

British Telemark Ski Competitions

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1. General

1.1. ICR

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

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

1.2. British Competition Framework

The British Telemark Rules (the "BTR") comprises this document (BTR 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 Telemark competition framework of which BTR forms a part also includes rules for competitions on indoor snow. Competitions on artificial slopes are not included in this rule book.

1.3. Terms

For definitions and abbreviations, see Part 3.

The words he/his should be taken to include she/her/hers as appropriate.

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

1.4. Sponsors

Each BTR 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 BTR within the auspices of BSS.

1.5. Amendments

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

1.6. Document Versions

All books in the BTR are re-issued annually, after each autumn meeting of the GBR 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 and / or telemark.org.uk web site.

2. Rules: Amendments to ICR and TICR

Unless specifically amended in this Section, throughout the ICR and TICR 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 and TICR where appropriate.

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 Championships
201.3.2 Constituent Group (CG) (for example UKAFWSA ISSSC)
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 to GBS office (see BCR Book IV).

203 Licences and Registration

203.1 The British Telemark Seeding System (BTSS) 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 at National Championships who are not members of clubs or teams have the right to nominate representatives to attend team captains' meetings. The Jury is responsible for representing the interests of those competitors who otherwise may not be represented.

217 Draw

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

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

221.1 Health and Fitness

Each athlete or his guardian is responsible for the competitor's health and fitness for the competition he enters.

221.6 Medical Services required from Event Organisers

221.6.1 Event Medical 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.

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 protests against the decisions of the Jury.

225.2 The decisions of the Appeals Commission will be sent by GBS (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.

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 **Appointment** For all seeded events on the British Calendar, the TD Forum appoints the TD. CGs may make recommendations for these 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

See BCR I 602.5

603 Course Setter

603.7.3 All courses must be set according to BTR.

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."

606 Competitors' Outfits

606.7 The wearing of competition suits (catsuits) or similar one- or multi-piece clothing by U10/12 is prohibited. Clothing worn by U10/12 must offer full ankle-to-wrist protection from the elements.

607 Age Limits

607.4 U10/12 are those competitors in the four years under the age of U14/16.

608.6 Allotment into Groups and Start Order

608.6.5 U10/12 Events

All U10/12 events are to comprise two single run races with the fastest time to count. The runs are not seeded.

The Jury will decide the Category start order and announce it at the Team Captains' Meeting. The start order for Race 1 is the standard draw. The start order for Race 2 will be the reverse of the start order for race 1. Coaches will retain responsibility for ensuring that any competitor falling in Race 1 is withdrawn from Race 2 if there may be a possibility of injury and/or equipment failure.

611.2 Timing Equipment

611.2.5 For all British events, System A, System B and hand timing are compulsory. For CG and Club events, System A and hand timing are compulsory, System B is strongly recommended.

625.2 Award of Prizes in the Case of a Terminated Competition

For Giant Slalom and Sprint events 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, then the results of the 1st run become the race results for the purposes of awarding prizes only. For Classic, in exceptional circumstances, trophies may be presented if at least 60% of the competitors have started. This rule does not apply to seeding.

627 Not Permitted to Start (NPS)

627.3.1 Concussion

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 submitted with the protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld, otherwise it goes to the account of the GB Snowsport for Youth Development Activities.

645 Authorisation

The following are authorised to submit protests: -
- CGs,
- trainers or coaches,
- 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 Replace with "Appeals must be submitted in writing to GBS or CG office as appropriate."

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

647.1.4 Replace with "The decisions against the appeals are taken by the Appeals Panel convened by GB Alpine and Telemark 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, GS, Sprint or Classic may be held on a homologated SG course. All normal course criteria and safety requirements must however be in place.

1703 Start Order and Group Draw

1703.1 For British races special regulations for start orders and group draws are detailed in BTR Art 608.6.5.

1703.2 The start order is generated by random drawing of the first 15 competitors (mixed gender). Where a large disparity of ability (Points) is apparent then ICR Art 621.3 should be applied.

1706.3 Lines

1706.3.3 If a single colour is to be used to mark the lines of the course this should be announced in the team captains meeting prior to the race. Athletes should be advised to conduct a thorough inspection before the race.

1707 Inspection

1707.1.1 An Official Training day is not required if races are part of a wider training event.

1717 Entry Fees

1717.1 Where entry fees are charged they must be clearly announced in advance on the GBSki website (www.gbski.com) and apply to all racers equally.

1717.2 Fees may not exceed £100 per person per day including accommodation (full board), lift pass, racer entry fee and administration or £85 for half board accommodation, lift pass, racer entry fee and administration.

1800 Special Rules for Telemark Giant Slalom

1803.1 Replace, "For the purposes of generating a start list the GB Snowsport Telemark seed points system – SP Category should be used."

1900 Special Rules for Telemark Classic

1901.1 Replace "Vertical Drop: between 200-500m"

2000 Special Rules for Telemark Sprint

No changes to TICR.

2200 Special Rules for Parallel Sprint

2201.1.3 Add "Two run heats may be used for the semi-finals, small and big final provided it is announced at the Tem Captain's meeting prior to the race."

2207.2.2 Add "TICR Art 1712.7 can also be applied to display athlete's penalties or where a flag system is used to indicate penalties instead of panels the following applies:

No flag raised = no penalty

Blue flag raised = 1 penalty

Red flag raised = 2 penalties

Yellow flag raised= 3 or more penalties

2207.2.3 Add "Where flags are used instead of panels the pole must be the same colour as the course they refer to (blue or red)

3. Definitions

GBS. GB Snowsport.
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.
Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS). The International Ski Federation.
Force Majeure. Unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances for which a deviation from the rules may be required.
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 British Alpine 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.
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 (SSS)
Armed Forces (UK) Winter Sports Association (AF(UK)WSA) – this includes RN, Army and RAF single Service Winter Sports Associations)

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 GBS.
Telemark International Competition Rules (TICR). The FIS Rules for International Telemark Skiing.

4. Aide Memoire

1716 Telemark Aide Memoire for British Races

Race	GS	SP	CL	PS	TPS	Parallel slalom
VD	125-350m	100-150m	200-500m	70-120m	70-120m	60-100m
Planned run time recommendation best 10 skiers	55-75 seconds	40-70 seconds	100-170 secs	30-50 secs	30-50 secs	20-25 secs
Recommended Gate distance	23-28m	20-25m	23-30m	18-22m	18-22m	20-24m
Number of Runs	2	2	1	1 per heat (except podium races where 2 per heat)	1 per pair per heat	
Jump height	<1m	<1m	<1.5m	<1m	<1m	<1m
Number of jumps	1	1	1 or 2	1	1	1
Jump length	5-25m	5-25m	5-30m	5-20m	5-20m	
No of 360	0	1	1-2	1	1	0
360 radius	----	5-9m	5-9m	4-7m if two 360 used 7-10m if one 360.	4-7m if two 360 used 7-10m if one 360.	----
Start Type	Slalom or fixed	Slalom	Slalom or fixed	Course clear	Course clear	Course clear

Mountain Race – VD 500m, approximately 1 hour of ascent is required that can be conducted in a circuit or loop layout.

5. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
Nov 12	TBC	Ver 1 BTR
Nov 15	Nov 15	2209.3.1 614.2.5 MG to CG
Nov 16	Nov 16	Version 2 BTR complete review following reissue of FIS TICR Minor amendments to document formatting throughout 217.2, 224.17, 602.2.3, 602.4.3, 602.5, 608.6.5, 644.4, 647.1.2, 1703.1, 1706.3.3, 1716, 1717.1, 1717.2, 1801.4, 1803.1, 1901.1, 1902.2, 2002.2, 2201.1.3, 2207.2.2, 2207.2.3
Nov 19	Nov 19	Minor Formatting, Changes from BSS to GBS, 602.5, 647.x 1716. Inserted:1703.2, 1707.1. Deleted: 1801.4, 1902.2, 2020.2
Dec 20	Dec 20	627.1 NPS for Concussion

Nov 23	Nov 23	602.5 TD travel max expense increased to £525 reflecting TD forum decision Nov 23.
		614.2.5 removed as it duplicates TICR 23/24 rule 1708.4
Nov 24	Nov 24	602.5 TD travel max expense increased to £535 reflecting TD forum decision Nov 24.