



Ladies Olympic Super-G to take place in San Sicario (ITA)

In response to a petition sent by Renate Goetschl (AUT) on behalf of a number of the top 15 athletes requesting the Ladies Super-G during the 2006 Olympic Winter Games be relocated from San Sicario Fraiteve to Sestrières, the Organizing Committee for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in consultation with the International Olympic Committee and FIS studied the request and have decided to keep the Super G on the same course as the one where the Ladies Downhill and Combined Downhill will take place. The final decision was taken during at the IOC Coordination Commission meeting on 9th June.

In light of the issues raised by the athletes, the various parties have instead decided that certain changes to the course will be made over the summer on the basis of recommendations made by FIS Ladies World Cup Race Director Jan Tischhauser and FIS Chief Ladies World Cup Race Director, Atle Skaardal to make the course more technically challenging and consequently ensure an exciting and competitive event.

Grass Skiing World Cup season set to start

If people generally believe the lack of snow during the summer period forces all FIS activities into a complete stand-still, they are surely wrong. Indeed athletes involved in the Grass Skiing World Cup competition are just now gearing up for another exciting season which will start on 18th June when L'Aquila (ITA) sets the scene for the first test of the year.

Athletes will then return to Italy a month later

(16th-17th July) when Forni di Sopra sets the stage for the second competition of the year before Sattel (SUI) hosts the Grass Skiing World Cup season finale on 20th-21st August with two slaloms. Thoughts of the Grass Skiing teams will then be looking ahead to the highlight of the season when from 7th-9th September, Iran (Dizin) will host a FIS World Championship competition for the first time in history. Dizin, located in the Gajereh region north of Teheran, played host to a FIS competition for the first time in March 1996. It will be the third time the World Championships for Grass Skiing takes place after the first edition in Forni di Sopra (ITA) in September 2001.

ORIS underway in Torino

The "Olympic Results Information Service" homologation tests have begun this week in Torino.

Each of the sports on the programme of the Olympic Winter Games will undergo a complete simulation of the technology that will be used during the Games.

The extremely thorough testing of the highly complex results management systems involves a verification of all regulations, procedures and delivery. In addition a replication of any possible circumstance that could occur - however improbable, in order that the technology is ready to deal with any problem that it may face.

Justyna Kowalczyk (POL)

commits anti-doping violation

On Monday 13th June 2005 the FIS Doping Panel issued its' decision in the case of Cross-Country skier Justyna Kowalczyk (POL) who was found by the panel to have committed a doping violation during the U23 (Under 23 years) OPA (Alpine Nations) Intercontinental Cup competition on 23rd January 2005, in Oberstdorf, (GER) in

accordance with Article 2.1 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules.

The period of Ineligibility is two (2) years which begins forthwith from 13th June 2005. Subsequent to Sample Collection, the Athlete is disqualified as from (and including) the U23 OPA Intercontinental Cup competition held on 23rd January 2005. The period from 23rd January 2005 - 13th June 2005 shall be calculated within the period of Ineligibility, meaning that she is ineligible to participate until 22nd January 2007.

Bergisel hosts special event

News has reached the desk of the FIS Newsflash editor that Karl Heinz Klee, Chairman of the FIS Legal & Safety Committee was treated to a surprise party in the restaurant at the top of Innsbruck's ski jumping hill to celebrate his 75th birthday earlier this week. It appears that it was not compulsory to get back down by jumping! Congratulations Dr. Klee!

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