


# British Alpine Ski Competitions

## British Competition Rules

## BCR Book I: Competition Rules

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# 1. General

## 1.1. ICR

The International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) provide the basic framework of rules for all Alpine ski events. However, some amendments are required for British, Constituent Group (CG) and club competitions.

These amendments are detailed in the British Competition Rules (the "BCR", of which this document is the first part) and have been approved by the GB Snowsport Alpine Technical Delegates Forum. They must be adhered to for all non-FIS events on the British Calendar which are intended to count for British Alpine Seeding System (BASS) points.

## 1.2. British Competition Framework

The British Competition Rules (the "BCR") comprises this document (BCR Book I) and a set of other documents that act as a compendium of rules, regulations and technical papers covering eligibility, registration, seeding, the British Calendar and other matters.

The British competition framework of which BCR forms a part also includes rules for competitions on indoor snow and artificial slopes, the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR).

## 1.3. Terms

For definitions and abbreviations, see Part 3.

The words "TD Forum" refer to the GBR Alpine and Telemark Technical Delegates Forum.

## 1.4. Sponsors

Each BCR Book has a designated 'sponsor', identifying the lead authority for that book. It does not imply that the sponsor has the right to alter the document unless approved by the TD Forum, which is the authority that has overall jurisdiction of the BCR and BACR within the auspices of GB Snowsport.

## 1.5. Amendments

Proposals for amendments should be submitted to the Chairman, TD Forum. Precisions will be issued at intervals and will be identified by the date of issue.

## 1.6. Document Versions

All books in the BCR are re-issued annually, after each autumn meeting of the TD Forum, to apply through the following season. The document version in the form “Version MMM YY” will appear at the foot of each page. A summary of the changes in each edition are listed in a table at the end of each book.

Any rule changes that have to be made during the season will be issued as separate “Precisions”. The most up-to-date versions of all documents will always be available through the gbski.com web site.

## 2. Rules: Amendments to ICR

Unless specifically amended in this Section, throughout the ICR replace FIS with GB Snowsport and National Ski Association with CG. Where the equivalent body is not apparent, clarification should be sought from the TD Forum. Paragraph numbers apply to FIS ICR Book IV.

**200.3 Participation**

All competitions listed in the British Calendar are open only to properly licensed competitors. Other limitations may be included if specified and published in the programme.

**201.1 Competitions with Special Rules**

201.1.1 Competitions with special rules and/or limited participation or including non-members may be held under special competition rules as approved by the TD Forum. Any such rules must be published in the announcement.

**201.3 Classification of Competitions**

201.3.1 British
201.3.2 CG
201.3.3 Club

**202.1.2 British Calendar**

All CGs and their member clubs are entitled to organise competitions. Any competition which is to be submitted for seeding must be published in the British Calendar. All applications must be submitted using the GB Snowsport online calendar system (see BCR Book IV).

**203 Licences and Registration**

203.1 The BASS registration year begins on 1 December and finishes on 30 November of the following year.

**204.2 Competitors' Insurance**

By submitting a race entry, each competitor assumes full responsibility for ensuring that valid and sufficient accident insurance for training and competition is in place for himself.

**212.4 Insurance**

All racers participating in British Calendar events must carry accident insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport and rescue costs including race risks; they must also have adequate public liability insurance. All competitors are responsible for obtaining their own adequate insurance coverage. All competitors must be able to show proof of the respective insurance coverage at any time on request.

**215.3 Entries**

Every entry must include:

215.3.1 Registration number, name, first name, gender, year of birth and the prescribed entry fee.

215.5 The entry for a race by a competitor shall constitute a contract solely between the competitor and the organiser and shall be governed by the Athletes Declaration. There will be no refund of entry fees as a result of injury, illness, cancellation or any other reason unless explicitly published by the organisers.

**216.5 Team Captains' Meetings**

Competitors who are not members of clubs or teams have the right to nominate representatives to attend team captains' meetings.

**217 Draw**

217.2 The competitors entered will only be drawn provided the entries on the official entry form or via the official online entry system and the required fee have been received by the organiser before the closing date specified for the competition or otherwise amended by the organiser.

217.3 If a competitor is not represented at the draw, they will only be drawn if it is confirmed by telephone, e-mail or fax by the beginning of the meeting that they will participate in the race.

**221.1 Health and Fitness**

Each competitor or their guardian is responsible for the competitor’s health and fitness for the competition entered.

**221.6 Medical Services required from Event Organisers**

221.6.1 Risk assessment form

The Organising Committee for each competition must fill in the assessment form prior to the commencement of Training at a Competition or the first Team Captain’s meeting, whichever is the earlier.

For the completion of all tables in this document, an example form is available to consult. This example is available to download from www.gbski.com, as are blank versions of this form.

The completed form must be sent to the location indicated on the form prior to the start of the event.

221.6.2 Medical Services

The Organising Committee must confirm with the Technical Delegate that the required rescue facilities are in place before starting the official training or competition. The specific requirements concerning facilities, resources and personnel are contained in the respective discipline rules. (also see BCR II, Art 3.13)

**223.3 Penalties**

223.3.1 Replace "CHF 100,000" with "£1,000".

**224.17 Benefit Fund**

All monetary fines are paid to the British Snowsports Fund.

**225 Appeals Commission**

225.1 The TD Forum (or appropriate CG body for CG events) appoints an Appeals Commission consisting of three of its members. The Commission decides on problems which cannot be resolved by the Jury. The Commission also deals with appeals against the decisions of the Jury.

225.2 The decisions of the Appeals Commission will be sent by GB Snowsport (or CG in the case of CG Appeals Commissions) to the parties concerned, the CGs to which they belong and to the members of the Jury against whose decision a protest was lodged.

226.1 Replace "CHF 100,000" with "£1,000".

**601.4.9 Duties of the TD for all Events**

601.4.9.1.1 For British non-FIS events and the ability to use a substitute 'step down' course refer to 650.1.

**602 Technical Delegate**

For information on Technical Delegate development and all issues relating to TD assessment, licensing, assignment and training, refer to BCR Book VII.

**602.2.2 Assignment**

For all seeded events on British Calendar, the TD Forum appoints the TD. CGs may make recommendations for appointments to their own Group or Club events. Where possible, the TD Forum should avoid allocating the same event to the same TD for more than two consecutive years.

602.2.3 When held in conjunction with a British Calendar event, U10/12 races are to be overseen by the TD assigned to the overall event. Where programme constraints do not allow that, a TD qualified member of the ROC is to oversee the U10/12 race(s). The name of that individual is to be notified to Chair TD Forum in advance for formal assignment for insurance purposes. In the rare circumstances, that neither of the above is possible, a suitable senior key official is to oversee the U10/12 race(s). The name of that individual is to be notified to Chair TD Forum in advance for formal assignment for insurance purposes (NB this is only an emergency provision and therefore should not be the norm).

602.2.5 An additional TD may be appointed for races within an event where the Programme does not allow the principal TD to officiate.

602.4.3 For Technical events at British Calendar races held within the UK mainland, the TD should arrive at the competition site with sufficient time to become familiar with the race slope, safety requirements, medical facilities, and to meet with the ROC and Jury Members.

602.5 **Expense Accounts**

The TD has a right to reimbursement for travel expenses up to a maximum of £545 (mileage will be calculated at the current HMRC rate (45p)), unless otherwise agreed by the ROC, as well as free accommodation and meals during the assignment. This rule also applies to agreed inspections, as well as the competition. The expenses of the TD must be included in the organisational budget for the event and may be paid directly by the organisers or by the providing CG through an enhanced calendar fee.

In addition, a fixed daily rate of £100, is added for the travel days to and from, as well as each day of the assignment.

603.7.3 All courses must be set according to BCR.

**605 Forerunners**

605.1 Append "Athletes will only be permitted to forerun in a higher age category if permitted to do so by the Jury. U16 or younger age groups may not forerun downhill."

**607 Age Limits**

607.1 The competition year is May 1st – April 30th of the following year.

**608.5 Start Order and Race Format for U16, U14 and U10/12**

608.5.1 Technical events for U16 and older

Technical events for U16 and older are to comprise a 'standard' two-run race, with the first run start order determined by draw and seed points, all age categories as one group. The second run start order determined by the results of the first run, the aggregate time to count for seeding. Prizes may be awarded on the basis of aggregate time, or as otherwise directed by the Regulations for the particular competition.

608.5.2 Second run for those not completing first run/race in U16 technical events

Those who did not finish or were disqualified in the first run (not including those who did not start) will be offered the chance to run hors concours at the end of the second run, after the qualified competitors. There is no obligation to take up this offer. The jury has the discretion to deny the second run in response to course conditions.

All DNFs and DSQs from the first run must be listed on a separate second run start list, in the same order as they appeared on the first run start list. This list must be provided to all key officials.

This is to ensure that all officials are aware of the complete running order for the second run and to avoid any uncertainty over whether or not a particular competitor is taking up the offer of a second run. Those who do not wish to take their second run will simply be recorded as DNS in the normal way.

The second run times for these competitors may be announced as normal and posted on the provisional times board, but do not form

part of the official results, where they would simply appear as DNF1 or DSQ1.

Coaches will retain responsibility for ensuring that any competitor falling in Run 1 is withdrawn from Run 2 if there may be a possibility of injury and/or equipment failure.

608.5.3 Technical events involving U14

U14 technical events are to comprise two single-run races, each seeded separately. Where U14 and other age groups are competing together, they run on the same course and use the same Race Penalty Point which must be applied to each single-run race.

Each race counts separately for seed points, but prizes and medals are awarded on the aggregate time from both races.

The start order for U14 Race 1 is determined by a standard draw based on seed points. The start order for U14 Race 2 will be the reverse of their start order for Race 1. The start order for U16 and older will be as described in 608.5.1.

When run on the same course, the U14 age group must be run separately from the other age groups, after the remainder of the field on each run unless determined otherwise by the Jury and announced at the Team Captains' Meeting.

608.5.4 Super-G events including U14 and/or U16

In Super-G events, all competitors may be run together in the same race. When run together, a single start list will be drawn in the usual manner based on seed points, with no separation by age group. Due consideration must be given to course setting as indicated under 1003.1.5.

608.5.5 U10/12 Technical Events

All U10/12 technical events are to include at least two runs with the fastest time to count. The races are not seeded.

U10/12 Slalom races are to be run with stubby gate poles.

**608.9 Kombi**

608.9.8 Starting order

Kombi Start Order is to be by randomisation by gender by Age Category. Each Age Category and Gender is to race separately, although they can use the same course.

Where a 2-run Kombi is held, the Start Order for Run 2 should be that of Run 1 reversed.

**611.2 Timing Equipment**

For all BASS seeded events on the calendar, electronic timers, start gates and photocells homologated by FIS must be used. Timing

devices which have been homologated by FIS may continue to be used for a maximum of two years after they have been removed from the official list of FIS homologated equipment. A list of all approved devices is published on the GBSKI web site. Races using timing equipment other than those on this approved list will not be considered for seed points.

611.2.5 For all British Championship events, System A, System B and hand timing are compulsory. For all other seeded events, System A and hand timing are compulsory, System B is strongly recommended.

**621 Group Draw and Start Order**

The BASS list that applies at the date of the race must be used for the classification of competitors and the draw for start order. If a competitor does not appear in that points list, they will be assigned to that group of competitors without points.

**625.2 Award of Prizes in the Case of a Terminated Competition**

For Slalom and Giant Slalom events schedule to take place over two runs the 1st run has to be completed, i.e. all competitors on the start list must have had the chance to start. If this is not possible, the race is invalid. If the 2nd run is not completed due to force majeure on the day, then the results of the 1st run become the race results and the TD may recommend to the National Seeder that the race be accepted for seeding under Art 7.3 BCR Book III.

**627 Not Permitted to Start (NPS)**

627.3.1 A competitor with a suspected or confirmed concussion will not be permitted to start (NPS) unless a certificate of fitness to race, signed by an appropriate licensed medical practitioner (doctor, medical practice or hospital), is provided to the Jury.

**644.4 Protest Fee**

£25 or the equivalent in another valid currency must be submitted with the protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld, otherwise it goes to the account for the British Snowsports Fund.

**645 Authorisation**

The following are authorised to submit protests: -
- CGs,
- trainers,
- team captains,
- all competitors not otherwise represented.

**646 Settlement of Protests by the Jury**

646.2.1 Whenever possible when attending a Jury meeting, minors should be accompanied by an adult to represent their interests.

**647 Right of Appeal**

647.1.2 Appeals must be submitted in writing to GB Snowsport or CG office as appropriate.

647.1.3.1 Any additional supporting evidence must be sent to the GB Snowsport or CG office as appropriate within 14 days after the announcement of the Jury decision.

647.1.4 The decisions regarding the appeals are taken by the Appeals Panel convened by TD Forum or corresponding group designated by the CG as appropriate.

**650.1 Homologation**

British calendar competitions may only be run on courses which are homologated by FIS or the relevant National Association.

For British non-FIS events, and in the event of force majeure, race Juries may, subject to agreement at the Team Managers Meeting, substitute a 'step down' course. For example, a homologated DH course may be used for a SG, a homologated SG course may be used for a GS, and a homologated GS course may be used for a SL. All normal course criteria and safety requirements must however be in place. See Art 1002.4.

**801 Slalom Technical Data**

801.1.5 Exception for indoor snow halls:
All categories Min 60m vertical drop

**803 Course Setting**

803.2.1 U14: Minimum 2 and maximum 4 hairpin combinations and minimum 1 and maximum 2 vertical combinations consisting of 3 or 4 gates.

**901 Giant Slalom Technical Data**

901.1 **Vertical Drop**

| | Min | Max |
|---|---|---|
| Men | 200 - | 450 m |
| Women | 200 - | 400 m |
| U18 & U21 | 200 - | 400 m |
| U14 & U16 | 180 - | 250 m |
| U10 & U12 | n/a | 250 m |

**1001 Super-G Technical Data**

1001.1 **Vertical Drop**

| | Min | Max |
|---|---|---|
| Men | 350 - | 650 m |
| Women | 350 - | 600 m |
| U18 & U21 | 300 - | 600 m |
| U14 & U16 | 250 - | 350 m |

**1002.4 Homologation of U14 and U16 Super-G courses**

All courses used for U14 or U16 SG must be homologated for Super-G. If the course to be used is homologated for FIS GS, then a safety inspection by a FIS Technical Advisor is required. See Art 650.1.

1003.1.5 When different courses are set for U14 and U16 they should be set to suit the different turning radii and lengths of their skis. When a single course is to be set for both U14 and U16, the course should take into

account the range of ski lengths and turning radii used by these age groups.

## 3. Definitions

**British Competition Year**. The period from 1st May to 30th April of the following year. This differs from the FIS Competition Year, which is the period from 1st July to 30th June of the following year.

**Constituent Groups:**

Snowsport England - trading name of English Ski Council Ltd (SE)
Snowsport Wales - trading name of Ski Council of Wales Ltd (SSW)
Snowsport Scotland (SNSC)
British Association of Snowsports Instructors (BASI)
United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association (UKAFWSA)
Ski Club of Great Britain (SCGB)

**Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)**. The International Ski Federation.

**Force Majeure**. Unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances for which a deviation from the rules may be required.

**GB Snowsport.** GB Snowsport Ltd.

**Home Nation Governing Bodies (HNGBs).** Snowsport England, Snowsport Wales, Snowsport Scotland.

**Hors Concours**. Literally 'outside competition'. A racer competing but not for prizes or honours.

**International Ski Competition Rules (ICR)**. The FIS Rules for International Alpine Skiing.

**International**. A competition approved by TD Forum in which Great Britain and at least one other overseas nation takes part.

**League**. A group of ski organisations competing in knockout or American style to rules of their own making but with the approval of the TD Forum.

**Licence**. An authorisation to compete in various specified grades of competition.

**Registration**. A listing or categorisation of licensed competitors.

**Seeding**. The classification of competitors into a ranking list of expected ability formulated from past results.

**TD Forum** A technical sub-committee of GB Snowsport.

# 4. Aide Memoire

| **SLALOM** | Senior | | U21/U18 | U16/U14 | Indoor Snow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M | W | | | All ages |
| Vertical drop | 140-220 | 120-200 | 120-200 | 100-160 | 60 min |
| Dir changes | 30-35% +/- 3 | | | 32-38% +/- 3 | 30-35% +/- 3 |

| **GS** | Senior | | U21/U18 | U16/U14 | U12/U10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M | W | | | |
| Vertical drop | 200-450 | 200-400 | 200-400 | 180-250 | Max 250 |
| Dir changes | 11-15% | 11-15% | 11-15% | 13-18% | No rule |
| Runs | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

| **SUPER G** | Senior | | U21/U18 | U16/U14 | U12/U10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M | W | | | |
| Vertical drop | 350-650 | 350-600 | 300-600 | 250-350 | Max 250 |
| Dir changes | Min 7% | Min 7% | Min 7% | 8-12% | 10-12% |

| **DH** | Senior | | U21/U18 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M | W | | | |
| Vertical drop | 450-1100 | 450-800 | 450-700 | | |

# 5. Document History

| **Edition** | **Date** | **Description of changes** |
|---|---|---|
| 2006 | Nov 2006 | Document created from "BCR 2004". |
| Nov 15 | 15-Nov-2015 | 608.6.1 Changes to ensure the rules deal with the official results and not how the prizes are awarded. |
| | | 650.1 Changes to clarify the use of 'step down' courses. |
| | | 1002.4 Changes to the approval process for a 'step up' course. |
| | | Minors changes to TD Forum references for consistency. |
| Nov 16 | 06-Nov-2016 | Combi replaced with Kombi. |
| | | 224.17 & 644.4 British Snowsports Fund created for fines and protest fees. |
| | | 602.5 TD expenses are now applicable for all Calendar events. |
| | | 647.1.2 Removal of the £50 fee. |
| | | 803.2.1 Aligning with FIS ICR, but retaining a 4 gate Vertical Combination option. |
| Nov 17 | 05-Nov-2017 | Renumber 608.6-608.12.9 due to deletion of 608.4 Limits on Competitions from the FIS ICR. |
| Nov 17 | 05-Nov-2017 | Removal 606 the prohibitive use of cat suits for U12 and younger age groups. |
| Nov 18 | 04-Nov-2018 | 602.5 TD's Expense increased to £80 per day. |
| | | 608.5 Changes to allow seeding of all age groups together. |
| | | 611.2 Grace period for Timing Equipment. |
| | | Replace BSS with GB Snowsport. |
| Nov 19 | 03-Nov-2019 | Tidying up the calendar and race entry process: 202.1.2 & 217.2. |

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|---|---|---|
| Nov 19 | 03-Nov-2019 | Appeals Process changes: 225 & 647. |
| Nov 19 | 03-Nov-2019 | Classification of competitors and draw start order changes: 621.2. |
| Nov 20 | 15-Nov-2020 | Gender neutral amendments. |
| Dec 20 | 21-Dec-2020 | 627 NPS due to Concussion. |
| Nov 21 | 7-Nov-2021 | 625.2 Clarification on seeding for a Terminated Competition. |
| Nov 22 | 6-Nov-2022 | 608.5 Reorganised to amend the confusing order of age groups. |
| | | 808.11 Kombi deleted, apart from the Start Procedure (now 608.9.8), as the ICR now has the same requirements. |
| | | 901.1.6 Deleted as it does not reflect current practice. |
| | | 602.5 Increase to TD travel expenses to £500. |
| Dec 23 | 5-Nov-2023 | 602.5 Increase TD travel expenses to £525. |
| Nov 24 | 5-Nov-2024 | Remove British Alpine Racing Ski Clubs (BARSC) from list of CGs |
| | | 602.5 Increase TD travel expenses to £535. |
| Dec 25 | 6-Dec-2025 | 602.5 Increase TD travel expenses to £545. |
| | | 602.5 TD’s daily expense increased to £100 per day. |