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BCR Book III: Seeding

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1. General

This document is part of the British Competition Rules (the "BCR"), and lists the rules and procedures relating to the British Alpine Seeding System (BASS). Refer to BCR Book I for overall details about BCR and its application.

2. Application

2.1. Races must be run according to FIS ICR, or as varied by the British Competition Rules (BCR).

2.2. The following categorisation of races is applicable to races processed through the British Alpine Seeding System (BASS): -

- British & Constituent Group (FIS)
- British (non-FIS)
- Constituent Group (non-FIS)
- Club

3. Procedure

3.1. The competition must be listed on the British Calendar.

3.2. As part of one competition, only two races per technical event (or four for U14's technical events), four SG races or three DH races may be announced in the British Calendar and taken into consideration for BASS points within a period of 5 days on the same piste. The organisation of replacement races in addition to a competition with the maximum races per event is not permitted. For such additional events, no BASS points will be given.

3.3. For British & CG (FIS) races, the FIS TD Committee will appoint a TD. For non-FIS races on the British Calendar, a TD appointed by the TD Forum must attend the competition.

3.4. The appointed TD is responsible for the production of the results pack, including any electronic race files. This is carried out in conjunction with the Chief of Timing and Calculations (CoTC). The TD will authorise the CoTC to send the electronic race files to import@gbski.com for acceptance into the online system and, once approved, send the .pdf copies of the official results (and penalties where appropriate) to publish@gbski.com. The TD is to send the completed race results pack (see TD report for contents) to publish@gbski.com for onwards dissemination to the relevant organisations. For British & CG (FIS) events, the CoTC takes on this responsibility once the results have been approved by the FIS TD.

3.4.1 If a race file is rejected from the online system, the CoTC is authorised to make the necessary correction(s) on the proviso that the official result is not affected in any way (racer not in the database for example). Any correction needed to be made that alters the official result must be justified to, and approved by, the appointed TD and a new result/race file produced.

3.5. If there is doubt about the acceptability of a race for seeding purposes, it shall not be processed into the seeding system until the TD Forum has resolved the matter.

4. Competitors

4.1. All registered U14, U16, U18, U21 and Seniors are eligible to earn seed points.

4.2. All races which are submitted for seeding must be open to all competitors registered with BASS unless special dispensation has been granted in advance by the TD Forum. The organisers of a CG or Club race are obliged to accept up to 25 entrants from other organisations.

4.3. The start list shall be drawn up according to the current FIS/BASS seed list, with ICR applying to the second run (subject to any exceptions published in BCR I).

4.4. Girls must race separately, either before or after the boys if the same course is used.

5. Calculation of Seed Points

5.1. Start of Season List

5.1.1. This is published in early December and includes only those racers who have renewed their registration for the following year.

5.1.2. Seed points for each event (SL, GS, SG and DH) are the minimum of the following:-

a) The seed points which appeared on the preceding End of Season (EOS) List.

b) The current FIS points.

c) Seed points calculated from the previous season's British/CG/club races, loaded as appropriate (if not already in EOS list).

5.1.3. These Points are referred to as the Start of Season (SOS) points, however they were derived. In the case of skiers who register late or produce relevant documentary evidence late, these points will be mounted on the BASS database as if they had been on the SOS list. However, they will only appear on BASS lists published after their registration or evidence has been processed.

5.2. Mid Season Lists

5.2.1. For the second and subsequent seed lists, the points for each event are the minimum of the following:-

a) The SOS points.

b) The average of the best 2 results earned in races during the current season.

c) The best result earned during the current season plus 10%.

d) The current FIS points.

5.3. End of Season List

5.3.1. For the final list, the provisional points for each event are the minimum of the following:-

a) The SOS point plus the greater of a 15% loading or 15 points.

b) The average of the best 2 results earned in races during the current season

c) The best result earned during the current season plus 10%.

d) The current FIS Points.

5.3.2. In order to calculate the final seed points for the end-of-season list, the provisional seed points for U14 and U16 shall be adjusted by a value which sets the points of the best seeded competitor to a baseline of 160 for U14 and 120 for U16. A separate adjustment shall be made for Men and Women, and for each event. Should the best seeded competitor in any group have points that are already below the baseline, no adjustment shall be made for that group.

5.4. Out of season races

The BASS season runs from December 1st to 1st May. The results of seeded competitions that take place in the period between the end of one season and the beginning of the next shall be calculated and processed for seeding using the seeding regulations that apply at the beginning of the following season, and shall be included on the second seed list (the first 'results' list) for that season.

6. Registration and the Allocation of Points

6.1. A racer who does not register as a competitor, for up to 2 seasons, may claim their previous points if re-registering for seeding. These will be subject to an annual loading of 15% (or +15 if greater).

6.2. Foreign Racers may have their seed points from other National seeding systems recognised for conversion (on a suitable basis) on initial registration with BASS. Such converted BASS points may only be used to satisfy competition entry criteria (seed point cut-off) and will not be used for starting position, penalty calculations or to place the competitor on any seed list.

7. Race Acceptability

7.1. The National Seeder will consider for seeding only those race results, which have been approved by the TD Forum.

7.2. A race which is to be processed for seed point purposes may, in exceptional circumstances, be run in other than seed point order. Organisers of team events should consult the TD well in advance of the race to ensure that the start order proposed is acceptable for seeding purposes.

7.3. The TD Forum (T&C SC recommendation for Exec approval) has discretion to approve races for seeding, which do not strictly comply with the ICR/BCR. In making their decision, the Forum should consider inter alia the recommendations of the appointed TD & the National Seeder and the interests of all registered racers, not just those who competed in the race being considered.

8. Calculations for British & CG (non-FIS) and Club races

8.1. Race Points. These are calculated by the formula:-

$$P = \frac{(Tx - To)}{To} \times F$$

where:-

P = Race Points
Tx = Racer's Time in seconds
To = Winner's Time in seconds
F = 'F' factor, announced annually for each event.

8.2. The Winner. For seeding purposes, the Winner is the first placed BASS registered racer.

8.3. Unregistered racers. For seeding purposes, only registered racers will be considered in any calculations.

8.4. Race Penalty Point

8.4.1. The Race Penalty Point (RPP) is calculated as follows:

$$RPP = \frac{(A + B - C)}{10}$$

where:-

B = Seed Point total of those 5 racers who started the race who have the lowest BASS seed points

A = Seed Point total of those 5 racers in the first 10 finishers who have the lowest BASS seed points

C = Total of Race Points of the corresponding 5 finishers

8.4.2. The Race Penalty Point shall be calculated using the seed points on the BASS Seed List valid at the date of the race. Current FIS points for non-BASS registered racers will be taken into account. If the seed points or race points of any competitor are above the maximum value, the maximum value will be used for that competitor in the calculation of the Race Penalty Point (see rule 8.4.3).

8.4.3. Maximum Value (or "Points Max") is 400 points for all event types.

8.4.4. For a race to be seeded, at least five registered racers must finish. This also applies to U14 single run races when run with solely U14 competitors.

8.4.4.1

For Technical events (SL and GS) the opportunity exists for U14 racers to compete in a combined race with U16 racers (and above, notwithstanding any course requirements). This creates a 'race within a race' as U14 racers are seeded as single run sub-races. In this case the Race Penalty Point must be calculated from the combined 2 run event as detailed in Rule 8.4.1 and applied to all sub-races within the race.

8.4.4.1.1

The overall winner of the combined race must be used to calculate the Race Points for determination of the Race Penalty Point and for the U16 (and above, if needed) results. For the U14 single run sub-races, the fastest racer of each run (across all age categories) must be used to determine the Race Points for that run. The generation of the Race Point and extraction of the results for the individual age categories and races are fully detailed in the guide available on the GBSki website.

8.4.4.2

If more than 3 racers used in the penalty calculation have had the Maximum Point applied, then the minimum penalty will be 75% of the maximum point (see rule 8.4.3).

8.4.5. If two of more racers are ranked 10th (BASS registered only), they shall all be taken into consideration for the penalty calculation, as long as they are included in the five with the best BASS points.

8.4.6. If two or more racers have the fifth best BASS points, which should be taken into consideration for the penalty calculation, the racer with the higher race points will be considered for the penalty calculation. Reason: Better penalty.

8.4.7. The TD will normally calculate and announce the provisional RPP at the conclusion of the race.

8.4.8. Points Earned from race. The Result used in the seeding calculation, is the sum of (RPP + racer's race points).

8.4.9. For races in indoor snow halls, a Category Adder of 20 points shall be applied to the Penalty Point calculation.

9. Calculations for British & CG (FIS) races

9.1. The FIS result (FIS RPP + FIS race points) for each BASS registered GBR racer shall be copied straight onto the BASS database. There is no separate calculation using BASS points.

10. Foreign Racers

10.1. Only racers currently registered with BASS will be processed for seeding.

11. Discretion

11.1. In order to be fair to all competitors, the TD Forum shall have discretion to apply a different RPP from that calculated, if the calculated RPP can be shown to confer significant advantage to a particular group of competitors or may otherwise affect the integrity of the seeding system. Any decision to amend the RPP shall be declared in the next published seed list and shall be offered in retrospect to the TD Forum for ratification.

12. Notification of Refusal to Include a Race

The non-acceptance of a race for seeding shall be notified, together with reasons, to the TD and the Chief of Race. The reasons for non-acceptance shall be published in the BASS Seed List.

13. Issue of Seed Lists

Seed Lists are published on GBSKI.com. The closing, publication and validity dates for each list will be published at the start of the season.

14. Content of Seed Lists

The SOS List is to include the names and abbreviations of all clubs included in the BASS. The BASS record is the British master list, and CGs should consult it before adding additional abbreviations. Any new abbreviations are to be advised to the National Seeder, who will also resolve any clashes. Each Seed List is to include a list of the races that have been included together with their RPP, or the reason for their non-inclusion (e.g. cancellation, lack of finishers etc).

15. Transfer of Race Results

15.1. **Format of Race Results**
Race files for seeding must be in Ski [Alp] Pro format.

15.2. **Despatch of Race Results**
The appointed TD must ensure that the race files, race results and the TD report are sent electronically as detailed at Art. 3.4 within 3 days of the completion of the race. For British & CG (FIS) races, the Race Organisation Committee (normally the CoTC) is responsible.

15.3. **Delayed Race Results**
Seed Lists will not be delayed beyond their scheduled publication date, unless the TD Forum considers it essential to await a particular race result.

16. Protests, Queries and Appeals

16.1. **Protests**
Any protest or query on seeding is to be made in writing to the National Seeder for investigation and action. This may be in conjunction with the Chairman of the TD Forum.

16.2. **Appeals**
Protests against seeding decisions may be made to the TD Forum. The procedure for further appeal is detailed in the TD Forum's Terms of Reference (TD Forum Chairman).

17. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2006	Nov 2006	Document created from "BCR 2004".
Nov 15	15-Nov-15	New 8.3 to clarify that unregistered racers are not used for the RP or RPP.
		8.3 renumbered to 8.4.
		8.4.1 BASS Registered removed from A's definition.
		3.4 & 15. Change to results recipients, TD Forum Chairman is replaced.
Nov 16	6-Nov-16	3.4 & 3.4.1 Changes to electronic results process.
		15. Changes to electronic results submission.
Nov 18	4-Nov-18	3.2, 3.4 & 4.4 Encourage participation in Speed Events, Seeding and Results Publication changes.
		5.2.1-5.3.3 Changes to allow more than 5 seed lists in a season
		5.4 Changes that cover races that take place outside the normal BASS season.
		6.2 Formalise and Clarify the Seeding points for Foreign racers.
		8.4.2, 8.4.3, 8.4.7 & 8.8.8 Changes to Penalty Calculation.
		13. Change to the issue of Seed lists.
Nov 19	3-Nov-19	6.2 Foreign racers seed point use for registration.
		8.4.2 Race points added for use in the calculation.
		8.4.9 Category Adder reduction to 20.
Nov 20	15-Nov-20	Gender Neutral Amendments.
		9. Addressing limited number of races and fairness to all competitors.
Nov 21	6-Nov-21	7.3 T&C SC recommendation for Exec approval.
		8.4.4 Amended to address a lack of competitors with race points.
Nov 24	5-Nov-24	3.2 amended to increase maximum SG races to 4 within 5 days on same piste.
		New 5.3.2 to re-baseline the end-of-season list so that the maximum value for the best U16 competitor is 120 and the best U14 competitor is 160, by event and sex.
		New 15.1 to define required format of results, remainder of existing section 15 reorganised for clarity.
		Use of "discipline", "competition" and "event" revised to be consistent with ICR.