

British Alpine Ski Competitions

British Competition Rules

BCR Book V: Licensing, Registration and Eligibility

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1. General

This document is part of the British Competition Rules (the "BCR"), and lists the regulations governing eligibility to compete, licensing and registration that apply to British competitions on snow. Refer to BCR Book I for overall details about BCR and its application.

This document is also part of the British Artificial Competition Rules (the "BACR") and applies to British competitions on artificial slopes.

2. Eligibility to Compete as a British Citizen

2.1. Introduction

2.1.1. The British Nationality Act 1981 came into force on 1st January 1983. It replaced all previous nationality laws. The new Act replaced citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies with three separate citizenships:-

- British citizenship, for people closely connected with the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
- British Dependant Territories citizenship, for people connected with the dependencies;
- British Overseas citizenship, for those citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies without connections with either the United Kingdom or the dependencies.

2.2. Definition

2.2.1. For the purpose of Alpine Skiing, the skier must hold British citizenship. British citizens have the right to live in the United Kingdom permanently and are free to leave and re-enter the United Kingdom at any time. Passports of British citizens are marked accordingly.

2.3. Eligibility To Compete In British Championships

2.3.1. The following are eligible to compete in British Championship events (British Senior, Junior and Children's Championships as defined in BCR and BACR Book IV):-

2.3.2. British Citizens as defined above.

2.3.3. Holders of United Kingdom passports who have either British Dependent Territories citizenship or British Overseas Citizenship. They are not eligible to win any of the British titles.

2.3.4. Commonwealth non British subjects. They are not eligible to win any of the British titles.

2.3.5. Persons not currently qualified for British Citizenship but actively seeking such qualification may be accepted with the agreement of the relevant GB Snowsport Discipline Committee and the approval of the GB Snowsport Board. They are not eligible to win any of the British titles.

2.3.6. Foreign members of British clubs may be accepted to race at the invitation of the relevant GB Snowsport Discipline Committee. They are not eligible to win any of the British titles.

2.4. Dual Citizenship

2.4.1. Individuals having dual citizenship are to inform the relevant GB Snowsport Discipline Committee of their desire to compete as a British Citizen. In cases where the individual has previously competed under their

alternative citizenship, it may be necessary to obtain the agreement of the National Ski Federation concerned before agreeing the application.

2.5. Appeals

2.5.1. Appeals against these rules should be made to the relevant GB Snowsport Discipline Committee who may choose to refer the question to the GB Snowsport Board. Decisions based on these Rules will normally be satisfactory. However, the final 'Court of Appeal' is the Home Office. Their decision is binding.

2.6. Procedure

2.6.1. Applications are to be made to the relevant GB Snowsport Discipline Committee by or on behalf of the prospective competitor making a general statement of the case. To be certain of the matter being cleared in time, applications should reach the GB Snowsport office no later than three months before the start of the Championship meeting concerned.

2.6.2. The relevant GB Snowsport Discipline Committee will refer the application to the GB Snowsport Board with its recommendations.

2.6.3. The GB Snowsport Board will review the application and either:-

- Accept the application,
- Reject the application, or
- Call for further information.

2.6.4. In calling for further information it may be appropriate:-

- To send a copy of these rules to the candidate.
- To ask for a further statement of intent in relation to the candidate's future nationality.
- To call for a statement of the positive action being taken to qualify the candidate for British citizenship. This should clearly show the date from which any necessary qualifying period is likely to be counted.

2.6.5. The GB Snowsport Board will review the additional information and decide:-

- To accept the competitor’s race entry and if successful win a title.
- To accept the competitor’s race entry but not be eligible for a title.
- To reject the application.

2.6.6. Where rejection takes place, it is to be pointed out that the decision does not rule out application for a United Kingdom passport. The production of such a passport in the name of the applicant with right of abode would automatically overthrow the previous decision of the GB Snowsport Board.

3. Licensing and Registration

3.1. Start Licence

3.1.1. To be eligible for participation in any event on the British Calendar, a competitor must have a valid start licence issued by their Home Nation Governing Body and be registered on the current BASS or BARTS seed list.

3.1.2. The start licence will only be issued to competitors who have personally signed the Athletes Declaration, completed and signed the relevant application form and paid the relevant fee.

3.1.3. All forms from under-age applicants must be counter-signed by their legal guardian. For U10 & U12, see Para 8 below.

3.2. Registration Authorities

3.2.1. The agreed Registration Authorities are:

Snowsport England - for English & Northern Irish racers

Snowsport Scotland - for Scottish racers

Snowsport Wales - for Welsh and Irish racers

3.2.2. Current members of HM Services may be registered within the British system by UKAFWSA. However, their Services insurance only covers participation in official Services competitions. Any member of HM Services wishing to take part in non-Services competitions must either obtain a start licence from the relevant Home Nation Governing Body, or provide evidence of valid public liability insurance, which covers ski racing, and personally sign the Athletes Declaration.

3.2.3. Foreign nationals wishing to compete in British domestic (i.e. non-FIS) races must have a valid start licence issued by one of the agreed Registration Authorities.

3.3. British Nationals residing abroad

3.3.1. A concession has been agreed for British Nationals permanently resident abroad, whereby they may obtain a start licence from the GB Snowsport office, rather than from one of the agreed Registration Authorities. However, they should be aware that a start licence issued by GB Snowsport does not entitle them to participate in any events organised by, or on behalf of, the Home Nation Governing Bodies, nor to be considered for selection to any of the Home Nation Squads or Teams. Athletes wishing to be eligible for these activities must have a valid start licence issued by the relevant Home Nation Governing Body.

3.4. Registration Numbers

3.4.1. All registrations will be numbered within the following ranges:-

SnowsportEngland	1-2999, 5000–29,999, 100,000–199,999
SnowsportScotland	3000-3999, 30,000–39,999, 300,000-399,999
SnowsportWales	4000-4999, 40,000–49,999, 700,000-719,999(Irish)
UKAFWSA	50,000–54,999(general), 56,000–59,999(RAF)
Telemark	60,000–69,999

3.4.2. All racers retain their allocated number throughout their skiing career, unless they change their declared Nationality and Registration Authority. Numbers must not be re-used for different racers, as this will compromise the integrity of the BASS database.

3.5. Registration Details

3.5.1. Registration to compete in British Calendar races takes place in the autumn of each year. The Registration Authorities must provide the following details to the National Seeder for all racers who have been issued with a start licence for the following year:-

Surname (in capitals)

Forename(s)

Sex

Date of Birth

Nominated Club (if any) for snow racing

Nominated Club (if any) for artificial slope racing

Registration Number

3.5.2. Further information may be required at the discretion of GB Snowsport. The greater the detail provided, the more accurate will be the National Seeder's database, and the less likely that errors will be introduced through duplicated registrations.

3.5.3. The required details must be made available to the National Seeder as an Excel Spreadsheet or other agreed format suitable for import into the seeding database whenever they are required for seed lists or to keep the database up to date.

3.6. Late Registrations and Amendments

3.6.1. Requests for late registrations and amendments must be made through the Registration Authorities to whom all queries are to be addressed. In order that late registrations and amendments can be incorporated in the next seed list, such changes must be made by the published results cut-off date for that seed list.

3.7. Licence Year

3.7.1. The FIS Licence year runs from 1st July to 30th June. Racers applying for a FIS Licence to compete in International races must renew their Home Nation licence for the following calendar year at the same time as, or before, applying for their FIS Licence. This ensures that they are properly insured for public liability risks throughout the FIS Licence year.

3.8. U10 & U12 Registration

3.8.1. U10 and U12 racers should be encouraged to register, but it is not compulsory in order to compete at British calendar events. Unregistered U10 and U12 racers must submit with their race entry a signed Athlete's Declaration and proof of public liability insurance, which includes cover for ski racing.

3.8.2. Note that different arrangements may apply for events organised by CG or Club.

4. Document History

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		3.4.1 Additional registration numbers added.