MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE ARDEN HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB, SOLIHULL, ON 14 MAY 2016

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1. PRESENT Adrian Pery (AP) Chair Ian Roberts (IR) Chair (outgoing) Kevin Webb (KW) Secretary David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair Andrew du Plessis (AdP) Derek Metters (DMe) Frank Staddle (FS) Gwyneth Watson (GW) Ingie Christophersen Jamie Davies (JD) Jenny Shute (JS) Logan Tannock Mark Berry (MB) Paul Trayner (PT) Peter Heath (PHe) Richard Dawe (RD) Richie Love (RL) Ross Anderson (RA) Susie Berry (SB) Tristan Cole (TC) **2. APOLOGIES:** Peter Willis, Ross MacMillan, Martin Leach, David Mansfield, Julian Adams, Steve James, Richard Ellis, John Poole, Tim Fawke, Sid James, Christophe Lemeire, Shell Quaile. IR opened the meeting stating that these would be his last comments as Chair, stating that a lot had been achieved during his tenure, new members as both British and FIS TDs and the introduction of the Sub-committees. He thanked everyone for their support, advice and guidance during his tenure. AP thanked IR for his leadership and work. He was honoured to have been voted in as the new Chairman.	
3. Minutes of 15 November 2015 Meeting. The Minutes were approved.	
4. Matters Arising not already on Agenda. **5.2 Official's Courses**. SB reported that progress was being made, although slowly with groups working together to set up separate Courses to cover both Artificial and Alpine events. SSE would prefer to keep single courses covering all aspects. **5.1 Calendar.** IR stated that following Maud Instone's resignation	**All**

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	he had dealt with the Calendar. As yet the new process was not working properly, with some applications being presented on old forms, and the BSS Office not fully understanding the process. This would require discussion with BSS to make the system/process more efficient. TC had volunteered to take over as Chair of the Calendar Sub-Committee and was requested to provide a flow chart to assist with the application process, to be published on BSS, GBSKI and BRITSKI websites. TC stated that he would be looking to build an online system to make the application system more accessible. Ian Roberts was to formally hand-over management of the process to TC	**TC** **IR**
10.6	**Artificial Slope Homologation.** DJM requested all TDs send copies of Event Medical Forms to him from Artificial Races this season so that they can be included with the Homologation files on GBSKI. Health and Safety risk assessments still needed to be looked at for Indoor Events.	**DJM**
5.6	**Glencoe Homologation.** FS stated that the Homologation had been granted in 2011, but the provision of all the required B Nets had proved far too expensive, further consideration was required by both BSS and SSS, with a possible re-assessment.	
7.1	**NPS Process.** GW stated that at present it was possible to manipulate the results on SkiPro 2.27 but not on Ski Alp Pro. It was suggested that competitors who have been NPSd should be entered into the results as DNS, to remove them from the Penalty Calc.	**All**
5.	**Reports from Delegates.**	
5.1	**British Ski & Snowboard.** AP reported that Rory Tapner was the new Chairman, and that he had instigated a review of the structure of the Board, British Champs, Policy etc.	
5.2	**BARSC.** SB reported that BARSC would be holding a meeting in the next couple of weeks to decide the future of BARSC. This would probably mean that they entered a period of Non-Trading. Events this year have been OK, with the usual issues of poor weather. The Kandahar Masters would be changing venue in 2017. SB requested that the LSC Schoolgirls races be granted dispensation to run the event under team draw rules for 2017, Agreed.	
5.3	**CSWSA.** See Report. DJM thanked the Organisers for submitting results from their races despite them not being seeded.	
5.4	**SSE.** See Report.	

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5.5 **SSW.** See Report. **5.6** **SSS.** See Report. IR pointed out that some organisers had tried to include U8's in their races as a formal category. All TDs to ensure that U8 do not appear in official results for Calendar events. **5.7** **British Championships, Snrs/Jnrs.** PT stated that there was no report as yet, a report would be published following the BSS meeting. The Snr/Jnr races went well, although there were issues with the Timing. **British Championships, Children.** See Report. **5.8** **Telemark.** See Report.	**ALL** **PT**
6. Timing & Calculations. **6.1** **BASS**. See Report. PHe reported that there had been six Seed lists this season, and that hopefully there would be an automated system in place for 2107. There were issues at the Lecht, as Races could not be seeded, as there were no registered competitors with points. This led to further discussion on the process of seeding races, and the use of maximum points. This would need to be discussed further following the review of race structure. The Chairman thanked PHe for all his work throughout the year. **6.2** **oBARTS.** See Report. **6.3** **iBARTS.** See Report. **6.4** **IT Support.** See Report. TDs are working well to ensure that results are submitted correctly for processing. DJM requested that those requiring Log-ins for the online system need to remind him. **6.5** **Submission of Results Packs.** See Paper from RD, wg=hich outlines the process for results and how to resolve issues. Further discussion is required prior to Nov meeting to ensure simplicity and DJM will look into the possibility of sourcing Dongles for SkiPro to enable this process. Submission process outlined by RAD was agreed.	**ALL** **DJM** **All**
7. FIS Matters **7.1** **Update.** MB stated that the Youth Olympics in Norway had been a great experience. The next FIS meeting would be in Cancun. It had been reported that the insurance for FIS TDs at events was inadequate and that this would be need to be discussed with BSS. Downhill training was being discussed, as although three days	

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have to be programmed this rarely occurs. FIS are looking into homologation of indoor slopes. CL will be presenting further proposals for the Landgraaf Lowland Indoor ENL event at Cancun. **7.2** **Medical.** JS reported that FIS were enforcing rule 221.1. All NSAs are to ensure that all competitors undergo a thorough medical evaluation to ensure that they are fit to race. This will need to be renewed every three years. Although an ECG is not required it is recommended. BSS have the necessary paperwork for FIS Licence holders. Entry Fees for FIS Races to be discussed at Cancun. SB stated that there were problems submitting results from FIS Children's Races, JS to highlight the issue at Cancun. **7.3** **FIS ICR**. See 7.1. **7.4** **Ratification of FIS TD's for 16/17 Season.** After discussion it was decided to approve all the present FIS TDs.	
8. **British TD Matters.** The Chair stated that MI had resigned, and proposed that she be offered Emeritus status. Agreed. The Chair would write to Maud to offer Emeritus status **8.1** **Contact List.** See attached (internal only). Please inform the Chairman of any changes. **8.2** **Candidate and Aspirant TDs & Mentors.** Richard Love – Ratified as British TD following successful practical Exam. Andrew du Plessis - Written Exam passed, would be taking Artificial TD practical exam this Season, with Alpine Exam at a later date. Jamie Davies – Ratified as British TD following successful practical Exam. Simon Horn – Written Exam, Nov 16. Aileen Patterson – Written Exam, Nov 16. Snowsport Wales had proposed Lloyd Jenkins as an Aspirant TD. After discussion it was decided not to accept this due to Lloyd's age. Chairman would inform Robin Kellen of the decision. **8.3** **Sanctions Update.** IR stated that he had to speak with 3 competitors at an Indoor Race in Manchester with regards to a GoPro mount. It seems we still need to educate competitors with regards to helmet rules. The question had been raised as to where financial sanctions are deposited. The Chair will raise this with BSS and report	**Chair** **Chair** **All** **Chair**

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back. **8.4** **Child Protection and Disclosures.** JS reported that there were no changes and that in future she would only submit a report once a year at the autumn meeting. **8.5** **Exam/Assessment Report.** IR reported that the new report form had been used on 3 occasions, and is fit for use although more space would be provided for comments instead of just tick boxes. AP proposed that IR should continue as co-ordinator of the TD examination process, retaining TD Examiner status. Agreed.	**Chair/IR**
9. **British Calendar & TD Assignments.** **9.1** **British Calendar and TD appointments.** IR reported that the Calendar was coming together, despite some forms being completed incorrectly. As soon as all the paperwork was sorted it would be passed on to TC. Request for TD for BUDS, Nov. MB volunteered. IR reminded everyone to ensure that they present Part 1 Calendar applications as soon as possible, to ensure their place on the Calendar.	**MB** **ALL**
10. **Rule Changes.** The committee was reminded that Masters who enter Snr/Jnr races must follow FIS Rules, not the Masters Rules. **10.1** **U10/12 Catsuits, Forerunning, Race Entitlement.** It was decided that the rules regarding catsuits should remain unchanged. This was not just about temperature and protection from the elements but also cost. Shorts over catsuits are not acceptable. The rules regarding catsuits must be made very clear in event Bulletins. It was decided that the rules regarding forerunners would remain unchanged, but all TDs must apply the rule. **10.2** **Kombi Rules.** It was decided that "Combi" should be changed to "Kombi" in all rule books so as to avoid confusion. ICR 608.12.8 was discussed with regards to how Start lists had been compiled for U14/16 races, as it differs from BCR 608.12.8. It was decided to maintain the BCR rule as it stands. **10.3** **U14 Rules.** There were several comments regarding the problems of running races in poor conditions where the 2nd run of an U14 race was cancelled so that both runs of the U16 race could be completed. A review of results from the last 2 years showed that there had been very few incidents of this happening. It was decided that there would be no change to the present format of U14 and U16 races. **10.4** **Indoor and Artificial Races.** The question of equipment at so-called GS races at Indoor**/**Artificial slopes was raised with the phrase 'GS'potentially implying the need for GS equipment, which was potentially unsuitable for the environment. It was	**ALL** **ALL** **ALL**

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	decided that all TDs should advise organisers that GS rules apply to GS races, therefore chin guards should not be worn. However, it was also agreed that TDs should actively discourage ROCs from using the term 'GS' to avoid potential issues. Terms like 'Open Slalom' or 'Pro Slalom' were more appropriate. AP stated that Telemark are authorised to run races on GS and SL homologated slopes. It was decided that there would be a review of slopes for homologation to allow for GS races, until this completed it is advised to stick with SL races only.	**DJM**
10.5	**TDs and ROC Insurance.** IR pointed out that the insurance policies only give limited cover etc. The BSS policy for GBR TDs only covers for 3rd party Liability, with no personal injury or medical cover. In addition, some ROC policies include caveats that the events must be run in accordance with recognised national or international rules, with potential implications for the TD who is also covered by that policy. Further work is required to identify the cover from BSS and ROC insurance. It was noted that this is a very detailed and technical area that requires mastery of the small print, and at some events in a foreign language. TC will look into this further. Afternote: The Chair will take this further with BSS and provide advice to all.	**TC** **Chair**
10.6	**CSWSA Rules**. RA stated that he was waiting to see if any changes would be made in the future, for now they would maintain the Masters rules for ski length/radius, although there would be a change of wording regarding radius.	
10.7	**Telemark Rules.** AP stated that the Telemark ICR were being rewritten at present.	
10.8	**Accident Report Form.** Nothing to report.	
10.9	**Race Structure.** MB proposed changes to the race structure, to try and simplify and reduce costs for competitors and organisers to help increase the numbers involved in the sport. After much discussion it was decided that although everyone was in agreement with the principle of the proposal a lot more work was required by the sub-committees to produce a working proposal for the Nov meeting. Sub-Committee Chairman are to nominate one member to a working group in support of MR.	**ALL** **Sub-Committee Chairmen**
10.10	**Record of TDs' Continuing Competence to Operate.** IR stated that he had discussed the matter with the BSS CEO, who stated that BSS Insurers required us to prove the physical robustness of TDs to undertake their role, especially if aged 65 and over. CEO had asked St Mary's University, London, to devise a suitable test. CEO was happy with the assessment form for competency. It was agreed that the Chair would continue to take forward discussions with the CEO.	**Chair**
11.	**Any Other Business.** MB proposed a Mini's league in an article that had been circulated. It was decide to discuss this at	

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the Nov meeting.	
12. Date of Next Meetings **12.1** November 2016 dates: 4 - 6 November 2016. Arden Hotel & Country Club, Solihull **12.2** May 2017 dates: 13 May 2017. Arden Hotel & Country Club, Solihull. **12.3** November 2017 dates: 3 - 5 November 2017. Glasgow Scotland.	**Chair** **Chair**

AGENDA FOR THE TD FORUM MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE ARDEN HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB, SOLIHULL, ON 14 MAY 2016 STARTING AT 09:30 am

ITEM	LEAD	
1. INTRODUCTION **2. APOLOGIES:** Julian Adams, Richard Ellis, Tim Fawke, Sid James, Steve James, Martin Leach, Christophe Lemeire, David Mansfield, Ross McMillan, John Poole, Shell Quaile, Peter Willis (on assignment)		Handover of TD Forum Chair will take place at the meeting. IR will chair discussion of past matters, AP will Chair discussion of matters going forward
3. Minutes of 15 November 2015 Meeting		
4. Matters Arising not already on Agenda		
Officials' Courses – Update on the production of material.	**SB, KW, RA, FS**	
5.1 Calendar Process	**RA**	
10.6 Artificial Slope Homologation	**DJM/JS/MB**	Medical Requirements at Events
5.6 Glencoe Homologation	**MB**	
7.1 NPS Process	**RD, GW, DJM**	
5. Reports from Delegates		
5.1 British Ski & Snowboard	**AP**	
5.2 BARSC	**SB**	
5.3 CSWSA	**RA**	
5.4. SSE	**DJM**	
5.5. SSW	**GW**	
5.6. SSS	**FS**	

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5.7. British Championships	**PT**	
5.8 Telemark	**AP**	
6. Timing & Calculations		
6.1 BASS	**PHe**	See circulated document
6.2 BARTS	**DJM**	See circulated document
6.3 GBSKI & IT	**DJM**	See circulated document
6.4 Submission of Results Packs	**RAD**	See circulated document
7. FIS Matters		
7.1 Update	**MB**	
7.2 Medical	**JS**	
7.3 FIS ICR	**MB**	
7.4 Ratification of FIS TDs for 16/17 Season	**AP**	
8. British TD Matters		
8.1 Resignation as TD – Maud Instone	**Chair**	
8.2 Contact List updates To be circulated. Please inform Chair of any changes	**All**	
8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors		
Richard Love – GBR Assessment & Practical Exam in 2014/15.		Ratification following Practical Exam
Andrew du Plessis – Written Exam passed		Update. Exam in July
Jamie Davies – Candidate Telemark		Update
Simon Horn (Service)		Update. Exam in November

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Aileen Patterson		Update. Exam in November
Lloyd Jenkins Welsh Aspirant Proposal		
8.4 Sanctions update	**Chair/RAD**	
8.5 Child Protection and Disclosures	**JS**	
8.6 Injury Survey Update	**JS**	
8.7 Exam/Assessment Report	**Chair**	Introduced. Worked well
9. British Calendar and TD Appointments		
9.1 Update	**Chair**	
10 Rule Changes	**MB/RA**	
10.1 U10/12 Catsuit, Forerunning, Race Entitlement	**DGM/TC**	See circulated document
10.2 Kombi Rules	**TC**	See circulated document
10.3 U14 Rules	**TC**	See circulated document
10.4 Artificial Slope 'GS' races – implications for rules, especially equipment	**Chair**	
10.5 TDs and ROC Insurance	**IR/MB**	
10.6 CSWSA Rules	**RA**	
10.7 Telemark Rules	**AP**	
10.8 Race Structure	**MB**	See circulated document
10.9 Record of TDs' continuing competence to operate	**Chair**	

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11 Date of Next Meeting **11.1** 4 – 6 November 2016 Arden Hotel **11.2** May 2017 Date **11.3** November 2017 Date		Birmingham? Glasgow? 3, 4, 5 Nov on hold at Beardmore

Delancey British U16 and U14 Alpine Championships and U12 and U10 races
28th March – 1st April 2016
Report for TD Forum meeting on Saturday 14th Mary 2016

The British Children's Championships (BCC) were held in Tignes for the second time following the move from Méribel. All the Championship events were achieved, albeit with only one run for the U14 in the Championships Slalom and GS, and we were able to run the evening Team Parallel Slalom for the first time in the six years I have been Chief of Championships.

The weather for the week was not very good, although it did freeze most nights. There was some snow and rain and the rising temperatures made the conditions more testing for both racers and race organisers. However the biggest problem for both the Senior/Junior Championships (SJC) and for our week was the inadequacy of the Tignes timing systems, which gave endless problems causing serious delays and requiring considerable rearrangement of our programme. The Tignes timing team were therefore unable to run two races concurrently. As the programme had been prepared on the basis of two races running at the same time on the Lognon piste on at least three days this caused real problems, particularly on the two U16/U14 Technical days at the end of the week.

The U16/U14 GS/Super-G Kombi programmed for Monday was held as planned on the middle section of the Lognon race piste, finishing above the path. This event was first held at the Minis races in Méribel four years ago and first at the U14/U16 British Children's Championships (BCC) last year in response to the TD Forum enthusiasm for Kombi and the desire to encourage both mental and physical versatility in our young racers. It would appear that it is not very well received by the coaches, certainly for the U16 racers, and consideration should be given as to its inclusion in future.

The U16/U14 Super-G planned for Tuesday was cancelled and substituted by an additional GS. This was a non-championship event but was, of course, 2 runs for U16 and 2 separate races for U14 and a BASS qualifier for both.

The Championship Super-G was held, as planned, on Wednesday on the lower section of the Lognon race piste. The weather was good but unfortunately the Tignes timing systems caused endless delays. To quote the TD report a 'very long day for what should have been a very simple SG race. 2½ hours of delays' for a race that should have been finished in 2½ hours. The delays were hugely disappointing particularly as the later runners suffered from deterioration in the quality of the snow as the day warmed up. The only bright point of the day was that Jean Christophe Vitale, the new Tignes Mayor, who is also the head of the ESF, was doing his 'community service' on the race. That evening a meeting was convened to approve the acquisition by Tignes of new timing equipment for next season.

The Team Parallel Slalom took place on Wednesday evening as planned on the slope served by a poma under the Tufs lift in Val Claret. Teams were made up of 1xU16, 1xU14 and 2xU12/U10 with one team member of the opposite gender. The 32 slots were all taken and the race was well supported by racers, parents and coaches. It was disappointing that the event was nearly half an hour late starting because the lift operator was not there on time.

However it was all over by 8pm and judged a great success by all. The fact that the event took place for the first time in six years demonstrates the advantage which Tignes has over Méribel, being 500m higher.

The programme for Thursday was for U14 GS and U16 SL and the reverse on Friday. However this was changed at the request of Tignes. They preferred to run two GS one day and two SL the following day. They had also apparently suggested this for the previous week because there would be less disruption switching the start timing and therefore less delay. Unfortunately the suggestion was not made during the BCC until the Wednesday afternoon. Given the long duration of the Super G, followed by the Parallel Slalom, there was very little time in which to plan the rearrangement of the programme. I regret that the decision regarding the non-inclusion of the top 10 U12 boys and girls in the first run of the U14 GS was not taken until Thursday morning. It would be interesting to know the views of the TD Forum on this concept, given that it probably takes a minimum of 20 minutes at the start of the U14 GS.

In the event both U16 and U14 GS took place on Thursday and both SL on Friday, with the U16 race first in both cases followed by the U14 starts at 13:15hrs and 13:00hrs respectively. We had proposed running the first run of the U14s between the first and second runs of the U16s but the coaches quite reasonably wanted to run the U16 race seamlessly, without any delay. The consequence was that the U14s started late and only had one run each day, because with the rising temperatures the slope became too soft to run a second race safely. One U14 race was sufficient for Championship purposes but understandably this caused some considerable dissatisfaction among U14's parents, who would have liked the children to get two races.

On Tuesday we ran a successful GS for U12/U10 on the bottom of the Lognon Stade on skier's right. On Wednesday we held a Kombi for U12/U10. This event had been planned to be held on the lower portion of the Lognon main piste, where a jump would have been built, but was changed to the Snow Park between Col du Palet and Grattalu well away from the Super G to avoid timing issues. On the Boarder Cross training slope it was not possible to set a Technical Kombi so the best use was made of the slope with its rollers and banked turns. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the course and I believe that this sort of event, whilst not exactly what was planned, encourages mental and physical flexibility in the children, as well as being great fun to ski.

Unfortunately there was some misunderstanding about the ban on cat-suits for minis. It was clearly stated in the Invitation, the Acceptance bulletin and verbally at the Team Captains meeting that cat-suits were not permitted for minis. I was very surprised therefore to be greeted by some coaches in the finish area towards the end of the Kombi with the news that some of the racers were wearing cat-suits. The fact that they were complaining about racers who were likely to podium is quite irrelevant. It would appear that the wearing of cat-suits has been permitted before at other events, with shorts over the cat-suits. There cannot possibly be any advantage gained in time terms but the psychological advantage must be a factor. Most of the children had conformed to the rule and it struck me as grossly unfair that anyone should be allowed to flout the rule and get away with it. The final compromise (which was proposed by a mini's parent) that the placings and times of the race

should stand but that anyone who had been wearing a cat-suit should not present themselves on the podium to collect a plaque, struck me as an elegant compromise to a situation which the Jury should never have allowed to develop. The TD report stated that 'the Jury were not permitted to carry out their duties as they were over-ruled by the Chief of Champs which led to an enormous amount of discontent from parents and coaches'. I am not aware of having over-ruled the Jury regarding anything else but I make no apology for over-ruling their tolerance of cat-suits. I think that the discontent from parents and coaches was caused because the cat-suit ban was not reinforced.

As most members of the TD Forum will remember, Tignes reneged on the contract last year with reference to the free lift passes for all athletes and coaches. We eventually agreed to split the difference, resulting in a bill to BSS of €6,000. This year Tignes offered 6-day Espace Killy or Tignes passes for sale to competitors, coaches, etc., if we were prepared to take a minimum of 300. Despite the advantageous price it was deemed too risky financially. We settled for offering the daily Tichot/Grattalu pass. This involved considerable admin but was of benefit to both the racers and their support teams and to BSS. I believe, following discussion with a number of parents, that there might be support in future for the 6-day Espace Killy/Tignes pass (especially if the information were disseminated early) as well as for the 1-day pass.

Regarding communications: some parents and coaches seemed to find it difficult to access the race information on the BSS website – perhaps it would be possible to include a link on the home page to the race information pages. Information was also posted on Facebook and Twitter although I don't know which source people favour. However it is concerning that some people still use Britski, which will not be available for much longer, and therefore our other arrangements need to be robust.

The organising team were: Ros Humphrey (Race Sec), Gwyneth Watson (Calcs), Richard Ellis, Richie Love and Derek Metters (Chiefs of Race), Hywel Evans, Andrea Grant, Anne Marie Houghton, Lloyd Jenkins, Shell Quaile (hill team), Jenny Shute (Welfare Officer, Medical adviser and hill team), Anne Taylor (hill team and prizes), and our TDs Tristan Cole and Kevin Webb. The team plus Lucy Mackenzie, Alex McKeown and Sophie Morrison from BSS were a tower of strength, in spite of illness again affecting some members of the team. Everyone coped well with the changes to the programme caused by the weather and the inadequacies of the timing systems, although the very long days meant that there was virtually no down time and several of the team returned home unwell. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their hard work and for delivering some very successful races in difficult conditions.

The organising team accommodation was satisfactory, with easy access to the race pistes. Lunch, when time permitted, was satisfactory although some people would have preferred more choice. The dinner arrangements were also satisfactory. We opted for the first of the La Pignatta dinner sittings at 7pm but, as the second sitting is at 9.15pm, they were able to serve us even if we did not arrive until 8pm. The race office arrangement in the Espacetignes was good with a totally separate area for the TCs meeting and two separate rooms for the race office *per se*. The public bus runs regularly between Val Claret and Le Lac and provides good access between the accommodation and the race office.

I had a long meeting with Romain and Martin on the Friday afternoon. Among other things we discussed the need for sufficient reliable timing equipment and staff to run two races concurrently; the difficulties experienced with the ski instructors as course workers and/or gate judges and the need for a team who work regularly on the races; and the need for Martin's team to be larger.

I also had a meeting with the Mayor, Jean Christophe Vitale, on Friday evening. He said he was sorry he had been unable to be at the Delancey cocktail party and requested that we agree the date with him well in advance in future. He said that, following the problems with the U16/U14 Super-G in particular, there would be a reduction in the charge to BSS. He also indicated his intention to visit the UK in early May and requested a meeting with Rory Tapner, Paul Trayner, Dave Edwards and me [scheduled for 3rd May].

In future if we hold the BCC immediately following the SJC I believe we should have a minimum of one day between the two events. Quite apart from anything else, the French course/timing team need the break. They were very tired by the time the BCC started which led to the exacerbation of problems.

The provision of course team, slip crew, gate judges and sufficient gate poles, etc. needs to be more clearly defined in the contract, which should also include the stipulation that two races need to be run concurrently on many days. However, if the timing systems are robust and Tignes provide sufficient staff, I believe that very successful Championships can be held there.

Maud Instone
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Combined Services Winter Sports Association (CSWSA)

CSWSA – Annual Report to the British TD Forum – 16 May 2016

1. The 2015/16 season was a challenging winter for the Race Organising Committees and athletes due to the lack of early snow, mixed with periods of heavy snow, at unfortunate moments, in the events' programmes. Through flexible planning and adaptability the ROCs provided the best possible competitions in yet another testing season, which seems to becoming the norm.

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 this season.

3. The CSWSA Inter-Service Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) 2016 was again held in Meribel, France between 30 Jan-5 Feb. We welcomed back the Australian Defence Force (ADF), who attends the ISSSC biennially. The micro terrain proved to be the main challenge due to the lack of snow, which was then compounded with heavy snow during the DH training.

4. One DH training day was lost from the race programme, which made for a testing event even with the lowered start. The Ladies competition was dominated by the Army Ladies, who had a clean sweep in team events with a very strong performance. This was countered by a mixed Service podium for the individual medals. The Men's competition was one of the closest fought in recent history, with the RN winning the DH and GS, the RAF in the SG and the Army in the SL. The overall team champions for the ISSSC 2016 were the Army Men's and Ladies Teams.

5. The Hill Teams, supported by our experienced FIS TD Julian Adams, provided a fantastic event with a great sporting ethos. The tight programme, with a mix of 3 disciplines on the same hill, leads to many challenges, which were overcome in a patient and professional manner. We look forward to working with Julian in the future and the Alpine Teams would like to thank him for his knowledge and guidance this year.

6. The race officials, team captains and trainers held a meeting after the final race of the championship to review ISSSC 16, focusing on any issues with the event format and the equipment regulations. The current format was again considered to be the optimum programme, set within the constraints of the other disciplines. FIS equipment regulations continue to be monitored for any changes and it was agreed that there would be no changes to the current equipment regulations. However, there will be a change to specific

wording to reflect the current ski manufacturers' radius markings. 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 16. Only racers considered of being a sufficient standard to compete at International FIS competitions are selected.

The 2016 CS Alpine Ski Team included; Lt Chris Sharrott (RN), Lt Holly Henderson, AB Brett Wild (RN), Flt Lt Will Randle (RAF), Flt Lt Claire Nixon (RAF) and SAC Banarby Rudge (RAF).

The CS Ski Team gains valuable experience and knowledge at the British National Championships, which they take back to their Single Service events and training camps. The exposure to this international level competition incentivises those aspiring to qualify for their Single Service and CS Ski Teams. Strong performances were produced by all, including a range of top 10 and 20 results and Lt Holly Henderson winning her 1st Non-British Team Female prize, the Field Challenge Cup. 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) successfully completing his Practical Exam, which should be ratified at the TD Forum. Maj Simon Horn (Army) was accepted as an Aspirant TD and is due to sit his written exam in Nov. In addition, the Army will submit another skiing CV in the summer for review at the Nov 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 2016

Sponsorship

We would like to thank our sponsors this year who have supported our racing programme, including Rossignol, Vital, Racer Ready, Ski Bitz, Ski Racing Supplies and Ski Bartlett who supported us at the English Champs.
We would also like to thank Ski Bartlett, Atomic, UK slopes and organising clubs and regions for their continued support during 2015 and to Rossignol who will continue their support for 2016 and to Ambition Racing who will provide support for the GBR series in 2016.

Bormio 2016

Visiting Bormio for the ninth 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 programme returned to the 6-day programme during 2016 as per previous years.

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

As for the racing itself, for 2016 Bormio had received a little less snow than in 2015, but thanks to a good snowfall immediately prior to the week of the races, piste conditions were very good. The children's programme was held on the Stelvio and Stella Alpina pistes in Bormio. Despite the highest number of entries to date, the programme was delivered.

The FIS races provided both international and British racers with quality fields to gain race experience and points during the week. The number of entries into the FIS races was also higher than in previous years. The programme was also amended to have the NJR slalom and GS races at the start of the week on Days 1 and 2, the FIS SG races on Days 3 and 4, and the FIS GS and slalom races on Days 5 and 6. An additional change was to run the second SG race as part of an Alpine Combined event, which proved popular with athletes and coaches.

Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions during the FIS GS race on Day 4, the second run of the men's GS had to be cancelled for safety reasons due to very low cloud causing thick fog and very poor visibility

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 continue to develop for next year's Championships.

A big "thank you" goes 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 who did a great job.

Dates have already been confirmed for the 2017 English Alpine Championships, running from 11th – 17th February, once again in Bormio for the 10th year.

2016 Summer Season

The summer season is already under way with eight 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 the Easter holiday weekend.

The number of indoor GBR race events has been increased to five, and will be held in Manchester, Braehead and Castleford.

The 2016 BASS indoor races at Landgraaf return for the 2016 season and indications are that a healthy number of entries is expected for the event which is planned for 28th-30th May.

SSE will host the Anglo Welsh and British Indoor weekend at Manchester with the event scheduled to take place on 13th/14th August.

Following the second Lowland Indoor Championships which were held in September 2015 at Landgraaf, the 2016 event is to be hosted by Great Britain on 24th/25th September, again at Landgraaf. It is hoped that once again it will be a four nation event, with Luxemburg once again taking part as in previous years. Further details have been published and are available on britski.org.

Officials' Development and Training

Two Level 2 officials training courses have taken place over the past 6 months, at Aldershot and latterly Loughborough. The courses were run over a 2-day period in each case, as it has been in previous years. Some initial work has commenced to carry out a review and to re-work the course to make it modular with an option for attendees to attend a single day of the two days to obtain the training. 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 again planned to be run at various clubs, 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 Clubs and Regions of SSE to attend a Level 2 course. It is intended to run the next Level 2 course at Loughborough during November 2016

Lloyd Jenkins
Chair, Alpine Events Committee
Snowsport England

SNOWSPORT SCOTLAND
The national governing body for skiing and snowboarding in Scotland

REPORT TO THE TD FORUM BIRMINGHAM 2016

THE ALPINE SEASON BEGAN IN LES HOUCHES FRANCE
WITH THE ANGLO SCOTTISH 3RD 4TH JANUARY 2016

THE SCOTTISH FIS SERIES FOLLOWED IN REITERALM 5TH-9TH JANUARY
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GORDON SKIERS RAN A SUCCESSFUL SLALOM ON THE BUZZARD AT LECHT ON JANUARY 23RD BUT UNFORTUNATELY SUNDAYS RACES HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER. PROBLEMS

THE COYLUMBRIDGE CSC OPEN PLANNED FOR 20TH 21ST FEBRUARY FORCED A POSTPONEMENT DUE TO A DETERIORATING WEATHER FORECAST BUT A NEW SLOT COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED

THE POOR WEATHER FORCED A DATE CHANGE FOR THE GLENSHEE WINTER GA MES BUT ABERDEEN SNOWSPORTS MANAGED TO HOLD TWO BASS SLALOMS A BAIRNS GS AND A COMBI ON
SATURDAY SUNDAY 27TH 28TH FEBRUARY

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ON FRIDAY APRIL 8TH TWO SLALOMS WERE HELD ON THE GOOSE AT NEVIS
THE CHAMPS THEN MOVED TO CAIRNGORM FOR SLALOMS ON THE 9TH AND 10TH
BOTH ON THE WHITE LADY

THE SNOW SEASON ONCE AGAIN PLAYED HAVOC WITH OUR RACES BUT LATE SNOWS DID PROVIDE SOME GOOD SKI DAYS.

FRANK STADDLE.
GBR TD

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Snowsport Cymru Wales report to the TD Forum – May 2016

It was Wales' turn to host the British Schools' Championships in November and 40 teams from all over the UK travelled to Pontypool Ski Centre to compete against each other. Reed's School from Surrey won both the Boys and Girls team competition. During the race we had a film crew present from Welsh channel S4C filming a segment on Bro Myrddin School who had won the Welsh Schools' Championship in October.

In January the Welsh Alpine Championships returned to Switzerland for the 10th anniversary of the event. The event continues to benefit from sponsorship by the ski resort of Champery as well as a number of partners in the area.

The first two days of competition were FIS races. However, this year our races were designated as part of the Arnold Lunn European series of FIS-CIT races. We had a great entry from over 20 nations, some of which like India are not necessarily thought of as skiing nations.

These were followed by two days of British Races which were also attended by a regional team of under 16 year old competitors from USA. They provided the races with some great competition for the British racers, claiming spots on the podium on more than one occasion.

Welsh visually impaired skier, Menna Fitzpatrick and her guide Jennifer Kehoe made history at the International Paralympic Committee World Cup in Aspen at the end of February by becoming the first British skiers to win the overall World Cup Visually Impaired title. It is a remarkable achievement as Menna only teamed up with her guide Jennifer Kehoe last summer having been invited to train with the Wales Ski Team and Welsh based club Dragons Alpine. Menna was supported by the Disability Sport Wales Academy programme.

Welsh summer racing started in April at Pembrey, and was magnificently supported by Aldershot racing team, who made up about half our entries. Many of the racers and parents who had never visited the slope before were pleasantly surprised by the location of the slope in a country park next to Cefn Sidan beach. We ran a 2 run slalom, a inter club team parallel and an Excel event for entry level racers over the two days, which enabled many new racers to gain their first ever seed points.

Go Ski Go Board officially launched in Wales at the end of last year. All the snow sport centres in Wales are listed on the site and the increased accessibility to snow sports will coincide with a considerable increase in Alpine race entries and freestyle competitions within Wales.

Snowsport Cymru Wales has joined forces with inspiresport, a Cardiff based school tour operator, to increase participation in snowsports for pupils across Wales. The two-year partnership hopes to engage more young people in the sport.

In January, after 18 years of working for Snowsport Cymru Wales, our Administrator Wendy Petschenyk left the company. We thank Wendy for her helpful and professional approach to the development of the sport in Wales over the past 18 years. Our new Administrator Roxy Pullen is now in post.

Gwyneth Watson

Telemark Report to the TD Forum 14 May 2016

The 2016/17 Season was another successful one.

The British Championships were held in Muerren, SUI. With the late snow and challenging January weather in the Bernese Oberland, some compromises in VD drops were required as racing was of necessity held on the Kandahar piste rather than in Winetergg. Muerren provided well prepared pistes, despite the weather and the proximity to the Inferno week and in the end only one Development race was lost due to inclement weather (although setting around an avalanche on one day was a first!).

The British Champs were well attended with numbers slightly down on 2015. The races ran well, even with the variable weather, the reduced size of RoC (from previous years) and the competing pressures on staff availability from Muerren. The complexities of results production were not helped by differing software versions between Timing and Calcs, but excellent work from Mark overcame this.

The ISSSC ran very smoothly, relations with the Hill team improved by rule changes within Telemark, all races are inside gates only and reducing the number of runs in the Parallel knockout stages.

The Indoor series continues this summer with 3 event. The organisers from Tamworth have cancelled this year's event due to internal restructuring, when it is completed a visit will be required to relook at homologation.

Planning for 2016/17 season is ongoing, with e Army relocating the Army Champs from SUI to FRA, primarily due to the cost of accommodation. The Army will again offer to run the British Championships, and subject to ASTC confirmation this will be gratefully accepted.

TICR are undergoing a significant re-write as the old version needs a lot of work on the written English and also to bring them into line with current practice!! We await discussions in Cancun to see how major the changes will be.

BASS Seeding and Registration Report for TD Forum May 2016

1. BASS Lists

All 6 lists were published as scheduled – the final list on 23rd April.

The Gordon Skiers Open U14 Girls Slalom race at The Lecht was not seeded. Although there were 14 registered U14 girls competing (5 YOB 2002, 9 YOB 2003), none had BASS SL points.

This was also a potential problem for the Cairngorm races. Most of the Scottish U14 girls with BASS points were returning from Bormio that weekend and not available to race. Only one of the 10 entries on the acceptance list had BASS SL points. The races were cancelled due to poor weather.

This issue has been referred to the Timing and Calcs Sub Committee with a request for a solution which allows such races to be seeded.

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

The adjustments applied to this end of season list were:

	SL	GS	SG
U16 Girls	-18.00	-13.70	-43.72
U16 Boys	-18.00	-19.91	-20.98
U14 Girls	-41.92	-19.59	-43.72
U14 Boys	-24.48	-38.86	-20.98

3. Annual Statistics

Number of races processed:

List	1	2	3	4	5	6	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
Races 2016		56	50	27	54	46	233	4470

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
2016	1004	426	118	97	1645	1548

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
2016	132/187	127/177	112/189	79/138	58/102	76/268	584/1061

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

Peter Heath 09/05/16

British Alpine Skiing
BARTS: British ARTificial Seeding
Report to GB Alpine TD Forum May 2016

David Manns
09-May-2016

1. Two results from same venue

Following the decision taken in November 2015 to remove the restriction for artificial slope seeding to take the two best results only from different venues, this change is being applied for the 2016 season.

2. Seed lists

BARTS lists from the beginning of 2016 onwards are being generated using the online system on GBSKI. A few teething problems were encountered, but with the assistance of several people across the racing community (particularly Gill Weeks) these were quickly cleared up. Some tidying up is still required, primarily to include the information that used to be published in the header/introductory section of the PDF version of the lists.

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British Alpine Skiing
Timing and Calculations Sub-Committee
Report to GB Alpine TD Forum May 2016

David Manns
TDF T&C SC
09-May-2016

Winter Results

Processing of results from Winter races was a good deal smoother than last Winter, largely due to a smoother operation with TDs and ROCs. In a few instances there were still some difficulties in producing valid results and penalties for 'small' races (see below).

Validation

The task of result validation was shared amongst several people, but on-hill commitments in some cases meant that a few competitions were not being validated until after they were included on seed lists. In practice this only meant that feedback to TDs and ROCs took longer than was ideal, as any issues with things like penalty calculations were picked up as part of the seeding process anyway.

Competition feedback was moved online, using a simple form to provide feedback to TDs, ROCs and CGs as the outcome of the validation process. This means that feedback will be stored online from here onwards and is therefore more accessible, as well as allowing the task to be more easily shared.

Seeding

Production of BARTS lists has now switched from desktop to online, with the assistance of several members of the racing community who have been helping highlight any mistakes. As expected, the production process is proving to be easier than the old system, although there are still some details to be sorted out with inclusion of document headers. This should now be able to carry on for the rest of the summer, hopefully with little or no additional coding work.

Meanwhile, work can continue with processing the BASS results from the Winter and cross-checking against the lists from the desktop system. The intention is to move to a fully online system for BASS seeding next Winter, although a decision on this will need to be taken nearer the time.

Calculations for non-standard races

Further improvements to the Penalty Calculator (available from the Software page of GBSKI) now allow it to produce Results with headers, and also to show the Codex number on the printout. This application has been made available for use by anyone, admittedly without a significant amount of pre-release testing, so TDs are strongly encouraged to double-check the penalties that it produces.

GBSKI.COM

Logins for the web site have been given to those who required access to specific areas (artificial slope homologation, result validation, etc.). It is also possible to manage documents (rules, forms, etc.) directly on the web site, although some additional work in the user interface is required before these areas can be opened up to the appropriate administrators. The Calendar (and associated information such as Officials, Venues and Organisers) is the other main area that will in time be made accessible to other administrators, although again the user interface needs some tidying up.

Mini's National league

Last minute blue ski thinking.

This was a side thought from the BCR proposals, that I don't want to bundle in with them.

Idea

We agree to take the results for all minis races run as part of calendar events and publish a league result at the end of the season with updated progress after each race (results so far).

The league would be the best three results of those competed in across the whole year culminating in the British Championships (to include snow dome and artificial races perhaps).

All races would be weighted the same. no penalty or race points just ranked position at each event.

30 points for the winner 1 point for 30th. no registrations required just names taken from the start list.

Current standing to be made available after each event (calculated by race organiser checked by the TD and national seeder).

Why:-

Currently we are finding it difficult to enforce minis rules, encourage the type of events we believe are of benefit at that age and part of a national pathway.

A league provides some continuity between events and allows a degree of control from BSS and the forum.

Best of three would discourage children form doing too many races (If necessary we could make it best 3 of first 5)

Competitions could be of all types GS, combi, skills tests and anything else.

More competitors would be encouraged to attend the national championships

Why not:-

Current feeling in skiing appears to be, is it is not constructive to promote competition at this level. Points chasing is an issue with the older categories and this type of ranking may cause the same problems in Minis.

Application would be the same as for ENL and rules would be the same.

New Race Categories			
	NC & NJC (NCL)	Normal Level (NL)	Entry Level (ENL)
TD Requirement	yes appointed by FIS or TD forum depending on age category	Yes Appointed by TD forum	No Responsible person approved by TD forum how has attended most recent update
Event Types	All	All	SL & GS only
Course Homologation	yes	Yes but with the ability to pre-approve the omission of some additional safety implementations.	No proposed locations must be agreed with the TD forum.
Helmet Rules	As per ICR	As per BCR	*ski approved helmet
Ski Rules	As per ICR Equipment Checker required	As per BCR	*Competitors must have one ski on each foot.
No Of Runs	As per ICR	As per BCR	as agreed with TD forum
Timing	As per ICR	As per BCR	as agreed with TD forum
Start Order	As per ICR	As per BCR	as agreed with TD forum
***** the Organiser or any TD has the right to remove a competitor if they feel the ski equipment is unsafe i.e. no stoppers or snow blades for example			
* No chin guards, motocross style peeks. If required the competitor must be able to prove it is approved for skiing			

In order to implement these categories:-

The National seeder must decide the actual adder values for each level.

The Rules sub-committee must consider how to introduce the necessary changes into the BCR

The Race calendar sub-committee must change the race application process.
Annually review the additional requests made by race organisers then prepare a report for the forum to vote on. Any Homologation omission requests must be passed to the Safety sub-committee.

The Safety sub-committee must consider any Homologation omissions and prepare a report for the forum.

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10.1 U10/12 Catsuit, Forerunning, Race Entitlement

N.B. I will not cover the Catsuit issue, please see Derek Metters' proposal.

Forerunning:

This if often a bone of contention, as obtaining Forerunners in resort can be challenging if not impossible. Parents/Coaches will often state that person X is capable to forerun a higher age category, this is mostly accurate, but it can backfire when turning down willing volunteers who are known not to be capable.

Rule Points:

ICR: 605.1	The organiser is obliged to provide at least three forerunners who have signed the FIS Athletes Declaration. The forerunner is a member of the Organising Committee. In Downhill, the forerunners should participate in all training runs. In extraordinary conditions, the Jury may increase the number of forerunners. The Jury may designate different forerunners for each run.
BCR: 605.1	Append "Athletes will only be permitted to forerun in a higher age category if permitted to do so by the Jury. U16 or younger age groups may not forerun downhill."

This is an issue that needs to be addressed. I also think this can apply to other age categories, i.e. U14 forerunning U16

I believe there are a number of issues here:

- Age of Forerunner
- Ability of Forerunner
- Insurance implications for lower category Forerunner

Currently as it stands, it is up to the Jury in regards to allowing forerunners.
It can sometimes be possible to lookup previous results for proposed forerunners, but not always especially foreign competitors. But most of the time is it down to hearsay.

Action Point:

- If the forerunning issue can be looked at as a whole, with focus on the age category permission.

Yes I realise in reality this is an Organising Committee issue, however it often falls back to the TD for guidance/approval.

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10.2 Kombi Rules

Having actually run a speed Kombi, possibly the first in a long time I came across a few issues, that I feel need to be addresses.

Rule book spelling:

Within the BCR, we currently spell this event Combi, whereas the ICR spell it Kombi.

Proposal:

That we adopt the FIS ICR standard, and update the rulebook to Kombi.
This affects mainly rules section 608.12, but is also referenced in other books.
This will hopefully reduce any confusion between Combined events (Super Combined) and Kombi (Crossover) events. It also makes it easier to text search the rules.

Start Order

Rule Points:

ICR: 608.12.8 Starting order
By team seeding.

BCR: 608.12.8 Starting order
Combi Start Order is to be by randomisation by gender by Age Category. Each Age Category and Gender is to race separately, although they can use the same course.
Where a 2-run Combi is held, the Start Order for Run 2 should be that of Run 1 reversed.

Firstly the FIS rule of 'team seeding', I could not find any reference to this in ICR anywhere.

The BCR, overruling this, basically states a random draw within age category

At the recent British Championships, this was emphatically overruled by the coaches and therefore jury, to be replaced by using the GS race points for the GS / SG Kombi.

Action Point:

- Start Order for Kombi to be discussed and reviewed.

General Overview

Action Point:

- Have general review over BCR 608.12 Kombi rules, and potentially remove the ICR duplications.

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10.3 U14 Rules

The U14 rules, single run seeded races, have been in place now for many years and still cause issues, especially for calculations persons.

I would note that for certain competition series, the U14 Race 2 is often seen as a 50/50 opportunity to save time for a U16 run 2. The appearance could almost be perceived, even to the public, that the U14 Race 2 is already a throwaway from the point of programme planning.

The new race structure proposals being floated by Mark Berry

Action Points:

- Review the last 2 seasons worth of U14 races to determine numbers of single run events.
- Determine whether the current structure is still valid, consultation with coaches will be required.

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10.11 British Children's Championship Rules

Although these rules are technically not under the remit of the TD forum, they are included within the BCR.

During the 2016 Children's Championships, it became apparent that the Organising Committee were more focused on the Championships than abiding by the rules.
As TD you are placed in a difficult position of upholding the rules, whilst making the competition viable in often challenging conditions, and maintaining overall safety. With the added pressure of a Championship event.

Action Points:

- Advise the Championship OC to review firstly the BCR rules regarding SL/GS/SG etc.
- Championship OC to review the Event programme and check it is actually possible.
- The Championship OC to review their book within the BCR and update as needed.

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Item 10.1

Amendment to BASS rule 606.7 and BARTS 606.7

Background

The catsuit prohibition was introduced many years ago as an attempt to reduce the cost of entering the sport by removing an item of equipment that gave no advantage and for health and safety reasons. Catsuits were expensive to buy new and there was limited second hand availability but at that time an increasing number of minis were wearing catsuits in Alpine competition including some extremely cold events. Contemporary catsuits were judged inadequate as a protective layer and the TD forum was advised that wearing them exposed young children, with limited mechanisms for regulating their body temperature or recognising any changes, to the risk of developing hypothermia or other cold related conditions.

Although the rule refers to the wearing of catsuits, in reality it prohibits the wearing of a catsuit that is visible, the sentence "clothing worn by U12 or young must offer full ankle-to-wrist protection from the elements" was added later to the BASS (but not BARTS) rules because a trend was observed of catsuits being worn under jackets and training shorts.

Current situation

Since the rule was introduced there have been a number of developments.

1. Catsuit material design has improved, they offer more protection, in particular from wind. Materials used in base layers have similarly been improved.
2. Although still expensive, catsuits are more readily available on the new and second hand market than before.
3. A new range of competition suits visually similar to catsuits but offering more protection has entered the market.
4. The mini age range has moved upward to U10/U12 with consequent physiological development.
5. Increasing numbers of events attract racers from other national training pathways where this rule is not in place. This is particularly an issue with the Lowland Nations competition structure with entries from Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as Britain and in the British and English Alpine events where a number of non-dom. families unfamiliar with British rules enter.

The rule has always been contentious with a group of parents, coaches and children and has been the basis of several conflicts in the past. For example, the rule does not take account of the variability in temperature in events taking place at various altitudes at various time of the year.

Informally, juries have relaxed these and other rules, recognising the issues as they arise and reflecting the age and experience of the competitors. In particular and linked to this proposal, non-dom. racers appearing at the start in jackets and training shorts in the first event in a competition have been permitted to start with the warning that they would need to be covered in any future event. In the past this has been accepted as a sensible compromise but has not been universally applied and been the cause for confusion and potential conflict.

Discussion

Is the rule still fit for purpose? Should it be removed from the BASS and/or BARTS rules or should it be amended to give greater discretion to juries or TDs? What should be the rule in international competitions such as the Lowland Championships?

Proposal

BARTS 606.7 be removed from GBR precisions

BARTS 606.2.5 be amended to read "Competitors must wear long trousers, long sleeves, gloves and skis with brakes throughout the practice session, course inspection and the race. Other requirements may be published in the bulletins for specific events."

BASS 606.7 be amended to read "Clothing worn by U12 or younger racers should offer adequate protection from the elements. If the weather forecast is adverse, then advice on clothing will be given by the jury at the TC Meeting and recorded in the minutes."

Derek Metters 9/5/2016