MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, EASTLEIGH ON 15 NOVEMBER 2015

ITEM	ACTION
1. PRESENT Ian Roberts – (IR) Chair Kevin Webb (KW) Secretary David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair Ross Anderson (RA) Mark Berry (MB) Susie Berry (SB) Ingie Christophersen (IC) Richard Dawe (RD) Jamie Davies (JD) Richard Ellis (RE) Tim Fawke (TF) Maud Instone (MI) Steve James (SJ) Christophe Lemeire (CL) Richie Love (RL) David Mansfield (DMf) Derek Metters (DMe) Adrian Pery (AP) John Poole (JP) Michelle Quaile (MQ) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Paul Trayner (PT) Gwyneth Watson (GW) **2. APOLOGIES:**, Julian Adams, Tristan Cole, Andrew du Plessis, Hannah Hazeldine, Peter Heath, Sid James, Martin Leach, Ross MacMillan, Logan Tannock, Peter Willis, Larry Young	
3. Minutes of 16 May 2015 Meeting. The Minutes were approved.	
4. Matters Arising not already on Agenda. **Officials' Courses**. SB reported that progress was being made. A SSE Level 2 course was to be held on the 28th November. **GBR CIT Quota.** IC stated that she was still pushing to increase the quota. JS would raise in the BSS ASTC Alpine Business Group. **FIS Quotas.** MB stated that the Quota would be 6 this season. The lowland double quota was still being discussed. In the meantime a double quota has been arranged with Belgium, which would become a Standing Arrangement. **5.1 Calendar Process.** RA reported that there was now a new two part form for calendar applications. Part 1; an initial request including basic information to be submitted by the 1st May. Part 2; a detailed application prior to the Nov meeting. The initial application should	**Chair** **JS** **MB**

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include the Homologation numbers so that checks can be carried out.	**RA**
7.3 Lowlands ENL Event Proposal. MB stated that CL had made an excellent presentation to FIS on the proposal for the FIS Indoor Event. Interest was increasing within other FIS nations and further discussion was anticipated at the Spring meetings.	**MB**
8.2 FIS CoR vice TD Assignment Rule Update. See 10.1	
8.8 British Homologation Process. **10.6 Artificial Slope Homologation.** DJM thanked all those who helped with revalidating UK slopes, 9 had been completed, Stoke and Gloucester were about to be completed. Milton Keynes would have to reapply, although there are no races there at present. DMe asked whether the Medical Assessment Form should be part of the Homologation. After much discussion of the standards of medical requirements, responsibilities and insurance, it was decided to set up a small working group to investigate this further.	**DJM, JS, MB**
8.10 TD Retirement Age. See Agenda 10.2	
10.5 Race Structure. There had been little response following the May meeting. MB would raise again with CGs.	**MB**
5. Reports from Delegates.	
5.1 British Ski & Snowboard. See Report.	
5.2 BARSC. See Report. The Indoor race had been successful. There would not be a BARSC set of races this coming season. Looking forward, BARSC is assessing its aims and objectives.	
5.3 CSWSA. See Report.	
5.4 SSE. See Report.	
5.5 SSW. See Report.	
5.6 SSS. See Report. FS stated that due to the British Champs move to Tignes, the Scottish races would move back to Scotland, from Courchevel. FS asked about the homologation for Glencoe, MB to make further enquiries.	**MB**
5.7 British Championships, Sen/Jnr. See Report. PT reported that a contract had been signed with Tignes. The programme would be similar to that of 2015. A site visit would be undertaken in mid-December.	
British Championships, Children. See Report. MI stated that a special rate would be negotiated for Lift Passes for the Children's Champs.	
5.8 Telemark. See Report.	

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6. Seeding and IT. **6.1 BASS**. See Report. **6.2 BARTS.** See Report. The proposal to remove the restriction on two venues for seed point calculation was agreed. It was decided to make no changes to Zero minimum penalty races. **6.3 iBARTS.** See Report. **6.4 IT Support.** See Report. DJM stated that he would be issuing new passwords to everyone for the GBSKI.COM website. The Chair thanked DJM for all his work.	
7. FIS Matters **7.1 Update.** MB stated that FIS would only approve rule changes at Congress, as it was felt that too many were being changed too frequently. Training was being introduced to provide more Homologation Inspectors. Homologations would show more realistic safety equipment requirements, for all levels of FIS races. A new category has been introduced; Not Permitted to Start (NPS). The competitor would not be allowed to start and would be completely removed from the results for specific reasons; illegal skis or helmet, for instance. RD, GW & DJM to examine how this can be achieved. Helmet rules need to be rigorously enforced. All ROCs need to be made aware of this. Ski equipment rules should be enforced if brought to the attention of the Jury. TDs will need to discuss with ROCs how this will be policed in the Start area. **7.2 Medical.** See Report. JS reported that ski equipment rules changes were not anticipated in the short-term. It is now recommended that all young athletes should have an ECG, and that coaches should undertake CPR training. **7.3 FIS ICR.** The only changes to the ICR are the published Precisions.	**RD, GW, DJM** **All**
8. British TD Matters. **8.1 Contact List.** See attached. Following discussion at 10.2, it was decided that Date of Birth should be added to contact details. Please provide the Chairman with DoB details and any other changes. **8.2 Candidate and Aspirant TDs & Mentors.** Richard Love – Exam scheduled for the Aiglon Races. Andrew du Plessis – Proposal to assess on snow in 15/16 and then examine as Artificial TD in Summer 16. Snow examination would take place as soon as possible in 16/17 Season.	**All** **DJM/AdP**

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Simon Horn (Service) - Accepted as Aspirant TD, written exam in May. RA to mentor.	**RA**
Aileen Patterson – Accepted as Aspirant TD, written exam in Nov. Lots of jobs this coming season. PT to mentor.	**PT**
Steve James – Accepted as Candidate for conversion from Service to British TD. SB to mentor.	**SB**
Jamie Davies – Written Exam taken. Assessment at British Telemark Champs, Exam at ISSSC.	**AP**
8.3 Sanctions Update. Nothing to report.	
8.4 Child Protection and Disclosures. FIS are encouraging all nations to ensure that ROCs are aware of the requirement to provide a trained Welfare Officer at events.	
8.5 Injury Survey Update. JS stated that a report would follow. FIS not proceeding at present because of Information Storage issues.	
8.6 . **Alpine to Telemark TD Conversion.** See report for structure for conversion and progression. To replace BCR VII flow chart.	
8.7 TD Forum Structure. The Chair was pleased that sub-committees were bedding in and starting to work. No longer needed as Agenda item	
8.8 TD Resignation – Larry Young. The Chair had thanked LY for his work over many years, and proposed that he be offered TD Emeritus. Accepted. (After Note: Larry has accepted the offer of Emeritus status).	**Chair**
8.9 Exam/Assessment Report. See GBR Practical Report. The Chair proposed introducing the new Assessment/Exam report, which could also be used for assessments and further development. Accepted.	**Chair**
It was also proposed that the Training Committee should assess future aspirant CVs and make any necessary enquiries. Accepted.	**KW**
9. British Calendar & TD Assignments.	
9.1 British Winter Calendar and TD appointments 2015/2016 Winter Season. Assignments were allocated, updated list published by Chair.	**Chair**
10. BCR/BACR.	
10.1 Rule Changes. See Report. BCR. I. 1002.4 – A revised wording of the ICR Art was accepted BCR. VI. 2.4 – Accepted. BCR. VI. 10. – Accepted. BACR. III. 7.5 – Accepted. BACR. III. 10.3 – Accepted.	

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10.2 TDs' Competence to Operate. Following discussion at the May meeting, there had been discussions with BSS CEO. As a result, the following request had been made by the CEO: *At senior executive level within BSS there is concern that, unlike in other sports, there is no objective assessment of continued competence to undertake the role of Technical Delegate (TD) either at a British or International Alpine Ski Racing event. Further, there is concern that the recommendation in the ICR and BCR regarding the maximum age of a TD is not being applied within GBR, without there being an objective review and a documented record of continued competence to undertake the role beyond the recommended maximum age. Consequently, the TD Forum, as the expert body in GBR exercising oversight of Technical Delegates, is requested to review the current position in the light of guidance concerning the potential position of the BSS insurer and advice on potential liability under age discrimination legislation. The TD Forum is requested to report to the CEO BSS on its consideration of this matter by 1 June 2016* Whilst the emphasis on age was understood, the Chair considered that a wider view of continuing competence would be sensible, fairer and less contentious. It was proposed that once qualified a GBR TD should undergo a probationary period of 2 years, followed by an assessment every 5 years up to the age of 65, and then annually. Accepted in principle. It was decided that the Chair should set up a working group, comprising the Chairs of the sub-committees, to establish an assessment process and to report back by the May meeting. **10.3 CSWSA Rules.** See Report. RA requested an extension to the dispensation with regard to ski lengths and radius, as outlined in the written request. Approved. **10.4 Telemark Rules.** Nothing to report. **10.5 Accident Report Form.** Form accepted. No longer required as agenda item. **10.6 BCR 611.2 Timing Systems.** The question was raised whether the requirements of BCR 611.2 were necessary. It was decided that the requirement should remain unchanged.	**Chair** **RA**
11. Date of Next Meetings. **11.1** May 2016: 14 May 2016, Birmingham. **11.2** November 2016: 4 - 6 November 2016, Birmingham.	**Chair**

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Progress Update **November 2015**

TO: TD Forum
DATE: 14th November 2015
REPORT: Dave Edwards, CEO
SUBJECT: Progress Report

1. OBJECT

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

2. SUMMARY

During the last six months:

- We have negotiated an arrangement with Tignes for the hosting of the 2016 Delancey Alpine Championships. Both Tignes and Meribel made us offers to assist us in the running of the event. Both offers were less than we received for the 2015 Championships from Tignes and both were therefore less than we had budgeted for. We therefore currently have a forecast that is around £17k adverse to budget. We are seeking cost reductions and income generation ideas that will help to bridge this gap. The Tignes offer does NOT cover supply of lift tickets for the children's races. We will therefore be asking coaches and athletes to arrange for the purchase of their own tickets.
- We have advertised for, interviewed and appointed a new Chairman of the BSS Board. Mr Rory Tapner was appointed by the BSS Board on 15th September 2015 and his appointment was endorsed by the BSS membership at the Company AGM later that day. He presided over his first Board meeting on 12th November and had met with a considerable number of athletes, volunteers and possible funding partners since his appointment.
- We have moved from NSPCC "Foundation" level to NSPCC "Intermediate" level for safeguarding. Considerable thanks is owed to Bridget Owen and Vicki Harris for this achievement.
- We have finalised articles for a new Charity that is being established to help fund elite amateur Snowsports, the British Ski and Snowboard National Foundation. Trustees of the Charity include Sir John Ritblat, Rory Tapner, Sarah Lewis and Dave Edwards. Su Moore has been recruited to head the operations of the Charity and we anticipate a launch of the venture early in 2016.

3. ISSUES

- We grow increasingly concerned about insurance cover for our organisation and officials. Experience from an action brought against us in 2012 shows clearly that our insurer, in common with many, will find a mechanism for not underwriting us if at all possible. This can result in individuals' personal insurances and personal assets being brought into any action.

  Other sports have implemented clear evidence based continual professional development, peer group assessment and clarity around capability to carry out a role effectively. We should consider the provision of similar best practice, adherence to our International Federation's advice and guidelines and document our reasons for any departure from this. In particular any failure to comply with capability testing, age limits or other clearly set out advice or guidelines should have the reasons for such a departure documented together with the name of the individuals who are making those decisions.

Report to TD Forum – November 2015

BARSC is in the process of rethinking its remit and policies in order to support the present day needs of its member clubs. Consultation meetings have been held over the summer and an AGM is due in December.

We has decided not to run a Championship over the New Year period in the 15/16 season due to the now unreliable snow conditions but we will explore other options for next season. We will continue to support the Super-G in Bormio in collaboration with the English Championships. The exact role of BARSC in the organisation of the U12 events in Tignes is under discussion with BSS.

BARSC clubs are again running a number of seeded events in the Alps in the coming season. The LSC Schoolgirls races in Flaine, the DHO Schoolboys races in Meiringen, the Kandahar Masters (FIS) event in Morgins and the Aiglon BASS and a FIS CIT events in Villars.

Regrettably, the proposed DHO BASS races in the period between 27th December and 3rd January have had to be cancelled owing to Wengen not being prepared to provide homologated pistes.

It is likely that the Murren-Kandahar races before Christmas will apply for a BASS event in December 2016 but they have decided to continue with un-seeded events for this season.

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

Susie Berry
15th November 2015

Combined Services Winter Sports Association (CSWSA)

CSWSA – Report to the British TD Forum – 15 November 2015

1. The 2014/15 season provided most ROCs with very unpredictable weather conditions that put their races programmes to the test. Unsurprisingly the ROCs delivered the best possible events for all the competitors fulfilling the majority of their programmes. The numbers attending Service events has stabilised as we move into a Contingency Planning footing and the focus is currently on the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) output due a few weeks' time. This should inform us of the future size and shape of the Combined Services for the next 5-10 years.

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) 2016 will be held in Meribel, France between 30 Jan-5 Feb.

4. The development of Service TDs continues with Cdr Richard Love (RN) looking to complete his assessment and practical exam this season at suitable events this coming season. Major Simon Horn (Army) will hopefully be accepted an Aspirant TD and start on the Training Pathway. Captain Lloyd Morgan (Army) and SSgt Justin Bennett (Army) will continue to gain experience as potential Aspirant TDs for 2016. It firmly remains the intent for the Single Services to continue to select individuals capable of becoming a GBR TD (Services) to support their events. Both the RN and RAF continue to develop their officials and are actively identifying those that potentially have the time to start the Training Pathway.

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 2015

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. Some questions remain about participation linked to 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. Indoor events during 2015 have been generally well supported.

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 considered in line with SSE's objective of increasing participation across the whole of England. There are a limited number of outdoor venues that are suitable for racing, and the even smaller number of indoor snow domes is not easily accessible to certain parts of the country.

There were fewer indoor race events scheduled during 2015 following difficulty in negotiating suitable slope hire rates with some indoor venues. As a result, it was decided that the Anglo Welsh and British Indoor races would count towards the overall GBR Indoor Series awards for age categories and overall awards.

GBR (Great British Racing) Races

SSE organised 2 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 three races, two organised by Snowsport and one by Snowsport Scotland. Snowsport wales organised the Anglo Welsh and British Indoor Championships that counted as effectively GBR races four and five for 2015. 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. The 300 seed point cut-off was removed this year following to encourage a larger entry. 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 2003 and earlier are eligible for GBR Races (2007 - 2004 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 4 on indoor snow and 7 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.
Racers born 2003 and earlier are eligible for seeded Club National races (2007 - 2004 for U10/U12 races):
Age Categories: U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, SEN, MAS

Other Events
In addition, SSE organised the Inter-regional outdoor race, held in Pendle; the English BARTS Outdoor Championships and Inter-Club event, held in Sunderland. 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, once again, 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 organise the second Lowland Indoor Championships hosted by the Netherlands Ski Federation at Landgraaf. This event, held during September 2015 was run by the British, Belgian and Netherlands ski federations. The event was a success with 280 racers competing from GBR, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg. The event is to be hosted by GBR in 2015 and it will be held, once again, at Landgraaf.

Summer 2016

GBR Races
The season of GBR races was largely successful and we propose to run a similar programme of events in 2016. The outdoor series will comprise six races; three organised by SSE and three organised by SSW. The indoor series will also comprise five races with two organised by SSE; two organised by SSW and one 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 series events at three different indoor venues. The GBR Series will be run using BARTS seeding.

Championships
Following the success of the BARSC Indoor Championships programme in 2013, 2014 and 2015, it is currently intended to hold this event in the October programme in 2016 which should boost entry numbers. Current plans are for this event to be held once again 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 2016. This is a similar number than 2015. SSE does not propose to impose a limit on the number of Club National events held under its authority in 2016, 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 one race could be held within each Region, aimed at attracting new racers into the sport. The format is three 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 two Excel format events were held during 2015, which is a disappointing uptake considering the level of interest that this format generated when it was first introduced.

Quality

SSE is responsible for ensuring that all events that are organised under the 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 SSE 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 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 Children's Championships 2016 is available on http://www.englishalpinechamps.org.uk/. A contract, based on previous years', was signed with Bormio last year. As in 2015, we are pleased to be organising a FIS Super G with BARSC. All races will once again be held on either the Stella Alpina or Stelvio pistes for 2016. The week will start on Saturday 13th February with the ever popular parade through Bormio.

The U14/U16 childrens programme will be largely held on the Stella Alpina piste with the two Super G races being held on successive days on the Stelvio piste. There will also be a parallel dual slalom team event on Tuesday 16th February. The U10/U12 events will consist of a GS and also a Technical Combi race.

Following feedback from coaches, the provisional FIS programme will be modified so that the technical events will be held at the start of the week with the slalom events, followed by the GS events with the SG events taking place at the end of the week. We are pleased to be organising an Alpine Combined event on the Thursday consisting of a Super G followed by a single run slalom.

SSE Alpine Race Committee

The Alpine Race Committee has 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.

Following a review of the wide range of the various activities and responsibilities of the Alpine Race Committee, a revised structure has been agreed and there will be two committees from October; the Alpine Strategy & Planning Committee and an Alpine Events Committee.

The Alpine Strategy & Planning Committee will be responsible for development and support of the SSE Strategy for Alpine racing; providing and developing technical support for Alpine racing; setting and managing delivery of the SSE Alpine budget, management and delivery of officials training and liaison with TD Forum and BSS Alpine committees.

The Alpine Events Committee will be responsible for; organising and administering SSE Alpine ski racing events on snow and artificial slopes; supporting other SSE alpine events such as training on snow and artificial slopes; liaison with Regions and Clubs as needed for the running of their events; and recruitment and allocation of officials and other volunteers to events.

Training

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

Level 2. The current Level Two course has been revised and will be more active and it will comprise 1½ days in the classroom. Candidates will be expected to volunteer at race events 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). A level 2 course will be held in November 2015 and it is planned to arrange a further course at a similar time during 2016.

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

Race Sec. This course will be provided on an ad-hoc basis and as a formal course where demand is sufficient. A course will be held during 2016.

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 2015

Snowsport Wales have completed our summer season of artificial events. This year entry levels seem to have improved – over 100 racers came to South Wales to compete in the events held at Pontypool. Also, we are seeing a continued growth in numbers participating in our schools and entry level events.

The Welsh Schools' Championships took place at Llangrannog Ski Centre in October. There was a record entry for the event of over 150 racers, with Welsh primary schools making up a third of all entries. Snowsport Wales are now looking forward to hosting the British Schools' Champs at Pontypool on the weekend of November 21st.

Our confirmed artificial skiing events for 2016 are as follows;

7/8th May	GBR Indoor Races 1 & 2, Chill Factore Manchester
9/10th July	GBR Outdoor Races 4 & 5, Pontypool
10/11th September	Welsh Championships, Pontypool
9th October	Welsh Schools Championships, Llangrannog

Events to be confirmed;

16/17th April	SSW Club Team Event & Excel Event, Pembrey

Alpine

The Welsh Alpine Championships will be returning to Champery Les Crosets, Switzerland for the 10th anniversary of the event with races running from the 19th - 22nd January 2016.

The event is sponsored by the ski resort of Champery as well as a number of partners in the area so we are looking forward to a great week of activities to mark the 10th anniversary. The four days of competition will include two days of international FIS-CIT races followed by two days of BASS races (including U10/U12 events using stubbies).

19th Jan - FIS-CIT GS	20th Jan – FIS-CIT SL
21st Jan - BASS SL & U10/U12 SL	22nd Jan – BASS GS & U10/U12 GS

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

Landgraaf Camp

During the summer a training camp was held at SnowWorld in Landgraaf. The camp was a collaboration between Snowsport Cymru Wales and Dragons Alpine racing club and proved very popular. Over 40 athletes attended including visually impaired Welsh athlete Menna Fitzpatrick guided by Welsh Team athlete Emily Hopkins. As well as alpine training, a snowboarding session for coaches and athletes also took place.

Other Events

Llandudno Ski Centre was host to the first unofficial Welsh Championship Orme Jam Competition in October. There was a range of ages and a varied range of ramps and rails, they even had some newcomers trying out ramps for the first time.

Go Ski Go Board is officially launching in Wales in November. This increased accessibility to snow sports will coincide with a considerable increase in Alpine race entries and freestyle competitions within Wales.

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

REPORT TO THE TD FORUM SOUTHAMPTON 2015

THE ALPINE SEASON BEGINS IN CHAMONIX
WITH THE ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP 2ND ---5TH JANUARY 2016

THE SCOTTISH FIS SERIES FOLLOWS AT REITERALM AUT FROM 6TH ---8TH JANUARY 2016

THE SCOTTISH ALPINE SERIES BEGINS AT LECHT 23RD 24TH JANUARY 2016

THE ALPINE SERIES GLENSHEE WINTER GAMES IS AT GLENSHEE SKI CENTRE 6TH 7TH FEBRUARY 2016

THE ALPINE SERIES CONTINUES AT CAIRNGORM
ON 20TH 21ST FEBRUARY 2016 WITH
THE CSC OPEN
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THE SCOTTISH CHILDRENS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BAIRNS BUCKET
IS 12TH 13TH MARCH 2016 WITH THE VENUE TBC

THE ALPINE SERIES CONTINUES AT GLENCOE MOUNTAIN WITH THE OPEN ON
THE 19TH 20TH MARCH 2016.

THE SCOTTISH FIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FOLLOW FROM THE 7TH --12TH APRIL 2016. AT NEVIS RANGE

FRANK STADDLE
GBR TD.



Delancey British National Alpine Ski Championships 2016 (FIS)
Report to the November 2015 TD forum - Southampton

After a great deal of negotiating it has been decided to return to Tignes for the 2016 British Championships which will run from the 20th to the 27th of March.

The in-resort logistical arrangements are planned to be similar to 2015 and incorporating some of the lessons learned. These arrangements will be confirmed in a recce to the resort on 12th to 15th December.

I will give the remainder of my report to the Forum verbally.

Kind regards

Paul Trayner

Paul Trayner
Chief of Championships (FIS)

Draft Programme 2016
20th March – 27th March 2015

Saturday 19th March	Arrival of Competitors *Team Captains' Meeting for NC Super G* (M and L) */ DH inspection* 2000hrs
Sunday 20nd 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 21st March	Downhill Training (M and L) *Team Captains' Meeting for Downhill Training* 1730hrs
Tuesday 22nd March	Downhill Training (M and L) *Team Captains' Meeting for NC & NJC Downhill* 1700hrs
Wednesday 23rd 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 24th 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 25th 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 26th 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 27th March	The British NJC GS Ladies The British NJC Slalom Men Prize-giving in Finish Area Junior National Championship Prize-giving

TIGNES

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2016 British U16 and U14 Alpine Ski Championships
TIGNES 28th March – 1 April 2016

We look forward to returning to Tignes, France again this year, with five days racing for the U16/U14 Championships. The programme which is shown below includes a Speed Kombi, a race designed to test both the mental and physical ability of the athletes and which will be an integral part of the Championships. There will also be two Super-Gs, a Slalom and Giant Slalom. Races for U12/U10 skiers will be run in conjunction with the U16/U14 Championships and we are again offering the top U12 racers the opportunity to compete in the U14 Giant Slalom. There will be a parallel slalom on Wednesday 1st April for teams of 4: 1 member from each of U16, U14, U12 and U10 including at least one member of the opposite gender. Please note, however, that this programme is provisional and dependent on local conditions. Entries will open in January.

Tignes is a high altitude resort with extensive facilities. We are relieved that there will be no competition for these facilities from other British competitions in the resort this year, and we have every confidence that Tignes will provide the British Championships with excellent races.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Prize giving will be in the finish area shortly after each event

Sunday 27 March	Team Captains' meeting for U16 and U14 GS/SG Kombi	*1700hrs*
Monday 28 March	U16 and U14 GS/SG Kombi Team Captains' meeting for U16/U14 Super-G *Team Captains' meeting for U12/U10 SL/GS Kombi AND Giant Slalom*	 *1700hrs* *1730hrs*
Tuesday 29 March	U16 and U14 Super-G *U12/U10 Kombi* Team Captains' meeting for U16/U14 Super-G and Team Parallel Slalom	 *1700hrs*
Wednesday 30 March	U16 and U14 Championship Super-G *U12/U10 Giant Slalom* Team Parallel Slalom Team Captains' meeting for U16 Slalom and for U14 Giant Slalom (*with top 10 U12 boys and girls from GS*)	 *1700hrs*
Thursday 31 March	U16 Slalom U14 Giant Slalom (*with top 10 U12 boys and girls from GS*) Team Captains' meeting for U16 Giant Slalom and U14 Slalom	 *1700hrs*
Friday 1 April	U16 Giant Slalom U14 Slalom	

Telemark Report

Indoor Series. The 2015 Indoor series was a success, with races in Glasgow, Manchester, Hemel and Tamworth.

The first three locations are well used to races, and getting used to Telemark, but a few challenges were thrown up in terms of preparation and timing; certainly we need to persuade the organisers to use the established alpine race T+C. Tamworth generates particular challenges, it is useable (homologation request to fol), but it is clear the site see general skiers as more valuable. Some redesign of the building will help (these are in plan). It is possible to race here, but not ideal.

On snow TM uses Alpine Homologations, we have progressed on that basis in the indoor sites, but it might be wise to clarify the situation as to whether we need separate TM Homologations.

The summer workload has been challenging for me (in time and money) so plans to qualify more TM TD's this season will be very helpful.

2015/16 Season. There are three events this coming season from a British perspective:

The Muerren Kandahar Races (MKR) are now running a GB FIS TM Race, a Classic, on 17 Dec. This is being well supported by Muerren and is an essential part of the developing TM FIS Calendar. The race that day will double with an Alpine GS.

The British Championships will be run in Muerren from 9-21 Jan (last day of on piste racing is 19 Jan). These are also the three single Service Championships' (Army, RN/RM and RAF) and are once again run by the Army. De-confliction and prioritisation is ongoing with Muerren (note Kandahar Inferno week is 19-20 Jan and the Inferno is on the 23 Jan.

ISSSC is in Meribel and will once again be open to the British Squad and Development Group.

TM TD Development. As the sport grows I am quite busy (I have done 3 outdoor and 3 indoor events this year). The aim is (should he pass the exam) for Jamie to do his assessment and exam this season; the former in Muerren and the latter in Meribel, with an Alpine TD tech assessment thrown in for him so that someone other than me tests him. This fits with the TD development progression I shall put to the forum and which is attached in a flow chart with this report. I also hope we can qualify Mark whilst he is in Muerren.

BASS Seeding and Registration Report to TD Forum Nov 2015

1. **Proposed publication dates:**

List	Cut-off	Publication	Valid From
1	22nd November	26th November	1st December
2	14th January	19th January	21st January
3	26th January	3rd February	6th February
4	13th March	23rd March	28th March
5	3rd April	late April	End of Season

If practical, I will try to publish an extra list:

21st February	28th February	7th March

2. F Values unchanged for 2015/16 Season:

SL 720; GS 980; SG 1080; DH 1250, Alpine 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, I will process this winter's results for BASS seeding and publish the official results on Britski.org.

Please submit all results (PDF), penalty calculations (PDF), TD & timing reports and SkiPro files to pheathski@aol.com as normal.

David will advise you on the new arrangements for approval of results.

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 2014 1st list	774	395	48		1217
May 2015 5th list	1046	494	101	112	1753
10th Nov 2015	708	281	33		1022

PH 10th Nov 2015

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

David Manns
Timing & Calculations SC
02-Nov-2015

1. 2015 Season

The entry numbers for the 2015 artificial slope season are down on last year, as are the number of races, although the average entry per race is slightly up (97 for indoor races and 84 outdoors). The final seed lists for 2015 are scheduled to be published on December 8th.

2. Seed Point calculation 'two venues'

When calculating seed points from racer's results, one of the options is to take the average of the best two results of the season. Currently, these two results have to be from different venues. A proposal has been made by Snowsport England to remove this restriction, to take account of the high number of indoor races taking place at Chill Factore. Although the change could be applied only to the indoor (iBARTS) list, it was felt that this could lead to confusion if different methods were applied indoors and out, so the proposal is to remove the restriction altogether.

This proposal was discussed and accepted by the T&C SC, and now comes to the Forum for ratification. Analysis shows that were this change to be implemented for the 2015 season, 124 competitors on the indoor list (6.7% of the total) would have their points altered, and 28 (1.5%) on the outdoor list.

3. Zero Minimum Penalty

The proliferation of 'zero minimum penalty' races has been raised at previous meetings. This year once again the issue of assigning zero minimum was dealt with by consulting with ROCs for those few races where the status might have been unclear.

BARTS SEASON 2014

				Male			Female			Total		
Event	Date	T	Venue	Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS
BUISC Finals	11/03/2015	i	CAS	60	44	11	49	34	9	109	78	20
Excel Event	14/03/2015	o	PON	27	26	1	13	13	0	40	39	1
Excel Event	18/04/2015	o	PEM	19	19	0	11	11	0	30	30	0
Telford CN Race 1	25/04/2015	i	CHL	56	53	3	29	26	2	85	79	5
Telford CN Race 2	25/04/2015	i	CHL	56	53	3	29	27	2	85	80	5
Manchester CN Race 1	26/04/2015	i	CHL	54	50	2	32	28	0	86	78	2
Manchester CN Race 2	26/04/2015	i	CHL	54	48	2	32	31	0	86	79	2
SSW Champery Slalom	02/05/2015	o	GLO	63	56	1	33	27	0	96	83	1
Gloucester CN	03/05/2015	o	GLO	81	66	2	42	36	2	123	102	4
GBR Outdoor Series	04/05/2015	o	GLO	74	52	4	29	22	3	103	74	7
GBR Indoor Series	09/05/2015	i	CHL	83	74	3	43	39	2	126	113	5
GBR Indoor Series	10/05/2015	i	CHL	78	68	0	41	36	1	119	104	1
Norfolk CN	30/05/2015	o	NOR	67	65	0	38	37	1	105	102	1
Vikings CN	31/05/2015	o	IPS	67	54	1	52	48	3	119	102	4
Twin Peaks 1	06/06/2015	o	FIR	45	34	5	20	18	1	65	52	6
Twin Peaks 2	07/06/2015	o	HND	69	42	0	36	20	2	105	62	2
Snowsport South CN	07/06/2015	o	SOU	42	36	6	28	25	3	70	61	9
GBR Indoor Series	13/06/2015	i	BHD	86	75	4	51	46	1	137	121	5
Scottish Indoor Champs	14/06/2015	i	BHD	97	85	4	54	51	2	151	136	6
GBR Outdoor Series	20/06/2015	o	GLO	75	49	2	40	28	1	115	77	3
Midland CN	21/06/2015	o	GLO	86	63	7	51	34	2	137	97	9
Lions Race 1	21/06/2015	i	CAS	36	33	1	15	14	1	51	47	2
Lions Race 2	21/06/2015	i	CAS	36	32	2	15	14	1	51	46	3
Pendle CN	27/06/2015	o	PND	64	62	0	26	26	0	90	88	0
Avon & Western Counties CN	04/07/2015	o	MDP	42	29	0	13	11	0	55	40	0
GBR Outdoor Series	11/07/2015	o	PON	49	36	0	26	24	0	75	60	0
GBR Outdoor Series	11/07/2015	o	PON	47	45	2	26	25	1	73	70	3
Hemel CN Race 1	11/07/2015	i	HEM	58	49	6	41	34	5	99	83	11
Hemel CN Race 2	11/07/2015	i	HEM	58	50	0	41	36	0	99	86	0
GBR Outdoor Series	12/07/2015	o	PON	50	38	2	26	22	1	76	60	3
All England Championships	29/08/2015	o	SLK	65	38	0	28	18	0	93	56	0
Anglo-Welsh Indoor	05/09/2015	i	CHL	91	80	1	47	42	0	138	122	1
British Indoor Championships	06/09/2015	i	CHL	91	76	2	45	36	1	136	112	3
Welsh Outdoor	12/09/2015	o	PON	68	52	2	43	34	1	111	86	3
British Outdoor Championships	13/09/2015	o	PON	70	47	4	39	31	1	109	78	5
Craig Macfie Classic	13/09/2015	o	HND	53	38	2	30	18	2	83	56	4
Scottish Outdoor	26/09/2015	o	HND	48	34	3	27	14	2	75	48	5
Snowworld Cup	26/09/2015	i	LGR	38	25	3	23	20	1	61	45	4
Lowlands Indoor Championships	27/09/2015	i	LGR	36	22	2	23	22	1	59	44	3
Irish Open Championships	03/10/2015	o	KIL	49	37	0	27	19	1	76	56	1
European Outdoor	04/10/2015	o	KIL	51	37	0	29	26	0	80	63	0
BARSC Indoor Championships	17/10/2015	i	CHL	39	32	1	24	18	1	63	50	2
BUDS	06/11/2015	o	HND							0	0	0

		Male			Female			Total		
		Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS	Ent	QLF	DNS
Indoor	Total:	1107	949	50	634	554	30	1741	1503	80
18	Avg:	62	53	3	35	31	2	97	84	4
	%:	64%	86%	5%	36%	87%	5%		86%	5%
Outdoor	Total:	1371	1055	44	733	587	27	2104	1642	71
25	Avg:	55	42	2	29	23	1	84	66	3
	%:	65%	77%	3%	35%	80%	4%		78%	3%
All	Total:	2478	2004	94	1367	1141	57	3845	3145	151
43	Avg:	58	47	2	32	27	1	89	73	4
	%:	64%	81%	4%	36%	83%	4%		82%	4%

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Summer Results

Processing of results from artificial slope races over the summer was executed through the online system with few problems. There were a couple of instances where results were assigned to the wrong person due to software issues, which have since been corrected. The assistance of the Home Nations in making registration details available ahead of seed list publication has been invaluable.

Seeding

Lack of time has again delayed the switch from desktop to online seed list calculation as the coding is not quite complete. The two are very close to being aligned for the BARTS lists, but it was felt that it was more important to get the lists correct than to switch to the online system.

BASS seeding over the 2015-16 winter season will therefore continue to be done on the existing system, with more effort put into the online system to try and 'track' the publication of offline lists.

Winter Results

The sometimes onerous task of validating the results of winter races will be moved from TDF Chair to the T&C SC. Due to the large number of results that require validation during January, it is anticipated that this work will be shared out within the SC, operating on a 'pooled' collection of results and to pre-defined deadlines.

The precise make-up of, and circulation list for, results packs for winter races is therefore likely to change slightly, although the general requirement for TDs (or GBR COR's in the case of British FIS races) to submit official results and associated files will still apply. The exact details will be ironed out in time for the meeting.

Leaving aside the precise details of the process, it cannot be emphasised strongly enough that the designated person (TD or otherwise) must not leave a race venue without having in their possession a full set of all relevant race files.

Calculations for non-standard races

An application has been developed that will produce a penalty calculation for races where SkiPro is not capable of doing so. These include races where the winner is not registered, and those where there are fewer than five suitable finishers. The application works by reading directly from the SkiPro database files, which makes it very much a button-click exercise. This application will shortly be available for download from GBSKI and is very easy to use. It has already been tested on some of the 'odd' races from last winter, and will prove invaluable at events such as the various Schools races.

The possibility of also generating a 'seeding only' results printout (i.e. one that omits all unregistered racers) is also being investigated.

GBSKI.COM

The web site has been re-worked to make it 'mobile friendly', so you can now look for race results or browse your favourite rule book right there on your phone! Other changes are in the pipeline, and information will be posted on the site when new features become available.

Race document handling

Results packs and other documents

The ROC creates a range of competition-oriented documents such as invitation and bulletins, and individual race-oriented documents such as start lists, all of which need to be administered by the ROC over a period of time ahead of – and occasionally a little after – the race.

After the races are completed, SkiPro or XML race data files are submitted directly to the system by (or under the supervision of) the TD. These are verified against the information in the online database and then imported into the system to form the basis of seeding calculations etc.

Results packs are made up of multiple documents and form the official definition of the race result. As a measure of control they are submitted by the event TD (or COR in the case of British-run FIS races). The results pack comprises PDF copies of official results and penalties, and (currently) supporting documents such as Jury minutes. The documents are used to cross-check against the submitted electronic results during the validation processprior to seeding.

Current process

ROC documents are emailed to Peter Heath for publication on Britski.

SkiPro/XML race files are emailed to alpineresults@gbski.com for automated processing and publication on GBSKI.

Result packs are emailed to a short distribution list (as defined on TD report form) for validation, publication, record-keeping, etc., all handled manually.

What needs to change

ROC documents to be published on GBSKI and linked into (available via) the correct competition in the online race calendar, documents to be managed by defined members of ROC relevant to the competition, with no other manual intervention.

SkiPro/XML race file processing needs a little fine-tuning. Should be possible to submit files pre-race for registration checking but this doesn't appear to work at the moment. We also need to work out how to handle results from races where data files are not available or are in some other format (not sure how many of these actually happen each winter).

Results packs need to be attributed automatically to the correct race(s), so the contents need to be individually identifiable without manual intervention. Some kind of enforced naming convention would seem to be the most appropriate method

Proposal

GBSKI admin will be able to create a login for ROC that allows access to the documents for their competition for a specified period. ROC will be able to upload new documents to the relevant pre-defined 'slot' (invitation, bulletin, etc.) in their competition, as well as remove old/obsolete documents. These documents would then made available in the relevant places on GBSKI for visitors to read, such as alongside the entry in the race calendar.

Race result file processing needs more work as described above to improve on what is there already. SkiPro/other race data files will be retained online so that they can be accessed by those that need then, e.g. for adjustment/correction found to be necessary at the validation stage).

GBSKI admin will be able to create distribution list(s) for results packs so that they can be automatically distributed to the right people when they are received via a new mailbox (resultspacks@gbski.com). Different distribution lists could be assigned to different competitions.

The master copy of the results pack will be retained on the server to be used for things like result validation to approve races for seeding, using a defined naming convention to allow each file to be clearly identifiable.

Results waiting to be validated would be listed in a 'pending' table so that a pool of validators can share out the work of checking race results.

Naming conventions for results pack

Event files

These will use the race Codex (nnnn) as each race has its own set of these files.

nnnn.spro - SkiPro backup of event results file (or GBRnnnn.XML)
nnnnRES.pdf - official results for seeding
nnnnPEN.pdf - official penalty calculation
nnnnRESx.pdf - optional additional results such as those including unregistered or unseeded
nnnnSTx.pdf - start list for run 'x'
nnnnMINx.pdf - jury minute (allow graphics files so file extension not critical)
nnnnPROx.pdf - protest form (allow graphics files so file extension not critical)

Competition files

There may well be anomalous files, such as Jury minutes that apply to the whole competition, which can be identified by using the competition ID (the database ID number shown in the race calendar on GBSKI) instead of a race Codex, prefixed with 'C', such as:

CmmmMIN.pdf – a jury minute covering a whole competition

Issues and questions

The official PDF result documents (RES and PEN) should be made available to the public, but perhaps only once the race has reached a given state? Possibly only once the SkiPro files have been accepted and the race is therefore at the 'results received' stage?

Presumably the other documents in the pack must all be kept confidential, and not make available for site visitors to read.

There some results pack documents that should not be held on the server at all. E.g. accident / incident reports, which could contain sensitive information, would take us into choppy waters w.r.t. data protection.

When the results pack arrives in the new results mailbox, do we simply forward the whole thing to the distribution list, or save the files on the server and email a notification that they are available? The latter would then require some means (e.g. login with relevant permissions) of getting to them on the server.

Still need to factor in how the TD report is filed, it will eventually need to be online, but it is frequently done as one per competition or per race day, so it doesn't currrntly map nicely onto individual race codex. If online form is per race but mostly automatically filled, does that help? Don't forget that U14/16 race day on snow has at least six races to file.

FIS ISS Steering Committee & Medical Committee – Zurich, Dr Jenny Shute

1. FIS ISS

- InMotion and Dianese air bag / back protectors are both allowed, but athletes will not use them if they see any disadvantage in terms of speed; they are also concerned re the cost! New modifications may improve acceptability, but there may still be some unavoidable aerodynamic disadvantage.
- Cut resistant underwear – GH noted that there had been several injuries last year (including to Bode Miller, and a competitor in the Nations Team Event). This is relatively cheap, 100€, from Energia Pura.
- Dianese is working on inflatable knee supports that will guard against crucial ligament tears.

2. Erich Müller, University of Salzburg - Safety in Alpine Ski Racing

Low back pain in Alpine Ski Racing - no significant effects on force/load parameters from longer skis

3. Sophie Steenstrup, Oslo Research Centre, FIS ISS – Head Injuries

SS presented a review of head injuries, extracted from the ISS database – 10-13% of time-loss injuries at FIS WC level. Most head injuries are in FS (significantly higher, x2, than in Alpine). Helmet test standards to be investigated further as impact velocity may be higher than the current standards

Evidence supports improved knee injury figures with new equipment

4. Re helmets – SJ helmets with ventilation holes will not be allowed

5. Youth & Children

- Waxing issues have been discussed in Youth & Children's SCs across all disciplines, and the 2007 advice from the FIS Medical Committee has been circulated
- ECGs - IOC advice is that all young athletes should be tested. This can be done via a charitable organisation in GBR, 'CRY' (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

7. Lillehammer YOG 2016

JS had met with the event medical team and visited all the venues, with the exception of the Oslo half pipe (but had met the venue sports manager). Encouraging close cooperation between the sport managers and medical team, venue medical managers to be present at sport meetings. Seeking further clarification regarding the rescue chain in Lillehammer; the chain of command must be clear. One line to be in place, not a broken line

8. Report from Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General

- Anti-Doping – ongoing collaboration with WADA, forming a 'partnership to quality' project with IFs and NADOs. FIS was selected as first IF to be partnered; the initial approach was not agreed, but it was suggested that FIS should be put forward as a model for other IFs. FIS had set a very high benchmark. WADA was impressed with an expert project based on a low budget, and small but expert staff.

9. CPR (resuscitation) training for coaches etc, NSAs to be remind of this recommendation

10. Freestyle / Snowboard - high incidence of head injuries – it was agreed by the meeting that it doesn't make sense that the higher specification helmets that are mandatory in Alpine are not also mandatory in these disciplines. It was also noted that they are often incorrectly worn, for example with caps or helmet straps inside the helmet. JS asked that the Medical Committee should support the following proposal:

The Medical Committee strongly advises strengthening of helmet specifications for Freestyle and Snowboard, and proposes that rules to prevent any modifications to the way they are worn should be introduced.

Supported by the MedCom.

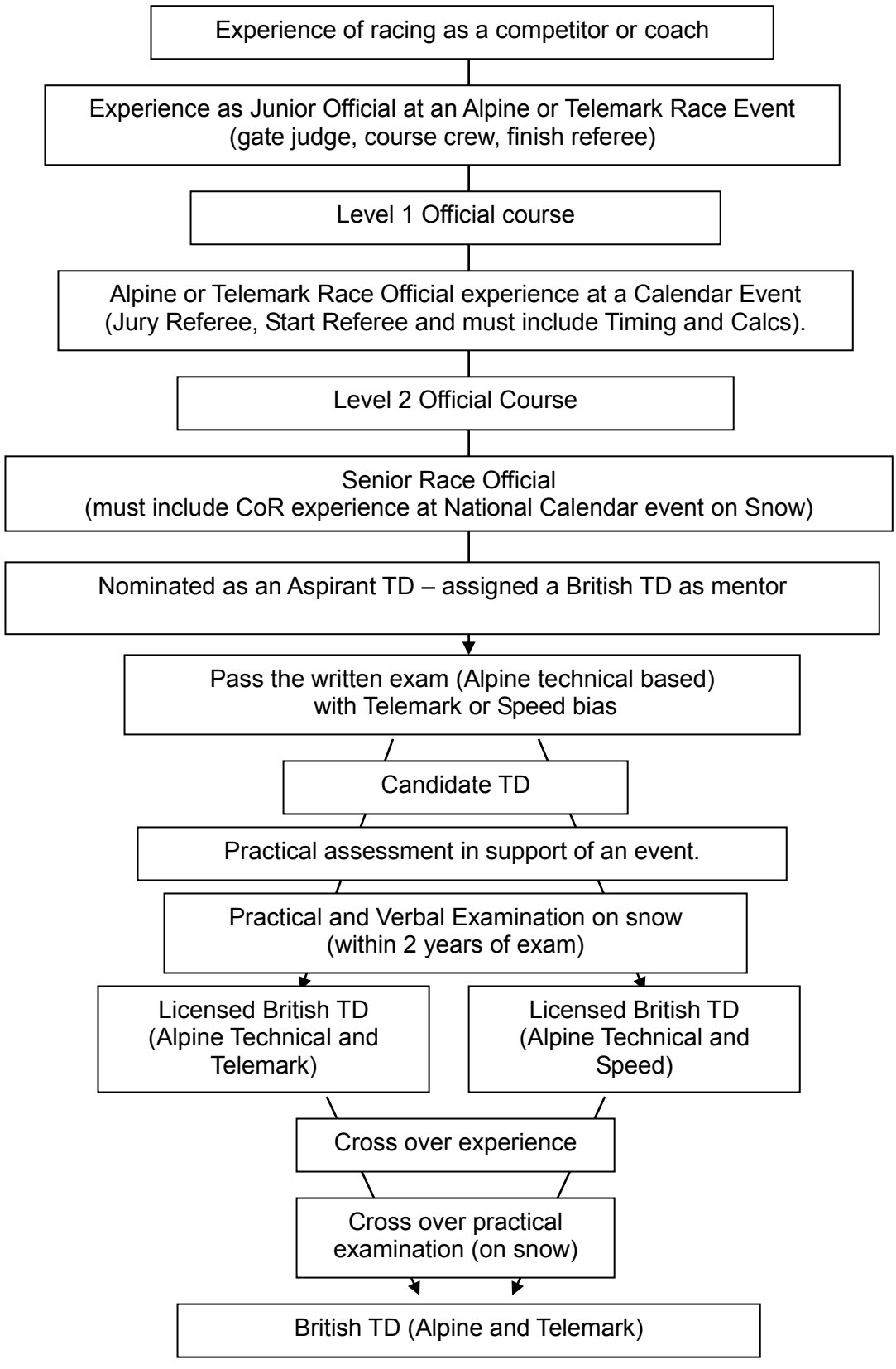
11. Next Meeting:

Cancun, MEX; June 2016

SIBS (Safeguarding in British Snowsports) – LWOs of Home Nations NGBs, BSS, DSUK, BASI and BARSC

- updating their guidance on "Choosing a Club" for parents (Nov 15)
- updating their guidance on "Guidance on Physical Contact" primarily aimed at coaches and instructors (Nov 15).
- Tried to agree a common policy on safeguarding refresher courses for all coaches and instructors. Aim is to ensure all coaches and instructors are following best practice and are able to safeguard children to the best of their ability, and remind them of reporting procedures. BSS and SSE now make safeguarding refresher courses every 3 years mandatory for their coaches (BSS) and for Licencing purposes (SSE); BASI, SSS, SSW and DSUK "recommend" the refreshers.
- BSS, DSUK, SSE and possibly SSW looking to produce a 1 hour safeguarding webinar for snowsports together with the CPSU. Any suggestions for specific content would be welcome (via Bridget)
- All events must have a Welfare Officer appointed. This will often be a Club Welfare Officer who has had the required training – but details of how to contact them must be made known (even if it is via Race Office and Race Office/similar have their contact details). Photo policy details etc need to be made known and adhered to. NGBs/race organisers should have their own guidance. (Jenny – I attach BSS guidance but this is only relevant to the British races – and others can't just rebrand it without making changes to ensure it is fit for purpose!)
- Brilliant work Jenny has done with safeguarding proposals to FIS – but credit to Jenny here – not SIBS!

Telemark Officials and Technical Delegate Progression



Depending upon experience of the candidate some steps may be skipped

Can be limited to Artificial Technical only

Progression not essential – only if desired

BCR Nov 15 Proposed Changes

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

Colours are used thus:

Additions
~~Deletions~~
Additional notes

BCR I

This change addresses when we can use a 'step down' course and how it is approved.

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

BCR VI

2. Overview

This dispensation is no longer required as all competitors should have FIS compliant skis. The remaining paragraphs are to be renumbered.

~~**2.4. Ski Dispensation 2014-15 (U14/U16)**~~

~~FIS ski specification rules will be applied in BASS races and skis will be judged (if required) on their manufacturers' markings. However, we accept that the error in the BCR may have led to confusion and the potential purchase of non-compliant skis. Should this be pointed out at a race, the skis will, exceptionally, be accepted for the race.~~

BCR VI

10. Undertaking the role of Chief of Race at a FIS event will count as a TD assignment in the event that no TD assignment can be undertaken. This option must not be used in consecutive years.

Corrections and Adjustments

TBD.

BACR Nov 15 Proposed Changes

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

Colours are used thus:

Additions
~~Deletions~~
Additional notes

BACR III

7. Criteria for Acceptance into Races

This change reflects current practice.

7.5 Where competitors' registration or BARTS points have lapsed, they may apply for their BARTS seed points to be reinstated on the BARTS seed list, subject to annual loading of 20%, any end-of-year adjustments and adjustment due to rule changes.

10. Calculation of Seed Points

This change deals with a disproportionate number of events being held at the same venue.

~~10.3. Restriction: For options "b" above to be valid, the two results must be from different venues.~~

Minor Corrections

TBD

Combined Services Winter Sports Association (CSWSA)

CSWSA – Alpine Rules Dispensations for Skis– 15 November 2015

1. CS Alpine Rules were granted a one year dispensation in Nov 14 to remain aligned to the FIS Equipment Regulations 12/13 for ski lengths and radius only. This would be reviewed annually by the TD Forum and it is requested to extend the dispensation for Season 15/16. The intent remains to realign the CS Alpine Rules to the FIS ICR and BCR for skis ski length and radius in 2017. The CS reviews all dispensations prior to and after their Championship.

2. The supporting reasons for the skis dispensation are based on the ability of the individual racers and the financial constraints that the Service Teams are under due to the two changes in two years implemented by FIS. Equipment funding could not cope with these consecutive changes, which is normally based on a 5 year cycle, which lead to the current dispensation.

3. The dispensations are actively managed by the ROC, the Jury and Course Setter. Any dispensations from either FIS or BCRs are captured in the Alpine Risk Assessment and managed at the appropriate level.

4. This should clarify the current CS Equipment Rules dispensations, supporting justification and active management.

Ross Anderson

Major Ross Anderson
CSWSA Chief of Race