

British Alpine Ski Competitions

British Competition Rules

BCR Book VII: TD Development and Assignment

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1. General

This document is part of the British Competition Rules (the "BCR"), and contains the regulations and procedures covering development of Race Officials. Refer to BCR Book I for overall details about BCR and its application.

2. Introduction

The TD is the chairman of the Race Jury and is an impartial representative of the relevant governing body for alpine ski racing. The TD's responsibility encompasses all areas across race administration, preparation, implementation and conclusion. In particular the primary duties of a TD are to:

- Be accountable for all aspects of security, technical matters and discipline.
- Ensure that the rules, regulations and directions of GB Snowsport and/or FIS and any regulations specific to the event are followed.
- Ensure that the event runs smoothly.
- Advise the organisers within the scope of the TD's duties.
- Decide on questions which are not covered or insufficiently dealt with by the FIS ICR, BCR or event regulations.
- Be the official representative of GB Snowsport.

The full list of responsibilities and duties required of a TD are included in the relevant sections of the FIS ICR.

For a race to be validated by the governing body, and the results put forward for seeding, a TD must be appointed to the race. The TD Forum appoints a TD for each race registered in the British Race Calendar. (Exceptionally, the Forum may delegate this task to a sub group.)

A TD, as a representative of GB Snowsport is therefore to be selected, trained, examined and licenced by the TD Forum using the following development programme: -

- Nomination as an Aspirant TD. GB Snowsport recommends a maximum age of 50 for Aspirant TDs.
- Training under the auspices of a Mentor, assigned by the TD Forum
- Pass in the written examination
- Acceptance as a Candidate British TD
- Continuing training under the auspices of their Mentor
- A practical assessment
- A practical and verbal examination
- Qualified and licenced as a British TD
- British Service TDs, assessed and examined only at Service events, will be qualified and licenced to officiate as TD only at Service events.

3. Aspirant TD

Before applying to be an Aspirant TD the candidate will be expected to provide a CV/log book to the committee of the relevant sponsor organisation, endorsed by their proposer, showing that they have considerable experience in all aspects of race organisation. This should include:

- A good working knowledge of the FIS ICR, the BCR and other relevant publications.

- Experience in the workings of the Race Office and the official paperwork
- An understanding of Race Point calculations and Penalty calculations
- The ability to calculate a back-up time and an understanding of the workings of electronic timing systems.
- Experience working as a gate judge, course crew, Start and Finish Referee, and Referee at Calendar races, both technical and speed

An Aspirant TD should be able to show that they have successfully undertaken the role of the Chief of Race for a Calendar event (not just for one race day of a competition series).

As a considerable number of events take place in the European Alps, it will also be a great advantage if they have an understanding of French or German and preferably both.

Aspirant TDs must attend the November British TD up-date and such other race organisation courses as may be organised. Aspirant and Candidate TDs may also attend the TD Forum meetings but will not have a vote.

On selection, the TD Forum will assign the Aspirant TD to a suitable and qualified British TD who will act as their Mentor.

The Mentor should thoroughly check the Aspirant's knowledge on and off the competition slope, instruct them in the attributes and qualities required of a TD, identify any areas where they may need further experience, deal with any difficulties or queries and advise both the Aspirant and the TD Forum when they consider the Aspirant is ready to sit the written examination.

After passing the written examination the Aspirant becomes a Candidate TD and a non-voting member of the TD Forum.

Within 2 years of passing the written examination the Candidate must undertake both a practical assessment and a practical examination. In order to qualify as a TD for both technical and speed events either the assessment or the practical examination must include a technical and a speed event.

4. Candidate TD - Practical Assessment

The Forum will appoint the Candidate TD to an event where the assigned TD will assess them. Ideally this should be an event which includes both technical and speed disciplines.

The assigned TD will strive to assess and develop the Candidate TD's knowledge and awareness of responsibilities by a mixture of instruction and questions based on different phases of the competition and the duties of a TD. If appropriate the Candidate should be given the opportunity to lead Jury Meetings. The Candidate must be supplied with a Jury radio in order to be fully conversant with what is going on. (This may need to be arranged with the OC well in advance.)

The OC is not obliged to meet the expenses of the Candidate TD although any assistance offered would obviously be much appreciated.

The Candidate TD is not permitted to undertake any other responsibilities for the OC during the assessment. However, at a combined event such as a Children / Junior Championships they may be assessed at the first and act as a race official at the second.

The Candidate TD must complete a TD report as well as all other relevant race documentation as if they were the TD. The actual TD must send this together with their own official TD report and a confidential report, as prescribed by the TD Forum, on the Candidate to the Chairman of the TD Forum, with a copy to the Candidate. The actual TD may conclude that the Candidate TD is ready for the practical examination or recommend that they undertake a further assessment

after gaining more experience. A Practical Assessment check list is shown at the end of this document and is also available for download as an Excel file from gbski.com.

5. Candidate TD – Practical and Verbal Examination

Assuming the Assessment Report to be positive, the Forum will appoint the Candidate TD to an event to act as the TD with a qualified British TD in attendance to examine the candidate's performance (and who may, if absolutely necessary, step in to avert a major mistake). The event must not be one organised by an association or Club of which the Candidate is a member or has had recent close affiliation within the past 2 years.

In order to save cost the examining TD may be a member of the OC. The examining TD must be issued with a Jury radio in order to monitor the Candidate TD. The examining TD will be appointed by the TD Forum and must have held a TD license for at least 5 years in the discipline/s being examined.

The Candidate TD will submit the TD report in the usual way (also giving a copy to the examiner) and the examining TD will write a confidential report on the Candidate, as prescribed by the TD Forum. A copy will be given to the Candidate TD. The TD Forum will consider this report and make a decision on TD acceptance.

6. British Technical Delegate

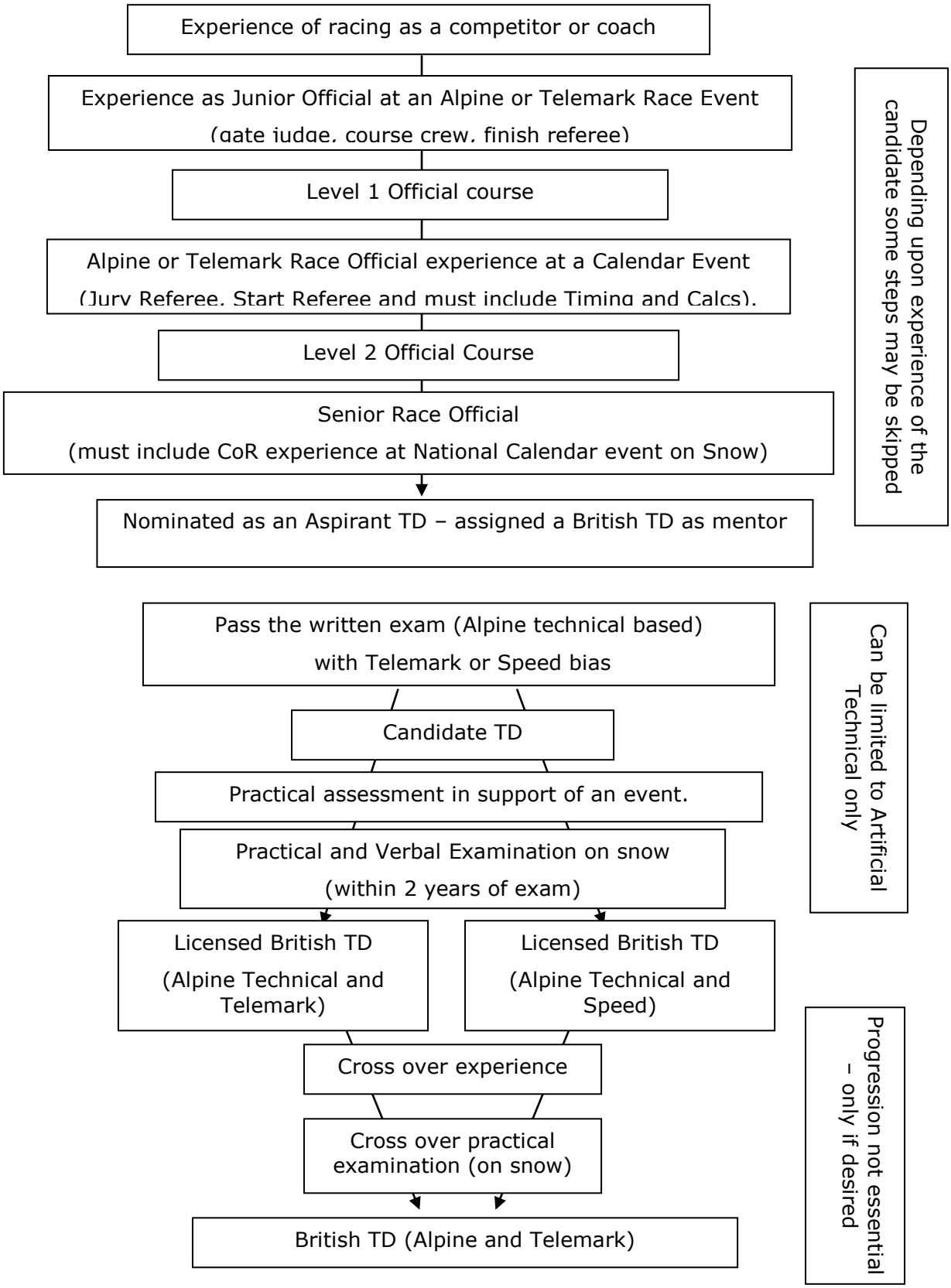
If the TD Forum considers the report to be satisfactory, the Candidate TD will be accepted as a licensed British TD and become a full member of the TD Forum. A list of current licensed GB TDs is published on www.gbski.com .

A British TD is obliged to maintain their qualification by attending the TD Forum annual update in November each year. Failure to attend for two consecutive years, without good reason, will result in the TD having to re-qualify.

GB Snowsport recommends a retirement age of 65 for British TDs.

7. Development Sequence

Telemark Officials and Technical Delegate Progression



8. Conversion from Artificial-only to Alpine

If a licenced British TD qualified only for Artificial slope events wishes to extend that qualification to 'full' Alpine status, the Development Sequence is the same as shown above in section 7, with the exception of the Written Exam.

9. British TD Development to FIS TD

A British TD who fulfils the FIS criteria may apply to the British FIS TD Commissioner to become a FIS TD. The Commissioner will discuss the application with the other British FIS TDs and, if they agree, will put the Applicant's name forward to the FIS Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates according to ICR art. 602.1.4.2.

10. Assignment of TDs to Events

The TD forum will allocate TDs to events on the British Calendar and the final list of allocations will be published at or soon after the November TD Forum meeting. TDs will normally be asked to provide availability dates and preferences for assignment. When allocating TDs, the TD Forum must:

a. Ensure that TDs are allocated at least one task per year whenever possible. TDs who fail to undertake an assignment for 2 consecutive years will lose their licences (ICR 602.1.7), subject to the TD Forum's final decision. If the assigned event is subsequently cancelled, then the assignment will still count as a full assignment. Undertaking the role of Chief of Race at a FIS event will count as a TD assignment if no TD assignment can be undertaken. This option must not be used in consecutive years.

b. Ensure that a TD is not assigned to an event if they are a member of the Event Organising Committee.

c. Take account of a TD's experience, discipline qualifications and availability when allocating an assignment.

11. TD Replacement

The replacement should likewise meet the requirements of BCR VII Art 6. In an emergency, an individual can be named who does not meet these criteria but is a suitably qualified and experienced to ensure the safe conduct of the race.
Stringent criteria must be applied when choosing this individual and the Chair of the TD Forum must approve the replacement.

12. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2006	Nov 2006	Document created from "BCR 2004".
Nov 15	15-Nov-15	Addition to 10a last sentence to clarify the use of the FIS CoR role as a replacement for an assignment.
Nov 16	6-Nov-16	Change to Development Sequence.
Nov 18	4-Nov-18	Replace BSS with GB Snowsport.
		8. Conversion from Artificial to Full TD Licence clarification.
Nov 19	27-Nov-19	List of licensed TDs now published on www.gbski.com in lieu of physical licences.
Nov 20	15-Nov-20	Gender neutral amendments.
	15-Nov-20	New rule on the criteria and process to replace a TD.
Dec 23	5-Dec-23	Increase TD travel expenses to £525.
Nov 24	5-Nov-24	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.

EXPENSES CLAIM FORM for ALPINE TECHNICAL DELEGATES

To be handed to the Organisers before departure.
Payment may be in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer as agreed.

EVENT	PLACE
NAME OF TD	EMAIL ADDRESS
DATE OF ARRIVAL	DATE OF DEPARTURE
DAILY ALLOWANCE NUMBER OF DAYS X £100	AMOUNT £
TRAVEL COSTS BY CAR / TRAIN / AIR FROM: (please attach receipts)	AMOUNT £
FOR BANK TRANSFER BANK SORT CODE ACC.NO.	**TOTAL CLAIM** **£**
SIGNATURE	DATE

BCR art. 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.