

IPCAS STC MINUTES

Event: IPC Alpine Skiing Technical Committee Meeting

Date: 25 April -1 May 2011

Place: Puigcerda, Spain

Participants	Name	Position	(Initials)
	Sylvana Mestre	Chairperson	SM
	Nick Dean	Vice Chairperson	ND
	Markus Walser	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	MW
	Erik Petersen	Head of Competition North America	EP
	Jordi Carbonell	Head of Competition Europe	JC
	Nick Cutcliffe	Head of Classification	NC
IPC Management	Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA
Not Present	Toby Kane	Athlete Representative	TK
Invited	Yves Dimier	Sochi 2014 alpine manager	YD

Purpose of the Meeting	STC Spring Meeting Classification Competition Calendar. IPCAS Rule Book. Factor System. IPCAS WCH 2013 Sochi 2014 PWG
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**Executive Summary/
Main Outcomes**

AGENDA

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25/4/2011	Arrival EA, ND, SM. Preparation meeting STC	SM,ND ,EA
26/4/2011 9:00 AM	Preparation meeting STC	SM,ND ,EA
27/4/2011 9:00 AM	1. Welcome to the committee members.	SM
	2. Agenda - Approval of the Agenda - Additions or deletions to the Agenda	ALL
	3. Review and Approval - Minutes Bonn 10 - Minutes Zurich 10 - Minutes Sport Forum	ALL
10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM	4. Classification 1. Analysis of the season 2010/2011 2. Financial (Budget and Expenses) 3. Strategic planning 4. Panels of classifiers races 2011/2012 5. Other issues	NC
13:30 PM	Lunch	
14:30 PM	5. Equipment 1. Analysis of the season 2010/2011 2. Decisions on equipment 3. Financial (Budget and Expenses) 4. Other issues	MW
	6. Head of Competition Asia 1. Analysis of the season 2010/2011 2. Financial (Budget and Expenses) 3. Strategic planning 2011/2012 4. Calendar 5. Other issues	SM
	7. Head of Competition USA/Canada 6. Analysis of the season 2010/2011 7. Financial (Budget and Expenses)	EP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Strategic planning 2011/2012 9. Calendar 10. Other issues 	
	Coffee Break	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Head of Competition Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of the season 2010/2011 2. Financial (Budget and Expenses) 3. Strategic planning 2011/2012 4. Calendar 5. Other issues 	JC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Anti-Doping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the season 2010/2011 2. Strategy season 2011/2012 	SM
28/4/2011		
9:00 AM	10. Site Visit La Molina	ALL
13:30 PM	Lunch	
14:30 PM	11. Review Point System	ALL
	12. Development alpine skiing	SM
29/4/2011		
09:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Calendar and Race Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic planning 2. Financial (Budget and Expenses) 3. World Championships 2013 4. World Championships 2015 	ALL
10:45 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Quotas and entry criteria for World Championships 6. WC Race Coordinator 7. IPCAS Software 8. Race administrators 9. Other issues 	ALL
16:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Factor restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review changes to the factor restoration procedure 2. Protocol for implementation 3. Restoration process, control – correction – decision 4. Financial (Budget and Expenses) 5. Other issues 	ALL
30/4/2011		
09:00 AM	14. IPCAS Rule Book – Review of book	ALL

SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The **Chair** welcomed the Committee members.

Thanks to the winter sport manager for the outstanding job done within the committee and wishes him good luck in his new job.

Informs de committee members that Toby Kane father passed away last week, reason way he is not present. The Chair spoke about communication in the STC: communication is good and can still be improved in some aspects.

It was noted that the Manager's position had been posted on the website and applications closed April 26.

ND proposed a vote of thanks and EA responded.

ND will be doing the minutes.

Roll Call

Sylvana Mestre	(ESP)
Nick Dean	(AUS)
Markus Walser	(CAN)
Erik Petersen	(USA)
Jordi Carbonell	(ESP)
Nick Cuttcliffe	(SWE)
Eric Angstadt	(ESP)
Not Present:	
Toby Kane	(AUS)

Correspondence

Correspondence received from NPCs was tabled:
Austria, Canada, Netherland, Switzerland

2. Adoption of Agenda

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SM asks to change the agenda as the site visit to La Molina will be done the 28 April.</p> <p>The members agreed that the published agenda covers all pertinent matters.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>Agenda was adopted. Moved ND Seconded MW</p>

3. ADOPTION MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Minutes from May 2010, Zurich 2010 meetings and SF 2011 were reviewed and approved as presented.</p> <p>There was an error in the Zurich minutes concerning the setters for the Downhill in Sestriere. The minutes incorrectly recorded 2 setters.</p> <p>SM asks the members to carefully review the minutes in order to try to avoid mistakes.</p> <p>Motion: To approve 2010 and SF 2011 minutes Moved: SM Seconded: MW Voting: 6 in favour, 0 against Motion passed</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	Minutes from 2010 meetings approved
<i>Action(s)</i>	

4. CLASSIFICATION AND ANTI-DOPING

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>NC states that classification report was presented at the Sports forum; the only change was that he conducted a classification at the NC Canadian in Kimberley. Two Canadian classifiers attended.</p> <p><u>Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and response to a protest against the non-eligibility of an athlete • Request for a re-classification of an LW 5/7-1 athlete. The reply was tabled and approved. <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW9 factor class: display significant differences. These are the situations that give rise to create subdivisions within classes. The evidence in this instance justifies the addition of an LW9 division. <p>Motion: A factor subdivision to be added to LW9 class to accommodate increasing numbers of athletes displaying more severe disability within the existing LW9 class. The new sub class will be LW9-0. Moved by NC: Seconded by EP. Voting: 6 in favour, 0 against Motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The descriptors used in the LW12 class divisions require overview to improve code compliance. As a
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result a review of LW12-1 is required, which means that LW12-1 athletes must present for reclassification.

Motion: The LW12-2 sub division descriptor to be rewritten to read: "Athletes with amputation in the lower limbs or similar pattern of weakness".

Moved NC

Seconded ND

Voting: 6 in favour, 0 against

Motion passed.

Motion: That LW12-1 athletes present for reclassification no later than 30 June 2012. Athletes who do not comply with this requirement by 30 June 2012 will compete as LW12-2.

Moved NC

Seconded SM

Voting: 6 in favour, 0 against

Motion passed.

Classification opportunities for 2011/2012:

- NZ Winter Games August 2011
Classification Training Seminar.
- Landgraaf NED, November 2011.
***NB:** Visually impaired athletes requiring classification should attend the Landgraaf event.
- Breckenridge Colorado USA December 2011
- TBD Europe and North America, March 2012.

Development of Maintenance of Classifier Certification:

In accordance with 3.5 of the relevant section of the Code, NC to recommend methods of maintaining certification and present a process in writing to the STC.

Visually Impaired Category

***NB** All new VI athletes and those in review status need to undergo classification.

Member bodies have already been formally advised by IPC. A reminder will be forwarded to IPCAS member bodies.

A person from IPC management should ensure that SDMS is correctly updated with the most recent classification information, particularly dates for classification review.

Review of the Corporate Plan/budget for 2011/2012

EA presented cost projections based on servicing the classification events above.

Decision(s)

Class LW9: new sub-class LW9-0.

Class LW12:

LW12-1 a review of LW12-1 is required, which means that all LW12-1 athletes must present for reclassification no later than 30 June 2012. After that date they will compete as LW12-2.

Classifiers Certification: NC to recommend methods of maintaining certification and present a process in writing to the STC.

LW 5/7: The STC agreed that the 'Impairment' requirement for the Class LW 5/7 is that an athlete must not be able to use ski poles without the use of prosthetics.

A person from IPC management should ensure that SDMS is correctly updated with the most recent classification information, particularly dates for classification review.

Action(s)

NC to prepare document process for certification maintenance by July.

An email instruction was forwarded to Hugh Daniels (Factor Working Group) to develop a numerical factor for the LW9-0 factor class.

NC to submit a broad budget covering classification events for 2011/2012.

SM to forward the response letters about classification.

5. EQUIPMENT

Discussion

Report from MW

The report from MW was tabled for discussion.

MW highlighted the following points:

- Racing Suits.
- Sit-skis Standards.
- Equipment testing.
- Testing Protocols.
- Testing equipment.

Racing Suits - FIS rules do not apply for DAR races therefore the general statement was that racing suits must be manufactured from material that cannot allow acceleration following a fall.

Sit-ski Standards - the sit-ski standards to apply in IPCAS sanctioned competitions will be posted for recommended use in the season 2011/12. These will become regulations in the season 2012/13. It was noted that sit-skis used in France must already comply with minimum standards by law.

Equipment testing - to remain limited for season 2011/2012 to the WC/EC/Noram events.

Testing protocols: should be posted on the IPCAS website.

Testing equipment: Another boot testing device and 2 height ski devices will be purchased.

Other issues:

- FIS Website: the HTCO aims to continue to improve the delivery of required information to FIS.
- TD Selection: the new agreement with FIS outlines the process for communication regarding TD selection.
- TD Communication Process: A 2-stage process. The HTCO will contact the selected TD before each event by email to assist with any questions and verify procedure. The HTCO will contact the TD following the event to confirm that procedures were followed. Results will be verified by the IPCAS. This protocol will be documented and included in the TD Handbook.
- IPCAS requires copies of the TD report, the TTR and the Jury Minutes, including all sanctions, beginning the 2011/12 season, for each race.

Motion: B1 athletes and their guides competing in speed events to be permitted to use a minimum GS standard ski, according to gender, with no length tolerance.

Moved: NC

Seconded: EP

Voting: 6 in favour, 0 against

Motion passed.

Motion: No changes to the equipment regulations until after the completion of the season 2013/14.

Moved: MW

Seconded: ND

Voting: 6 in favour, 0 against

Motion passed.

	<p>MW clarifies the equipment regulations by defining “Men” for Slalom as including Junior 1.</p> <p>Review of the Corporate Plan/Budget Require an allowance of 850 euros for purchasing another boot testing device for North America use.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>Racing Suits: must be manufactured from material that cannot allow acceleration following a fall.</p> <p>Sit-skis standard for IPCAS races: will be limited to identified safety standards. Standards will be recommended use in the season 2011/12. Become regulations in the season 2012/13.</p> <p>Equipment testing: to remain limited for season 2011/2012 to the WC/EC/Noram events.</p> <p>Testing equipment: Another boot testing device and 2 height ski devices will be purchased.</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>MW, NC, ND to develop sit-ski standards by 1st July.</p> <p>MW to write the protocol for FIS TD’s by 1st July.</p> <p>MW to send budget to management for the testing equipment devices by July.</p> <p>NC and MW will to develop a protocol for assessment stand height exemptions by 15 May.</p> <p>Testing Protocol to be posted on the IPCAS website by 1 July.</p> <p>SM/EA to draft letter for producer.</p>

6. HEAD OF COMPETITION ASIA

<i>Discussion</i>	Despite many requests we have had no interest in this position.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	The Chair will continue to lobby the NPCs to have this positioned filled.
<i>Action(s)</i>	Management to send a letter to NPC’s for nomination process to be reactivated.

7. HEAD OF COMPETITION AMERICA

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Report Head of Competition North America</p> <p>EP tabled his report.</p> <p>Initially numbers were down on previous seasons. This can be explained by retirements following the Vancouver Games and some timing circumstances. As the season progressed the numbers began to balance out.</p> <p>The Canadian national team attended the Kimberley event and numbers increased by 10%.</p> <p>Overall there were 29 competition events of which 18 were technical and 11 were speed.</p> <p><u>Season 2011/12</u></p> <p>IPCAS has received interest from Winter Park and Panorama for WC. The HOC is working on the COC calendar for the season.</p> <p>The challenge is in March, which is a busy time.</p> <p>EP thanked all those organisations, volunteers, administrators and LOC representatives for their support.</p> <p>EP thanked EA for his personal efforts and in the advancement of the software in particular, and wished him the best for the future.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

8. HEAD OF COMPETITION EUROPE

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Report from the Head of Competition Europe</p> <p>JC tabled his report.</p> <p>There were a total of 40 races. 46 were scheduled. This total included 8 EC races from a planned 13 races. The speed events in Pitztal could not be run because the slope was not homologated. The cancelled or postponed races were due to bad weather.</p> <p>The goals for the sport in Europe were tabled at the Sports Forum.</p> <p>The HOC is working with LOCs to create races at all levels and an EC calendar of 4 or 5 events.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

9. ANTI-DOPING

Discussion

Anti- Doping

SM informed that no positive tests were recorded for the season 2010/11.

The STC recommends to the IPC that a more random sample of athletes be exposed to testing in future seasons to avoid the circumstance where the same athletes are tested repeatedly in a short period due to the format of our competition, which requires blocks of competition events in a relatively short season.

The STC is also very conscious of the cost to the LOCs of compliance with anti-doping and the variation of costs from country to country.

Decision(s)

Action(s)

SM to review with Peter Van der Vliet the anti-doping operations for next season.

10. SITE VISIT LA MOLINA

Discussion

A site visit was done to La Molina Ski resort.

IPC:
IPCAS STC
Winter Sports Manager

La Molina:
Luis Breitfuss (LB) – Exploitation Manager
Ramon Ganyet (RG) – Engineer
Bernadette Campa (BC) – Director Assistant
Mariona Masdemont (MM) – Program Manager Play and Train

BC excused Joan Anton Font La Molina Director and invited the STC committee to a lunch the 29 with JAF and Eduardo Roldan President of the Royal Spanish Winter Sports Federation and FIS Council Member.

A visit of the general infrastructures was done:

- Captain's meeting
- Accreditation
- Press and media
- Access to the FOP
- General accessibility
- Play and Train centre for disabled sports

	<p>LB and RG explained that due to the financial crisis and the political change on the Catalan government they could not ensure today that the original downhill slope planned for construction and presented to the IPC for the WCH 2013 was going to be possible. They presented possible solutions for the STC to approve. MW revised the slopes plans for the possible race solutions.</p> <p>Issues talked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accommodation - Transport - Sport Forum
<i>Decision(s)</i>	Two possible race slope solutions for DH
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>SM to keep track on contract signature.</p> <p>JC to keep track on the DH slope.</p>

11. REVIEW POINT SYSTEM

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Correspondence has been received from Austria, USA and Swiss NPC's requesting changes.</p> <p>The STC reviewed the points system by analyzing statistical results presented by JC, SM, EA. Evidence from the race results of the season 2010/11 together with values and figures from selected IPCAS Points List since April 2009.</p> <p>The discussion was carried out in 3 different days to be able to analyse and simulate the proposed criteria and the impact on the ranking lists.</p> <p>Based upon the review the STC determined that the IPCAS qualifying points will be adjusted for the 2011/12 season as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPC Alpine Skiing World Cups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Downhill: Men must be at 140 IPCAS points or less from the Downhill IPCAS list or maximum 100 IPCAS points in the Super-G IPCAS list. Women must be at 180 IPCAS points or less from the Downhill IPCAS list or maximum 120 IPCAS points in the Super-G IPCAS list. - For Super G: Men must be at 140 IPCAS points or less from the Super-G IPCAS list.
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Women must be at 180 IPCAS points or less from the Super-G IPCAS list.

- For Super-Combined:

Men must be at 140 IPCAS points or less from the Super-Combined, Super-G or Downhill IPCAS lists; if the SC comprises a DH race, the criteria for DH entry apply.

Women must be at 180 IPCAS points or less from the Super-Combined, Super-G or Downhill IPCAS lists; if the SC comprises a DH race, the criteria for DH entry apply.

- For Slalom and Giant Slalom:

Men must be at 120 IPCAS points or less in the respective discipline's IPCAS points list.

Women must be at 140 IPCAS points or less in the respective discipline's IPCAS points list

➤ **IPC Alpine Skiing European Cups**

IPCAS European Cups will have a maximum field size of 140 athletes (men and women together per discipline).

- For Downhill, Super-G and Super Combined:

Men must be at 240 IPCAS points or less from the Downhill or Super-G, or Super-Combined IPCAS Points Lists.

Women must be at 280 IPCAS points or less from the Downhill or Super-G, or Super-Combined IPCAS Points Lists.

- For Giant Slalom and Slalom:

Men must be at 220 IPCAS points or less from the Giant Slalom and Slalom IPCAS Points Lists respectively.

Women must be at 240 IPCAS points or less from the Giant Slalom and Slalom IPCAS Points Lists respectively

Motion: To change the IPCAS points qualification criteria regulation as described in the tables above.

Moved: MW

Seconded: JC

Vote: For 6 Against 0.

It was acknowledged that analysis of statistics from the season 2011/12 will be reviewed for further adjustments.

The point system will be reviewed following the season 2011/12 to establish final qualification criteria for the Sochi 2014 PWG.

The statistics also indicated that field sizes for the season 2010/11 were lower than for the previous season. This can be attributed to a

number of factors including the end of the previous Games four-year cycle, which resulted in a number of retirements and lower participation by others.

The sport would benefit from increased participation by female athletes. At the same time the STC is conscious of fostering performance of female athletes at the elite level.

Category Adders and Penalties

The present applied penalty does not represent the quality of the field and the race level due to high adders and high minimum penalty values.

Reducing the values of the category adders and minimum penalties will allow for the calculated penalty to more properly represent the quality of the field and produce more consistent results.

Motion: To change the IPCAS category adders and minimum and maximum penalty values as shown in the following table:

Description	Race Level	Category Adder	Minimum Penalty	Maximum Penalty
PWG, WCH, WC	0	0	0	0
COC (EC)	1	2	5	200
COC (NORAM, Asia Cup & SH Cup)	2	5	10	250
NC	3	10	20	300
IPCAS Race	4	15	25	300

Moved MW
 Seconded JC
 Vote: For 6 Against 0

Decision(s) To post all documents with the changes highlighted on the website as draft for nations to review with a dead line for feedback.

Action(s) **EA to post documents on website.**

12. DEVELOPMENT

Discussion

SM initiated a discussion on development.

There are 3 broad aspects:

- Development of the sport in specific regions
- Youth / children
- Master races

IPCAS races do not provide for kids. There are kids skiing but not racing.

	<p>It would be good to offer at least one competition for kids each season. An annual event would be a start. This ideally would involve families. Development needs to be addressed for the future.</p> <p>Last year EP suggested a kids event to “feed off” one of our World Cup events, ideally the World Championships at Sestriere. The Sports Forum could then become involved from a strategic perspective and more importantly IPCAS athletes could have interaction with the kids’ program.</p> <p>SM presented a proposal received: The format of an International Alpine Skiing Competition for youth and Children from 11 to 14 year old.</p> <p>SM asked the committee to think about and come with a final proposal by June.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	SM to investigate with EP assistance to inform in June.
<i>Action(s)</i>	SM to see with IPC the possibilities. SM will follow up with IPC for possible initiatives in this area.

13. CALENDAR AND RACE MANAGEMENT

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SM welcomed Yves Dimier, Sochi 2014 Alpine Skiing Sports Manager that attended the meeting as an observer.</p> <p>Strategic Planning Calendar Interest forms where tabled.</p> <p>SM informed that SVK has sent an e-mail with a proposal for races in long term but that we have inform them that in order to accept this proposal the STC needs the interest form signed by the NPC, as in SVK they are our counterpart.</p> <p>Draft calendar will be finalized in June after the FIS meetings.</p> <p>WC 2/3 events in Europe in January/Feb 2 events in North America in March.</p> <p>EC 4/6 European Cup events</p>
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Noram, IPCAS and National races are being scheduled.

We are trying to confirm a European Cup event in Sochi towards the end of February.

At the 2011 SF the nations requested to have in advance a 2 year calendar for the WCs. AUT has requested the same again prior to the STC meeting; the STC has not received any interest form for WC races for 2013. The STC will send a reminder letter to the NPCs regarding this request from the SF.

Budget

EA presented the revenue/expenditure account; during the meeting each of the financial items was worked.

MW proposed himself to keep track on the protest payments, committee agreed.

WCH 2013

SM informed contract will be signed at the end of May.
(*refer to site visit)

WCH 2015

Interest from Canada. MW will keep track. Meeting planned during the Portoroz FIS Meetings.

Qualification Criteria for 2013 IPCAS World Championships – La Molina

Discussions were made regarding the draft of the criteria that should apply to the 2013 WCH, as well as which IPCAS Points list will determine the eligibility.

Athletes will need to be IPCAS classified. There will be no classification opportunity at the World Championships.

WC Race Coordinator

The current Race Coordinator's contract expires in June 2011;

The STC assessed the on-going need for this position in the short term.

The immediate role will be covered by the Heads of Competition or with a member of the STC and a plan for will be developed in the next months to determine the exact scope of this position.

IPCAS Software

EA tabled a document identifying the items to be integrated into the software before the coming season, which include improvements to the video board display and the various lists required.

	<p>Software seminars will be conducted to coincide with early season races in NZL, Europe two locations and North America tbd.</p> <p>The testing period will encompass the NZL races and the package will be available for purchase afterwards for a nominal annual licence fee.</p> <p>Proposal for next season to have online entry registration for NPC's, this would help greatly to the LOC and the IPCAS management.</p> <p>Race Administrators For next season only WC and EC will have race administrators. IPCAS races and Nationals should be done by the LOC.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>EA, SM, MW to finalise calendar in Portoroz</p> <p>EA to keep track on Sochi EC.</p> <p>EA to send the to STC a spread sheet with financial information.</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>EA to upload draft calendar by 7 June.</p>

14. FACTOR SYSTEM

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The Factor Restoration report from the head of the working group was tabled.</p> <p>The chair noted that despite 3 formal requests there have been no nominations from members to join the existing working group.</p> <p>The report made recommendations regarding class grouping and factor adjustments based upon the data from the last season. Hugh Daniel joined the meeting by video conference.</p> <p>The LW9-0 subdivision discussed under Classification will be added to the factor list.</p> <p>The STC accepted the working group's recommendations subject to further statistical modelling by HD.</p>
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	<p>The new factors will be formally accepted in July.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the minimum intervals between the classes used in factor calculation. The Head of Classification recommended the values be changed to better reflect the relationship between classes.</p> <p>The STC decided that the proposed revised minimum intervals list be used by HD in his modelling.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	<p>New factors for LW9-0 sub-division.</p> <p>HD to calculate new factors with the new minimum intervals.</p>
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>Restoration to be approved in July</p> <p>SM to contact HD for new proposal.</p>

13. IPCAS RULE BOOK

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>SM thanks ND for the full review he did on the IPCAS rule book.</p> <p>Regulation 302. Management proposed that overall World Cup trophies be awarded to the top 3 athletes/guides of each gender, regardless of category. The STC determined to retain the current system and in addition to recommend that overall trophies be awarded to the top overall male and female athletes/guides.</p> <p>Motion: To award an overall World Cup trophy to the top male athlete/guide and to the top female athlete/guide. Moved: ND Seconded: JC Vote: For 5. Abstention1.</p> <p>Regulation 303.1.4 The STC added a clause to allow for cases of “force majeur”.</p> <p>Regulation 304.1 IPCAS Licence: A discussion took place as nations have requested consideration of the fees. The fees will remain the same except that late fees will now be charged 90 euros (previously 120).</p> <p>N status athletes will not have their points recalculated</p>
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following classification and they will have one year from the first race to achieve classification. This regulation is temporary and will be removed in 2011/12.

Regulation 304.6 The age changes from 13 years to 14 years.

Rule 400.1.1 The IPCAS STC also appoints the TD in IPCAS World Cup races.

Rule 400.1.2 The words “except the Chief of Race” were added.

Rule 407.4 Start Procedure has been clarified.

Rule 411.2 Start Order was discussed and was not changed.

Rule 1101 Team Events: The team composition was changed to specify a maximum of 2 athletes per category. And at least two out of three categories must be represented.

Rule 1261.4 Injury Status: This section was reviewed and clarified.

NB.A request for Injury Status must be submitted with the Injury Survey form to be considered.

For Study Break or Professional Obligation status an athlete must apply to the STC using the official IPC form. If granted then it will be treated in the same way as Injury Status.

Status is valid until the end of the next competition season.

Status expires after 4 starts in the same discipline following receipt of the status application.

The 3-month period without competing was deleted.

Rule 1270.1 Wild Cards

The concept of a wild card it applies to athletes who have not achieved the qualifying criteria for the particular event and fully comply with IPCAS licence and classification requirements.

WC wild card athletes must have less than or equal to 240 IPCAS points on the technical events points lists and be IPCAS classified.

EC wild cards

Rule 1302.1.1 Changing Guides: New guides must be licensed.

Rule 1500 Slope Specifications. The percentages (of

	direction changes) for entry-level races have been reduced.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

13. SOCHI 2014

Discussion

Yves Dimier does a full presentation from the venue of Rosa Khutor.

After the presentation and the site visit reports, the STC determined as follows:

Motion: The DH to be held on the “men’s slope” with a VD of 630m.
 Moved: SM
 Seconded: MW
 Vote: For 6 Against 0

Motion: The SG start to be above the Men’s GS with a VD of 500m.
 Moved: EP
 Seconded: MW
 Vote: For 6 Against 0

Motion: The GS start will be at or just above Bear’s Brow with a VD of 360m.
 Moved: SM
 Seconded: JC
 Vote: For 6 Against 0

Motion: The Slalom will be on the “slalom hill” using the women’s start with a VD of 180m.
 Moved: MW
 Seconded: EP.
 Vote: For 6 Against 0

Motion: For SC the SG and SL starts will be used.
 Moved: JC
 Seconded: EP.
 Vote: For 6 Against 0

Slope accessibility for sit skis will be satisfactory if the proposed developments and recommendations are incorporated in the Paralympic preparations.

The meeting discussed accessibility aspects of the Sochi venue. There are concerns with general wheelchair accessibility in particular.

Hotels are under construction at the base area of the resort and are incorporating rooms for people with disabilities. Until these are available it will be difficult for wheelchair athletes. It is planned that 2 hotels will be ready by next winter.

We were informed that next season the race in Sochi will be a NC and not a European Cup as originally proposed. The OC Sochi 2014 will be the responsible for the test event in March 2013 WC Finals.

Qualification Criteria for the Sochi 2014 Paralympics.

The criteria accommodate the 3 principles of Quality, Quantity, and Universality.

The following eligibility criteria need to be drafted by June to meet the PWG requirements and will be finalised at the May 2013 STC meeting.

Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible to compete at the PWG athletes must:

- Meet the IPCAS points entry level for the Games; values were discussed
- Meet the point's requirements for each discipline; values were discussed and will be reviewed throughout the season.
- Meet the athlete age limit.

The following Qualification criteria were determined:

Max quota allocation of athletes for an NPC; adding slots was discussed.

Motion: To increase the slots for females from 10 to 12.

Moved: ND

Seconded: JC

Vote: For 6 Against 0

Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible to compete at the 2014 PWG athletes must:

- Be in possession of an IPCAS Licence the two seasons prior to the PWG;
- Comply with the qualification criteria

The proposed TD for PWG 2014 as follows:

Elena Gaja (ITA)

Reinhard Ebner (AUT)

The Chair formally thanked Yves Dimier for his assistance

	and contribution.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	EA to see for the
<i>Action(s)</i>	EA inform the STC by June about type of race in Sochi 2013 SM to inform FIS about PWG TD's

13. OTHER BUSINESS

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>Para snowboarding was discussed. EA and SM will have a meeting at the end of May.</p> <p>Correspondence sent by the IPC to NPC's AUT, CZE and SVK were tabled.</p> <p>SM, MW and EA will attend the FIS meetings in Portoroz. The committee was informed that a new agreement will be signed with FIS.</p> <p>MW expressed that his communication with FIS has been good still needs to improve with the LOC and the codex.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	SM to inform the STC about the final outcome regarding para snowboard