MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD IN GLASGOW

ON 16th NOVEMBER 2014

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1. PRESENT Ian Roberts (IR) Chair David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair Susie Berry (SB) Acting Secretary Julian Adams (JA) Ross Anderson (RA) Mark Berry (MB) Ingie Christophersen (IC) Tristan Cole (TC) Nicky Cullen (NC) Richard Dawe (RD) Tim Fawke (TF) Hannah Hazeldine (HH) Peter Heath (PH) Maud Instone (MI) Sid James (SJ) Martin Leach (ML) Richie Love (RL) Ross MacMillan (RM) David Mansfield (DM) Derek Metters (DMe) John Poole (JP) Adrian Pery (AP) Michelle Quaile (SQ) Frank Staddle (FS) Logan Tannock (LT) Paul Trayner (PT) Gwyneth Watson (GW) Larry Young (LY) In attendance: Jamie Davies (JD) (accepted as Telemark TD Aspirant during meeting.) Andrew du Plessis (AdP) (accepted as Alpine TD Candidate after exam pass.) **2. APOLOGIES:** Richard Ellis, Steve James, Jenny Shute, Kev Webb, Spence Wild, Peter Willis.	
3. Minutes of Meeting on 17th May 2014 The Minutes were approved.	
4. Matters Arising (not already on the Agenda) **5.2 Officials' Courses** – **SB** reported that limited progress had been made over the summer but a Working Group meeting had	**SB, KW, RA, FS**

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taken place the previous evening with a very satisfactory outcome. All were now agreed that we wanted a British badged system. It was hoped that the Level 1 course could be made available on line in order to encourage people to become involved. The test at the end would be voluntary. TF to investigate possible sponsorship for the website.	**TF**
5. Reports from Delegates - see Reports attached **5.1** British Ski & Snowboard. **AP** gave a verbal brief: Dave Edwards had sent a written report. It was hoped that the new ASTC Chairman would be in place by the time of the British Alpine Championships in March. • Everyone should be encouraged to become a member of BSS. A significant silent majority are not being heard. Please talk to ASTC members and raise concerns. We want to have the right person in place as chairman and communication is essential. It works both ways. • TDs please ensure that OCs send short reports on events to the web-site. The BSS office does not have time to publicise these. It is up to the Alpine discipline to help itself. Alpine has to work to improve its status. • Nominations for Chairman will be sought probably in February. • BSS are trying to improve the support structure for athletes. **5.2** BARSC (See attached). **SB** reported also that the Pro team slalom held in Manchester had proved to be a good and very popular event. DMe gave details of the format. SQ supported this and reported that BUSC had had a similar response. **5.3** CSWSA (See attached) **RA** reported that the inter-service Championships were all in the same resort. RL is now in the system. Each Service is developing an officials' training structure. CSWSA applied for dispensation from BCR / FIS rules regarding ski length until 2017/2018. This was agreed for the season 2014/15 but a renewed application is required each season. Helmet regulations: request for dispensation from adhering to FIS rules for one season. This will also apply for Services' Telemark competitors. BUCS asked for similar dispensation. The Chairman expressed doubt as to the wisdom of agreeing to this. The respective parties were requested to make formal proposal at the next meeting if necessary. ML clarified the reasoning. RA cited the cost implications. A long discussion followed. FIS have put a dispensation in place for 2014/15 and the GBR dispensation was published in	**RA, SQ**

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October 2014: *In line with last year's FIS Rules, the 2014/15 BCR was to have mandated the new specification helmets for BASS races. However, at recent meetings, FIS have decided not to apply the new helmet regulations to the U14/U16 and Masters categories for the 2014/15 Season. We in GBR will follow suit and not mandate the new specifications for those categories (and U10/12) for BASS Calendar races for the 2014/15 Season.* OCs of mixed FIS/GBR events should clarify the rules in their Programmes. **5.4** SSE (See attached). **DJM** - the report from Lloyd had been circulated. **5.5** SSW (See attached). **GW** reported that Jane Wainright had been awarded coach of the year at Plas-y-Brenin They has received considerable grants from the Skiers Trust. The question of homologation of artificial slopes was raised. Hillend has problems for GS. BUDS had problems the previous weekend. SSS does not have a homologation process. FS and LT agreed to take forward in Scotland the existing English/Welsh system. Hemel slope, when used for a Telemark event, also could not produce either homologation or Health & Safety documents. The Chairman felt that we needed a fresh look at procedures. England & Wales have a homologation system but it may need updating. Each event has to work out its own mitigating circumstances. DJM has all the documentation. It was acknowledged that we have an issue and we will examine it in May in greater detail and agree on our next course of action. Pembrey now has documentation. **5.6** SSS (See attached). **FS** reported also that John Geekey is now Alpine Chair in SSS. The proposed events in Courchevel in 2015 are still under discussion. **5.7** British Championships (See attached). British U16/U14. **MI's** report had been circulated – nothing to add. British Senior Championships **PT's** report had been circulated – nothing to add. **5.8** Telemark Report. (see attached) **AP** reported on a successful indoor series. The Forerunners had loved it. K races in Murren will include a telemark / alpine GS combined e.g. include a jump and a loom for both groups of competitors.	**FS, LT**
6. Seeding and IT	

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6.1 BASS (See attached). **PH's** system is still working well. It has now passed to DJM and the hope is that by next season it will go 'live' and Peter can retire. He was warmly thanked for all his continuing hard work. **6.2** oBARTS (See attached). **DJM** reported that some OCs are having problems with getting sufficient competitors. Are there too many races? Ski pro is working OK - no one has used the wrong list yet! 0 penalty events = one event per MG and now the European and the Lowlanders are included. Is this too many? The 'F' factor will help to slow down progress. Is having a group at the top a problem? It means they don't go to any other events. It also means a draw at the top of the list. We should consider the potential problem before it arises. **6.3** iBARTS (See attached). **6.4** IT Support. (See attached). **DJM** had produced a comprehensive document on what he feels we should be providing, including a few timelines. We need to look at TD report in the light of electronic transmission eg spaces for codex for multi events etc. All TDs are requested to highlight any teething problems as they encounter them. All TDs must ensure they have a full copy of the results so they can be asked for if there is a problem. The chief of calculations may well be unavailable or have gone to next event.	**DJM** **All**
7. FIS Matters o Air bags are in development, as per motor sport and some equestrian disciplines. They will be available at World Cup this year if requested. o There are very complex helmet rules across the various disciplines – no beanies to be worn under helmets except for certified makes. Uvex has produced a model with an extra neck protector, which is not yet accepted. o The Race Programme can now be put on the FIS website please make sure this is done by all OCs. o MB reported briefly on the FIS Congress, and his inclusion as a member of various committees including the Courses Committee etc. He gave huge thanks to Martin and the other FIS delegates for all their help with his vertical learning curve. o ML raised a caveat about back protectors = EN1642/2 N.B. French U16 competitors have to wear back protectors at events and this includes foreign competitors. **Medical. JS** was unable to attend the meeting. Her report is	

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attached. She is now vice-chairman of the FIS Medical committee and also working with Legal and Safety. **FIS ICR** (See report) The changes were mostly covered at the update. Watch for the publication of the Northern Hemisphere Precisions – including quotas. It was noted that the GBR quota for CIT races has been reduced from 15 to 12. BSS was asked to make formal protest.	**AP**
8. British TD Matters o **Contact List updates**. See attached. Please inform the Chairman of any changes o **Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Paul Trayner – FIS Practical exam to be arranged 2014/15 season. Tim Fawke – GBR Practical Exam in 2014/2015 season. Hannah Hazeldine – GBR Practical Exam in 2014/2015 – SSW Championships? Richard Love – GBR Assessment and perhaps another civilian race meeting this season and a practical exam to be arranged 2015/16 Andrew du Plessis – Took written exam and passed well. He was welcomed to the meeting as a TD Candidate. It was hoped that an Assessment could be carried out at the GBD CH Championships (After note: Assessment not possible. To be arranged). Jamie Davies – proposed as an Aspirant Telemark TD by AP Who reported on his CV. More work on snow needed this year. Proposed that he take his exam in May, followed by an assessment during the summer in order to qualify for indoor events and full practical exam in winter 2015/16. Accepted as Aspirant GBR Telemark TD (Mentor AP). The Forum noted that JD should take the Alpine exam, which may need minor tweaking, and then additional Telemark assessment would follow. (As per AP's FIS experience) o **Sanctions update –** Gloucester GBR Race 6 DMe reported the details. Confidentiality is essential. o **Child Protection and Disclosures – JS** was unable to be present. **TF** reported that SIBS met earlier this month. Bridget Owen was working with BSS and SSE. There are some on-going cases but they will not be reported unless someone is sanctioned and action is required.	**MB** **Chair** **Chair** **Chair** **Chair /AdP** **AP**

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○ **National Referee Qualification Programme – SB** reported that a module for the Coaching Scheme was in development and it was hoped to make it an online course. When finished it could be made available to other officials, although it should be remembered that in an ideal world, the Referee should be a coach wherever possible. ○ **Injury Survey Update – JS** unable to attend. **ML** reported that changes to the ski regulations / side cut has helped improve injury statistics. The concussion report had also been effective. He felt that the survey is helping. **Alpine to Telemark TD Conversion** – **AP** requested volunteers officiate at races during the summer. He also welcomes any FIS/GBR TD who would like to add Telemark to their qualification. ○ **TD Forum Terms of Reference.** These had been approved by the ASTC on 12th June 2014 ○ **TD Forum Structure.** Do we need to change the sub-committee format? **MI** didn't think the Calendar could be done by committee. **RA** stressed that all members must contribute otherwise it doesn't work. Communication is essential. The Chairman pointed out that it was also for succession planning and wider responsibility means more work. There are representatives from MG / FIS TDs in each sub-committee. If people cannot contribute they must say so. There was agreement to amend if necessary. The item to be left on the Agenda for May when a review of the structure might be done.	**AP** **All**
9. British Calendar and TD Appointments **9.1 British Winter Calendar and TD appointments 2014/15 Winter Season.** See circulated sheet as amended.	
10 BCR/BACR **10.1 Rule Changes.** as per report. 2.3 "remove Masters" N.B. to remove 2.4 in May. BACR 111 singular 7.7.1 & 7.7.2 to remain. re-number 7.7.3 (7.7) Publication date December (1st) 2014. JS Allegations of tampering with skis in the start area at GBR events. see art. 222.1 **10.2 CSWSA Rules.** Combined Services were planning to maintain their current rules with regards to Skis and Helmets until 2017/18. The Chair requested RA to submit a formal request for dispensation at the November meeting each year. See CSWSA report **10.3 Telemark Rules. AP no change** **10.4 Accident Report Form.** JS & DJM have been working on it. BSS would like some sort of report. ML	**MB, RA, Chair** **RA** **AP**

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explained the FIS system = the TD fills out as best as possible but there is often not a lot of information available. After that responsibility is passed on to the doctors. The form must not ask for opinions only statement of facts. Agreement to use the FIS form for the present and review it for practicality in use. Forms are now under Rules S-C and RD is responsible. **10.5 Future Race Structure for BASS Races.** The paper had been circulated and agreed as amended by all but SSS. The Alpine Committee had now formally agreed it. Clarification is required on the appointment of TDs for U12 and U10 events. (After note. SSS has agreed the proposals as drafted). Kombi rules = run on homologated pistes. The document as circulated (including these amendments) was adopted and will be incorporated into the BCR. **11 Any Other Business** **11.1 FIS quotas –** a proposal to ask FIS for special quotas among lowland countries – particularly GBR and BEL was agreed in principle. SB to draft for IR to send to ASTC in time for consideration prior to the May FIS meetings. **11.2** "Competitors are forbidden to use cameras in the competition area." Refer to Rules S-C see ICR 616	**All** **SB** **RA**
12 Date of Next Meetings o 16th May 2015 Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport o 13th - 15th November 2015 Holiday Inn, Eastleigh, Southampton. o 14 May 2016 – Venue TBD (England)	**Chair**

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Progress Update **November 2014**

TO: TD Forum

DATE: 14th November 2014

REPORT: Dave Edwards, CEO

SUBJECT: Progress Report

1. OBJECT

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

2. SUMMARY

During the last six month:

- We have agreed a contract with Tignes for the hosting of the British Alpine Championships in Tignes in March and April 2015. The organising teams will again be led by Paul Trayner and Maud Instone's whom we are again greatly indebted to. The arrangement is for one year only and Meribel have expressed a strong desire to host our championships again in 2016. However, their financial offer will need to improve and their charges for running the event, particularly the speed events, will need to reduce significantly before the economics of running the event in Meribel match those in Tignes.
- We were made aware, after signing a contract with Tignes, that British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) intend to hold the British University Snowsports Councils (BUSC) main event in Tignes during the same week as the British Alpine Children's Championships. Many of us have tried to persuade Tignes, BUCS and BUSC not to go ahead in Tignes at that time because of many concerns including the potential for disruptive behaviour from some attendants at the BUSC event. We have had a number of assurances about measures that BUSC intend to take to avoid issues arising but we are not convinced that these will be satisfactory. This joint running is not something that BSS would choose to support.
- We have persuaded UK Sport to provide our park and pipe programme and park and pipe athletes with c£5m over a four year period. Around 10% of this money can be used to contribute towards our administration costs enabling greater contribution from other money raised to go towards athlete programmes.
- Uvex have agreed to extend their sponsorship arrangement for the four year period ending in April 2018. This, alongside the two year Delancey deal will take the total sponsorship and donations raised for the organisation since February 2010 to over £3m for the eight years ending April 2018.
- Held a disciplinary process and dismissed the newly elected Chair of the Alpine, Speed and Telemark Committee (ASTC) following a complaint from the BOA and subsequent published articles. Subsequently supported an appeals process held in front of two independent QC's and a third lawyer where the conduct of the elected Chair was found to be gross misconduct and the independent panel thought that the appropriate and proportionate penalty should be termination. We are grateful to Macfarlanes, the International law firm, Mr Sean Wilken QC and the three independent members of the appeals panel who all took part in this process on a pro bono basis. The Alpine Business Group and ASTC have recommended that Mr Adrian Pery should continue to Chair the ATSC on an interim basis and an election for a new permanent Chair should take place early in 2015.
- Facilitated a third Audit of BSS's financial affairs by Kingston Smith. Filed BSS annual accounts for the period ending 30th April 2014 with Companies House and completed Corporation tax returns for 2013 2014.

- Held our second company annual general meeting where the Auditors were re-elected for a further year.
- Attended FIS conferences to represent Britain's interests.

BARSC REPORT TO THE TD FORUM – 16TH NOVEMBER 2014

Summer Events:

- We ran our second two day event at Chill Factore, Manchester slightly earlier than last year, at the end of September and had a slightly better entry.
- BUDS took place last weekend at Hillend. The status of BUSC is changing and I will leave it to Shell to explain the changes to anyone who is interested.

Training: Most of our member clubs have run trainings on snow during the summer holidays and autumn half-term. There have also been trainings at Llangraff.

2014-15 Calendar: Kandahar is again running multi-event competitions before Christmas – they do not require seeding., the BARSC Championships are going back to Les Arcs at the end of December to fit in prior to the Anglo-Scottish Cup. The LSC Schoolgirls, DHO Schoolboys, K Masters, Aiglon Cup and FIS races and BUSC Main Event are all on the Calendar as usual.

Other matters of interest or concern to BARSC are Agenda items already.

Susie Berry
13th November 2014

Combined Services Winter Sports Association (CSWSA)

CSWSA – Report to the British TD Forum – 16 November 2014

1. The 2014/15 season has already seen an increase in numbers of Service personnel participating in Winter Sports as combat operations in Afghanistan finally ended. This builds on the success of previous years, which saw a number of new racers competing at the CSWSA Inter-Service Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) for the first time. The Olympic legacy has seen an increased interest in Ski Cross events, which is currently under review by the AWSA to scope how it could be included into an existing event.

2. Individual Service Championships will be held in the following resorts:

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

3. The CSWSA Inter-Service Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) 2015 will be held in Meribel, France between 31 Jan-6 Feb.

4. The development of Service TDs continues with Lt Cdr Richard Love (RN) who is currently a Candidate TD who continues to develop his knowledge and experience of civilian racing. His progress and availability to sit his Practical exam will be discussed at the TD Forum. The Single Services currently have no candidates to start on the Training Pathway this year, however, the intent remains for the Single Services to continue to develop individuals capable of becoming a GBR TD (Services).

5. The Combined Services rules will be updated, post the TD Forum, on confirmation of FIS Precisions and BCR updates. A separate letter has been sent to the TD Forum Chair to identify the current dispensations from the BCRs.

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Ross Anderson

Major Ross Anderson
CSWSA Chief of Race

GB Technical Delegate Forum

Snowsport England Report Nov 2014

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The Summer Race Programme

The summer race programme ran in conjunction with the other Home Nations, and as agreed, was divided into the GBR series Indoor, GBR series Outdoor, Club National and schools competitions. In addition a number of regions and clubs ran pre-entry competitions and summer leagues. There remain issues about participation linked to the current recession and people's willingness/ability to travel and to stay overnight unless an event is perceived to be of "value". This has had an effect on those events organised on the periphery or with long travel distances except where there is a strong local interest. This has had a particular influence on entry numbers at outdoor events.

In addition, there continues to be an increasing number of athletes and coaches who are choosing to focus on either indoor snow or on outdoor races, in particular those racers who regularly training indoor or have reasonable access to indoor slopes are attending fewer and fewer outdoor races. This is an issue that needs to be addressed if SSE's aim of increasing participation across the whole of England is to be met. There are a limited number of outdoor venues that are suitable for racing, and the even smaller number of indoor halls is not accessible to certain parts of the country.

A change that came into effect for the 2014 artificial season was the division of the BARTS seedlists into separate lists for indoor (iBARTS) and outdoor (oBARTS). This was a change strongly supported by the racing community when the artificial race events survey was carried out during 2013.
2014 also was notable in that the British Indoor Grand Prix Series was integrated into the artificial calendar and the races were run using iBARTS seeding and had a TD assigned to each of the 3 weekends

GBR (Great British Racing) Races

SSE organised 3 races in the GBR indoor series and 3 in the GBR outdoor series. The aim was to provide an opportunity for the highest ranking British based racers to compete with their peers, and to provide competitions from which ranking lists in age and gender categories can be derived. There were separate series for indoor and outdoor races.

The Indoor Series consisted of six races, three organised by Snowsport England two by Snowsport Wales and one by Snowsport Scotland.
The Outdoor Series consisted of six races, three organised by each of Snowsport England and Wales.

Entry was determined by selecting the racers with the lowest seed points first. A 300 seed point cutoff was introduced this year following a the artificial race events survey and consultation carried out in 2013. All entrants are required to be registered with Snowsport England, Scotland or Wales.
As there are two separate series with different organisers, there is no block entry facility or discount available at present.

A 2 run race was held through a stubbie course for 10/U12 racers at all events with the best time to count for awards. These events continue to be very popular with a strong and increasing number of U10/U12 entries, which is encouraging for the future of the sport.

Racers born 2002 and earlier are eligible for GBR Races (2006 - 2003 for U10/U12 races):
Age Categories: U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, SEN, MAS

Club National Races

SSE regions and clubs organised 11 entry level Club nationals including 3 on indoor snow and 8 on Dendix. The aim of these events is to provide races which will give performers with no seed points, or high seed points, the opportunity to improve. Entry is determined by selecting racers with the highest or no seed points first.

If, at the closing date for entries, a Club National race is not full with entries from registered racers, the organisers may accept entries from un-registered racers .
As with the GBR Series, 2 run races were held through a stubbie course for 10/U12 racers with best time to count for awards.
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Other Events
In addition, SSE organised the BASS race series in Landgraaf; and the Inter-regional outdoor race, held in Gloucester; English BARTS Indoor Championships in a weekend linked to the Anglo Welsh championships; the English BARTS Outdoor Championships and Inter-Club event. English schools organised 6 regional qualifying events and the English finals, held at Norfolk.

BARSC ran their Indoor Championships race weekend in Manchester and consisted of a slalom event on the Saturday followed by a pro slalom qualifying event and parallel pro slalom team event on Sunday. the team event was a particular success, proving hugely popular with all racers and spectators. The format also makes it possible to include all age categories, including U10/U12s into the same race.

SSE helped to organize the first Lowland Indoor Championships hosted by the Belgian Ski Federation at the Snow Valley indoor snow centre at Peer, Belgium. This event, held during September 2014 was the culmination of recent discussions between the British, Belgian and Netherlands ski federations and it is intended that each nation will take it in turns to host the event in future years. The event was a success with 250 racers competing from GBR, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg. The event is to be hosted by Netherlands in 2015 and it will be held at Landgraaf.

Summer 2015
GBR Races
The season of GBR races was largely successful and we propose to run a similar programme of events in 2015. The outdoor series will comprise of 6 races; 3 organised by SSE and 3 organised by SSW. The indoor series will also comprise of 6 races with 3 organised by SSE; 2 organised by SSW and 1 organised by SSS. The SSS indoor race will be run as a weekend event with the Scottish Indoor Championships. It is planned to hold the indoor championships events at 3 different indoor venues.
The GBR Indoor and British Indoor Grand Prix Series will be fully integrated and the races will run using iBARTS seeding.
It is proposed that the 300 seedpoint cutoff will be removed for 2015 as it has proved difficult to ensure that all Home Nations consistently applied the rule.

Championships
Following the success of the BARSC Indoor Championships programme in 2013 and 2014, it is currently intended to hold this event in the September programme in 2015 which should boost entry numbers. Current plans are for this event to be held at Manchester but this will be subject to confirmation and contract.

Club National Races
It is expected that 12 clubs will table bids to hold Club National events in 2015. This is a larger number than 2014. SSE does not propose to impose a limit on the number of Club National events held under its authority in 2015, but this is under review. 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. SSE 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 40 seedpoints. The race is open to racers with seedpoints greater than 40 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. Only 2 Excel format events have been held during 2014, which is disappointing, given the support voiced by regional representatives during the artificial race events consultation carried out during 2013.

Quality

SSE is responsible for ensuring that all events that are organised under an SSE 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 ROTP 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 2 Official. 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.

ENGLISH FIS and U14/U16 Championships

The details of the English Alpine FIS and Childrens Championships 2015 is available on http://www.englishalpinechamps.org.uk/ A contract, based on previous years', was signed with Bormio some time ago and the detailed programme will be published when finally agreed. As in 2014, we are pleased to be organising a FIS Super-G with BARSC. We anticipate continuing the opening ceremony and parade which will be on Sunday 15th February. Due to the planned dates for the event coinciding with the Bormio Carnevale, the reduced availability of the Stelvio race piste has meant that the bulk of the children's race programme in 2015 will take place on the Adler piste at Oga, which is close to Bormio.

SSE Alpine Race Committee

The Alpine Race Committee is responsible for the formulation of policy, strategic development, the organisation and administration of Alpine skiing and racing on snow and artificial slopes on behalf of Snowsport England. These responsibilities include the formulation, implementation and interpretation of the regulations for the Seeding of Competitors from the results of Artificial Slope Racing Events in consultation with the other Home Nation Governing Bodies.

The committee is also responsible for communication of information on Alpine racing to registered performers and member clubs; selection of Alpine squads and teams to represent England and liaison with internal and external organisations in matters of alpine racing.

Training

Level 1. The development of an online/electronic Level 1 course is being progressed, although the existing 1 day classroom will continue to be offered for those that would prefer that option.

Level 2 . The current level 2 course is to be revised to be more active and the proposal is that it should comprise 1 day in the classroom followed by a day at a race event putting the theory into practice with assistance/guidance from a mentor. The course will continue to be reviewed to ensure it is up to date and the Race Secretary material has been removed (see race secretary course below). We aim to hold level 2 courses at a race event early in the 2015 season.

Calcs course. To be provided on an ad-hoc basis and as a formal course where demand is sufficient.

Race Sec. This has been reworked using material from existing sources and is provided on an ad-hoc basis and as a formal course where demand is sufficient. A course has been held during 2014.

Mentoring. Alpine committee will maintain a list of approved mentors with photos and contact details on the SSE website.

Re-validation. Officials can currently re-validate by attending the November TD update at least once every 3 years. This will continue.

SSW Report to the TD Forum November 2014

Snowsport Wales have completed our summer season of artificial events. We are concerned that race entries to the national GB domestic competitions were massively down at the start of this season – we struggled to make the GBR race at Pontypool viable. This seems to have been due to a number of factors, not least that most the events were organised during school exam periods, so we are pleased to see that the calendar seems to be trying to avoid the exam period next season.

However, even though numbers at national races have declined, we are seeing a continued growth in numbers participating in our schools and entry level (non seeded) events.

We are still in the process of establishing calendar dates with SSE for our race events 2015, but hope to get these finalised by end November 2014. The confirmed artificial skiing events are as follows;

11/12th June	GBR, Pontypool
5/6th September	Anglo Welsh and British Champs, Chill Factore Manchester
12/13th September	Welsh British Championships, Pontypool
11th October	Welsh Schools Championships, Llangrannog
22nd November	British Schools Championships, Pontypool

Events to be confirmed;

14th March	Excel Event, Venue TBC (Pembrey?)
TBC	SSW Club Team Event, Gloucester

Alpine

The Welsh Alpine Championships 2015 will be held once again in Champery Les Crosets, Switzerland where we have benefitted from great support over the past few years.

21st January 2015 – FIS GS
22nd January 2015 – FIS SL
23rd January 2015 – BASS SL & U10/U12 SL (using stubbies)
24th January 2015 – BASS GS & U10/U12 GS

N.B. U10/U12 Events

SL - We will run one U10/U12 event (2 x runs, fastest to count) as part of the championships.
GS - We will run two U10/U12 events (2 x single run races) as part of the championships.

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

Plas Y Brenin

Snowsport Wales have successfully supported the North Wales Ski Club in securing funding to repair, rebuild and re-open the ski slope at Plas Y Brenin. Thanks to whole team of dedicated volunteers the slope re-opened on September 28th, and will be hosting its first schools races this week.

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

REPORT TO THE TD FORUM GLASGOW 2014

THE ALPINE SEASON BEGINS IN LES HOUCHES FRANCE
WITH THE ANGLO SCOTTISH 3rd –7th JANUARY 2015

THE SCOTTISH FIS SERIES FOLLOWS IN CHAMONIX 5TH-6TH JANUARY
THEN THE SCOTTISH FIS LES HOUCHES 9th 10th JANUARY

THE GORDON SKIERS OPEN IS AT LECHT 24th 25th JANUARY

THE GLENSHEE WINTER GAMES IS AT GLENSHEE 7th 8th FEBRUARY

THE CSC OPEN CAIRNGORM FOLLOWS ON 21st 22nd FEBRUARY

THE SCOTTISH CHILDRENS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BAIRNS BUCKET

IS AT CAIRNGORM 14th 15th MARCH

A SCOTTISH FIS RACE AT CAIRNGORM ON 11th 12th APRIL WILL NOW
BE MOVED TO NEVIS RANGE

COURCHEVEL ECOSSE RACES HAVE STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

FRANK STADDLE GBR TD



Delancey British National Alpine Ski Championships 2015 (FIS)
Report to the November 2014 TD forum

After 10 successful years in Meribel we move to Tignes for the 2015 British Championships. Maud Instone, Dave Edwards and I travel to Tignes in December for 2 days to inspect the facilities and the piste in further detail and to make final arrangements and we will report back to the forum with any relevant updates.

There have been a one or two complications to the arrangements in Tignes with the key one being the sharing of the resort with BUSC during the Children's Championships, however, we are doing all that we can to minimise any adverse effects.

During the FIS week we will be sharing the resort with the Brits Championships and we are in discussions with their organisation in order that we manage the situation as nest we can. This was always a possibility as this competition had been held in Tignes for a number of years and was a consideration at the time of entering into a contract with Tignes. From a personal perspective I look forward to having the wider British snow sports community in the resort at the same time (to confirm, that is the Brits and not BUSC to which I refer).

The proposed programme has been pushed back to its usual spot at the end of March which hopefully will be an advantage with regards snow conditions. As discussed in May we have decided to remove the Super Combined from the FIS programme in order that we can add an extra day to the Children's programme and you can see the full draft programme below.

The confirmed personnel in key roles are as follows:

Technical Delegate -	Wilfred Bereiter (SUI) – Yes he's back
Race Secretary -	Andrea Grant
CoR (Speed) -	Davie Austin
CoR (Technical) -	Kevin Webb
	Derek Metters

I am still building the team and if you are interested in joining please let me know as soon as possible.

I keep copy pasting this paragraph but for some reason no one has come forward to date!

“I am also very keen to plan for the future as it is not my intention to be Chief of Championships in perpetuity and as such would ask that anyone who is interested in either taking on the role of Assistant Chief of Championships or nominating someone to that role to please not hesitate to get in contact with me.”

I look forward to seeing you all in Glasgow.

Kind regards



Paul Trayner
Chief of Championships (FIS)

Draft Programme 2015
22nd March – 29th March 2015

Saturday 21st March	Arrival of Competitors *Team Captains' Meeting for NC Super G* (M and L) */ DH inspection* 2000hrs
Sunday 22nd March	The British NC Super G The British NJC Super G (M and L) ****2 SG Race runs and Downhill Inspection Prize-giving in finish area *Team Captains' Meeting for Downhill Training* 1730hrs
Monday 23rd March	Downhill Training (M and L) *Team Captains' Meeting for Downhill Training* 1730hrs
Tuesday 24th March	Downhill Training (M and L) *Team Captains' Meeting for NC & NJC Downhill* 1730hrs
Wednesday 25th March	The Sir John Ritblat British Men's Downhill NC The British Ladies Downhill NC The British NJC Downhill (M and L) ****2 DH Race runs Prize-giving in Finish area *Team Captains' Meeting for NJC Super G & NC Super Combined* 1730hrs
Thursday 26th March	The British NC GS Men The British NC Slalom Ladies Prize-giving in Finish Area *Team Captains' Meeting for NC GS Men & NC Slalom Ladies* 1730hrs
Friday 27th March	The British NC Slalom Men The British NC GS Ladies Prize-giving in Finish Area *Team Captains' Meeting for the NJC Slalom Ladies and NJC GS men* 1730hrs
Saturday 28thst March	The British NJC Slalom Ladies The British NJC GS Men Prize-giving in Finish Area *Team Captains' Meeting for the NJC GS Ladies and NJC Slalom men* 1730hrs
Sunday 29th March	The British NJC GS Ladies The British NJC Slalom Men Prize-giving in Finish Area Junior National Championship Prize-giving



Delancey British U16 and U14 Alpine Ski Championships 2015
Report to the November 2014 TD Forum

This should be read in conjunction with the report produced by Paul Trayner.

The U16 and U14 events will be held in Tignes from 30th March to 3rd April, with U10/U12 events on 30th and 31st March. The additional day will be used for a speed Combi event for U16 and U14 which will be a requirement for the overall champion titles. The calendar is shown below.

Sunday 29 March	Team Captains' meeting for U16/U14 Super-G Team Captains' meeting for U12/U10 SL/GS Kombi AND Giant Slalom	*1700hrs* *1730hrs*
Monday 30 March	U16 and U14 Super-G U12/U10 Kombi Team Captains' meeting for U16/U14 Super-G	 *1700hrs*
Tuesday 31 March	U16 and U14 Championship Super-G **Prize-giving in finish area** U12/U10 Giant Slalom Team Captains' meeting for U16 and U14 GS/SG Kombi	 *1700hrs*
Wednesday 1 April	U16 and U14 GS/SG Kombi Team Captains' meeting for U16 Slalom Team Captains' meeting for U14 Giant Slalom and top 10 U12 boys and girls from GS	 *1700hrs*
Thursday 2 April	U16 Slalom U14 Giant Slalom plus top 10 U12 boys and girls from GS (no cat suits and no additional entry fee for U12) **Prize-giving in finish area** Team Captains' meeting for U16 Giant Slalom and U14 Slalom	 *1700hrs*
Friday 3 April	U16 Giant Slalom U14 Slalom **Overall Prize Giving Ceremony for British Children's Championships 2015 in the finish area**	

Maud Instone
Chief of Championships
13th November 2014

BASS Seeding and Registration Report to TD Forum Nov 2014

1. Proposed publication dates:

List	Cut-off	Publication	Valid From
1	23rd November	27th November	1st December
2	7th January	13th January	16th January
3	27th January	3rd February	7th February
4	13th March	23rd March	28th March
5	3rd April	late April	End of Season

2. NEW F Values for 2014/15 Season:

SL 720; GS 980; SG 1080; DH 1250, Super Combined 1150

Only the new version of SkiAlp-Pro (V3.0) defaults to these values.

3. Submission of Results for publication and BASS seeding

While David continues to develop his online system, all existing arrangements for publication and BASS seeding of race results continue this winter.

Please submit all results, penalty calculations, TD & timing reports and SkiPro files to Ian and me as normal.

IN ADDITION, please send SkiPro or XML files to alpineresults@gbski.com.

Once David is satisfied that his system covers publication of official results, seeding and production of BASS lists, I will stand down as BASS seeder.

4 Registrations

	ENG	SCO	WAL	RAF	Total
Dec 2013 1st list	850	413	42		1305
May 2014 5th list	1097	470	94	117	1778
11th Nov 2014	690	371	34		1095

5 Nominated Clubs

Following feedback that the way we name clubs on seed lists is confusing, Snowsport England, Scotland and Wales have agreed that registered competitors may nominate one club for BASS racing – the "BASS" club, and one club (which may be the same club) for BARTS racing – the "BARTS" club, and that only the relevant club should be shown on future seed lists.

BASS lists will show the nominated "BASS" club for each competitor;
iBARTS and oBARTS lists will show the nominated "BARTS" club.

This was announced in September at: http://www.britski.org/15nominated_clubs.pdf

PH 11th Nov 2014

British Alpine Skiing
BARTS: British ARTificial Seeding
Report to GB Alpine TD Forum November 2014

David Manns
National Seeder
07-Nov-2014

1. 2014 Season

The entry numbers for the 2014 artificial slope season are broadly similar in total to last year, with 4109 race entries across 51 races, down from at 4083 across 41 races in 2013. The average entry however is down to 84 from 99, evidence of the continuing challenge that organisers face in keeping up interest in the competitive elements of the sport.

Some venues are particularly under-supported, as can be seen from the entry numbers. To an extent this has always been the case, but it is likely that the situation has been exacerbated by the difficult financial climate, with events at the more 'remote' venues being passed over.

2. Split Indoor and Outdoor

From the start of 2014, indoor and outdoor artificial slope races have been seeded separately. This process has proceeded smoothly, with none of the anticipated issues of using the wrong list to prepare event data.

3. Zero Penalty

More events than ever before were allowed a zero minimum penalty, due to the number of races being designated as 'Championship' events under the growing number of organising 'groups'. We had both indoor and outdoor races labelled as 'European', plus the Lowlands Indoor.

Whether this really makes much difference to the seed list is debatable. The current list contains 51 racers below 20 points, whereas the same list last season had 46. No change in the current regulations is proposed at this time.

BARTS SEASON 2014

				Penalties		Male			Female			Total		
Event	Date	T	Venue	Male	Female	Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS
SSW Excel	08/03/2014	o	PON	102.43	135.22	22	21	1	9	9	0	31	30	1
BUISC Finals	12/03/2014	i	CAS	5.00	5.00	62	43	10	49	18	13	111	61	23
SSW Champery Slalom	19/04/2014	o	GLO	5.14	10.72	57	47	1	32	27	0	89	74	1
Telford CN Race 1	26/04/2014	i	CHL	10.00	10.00	68	64	0	24	23	0	92	87	0
Telford CN Race 2	26/04/2014	i	CHL	10.00	10.00	68	67	0	24	24	0	92	91	0
Manchester CN Race 1	27/04/2013	i	CHL	10.03	10.00	68	67	1	26	25	0	94	92	1
Manchester CN Race 2	27/04/2014	i	CHL	12.62	16.84	68	64	2	26	25	0	94	89	2
Pendle CN	03/05/2014	o	PND	33.84	21.55	52	49	0	15	15	0	67	64	0
GBR Outdoor 1	04/05/2014	o	PND	5.57	13.58	42	30	0	12	10	0	54	40	0
GBR Indoor 1 & BIGP 1	10/05/2014	i	CAS	5.00	5.00	76	71	1	36	31	3	112	102	4
GBR Indoor 2 & BIGP 2	11/05/2014	i	CAS	5.00	10.25	78	58	1	34	25	3	112	83	4
GBR Outdoor 2	17/05/2014	o	PON	5.00	5.00	41	32	2	14	13	0	55	45	2
GBR Outdoor 3	18/05/2014	o	PON	10.50	31.62	46	39	3	11	9	0	57	48	3
GBR Outdoor 4	31/05/2014	o	GLO	5.50	5.00	65	46	1	26	20	1	91	66	2
Ravens CN	07/06/2014	o	SLK	16.31	10.00	53	46	0	19	17	1	72	63	1
Twin Peaks 1	07/06/2014	o	FIR	50.48	25.50	41	32	4	28	25	2	69	57	6
GBR Outdoor 5	08/06/2014	o	SLK	18.91	5.00	35	26	3	10	8	0	45	34	3
Twin Peaks 2	08/06/2014	o	HND	14.68	28.21	75	42	6	44	25	5	119	67	11
Bromley CN	14/06/2014	o	BRO	15.60	16.73	5	53	3	25	20	4	30	73	7
Hemel CN Race 1	15/06/2014	i	HEM	23.54	16.50	67	56	6	41	35	5	108	91	11
Hemel CN Race 2	15/06/2014	i	HEM	21.25	21.60	67	60	0	41	35	0	108	95	0
GBR Indoor 3	14/06/2014	i	BHD	5.00	5.00	68	61	5	35	31	2	103	92	7
Scottish Indoor	15/06/2014	i	BHD	2.95	0.00	76	65	4	38	34	3	114	99	7
Norfolk CN	21/06/2014	o	NOR	10.45	14.37	68	57	0	31	28	0	99	85	0
Vikings CN	22/06/2014	o	IPS	20.12	10.00	77	70	4	47	44	0	124	114	4
GBR Indoor 4	22/06/2014	i	CHL	5.00	5.23	54	45	2	22	15	2	76	60	4
Midland CN	28/06/2014	o	GLO	10.00	10.00	100	81	2	45	37	0	145	118	2
Gloucester CN	29/06/2014	o	GLO	10.00	10.00	92	76	5	40	34	1	132	110	6
ERSA CN	05/07/2014	o	WYN	10.00	11.39	59	40	0	31	19	0	90	59	0
GBR Outdoor 6	06/07/2014	o	GLO	5.00	5.00	53	42	4	24	20	1	77	62	5
GBR Indoor 5	12/07/2014	i	CHL	5.00	5.00	47	46	0	18	16	0	65	62	0
GBR Indoor 6	13/07/2014	i	CHL	5.00	5.00	50	37	0	18	13	2	68	50	2
BIGP 3	19/07/2014	i	CAS	16.14	5.00	49	39	6	25	24	0	74	63	6
BIGP 4	20/07/2014	i	CAS	11.16	14.67	43	31	4	20	19	0	63	50	4
Snowsport South CN	20/07/2014	o	SOU	26.40	18.37	43	37	2	25	24	1	68	61	3
BIGP 5	16/08/2014	i	CAS	5.00	5.00	55	50	0	30	27	2	85	77	2
BIGP 6 & European Indoor	17/08/2014	i	CAS	0.00	0.00	52	35	9	31	25	4	83	60	13
Scottish Outdoor	23/08/2014	o	HND	11.25	14.52	54	32	3	24	19	0	78	51	3
All England Championships	30/08/2014	o	NOR	0.00	0.00	94	69	3	49	37	1	143	106	4
Anglo-Welsh Indoor	06/09/2014	i	CHL	0.00	1.90	59	55	0	25	21	2	84	76	2
British Indoor Championships	07/09/2014	i	CHL	0.00	3.57	62	51	1	28	24	2	90	75	3
Welsh Outdoor	13/09/2014	o	PON	0.00	2.58	63	45	4	27	19	2	90	64	6
British Outdoor Championships	14/09/2014	o	PON	0.00	0.00	67	49	5	27	20	2	94	69	7
Craig Macfie Classic	14/09/2014	o	HND	24.48	11.98	46	25	2	29	18	2	75	43	4
Lowlands Indoor Race	20/09/2014	i	SNV	6.93	5.00	12	9	0	10	8	0	22	17	0
Lowlands Indoor Championships	21/09/2014	i	SNV	5.30	4.82	12	10	0	10	10	0	22	20	0
BARSC Indoor Championships	27/09/2014	i	CHL	19.48	0.00	48	41	3	19	17	0	67	58	3
Irish Open Championships	04/10/2014	o	KIL	0.45	0.99	49	33	1	25	18	2	74	51	3
European Outdoor	05/10/2014	o	KIL	1.72	3.98	49	30	1	27	19	1	76	49	2
Mendip Excel	25/10/2014	o	MND	156.13	195.94	18	17	1	8	7	1	26	24	2
BUDS	07/11/2014	o										0	0	0

		Male			Female			Total		
		Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS
Indoor	Total:	1309	1125	55	630	525	43	1939	1650	98
23	Avg:	57	49	2	27	23	2	84	72	4
	%:	68%	86%	4%	32%	83%	7%		85%	5%
Outdoor	Total:	1466	1166	61	704	561	27	2170	1727	88
28	Avg:	52	42	2	25	20	1	78	62	3
	%:	68%	80%	4%	32%	80%	4%		80%	4%
All	Total:	2775	2291	116	1334	1086	70	4109	3377	186
51	Avg:	121	100	5	58	47	3	179	147	8
	%:	68%	83%	4%	32%	81%	5%		82%	5%

British Alpine Skiing
Timing and Calculations Sub-Committee
Report to GB Alpine TD Forum November 2014

David Manns
TDF T&C SC
10-November-2014

Introduction

Having reviewed the Terms of Reference for the SC, we have produced a brief list of what we expect to be handling as a group so that other Forum members are aware of what we believe falls within our remit.

The bulk of the actual practical work for the SC has been the continued handling of race seeding for both BASS and BARTS competitions via the existing desktop systems, and the on-going development of the new online system.

Areas we could/should cover

Below is a brief outline of what we believe we should be covering. This is not an exhaustive list, nor is it a contractual commitment! However, it should give you an idea of what services the SC expect to be looking at providing.

Web site

Maintenance and development of GBSKI as a platform for publication and dissemination of information to racers, coaches, technical officials and other interested groups.

Race preparation

Standardised SkiPro templates and filters.

Publication of documents from other sub-committees (e.g. forms, rules, notices).

Publication of technical information (e.g. homologation documents) to a controlled audience.

Maintaining online calendar for both snow and artificial events.

Publication of ROC documents (e.g. invitations, bulletins, start lists).

Advice on selection and use of timing systems.

Race processing

Use of SkiPro.

Other timing software.

Live timing.

Collecting data for timing reports.

Result handling

Defining the contents of the results pack.

Accepting results into online system and providing appropriate responses, links to HN registration systems.

Reports (e.g. TD report, timing report), paper versus online, etc.

Result validation.

Seeding

Pre-seeding analysis and checking.

Seed list generation from race result data.

Recommendations to TDF in the event of race result anomalies.

Publication and dissemination.

Reporting

Result analysis, summarising entry trends, etc.

Competitor biographies, online access to race result history.

Documentation

SkiPro usage.

Advice on selection and usage of timing systems.

Rules

Advice on application of existing rules and practices relating to timing, calculations, seeding and other technical and IT-related issues.

Proposals for rule changes in areas falling within our remit.

Online Results

Overview

Work continues with development of the online database and accompanying web site that is intended eventually to handle processing, validation and seeding of all British Alpine and Telemark Calendar competitions.

The over-arching plan is largely unchanged, to centralise the administration of race results and seeding so that it is released from reliance on specific individuals, is more suited to group management, reduces workload, and can contribute to better succession planning.

We are close to completing the work for artificial races, with the intention of going live from the start of the 2015 artificial slope season. All being well, the switch-over for snow races will happen for 2015-16.

Work completed

The bulk of the work over the summer has been restricted to improvements in the handling of incoming results for the artificial slope events, and the first stages of generating seed lists. The latter is for the moment concentrating on those artificial slope results, as these are a complete set and can thus be used to compare the seed points with the existing desktop system.

Result Processing

All race results for the 2014 summer season have been posted to the online system, with few issues other than the continuing difficulties with keeping the competitor tables up-to-date with changes made by the HN registration authorities.

Telemark

No work has yet been done in this area to actually design or implement the handling of Telemark results. It will require some detailed planning and discussion before any code is cut, so that proper account can be taken of the intentions and requirements of the Telemark community.

Challenges

The majority of the issues with posting results related to racer registrations. This was particularly true in the early part of the season, as many competitors are still only renewing their HN registrations just in time to enter competitions.

As the pathway for moving HN registration information through to the online database is currently somewhat disjoint and not under our control, this can frequently mean that ROCs are forced to hand-enter at least some racer information into their events. Not only does this lead to potential issues with incorrect seed points, but it also means that when the TD comes to submit the results into the system all they get is a list of “competitor not found in database” error messages.

Some GBR competitors in FIS races are also being rejected by the system because the names used for their FIS and HN registrations don’t match up. So while the HN may have “Tom Brown” on their

database, the FIS database (from which the event will be populated) might have “Thomas Brown”. The FIS system requires the name to match the one in their database, but the GBSKI system attempts to allow some leeway in the forename to cater for differences in the HN registration.

The GBSKI system currently checks surname and the first four characters of the forename, to avoid mistakenly accepting results where the wrong registration code has been used (e.g. sibling swap), but clearly this needs further work. You should be able to submit the same FIS XML file to both FIS and GBR systems without having to adjust anything in between, but this may in the end require that those competitors have FIS licenses to have the same name in both databases.

There were also a few last-minute calendar changes that were not communicated, and in some cases a difficulty in knowing whether races had actually taken place or had been cancelled. Post-event follow-up was also difficult in some instances once key personnel had left resort and taken all the computer files with them – or worse still, allowed the computer containing the files to pass on to another person without taking a copy first.

There are also issues for races where non-GBR timing staff effectively ‘run the race’, meaning that results are not available in any currently supported format, or sometimes even have to be lifted from the FIS online system for the race to be seeded under BASS. Further work is required in this area to see whether it is feasible to read anything across from those systems (e.g. FFS), or perhaps whether it is simply quicker to create a new event in SkiPro and enter the times back in. Unlike on artificial races where the use of SkiPro has been mandated, we will always have to deal with other systems when working abroad.

Where next?

Seeding of artificial races will be completed in time to allow the official handling of results and seeding to switch to the new system from the start of the 2015 season.

Work will continue over the winter with improving the handling – and completeness – of the snow race results. It is essential that the results this winter are complete, to allow direct comparison of seed lists generated there with those being produced from the desktop BASS system. All being well, the intention is to bring the BASS portion of the system online from the start of the 2015-16 winter season.

A solution will still need to be found for those races races (on snow) which do not or cannot produce results acceptable to the system.

An improved method of handling HN registrations will need to be developed. The ‘bulk’ loading from Excel lists will still be the main method of entry, but there will always be the need for incremental changes as renewals and registrations take place in between the production of bulk lists. SSE are currently working on a replacement CRM system which hopefully will include a web service or similar ‘hook’ to extract registration details in real time, but for Wales and Scotland it may be necessary to provide them with a page where their office staff can log in and update their own occasional registration data directly in the GBSKI system.

A method for submission of TD Reports, Timing Reports and other event-related files will also have to be developed, as well as publication of non-result-related files (invitations, acceptance bulletins, etc.). For Timing Reports there is already a separate FIS program that will generate the required XML Timing file; this could be used, although we may find that this is excessively complex for our needs. We also need to determine whether TD reports can be online-only, or if there is a need for offline report preparation as well.

Other activities

Timing reports – are these necessary for Brit

Key points

ROCs must provide race programme as early as possible so Codex numbers can be assigned.

COTC must use Codex and TD numbers in the setup of event files.

COTC must use official seed list files to add competitors to event, no more hand-typing of details!

TDs must ensure they take away from the competition electronic copies of all relevant files.

All results must be emailed to alpineresults@gbski.com so they can be added to the database.

Notify any calendar changes to the same email address as soon as possible.

Until the online system takes over official results, all results packs should be emailed to the usual people as detailed on the TD Report form.

JCS Reports to the TD Forum, November 2014

Y&C Alpine

1. New equipment rules for 2014-2015
i. Skis (GS/SG) for U16 - rule changes were announced 2 years ago.
ii. Helmets - precision until Nov 2016 to allow helmets to 'old' standards in addition to the new FIS standard. Unclear whether further research may allow this exception to continue (younger athletes reach lower speeds), though the Medical Committee is very much against it (younger athletes' brains are more vulnerable).

2. FIS registration for U16/U14 athletes racing internationally has been agreed, but many supplementary decisions to be made before this can be brought in across the board. There will not be any FIS points for these guys, but it will allow results to be posted in FIS format, and results for individual athletes to be tracked. Likely to be set up for season 2015-16.

Child Protection

Suggest ask Tim Fawke to update on this - I believe he was at the recent SIBS meeting

Medical

1. Complete revamp of the FIS ISS:
Chairman Hubert Hoerterer (MedCom Chairman)
Vice Chairman - Jenny Shute
Technical Director Gunther Hujara.
Close communication/liaison between Medical/Equipment/Legal & Safety Committees.
This will work. Communication will be massively improved, studies will be evaluated, and funding decisions agreed. Any resulting equipment changes will go through the proper channels.

2. FIS is also planning to set up a database that will be available to record injuries at all FIS levels, including U16/U14. Parameters not yet agreed, but should be up and running soon. This means that there will be a centralised process which will lessen the need for us to work in the individual nations, though we should still try to keep a record of injuries, and TDs clearly still need to record what they see. Not yet clear how/when FIS will deal with the studies resulting from data collection, but at least the data will be gathered.

3. I am exploring Almaty KZK this season as FIS Medical Supervisor for the Nordic WJC. My pre-event inspection was interesting, and I found a modern city with absolutely everything that is required to host the 2022 WOG in very easy reach of the city centre and airport, including massive enthusiasm. I would guess very much a front runner ahead of Beijing...

Zurich FIS meetings Autumn 2014 GBR FIS Commissioners Report
The GBR TD forum and the wider skiing public.

I sit on the Rules, TDs, and Courses Sub Committees of the International Ski Federation and then attend any other FIS meetings during this conference I can get into whilst I'm there. Below is a brief summery.

Rules Sub Committee
The meeting was quiet brief as will be the case at every autumn meeting, all major changes are dealt with in the spring and then rubber stamped after consideration over the summer, or as in some cases trialed in the southern hemisphere first.
There are several things in review but everything for this winter was handled at congress.

Technical Delegate Sub Committee

- Janez Flere from FIS is coming to the GBR FIS TD update as the observer.
- There are some significant changes to the process of becoming and examining a TD. Mainly in the form of a process document for examination.
- FIS want to improve the process of assigning races.
- The new helmet rules have been discussed again and will be adopted for all age groups (see SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPETITION EQUIPMENT AND COMMERCIAL MARKINGS rule 6.2.1)

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Alpine Courses Sub Committee
I am now an Inspector and Controller attached to this Sub Committee. I spoke to Elena Gaja (the new Chair) about my appointment and the committee's intention to come up with a qualifying method for Inspectors and Controllers.

Equipment Sub Committee A new Helmets design was requesting approval which was denied and auto inflating back protectors were discussed
in this meeting with demonstrations from two companies proposing to carry out further tests on them in the World Cup, Alpine and world cup skicross Freestyle during the coming season.