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## **FIS MEDIA INFO**

### **Case of Cross-Country Coach Walter Mayer**

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On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 the FIS Council rendered it's decision in the case of the Austrian Cross-Country Coach Walter Mayer:

“Mr. Walter Mayer is declared ineligible for participation in and accreditation for all FIS international ski events for the duration of ten years”.

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2004, the Social and Employment Court in Innsbruck, Austria issued a standing provisory order until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2005 to grant Walter Mayer access to all international ski events and to secure that he receives accreditation for this purpose, which consequently also includes the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Oberstdorf.

Since this provisory order remains valid pending a final decision of the Court on the merits, or until the expiry of the provisory order, the above decision of Council will come into effect thereafter.

The lifetime suspension that was originally foreseen has been amended to a ten-year suspension based on the sanctions provided for in the World Anti-Doping Code, following thorough consideration of the case by the FIS Council.

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