MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT ON 16 MAY 2015

ITEM	ACTION
1. PRESENT Ian Roberts – (IR) Chair Kevin Webb (KW) Secretary David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair Ross Anderson (RA) Susie Berry (SB) Mark Berry (MB) Tristan Cole (TC) Jamie Davies (JD) Richard Dawe (RD) Peter Heath (PHe) Maud Instone (MI) Richie Love (RL) Derek Metters (DMe) Adrian Pery (AP) Andrew du Plessis (AdP) Michelle Quaile (MQ) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Paul Trayner (PT) Gwyneth Watson (GW) **2. APOLOGIES:** Julian Adams, Ingie Christophersen, Nicki Cullen, Richard Ellis, Tim Fawke, Hannah Hazeldine, Steve James, Sid James, Martin Leach, Christophe Lemeire, David Mansfield, Ross McMillan, John Poole, Logan Tannock, Peter Willis, Larry Young	
3. Minutes of 16 November 2014 Meeting. The Minutes were approved.	
4. Matters Arising not already on Agenda. **5.2 Official's Courses**. SB reported that progress was being made. **6.4 IT Support.** The Chairman reminded all TDs that they are to ensure that they leave resort with a full set of results & reports. **7 FIS ICR.** The Chairman stated that IC was investigating why the GBR quota for CIT races had been reduced. **11.1 FIS Quotas.** Proposal for reciprocal double quota between lowland nations, GBR, BEL & NED. It was agreed that it would be in our interest to have such an agreement. MB to write a proposal to be presented, through TD Forum Chair, to the BSS Alpine Business Group meeting in June to seek approval before presenting to FIS.	**All** **IC** **MB**

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11.2 Cameras in competition area. RA requested guidance on this matter, stating that we need consistency. It was agreed that cameras could be used during inspection to film the course. However, competitors were not permitted to wear or use a camera during the race.	**All**
5. Reports from delegates. **5.1 British Ski & Snowboard.** See Report. AP reported that there was now a mandate for the Alpine Business Group (ABG) to report to the Alpine, Speed skiing and Telemark Committee (ASTC). **5.2 BARSC.** See Report. SB requested that the LSC Schoolgirls races be granted dispensation to run the event under team draw rules for 2016 - Agreed. SB asked if it would be possible to have a staged approach to Calendar Applications, as Contracts etc. are often not finalised until later in the season. This was agreed, as it was the dates for the Calendar that were important. The Chairman also stated that Invoices were not sent out until Calendar Applications had been approved. RA (Chair Rules Sub-Committee) to work with MI (Calendar Sub-Committee) to revise the format of the Application for the 2016/17 Season – Timeline November 2015 **5.3 CSWSA.** See Report. **5.4 SSE.** See Report. **5.5 SSW.** See Report. **5.6 SSS.** See Report. **5.7 British Championships, Snrs/Jnrs.** See Report. PT stated that they had had problems with course setting during the Champs, and stressed the importance of discussing course setting with the Course Setters beforehand. **British Championships, Children.** See Report. **5.8 Telemark.** See Report.	**RA/MI**
6. Seeding and IT. **6.1 BASS**. See Report. PHe reported that there was little change from last year. MI asked about the Cut Off Points for the British Champs, after discussion it was agreed that it was up to the OC to decide where the cut off should be. JS wished to thank PHe for his work in calculating Foreign Points. The Chairman thanked PHe for all his work throughout the year. **6.2 oBARTS.** See Report.	

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6.3 iBARTS. See Report. **6.4 IT Support.** See Report. The practicality and necessity of completing Timing reports, especially in Alpine resorts, was discussed. It was decided that the full report was not required (**DJM to withdraw form for gbski**) but inspection ot the Timing equipment was important to ensure that it was homologated. **All TDs to complete timing information on TD Report Form**. DJM reported that the On-Line system was progressing and it was planned to switch over in August. The Chair thanked DJM and GW for their work.	**DJM** **All**
7. FIS Matters **7.1 Update.** MB stated that there were several proposals being put forward regarding double entries, not being permitted to start, equipment checks, Entry and Draw times and coloured gate banners that could come into effect in the next precisions. **7.2 Medical.** See Report. JS reported that Helmet Rules would be enforced for U16/14 at FIS events from November 2016. There is also a discussion going on into reverting to the previous FIS Junior entry age, as well was further work being done on helmets. Because there seems to have been an increased number of injuries to U16/U14 athletes during the last season, BSS is setting up a survey to look in a bit more detail at the nature of the injuries, and the numbers. The survey questions have been designed alongside other nations, with the hope of setting this up as FIS-based survey in the next year or two. Medical Plans in the UK are being provided with the correct information. The updated British Injury Report form is working well, forms are going to BSS, The Chair would forward reports from this season to JS. (Done by email 31 May 2015) **7.3 Proposal to hold Lowlands ENL event**. A proposal to hold an ENL event at Landgraaf had been made to FIS by CL. It was decided that delegates to the FIS Spring meetings should work in situ to support the proposal. **7.4 FIS ICR.** MB stated that as far as fairings and peaks are concerned, if the helmet is FIS approved, it is OK. Do not get competitors to remove GoPro mounts (risk of damage), either allow them to race or not.	**Chair** **FIS Delegates** **All**

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8. British TD Matters. **8.1 Contact List.** See attached. Please inform the Chairman of any changes. **8.2 Candidate and Aspirant TDs & Mentors.** Paul Trayner - PT received an exceptional report on his Practical Exam, Congratulations. Tim Fawke - Passed Practical Exam. Hannah Hazeldine - Passed Practical Exam. Richard Love - Passed Assessment. Andrew du Plesis - Written Exam passed, will discuss intentions for Assessment with Mentor. Jamie Davies - Accepted as Telemark Candidate, Assessment next season. RA mentioned Simon Horn, Justin Bennett, Lloyd Morgan and James John as potential Aspirant Service TDs. The Chair requested that their CVs be forwarded to him. Nikki Cullen - had not carried out the necessary Assignments or responsibilities in lieu. TD License withdrawn. In order to be reinstated she would have to pass the Practical Assessment/Exam again. PT proposed Aileen Patterson as an potential Aspirant TD. The Chair requested that her CV be forwarded to him. Following on from the discussion regarding currency, it was agreed that the Rule is changed to clarify that if a TD is unable to take an Assignment, then undertaking the role of CoR of a FIS event will count instead, but for the relevant season only. **RA to incorporate in BCR.** **8.3 Sanctions Update.** RD reported that a competitor had been sanctioned at an indoor race for side slipping a Course prior to it being open for inspection without permission. Sanction was a late Start. **8.4 Child Protection and Disclosures.** See Report. **8.5 National Referee Qualification Programme.** SB reported that it was progressing and that the Coaches were still working on the Training Programme. It was decided that no further action was required. **8.6 Injury Survey Update.** JS had nothing further to report.	**RA**

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8.7 Alpine to Telemark TD Conversion. AP stated that he would provide a flow chart on how this would be achieved.	**AP**
8.8 TD Forum Structure.	
Training. KW stated that work progressing and further consultation with SB & DJM was required. KW requested more information from The Chair with regards to Attendance and Assignments.	**KW/Chair**
Rules. RA stated that the Committee was working more effectively.	
Safety & Security. MB stated that work was on-going. DJM was assigned to the Safety & Security Sub-Committee to lead work with British Homologations.	**DJM/Chair**
Timing & Calcs. DJM stated that progress was being made & consultation was on-going, he was also seeking external assistance with programming tasks on the web site. RD volunteered to join the SC and continue in his current role of validator for artificial slope races.	
The Chair would re-circulate details of SC membership (Done by email 31 May 2015)	**Chair**
8.9 TD Forum Chair - The Succession. The Chair proposed that AP take over as TD Forum Chair from May 2016. Agreed. DJM was happy to continue as Vice Chairman.	**Chair/AP**
8.10 TD Resignation - Martin Leach. Martin's resignation was accepted with great regret. The Chair proposed to establish an additional Forum membership category 'TD Emeritus' to recognise valued service. Agreed that this status should be awarded on an individual basis. The Chair would write to Martin to thank him for his valuable service as a GBR TD and offer him TD Emeritus.	**Chair**
MI raised the question of age limit, stating that BSS recommends 65 as the retirement age. Discussed at length. There was a need to ensure that new younger TDs gain experience so as to maintain continuity as older TDs retire. As there is a limited number of Assignments, this may mean more senior TDs may need to step aside on occasions. In addition, Emeritus status might provide an avenue for older TDs no longer to take assignments but also to maintain contact with the Forum and continue to contribute their experience. TC raised the question of insurance. The Chair would make enquiries with BSS.	**Chair**
9. British Calendar & TD Assignments.	
9.1 British Winter Calendar and TD appointments 2015/2016 Winter Season. MI reported that Calendar Applications were still	

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coming in, and reminded everyone to ensure that they came in promptly, even if it is just the dates for now. A copy of the provisional Calendar has been circulated. The Chair requested a volunteer for the BUDS Races on the 6/7th November in Edinburgh, FS volunteered. MI stated that the complete Calendar/Assignments would be circulated prior to the November meeting.	
10. BCR/BACR. **10.1 Rule Changes.** See Report. BCR. 608.6 Tidy up of wording. 1002.4 Homologation, this was discussed at length and it was decide delay any decision until the November meeting. BACR. 4.2.3 Change to seed point cut off. 5.2.1 Re-wording of rule regarding use of stubby poles. **10.2 CSWSA Rules.** See report. RA stated that helmet rules were now up to date, and that ski lengths were to be reviewed. **10.3 Telemark Rules.** See Report. AP stated that Telemark wished to use Single poles for Sprint and GS races. Agreed. **10.4 Accident Report Form.** The feedback on the use of the new form was positive. It was agreed to continue to use the new form in future. **10.5 Race Structure.** MB had circulated for discussion a paper on the future race structure. More consultation was required with the Constituent Groups. AP stated that ASTC had discussed the matter and requested that the TD Forum look into it further, BSS wants to introduce more people to races and increase participation in racing. Safety would be a major consideration with regards to equipment. MB requested that this matter was discussed further amongst the Constituent Groups and sub-committees prior to the November meeting. Sub-committees were requested to report back by October 1st. **10.6 Artificial Slope Homologation**. DJM reported that he had collated the Homologation paperwork, which was now available online, and suggested that we should consider updating Homologations. It was decided that all TDs should look at the Homologations for the events that they attend this year, and provide photos and information to fill in any gaps. DJM also stated that he would provide FS with guidance for ensuring Homologations for Scottish slopes were up to date.	**RA** **AP** **All** **MB** **All** **DJM/FS**
11. Any Other Business. AP reported that the British Snowboard TDs were planning to set up their own Forum. To that end, Dave Tozer would attend the November meeting to gain background experience.	

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12. Date of Next Meetings **12.1** November 2015 dates: 13 - 15 November 2015 Holiday Inn, Eastleigh, Southampton. **12.2** May 2016 dates: 14 May 2016 Possibly SSE Offices, Loughborough.	**Chair**

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Request to organize ENL races in Landgraaf NED before the evaluation periode

Application by Mr Christope Lemeire, Royal Belgian Ski Federation:

Dear Tatjana,
Dear Julia,

I am Referring to an earlier conversation I had with Janez (see below).

Behalf of the Lowland nations, we would like to organize an ENL in the weekend of 26/27 September 2015 at Landgraaf (homologation 11352/09/14).
I think this request needs to pass the classification comity.

We (The lowland nations) have no mountains or ski resorts where we can hold any races, however we have some great indoor snow halls where we could organize some races. (unfortunately we have to organize this outside the Northern Hemisphere season because we cannot organize it otherwise. outside the season the managers are prepared to close their piste for the public but during the season they will not give up their piste for races).

Our request is now to start with the organization of an ENL FIS event as a test case and evaluate this afterwards. Last year we have organized this event in Belgium as an open competition. This was a great success, we had more than 250 competitors from (GBR,NED,BEL and LUX). I believe there is a great potential in this kind of races. In the future we would like to develop a “system/circuit” that matches the indoor races, but first thing is to try out an ENL event.

I believe this could be a big step forward in the development of alpine ski racing for the Lowland nations.
I hope we could receive a positive feedback from the comity in Varna.
If you or the comity have some question or need more information, please let me know.

Best regards,

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Progress Update May 2015

TO: TD Forum

DATE: 15th May 2015

REPORT: Dave Edwards, CEO

SUBJECT: Progress Report

1. OBJECT

To report on the major operational performance items of British Ski and Snowboarding during the last six months

2. SUMMARY

During the last six month:

- We have hosted the Delancey British Alpine Championships in Tignes. The financial support from Tignes in 2015 was greater than that offered by Meribel for the same period. In fact Meribel could not have hosted us until four days later than we required because of their arrangement to host the FIS World Cup finals. Hosting the event in Tignes for the first time in eleven years presented a variety of challenges. The athletes, coaches and parents should be immensely grateful to Paul Trayner, Maud Instone and the volunteers that worked so hard in their respective teams. These volunteers overcame some of the deficiencies notice in the local team when compared with the local support that we receive in Meribel. Extreme weather affected the first couple of days of the U16 and U14 races and there have been some formal comments made that will require an appropriate response in relation to the difficulties encountered following the adverse weather. We also need to resolve a dispute with Tignes who failed to honour all aspects of the contract that they had entered in to.
- We have started discussions with resorts in relation to the hosting of the 2016 Delancey British Alpine Championships. Meribel, Tignes and to a lesser extent Reiteralm have all made offers to host the event. Val d'Isere have suggested verbally that they wish to bid and have now been given an opportunity to respond to an RFI. Reiteralm have not formally responded to us but have extended invitations, a number of times, for us to visit and discuss possibilities with them. We believe that it would be appropriate to visit Reiteralm in December of January to discuss 2017 with them. Although the current Tignes offer is marginally financially better than Meribel's the lack of trust created through their reneging on part of our 2015 contract is worthy of consideration.
- We have held an election to enable our members to select a new Chair for the Alpine Speed and Telemark Discipline Committee. Mr Tony Trayner was the successful candidate polling 58 votes (60% of those cast) versus Mr Adrian Pery's 38 votes (40% of those cast). We are immensely grateful to Adrian for the work that he has carried out during the interregnum period. We are also very grateful to Tony for being prepared to give his time and effort to this position which can often have some very taxing dimensions to it.
- We have received and agreed the finalised UK Sport self-assurance audit report relating to BSS's Governance. We were delighted to move from amber to Green in UK Sports classification of our governance.
- We are working on a new fund raising initiative that could see a charity established to raise funds for the support of elite Snowsports.
- We are seeking a new Chair of the Board of Director of BSS following Professor John Brewer's announcement that he will step down at the Company's AGM in September 2015. Interested applicants should see http://www.teambss.org.uk/news/latest-news/chairman-of-british-ski-and-snowboard-to-step-down-from-september-2015/ and apply immediately!

Report to TD Forum – 16th May 2015

The BARSC Clubs ran a full programme of training and racing during the 2014 - 15 season. The poor snow conditions over Christmas New Year resulted in the BARSC Championships, scheduled to be held in Les Arcs, having to be run on a restricted programme in Tignes – Val Claret. This involved everyone in a great deal of extra driving and was by no means ideal. However Tignes tried very hard to co-operate on the little snow they had and all the events were run with finishes well above the top of the Stade.

BARSC has decided not to run a Championship over the New Year period in the 15/16 season due to the now unreliable snow conditions but we will explore other options for next season.

The one day FIS Super-G was again run in conjunction with the English Championships in Bormio as were the U10 and U12 events in parallel with the British U14 and U16 Championships in Tignes in April. The whole two weeks of competition in Tignes were disrupted by adverse weather conditions. Both these events will be repeated in 2016 and are awaiting the programmes of the respective Championships before the exact dates can be confirmed.

The LSC Schoolgirls races in Flaine were fully subscribed once again and some entry restrictions have been imposed.
Once again we would like to apply for dispensation to run this event under team draw rules for 2016.

The DHO Schoolboys races were again in Meiringen and will return for the coming season.

We are supporting the 2nd Lowlanders event in Landgraaf in September and are currently negotiating for a repeat of our event in Manchester in October but the latter is still to be confirmed.

The Kandahar Masters event was scheduled to be run in Megeve but the snow conditions forced a change at very short notice. Thanks to a huge amount of work and negotiation on the part of the Chief of Race, Richard Ellis, the event was moved to Morgins (SUI). We were unable to hold the Super-G but the competitors were delighted to have any events after so many cancellations up to that date. K was warmly thanked by all for their efforts and the new Chairman of the FIS Masters Committee, Stefano Arnhold, was very co-operative. The event will return to the same venue for 2016 and it is expected to include a Super-G on a newly homologated course.

Aiglon ran a BASS and a FIS CIT event and will do so again this season. The CIT event will tie in with the Welsh Championships across the valley making a series of 2 slaloms and 2 GS, which it is hoped will prove attractive.

BUCS ran a full programme of events on dry slopes, snowdomes and in the Alps. However they were disappointed by the lack of co-operation for the Main Event in Tignes. It transpired that the support did not exist to properly support the event run at the same time as the British. They are returning to Alpe d'Huez for 2016.

The DHO propose to run BASS races in the period between 27th December and 3rd January. The exact programme is still to be agreed with Wengen but they will require a TD.

BARSC wishes to continue to work with other member groups to establish British badged Race Officials' training courses.

Susie Berry
16th May 2015

Combined Services Winter Sports Association (CSWSA)

CSWSA – Annual Report to the British TD Forum – 16 May 2015

1. The 2014/15 season was another test for the Race Organising Committees due to the lack of early snow and weather conditions in the Alps this season. It is with great credit to them and the hosting resorts that they delivered competitions of an excellent standard under difficult circumstances.

2. Individual Service Championships were held at the following resorts:

Royal Navy	Tignes, France
British Army	Serre Chevalier, France
Royal Air Force	Saalbach, Hinterglemm, Austria

Overall the individual Service Championships achieved full races programmes, delivering successful events in another year of testing conditions.

3. The CSWSA Inter-Service Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) 2015 was again held in Meribel, France between 31 Jan-6 Feb. The resort had suffered from a lack of snow, but this only affected the snowboarding, due to the preparations for the World Cup Finals in March.

4. The race programme was completed with only the loss of one DH training day and this year was a very tight competition for both the men and the ladies teams. It would require a true team effort to win the 2015 Championship. The Ladies competition built on the performances from last year with all 3 Services competing with full teams for the first time in 3 years. The overall team champions for the ISSSC 2015 were the RAF Men and RAF Ladies Teams.

5. The success of the Championship was delivered by an experienced Hill Team, and supported by our knowledgeable and flexible TD Mark Berry. It was a great pleasure to have Mark's experience back at the ISSSC, at fairly short notice, and the Alpine Team would like to thank him for his support this year.

6. The race officials, team captains and trainers held a meeting after the final race of the championship to review ISSSC 15, focused on addressing any issues with the event format and the equipment regulations. The current format is considered to be optimum with the constraints of the other disciplines and the intent remains to review the ski regulations after the Winter Olympics in 2018, when FIS may change their equipment regulations. This allows the teams to put in place a financial plan for the purchase of new skis that will meet FIS regulations. It was agreed that there would be no changes to the current CS regulations, which are reviewed before and after each ISSSC. The CSWSA Board supports the current intent.

7. The Combine Services (CS) Ski Team represents the pinnacle of CS skiing achievement and is based entirely on performances at the ISSSC 15. Only racers considered of being a sufficient standard to compete at International FIS competitions are selected.

The 2015 CS Alpine Ski Team included; Lt Chris Sharrott (RN), AB Brett Wild (RN), Capt Joe Williamson (Army), Cpl Jonny Marsden (Army) and SAC Banarby Rudge (RAF).

The British National Championships provides the opportunity for Service racers to compete at a high level civilian event. This allows the CS Ski Team to gain valuable knowledge and experience as they step-up to the challenges of FIS racing. The organising committee and Tignes are thanked for their support to the culminating event of the winter racing season, which is seen as the ultimate test for the CS Ski Team.

8. Finally, the development and qualification of TDs in the CS continues with Cdr Richard Love (RN) completing his Speed Assessment as a Candidate TD. He is looking to identify an event next season to complete his exam, which fits with his availability. The Army has identified 3 officials who are looking to enter the TD Training Pathway and it is planned to submit their CVs at the November TD Forum. The RN and RAF continue to look for suitable officials who have the time to complete the Training Pathway.

Ross Anderson

Major Ross Anderson
CSWSA Chief of Race

GB Alpine TD Forum
Snowsport England Report May 2015

Sponsorship

We would like to thank our sponsors this year who have supported our racing programme, including Energiapura, Rossignol, Vital, Racer Ready, Ski Racing Supplies and Ski Bartlett who supported us at the English Champs.
We would also like to thank Bartletts, Atomic, UK slopes and organising clubs and regions for their continued support during 2014 and to Ski Bartlett and Rossignol who will continue their support for 2015.

Bormio 2015

Visiting Bormio for the eighth time for the English Alpine Championships, once again we managed to run a very full race programme with the help of our volunteers and the visiting clubs, coaches, racers and parents. The event had to be programmed into a shorter programme at the request of the resort, due to it taking place in the same week as Bormio Carnevale.

The opening parade was bigger and better this year, and once again very well-attended by visitors and local residents and dignitaries. We would like to thank Kandahar for once again hosting a drinks reception which unsurprisingly proved as popular as in previous years!

As for the racing itself, for 2015 Bormio had received more snow than in previous years and piste conditions were very good.. The children's programme was held on Stelvio and Stella Alpina pistes in Bormio and also for the first time, on the Adler piste in Oga on the opposite side of the valley. Piste conditions at Oga were softer than we would have liked. The programme was completed however.

The FIS races provided both international and British racers with quality fields to gain race experience and points during the week.

At the younger end of the age scale, a Technical Combi was once again run for the U10/U12 age groups. This proved to be popular experience for all and something that we hope to further develop for next year's Championships, when the Combi will be held back in Bormio.

We cannot finish without a big "thank you" to the team of volunteers who gave up their time to run what could be argued is now the largest event on the British Alpine Calendar. The organising team, led by Tim Fawke as Chief of Championships, David Manns as Chief Race Director, leading the activities on the hill during the week, and Andrea Grant continuing as Race Secretary. Particular thanks must go to David Manns once again as head of running the on-slope activities and did a great job.

Dates have already been set for 2016, running from 14th – 19th February. This will be a more familiar 6 day programme.

2015 Summer Season

The summer season is already under way with nine artificial slope events having already taken place by the weekend of this meeting. There are some signs of encouragement in that the early indoor races have shown healthy numbers of entries, despite being timetabled very soon after the end of the Alpine season and after a late Easter holiday weekend.

The number of indoor GBR race events has had to be reduced to just three, due to difficulty in negotiating a sensible rate for the races at Milton Keynes and Castleford. It is hoped that this can be resolved for the 2016 season.

The 2015 BASS indoor races at Landgraaf will not be held in 2015 due to the venue holding a major freestyle event on the planned weekend.

Following the first Lowland Indoor Championships which were held in September 2014 at Snow Valley in Peer, Belgium, the 2015 event is to be hosted by the Netherlands Ski Federation on 26th/27th September at Landgraaf. It is hoped that once again it will be a four nation event, as Luxemburg took part in 2014. Further details will be published during May.

Officials' Development and Training

Work has started to review and re-work the SSE Level 2 course and it will return to a 2 day course, as it has been in previous years. It should be noted that the course has evolved over the years and that SSE are the principal providers of this course and other related courses; and the other Home Nations are able to take advantage of these courses as required. Those who have completed the course provide the key resource for organisers of events, both on snow during the Alpine calendar and also at artificial venues during the summer season

There remains a difficulty in finding and developing sufficient numbers of race officials. A number of Level 1 courses are planned to be run, but it continues to prove hard to find a way to help people – or perhaps convince people – to make the step upwards towards the more senior positions. With the race calendar still being very busy we are relying on a very small number of people for those key roles.

It is encouraging however, to report that there is a significant interest from the North East Region of SSE to hold a Level 2 course this season.

Lloyd Jenkins
Chair, Alpine Race Committee
Snowsport England

Snowsport Wales TD Forum Report May 2015

Alpine

The Welsh Alpine Championships 2015 was held in January with increased entries in both BASS and FIS races compared to previous years. Due to the conditions on the hill at the time we were unable to hold our FIS races at Champery Les Crosets, but with a lot of goodwill from both resorts we managed to move the FIS races over the hill to Morgins and hold 2 slalom FIS races instead of our original programme of 1 slalom and 1 GS.

We had lots of excellent feedback from participants, coaches and parents alike, and expect further growth in these races in 2016, which will be our 10th anniversary of holding these races in Champery Les Crosets, Switzerland where we have benefitted from great support over the past few years.

For 2016 it is hoped we will collaborate with Villars (Aiglon College) to hold 4 days of FIS CIT races, hosting two days of SL in Champery Les Crosets followed by 2 GS races in Villars.

Programme for 2016
19th January 2016 – FIS/CIT SL
20th January 2016 – FIS/CIT SL
21st January 2016 – BASS SL & U10/U12 SL (using stubbies)
22nd January 2016 – BASS GS & U10/U12 GS

The races have proven very popular and have some great support from clubs and academies. Each year these races have provided excellent opportunities for athletes (FIS & BASS) to gain early season points. In addition to the athlete benefits, the Welsh Championships have provided some excellent opportunities for race official development.

Summer Racing

Snowsport Wales has already completed 2 entry level events at Pontypool and a new venue homologated for this season – Pembrey. Both events were well attended and the format seems to find favour with the target audience, with 3 runs of racing completed in an afternoon. These events have also proven a great vehicle for introducing new racers and training recruiting new officials. In particular Pembrey which is in a country park, next to the beach seemed to be popular with some of the athletes who had never been there before.

We have also held our Champery Slalom event at Gloucester as the first of 3 events held over the May bank holiday weekend. This seems to have stopped last years decline in entries as we had a much better entry of about 120 racers.

With next year being our 10th anniversary of running the Welsh Alpine Championships in Champery, we are hoping that some of our Swiss sponsors will be attending the Welsh & British Championship weekend in September at Pontypool.

Gwyneth Watson
Events Director
Snowsport Cymru/Wales

The alpine season began in France with the Anglo Scottish Champs in Les Houches
The Scottish Fis Races followed in Chamonix but the Scottish Fis races planned for Les Houches were cancelled.
The Lecht Open 24/25 Jan15 had good snow and Gordon skiers managed to run two Bass slaloms and two Bairns GS races.
Moving to Glenshee 7th/8th Feb 15 Aberdeen Snowsport ran two Bass slaloms a Bairns slalom and a Bairns combined.
The Hilton Coylumbridge planned for 21st/22nd Feb at Cairngorm was unfortunately cancelled and never rescheduled.
The Scottish Childrens and Bairns Bucket scheduled for Cairngorm 14/15 March had to move at very short notice to Nevis Range and we had two days of great races with full cover on the Goose nice sunshine no wind and plenty of snow on the home run to the top station.
Nevis Range along with other resorts had been closed for three weekends so they expected large crowds 14/15 and a decision was taken to postpone the Bairns Bucket until April and they had a great day on Cairngorm April 19th.
The Scottish Fis Champs went ahead at Nevis and Dougie ,Crawford returned to Scotland for his final races taking the GS title.
The weekend weather returned to Nevis and the remaining Fis races were cancelled.
The season on the whole was reasonable but our weather was not.
Sadly I have to report that Mollie Guest has decided to hang up her calculator and laptop say goodbye to ski pro and get on with enjoying skiing again.

Frank Staddle GBR T D



Delancey British National Alpine Ski Championships 2015 (FIS)
Report to the May TD forum – 16.05.2015

The 2015 British FIS Championships moved to Tignes, France this year, with the event running from 22nd to 29th March.

For the fourth year running we were able to complete a full programme of racing which, this year, required an extra special team effort from all involved. As you all know there is a great deal that goes into running events of this scale and the move of resort required a large amount of prior planning and effort in resort. The staff at Tignes Development was very helpful in the build-up and throughout the event and would like to see us back in 2016.

The Championships were sponsored for the fifth year by Delancey and we were delighted to have Sir John Ritblat in resort for the duration (his 37th!!). Delancey have agreed to sponsor the Championships again in 2016 as part of a sponsorship package that sees them sponsoring the whole of BSS across all disciplines.

Our FIS TD this year was Wilfred Bereiter (SUI) with whom we are very familiar and work well with. We had to push Tignes hard to provide us with the staff and the slope preparation that we required but were able to get there in the end. Wilfred made recommendations to FIS that a re-homologation was required and as it turns out the Lognan piste is due for re-homologation this summer. Whilst we were pushing Tignes to add B nets and prepare the A nets correctly there was some push back from the resort where they regularly stated that we were the only ones to ask for so many nets and other TD's normally just let it go. This

turned out not to be the case with at least one other FIS TD commenting about the metal poles littering the side of the piste and the need for their removal or additional protection.

Please find Wilfred's direct comments to me below:

- "Chief of ratracts and piste has to be part of the Event - every day - he has to help to build a WC standard piste, that means - work has to be done one week bevor NC start, the ratracs should be ready as soon the weather shows snow on the raceday.
- Safety has to be Nr. ONE - all A net have to be in the snow with blankets
- All the B net have to be ready to save the rockfaces, holes on the sides and iron poles
- The Panorama part should be larger - at least for two runs
- The starthouse DH should be part of the race and the place for the racers at the DH start has to be larger.
- For DH you Need at least 3 pisteur Groups and a Doc and the medicalcenter should be part of it - a clear saftyplan - also for SG
- Manpower on the hill has to have at least 25 (Gatecontroll and Timing not included) especially by bad weather.
- Skidoo is not allowed in the racetrac as soon the race is on - if he goes in - the race has to be stopped.
- If the weather is bad - there has to be a warm-up tent at the start and an event tent at the finish for the whole week"

The weather played its part early in the event with us having to compress the speed elements into 2 days. We ended up running 6 DH runs in one day and I think this shows that if the OC, TD and Team Captains work well together, anything is possible. The snow conditions held throughout the event and made for racing conditions as good as we have had at the British Championships for some years.

It is worth noting that in the NC GS Ladies there were a large number of injuries from a small field. On reflection this was down to tough conditions and the strength of the skiers.

There were some issues over course setting throughout the championships and no matter how experienced the course setter the experience taught me (again) that it is well worth making sure that the setter is preparing a course for the conditions and for the field.

The OC for this year contained many familiar faces and two new (or not so) ones. Davie Austin returned as Chief of Race for speed with Kev Webb, Derek Metters, Ross Anderson, Tim Fawke, Susie Berry and Aileen Patterson as Chiefs of Race and hill team. Aileen was new to the team and fitted in perfectly; I would strongly recommend her to any OC. Andrea Grant as Race Secretary was joined again this year by Alan Bullock as Chief of Calcs and all were ably assisted by Anne Taylor. We also had Gillian Poth on commentary this year who, again, fitted in very well and did an excellent job (despite pronouncing Quaich, quiche having previously asked me. A classic!). Sophie Morrison, Lucy Allman, Vicki Harris and Dave

Edwards were there representing British Ski and Snowboard and providing much needed support where necessary.

The OC worked very well together as usual this year, they have a wealth of knowledge and experience and get on and do the job without complaint. The hill team set up at Tignes is not on a par with Meribel and it required the OC to cover more roles on the hill including Chief of Course. This needed careful management from a safety standpoint in particular and the OC was able to adapt to these challenges beautifully.

The PR and marketing of the 2015 championships was again at a very high level driven by the staff at BSS and Olivia Gregory of Delancey.

For the 2016 Championships the proposed programme will be the same as this year with racing starting on Sunday March 20th. We have 2 proposals on the table from Meribel and Tignes and a decision on where to hold the event will be made in the very near future. The original plan was to return to Tignes, however, contractual difficulties, which I am sure that Maud will expand on, have forced us to look for alternatives.

All in all, a very successful championships run on an excellent hill with very good snow conditions. We had our issues but were able to deal with them professionally and provide the racers with the very best of events.

Kind regards

Paul Trayner

Paul Trayner
Chief of Championships (FIS)

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Delancey British U16 and U14 Alpine Ski Championships 2015
Report to the TD Forum 16th May 2015

The U16 and U14 Championships also moved to Tignes this year, running immediately after the FIS event from 30th March to 3rd April.

The Championships were sponsored for the fifth year by Delancey. We were delighted that Sir John Ritblat, in his 37th year supporting British skiing, was in Tignes for most of our week, representing Delancey. We are so grateful to Delancey who have agreed to sponsor the Championships again in 2016 as part of a sponsorship package across all the BSS disciplines.

Unseasonably bad weather dominated the week with heavy snowfall, strong winds and an avalanche across the race piste high up. However, through the hard work of the organising team, the coaches, the racers and the staff of Tignes, we were able to provide the athletes with seeded races in the three scheduled disciplines.

The weather made the week's planning very difficult and required flexibility from organisers and competitors alike. Monday 30th was lost following 40cm of overnight snow and the high winds which precluded the opening of most of the resort lifts. On Tuesday 31st there had been high winds overnight and further snowfall, which obscured the grooming which had been done in the early hours. Slaloms for both the U16 and U14 were run on the lower part of the Stade following boot-packing by the athletes, salting and then extensive side-slipping, although the second run was cancelled owing to poor weather and snow conditions. Unfortunately a technical timing issue nullified the results of the U14 SL. On Wednesday 1st April there was an U14 GS, on Thursday 2nd April an U16 GS and an U14 SL and the week concluded with Super-G for both age groups on Friday 3rd April.

The Organising Team was composed of Ian Roberts as CoR for U16 and Richie Love as CoR for U14, again ably assisted by Susie Berry, Derek Metters, Jenny Shute, Anne Taylor and Janine and Patrick Erdal. The team was strengthened this year by the addition of Anne Marie Houghton from the RAF. Ros Humphrey was our unflappable Race Secretary and Commentator and Gwyneth Watson was welcome back as our efficient Chief of Calculations. Unfortunately poor Kevin Webb was very unwell and spent almost the entire week in Bourg St Maurice hospital.

We were so pleased that Julian Adams was able to combine a FIS race in Meribel with our races to enable him to TD for us. Tristan Cole's experience was invaluable as the second TD. Milly Cooper joined the team to assist with PR. Sophie Morrison and Vicky Harris from the BSS office were indefatigable and we were pleased that Jane Campbell Morrison from Snowsports Scotland was able to assist the team when her other duties permitted.

There is no doubt that the additional 500m altitude of Tignes was of great benefit – even less racing would have been possible at a lower altitude – and the resort proved convenient. Unfortunately a still-unresolved contractual matter with Tignes caused considerable additional work for the organising team. If this can be overcome we would be happy to return to Tignes, although there is also a proposal from Meribel which is being considered. The dates for the U16 and U14 Championships 2016 are scheduled for 28th March to 1st April.

The 2015 Championships will go down as a week which tested organisers and athletes alike. However we were pleased that we succeeded in providing Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super-G seeded races for all the competitors in the face of very considerable odds.

Maud Instone

Maud Instone
Chief of Championships U16 and U14

TIGNES

Telemark Report to the TD Forum 16 May 2015

The 2014/15 Season was as successful one.

The British Championships saw 150 skiers across the training, main championships (85 racers) and the development races (60). One day, Telemark GS, was lost to illness of the TD and bad weather (fortunately coinciding but not deliberately so). The races were moved to an alternate piste due to lack of snow on the primary piste. Rauris is an excellent slope on the primary piste but quite low and the start of the season had limited snow cover although it had improved by the time of the races. There was sufficient snow to run the World Cup event, albeit both races were run (perversely) on the lower piste which is less satisfactory for the Classic. Rauris has an old timing system that is no longer compatible with Ski-Pro, this provided a few challenges, especially with the live-stream for the World Cup event. The location for the 2016 Championships, subject to an Army contract process, is yet to be announced but will not be Rauris.

The Inter-Services were able to run all races this year, despite some delays due to the consecutive use of the Stade after Alpine races and difficult weather on one day. Meribel offers an excellent slope for telemark and the ISSSC programming means a good profile for the sport but timings are always very tight which can inflame tensions that arise from differences between Alpine and Telemark rules. The proposed rule changes will go some way to alleviate the problems.

I have been engaged with the FIS Telemark Rules committee and hope that the changes proposed will also be reflected in the TICR for next season; however we need to ensure we set the conditions correctly for British Racing.

The British Indoor series last year was successful and is to be repeated with 4 events this year set across the summer and the country.

A number of concerns were identified this season:

> As Telemark uses a 'slalom' start (usually course clear on the jump or loom) restarting after a fall or stop is allowed. This is time consuming rather than unsafe, especially if a faller loses a ski. As races are often slower than an alpine race this can be significant. It is proposed to change the rules so that if a faller loses a ski they must retire.
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> Time and costs have led to some friction with locations and it would be sensible to allow single gates to be used for Sprint and GS in addition to the Classic and Parallel Sprint already permitted.
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> Running the parallel takes a significant amount of time and the early rounds are (usually) very predictable. To allow more racers (32 rather than 16) to qualify but also reduce the time taken for the early rounds we need to allow the early rounds of the knockout stages as one race per round rather than the cumulative two.

BASS Seeding and Registration Report for TD Forum May 2015

1. BASS Lists

All 5 lists were published as scheduled – the final list on 23rd April.

Two terminated U16 races were referred to the Timing & Calcs S/C.
In both cases, the decision was made in line with BCR 608.6.12: "All U16 technical events are to comprise a "standard" two-run race ….. the aggregate time to count for results, seeding and prizes."

2. End-of-Season Adjustment of U16/U14 Points

The adjustments applied to this end of season list were:

	SL	GS	SG
U16 Girls	-22.07	-30.43	-31.63
U16 Boys	-46.10	-37.75	-70.81
U14 Girls	-30.34	-41.31	-31.63
U14 Boys	- 4.71	- 1.35	-70.81

3. Annual Statistics

Number of races processed:

List	1	2	3	4	5	Total races	Total Indiv results
Races 2005		28	22	12	32	94	2227
Races 2006		49	12	6	61	128	3779
Races 2007		14	20	18	40	92	3596
Races 2008		20	32	36	42	130	5142
Races 2009		28	30	38	48	134	5138
Races 2010		10	28	88	45	171	5638
Races 2011		24	35	68	50	177	5608
Races 2012	12	22	54	46	46	180	5202
Races 2013	12	24	54	64	57	211	5278
Races 2014	12	43	40	68	60	223	4039
Races 2015	12	39	57	94	32	234	4158

Registration analysis

Year	ENG	SCO	WAL	CSWSA	TOTAL	Total excl CSWSA
2005	492	264	48	67	871	804
2006	494	280	49	45	868	823
2007	556	266	53	36	911	875
2008	587	258	55	40	940	900
2009 *	903	246	59	0	1208	1208
2010	1085	280	56	32	1453	1421
2011	1063	303	82	40	1488	1448
2012	1094	336	89	34	1553	1519
2013	1178	484	82	120	1864	1744
2014	1097	470	94	117	1778	1661
2015	1046	494	101	112	1753	1641

Year	U12	U14	U16	U18	U21	SEN	TOTAL
2005 F/M		61/112	83/151	58/95	55/84	35/137	292/579
2006		68/133	69/148	58/111	49/74	43/115	287/581
2007		77/125	73/157	65/114	59/86	40/115	314/597
2008		69/121	98/154	65/126	55/81	46/125	333/607
2009 *		103/155	125/163	95/177	61/119	48/162	432/776
2010	71/125	85/159	102/176	110/163	71/143	55/193	494/959
2011	84/119	80/161	106/186	98/163	75/146	69/201	512/976
2012	99/131	107/178	99/177	94/157	89/139	66/219	552/1001
2013	194/268	134/207	99/197	79.148	59/105	78/296	643/1221
2014	163/226	137/193	96/209	77/142	59/102	92/282	624/1154
2015	161/229	113/198	129/208	72/126	54/109	85/269	614/1139

* From 2009, includes all registered racers except Minis (Minis added 2010)

Peter Heath 14/05/15

British Alpine Skiing
BARTS: British ARTificial Seeding
Report to GB Alpine TD Forum May 2015

David Manns
National Seeder
07-May-2015

1. Zero Penalty

Having reviewed the races that have a zero minimum penalty, no change in the rules is proposed at this time. The race weekend at Landgraaf is the only potential issue, only one of the races should be allowed a zero minimum otherwise it would exceed the limit of one indoor and one outdoor zero per CG.

2. Two results from same venue

The current seeding regulations won't let you take two results from the same venue when calculating the 'average of best two results'. A change to allow two results from the same venue for the Indoor list has been proposed, largely as a reaction to the reduction in available indoor slopes due to over-enthusiastic pricing, but my recommendation to leave the rules as they stand for this season has been accepted.

This will be reviewed later in the summer and discussed amongst the CGs. If there is still a wish to alter the rules, a justified proposal will be tabled in November.

3. Race activity

Very little activity on the artificial circuit since November, but early indications are that the entry numbers are significantly up on last year.

British Alpine Skiing
Timing and Calculations Sub-Committee
Report to GB Alpine TD Forum May 2015

David Manns
TDF T&C SC
07-May-2015

GBSKI

Web Hosting

Following some performance and mail server issues, GBSKI was moved to a new hosting provider who have proved to be a little more helpful. This also means that GBSKI is now under its own hosting setup and no longer associated with one of my personal hosting packages. This takes it a step further towards corporate/group ownership and administration.

Some database issues caused problems on the site for a while during the winter season. These resulted in each attempt to retrieve competitor details causing a query to return over 600 million records, effectively bringing the server to a standstill! After diagnostic tests and some re-writing, performance is now back where it should be.

Result Processing

The majority of the winter race results are now in the system. Fewer problems were encountered this winter, although lack of information on the registration status of competitors continued to be an issue particularly early in the season. Work has now been done to partially overcome this via a live 'hook' into the new Snowsport England database, allowing details of recently-renewed and newly-registered competitors to be copied across into the GBSKI database without manual intervention. This should greatly reduce the incidence of rejected submissions due to 'missing' competitors.

The next task on the Winter results is to plug the last few gaps, then process them for seeding to compare against the official BASS lists, so that any issues with code and/or data can be addressed. This work will continue through the summer, as the current aim is still to switch over for the 2015-16 season to make GBSKI the master system for snow results and seeding.

Seeding

Due to the delays caused by the above issues, the seed list generation has not progressed as far as intended. Therefore the 2015 artificial slope seeding is still being done using the old desktop system. The intention is to switch this over partway through the season, possibly during the August 'recess' where little or no racing is done, so that the final BARTS lists for 2015 are generated from the new system.

Calculations for non-standard races

An application has been developed that will produce a penalty calculation for races where SkiPro is not capable of doing so. These include races where the winner is not registered, and those where there are fewer than five suitable finishers. The application works by reading directly from the SkiPro database files, which makes it very much a button-click exercise. The possibility of also generating a 'seeding only' results printout (i.e. one that omits all unregistered racers) is also being investigated.

Other activities

The list below is based on the intended SC 'remit' as listed in the November report, and picks out the key points under each heading.

Web site

Item	Activity	Intentions/Future
Documents	-	Ability to post more non-result documents that currently appear on Britski.
Rules	-	Replace 'static' Rules page with one driven from database table of published rulebooks, and allow admin of this to be handed over.
Notification	-	Register to opt in to receiving notification about results, lists, bulletins, etc.

Race Preparation

Item	Activity	Intentions/Future
Standard SkiPro files	-	Collect a set of standard SkiPro templates and filters for use by Calcs, TDs, etc.
Technical documents	Homologation files for artificial slopes have been placed online, all TDs covering art races have been given GBSKI login that grants access to files.	All remaining TDs to be given login.
Calendars	Calendars on GBSKI have been maintained in parallel with, and based on, information published on Britski.	Calendar SC to review process as we move closer to fully online setup? Appoint calendar manager(s)?
Publishing other documents	-	Need ability to post documents relating to specific events (which probably need a numbering scheme) and others not related to races.
Advice on timing systems	Advised Avon SC that Brower system not suitable for seeded competitions.	-

Race Processing

Use of SkiPro	Penalty Calc application	Expand app to produce results without unregistered racers.
Timing reports	-	Analyse usefulness of reports from BASS/BARTS races.

Result handling

Results packs	-	What is needed in results pack once we go fully online?
Online reports	-	Online TD reports etc. still need implementing

Result validation	Current validators continue while processing into desktop systems.	Responsibility for validation moves into T&C SC once we move to fully online handling. Still need to clarify what actually constitutes 'validation' in an automated system.

Seeding

Pre-seeding analysis and checking	-	Code still to be written.
Seed list generation	Some coding completed.	Code needs to be finished and tested.
Recommendations to Forum on anomalous results	As required	As required

PROPOSALS & DISCUSSION TOPICS - VARNA June 2015

Y&C Alpine Meeting, Varna June 2015

1. Helmet rules – will be enforced for U16/U14 at FIS events from November 2016
   Transitional rule ongoing until then:
   Transitional Rule U16/U14 Helmet Regulations
   YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS: Application New Rule for Helmets Transitional rule applicable until November 2016: In U14 & U 16 races (for GS and SG), helmets meeting at least EN1077 A and/or ASTM 2040 can be used. Helmets with higher standards can be used a fortiori(SNELL98 and of course new FIS standard)

2. ICR 607 – Age Limits: - Registration of U16/U14 to be discussed, there are to be no FIS points

3. Age limits discussion, possibility of reverting to previous FIS Junior entry age

4. WJC Sochi 2016, Are SWE 2017
   Desire to keep Alpine Combined event in the programmed, ?with additional quota allowance

5. ICR 901.1.4. Technical Data - Giant Slalom
   Position of Sub Committee regarding the rules for Vertical Drop, Number of Gates and Direction Changes
   Should standards be rigorously upheld for CHI races?

6. New (Y&C) event to be discussed:
   Individual Dual Slalom

Classification Committee proposals, Varna 2015

7. AUT proposing max entry fee for FIS and NJR races of 20€ - in order to limit max, not to suggest entry fees all round.

8. AUT – proposing different minimum penalties for different levels of race:

YOG FIS NJC	9
JUN NJR	12
CIT UNI CORP	15
ENL	35

   Adder 3 for first three of these, 10 for ENL

9. ENL test event in Landgraaf – BEL proposal for Sept 2015

Deadline for additional/special quotas in SH events is 20th May 2015

Jenny Shute, 9th May 2015

DBS disclosures - nothing has changed since last year. Still a requirement to not "knowingly employ" anyone to work with children in "Regulated Activity" (eg coaches, team managers etc) if you know they are barred from working with children. The requirement to actually check they are not barred BEFORE employing them has not been brought in yet (but there is provision for it is in the Protection of Freedom Act 2012 legislation). Chances are it will be a legal requirement later this year/early 2016.

New e-learning sports safeguarding courses coming onto the market. NGBs have their own requirements (some reviewing them) - so coaches need to check with their NGB before doing one in case the NGB does not recognise it. Face to face is preferable - as it gives attendees the opportunity to ask questions; however some coaches find it difficult to attend one. For other people/roles, who do not currently attend a face to face safeguarding course - they are a good introduction to safeguarding. NSPCC do one; Educare another and SportsCoach UK do an online REFRESHER SPC.

BCR Nov 15 Proposed Changes

Proposed changes to BCR for 2015 Edition. All numbers refer to BCR I unless otherwise indicated.

Colours are used thus:

Additions
~~Deletions~~
Additional notes

BCR I

608.6 Start Order and Race Format for U16, U14 and U10/12

The 'Rules' should only be dealing with the 'official results' for seeding purposes, and should not be concerned with how prizes are awarded.

608.6.1 All U16 technical events are to comprise a 'standard' two-run race, with the first run start order determined by draw and seed points, the second run start order determined by the results of the first run, and the aggregate time to count for ~~results,~~ seeding ~~and prizes~~. Prizes may be awarded on the basis of aggregate time, or as otherwise directed by the Regulations for the particular competition.

Both of these changes address when we can use a 'step down' and/or a 'step up' course, and how it is approved.

650.1 Homologation

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, ~~a SG may be held on a homologated DH course, GS on a homologated SG course, and SL on a homologated GS course.~~ a homologated DH course may be used for a SG, a homologated SG course may be used for a GS, and a homologated GS course may be used for a SL.

1002.4 Homologation of U14 and U16 Super-G courses. All courses used for U14 or U16 SG must be homologated. If the course to be used is homologated for FIS GS, then the course must be approved in advance by the TD Forum ~~or in place by a GBR TD qualified~~ on receipt of the Calendar Application for speed events.

BCR III

New 8.3, existing 8.3 to be renumbered 8.4. There are no changes to how the calculations are completed, this just clarifies that unregistered racers are effectively ignored for the calculation of RP and RPP.

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

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

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Corrections and Adjustments

TBD.

BACR Nov 15 Proposed Changes

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Additional notes

BACR IV

GBR (Great British Racing) Series

To encourage a higher number of entries.

4.2.3 In age groups U14 and older, ~~only those with seed points of 300 or less will be accepted.~~ a seed point cut-off will only be applied if the race becomes over-subscribed. In this case article 4.2.2 above will be applied and the Jury will decide the value of the cut-off.

4.3.6 For age groups U14 and above ~~T~~the start order for each race will follow BACR I 621.3. For U10/12, girls and boys are drawn separately for the start order in the first run, reversing the order for each subsequent run.

Outdoor Club National Format

Further clarification on racing format.

5.2.1 The competitions comprise three runs on the same course. The time for the better of runs 1 and 2 plus the time for run 3 are to count. ~~U10/U12 competitors shall run through 'stubby' gates and not through full height gates.~~ For age groups U10 and U12, each race will be a minimum of two runs of Slalom using stubby poles with the best time to count for the result.

5.3.5 For U10/12, girls and boys are drawn separately for start order in the first run, reversing the order for each subsequent run.

Indoor Club National Format

6.2.2 ~~U10/U12 competitors shall run through 'stubby' gates and not through full height gates.~~ For age groups U10 and U12, each race will be a minimum of two runs of Slalom using stubby poles with the best time to count for the result.

6.3.3 For U10/12, girls and boys are drawn separately for start order in the first run, reversing the order for each subsequent run

BACR VIII

Additional paragraph to cover to situations where changes have happened without the TD Forum being informed.

2.9 Withdrawal

It should be noted that due to improving standards or for other reasons, an existing homologation may be withdrawn or suspended at any time by a Technical Delegate, Homologation Controller or Homologation Inspector, pending re-inspection and/or remedial action.

Minor Corrections

TBD

2015 British Telemark Rule Changes

Although I anticipate TICR changes this summer we need to make the following alterations to BTR for next season.

1. Telemark, like alpine, suffers from pressures on time for course setting and the cost of poles. CL already allows for inside gates only (TICR 1901.3), and PS only uses single gate, we would like to extend this to SP and GS. This brings us in line with Alpine common practice.

TICR 1901.3. The GS part of the course can be set with single gates according to the Alpine ICR arts 904.2, 904.3 and 904.4

Proposed changes for BTR Book 1

Additional to TICR

1801.4 The GS part of the course can be set with single gates according to the Alpine ICR arts 904.2, 904.3 and 904.4

2001.6 The GS part of the course can be set with single gates according to the Alpine ICR arts 904.2, 904.3 and 904.4.

2. The Parallel Sprint, after qualification, takes a long time to run in the early stages of the knockout rounds. We propose to allow the organisers, if they announce it in advance, to run the first knock out rounds with a single run.

Proposed additional to TICR

2209.4 Single Run Knockout Round

2209.4.1 Organisers may, provided it is announced in the Notice of Race or Official Programme, run the initial round(16 racers) of the knockout stages with one run only.

2209.4.2 The competitor with the higher bib number may chose the colour of course they ski on.

2209.4.3 The winner of the run continues to the next round.

2209.4.2 Single runs may not be used for the semi-finals, small or big finals.

3. Telemark allows skiers to fall and stop and/or climb back up. This is achieved by making all starts 'Slalom' starts (TICR 1807.1, 1908.1, 2008.1 "In Telemark races variable start intervals are used (slalom start). The normal interval is 30 sec {for SP, 45 for GS and 60 for CL}. The Jury may decide on shorter or longer intervals if the conditions make it necessary." Which although badly worded and being redrafted for TICR this season are intended to mean a 'Slalom' start will be used so we can get around ICR 614.2.3). The challenge is that when a competitor loses a ski it takes far longer for them to put it back on than for alpine and too much time is wasted. In order to keep the intent (allowing skiers to keep racing, especially for team events) but not waste time an alteration to ICR 614.2.4 is proposed:

Change to ICR 614.2.5 Loss of one ski. If a competitor loses a ski he must no longer continue through previous or further gates*., notwithstanding if the ski is lost between the last gate and the finish and the skier has not lost momentum then 615.3 still applies.*