

# Drone crashes, just misses ski racer

By Associated Press

The international ski federation is banning camera drones from its World Cup races after a drone crashed and nearly hit Austrian skier Marcel Hirscher during a slalom race in Italy.

FIS men's race director Markus Waldner tells the Associated Press that drones will be prohibited "as long as I am responsible ... because they are a bad thing for safety."

The unmanned flying object carrying a TV camera came down and shattered on the icy slope just behind Hirscher during Tuesday night's race in Madonna di Campiglio. The four-time overall champion was unhurt and continued his run, finishing second behind Norwegian winner Henrik Kristoffersen.

The company responsible for the camera drone, sports marketing agency Infront, says in a statement "the circumstances leading to (the crash) are currently being examined."