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## **74th ISC Plenary Meeting, Orlando, Florida**

**Jan. 30<sup>h</sup> till Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 - ISC COMMITTEE FOR PARA-SKI**

### **REPORT/AGENDA Open Meeting Para-Ski**

#### **1. REPORT/ INFORMATION:**

- Para-Ski is dead – long live Parachute-Ski

Not to be mixed up with disciplines for disabled and handicapped athletes (using already our name PARA-Ski for their World Meets) any more, this year the PS-C'ttee has changed the name of the discipline.

The new name "Parachute-Ski" is not really a change, it is only the full name we were thinking when using the name Para-Ski in former days.

There is no need for major changes in ISC rules. We can still use the shortcut PS and even "Para-Ski" till the wording will be changed by the Rules&Regulation C'ttee or the FAI-Email address [isc-paraski@fai.org](mailto:isc-paraski@fai.org).

Independent from the naming (like Parachute-, Sky-, Para-, Sky-Biathlon-, Funny- or Whatever-Ski): we will always have to explain what we are doing.

So, we kept it easy: **Parachute-Ski**, and we are already used to it.

- **Composition of the Committee (voted till Plenary 2025):**

Chair:	L. Michael EGGER	AUT
Deputy Chair:	Martin GABLA	CZE
Members:	Henny WIGGERS	NED
	Ulf TINGNERT	SWE
	Günter BERENDT	GER
	Gernot RITTENSCHÖBER	AUT
	Sandro GARGINI	ITA
	(Mark POTAPOV	RUS - suspended)
	(Kirill TYUPANOV	RUS - suspended)

- **Parachute-Ski Competitions in the running season 2023/2024 (as reported to the PS-C'ttee so far (Nov 2023)**

Three Para-Ski Competition (SCE) are announced for the World Cup Series:

**15<sup>th</sup> till 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024, St. Johann im Pongau, Austria**

**20<sup>th</sup> till 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, Engelberg, Switzerland**

One Competition is announced in Italy, the date is not fixed so far.

**Find updated news at [www.parachute-ski.com](http://www.parachute-ski.com)** (paraski.org does not work any more)

As all disciplines, also Parachute-Ski must find a way to handle the situation not only caused by the Pandemic but also by the increasing flight-costs and additional by the exploding prices for skiing.

At Parachute-Ski FCEs it is almost impossible to offer the entry fee without accommodation like in other disciplines (no camping in wintertime, hard to find accommodation in Ski resorts, etc.)

The PS-C'ttee always tried to keep the entry as low as possible and organised meets "organized by competitors for competitors". 2014 (Siberia), 2015 (Germany), 2017 (Austria) and 2019 (Czechia) the entry was € 670,- (6 jumps + final mostly out of helicopter, ski pass

+ ski race (3 runs), 5 days full board in hotel, transport from airport). Sanction fee was not included.

Since 2010 Parachute-Ski is working with the “new” different system for the Jury, which means no costs for ISC (except missing three Sanction fees). This made it possible that ISC took profits around € 5.000,- at each of the last two WPC 2017 and 2019 with the Sanction fee of € 90,- (approx. 70 pax).

The only way to find an Organiser for Parachute-Ski FCE now is to increase the Entry Fee in a drastically way **hand in hand with lowering ISC Sanction Fee.**

**ONLY IF WE FIND NACs ORGANISING PARA-SKI COMPETITIONS THIS DISCIPLINE CAN SURVIVE AS FCE.**

Anyway, now the World Cup Series is working (as mentioned above and below), **thanks to Martin GABLA** coordinating it.

- **Competitions in the last Para-Ski season 2022/23**

Two Competitions of the World Cup Series were finished with official results in St. Johann im Pongau, Austria, in March 2023, and

end of March/April 2023, in APRICA, Italy.

(the event in STRAKONICE/ALMBERG, Czech Republic, had to be cancelled caused by less snow and bad weather)

Thanks to all Organisers.

Martin as the WC Series - Coordinator said: “Even though we had only 2 competitions this year, I think we had a nice season. The events were well organized, we managed to make the full program, the number of participants was ok.

You can find all results on [www.parachute-ski.com](http://www.parachute-ski.com)

- **18th FAI World Para-Ski Championships 2023**

The Medal Award Ceremony took place at the end of the World Cup Series in APRICA. You can find all results on [www.parachute-ski.com](http://www.parachute-ski.com)

- **FAI World Ranking List for Para-Ski 2023**

You will find all rankings on [www.fai.org/page/isc-rankings](http://www.fai.org/page/isc-rankings)

## **2. Future WPCs, World Cups and other First Category Events:**

- At the moment there are **no confirmed (signed) Bids** for FCE on the table, Bids are welcome for the
  - 19<sup>th</sup> WPC in 2025: **the C'tte is still working on it and asks the Plenary that if a bid for a FCE 2025 is submitted to authorise the ISC Bureau to deal with it**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> EC and 9<sup>th</sup> World Cup 2026
  - 20<sup>th</sup> WSC in 2027
  - and so on .....

## **3. Parachute-Ski Competition Rules:**

- As we have changed the old discipline name Para-Ski to Parachute-Ski, we must change the name 40 times in the PS-CR
- And R&R C'ttee is kindly asked to change the naming in other ISC-rules (SC5, IRs,..)

## **4. Any other business**

I am chairing the Parachute-Ski C'ttee since 26 years. Thanks to the Austrian NAC for paying most of the expenses for 23 ISC-Meetings which made it possible to chair the PS-C'ttee for such a long time. Delegates, I do not intend having a record in the Guinness (or ISC) Book of Records. And I noticed also that I was getting really weary of the office in ISC belongings. I have no more power - it is time for me to step down.

Parachute-Ski will still be in my heart - and this is the reason I know that fresh ideas are needed now (not next time). Even if the discussion in the C'ttee has not been finished yet, there is no replacement at the moment who said "yes, I do".

To be fair: My intention and wish is to retire at the meeting in Orlando presenting a replacement. If this is not possible (maybe someone takes the chair), I tell the Bureau and the Plenary now that I will leave ISC at the next meeting 2025 (end of the 2-years period) for sure. Then a chairperson must be appointed out of the Delegates or altDelegates.

Please accept my decision which is also in favor of our discipline.

And please accept my decision not to attend this Plenary organized by USPA. To pay \$ 900 registration fee just to be allowed to attend (and chair) Parachute-Ski Meetings and belongings (when our Mrs. President asks me to be present) and for a ticket for the gala dinner - without any accommodation and meals during the week – seems for me not fair and not acceptable. Please see the Austrian proposal for future meetings. I wish you a successful meeting.

We are looking forward to receiving information and proposals ([isc-paraski@fai.org](mailto:isc-paraski@fai.org)) and we invite you to organize and join the activities of PARA-SKI.

Glück ab – gut Land

michael egger, Chairperson ISC Committee Para Ski

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023