

British Telemark Ski Competitions

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1. Aims of the Telemark Officials' Pathway

The GB Snowsport Telemark Officials' Pathway aims to:

- Provide appropriate, enjoyable and accessible training for anyone interested in acting as an official at events run or supported by GB Snowsport.
- Provide a progression pathway for those interested in volunteering for more challenging roles on the hill, in the timing hut or race office.
- Provide support for Telamark Officials development to foster a full and up-to-date awareness of race regulations and protocols.
- Provide a necessary progression for those aspiring to be accepted as an aspirant Technical Delegate (TD).
- Provide Officials with regular, accessible Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This is based around the Level 1 Course and the Annual Update which covers all hill roles. This will be delivered during Ex Telemark Titan, RN Snow Sports Championship, ISSSC and through attendance of the TD Forum November Update meeting.

2. Overview

The Telemark Officials' Pathway accredits Officials at 5 levels.

The Pathway also allows officials to be validated for specific roles at a higher level before gaining accreditation at that level.

In order to be on the Telemark Officials' Pathway, participants must:

- Be registered with a Home Nation National Ski Association (which includes RNWSA, AWSA and RAFWSA as well as SE, SSW and SSS) as an Official.
- Opt-in to the Telemark Officials' Log.

It is intended that most training required by this pathway is delivered on the hill understudying in the various roles, whilst there will be a need for some theory instruction classroom work should be kept to a minimum.

3. Level 1 (Gate Judge/Start & Finish Marshal)

Level 1 provides an introduction to all Telemark ski races formats with a focus on Sprint. This includes:

- The layout of a race hill
- A basic understanding of courses, including:
    - Gates
    - Jumps
    - Looms
    - Zone markings (red and blue lines)
    - Yellow gates
- An understanding of rules relating to:
    - Penalties
    - Correct passage
    - Yellow zones
    - Climbing/loosing a ski
    - Denying a start
    - Start procedures
    - Legal finish

Level 1 includes a general introduction to all roles and a more detailed explanation of the roles and responsibilities to:

- Start Marshal

- Gate Judge
- Finish Marshal

Level 1 courses can be delivered by an accredited Telemark COR (Level 5) or a Telemark TD. The course must cover the elements listed above but the format is flexible. Courses may, for example, split the course time between classroom and on-slope, using official paperwork. Any course format is acceptable providing it covers the elements listed and is delivered by an accredited tutor.

4. Re-accreditation at Level 1

If a candidate has not progressed to Level 2 within three years of achieving Level 1 Accreditation, revalidation is by re-taking the Level 1 course.

5. Level 2

Once accredited at Level 1 a participant moves to Level 2 by:

- Volunteering as Gate Judge in 2 occasions (the first time must be within 12 months of the L1 course),
- Volunteering as Start Marshal or Finish Marshal twice.

6. Re-accreditation at Level 2

- Volunteer at least 3 times in the three years since the course,
  - One of the times must be as Gate Judge
- Re-take the L1 course every three years.

The volunteering for accreditation and re-validation may be at a qualifying event or at a club or regional event providing:

- Current paperwork and protocols are followed
- The event is overseen by a L4, L5 or TD

7. Progression Beyond Level 2

Once accredited at Level 2, participants can attend further courses, be validated for specific hill roles and seek accreditation at higher levels. Further courses are modular and are role specific. Participants achieve validation in one or more roles which, cumulatively, lead to higher accreditation levels. The process is to take a course, gain experience and then be validated.

The following courses are available beyond Level 2 and lead to Level 3:

- Start Referee.
- Finish Referee.
- Referee.
- Chief Gate Judge (this role has no requirement for post-course experience)

8. Course Structure



Pre-Course

- Read the relevant sections of BTR, TICR and ICR
- Read the briefing notes
- Download the race paperwork (this is about becoming familiar with the forms in advance of the course)

Course

The courses are tutor-led and can be online or face-to-face. The course material is not in the public domain, but the briefing notes are designed to provide both introduction and revision of the course contents.

Shadowing

- It must be a qualifying race1 (i.e., with a TD)
- There must be an opportunity to observe an Accredited Official
- They must not be left unattended (but may have the opportunity to perform the role under supervision for the second run)
- Is an attend, not a pass/fail

Validation

- It must be a qualifying race2 (i.e., with a TD)
- They must perform the role for a whole run, including the paperwork
- Post-race they are signed off by the TD who will make the final accreditation decision.
- The TD should ask the simple question; "Was the candidate competent?"

Completion of the above for each role confers validation for that role.

Re-validation

To re-validate, participants must be accredited at Level 2, and perform the role at least once every three years from the date of validation. If unable to do so, they must re-take the course but do not need to re-gain the experience.

9. Level 3

Accreditation at Level 3 is the product of being accredited at Level 1 and being currently validated for all the following roles:

- Start Referee
- Finish Referee
- Referee
- Chief Gate Judge

10. Re-accreditation at Level 3

Participants remain accredited at Level 3 if they remain validated for the relevant roles (including the requirement to remain accredited at Level 2). If accredited at Level 3, Officials are no longer required to re- take the Level 1 course as part of maintaining their Level 2 Accreditation if they have attended an Annual Update Course within the past 3 years. All Level 3 Officials are encouraged to attend the TD Forum November Update meeting annually.

11. Level 4

The following courses make up accreditation at Level 4 and they should be taken in this order:

- Be accredited at level 3
- The Jury - this course has no requirement for post-course experience

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[1] ***Qualifying Race Any*** *Race with a TD run according to ICR (or ICR as modified by BCR)*
[2] ***Qualifying Race Any*** *Race with a TD run according to ICR (or ICR as modified by BCR)*

- Chief of Race

Having had the opportunity to shadow each role the candidate must be validated and signed off by a TD to accredited as a Level 4 Telemark Official.

12. Re-accreditation at Level 4 (re-validation as CoR)

- Be accredited at level 3 - not required for re-validation only
- Be Chief of Race at least once every 3 years or retake the courses. Officials re-taking the course do not need to re-gain the experience
- Attend an Annual Update Course within the past 3 years
- Attend the TD Forum November Updated meeting within the past 3 years

On a case-by-case basis, individuals with a proven track record of acting as CoR will be deemed to have L4 status for races run for their own club or academy or for an event shared with another club or academy.

13. Level 5

Experienced Level 4 Officials may be added to a list of those accredited at Level 5 on agreement of at least two Telemark TDs. This confers the right to be the sole tutor on L1 Courses and co-tutor on other courses. They should be considered for potential to become Aspirant TD's3.

14. Alpine Officials' Transition to Telemark

Alpine Officials should be encouraged to convert their Alpine Officials accreditations to Telemark to increase their employment and employment flexibility. In most cases this transition will be straight forward building on the common elements of the two disciplines. However, some training, and where relevant validation, is required to ensure all officials know and understand their roles and responsibilities.

Level 1-3

Alpine Level 1, 2, and 3 Officials can be converted to the equivalent level Telemark Official with "on the day" training covering the additional roles and responsibilities required for Telemark races. No validation is required.

Level 4-5

All Alpine Level 4 or 5 official may transition to a Telemark Level 4 Official.

It must be noted that an Alpine level 5 official will transition to Telemark Level 4 until they have gained sufficient experience in telemark races, they will then be signed of as Telemark Level 5 in the normal manner.

Prior to attending a telemark race the candidate should familiarise themselves with BTCR and TICR.

They will need to achieve the following at a qualifying race to be validated as a Telemark Level 4 Official:

- Shadow the TD to understand the telemark specific elements of the race and prove to the TD they have a good working knowledge of telemark specific rules.
- Shadow the CoR to understand their role and responsibilities.
- Be validated by TD in the role of CoR

[3] See BCR Book VII: TD Development and Assignment for further details.

15. Other Courses

Timing

Timing is a practical course which introduces the mechanics of setting up a timing system for a race. As a practical course, it can only be run at a ski centre using a genuine timing system. The course covers setting the start gate, the finish beam and wiring/relaying both back to the timing hut. The course also covers troubleshooting timing problems caused by technical faults and environment. Validation is by course completion and there is no re-validation requirement – though participants who have not been involved for some time may wish to re-take the course as a refresher. The Course also covers acting as starter, but this role can also be performed by someone trained on the day. For Telemark Officials the course must include how the penalties are collated/checked and inputted into SkiPro.

Calculations

Calculations is an online or face-to-face tutor-led course. It deals with all the data management and report generation required for a race from competitor input to results. The course can only be led using set material by a pool of trainers, drawn from experience officials. The course also covers training the starter and Back-up timers. For Telemark Officials the course must cover Telemark F Factors and GB specific seed point calculations.

Race Secretary

Race Secretary is an online or face-to-face, tutor-led course. The course takes approximately 2 hours and uses prescribed material. The course can only be led by officials who are in a pool of experience Race Secretaries. Validation follows a similar process as for hill roles. After taking the course, participants should shadow/assist an experience Race Secretary. Validation follows successfully acting as Race secretary under the mentoring of an experience race secretary (not necessarily a member of the trainers' pool). Re-validation is by attending an Annual Update course, at least once every 3 years.

Safeguarding

In order to act as Safeguarding Officer for a race, participants must hold a current DBS check and have attended the "Time to Listen" course. These are also the requirements for continued validation

16. Roles With "On the day" Training

- Starter
- Back-up timing
- Provisional Times Board
- Commentator
- Course slip crew

17. Current List of Accredited Level 5 Officials

Nil

18. Document History

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