received was tabled under the relevant agenda item.



### 3.ADOPTION MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

*Discussion*

#### **Minutes from the May meeting 09 and the October 09 meeting**

Minutes were reviewed and some items discussed.

- IPC target date for sport self-governance (refer minutes of the IPCAS Sports Forum in Korea 09).
- Discussion about FIS/IPC engagement, collaboration and lobbying for IPC AS.
- Correspondence with FIS tabled.
- Doping Control: a letter asking for the registered testing pools was forwarded to the NPCs.
- The high cost of the WC trophy globes. Joska will not sponsor the trophies. EA proposed the STC a change of the thickness of the globe of 4 cm, the price will then go down a 50%.
- STC communication.
- Business Plan was tabled.
- Equipment manufacturers.
- Flexibility policy.
- TD policy.

The meeting approved the minutes as presented  
Moved MW Seconded EP

Business Arising from the Minutes

#### **Structure and future working structure STC**

SM opened a discussion about internal committee structure and communication.

Decisions made:

- Copy all STC correspondence/issues to the Chair.
- Periodic telephone conferences between the STC members.
- Contact details shall be continually updated

Distinctions were drawn between the extent of the business conducted at the various forums where IPC STC interacts with participants, e.g Team Captains meetings should and will be



restricted to issues about the race and not consider outside/wider issues. IPC management and STC members are guests at Team Captains meetings. The Distinction between race matters and STC matters will be reinforced.

The Head of Competitions will be responsible for the calendar and codex of their region for the 09/10 season.

Markus Walser is the link to FIS for the TD's and Codex.

All other matters regarding FIS must be directed to IPC Management.

#### **IPCAS Race Director**

Michael Knaus's contract has not been renewed by the IPC. MK was the first IPC Race Director appointed due to the amount of work required to run the IPC racing calendar.

The Chair acknowledged Michael's hard work, passion and commitment to the administration of the sport over many years.

Discussion on the Race Director role ensued around the mix of race administration and quality assurance on the race course. The committee decided that there is a need for a Race Director and the role description was reviewed. Existing Responsibilities of the Race Director which will not flow to the Race Director's revised role:

- Website Maintenance (results and points list).
- Race software management.
- Website maintenance.

The Head of Competition should have a much more active role on the race structure.

A review of the Race Director Role Description was conducted.

IPC management is in the process of finding a replacement for MK for the 09/10 season..

#### **Athletes Representative**

Regrettably the incumbent, Gerd Schonfelder, has





resigned for personal reasons.

The Chair appealed to the IPC Alpine family for nominations to the position. Only one NPC replied - Canada. No nominations had been received to date.

The position remains vacant and nominations are encouraged.

### **Analysis of the season 2008/2009**

The actual races, which occurred, were tabulated.

Relations with LOC's were discussed.

#### Protests

- Slovenia: Invitations on the website.
- Japan: incorrect results published.
- Austria and Canada at the Sports Forum: counting races for WC points. Response from the IPC Management tabled.

#### Feedback

- Slovakia: too few WC races.
- Race delays from crashes. MW addressed the protocols that are being put in place for the PWG.
- The entry lists required correction (a programming issue). EA displayed the relevant IPC processes that included the TD's role.
- Adherence to inspection windows.
- Controlling sit ski starts.

Discussion on last season understanding problems regarding the STC specifications on equipment - ambiguity is created, sometimes by perception rather than reality, because of circumstances. Regular STC meetings will help solve this and correct any errors.

SM tabled the correspondence from Maike Hujara and Steve Graham, on behalf of the coaches.

Steve Graham's letter addressed the Equipment Working Group specifically.

Response from IPC Management to Maike Hujara letter tabled.

Discussion regarding equipment issues is covered in



point 7 of the agenda.

#### Connecting Coach

Role description tabled.

All coaches should have the opportunity to speak to the Jury. The Jury should be open to feedback from the participants.

#### **Software.**

The current service provider will not renew his contract after 1 July 09. Members of the STC will have to assume administrative responsibilities in this area for the 09/10 season.

EP proposed that the respective Heads of Competition be delegated responsibility for this function. This would then be added to the HC Job Description.

The IPC is investigating the software issue through contractors.

#### The Factors.

EP brought up why the factors are not publicly posted by coaches and athletes.

SM explained that the factors are property of the IPC and are not freely available. The STC AS has invested considerable funds in the development of the factors. In the future the factors will be included in the administration back-pack distributed for running the software. They are available to approved users (NPC or NSF). To protect the IPCAS interest in the factors an NPC or NSF must pay a fee ( currently 20€) to the STC AS. The NPC or NSF will be responsible for the correct use of the factors in their country.

#### **General discussion**

Discussion on who should have the access codes to maintain the website. Agreed that it should be a member of the STC due to the timing requirements and the need for accuracy.

The parallel calculation of the new point system has not been done.



	<p>JC states that he already has the 2006/07-season calculation done.</p> <p>SM states that in the Sport Forum we advised the nations that the calculation will be published on the website.</p> <p>SM explains that the main items of the Business Plan will emerge during this meeting.</p> <p>ND states that a protocol is needed to assist with one-off circumstances.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SM to plan monthly conference calls.</li><li>- EA to send updated contact details.</li><li>- Race Director role description to be reviewed.</li><li>- STC will keep seeking a replacement for the athletes' representative.</li><li>- TD should double-check the entries.</li><li>- Rotation of the connection coach at each event. The LOC and IPCAS STC officials and/or the RD will appoint the Connection coach for each event.</li><li>- JC and SM to continue with the new point calculation of season 2008/09.</li><li>- ND to draft a protocol for dealing with special circumstances.</li></ul>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SM to keep seeking a replacement for the athletes' representative.</li><li>- SM responsible for arranging periodic telephone conferences.</li><li>- SM to send letter of thanks to Maike Hujara.</li><li>- SM to inform the coaches of the decision to rotate the connection coach position to the coaches.</li></ul>

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#### 4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

*Discussion*

**Finances.**

EA tabled preliminary budget figures.



EA tabled actual figures for the current financial year.

### **Competition Fee Regulations**

#### Licence fees.

In view of the increased costs associated with the establishment of an expanding race circuit the committee unanimously resolved that the fees rise to 60€ or 65€ for the 2010/11 year.

Moved MW, seconded SM. All in favour.

The Committee expects to have to review the licence fee at the 2010 May meeting.

#### Competition Sanction Fee

The committee resolved to let the existing rates stand for the 09/10 season.

New fees will be sanctioned as of 1/07/10.

Moreover the Committee resolved that these fees are payable at least 15 working days prior to the event and are non-refundable. Non-compliance with this section may result in a non-scored event.

Review of the interest form (Invitation form) for IPC AS sanctioned competitions.

#### Accommodation and Lift Fees

The Committee resolved to let the rate stand at 65€ for the 09/10 season.

It will be reviewed for the 10/11 season.

#### Race Entry Fee

A race fee applies to all IPC races as per the table (refer table under 310.3 in the Rule Book).

The Super Combined will be treated as 2 events if both components are scored and awarded separately. In this case athletes will pay for both starts - two race entry fees (because they are benefiting from two scores). In this instance the LOC is only charged one sanction fee by the IPCAS.

The race entry fees are non-refundable.



Trophies for WC and EC

EA proposed that the committee review the WC trophies due to the high price of each globe. An option is to accept the same design with thinner glass which will reduce the cost.

SM would like to continue with the same EC trophies.

**FIS**

EA informs the committee that a letter was sent to FIS apologizing for the problems which occurred during the last season, involving failure to comply rigorously with codex requirements.

A meeting will take place during the FIS Calendar meetings next week.

SM, ND and MW to attend the planned meeting with FIS the 21/05/09 to clarify various items.

Other Issues

Nations Cup suggestion tabled by letter from the Australian Paralympic Committee.

Much discussion about the fairness of the Nations Cup inspired by the proposal put forward by the APC.

- The IPC AS STC confirmed at the Sports Forum in Korea in Feb that it did not support a “one winner” system. The proposal as it stands conflicts with the Committee’s stated position. Nevertheless it is acknowledged that the proposal presents an alternative that is fair. The Committee will leave the Nation’s Cup system as it stands for the time being but will continue to re-evaluate it. The Committee will respond to the APC thanking it for its contribution. It will encourage further valuable feed back from the NPCs aiming to develop the fairest possible scoring system for the Nation’s Cup.

Injury status and break penalties - procedures and monitoring.

*Decision(s)*

- The committee approved the change on the thickness of the WC globe from 36 cm to 32 cm.
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*Action(s)* SM to respond to the APC letter

## 5. HANDICAP SYSTEM ALPINE SKIING, FACTOR RESTORATION

*Discussion* The document “Factor Restoration Procedure Protocol for Implementation Draft 1.3” was presented to the STC for review.

The document details the Protocols for factor restoration including the schedule for adjustment, the choice of race data and classes, calculation and application, automated factor restoration, balancing the categories, manual adjustment protocol, mechanisms for adjustment, changes, and appendices of the factor lists and the factor precedence tables.

Hugh Daniels (HD) answered the members’ questions by telephone.

The factor list in the appendix has not yet been balanced between the categories. (This is not going to be done until the 10/11 season).

HD explained for each discipline there is a reference factor of 1.00000. All other factors are less than 1. The factors have a min. interval of 0.002 for DH and SG and a min. interval of 0.0025 for SL and GS (because these events take longer).

As we move forward the penalty calculation will be done using both the present system and the zero penalty system so that the comparative results are available.

Importantly the proposal contains a protocol for manual adjustments of factors.

The proposed factor list was compared with the existing factor list to identify the changes. HD, for the Factor working group, explained to the committee how the analysis was done. The main difficulty in the calculation is where there are small samples. This affects certain classes more than others. The factor-working group is very aware of this.

The committee is satisfied that the system as presented works and that the proposed protocols are transparent. One protocol allows for manual adjustment within a defined schedule.

The committee discussed what is a “reasonable” change in any factor restoration. Should we “cap” a change?. It was decided it is not appropriate for the



	<p>Committee to make such a change without consultation with the FWG.</p> <p>The Committee values the work of the FWG and after considerable discussion it decided that it will not change the factors in a Paralympic year.</p> <p>However it will adopt the new system in the following season.</p> <p>It was noted that the FWG works best during the competition season; the level of participation dropped off markedly afterwards. The Committee will respond in writing to the FWG thanking the members for their ongoing contribution and reminding members that one of the most important tasks is to provide the STC with feedback prior to the May meeting.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>Motion: The existing factors remain unchanged for the 2009/10 season. The Protocols described in the tabled document be adopted for application in the 2010/2011 season.</p> <p>Moved SM. Seconded EP. Passed unanimously</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>JC will be the STC member to monitor the FWG</p> <p>The tabled factor document "Draft 1.3" which describes the system to be adopted for application will be published on the website.</p>

## 7.EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The Head of Technical Control, MW, tabled his report.</p> <p>The report spoke in favour of the EWG set up by coaches at the Whistler event. This group submitted a report for the Committee's consideration. The report is concerned with an explanation of the existing equipment regulations.</p> <p>The Chair led a discussion about the best way to handle the communication/liaison between the Committee and the working groups.</p> <p>It was decided that there should be a dedicated Committee member for each working group to provide advice and direction when appropriate. The STC member should not be the leader of the working group but should have a monitoring role.</p>
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MW tabled the document from the EWG with corrections to show the current minimum requirements.

No numbers were changed.

A statement was added at the beginning "Equipment for athletes and guides.....; ski length and radius must have the manufacturer's mark on the skis".

Considering the EWG:

The self-appointed working group is functioning and MW recommends the Committee adopt its proposed model.

The Committee will review the document submitted by the EWG so that it is ready for publication on the website by the beginning of July.

The Chair will write a formal reply to the leader of the EWG (currently Steve Graham) that we are comfortable with the EWG's proposal.

#### Equipment Rule Changes.

The Committee is mindful that it must give at least a year's notice for any changes in the equipment rules. Accordingly for 2010/11 in the zero point races (WC, WCH, PWG)

- DH skis shall be used for DH races in the 2010/11 season (conforming with the FIS rules).
- -5cm tolerance for SG is eliminated for 2010/11.

#### Other Equipment issues.

**Guides.** Our courses are set for both genders. The guide should ski to the skill of the athlete. Therefore it is irrelevant what gender /guide combination occurs. The guide must use equipment that applies with the rules for their gender.

Request from Thomas Pfyl tabled to elevate the right ski boot. Response: modification must stay within the parameters of 43mm max boot height 50mm max riser height under the boot in compliance with FIS equipment rules and regulations.





<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p><b>Motion:</b> for the competition year 2010/11 the equipment regulation be changed so that DH racing skis only may be used in DH events at WC, WCH's and PWG.</p> <p>Moved MW seconded EP. All in favour</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> for the competition year 2010/11 the minimum ski length for SG events at WC, WCH and PWG will be 200cm for ladies and 205cm for men.</p> <p>Moved MW seconded EP. All in favour</p> <p>MW will be the STC member to monitor the EWG</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>EA to publish the changes on the website SM to respond to Thomas Pfyl,</p>

## 8. THE IPC RULE BOOK

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The IPC Rule Book is to be read in conjunction with the relevant technical Rules from the FIS ICR. The IPC Rule Book was reviewed. The following motions were put.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> the Combined points list be eliminated Moved MW seconded ND. All in favour.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> All European Cup results will be used to calculate the individual/overall ranking. Moved SM seconded ND. All in favour.</p> <p><u>S318 Technical Authority and Control</u> Clause has been added: "In the absence of equipment controllers equipment issues will be dealt with by the jury."</p> <p><u>Discipline Procedures and Sanctions</u> This section is subject to IPC management review.</p> <p><u>Points System</u> The Committee will review the relationship between results and points for competitors who exceed the winning time by more than 50%. Some changes to regulations were made:- -World Cup rankings: to calculate rankings <b>all</b> results</p>
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from the season are added. In the event of a tie for the top 3 places, ranking will be determined by using race points calculations.

Moved MW seconded EP

-European Cup 66% regulation eliminated

Moved ND seconded SM

-In all Cups the 3 race requirement is deleted.

Moved KKH seconded SM

#### Review of Race Levels.

Levels 0,1 are subject to doping controls.

Europe Cup and Noram events are elevated to level 1.

The Committee identifies 2 types of Continental Cup events, depending upon the level of doping control. The COC needs to be a true regional race event with international participation and subject to doping control. This has been a limiting factor for competition events in Asia, Australasia where the COC Cup has typically been an internal race and not subject to doping control.

There is growing interest in Asia and Australasia, which needs to be encouraged by the Committee.

#### Wild Cards

Bipartite entries [EA to complete this section]

#### Check List for slope specifications

Vertical drop for NC & IPCAS SG has been changed from 350-500 to 300-500.

#### Penalty - Only One Result:

In the case where a competitor has obtained only one result during the 15 month calculation period in Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Super-Combined or Downhill, and an IPCAS-BP is added to the competitor's result. Where a competitor records a single result of 0 points the following point adds apply:

Downhill min. 10 - max. 52 points

Slalom min. 10 - max. 28 points

Giant Slalom, Super G min. 10 - max. 40 points

Super G, Super Combined min. 10 - max. 40 points

*(to be confirmed at the September Meeting)*



<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>As all decisions were not formalised during the discussion a Generic Motion was put to cover this circumstance.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Notwithstanding that specific decisions have been supported by motions, all the changes put forward for the Rule Book are accepted.</p> <p>Moved MW seconded SM. All in favour.</p> <p>No equipment rules were changed. The committee has clarified the existing rules.</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>SM/EA Rulebook to be finalised and published on the website in July.</p> <p>EA Publish the Equipment Specifications document on the website by 1 July 2009.</p>

## 9. CLASSIFICATION

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Nick Cutcliffe is the IPCAS HoC, replacing Gillian Hall, who regrettably resigned her position due to illness. The Chair recorded the Committee's thanks and appreciation for G's hard work and wished her a speedy recovery on behalf of the Committee.</p> <p>Peter Van der Vliet (PVD) attended the meeting.</p> <p>A number of specific equipment related issues were discussed. All specific matters should be evaluated in terms of safety first.</p> <p>Classification should not take equipment in to account, including prostheses.</p> <p>Classification attempts to measure the <b>potential</b> of an athlete not what the athlete can currently do.</p> <p>Testing examines the athlete's potential. Some circumstances do require review - where the potential is unknown.</p> <p><u>Prostheses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- will the equipment/prosthetic relationship be dangerous to the athlete?</li></ul> <p>e.g., where a pole is fixed to a prosthesis: this is dangerous, as the pole will not "release" in a fall.</p>
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- This set of circumstances should not be permitted from a safety/health perspective. This situation is covered under the FIS ICR 222.5 “competition equipment which impact the health of the competitors or increase the risk of accidents are to be excluded”.

#### Modification of equipment

From a classification perspective we need to have a set of rules relating to equipment that clearly shows what is permitted and what is not permitted, in terms of modifications to equipment.

There are circumstances where the physical impairment can be more than compensated by modified equipment.

The same or similar optimisation of equipment is available to all athletes within a class.

The STC sees the need for standards to control this situation: availability, safety, fairness

The challenge will be to accommodate these issues within existing rules. In the meantime we need to find a tool that allows athletes to compete within an agreed set of rules.

#### Injury survey

PVD did a presentation in the first EC in Pitztal to all team captains.

SM explains that it has been difficult to get the nations to collaborate by providing injury reports.

The collection of injury data is important for the IPC Sports Injury Survey.

SM presented the injury report for the season:

3 major groups of injuries already identified:

standing – knee problems;

sitting – shoulders;

standing – wrist.

We have noticed more hip problems with sit skiers due to apparent reduction in sit ski superstructure.

#### Education of Classifiers

Clear progression must be documented. All existing classifiers need to fit within. In NZ we had a training seminar and intended to have a level 1 seminar in Korea at the WC. Gillian Hall was unable to attend



and the seminar in Korea was rebadged as a workshop. The Korean attendees understood that they were Level 1 qualified. This is not the case and this has been conveyed. IPC is appreciative of the Korean position and wishes to facilitate the options for the Korean trainees to achieve level 1 training.

Classification decisions from Korea need to be reviewed, as the panel was incomplete.

**Athlete 1**

Jordi Bertran and Dr Bung were the classifiers.

**Athlete 2**

Leanne Reese and DR Lee were the classifiers.

A letter explaining the situation is required to the nations of the athletes classified.

Classification opportunities for 09/10

NZ August

Pitztal December(TBC)

Breckenridge December

One event for protest management prior to Vancouver Games is required, unless resources allow a protest panel at the above venues.

No Classification opportunity at the Games although a protest panel will be available (3 classifiers, including the HoC), there will be 3 VI classifiers too.

Classifiers are IPC officials.

IPC Alpine Skiing Classification Handbook.

Dec 2008 was tabled. There is no change. The presentation is meant to clarify the rules and regulations. Review in terms of interpretation errors at this meeting.

The second phase (next year) is to split the document into Rules and Regulations.

“Observation in Competition”. Criteria in this section are not satisfactorily described and need to be explored. Recommended that this section is checked by HoC and see what is relevant to be included.

“Visually Impaired (VI)”. This section requires athletes



to provide specific test result data at classification. Athletes need to be advised of this in writing.

The Chair expressly thanked the IPC HoC, PVD, for his hands on assistance this year.

EP also wished the Committee to expressly thank the Classifying team at Breckenridge last season.

“Goggle check” section. Athletes must present with goggles, contact lenses.

There will be official periodic checking during competition throughout the season to ensure compliance with the rules.

PVD comments that he does not want the same situation as in the Torino 2006 PWG, where the control was done at the finish line in public view.

Two possibilities for goggle check:

- 1- can be done at the start. SM suggested that the Start Referee could perform this function. (It requires a check that no light is coming through).
- 2- Could be done in the same tent at the finish as we do with other equipment.

NC Will read through the document and will make recommendations. He stated he is impressed with the document.

Suggestions from HoC for inclusion in the Handbook – that athletes present at Classification with any modified equipment, including prostheses, and any strapping, that they use in competition.

Confirmed status will not be reviewed mid season.

*Decision(s)* Athletes present at Classification with the modified equipment, including prostheses, and any strapping, that they use in competition.

*Action(s)* Goggle check to be done by start referee.

**NC to peruse the document and arrange the publication of the finished Handbook on the website.**



NC to write the letter from Korea classification

## 10. ANTI DOPING

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>PVD states that 31 test at WC where done in 2008/09, all negative. EP informs of a positive test at USA Nationals.</p> <p>Out of competition dope testing will be done in the lead up to the Games. The IPC anti doping committee nominates those to be tested. An “intelligent” plan with respect to doping control for the WC has been drawn by the IPC in advance. The risk identified in IPCAS – cocaine and marijuana use - performance enhancing.</p> <p>SM stressed the importance of doping documents in English and English speaking chaperones. SM asked for Anti Doping Education opportunities. PVD explains that this is a challenge, it’s a responsibility of the nations not the IPCAS.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>- EA to follow up with Peter Van de Vliet the nation registered pool of athletes by nation.</p>

## 6. CALENDAR AND RACE MANAGEMENT

<i>Discussion</i>	<p><u>Eligibility for IPCAS Competitions for 2009/10</u> was discussed. Maximum field size for IPCAS Europe Cup events of 140 is implemented. Competitors must meet the 200 IPCAS points limit. In athletes’ interest if a European Cup DH is staged consideration will be given to allowing competitors with sub 200 SG points as being eligible to participate.</p> <p><u>The provisional race calendar was presented.</u> SM – informs about the bid for WCH 2011 in SVK and 2013 in Spain. Also informs regarding the letters from ITA and ESP</p>
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and the assignation of races to:  
Sestriere (ITA) - 09/10 and 10/11  
La Molina (ESP) 09/10, 10/11, 11/12, 12/13.

Hugh Daniels indicated his availability to attend IPCAS races.

It was noted that we have not yet confirmed the races in Austria. The documentation has not yet been received. Positive verbal indication.

US races verbally confirmed.

ND codex has to be arranged in advance. Therefore we must stick to the finalised schedule as programmed.

Determine whether HD could be available for the WC events in Austria and Italy 7-24 January.

WC Final is scheduled for Aspen 27 Feb to 6 March 2010. To be confirmed.

Winter Games in NZ the IPCAS officials will be ND, EP and Hugh Daniels.

The World Championships need to be scheduled 2 years in advance.

The provisional numbers of planned races for 09/10 season are as per today's:

Southern Hemisphere:

SG -1  
GS -3  
SL - 3

Asian Cup

SG - 1  
GS - 1  
SL - 1

NORAM

DH - 3  
SG - 5  
SC - 2  
GS - 8





	<p>SL - 7</p> <p>Europa Cup</p> <p>SG - 3</p> <p>SC - 4</p> <p>GS - 6</p> <p>SL - 7</p> <p>World Cup</p> <p>DH - 4</p> <p>SG - 3</p> <p>SC - 4</p> <p>GS - 3</p> <p>SL - 3</p> <p>IPCAS Races EU</p> <p>SG - 4</p> <p>SC - 1</p> <p>GS - 3</p> <p>SL - 4</p> <p>The Chair spoke to the concept of development camps for junior athletes and recommended it to the Committee. She requested that development camps be included in strategic planning. Iran has shown interest in running development camps.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	IPC officials attending events will be finalised at the October meeting.
<i>Action(s)</i>	<b>EA to seek the confirmation of races.</b>



## 11. OTHER MATTERS

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Eva Werthmann from the IPC Media Department, attended and was asked by EP if the athletes could use portions of the Korea WCH coverage for their personal web sites.</p> <p>SM asked if the video from Alliance taken during the World Cup Finals in Whistler could be used by the STC and if the STC could have a copy.</p> <p>SM asked for the video schedule for the coming season. The plan is that there would be a package put together for sponsors. Also IPC is talking to production companies and to FIS.</p> <p>SM will forward the IPCAS calendar to assist IPC marketing.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>Follow up for video footage SM to supply IPCAS calendar to the media department.</p>

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## 12. NEXT MEETING

September 2009 in Zurich

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## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm 18 May 2009.