



2026 ISF ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MINUTES

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Cabildo Insular de La Gomera, Calle Armas Fernàndez, 2
San Sebastián de La Gomera, Spain

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Sent to the Members on October 7, 2026

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT	ROLE
Marino Giacometti	President
Lauri van Houten	Vice-President
Rogelio Macias	Vice-President
Pavlos Georgiades	Secretary General
João Paulo Queiros	National Representative
Ryan Kerrigan	National Representative
Dai Matsumoto	Athletes Representative

EXCUSED ABSENTEES	ROLE
Nicolao Lanfranchi	Treasurer
Juan Jesus Ibañez	National Representative
Willy Montenegro	Pan-American Council President
Erwan Le Bras	Asian Council President
Katrine Villumsen	European Council President
Neisa Condemaita	Athletes Representative

MEMBERS PRESENT OR REPRESENTED

	COUNTRY	MEMBER	REPRESENTATIVE	PROXY
1	Croatia	SC – Skyrunning Croatia	Ivana Siric	Czechia
2	Cyprus	KOMOAA - Cyprus Mountaineering Climbing Orienteering Federation	Michael Efrem	
3	Honduras	FEHDME - Honduran Federation of Mountain Sports and Climbing	Cristian Gerardo Bardales Funes	Brazil
4	Italy	FISKY - Federazione Italiana Skyrunning	Roberto Mattioli	Andorra



5	Japan	JSA - Japan Skyrunning Association	Takashi Tanaka	Hong Kong
6	Netherlands	The Royal Dutch Climbing and Mountaineering Association	José Vicente	Belgium
7	Norway	Norsk Skyrunning	Stian Blackeat	
8	North Macedonia	Mountaineering Federation of North Macedonia	Dusko Patrusevski	
9	Russia	RMF - Russian Mountaineering Federation	Nikita Matveev	
10	Serbia	Planinarski Savez Srbije	Snezana Djuric	
11	Spain	FEDME - Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada	Joan Bernat Clarella Biarge	Portugal

MEMBERS WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS

COUNTRY	MEMBER	REPRESENTATIVE
Germany	German Skyrunning Federation	Jan Peterzelt

ISF STAFF

PRESENT	ROLE
Maurizio Regis	Head Office
Paola Negro	Head Office
Alexander Keim	ISF Strategic Plan & Finance Committee

OTHER ATTENDEES

REPRESENTATIVE	COUNTRY	MEMBER
Aron Erik Verhaeghe	Belgium	Climbing and Mountaineering Belgium
Luis Edgardo Nuñez Estrada	Honduras	FEHDME - Honduran Federation of Mountain Sports and Climbing
Donatello Rota	Italy	FISky - Federazione Italiana Skyrunning
Requewa Maats	Netherlands	The Royal Dutch Climbing and Mountaineering Association
Gonzalo Zea	Spain	FEDME - Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada



Maria Teresa Campuzano Pérez	Spain	FEDME - Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada
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Members present, voting rights, and voting system

ISF Statutes, art. 18 - Quorum

Members present or represented are shown below:

ISF Members	50
ISF Members with voting rights	22
ISF Members present or represented	18
ISF Members present or represented with voting rights	17

Quorum

50% quorum	9
75% quorum	13

According to art. 18 and 19 of the ISF Statutes:

The General Assembly shall pass its resolutions and carry out its elections with an absolute majority of the votes of the Members present or represented, unless mandatory law or the Statutes provide otherwise.

Resolutions of the General Assembly concerning changes and amendments of the Statutes shall require the approval of at least two thirds of the votes of the Members present or represented.

1. Welcome & Information Items

President Marino Giacometti welcomes all the participants and appoints Secretary General Pavlos Georgiades as chair of the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

A change to the original Agenda is proposed, reordering the items regarding the ISF strategic plan and the financial sections before the new Statutes. The assembly approves unanimously.

3. Approval of the 2025 General Assembly Minutes

The Agenda is unanimously approved.

4. President's Report

MG details the President's Report highlighting the main 2025 and 2026 developments and a summary from 2008 to 2026:



- Positive developments of Certified Course Label, Ranking, ISF Cards and Licenses
- Finance: Despite the prediction of a small loss, the total income for 2025 was €170k, with €8k net income
- 2026 ISF Events: significant participation and results in all Championships and circuits, including SWS, SNS and VK OPEN World Cup
- 2008-2026 significant progress has been made, growing from 14 to 50 ISF members and 39 ISF championships overall
- Brief history of skyrunning when in 1995, the Federation for Sport at Altitude (FSA), was replaced by the International Skyrunning Federation in 2008, fully supporting the new Federation providing HQ & SWS fees for 18 years
- Request ISF members to positively improve cooperation to create greater independence with respect to the previous management

5. Motions from FISky

Alexander Keim is called upon by FISky to provide an explanation about the rejection of the three motions presented by FISky that were not included in the GA Agenda. AK first highlights his current role as head of the Strategic Plan Committee and part of the Finance Committee and notes that, in his past role as Secretary General, he had already worked on the 2023–2026 plan.

One motion regarded the possibility to vote on each item of the new Statutes. AK emphasized that, since this is a completely new document, approval must be given in its entirety rather than section by section, as the latter approach could lead to conflicts within the document, jeopardizing its coherence.

The motion regarding Youth World Championships was already a matter of the Youth Committee and part of what was proposed is to be voted during the GA and will be explained by Donatello Rota, FISky.

The motion concerning the ISF World Cup is part of the Strategic Plan and was already part of the negotiation with SkyMan SA (SMSA), the Skyrunner® World Series managers, for the new contract.

The issue is highly sensitive for obvious reasons: the SWS generates 25% of the ISF income, and—beyond the risk of losing everything—finding sponsors, staff, and organizers for another circuit would be a major challenge. However, the discussion is open about having a number of SWS races to be labelled as ISF World Cup.

6. Strategic Plan

AK proceeds to explain in detail the 2027-2029 Strategic Plan.

2023-2026 results:

- Development and increase of Certified Courses
- Introduction of ISF Card and License
- New SWS agreement with SMSA



- Financial stability – the total income increased from €110k in 2022 to €180k in 2025

The 2026 final objectives are:

- Renew the agreement with SMSA, based on the signed LOI
- Sign a new contract with FSA for their services, based on the signed LOI
- Conclude the transfer of the assets from FSA to ISF in line with the budget

AK points out that it is necessary to complete the final agreements based on the signed LOI with SMSA and FSA before the end of this year; for this purpose, the “exiting board” should continue to proceed to complete this duty and in order to prepare a smooth transition, to send frequent updates on negotiations to new Board Member Candidates.

By the end of 2026 the ISF will also hire an employee, who has already been working for the ISF since 2015 through FSA: Maurizio Regis will become the first ISF employee through the ISF Italian branch officially starting on January 2027.

The proposed new statutes have the final goal of completing the transition to a new era based on a solid basis and new agreements with third parties.

7. Finance

7.1 Report from the auditors and approval of the 2025 accounts

7.2 Current financial situation

7.3 2027 ISF Budget presentation

AK presents the Auditor's Report, explaining the individual items and the final balance sheet which shows a profit of €8,541. The Auditors' Report and accounts are approved unanimously.

AK proceeds to show the current situation updated to the end of August that shows that the income and expenses are in line with the approved budget for 2026 and the revenue may be higher than expected, with an expected surplus of around €80k.

AK also presents the provisional 2027 budget, along with projections for 2028–2029, to highlight the financial sustainability of the ISF strategic plan and the acquisition of assets from FSA. The 2027 provisional budget is unanimously approved.

7.1 Approval of the Auditor's Report and 2025 accounts

In favour	17
Against	0



Abstentions	0
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7.3 Approval of the 2027 budget

In favour	17
Against	0
Abstentions	0

8. ISF Rules update

8.1 ISF Sport Rules update

Maurizio Regis presents the rules document highlighting the proposed amendments and additions.

MR reminds the assembly that most of the changes are related to penalties and other minor details with low impact on the sport and highlights the introduction of SkyBrid, a category of races that do not fully meet the parameters but can be used as promotional races and as an introduction to skyrunning. It is emphasized that they must be listed separately from the official calendar on their respective national calendars, with names that do not cause confusion with other skyrunning brands or trail races.

8.1 Approval of the ISF Sport Rules update

In favour	17
Against	0
Abstentions	0

8.1 Approval of the Skybrid section

In favour	17
Against	0
Abstentions	0

8.2 Youth Parameters update

Donatello Rota, member of the Youth Committee delegated by the Committee president, presents a document that explains the discussions and the studies behind the new Youth parameters.

Following the development of athletes' physiology, it would be necessary to have different courses for each age category. The new Youth parameters will now take into account the individual times dedicated to the effort, instead of concentrating on the distance and vertical climb, an approach that simplifies implementation for race organizers.

The new parameters must be adopted by IISF Members at national level and by 2031, all Members must be aligned with the ISF Rules.



8.2 Approval of the Youth parameters update

In favour	17
Against	0
Abstentions	0

9. Skyrunning competitions update

- 9.1 SkyMan AG, SWS & SNS update
- 9.2 2027 Continentals Championships update
- 9.3 2027 Youth World Championships update
- 9.4 2027 Masters World Championships update
- 9.5 2028 World Championships update
- 9.6 2028 SkySnow World Championships update
- 9.7 VK Open World Cup developments
- 9.8 2027 SkySnow Series launch

MR presents the 2027 calendar.

At the present time, there are various proposals being discussed, but none are yet 100% confirmed.

Negotiations are currently in place with two races for the European and Youth World Championships, both in Spain. Japan Skyrunning Association proposed to host both SkySnow Asia-Pacific and the Asia-Pacific Championships, but this is still to be confirmed.

The Pan-American Championships will be hosted in Brazil, and the final agreement is being defined.

The Portuguese Federation proposed a venue for the Masters Championships and while the bid has been sent, the signature and deposit has not yet been received.

The VK OPEN World Cup has so far not received any bids so we invite Members to make proposal. The SkySnow Series is also lacking venue candidatures.

Ryan Kerrigan asks why the Youth Championships will not be at Gran Sasso as usual. MR replies that the organiser is struggling to receive confirmation of the financing from the region and has decided not to present a candidature following the 2025 situation when the regional funding was cancelled and therefore was unable to comply with the signed contract.

RK also asks about the 2027 North & Central American Championships. MR replies that as no proposals have been received for the N&C American Championships, and having a proposal for the first Pan-American Championships, to concentrate all the effort and attention on the event in Brazil.



Nikita Matveev asks about the 2027 SkySnow European Championships. MR replies that at this time, no proposals have been received, but if any Member or organiser is willing to host the event, it can be easily added to the future calendar.

10. ISF today: results and future plans

10.1 ISF new structure

As presented in the Strategic Plan, the ISF will hire an employee through its Italian branch.

10.2 ISF Media Report

Lauri van Houten presented the positive results of the 2025 on global and social media and confirms that skyrunning is continuously being promoted in various regions. Currently particular attention is being paid to the DACH (German speaking) region through a new partner. ISF safety policy is also highlighted in the press after the recent news of the death of a skyrunner (outside of competition) and include articles in international media. Negotiations are currently underway with a major company for safety components and with another to inform athletes in detail of the races they wish to participate in.

10.3 Relations with the UIAA & IOC

PG underlines that at the next UIAA GA in Nepal he would like to underline the technical mountaineering equipment used in skyrunning in a video to stimulate UIAA NOC members to become part of ISF.

MG informs that a new agreement with UIAA is currently being drafted with proposals to establish a Joint Commission to improve the cooperation between the two entities. A special project based on mountain course classification is being developed, with the main purpose of indicating the difficulty and risk of the various trails and race courses in the mountains. This project would involve FSA Mountain Fitness® parameters tied to technical difficulty and risk.

11. Member Status

Proposed cancellation and admission of Members

MR informs that the Philippines member will be cancelled as payment has not been made for more than two consecutive years and that Romania requested their membership to be cancelled.

11. Cancellation of Philippines and Romania as Members

In favour	17
Against	0
Abstentions	0



12. New ISF Statutes

12.1 New ISF Statutes approval

AK briefly presents the new Statutes, highlighting the two main points that were changed: following the request of some members, the Membership categories were reduced from six to three, simplifying the structure, and the ISF Board was redesigned making the role of the Treasurer and Secretary General subject to nomination instead of election.

Also only approved Federations will be able to vote at the elections and can present candidates.

12.1 New ISF Statutes approval	
In favour	17
Against	0
Abstentions	0

12.2 Honorary President role approval

PG explains that the Honorary President, having limited voting rights, may sound unusual but as a member of various Federations he confirms this is very common in other Federations. In some, the Honorary President can vote on all matters, while here it is proposed that the vote can be cast only on limited topics.

He also underlines that this can be changed at any point in the future, as the Statutes and Rules, when the GA deems necessary, but for the moment this may be the best guarantee of a smooth solution. Having MG still part of the Board, albeit not in an active role, will maintain the ISF credibility at the current level.

12.2 Honorary President role approval	
In favour	13
Against	4
Abstentions	0

13. Extraordinary GA Election organisation

Due to the approval of new statutes, all the Board members must leave their seats, and new elections must be called. Following the Electoral Rules, the candidatures must be presented by the newly defined Full Members at least 60 days before the GA date. With the object of leaving sufficient time to the Members to discuss and present the candidatures, the EGA is set to take place online around December 20. The precise date will be decided together with the Members with an online vote.

13. Extraordinary GA for elections organisation



In favour	15
Against	0
Abstentions	2

14. Any other business

No items were presented.

15. Next GA – Candidatures

The proposal for next AGA will be presented during the Extraordinary GA.

The General Assembly is closed at 17:00.

Marino Giacometti, President

Pavlos Georgiades, Secretary General