

need to acknowledge the commitment from all the people involved, both professionals and volunteers, that make it happen. Without strong well supported clubs and the volunteers involved, as well strong supportive resorts there would be no ski racing – period.

The ASC met again last week for the first time since May and picked up where it left off. This group does not meet in seasons most of us are embroiled in the season putting in place what has been decided from October to May each year in advance of the next season.

We do have our ongoing challenges as well. Rules and criteria change in response to considerations around safety and fairness taking part is expensive, insurance premiums for travelling athletes have a huge impact on budgets post covid, the sport is under resourced and the work with the community and SSNZ to establish a coherent strategic pathway for the sport is ongoing. At a technical level the ASC with SSNZ provide shape and order to the community around engagement with the FIS, calendar, rules, timing and TD education and support to clubs and resorts within our means in season and a range of leadership roles to provide support for an increasingly large number of people that love and take part in Alpine ski racing. One thing we can all agree on is that although the season is short New Zealand is a world class destination with a vibrant and knowledgeable racing community.

That concludes my report

6. Rules Proposals for consideration by the ASC

6.1 Wanaka Snowsports Club supported by Michael Bushell, Alpine Timing



WSC Rule
Change Pr...

Note: This proposal was discussed at the TD Forum and was unanimously supported by the TD's. Fiona Boyer, as the TD for the event which was impacted this season. Notes that this has been an recurring issues and is in support of this change
Jesse Teat: Notes this issue can happen where variation in course set causes widely varying run times.

★ The support will be noted and the proposal will be brought to the ASC.

6.2 Tim Wilkins- QAST

Proposal for a NZ National Youth Series in addition to the NZ National Youth Championships.

One of the open debatable topics in my proposal is what and how many races count. Basically there are 6 races at the 3 large resorts plus another 2 races at another South Island resort and 2 races in the North Island, total 10 races (single run races). That is why I have proposed your best 5 races count meaning you don't have to go to Ruapehu and you may not need to go to Dobson but if you want to get some good points or you bomb out you could go to Dobson. The North Island skiers have the opportunity to gain some points at their local field but they must also turned up to the South Island. South Islanders have the opportunity to go to the North Island to try and pick up some points as well. However based on 5 races the lion share can be picked up at the 6 main races.

Not too sure whether you go deeper with the points scaling but however given our smaller fields I think down to 5 is fine.

We need to have as many athletes turning up to the races for competitive reasons and also fun and companionship reasons. This year felt quite isolated between clubs and resorts particularly with the cancellation of the last race and Mt Hutt not turning up to Coronet Peak.



New
Additiona...

Proposal is for a NZ Youth Series reintroduced. But with a drop system so that missed or DNF race can be discounted. i.e best 4 out of 6.

The series aspect is proposed to boost race attendance, more peer to peer racing, and an effective youth selection ranking system.

Notes below are the responses to this proposal:

From the Wanaka Snowsports Club

- The WSC oppose a change to WC points (its unanimous)
- The WSC would like to stick with the current NP system
- WC points would not truly reflect performances. A win by 0.01 would be reflected the same as a win by 10 seconds.
- WC points would not take into account the level of athletes in the field therefore making an assumption all races are the same standard.
- Working in line with FIS points whilst still allowing the 1 run race system allows for athletes and parents to become

accustomed to how FIS works which is better, but still gives them opportunity to race.

- NP's is in line with what most other countries do in youth racing.
- It is a change towards FIS compared with Interfield racing.
- NP's encourages the athletes to give everything to each individual race with less concern about a DNF
- Chopping and changing the system becomes confusing for athletes and parents.

From James Lazor - Dobson Ski Club

- In favour on driving a series so that Mt Dobson can invest in their event with the guarantee that athletes will attend.

From Duane Barakat, Northern Ski Team

- in favour a series if Whakapapa is in consideration.
- The series keeps the motivation for the athletes and keeps them committed to competing.
- How we build it out will be really important, which resorts are involved, which discipline counts. Injuries, cancelled races etc how will it be structured.

From Margy Pohl - cautions that a series does imply significant travel cost for parents.

Fiona Boyer - questions if are we preparing athletes for FIS or just maximising participation? The cumulative series points does encourage race chasing.

Jesse Teat - this doesn't have to be applied for team selection. It is just to boost participation.

Paddy O'reilly - travel and cost are a major factor. They are already racing a lot in the southern lakes to force it isn't the right move.

★ Strong views on both sides. No consensus from the forum attendees. the proposal will be brought to the ASC.

6.3 Patrick O'Reilly - Mt Hutt Ski Club



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Proposing to return to a WC points system as it easier for parents to understanding. Using the 'big 3' as a series for selection.

Notes below are the responses to this proposal:

Jesse Teat: The National Points system does manage the varying course, the varying field qualities, athletes with no points. JT feels we should be using National Points as our ranking system.

Jono Howson notes that a WC points system inherently need head to head racing to function well.

Fiona Boyer: this should be part of the SSNZ strategy and what is right for the sport. We have tried both ways over the years, this issue calls on the ASC and SSNZ to decide based on the strategy.

<p>Toby Arnott and Peter Jackson were also in support this sentiment</p> <p>Duane Barakat notes he is in favour of limiting the quota of overseas athletes.</p> <p>Peter Jackson: would WC points be applied to only NZ athletes? PQR: WC could be won by international athlete but would be discounted from the list when considering rankings.</p>	
<p>7. 2024 Draft Calendar</p> <p>At the point in time some dates are still to be confirmed. Dobson, Whakapapa, Snowplanet, Aus ANC, Para-Alpine.</p> <p>MP: for the FIS athletes, with Wanaka FIS Tech, NC, ANC, Thai NC, NJC there is a lot of pressure on athletes to attend all these races. We may be looking at quite a small field when it comes to the NJC. The Juniors will want to race for points at the Thai NC. Would it be possible to have the NC at Hutt to include Super G?</p>	
<p>8. Any other business</p> <p>PJ: Homologation of super G at Coronet Peak? Is it current, will it be possible going forward. BY: 18 women and 18 men in the last race. It isn't viable to put the closures in place for this level of participation.</p> <p>DB: who makes up the current ASC? When is an election due? JH: There was due to be a change to the constitution which would have affected what the ASC's function is and how that group is decided upon.</p> <p>JH Thanks everyone for their welcome and valuable contributions to the sport and to this forum. Meeting was closed at 11:53am</p>	