Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
Online via Microsoft Teams
Saturday 18th May 2024

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Ross Anderson (RA) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Vice Chair; Julian Adams (JA); Taryn Archbold (TA); Kirsty Crawford (KC); Richard Dawe (RD); Richard Ellis (RE); Jonny Gillespie (JG); James Heaton (JH); Steve James (SJ); Martin Leach (ML); Richard Love (RL); Michael van Moppes (MvM); Adrian Pery (AP); Jez Spring (JSp); Shell Thomas-Quaile (ST); Paul Trayner (PT); Logan Tannock (LT); Martin Triggol (MT);	
2	**Apologies / Not Present:** Tristan Cole (TC); Xan Alaerts (XA); Jamie Davies (JD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Tim Fawke (TF); Ross Gardner (RG); Andrea Grant (AG); Simon Horn (SH); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Christophe Lemeire (CL); David Mansfield (DSM); Derek Metters (DGM); John Poole (JP); Jenny Shute (JS); Elke Roels (ER); Gwyneth Watson (GW);	
3	**Minutes of 5th November 2023 meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** None.	
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** See written report. **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report. **5.3 SE** See written report. **5.4 SSW** Written report to follow. **5.5 SSS** See written report. **5.6 British Championships** Verbal update from RA: COCs for 2024 were AG (Seniors) and DJM (Children). Difficulty finding single resort to host the event, which was eventually split between Val d'Isere (GS) and Tignes (SL and speed), mainly due to lack of hill team resource in Tignes. Weather caused cancellation of speed races for second year running. Childrens competition ran well, although with feedback that Tignes not universally liked as resort for this event GBS are looking for possible alternatives for 2025, aiming for decision by June. **5.7 Telemark** See written report.	

	5.8 Finance SJ reported no concerns with the Forum's financial position, with sufficient existing funds to cover expected costs. There is no need to consider changes to calendar fees, although SJ highlighted that calendar fees are subject to VAT which is now being added to invoices.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. DJM highlighted the two proposed seeding rule changes to be dealt with under item 10, with the BASS EOS (End Of Season) list for 2024 delayed until 22nd May to allow the rule change to be discussed. **6.2 Telemark seeding** MT noted that BTR Book III needs thorough review and overhaul, aiming to table revised rules in November. There is also renewed interest in look at what might be possible in handling TM results and seeding on GBSKI – MT & JD to discuss with DJM.	**MT/JD** **MT/JD/DJM**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** PT reported key points from recent FIS meetings: • Airbags only compulsory at top level races, likely to be required for other events in due course. • Cut-resistant clothing may become mandatory for 2025-26. • First year U18s will be limited to 30 starts in technical races for 2025 onwards, second year limited to 40. • Number of gate judges was discussed, more talking to do in Zurich in September but rules will be revisited. • Skiing through gates during inspection to be discussed in September. • Allowing athletes to slip courses is not covered in the rules. Requiring them to slip brings them into ROC and hence potential insurance issues. Further discussion required. • Further discussion is also needed on jury composition requiring mixed gender, likely to be 'must' at top level and 'should' at lower levels. PT further noted that he had been selected to be on the Jury for Paralympic Games in Milan Cortina. **7.2 FIS ICR** No changes to report. **7.3 Medical** RA noted that JS has retired from her position on FIS Medical committee.	

	The Forum thanked Jenny for her contribution to Alpine skiing at all levels, especially athletes' welfare and safety that has had a positive impact across our wonderful sport. We look forward to Jenny (hopefully) continuing to share her knowledge, experience, and wisdom with the Forum for the foreseeable future.	
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please check, amend and inform Chair of any changes including email addresses. **8.2 Resignations / Retirements** None. **8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Jamie Davies — Assessed by PT for Alpine speed assessment at ISSSC 2024, passed, now fully endorsed as Alpine TD. DJM to update listing on GBSKI. Jonny Gillespie — Passed written exam in November 2023. On-snow exams could not be arranged during 2024, now aiming for 2025 season. Gary Turner — Aim for written examination in November 2024, and practical assessment and examination in 2025 season. Jez Spring assigned as Mentor. Nick Hands — Attend November 2024 Forum, aim for written examination in November 2025, with practical assessment and examination in 2026 season. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** No sanctions reported. Some useful feedback included in TD reports, good to note robust response to challenges on security installations and other matters. RD highlighted the need for TDs on artificial slope to check that OC in their completion of EMAF has referred to any risk assessment produced by slope. JA reported on deficiency of slope in Val d'Isere which required writing up exceptions in TD report for the number of gates. TDs to continue the practice of being 'truthful' about VDs and gate/direction counts on their results and reports. **8.5 Snow Safe and Injury Surveillance** No further information available. **8.5.1 Monitor use of photographic/video evidence** No reports of issues. Continue to monitor. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** A couple of people need to attend the update in November, no other issues. **8.7 TD Expenses** Agreed no change in TD per diem which currently stands at £80. Review 'standard' travel expense in November.	**DJM**

	8.8 Right to Work in Europe No significant changes. **8.9 Gender Policy Update and Review** Expect an update in November following FIS discussion on this topic.	
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** Need to look at reminding OCs to lodge proposal applications by the May meeting so we can start to look at how the calendar is shaping up. With new events appearing on the calendar it is important to allow maximum possible time to discuss potential date clashes. **9.2 TD Assignments** TDs reminded that they should add their availability for assignment to 2025 Winter races to the calendar system ahead of the November meeting. DJM noted that the TD assignment process for the 2024 Summer season was complete, and thanked all TDs for timely submission of bids and availability. Once assignments have been made, they can all (both snow artificial) be accessed at https://gbski.com/tdassigns. **9.3 BARTS events** British Calendar 2024 complete, accessible at https://www.gbski.com/artcal. **9.4 Calendar Fees review** It was agreed that no increase was required at present, to be reviewed in November as part of the normal financial planning.	
10.	**Rule Changes** **10.1 BCR** **10.1.1 BCR III** Proposal to adjust the baseline for BASS points for U14 and U16 to 160 and 120 respectively was agreed. DJM to implement these adjustments for the BASS EOS list now due on May 22nd. T&C SC to review the issue of 'drifting' BASS points for younger age groups during the Summer and discuss potential resolutions, taking into account the varying composition of races (single children's age group through to events that include all age groups). **10.2 BACR** **10.2.1 BACR III** Proposal to alter IBARTS and OBARTS EOS minimum loading for those who have not achieved any results during the season from 10 to 30. This change is required to 'unblock' the top of the seed list. DJM to publicise on GBSKI and implement these changes for the end of the 2024 Summer season. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** Nothing to report.	**DJM** **T&C SC** **DJM**

	10.4 Telemark rules Review of seeding rules as described under item 6.2.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 TDF Terms of reference review** RA noted that the official version is now in Dropbox. RA reported that TORs for Chair, Vice-chair and SCs are under way and will be posted in Dropbox for review in due course. **11.2 FIS Applicant TD Selection Policy/Process** RA noted that the GBR process for selection/application for FIS TD document is now available in Dropbox and ready for review. Feedback please to RA. ML/PT noted that the FIS have a working group (that includes PT) that is to look at updates to TD qualification. **11.3 U16 Race Format – Random draw** With no push from the racing community to make changes in this area, the Forum agreed that there was no action to take at this time, and to remove the item from the agenda. **11.4 Sub Committee Chair – delegated replacement** It was agreed that SC Chairs should look to identify and train up a delegated replacement or stand-in to assist with workload, to cover absences, and to help address 'single points of failure'. This should also include cover for those IT systems on which the sport relies. RA to bring this issue to the main agenda for the November meeting. **11.5 Manual hand timing** TD reports have highlighted lack of hand timing at some (largely services) events. RA noted that this is an important requirement and should be included in resort contracts. Failure to get valid times could lead to safety issues if competitors are sent round for re-runs (particularly in speed events) due to an avoidable organisational fault. JA noted that devices used for hand timing do not need to be fully up-to-date homologated timers so equipment availability should not be an issue. **11.6 AOB** No AOB.	**RA** **RA**
12.	**Dates of Next Meetings** 1st-3rd November 2024, Pinewood Hotel, Manchester (same as last year) Mid-May 2025, online, to be confirmed in November. November 2025 meeting to move to another venue.	

GB Snowsport Report to the TD Forum - May 2024

Performance

GBS athletes have delivered a record breaking season. This is by far the most successful year GBS has ever had with regards to results, with the wider GBS squads across all disciplines delivering superb results. Once again, we have had athletes podium at all major events including World Championships, Wold Cups and invitational events such as X Games and the Dew Tour, in every program that we run!

In Alpine, the GBS World Cup Team went from strength to strength with all 3 members of the squad scoring World Cup points. For the first time ever, we had 3 athletes in the top 20 in Kitzbuhel and 2 athletes in the top 10 in Aspen. Our men's slalom team ended their record breaking season ranked 6th in the Alpine Skiing World Cup Nations Cup in slalom ahead of nations such as Italy, the US and Canada.

Dave Ryding finished his season ranked joint 7th-his best ever standing. This is a really significant ranking because athletes ranked 1-7 have their bibs drawn first for each World Cup race which gives a significant advantage. Billy Major finished his season ranked joint 30th, a major milestone, with Laurie Taylor in 33rd. Special mention must go to Laurie Taylor for his standout performance in the Aspen World Cup. Laurie finished 8th, after achieving the fastest 2nd run time.

We also had some stand out results in the junior ranks with Zak Carrick-Smith winning 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal at the Youth Olympic Games, GB's first ever alpine youth olympic medals. Molly Butler achieved 16th in the Alpine Combined with a fantastic 6th place in the slalom leg and backed this up with a fabulous 10th place in giant slalom and 12th in slalom. Freddy Carrick Smith won gold at the U18 World Junior Championships Slalom and Olivia Howeson took Bronze in the women's U18 World Junior Championships Slalom.

In Para Snowsport the GBS squads had a busy season and delivered 14 World Cup podiums and 2 crystal globes.

GBS Board Update

With regards to Alpine, GBS is focused on a number of fundraising initiatives in order to build a solid and sustainable financial platform for its athletes.
Fusalp continues as the Alpine kit sponsor for the 2024/2025 season. The clothing has been very well received by the athletes and coaching staff and the partnership continues to grow. Swiss Peak also continue with their sponsorship and are joined by the Financial Times and Tenzing PE along with a number of other sponsorships which are still under negotiation.

New GBS Board members since the last update include:-

Steven Seligman
Simon Ferrington
Iain Ramsay-Clapham

IRC Update

Paul Trayner to provide an update from the recent FIS Congress meetings in Slovenia.

17 May 24

United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association

Report to the GB TD Spring update 18 May 24

1. **Year to Date**. Winter season 2023-24 was a great success with all Services/Corps completing race training prior to their Service Championships. The three services made the most of the opportunities and maximised attendance across all events.

The Qualifying Championships of **Ex SPARTAN HIKE** and **PIPEDOWN** (both calendar events) took place as usual in their home locations of Serre Chevalier and Les Contamines respectively. Both events ran smoothly and were well attended, the only issue encountered were those imposed by rain and high temperatures during the events. The same issues were also encountered at the RN Championships in Les Deux Alpes. Despite the challenges posed by the weather all the championships managed to get successful results and in the case of the army the required results to feed the Army Alpine Seed List and select the required athletes for the Army Alpine Championships (Ex LIONS CHALLENGE).

2. **RNWSA Snowsports Festival, Les 2 Alps January 2024**

The snow and weather conditions for 2024, were much more favourable than for 2023. Early December snow ensured that the pistes were in good condition for our training and competitions – it was only later into the second week, where temperatures had risen making the conditions a little 'slushy' on the lower slopes, that conditions became less favourable. Numbers this year were steady compared to last, with recovery in RNSF numbers being slow post COVID; this could be in part due to rising costs, but also due to pressures in the Fleet making it more difficult for personnel to be released to participate than it has been in the past. The RNWSA is always striving to improve the Snowsports Festival, this is done through collecting feedback from participants, sponsors and the team that deliver the festival, but we also continue to strive for continuous improvement. Our long-term relationship with our travel partner 'Wasteland Travel', has meant we can tailor packages to suit the majority, receive more favourable deals on accommodation and lift passes, and that we can work to ensure that the costs remain reasonably affordable whilst delivering the best experience we can; that's said, Winter Sports is expensive! Our generous sponsors ensure that the lessons and race fees remain free of charge - the only Service to be able to continue to do so! Most of our beginners received a £250 reimbursement courtesy of the RN Sports Lottery; medical insurance was arranged, saving all Service Personnel ££s on paying out for race insurance; we amended transfer times, so attendees arrived in resort at a reasonable hour; we held the first 'full' Ski-cross competition which was very well received – 2025 may see some additional changes, and we are working on these now. For the future, we will remain in Les Deux Alpes for 2025 (11-25 Jan), but we do intend to move to a new resort for 2026 and beyond. Our requirements to run the RNSF is complex and very specific - while there may be suggestions of a number of suitable resorts, when you get to the detail of what we need to deliver, there are only actually a handful that can fulfil our needs. Whatever resort, in whichever country, we will ensure that the resort meets all our requirements.

Participation Stats. This year saw increasing numbers of participants with over 600 sailors and marines undertaking training and racing over the 2 weeks of the festival. By discipline, participant numbers were approximately split 450 ski, 160 snowboard, 12 telemark. 253 JRs, 57SRs, 145 JOs (inc. cadets) and 89 SOs (OF3+) took part, with the remainder made up of veterans and civilians. In addition to this over 60 elite athletes took part in the training for the Royal Navy Ski, Snowboard and Telemark teams in preparation for team selection for the inter-services championship.

Safety Management. RNSF took a significant step forward this year with the introduction of a new process for the management of medical incidents. In previous years, the majority of injured

persons (IPs) were advised to seek their own treatment from local medical practitioners using their own personal travel insurance and only the most serious injuries were managed by the committee. This year, a new Duty Officer role was created (resourced from within existing committee footprint), responsible for managing incidents of all kinds on behalf of the Director and Deputy Director RNSF, and MOD contracted medical support (International SOS or ISOS) was used instead of individuals travel insurance. The combination of these two changes saw significant improvements in the RNSF's ability to exercise duty of care over attendees and ensured that all IPs received the appropriate homologation at first. We had to really push to get them onside and put out the extra netting and people to prevent injury and public access to the course. This was managed wll by the TD and COR. Plan is also to grow SQEP in COR and Hill Team positions which will be good for future TD development. Medical care, regardless of the IPs own perception of severity. This additional level of duty of care is deemed best practice and considered necessary for all future RNSFs but did highlight committee capacity constraints on days when multiple training and racing events are taking place simultaneously2. For future events, consideration will be given to either improving synchronization of the RNSF programme, or an uplift to the committee footprint, to avoid committee capacity constraints and protect our ability to react effectively to incidents.

Issues. The biggest issues we face in Les 2 Alps were from ESF who did not net the piste fully as per the homologation at first. We had to really push to get them onside and put out the extra netting and people to prevent injury and public access to the course. This was managed wll by the TD and COR. Plan is also to grow SQEP in COR and Hill Team positions which will be good for future TD development.

3. The weather for the **Army** Alpine Championships was a significant improvement on the previous weeks however there was insufficient snow on the usual DH/SG slope which resulted in these races being moved to alternate slopes (as has been the case in previous years). The key issue was a lack of snow towards the area where the A netting was in place. The GS and SL races were held in the usual location on excellently groomed slopes.

4. The **RAF** Alpine Ski Team prepared for the Inter-Services by returning to their almost permanent home in Austria – Saalbach-Hinterglemm – and held their annual 2-week Alpine Championships between 6-20 Jan 24. The resort has a great relationship with the Royal Air Force and Military skiing and prepared some excellent training and race pistes under what was very challenging conditions this year. The lack of any significant snow fall prior to the championship affected some of the preparations but all races were successfully completed. The RAF Mens and Womens Alpine Ski Teams are selected from those military personnel that attend the championships and then go forward to represent the Service at the Inter-Service Snow Sports Championships (ISSSC).

This year, the RAF assembled a blend of experienced and new skiers to their team and it was hoped that the introduction of new members would catapult the teams to success. The RAF produced some strong performances across all disciplines, but two skiers stood out – Fg Offs Ollie Weeks and Kirsty Guest. Fg Off Ollie Weeks claimed 5 individual titles including Best Newcomer this year; and Fg Off Kirsty Guest claimed 3 individual titles. It was an exceptionally strong performance for the RAF Teams. The RAF Mens Team claimed the Inter-Service Ski Team title after a 8 year absence, and with notable success for the RAF Mens in all the Team events.

Alpine Team Combined Champions - Men
Alpine Team Downhill - Mens
Alpine Team Super-G – Mens
Alpine Team GS – Mens
Alpine Team Slalom - Mens

Fg Off Kirsty Guest was named team captain for the Combined Alpine Ski Team that attended the GB Alpine Championship 2024 in Tignes. The RAF had a strong showing with 3 racers having been selected to the team – Fg Offs Kirsty Guest, Ollie Weeks and Plt Off Jed McNab.

5. The Inter Service Snow Sports Championships (**ISSSC**) took place as usual in Meribel. Very similar to last year a training week was available due to the Army Championships finishing earlier in the month. This was a great success and allowed the athletes to build confidence on new race pistes. The weather throughout the two-week period was very hit and miss but thanks to excellent slope preparation (same slopes used for FIS World Championships) and some very fine programme management (slopes also used by boarders and telemark athletes) we managed to secure all the required races. The championship was a great success.

6. **Winter Season 2023-24** was the first season where all Corps must have completed a race camp before the Qualifying Championships. This was huge success as the quality of racer at the Army Championships was much higher, giving a more competitive competition.

7. **Winter Season 2024-25**. This year the Services aspire to run a full uninterrupted programme of alpine competitions as they did last year. As stated above, all Corps Championships/Training Camps will take place prior to the Qualifying Championships. Service Championships (calendar events) will be held at the following resorts, full details are on the GB Snowsports Calendar:

- **Royal Navy**. RN Winter Sports Association Alpine Championships – Les Deux Alpes, France, Dates TBC
- **British Army**.
  - Ex PIPEDOWN – Les Contamines Montjoie, France, Date TBC
  - Ex SPARTAN HIKE – Serre Chevalier, France, Date TBC
  - Ex LIONS CHALLENGE – Serre Chevalier, France, Date TBC
- **Royal Air Force**. Ex ALPINE CHALLENGE, RAF Ski Championships – Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria, Date TBC
- **Inter-Service**. Inter-Services Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) – Meribel, France, Date TBC

8. **TD Development**. The Single Services continue to identify and select individuals capable of becoming a GBR TD (Services) to support their respective events via the TD Training Pathway. In addition, all three Services conduct various internal training of race officials to ensure that they remain current and competent. **Maj Jonathon (Jonnie) Gillespie.** Passed his exam in November 23 and his on-snow assessment in January 24 was unable to take place, this will hopefully take place in Jan 25. TBC are **Lt Cdr Gary Turner RN and Lt Cdr Nicholas Hand RN**. **Maj Micheal Houston** and **Maj Joe Williamson** both Army has expressed an interest and will forward their CV to the Forum Chair for advice.

9. **Rules**. The United Kingdom Armed Forces Alpine Rules will be updated post the TD Forum in November as required. As has happened in previous years, a letter will be staffed to the TD Forum Chair to identify the current dispensations from the BCR in respect of ski length and radius for the DH and SG at ISSSC.

John Poole

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UKAFWSA Alpine Rep

GB Alpine TD Forum
Snowsport England Report May 2024

Sponsorship
We would like to thank our sponsors who have supported our racing programme, including Rossignol, Vitalini, Racer Ready, Ski Bitz and Minerva Virtual Learning who supported us at the English Alpine Championships in 2024.
We would also like to thank, Ski Bartlett, Ski Racing Supplies, UK slopes and organising clubs and regions for their continued support during 2023 and to Rossignol who will continue their support for 2024 and to Copper Horse who will support the GBR series in 2024 as the new headline sponsor.

Bormio 2024
Visiting Bormio for the fifteenth time for the English Alpine Championships, SE once again managed to run a very full race programme with the help of our volunteers and the visiting clubs, coaches, racers, and parents.

As in 2023, the FIS race schedule was brought forward by a few days with the races scheduled to run from Thursday through Tuesday with a 'race free' day on the 'middle' Saturday. This was done to help 'de-pressurise' the busy race week and avoid trying to do too much all at once. This should have allowed a 'free' day on Saturday for the small sub-team who arrived early to meet with the main part of the team who largely arrived on Friday afternoon/evening. However, some issues with snow conditions, it was decided to move a Slalom from Monday to Saturday to allow the Super-G races to be split over Monday and Tuesday.

Bormio had not received a great deal of snowfall during January and February, but the on-piste conditions were good. Snow conditions and warmer weather meant the FIS Super G races had to be reduced to one SG for women and one for men.

The popular opening parade took place in 2024 on the Saturday. The Children's programme was largely as normal, commencing on Sunday and running through to the last races on Friday. Due to safety and insurance considerations, the parallel slalom event was held during on Thursday after the U14 Slalom in 2024. The children's programme was held on the Stelvio, Stella Alpina and Adler pistes in Bormio. Entries were very high. As per the FIS Super G races, weather conditions meant that Super G races were reduced to one for both U14 and U16 categories.

At the younger end of the age scale, there was a GS event and a stubbie slalom which were run for the U10/U12 age groups. The parallel U10/U12 event was also included in the programme. This proved once again to be a popular experience for all.

A big "thank you" goes to the team of volunteers who gave up their time to run this year's Championships. The organising team, David Manns as Chief Race Director, leading the activities on the hill during the week, and Andrea Grant continuing as Race Secretary.

Dates for 2025 have already been agreed, with the FIS races running from Thursday 13th to Tuesday 18th February, and the Childrens' races from Sunday 16th to Friday 21st February. The current contract with Bormio will extend to 2025.

2024 Summer Season
The 2024 Artificial Race Season has a full programme of race events during the summer months once again.

GBR Race Series
A similar programme of events are planned to take place in 2024. The outdoor series now will comprise of 5 races; 2 organised by SE, 2 organised by SSW and 1 by SSS. The GBR Outdoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using oBARTS seeding.

The indoor will comprise 5 races with 1 organised by SE; 2 organised by SSW and 2 organised by SSS. The SSS indoor races will be held at Chill Factore in Manchester following the closure of the indoor slope at Braehead.

The GBR Indoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using iBARTS seeding.

Championships
The Indoor Championships events for 2024 in line with the outdoor equivalents. It is proposed that for 2024 there will be an English Indoor Championships held in conjunction with the GBR Indoor 5 race as a double header in July. The Welsh Indoor Championships and the British Indoor Championships will take place as a double header weekend held at Manchester in August.

The All-England Championships and Inter Club Team event will be held at Silksworth in 2024 and the Inter-Regional Team event will be at Gloucester.

The BASS indoor races at Landgraaf have had to be cancelled for the 2024 season due to on-going Netherlands requirements for Work Permits preventing coaching and volunteers working at the event. SE did look again at arranging them at Snow Valley at Peer, in Belgium, but negotiations on the hire of the facility could not be concluded satisfactorily.

Following the eighth Lowlands Indoor Championships which was hosted by the Netherlands in 2023, the Netherlands will host again at Landgraaf for 2024.

Club National Races
It is expected that there will be 17 SE Club National events in 2024, 4 of which will be held indoor. SE does not propose to impose a limit on the number of Club National events held under its authority in 2024. Confirmation of all seeded events including Club Nationals is however subject to the availability of a TD to oversee the event. Financial responsibility for a Club National event sits with the organising club. SE is freely available to consult and advise and clubs will be told that mentors are available to help new and experienced race organisers and officials.

Excel Introductory Races
The Excel Introductory Race format was rolled out into the calendar in 2014 on the basis that 1 race could be held within each Region, aimed at attracting new racers into the sport. The format is 3 runs down a single course with the best time to count and the race seeded under the oBARTS system with a minimum penalty of 20 seed points. The race is open to racers with seed points greater than 20 points and is limited to a maximum of 75 entries to enable such events to be run in a morning, afternoon, or an evening. As these are seeded events it is necessary to assign a TD to oversee the events. No Excel events will be held during 2024.

Quality
SE is responsible for ensuring that all events that are organised under the SE banner meet quality criteria.

All events should take place on homologated slopes and action is being taken to ensure that where a slope is undertaking major work the venue is subject to re-homologation or inspection by the TD Forum. TD Reports for all seeded events are actively reviewed by SE Alpine Committees to ensure that the recommendations in the TD report are implemented as a condition of awarding future events to a club or venue.

Award letters for Club National events clearly state that the Chief of Race should be an experienced and qualified Level 4 Official (consistent with the updated pathway). This requirement will only be waived in exceptional circumstances The Race Secretary for any seeded event should have attended the Race Secretary course or be otherwise experienced. Clubs should be advised that Race Secretary training can be provided on a 1:1 or group basis if requested. A Race Secretary mentor can also be made available to a Race Secretary who is undertaking the role for the first time.

Officials' Development and Training
A limited number of Level 3 officials training courses were held during 2023. The L3 modular course has proved popular with an option for attendees to attend a single day of the two days to obtain the training. Modules are also available for courses to be held online via Zoom. It should be noted that the course has evolved over the years and that SE 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 at artificial venues during the summer season.

Several Level 1 courses have been run during over the past year at various clubs, which is encouraging. An online version of the Level 1 course is available which makes the course more accessible to clubs and regions.

It is encouraging however, to report that there has been interest from Clubs and Regions of SE to attend some of the Level 3 modular courses. A number were held during January 2023 and further courses are scheduled during 2024 based on demand.

The Alpine Committee maintains a central race officials' database and the formalised Race Officials Pathway for race officials is being updated. Thanks go to Andrew Hjort for his continued hard work in developing and documenting the Race Officials Pathway.

Lloyd Jenkins
Chair, Alpine Committee
Snowsport England

Snowsport Scotland Report to The TD Forum – May 2024

2023/2024 Competitions:

Scottish FIS races 2024 Bormio
Anglo Scottish Championships 2024 Les Crossets
BSA Championships 2024 Les Crossets
Twin Peaks 2023 Firpark
Twin Peaks (& GBR) 2023 Hillend
SSC/BSC Firpark/Bearsden
Scottish Dry Slope Championships 2023 Hillend
Craig Macfie Classic 2023 Hillend

Cancelled:

Gordon Skiers Open 2024 The Lecht
Scottish Children's Champs 2024 Cairngorm
Scottish FIS races 2024 Cairngorm

Upcoming Summer/Autumn 2024

Twin Peaks Firpark June - Entries closed, race full
Twin Peaks (GBR 3) Hillend June - Entries closed, race full
Scottish Indoor Champs (GBR 3&4) Manchester June – Entries open
BSC West Coast Bearsden August
SSC East Coast Firpark August
British Indoor Champs Manchester August
APR Firpark Event Firpark August
Scottish Dry Slope Champs Hillend August
British Dry Slope Champs Hillend August
Craig Macfie Classic Hillend October

Alpine Programmes:

- 14 active clubs across Scotland delivering programmes for youngsters from grass roots into alpine ski racing. Clubs deliver Summer/Autumn dry slope training programmes
- 14 clubs offer on snow training throughout the winter period when conditions allow
- 6 registered clubs deliver European based training and race programmes
- SSS Home Nations Programme continues to deliver a part-time programme to athletes who make relevant HNs status

Facilities:

Midlothian Snowsports Centre undergoing multi-activity centre development
Afford dry ski slope fully operational following renovation
Polmonthill dry ski slope pursuing Community Asset Transfer
The Lecht crowdfunding

May 24 TD Update Telemark Report

GB Telemark

GB Telemark had a great season. Despite the challenges of the warm weather and lack of snow PLV lived up to its local nickname of "le frigo" and was flexible enough, despite the adverse weather, to deliver a full race programme for the GB and Army Championships. At the FIS level the team produced some excellent results, most notably Jasmin Taylor winning the Sprint discipline Crystal Globe and clinching the overall Telemark Crystal Globe at the last event of the season. Overall, the team finished 5th in the Nations Cup.

UKAFWSA Telemark

This was the first year RN Telemark Championship was held alongside Alpine and Snowboarding at the RNSF. A full series of races was delivered (including Parallel Sprint), although due to lack of competitors and VD it was decided not to seed the races. Some challenges were encountered due to lack of race resources at L2A to run concurrent Alpine and Telemark races. They were unable to provide compliant timing systems for all races and there was insufficient B Netting to fully comply with the homologation document.

There is currently some uncertainty over the delivery of Telemark Races at RNSF in 2025 as L2A are unable to deliver telemark racing next season. RNWSA is currently considering alternatives solutions.

ISSC once again delivered a successful series of races that suitably challenged all the athletes that competed. Of special note this was the first year that each of the three Services entered full male and female Telemark Teams for the competition resulting in Tri-Service podiums in both categories and a few athletes selected for trials with the GB Team.

Telemark Officials Training Pathway

The newly published Telemark Officials Training Pathway was successfully used as a handrail by RN and Army to train new Level 3 officials over the course of the season. This also utilised the Alpine Level 1 online training course which provided a great foundation to build on. It is key that all three services and civilians continue to grow their pools of officials to safeguard the delivery of Telemark competitions in the future.

Seeding

Telemark wishes to review and republish BTR III Seeding rules for next year to ensure a clear and accurate system is utilised across all competitions. As part of this review, we would like to investigate with David Manns the potential to host Telemark Seeding on the GBSKI website.

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Although there are still some invoices to be paid, I am confident the fund is able to cover our costs over the year. This includes the web hosting costs that have not yet been invoiced to the TD Forum, and anticipating a 10% increase in the costs of the November meeting.

During the year it became apparent that calendar fees attract VAT. The fund has covered this for invoices that had already been issued, but all invoices now include VAT so that organisers pay it.

I recommend that there is no need to adjust calendar fees.

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16 May 2024

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David Manns
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8th May 2024

BASS seeding

Seed Lists

The closing ("EOS") list for the 2024 Winter season will be published on Wednesday May 22nd. Publication has been delayed, to allow time to consider a rule change in BCR III that applies to this list. A pre-publication edition of this list had earlier been provided to Snowsport Scotland and England to assist with their athlete selection process.

Seeding Decisions

No Seeding Decisions to report.

BARTS seeding

Seed Lists

Publication of seed lists for 2024 commenced with the opening list on Wednesday April 10th, with lists now being published every four weeks for most of the season.

A rule change in BACR III has been proposed to resolve an issue with athletes staying at the top of the list (with zero points) when they posted no race results during the season. This change, if agreed, would affect the EOS list for the 2024 season.

Homologation

Updating of Homologation for artificial slopes is usually carried out by the TD assigned to events at those slopes to minimise costs to slope operators/users. A separate inspection is only usually required for new homologations or following significant changes to the slope.

Recent and future changes

The dry slope at Pembrey was re-inspected during the races held there on April 20th and the corresponding documentation has been published.

Homologation for several slopes has expired. Apart from the dry slope at Ipswich (which will be re-inspected at the race there on June 2nd) there are no seeded events scheduled for these slopes during the current season, so they remain as 'watch and wait'.

GBSKI

Routine maintenance and small updates to the site were carried out during the year. No major changes are expected in the near future.