Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
Online
14:00 to 16:00 on Saturday 16th May

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Ross Anderson (RA) Chair David Manns (DJM) Vice Chair Julian Adams (JA) Taryn Archbold (TA) Kirsty Crawford (KC) Jamie Davies (JD) Richard Dawe (RD) Richard Ellis (RE) Tim Fawke (TF) Ross Gardner (RG) Jonny Gillespie (JG) Andrea Grant (AG) Nick Hand (NH) James Heaton (JH) Steve James (SJ) David Mansfield (DSM) Michael van Moppes (MvM) John Poole (JP) Jez Spring (JSp) Paul Trayner (PT) Martin Triggol (MT) Gary Turner (GT) (part)	
2	**Apologies / Not Present:** Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD) Lloyd Jenkins (LJ) Christophe Lemeire (CL) Richard Love (RL) Derek Metters (DGM) Adrian Pery (AP) Elke Roels (ER) Shell Thomas-Quaile (ST) Logan Tannock (LT) Gwyneth Watson (GW)	
3	**Minutes of Sunday 2nd November 2025 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** No report presented from GBS Alpine Committee. RA picked out some key points: a good season, Olympic results mixed across the various disciplines. Funding for Alpine continues to be a challenge. Highlighted on-going work with GBS actively looking for potential guides for VI athletes. PT summarised success at Paralympic Games with some good results in Alpine. **5.2 UKAFWSA** JP summarised key points. Asked for dispensation on skis to be agreed at this meeting to allow time for new equipment to be purchased. **5.3 SE** See written report.	

	5.4 SSW No report presented. **5.5 SSS** No report presented. Summary from RG, great to see some races in Scotland over the Winter, particularly grateful for support of the Forum. After note: SSS Report is now in the Dropbox. **5.6 British Championships** See written report. **5.7 Telemark** See written report. MT picked out key points, particularly looking toward some rule changes including altering requirements for helmets for which the risk will need to be 'owned' by GBS Telemark Committee. **5.8 Finance** See written report. RA noted the possibility of FIS calendar fees and licence fees increasing, which we would need to discuss in due course.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. DJM highlighted the continued issues with the change of Snowsport England membership setup, getting better but not yet fully resolved, and also reported on successful introduction of new Live Timing software. RAD noted that software can have issues if internet connection is poor, DJM to investigate. **6.2 Telemark seeding** No change, still need more competitions to make this viable.	**DJM**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** RA provided update on key points from recent FIS meetings. RA will circulate separate report in due course once FIS committee minutes are available. • Front end of TD development pathway changing to include a test to be taken before joining the pathway. • Age restrictions to be removed from ICR, continuing to be licenced is decision between TD and Commissioner. • Category adder was discussed, to be moved from 8 to 3. • FIS lists moving to weekly publication. • 158 homologations stuck in the pipeline to be addressed. All new inspections to be done over the Summer, and allow re-inspection of existing homologations during Winter. Also, all homologations will have five year cycle. DSM noted that online mechanism for logging homologation data is very different from previous setup.	

	• TDs must check homologation is still active just ahead of their race, as homologation can be suspended at a moments' notice for various reasons. RA also noted the possibility that re-homologation of your assigned race venue may not be completed due to backlog of applications, in which case there won't be any exemptions, it could mean your slope cannot be used. Early contact with OCs is important. • Discussions are taking place around course setting for Europa Cup to address higher speeds and higher injury levels in EC than are seen at WC. • No significant equipment changes expected. • Note that Medical Guide on website has moved location. The Chair will email a link of the new location. **7.2 FIS ICR** No significant changes to be aware of. **7.3 Medical** Reduction in what is reported, no capture of injury or return to play, simply capture the fact that there was an injury with relevant contact details. RAD to review injury form.	**ALL** **RAD**
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** JA noted great progress in qualifications over the Winter. Kirsty Crawford — FIS TD — Now qualified Jamie Davies — FIS TM TD — Now qualified Nick Hand — Services — Now qualified Gary Turner — Services — Now qualified James Knock — GBR — Written exam in November 2026 Calum Shepherd — GBR — Written exam in November 2026 Emily Evans — GBR — Awaiting updates Nigel Greenfield — GBR — Awaiting updates Ali Jubb — GBR — Awaiting updates Reini Kornberger — GBR — Awaiting updates John Whitmarsh — GBR — Awaiting updates **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** One sanction at GB Alpine Children's Championships, individual disqualified in race then NPS for following race. Reports generally in good shape. If your report depends on having race results posted to the system, please wait until this is successfully completed before finishing your report.	

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
No issues with anyone lacking assignments.

8.7 TD Expenses
TDs need to have conversation with OCs about travel plans/costs. For example, driving to airport and parking can work out as a very expensive option. Ensure you agree plans with the OC in writing.

In the light of the current political situation, possible increases in standard travel cost cap to be discussed in November.

TD per diem currently £100. To be held at that level for 2026/27 Winter season. Move towards equivalency with FIS level (currently around £120), possibly in steps, to be discussed at November meeting.

8.8 Right to Work in Europe
No change. Continue to review.

8.9 Gender Policy Update and Review
Progress with HN and GBS policies was noted and should continue to be monitored. It was recognised that some events had already moved to using Female and Open categories, but this was not universal.

9. British Calendar and TD Appointments

9.1 GB Calendar update
RA noted the move to Google based setup for the 2026/27 season, already capturing applications. A number of expected applications have yet to be lodged.

9.2 TD Assignments
Assignments for Summer 2026 were confirmed as follows:

BUCS Indoor Champs (Manchester)	DGM
RTR Club National (Sunderland)	JH
NESA Club National (Sunderland)	JH
West Wales Club National (Pembrey)	DGM
Telford Club National (Stoke)	DJM
Stoke Club National (Stoke)	DJM
Welwyn Club National (Welwyn)	LJ
GBR Indoor Series 1&2 (Manchester)	LJ
Pendle Club National (Pendle)	RAD
Rossendale Club National (Rossendale)	RAD
Cardiff & Dragons Club National (Llandudno)	LJ
GBR Outdoor Series 1 (Llandudno)	LJ
GBR Outdoor Series 2&3 (Hillend)	DJM

Ambition Club National (Manchester)	JH
Norfolk Club National (Norwich)	DJM
APR Twin Peaks (Firpark)	LT
Vikings Club National (Ipswich)	TA
LSR Twin Peaks (Hillend)	KC
Midland Club National (Swadlincote)	RAD
UNIQ Club National (Swadlincote)	RAD
GBR Indoor Series 3&4 including Scottish Indoor Champs (Manchester)	LT
Gloucester Club National (Gloucester)	DJM
Western Counties Club National (Gloucester)	DJM
Chatham Club National (Chatham)	RAD
Alpine100 Club National (Chatham)	RAD
GBR Indoor Series 5 (Manchester)	TF
English Indoor Champs (Manchester)	TF
Pontypool Club National (Pontypool)	DGM
Hemel Club National (Hemel)	ST
GBR Outdoor Series 4 (Pontypool)	DGM
ERSA Club National (Milton Keynes)	ST
GBR Outdoor Series 5&6 (Sunderland)	TA
British Outdoor Champs (Stoke)	LJ
SE Inter-Regional (Stoke)	LJ
BSC West Coast (Bearsden)	ST
SSC East Coast (Firpark)	ST
Welsh Indoor Champs (Manchester)	LJ
British Indoor Champs (Manchester)	LJ
All England Champs (Norwich)	RAD
Scottish Dry Slope Champs (Hillend)	KC
Welsh Outdoor Champs (Pontypool)	TF
North Wales Club National (Llandudno)	DJM
Irish Championships (Dublin)	DGM
LSR Craig Macfie Classic (Hillend)	RG
Impulse Club National (Swadlincote)	TBA

9.3 BARTS events
One late application has yet to be assigned a TD (Sunday 15th November at Swadlincote Derbyshire) otherwise all is in order.

9.4 Calendar Fees review
It was agreed that no increase was required at present. Continue to review.

10. Rule Changes

10.1 BCR
See written report from Rules SC.

Proposal to move the contents of the separate "Guide to helmets" into BCR Book VI (Equipment Regulations) for better consistency and visibility was approved, to be included in the usual round of document changes after the Autumn meeting.

10.2 BACR
See written report from Rules SC.

	Proposal from SE to update BACR VIII (Homologation) to match current practice was agreed. Specifically, to reduce the minimum length for GBR and Championship events from 140m to 125m. Proposal was agreed, to take immediate effect to allow this to be taken into account by HNs and Clubs in their bids to host races in the 2027 calendar which starts to happen during this Summer. SJ to update BACR VIII and publish. Same changes to helmet regulations as above were agreed. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** No changes to report. **10.4 Telemark rules** No changes to report. **10.5 Dispensations** **10.5.1 UKAFWSA** Agreed dispensation on ski equipment regulations. **10.5.2 BUCS start order** Agreed dispensation on start order for unregistered competitors. Already has prior approval by TDF Exec due to competition being scheduled at start of season.	**SJ**
11.	**Other items** **11.1 Fore-running younger age groups** Forum agreed that forerunners must be U10 first year or older in all races. **11.3 Athletes Declaration Review** Proposed amendments to Athletes Declaration to be reviewed by Rules SC (revised wording around registered, unregistered and day registered competitors) and presented for ratification in November. RA suggested 'if in doubt, get them to sign' which should include forerunners or anyone taking part who has not already been through HN registration at least once. **11.4 Risk Management Review** Proposed generic Risk Assessment created by RA and DJM to be reviewed by Rules SC and presented for ratification in November. **11.5 Appointment of Vice-Chair** LJ confirmed as Forum Vice-Chair to take effect from November meeting, after transition period working with RA and DJM.	**SJ/RAD** **SJ/RAD** **RA/DJM/LJ**
12.	**Dates of Next Meetings** 30th October to 1st November 2026: Edinburgh at Holiday Inn by Zoo https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZYxogF3RoHzNzjdQ7?g_st=iw Mid-May 2027: Online. Date to be confirmed in November.	

Reports and additional documents to follow.

GB Alpine Champs 2026, Santa Caterina, Italy

In 2026 we returned to Santa Caterina, where crisp, cold conditions during the first week set the stage for an exceptionally successful Championships. The teamwork and professionalism from Omar Galli and his crew were outstanding. Fresh from running the Olympic race hill, Omar brought invaluable experience and energy to the event – we're incredibly fortunate to have him working alongside us.

All FIS races (DH, SG, GS, and SL) were completed seamlessly, showcasing the depth of British talent across the board. Our World Cup athletes Billy Major, Laurie Taylor, and Victoria Palla delivered inspiring performances – a real boost for our younger racers, who cheered them on enthusiastically from the sidelines. Congratulations to our GB National Championship winners: Freddy Carrick Smith, Owen Vinter, Roy-Alexander Steudle, Giselle Gorringe, Victoria Palla, and Molly Butler. With entrants from over 36 nations, it was truly an international celebration of ski racing. A special mention to Giselle Gorringe, winner of the Victor Ludorum, and Owen Vinter, runner-up.

After the Easter break, we hosted the Children's Races, welcoming over 300 young racers from U10 through U16. Every discipline—SG, GS, and SL—was contested with enthusiasm and spirit. It was also our first year running SG for U10/U12, which proved a huge hit! The young racers relished the thrill of speed in a safe, well-managed environment, and it's clear that the future of British skiing is bright with such promising talent emerging.

A huge thank you goes to Marc Telling for his tireless work on the hill, teaming up with Omar and FIS TD Wilfred to deliver the best possible race conditions. Also thanks to Ronan and Liv, who joined the team for the first time—Liv made a fantastic contribution managing communications and social media.

For the Children's Races, gratitude goes to Ross (Children's TD), David, and Deb for their vital roles in timing and calculations. The positive feedback from coaches, parents, and athletes has been wonderful to receive.

We were also delighted to have the support of two sponsors this year—CMC for the FIS week and MVA for the Children's events. Their partnership was greatly appreciated and added extra strength to both weeks.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled that Santa Caterina would love to welcome us back in 2027. After such a successful year, we can't wait to return!

GB Alpine TD Forum
Snowsport England Report May 2026

Sponsorship

We would like to thank our sponsors who have supported our racing programme, including Rossignol, Helly Hansen and Minerva Virtual Learning who supported us at the English Alpine Championships in 2026.

We would also like to thank, Ski Bartlett, Ski Racing Supplies, UK slopes and organising clubs and regions for their continued support during 2025 and to Rossignol who will continue their support for 2026 and to Copper Horse who will also continue with their support of the GBR series in 2026 as the headline sponsor.

Bormio 2026

Visiting Bormio for the sixteenth 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.

The EAC programme had to be scheduled rather later than in previous years due to Bormio hosting the Men's Alpine events at Bormio during February as part of the Milan Cortina Winter Olympics. The FIS race schedule ran from Wednesday 4th March through to Monday 9th March. The schedule commenced with the technical disciplines at Stella Alpine Wednesdayto Saturday followed by 2 days of Super G on the Sunday and Monday. Entry numbers were reduced in terms of GBR athletes due to the races running later than usual but international entries were very healthy.

Bormio had not received a great deal of snowfall during January and had some light snowfall during the Olympics in February, but the on-piste conditions were good, particularly for the FIS events. All scheduled FIS races were completed.

The popular opening parade took place in 2026 on the Saturday. The Children's programme was as normal, commencing on Sunday and running through to the last races on Friday. The parallel slalom events were held on Tuesday 9th March in 2026. The children's programme was held on the Stelvio and Stella Alpina pistes in Bormio. Entries reduced due to the late scheduling of the event outside of School holiday periods. Due to warming temperatures, theU14 and U16 Super G races had to be cancelled on the Stelvio. However. an additional U16 GS was added into the programme on Stella Alpine as some compensation.

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 remotely as Race Secretary.

Dates for 2027 have already been agreed and are planned to take place during the usual weeks during February. It is planned to start with the FIS races running from Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th February 2027, and the Childrens' races from Sunday 14th to Friday 19th February 2027. The current contract with Bormio will extend to 2028.

2026 Summer Season

The 2026
Artificial Race Season has a full programme of race events during the summer months once again.

GBR Race Series

A similar programme of events is planned to take place in 2026. The outdoor series now will comprise of six races; 2 organised by SE, 2 organised by SSW and 2 by SSS. The GBR Outdoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using oBARTS seeding.

The indoor will comprise five races with 1 organised by SE; 2 organised by SSW and 2 organised by SSS. The SSS indoor races will be held at The Snow Centre (formerly Chill Factore), in Manchester.

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

Championships

The Indoor Championships events for 2026 in line with the outdoor equivalents. It is proposed that for 2026 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 run at Norfolk in 2026, and SE will host the British Outdoor Championships with the Inter-Regional Team event at Stoke.

The BASS indoor races at Landgraaf have had to be cancelled for the 2026 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 ninth Lowlands Indoor Championships which was hosted by the Netherlands in 2025, it is likely that the Netherlands will host again at Landgraaf for 2026.

Club National Races

It is expected that there will be 19 SE Club National events in 2026, 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 2026. 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 2026.

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 2025. 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 2024, and further courses are scheduled during 2026 based on demand.

A Calcs course was held during November 2024, which was well attended, and a further course will be held during 2026 if there is sufficient 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 2026

2025/2026 Competitions:

Scottish FIS races Reiteralm (SSS)
Scottish Childrens Champs & Bairns Bucket (SSC)
Coronation Cup (SCC)
Lecht Open (Gordons)
Scottish Alpine Student Championships (SASC)
Twin Peaks Firpark (APR)
Twin Peaks Hillend (LSR)
GBR/Scottish Indoor Championships Manchester (SSS)
GBR/British Outdoor Championships Hillend (SSS)
East/West Coast Firpark/Bearsden (SSC/BSC)
Scottish Dry Slope Championships Hillend (SSS)
Craig Macfie Classic Hillend (LSR)
Bairns & Lassies Hillend (LSR)

Cancelled:

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Upcoming Summer/Autumn 2026

GBR Outdoor Hillend (SSS)
Twin Peaks Firpark (APR)
Twin Peaks Hillend (LSR)
GBR/Scottish Indoor Championships Manchester (SSS)
East/West Coast Firpark/Bearsden (SSC/BSC)
Scottish Dry Slope Championships Hillend (SSS)
Craig Macfie Classic Hillend (LSR)
Bairns & Lassies Hillend (LSR)

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
- 5 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:

Bearsden Ski Club, renovation following fire damage complete and operational
Hillend increased car parking/access road improved following completion of alpine rollercoaster development
Nevis Range, issues with staffing to get lifts operational during fruitful winter season

Notes:

- A brilliant winter season in Scotland with 364 operational days across 5 mountain resorts
- Thanks to the TD Forum for supporting an additional snow seeded event in 2025 (Coronation Cup)
- Thanks to the TD Forum for accommodating the slope change for the Lecht Open onto an un-homologated slope to allow the event to run. Gordons are now looking into options moving forward and the possibility to switch to a different venue
- Scottish FIS races went off well in new Reiteralm location, over 400 individual entries
- L2 coaching course delivered in Hintertux in May 2025, L2 & L3 delivered in Hintertux in May 2026. 2026 courses delivered by SSS tutor Ross Gardner, with support from Mike Pilarski and L2 shadowed by SSE tutor Taryn Archibald

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GB Telemark

Huan Davies has now completed his handover and is now firmly in role as GB Telemark Chairman. His initial priorities are to revitalise the GB Telemark Committee with a view to continued support to the GB Team and re-establishing a British Telemark Championship hopefully through renewed support from the Army. We are also planning to hold a British round of the Telemark World Cup in 2027, hosted by PLV. Whilst there are still issues to resolve with both funding and the resorts support we have had positive meetings with the resort, WC Event Coordinator, and potential sponsors.

Despite a challenging season Jaz Taylor finished second in the overall WC Standings with Britain again finishing a very credible fifth in the Nations Cup.

We will hear in June if the bid to include Telemark Parallel Sprint as a demonstration event in the 2030 Winter Olympics. This will be a big development for the sport and will hopefully increase interest, at all levels in the sport. Fingers crossed!

UKAFWSA Telemark

Luke Davies will continue as Chairman UKAF Telemark this season, having stepped into the role for the 2026 competition.

Army Telemark continues to be strongly supported with Exercise Telemark Titan being fully subscribed this season and having the highest ratio of women competitors of any Army Winter Sport Discipline. A successful Army Championships was again delivered at PLV and the contract there has now been approved for next season (a full 4 year re-tender process for 2029 season will start this year).

The RN Telemark Championships took place alongside Alpine and Snowboard at the RNSF which returned to Tignes. Despite this being the first time Tignes has delivered a Telemark series of races it was a great success with the resort delivering concurrent alpine and telemark races.

The RAF continued to build their telemark portfolio at Saalbach Hinterglen with tuition and a non-seeded race provided as part of this season's activity.

Another successful telemark race series was delivered at ISSSC with all three Services fielding both men and women's team. The RN were dominate with a near clean sweep of individual podiums and team prizes.

Telemark Officials Training Pathway

It was a successful season for officials training with all three Services growing their pool of qualified officials. Noticeably Jono Young (RAF) was qualified as a CoR and will continue to build knowledge and experience to potentially be put forward as an Aspirant TD in a few years.

Congratulations to Jamie who successfully completed his final FIS practical exam at Pinzolo WC at the start of the season and is now a qualified FIS Telemark TD.

Seeding

No change.

Rules
The following rule changes for British Telemark are to be submitted:

To improve the standard of Telemark Technique Judges (one of the biggest challenges facing telemark racing) there will be a new FIS online course next season, hosted on the FIS eLearning portal, which will be mandatory for all WC Technique Judges. It will be recommended that all Technique Judges at British Telemark races **should** also complete this training.

Add a rule to allow the use of EN1077 Class B helmets, as a minimum standard (Class A recommended), at British Telemark races (this will no longer stated in TICR).

Competitors who are DNS/NPS/DNF/DSQ in Run 1 may start the second run, drawn in bib order, after the last classified racer from Run 1. A Jury Decision is required before allowing DNS & NPS to start in run 2 accounting for why they were DNS or NPS and whether they conducted a practice jump in Run 1 Inspection. This is allowed in FIS Junior races (1730.5.6) and will enable competitors to continue to gain race experience in the extremely limited British Telemark race calendar.

Report compiled by
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GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum
Timing and Calculations Sub-Committee
Report to Forum Meeting May 2026

David Manns
TDF T&C SC
4th May 2026

BASS seeding

Seed Lists

The closing ("EOS") list for the 2025-26 Winter season was published on April 2nd, once again scheduled to fit in with Home Nation athlete selection processes.

Seeding Decisions

Slalom races at the Lecht Open on January 17th and 18th had insufficient depth of snow which rendered the homologated piste unusable. Races were switched to an alternative piste which had a vertical drop below the minimum allowed but in all other aspects provided a good race for the level of competition. After discussion of the merits of the request to seed the event, it was agreed that these races would be approved for seeding.

With no GBR TD available and only Austrian software used to produce race results, Nations Cup rounds 11 and 12 (codex 8239-41 and 9239-41) were run under an Austrian TD and weren't seeded.

BARTS seeding

Seed Lists

Publication of artificial slope seed lists for 2026 commenced with the opening list on Wednesday April 8th, with lists now being published as usual, roughly every four weeks for the rest of the season.

Calendar

TD assignments for the summer calendar were completed slightly later than usual but all organised in time for the opening races of the season to take place on April 18th. One late-submitted application for November has yet to be assigned.

Registration

Further small changes have been agreed with SE and their IT provider to ease the processing of membership levels.

- Membership Type field has been added to the Competitor record in GBSKI, and the code to import registration lists has been extended to bring in this field when present in the membership report from SE, and to mark Blue and Coach competitors as 'Suppressed from Seeding').

- SE membership type for registered competitors of all recognised levels (Blue, Red, Black and Coach) is now visible in competitor records on GBSKI. This should make it easier for OCs to determine whether competitors have an active licence (and hence are insured to race).

- Some manual intervention is still required by OCs, to add a 'B' (Blue) or 'C' (Coach) prefix to the competitor's registration number when they compete in Club National races (such races being open to Blue or Coach members, but these competitors stay 'outside' the seeding system).

- The code to handle import of race results from Club National races has been updated to detect 'B' and 'C' prefixes and match the numeric part of the registration number. This will allow results to be included in competitor biographies for these competitors but will keep them outside the seeding system.

GBSKI

Aside from the changes described above, only routine maintenance and small updates to the site were carried out during the year. No major changes are planned, but discussions are still taking place in the background with a working group with both ski race and IT experience looking at improving resilience and succession planning.

A newly developed Live Timing system "GBskiLive" was trialled at the English Alpine Championships, then rolled out for the GB Alpine Children's Championships and now in use across most of the races on the artificial slope circuit.

Access to information about interfacing to FIS Live has been acquired from FIS, with the intention of determining the possibility of extending GBskiLive to cater for British FIS races interfacing with FIS Live without having to purchase the licence features required to hook Ski Alp Pro to FIS Live.

Just for information, some stats from the GBSKI database as of 4th May this year:

Competitors	23,606
Competitions	1,871
Races	9,302
Times	270,162
Seed lists	413
Seed list items	1,124,332
Total database records	2,206,661
Race documents	17,650

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GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum
Treasurer's Report to Forum Meeting May 2026

Steve James
15 May 2026

The TD Forum's fund remains healthy. The fund is able to cover the forecast cost of the November meeting and other routine liabilities. No decision has been reached on payment for the live timing system or other aspects of maintaining GBSki, but some contingency is available.

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

Steve James
Treasurer
15 May 2026

GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum
Rules Sub-Committee
Report to Forum Meeting November 2025

Steve James
Rules SC
14 May 2026

A change to BCR VIII Homologation has been proposed by David Manns and supported by Lloyd Jenkins. This would reduce the minimum length for GBR and Championship events from 140m to 125m, with other criteria remaining unchanged. Only 11 slopes meet the 140m requirement (Chatham, Gloucester, Hillend, Dublin, Llandudno, Norwich, Pontypool, Rossendale, Silksworth, Hemel, Manchester). There are five slopes at least 125m in length (Firpark, Ipswich, Pendle, Stoke, Swadlincote) of which three have in the past hosted higher level races, with Stoke scheduled to host the upcoming British Champs in July. If approved the change will allow more scope for moving the higher level events around the country, and legitimise the situation where shorter slopes have been or are going to be used for higher level events. The minimum length for a Club National event would remain unchanged at 100m.

It is proposed to move the contents of the separate "Guide to helmets" into BCR/BACR book VI (with appropriate adjustment to wording and numbering) as they are actually rules rather than guidance. It may also serve to increase the visibility of these rules rather than being hidden away in a separate guide. Note that the FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment 2025/2026 include parallel under the same heading as DH/SG/GS. The British guidance document makes no mention of Parallel, but it is believed that SL rules have been used in the past, and a decision is needed on this aspect. A draft text is below.

4.0 Helmets

4.1 General Principles

4.1.1 The use of crash helmets is compulsory for all British Alpine calendar events and in all disciplines.

4.1.2 The crash helmets shall comply with safety standards set forth below in regard to the specific events.

4.1.3 Conformity to the rules may be checked at any event, and the lack of an approved or unmodified helmet is grounds for refusal to allow a competitor to race.

4.1.4 The crash helmets shall have no spoilers, nor protruding parts, nor any modifications such as camera mounts.

4.1.5 The manufacturers remain the only entities liable in regard of product liability in connection with manufactured helmets. It is further reminded that crash helmets must be worn in strict compliance with instructions of use and do not offer an absolute protection against the consequences of accidents.

4.2 Safety Standards

4.2.1 DH/SG/GS

Helmet must fulfil the requirements of, and be certified under, both ASTM 2040 and EN 1077 (class A) and additional tests as defined in FIS Specifications for Alpine Competition Equipment 3.6.2.1.

Fulfilment of requirements is to be confirmed by the presence of this sticker:



Helmets that conform to these requirements are mandatory for age groups U14 and older and strongly recommended for U10 and U12.

4.2.2 SL/PAR

Helmet must fulfil the requirements of, and be certified under, ASTM 2040 or EN 1077 (class B) as a minimum standard for all age groups.

Soft ear padding and chin guards are allowed.

Crash helmets fulfilling higher safety standards can be used in SL. This includes EN 1077 (Class A), SNELL 98 and all helmets fulfilling the GS/SG/DH specific standard described above.

Labels:

Compliance with the above requirements is attested by the corresponding certification label (e.g. CE label) and/or by the conformity label set forth above under 3.6.2.1 (i.e. helmets fulfilling the requirements for GS/SG/DH can be used in SL).

14 May 26

United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association

Inter-Service Snow Sports Championships Alpine Rules Dispensation for Skis

1. The United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association (UKAFWSA) Alpine Rules for the Inter-Service Snow Sports Championships (ISSSC) were granted dispensation at the November 2018 TD Forum to apply a deviation from the FIS Equipment Regulations concerning ski lengths and radii for Downhill and Super-G disciplines.

2. The UKAFWSA requests that the TD Forum extend a dispensation from the BCR regulations the 2026/27 season for Downhill and Super-G ski lengths[1] and radii[2] to:

   a. Minimum ski length of 210cm for Men's and 205cm for Women's DH ski.
   b. Minimum ski radius of 45m for Men's and Women's DH ski.
   c. Minimum ski length of 205cm for Men and 200cm for Women Super-G ski.
   d. Minimum ski radius of 33m for Men and Women's DH ski.

3. In support of this request, please note the following:

   a. UKAFWSA ski lengths and radii are considered based on the individual racers' abilities, prioritising safety, alongside the financial and training limitations faced by the Service Teams.

   b. UKAFWSA conducts reviews of all dispensations both before and after the Championship. Any dispensations from FIS or the BCR are incorporated into the Alpine Risk Assessment and managed appropriately within the Armed Forces (Single Services) and will be agreed in the Championship Rules.

   c. During the Championship, all dispensations are actively overseen by the Race Organising Committee, Race Jury, and sS Reps.

4. For technical disciplines the BCR rules will be applied.

5. UKAFWSA would welcome direction as to whether this dispensation needs to be applied for annually, or if it can be agreed to be extended until such time as a change is considered appropriate, driven either by changing ICR or BCR regulations or changes to the UKAFWSA stance.

6. If agreed these amendments will be included in the UKAFWSA Competition Rules, which will be the singular reference point for competition regulations.

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[1] BCR Equipment Regulation Ski Length for DH is 213cm (Men) and 205cm (Women's). This corresponds with historic UKAFWSA Rules. BCR Equipment Regulation Ski Length for SG is 205cm (Men) and 200cm (Women's) compared to UKAF Rules of 200cm (Men) and 195cm (Women's).

[2] BCR Equipment Regulation Ski Radius for DH is 50m (Men and Women) compared to UKAF Rules of 45m (Men and Women). BCR Equipment Regulation Ski Radius for SG is 45m (Men) and 40m (Women) compared to UKAF Rules of 33m (Men and Women).

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IOC Policy on the Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport and Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sports Governing Bodies

PREAMBLE

Eligibility for the female (women's) category has been a longstanding topic within the Olympic Movement. Most recently, in November 2021, the International Olympic Committee (the **"IOC"**) issued the *IOC Framework on Fairness, Inclusion and Non-discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sex Variations* (the "**Framework**"), which provided guidance for International Federations (**"IFs"**) to develop sport-specific eligibility criteria for the female (women's) category (the "**Female Category**"). The Framework provided for periodic review of that guidance to reflect relevant ethical, human rights, legal, scientific and medical developments, including stakeholder feedback on their application. This *Policy on the Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport and Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sports Governing Bodies* (the "**Policy**") reflects such review and developments.

BACKGROUND TO THE POLICY

From September 2024 to March 2026, the IOC Administration (the "**Administration**") conducted a broad-based review of the Framework's approach to eligibility for the Female Category at IOC Events (the "**Review**"). The Review included consideration of the IOC's policy goals for the Female Category, consultations with a range of experts in relevant fields and lessons learned, and feedback from Olympic Movement constituents, among whom were IFs whose sports have been on the sports programme of an Olympic Games and athletes from around the world potentially impacted by a revision of the Framework.

As part of the Review, in September 2025 the IOC established a working group specifically to examine scientific, medical and legal developments since 2021 (the "**Working Group**"). The Working Group members came from five continents and included specialists in sports science, endocrinology, transgender medicine, sports medicine, women's health, ethics and law. In addition, as a separate part of the Working Group, IF Chief Medical Officers representing individual and team sports were included.

Following an update to the IOC membership in November 2025 on the status of the Working Group's work to date, the Administration was tasked with drafting a policy on the protection of the Female Category in an Olympic context that would reflect the Working Group's work, the various IOC consultations and consideration of recent developments, including in international human rights law.

REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENTS

Review of and Developments in Science

The Working Group reviewed the state of the science, including developments since 2021, and reached consensus that:

i. Male sex (as defined in Schedule 1) confers performance advantage in all sports and events that rely on strength, power, and/or endurance;
ii. To protect fairness in such sports and events, as well as safety particularly in contact sports (e.g. combat, collision, projectile sports), it is necessary and adequate to base eligibility for competition on biological sex; and
iii. The most accurate and least intrusive way currently available to screen for biological sex is by screening for the SRY Gene, which is a segment of DNA that is almost always on the Y-chromosome, initiates Male sex development in utero, and signals the presence of testes/testicles.

In reaching this consensus, among other information and evidence, the Working Group agreed on the following:

- **Sex and Gender**: Biological sex, which is divided into categories (Male and Female, based on their reproductive biology, including their sex chromosomes, gonads and hormones), is distinct from gender identity, which is a person's sense of themselves as a woman or a man or neither/non-binary.
- **Testosterone Levels**: Healthy adult Males have 15 to 20 times more circulating testosterone than healthy adult Females. Testosterone levels do not overlap between the two groups. The gap in testosterone levels exists in the general and elite athlete populations. Males experience three significant testosterone peaks: in utero, in mini-puberty of infancy and beginning in adolescent puberty through adulthood.
- **Performance Advantage**:
    - Consistent with the functional effects of higher circulating testosterone levels, Males have larger and stronger skeletal muscle and bone, larger and stronger hearts, larger lung size, more red blood cells, and lower body fat than Females trained to the equivalent level. Together these attributes afford Males individual sex-based performance advantages in sports and events that rely on strength, power and/or endurance.
    - Female athletes experience performance disadvantages relative to Males, associated with Female anatomy and physiology, that contribute to overall Male performance advantage in sports and events that rely on strength, power and/or endurance. These disadvantages may include, for example, the menstrual cycle, gestation and anatomical differences such as periodic ligament laxity (looseness), wider hips and more breast tissue.

  - XY Transgender athletes and athletes with certain XY differences/disorders in sex development (DSD) (as defined in Schedule 1) have anatomical and physiological advantages in line with being Male even as their legal sex, the manner in which they were raised, and/or their gender identity may vary. XY transgender athletes and athletes with XY-DSD typically have testes/testicles and testosterone levels in the Male range. The clear majority are androgen-sensitive, meaning that their bodies are receptive to and make use of that testosterone during growth and development and throughout their athletic career.
  - Androgen-sensitive XY-DSD and XY Transgender athletes retain Male performance advantage due in part to training effects and fixed traits. There is no current evidence that testosterone suppression or gender-affirming hormone treatment eliminates this advantage.
  - XY-DSD athletes with Complete Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (CAIS) (defined in Schedule 1) and other rare XY DSDs that do not benefit from the anabolic and/or performance-enhancing effects of testosterone should, on that basis, be included in the Female Category.
- **Magnitude of Advantage**: At the elite level, the magnitude of the Male performance advantage is different depending on the sport or event:
  - There is a 10-12 per cent Male performance advantage in most running and swimming events.
  - There is a 20+ per cent Male performance advantage in most throwing and jumping events.
  - The Male performance advantage can be greater than 100 per cent in events that involve explosive power, e.g. in collision, lifting and punching sports.
- **Variation in Advantage**: The extent of the performance advantage (and its implications) varies across sports and events and from occasion to occasion, depending on the athletes involved.
- **Safety risks**: In contact sports (e.g., individual and team combat, collision, projectile sports), the strength and power differential between Males and Females increases safety risks to Female athletes.
- **SRY Gene Screening**:
  - Screening for the SRY Gene via saliva, cheek swab or blood sample is minimally intrusive.
  - The presence of the SRY Gene is fixed and thus provides better evidence of biological sex than measuring testosterone levels, which are variable and can be changed.
  - SRY Gene screening is almost always sufficient to determine sex for eligibility purposes.
  - All Biological Female athletes screened will be negative and eligible, and virtually all athletes who screen positive will have testes/testicles that naturally produce testosterone at adult Male levels.
  - Because a positive SRY Gene screen does not establish a specific DSD diagnosis, further evaluation should be made available to the athlete to determine whether they have CAIS or another rare XY DSD that precludes testosterone's anabolic and/or performance-enhancing effects.

Review of IF Chief Medical Officers' Concerns and Developments in IF Policies

The Working Group and the IOC reviewed IF positions on the Framework. These included:

i. The fact that, for fairness and safety and to meet additional institutional priorities, many IF policies continue to be based on the scientific understanding that Male athletes have a performance advantage in all sports and events that rely on strength, power and/or endurance.
ii. Concerns in some sports about being able to preserve the unique nature of the Female game without relevant eligibility rules.
iii. A preference for policy alignment led by the IOC, to achieve Olympic Movement integrity (consistency among sports that have a Female Category).

Review of and Developments in Law

The Working Group and the IOC examined the state of the law and took special note of the following:

i. Based on IF experience, genetic screening for sex does not create significant problems in practice. It is legal in most countries, and athletes from the countries where it is not permitted can lawfully be tested elsewhere.

ii. Human rights experts, including UN Special Rapporteurs, disagree on the legitimacy of sex-based eligibility rules in competitive sports. Some hold that they violate the rights of XY individuals who identify as women. Others also consider the rights of XX individuals.

iii. No supranational court has held that defining eligibility for the Female Category by reference to biological sex would constitute an unjustifiable infringement of individual and/or human rights.

Review of and Developments in Olympic Movement Constituent Perspectives

As part of the Review, the IOC considered competition results and Olympic Movement constituent perspectives, and found that eligibility rules based on legal sex or gender identity do not align with the IOC's Policy Goals for the Female Category, as stated below. Specifically, there is broad consensus among Female athletes, and other Olympic Movement constituents, in favour of eligibility rules for the Female Category based on biological sex.

The IOC consulted athletes in three ways: through an online Athlete Survey that received over 1,100 responses, through in-depth individual interviews with impacted athletes from around the world, and via a presentation to and discussion with members of the IOC Athletes' Commission.

Although nuances exist across sex and gender, region and athlete status (active/retired), the athlete consultation revealed a strong consensus that fairness and safety in the Female Category requires clear, science-based eligibility rules, and that protecting the Female Category is a common priority.

POLICY GOALS

The IOC's role as leader of the Olympic Movement is to ensure the regular celebration of the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games host elite athletes who are among the best in the world according to their age, sex and skill. The IOC also recognises the importance of widespread participation in grassroots and recreational sports programmes, to which this Policy does not apply, and that different sport contexts are motivated by different goals. As such, eligibility rules should be carefully considered and tailored accordingly.

At the Olympic Games, in light of the scientific consensus that Males have a performance advantage in all sports and events that rely on strength, power and/or endurance irrespective of subsequent testosterone suppression or gender-affirming hormone treatment, the Olympic Movement has a compelling interest in having a sex-based Female Category, because this is necessary to ensure fairness, safety and integrity in elite competition. It is also necessary for the reliable attainment of the IOC's modern goals for the Female Category, shared with other Olympic Movement constituents:

i. Equality - equal opportunities for Female athletes in finals, on podiums and in championships;
ii. Enhancing Olympic Value - featuring both women's and men's finals in every sport; and
iii. Visibility and Inspiration - celebrating Female athletes on the Olympic podium to inspire and represent women and girls worldwide.

It is universally accepted that providing for a Female Category is necessary to allow equal access to elite sport to both Males and Females. Including athletes who are XY transgender and/or androgen-sensitive XY-DSD athletes (whatever their legal sex or gender identity) in the Female Category in sports and events that rely on strength, power and/or endurance runs fundamentally counter to ensuring fairness, safety and integrity in elite competition and to the reliable attainment of the IOC's modern goals. Furthermore, the need for consistency and fairness across sports precludes eligibility criteria that require case-by-case consideration of differences in Male performance advantage.

To reliably uphold fairness, safety and integrity in elite sport and to meet these shared goals, and in light of relevant developments since 2021, the IOC is issuing this new *Policy on the Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport* and *Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sports Governing Bodies*.

THE POLICY

For the purpose of this Policy, the IOC has adopted the consensus definitions of the Working Group, which are set out in **Schedule 1**.

For all disciplines on the Sports Programme of an IOC Event, including individual and team sports, eligibility for any Female Category is limited to Biological Females.

Eligibility for the Female Category is to be determined in the first instance by SRY Gene screening to detect the absence or presence of the SRY Gene. On the basis of the scientific evidence, the IOC considers that the SRY Gene is fixed throughout life and represents highly accurate evidence that an athlete has experienced or will experience Male sex development. Furthermore, the IOC considers that SRY Gene screening via saliva, cheek swab or blood sample is unintrusive compared to other possible methods.

Athletes who screen negative for the SRY gene permanently satisfy this Policy's eligibility criteria for competition in the Female Category. Unless there is reason to believe a negative reading is in error, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime test.

With the exception of athletes with a diagnosis of CAIS or other rare DSDs that do not benefit from the anabolic and/or performance-enhancing effects of testosterone, no athlete with an SRY-positive screen is eligible for competition in the Female Category.

Athletes with an SRY-positive screen, including XY transgender and androgen-sensitive XY-DSD athletes, continue to be included in all other classifications for which they qualify, for example, they are eligible for (i) any Male Category, including in a designated Male slot within any mixed category, and (ii) any open category or in sports and events that do not classify athletes by Sex.

The IOC recognises that XY athletes who identify as women and who want the opportunity to compete at IOC Events according to their legal sex or gender identity may disagree with this Policy. However, after a thorough scientific review and consultations with constituents of the Olympic Movement, the IOC determined that a Sex-based eligibility rule is necessary and adequate to the attainment of the IOC's goals for competition at IOC Events.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Policy applies to all IOC Events and enters into force at the date of its adoption by the IOC Executive Board. It is not retroactive and shall be applicable for the first time at the LA28 Olympic Games.

This Policy shall be adopted by IFs and other sports governing bodies, such as National Olympic Committees ("**NOCs**"), National Federations and Continental Associations ("**SGBs"**), when exercising their responsibility in implementing eligibility rules in relation to IOC Events.

The IOC retains the authority to establish that the IFs and SGBs have satisfied their obligations under the Policy, including but not limited to ensuring that all athletes participating in the Female Category at IOC Events are either SRY negative or qualify for an exception.

IFs and SGBs may request an exemption from this Policy if the IF/SGB can establish that their sport or discipline does not rely on strength, power and/or endurance, that their women's category exists for reasons unrelated to Sex differences in anatomy and physiology, and that ignoring Sex would not result in diminished opportunities for Female athletes.

This Policy replaces all previous IOC statements on this matter, including the Framework.

GUIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR IFS/SGBS

In consultation with IFs that have already implemented such criteria and screening, the IOC will make available and periodically update best practice standards, but, consistent with the Olympic Charter, the IFs and SGBs must define, as applicable, the details of their respective programmes themselves. For the development of those details, the IOC provides the following guiding considerations and strongly recommends as follows:

SRY Gene Screening for Eligibility Purposes

- Individual athletes should be provided with age-appropriate, culturally sensitive, and accessible information necessary to make an informed decision about whether to undergo SRY Gene screening.
- Beyond relevant medical indications, information to make an informed decision about whether to undergo SRY Gene screening should include the facts that:
  - Athletes who wish to compete in the Female Category at IOC Events must demonstrate their eligibility in advance by means of SRY Gene screening results.
  - Athletes can expect to be eligible to compete in the Female Category if the results are negative.
  - Athletes will be ineligible for competition in the Female Category if the SRY results are positive, pending any further evaluation the athlete may choose to undergo regarding CAIS or other rare DSDs that do not benefit from the anabolic and/or performance-enhancing effects of testosterone. The opportunity for further evaluation should include counselling and an informed consent process at each step.
  - An athlete who declines SRY Gene screening or who has a positive result (and does not fit within the exception) can participate in all other sporting opportunities, including any other elite category competitions for which they meet the qualifying standards.

Athlete-Centred Approach

IFs and SGBs should undertake affirmative measures to educate their constituents and to mitigate foreseeable harm. Among other actions, IFs and SGBs should:

- Ensure that the athlete's human dignity, physical and psychological well-being, health and safety, and right to privacy and confidentiality are respected.
- Educate athletes, coaches, managers and other members of the athletes' entourage, with particular emphasis on the position that competitive integrity in women's sport requires eligibility criteria that ensure a level playing field consistent with Female sex development and Female anatomy and physiology. Such education should also emphasise the responsibility of coaches, managers and entourage members to support the athlete's autonomy, privacy and wellbeing, and to refrain from sharing information beyond authorised channels.
- Ensure full transparency of the process (what the screening is, how it works, what it measures, how to interpret results, who is involved, how information is shared, and the implications of the various outcomes).

- Establish internal mechanisms that offer athletes and other impacted stakeholders accessible, legitimate, safe and predictable avenues to obtain information on the process and rules, including clear pathways to raise concerns, seek safeguarding support or report inappropriate conduct or breaches of confidentiality without fear of retaliation.
- Encourage screening for biological sex early in the athletic career (for example, at the same time as entry of the athlete in international competition under the jurisdiction of the relevant IF, and in any case before embarking on the qualification pathway to participate in an IOC Event) so that athletes and their entourage can make informed decisions about their investment in competition in the Female Category.
- Carefully consider the special situation of minors and ensure that appropriate safeguards and protections are in place, including the involvement of appropriately qualified professionals, age appropriate explanations, parental or guardian consent, where required by law, and the prioritisation of the best interests of the minor at all stages.
- Wherever possible, combine SRY Gene screening with regular health evaluations.
- Reassure athletes that:
  - All athletes have a place in sport according to their age, sex and skill.
  - Biological sex-based eligibility criteria (including SRY Gene screening) are not a judgment on, and do not question, the athlete's legal sex or gender identity.
  - SRY Gene screening is a highly accurate, non-invasive screen for biological sex.
  - Unless there is reason to believe that the results are in error, SRY Gene screening will be required only once in an athlete's lifetime.
- Ensure that physical examinations are not required for initial sport eligibility determinations. In the very rare case of an athlete screening positive for SRY (<1%), such athlete may choose to either: (i) seek (with informed consent and support) further evaluation to obtain a clinical diagnosis that would clarify their eligibility and any health implications, or (ii) decline further evaluation which would make them ineligible. SRY-negative athletes (>99%) will have lifelong eligibility without further evaluation or examination.
- Make available or facilitate access to mental health and safeguarding resources for athletes undergoing SRY Gene screening, particularly for those with a positive result.

Right to Privacy and Confidentiality

IFs and SGBs must:

- Respect the right to privacy and confidentiality of athletes.
- Comply with all applicable data protection and privacy laws to which they are subject when processing any personal data (including sensitive personal data such as health or medical information). This includes, without limitation, applying relevant data protection principles such as:
  - Transparency towards athletes about how their personal data will be processed;
  - In relation to the implementation of this Policy, using athletes' personal data only to the extent strictly necessary.

- Comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including, those governing genetic screening for sex, and confidentiality obligations (for example when handling information protected by medical confidentiality), and obtain any required consents or authorisations.

Implementation Workshops and Knowledge Sharing

IFs/SGBs are responsible for implementing this Policy within their respective organisations and areas of competence. The IOC will organise a series of workshops, seminars and/or webinars with IFs and NOCs, including athlete representation, to provide guidance and facilitate the exchange of information and athlete-centred best practices related to the implementation of this Policy. These workshops will provide a platform to share experiences, discuss practical challenges and promote consistent, safe and effective application of the Policy across the Olympic Movement.

PERIODIC REVIEWS

This Policy will be subject to periodic review, and may be amended following such review, to consider any new and relevant scientific, medical, ethical and legal (including human rights) developments, and should include the impacted stakeholders' feedback on their application.

ADOPTION BY THE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD

This Policy has been issued pursuant to Rule 19.3.10 of the Olympic Charter and was adopted by the IOC Executive Board on 26 March 2026.

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SCHEDULE 1 – DEFINITIONS

Sex: Either of the two categories, Male or Female, into which humans are divided according to their reproductive biology.

Biological Female (Female): An individual who, regardless of their legal sex or gender identity, experienced female sex development usually based on their XX-chromosomes, ovaries, and estrogenic hormones.

Biological Male (Male): An individual who, regardless of their legal sex or gender identity, experienced male sex development usually based on their XY-chromosomes, testes/testicles and androgenic hormones.

Differences/Disorders of Sex Development (DSD): Rare genetic conditions that result in atypical sex development.

XY-DSD: A DSD that affects biological males who have the SRY Gene. With rare exceptions, athletes with XY-DSD have testes/testicles and testosterone levels in the Male range, and the vast majority are androgen-sensitive.

Complete Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (CAIS): An XY-DSD characterised by the body's inability to respond to androgens, including testosterone. As a result, although the individual has XY chromosomes, testes/testicles and testosterone levels in the Male range, they do not experience androgen-dependent Male sex development.

Gender Identity: A person's sense of themselves as a woman or a man or neither/non-binary. While biological sex does not and cannot change, a person's gender identity can change over the course of a lifetime.

Transgender: A person whose gender identity is different from their biological sex. For example, they may have typical male sex development but female gender identity, or typical female sex development but male gender identity. Some transgender people take gender-affirming hormone treatment and/or undergo gender-affirming surgeries, and others are/do not.

SRY Gene: A segment of DNA which is almost always on the Y-chromosome, signalling the presence of testes/testicles and initiating Male sex development by the production of testosterone. SRY stands for "sex determining region Y."

Female (Women's) Category: The competition category designated for athletes who are biological females.

Male (Men's) Category: The competition category designated for athletes who are biological males.

IOC Events: Sports events organised by the IOC, including the Olympic Games, Olympic Winter Games, Youth Olympic Games, Winter Youth Olympic Games, and any other event organised by the IOC.

BUCS Start Order Dispensation Request

Request:

Dispensation for a non-standard start order for BUCS seeded events. This would apply for their Indoor Championships in April and all other BUCS races going forward.

The start order being requested is that unregistered racers are grouped by educational institution (ordered randomly) and then drawn within that group.

The unregistered racers would **start *before*** the registered racers (drawn per BACRs) **outdoors**, or ***afterwards*** for **indoor** races. This is the start order they have been using for some time, they are now looking to do things the right way by asking for approval.