Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting held at Holiday Inn, Edinburgh on Sunday 6th November 2022

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Ross Anderson (RA) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair; Julian Adams (JA); Taryn Archbold (TA); Mark Berry (MB); Kirsty Crawford (KC); Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Dawe (RD); Tim Fawke (TF); Ross Gardner (RG); Andrea Grant (AG); James Heaton (JH); Simon Horn (SH); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); John Poole (JP); Jez Spring (JSp); Christophe Lemeire (CL); Richard Love (RL); David Mansfield (DSM); Derek Metters (DGM); Adrian Pery (AP); Elke Roels (ER); Shell Quaile (SQ); Jenny Shute (JS); Logan Tannock (LT); Paul Trayner (PT); Gwyneth Watson (GW);	
2	**Apologies:** Xan Alaerts (XA); Tristan Cole (TC); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Richard Ellis (RE); Steve James (SJ); Martin Leach (ML); Michael van Moppes (MvM); Martin Triggol (MT);	
3	**Minutes of 7th May 2022 Meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** None.	
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** PT confirmed that he has left GB Snowsport, although was still a board member, and would be stepping down as chair of Alpine shortly. Clearly a difficult time for GBS and the sport after losing funding from UK Sport. Written report to follow. **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report. Difficulties with cancellations, although most championships went ahead. Full calendar of events planned for 2023. TD development – Jonny Gillespie aiming for exam Nov 2023. No change to regulations/dispensations. **5.3 SE** See written report. Entry numbers up 20% indoors, outdoor races slightly up. Bormio 2023 has an extended programme starting the FIS races on Thursday of week 1 and the children through week 2, allowing more flexibility in case of changes and allowing U14 and U16 to be run separately. 2023 artificial calendar is already in place. Several Level 3 officials training courses are planned through November wit, 16 people already booked but still open for booking via SE web site. **5.4 SSW** See written report. GW highlighted the need to look at better arrangements for presentation of GBR series trophies so they can be presented at relevant races and not loaded onto other ROCs to deal with. The Welsh Alpine Champs will be running FIS races as ENL category as a trial. **5.5 SSS** Written report to follow.	

	5.6 British Championships AG reported that the 2022 competition was very successful champs, and plans are in place for 2023 to run once again in Tignes. **5.7 Telemark** See written report. **5.8 Finance** Report from SJ via RA noted that finances in good shape, full calendar provides sufficient income to cover cost, no plans to increase fees for 2023/24. Review in May.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. **6.2 Telemark seeding** No update. **6.3 2021-22 Snow seeding** See T and C sub-committee written report. **6.4 2022 Artificial Seeding** See T and C sub-committee written report. **6.5 Wireless Timing for Artificial** No further action. Remove from agenda.	
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** CL highlighted 2 new FIS TDs (ER and SQ), and plans for qualification for XA in coming season. **7.2 Safety & Medical Matters** JS reported on progress (or lack of). Welcome proposal for athlete health unit to look at more than injury prevention, including mental health. Y&C lacking a chair. Many challenges within committees and structure. Looking for fair development of learning for medical supervisors and fair distribution of top-level events. SQ noted that FIS are making good use of the work done in GB on concussion. FIS are strongly encouraging all coaches and organisers to provide opportunities for Alpine speed, with entry levels at many events very low. It was noted that providing training opportunities could be costly, as all protection measures listed in homologation must be in place for training just as they would be for racing. IOC changed transgender policy, effectively withdrawing themselves from having their own over-arching guidelines, pushing responsibility back to individual sports. FIS working on it but no conclusions yet. GBS to change wording as it cannot be based on FIS policy which doesn't exist. TF noted that SE does have a policy (in line with SSS) that covers general principles. Registration with HN still only has 2 choices for gender, issues only arise when they want to change. Forum perspective is to wait for policies to mature. Problems generally only arise when looking to change from male to female category. As a TD and when discussing issues of race entry, can only go with the gender on the registration. Issues come up when this is challenged; if protest at	

	race, Jury have no option other than to deny the protest and let them go to appeal process as Jury is not competent authority. **7.3 FIS ICR** Proposal from AUT and SUI to reduce minimum penalties for FIS races, not supported as we are in Olympic cycle, so things won't change for 4 years. Need to look at how removal of Category Adder pans out. Some discussions on SG in 2 runs, rules still not clear. Pushed back to Alpine Exec to decide whether this format is wanted, before any further work on rules is done.	
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please check, amend, and inform Chair of any changes including email addresses. **8.2 Resignations / Retirements** Susie Berry and Ingie Christophersen have retired as TDs. The Forum and indeed the whole sport owe a huge debt of gratitude for their work over many years. A proposal to award Emeritus status to both was unanimously approved, and the Forum look forward to continuing to benefit from their experience and involvement. RA to contact both. **8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** JA thanked all the examiners for the exceptional work they put into ensuring assessments and exams were completed during the season and congratulated all those who qualified. The meeting also thanked JA for the enormous amount of work put in to make things worked out with examinations despite many challenges. Ross Gardner: Technical at Scottish Children's (TD: SQ). Speed at British Children's (TD: RD) Jez Spring: Progression to full GBR status on hold. Simon Horn: Progression to full GBR status 2023-24. Joh Poole: Progression to full GBR status on hold. Jamie Davies Looking to complete Alpine speed assessment in 2023-24. Jonny Gillespie Written examination November 2023, Practicals Winter 2023-24. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** None. **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** TF highlighted use of Globocol (www.globocol.com) to record incidents. JS commented that this may be helpful info as FIS are looking for a system to use. It was noted that although EWO may need to be made aware of information related to competitors or indeed parents or others at a competition, but it is not part of the TD's remit to be involved in this. EWOs must have all the necessary training and be equipped with the knowledge about how to handle safe-guarding and other incidents.	**All** **RA**

	It was also confirmed that EWO is mandatory for all GBR seeded events. **8.5.1 Use of photographic/video evidence** No concerns raised during season, monitoring will continue. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** Nothing to report that isn't covered elsewhere in agenda. RA highlighted the need for us all to continue looking for individuals who may be suitable for joining TD pathway and encourage them with appropriate support. **8.7 First aid provision at BARTS events** RA summarised the discussions that took place over the summer and the background research. Including looking at several other sports. Generally recognised levels are EFAW (Emergency First Aid at Work "trained") and FAW (First Aid at Work "qualified"). H&S "adequate and appropriate". Looks like FAW is appropriate level we should be looking for. Agreed to mandate FAW for all seeded events on artificial slope, best practice recommends on-site paramedic at least for parallel events due to increased risk of collision. RA to update rules. RD highlighted need for TDs to enforce BCR II regulation that first aid and member of ROC with radio must be slopeside during racing and training. **8.8 TD Expenses** Agreed increase the initial 'cap' (amount that can be spent without prior discussion with ROC) to £500 in the light of significant increase in costs of travel for assignments in Europe. Rules/Forms need to be updated. **8.9 Vice Chair replacement** It was agreed that in the absence of any applicants for the role, DJM would remain in position for one further year, and the Forum should look for replacement by next November meeting.	**All** **RA** **RA** **RA**
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** RA summarised progress with planning for new calendar system with functionality agreed, including several aspects to reduce the work required for FIS race permissions and invoicing. Work now needs to start on implementation. PT reminded the meeting that his role in approving GBR FIS applications is not related to his ex-roles at GB Snowsport. **9.2 TD Assignments Winter 2022-23** Assignments were made as follows (1 correction post-meeting): Ambition Children — Richard Love Ex Telemark Titan — Martin Triggol RAF Ski Champs — Logan Tannock Navy Champs — Jez Spring Evolution Speed — Tim Fawke Anglo Scottish — Lloyd Jenkins	**TC/RA**

	Ex Spartan Hike Simon Horn Ex Pipedown John Poole Lecht Open Kirsty Crawford Welsh Alpine Derek Metters Ex Lions Challenge John Poole British Schoolboys Richard Dawe British Schoolgirls James Heaton English Alpine Derek Metters Scottish Children's Shell Quaile ISSSC Alpine Richard Ellis ISSSC Telemark Jamie Davies Interschools David Manns BSA Champs David Manns British Children's Derek Metters, Richard Dawe **9.3 TD Assignments Summer 2023 BARTS events** DJM reported that due to excellent work by Andrew Hjort and others, the summer 2023 calendar was completed earlier than usual, allowing bids for assignments on GBKSI to open shortly. Any TD who has not previously been appointed to an artificial slope race but wishes to be involved please contact DJM to be added to the bidding process. **9.4 Calendar Fees review** It was agreed that no increase was required at present.	**DJM** **ALL**
10.	**Rule Changes** Summary of changes to British rules, RA to update BACR/BCR for general publication. Agreed proposal to 're-align' children's BASS points to correct 'drift' over last few seasons and to resolve issues with points sliding beyond GBS criteria for acquiring FIS licence. U14 to be re-aligned with best competitor on 160 points, U16 to 120 points. DJM to implement immediately and re-publish BASS 2022.8 EOS list (with appropriate heading) as the FIS licence window is already open. After discussion on a proposal to return U16 to seed as two single runs, it was agreed that with widespread support for continuing with the current scheme there was insufficient evidence to suggest that this needs changing. **10.1 BCR** BCR VI: Equipment regulations tables updated for increased clarity. **10.2 BACR** BACR I: Clarification of start order for late entries. Minor modifications to Parallel rules to bring into line with ICR and current practice. BACR III: Excel minimum penalty reduced from 40 to 20, to be reviewed in 12 months. Single slalom run on indoor snow as qualifier for parallel can be seeded, min penalty 10. Apply 'Max Points' of 400 to penalty calculation to bring into line with BCR and FIS. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** No changes. Dispensation remains in place.	**RA** **DJM**

	10.4 Telemark rules AP noted some changes being discussed at FIS level, work on-going on including youth and children's racing. BTR changes as noted in separate document.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 Right to work in Europe** TF reported that few changes had happened, situation in Austria slightly improved. TF has asked for info on TDs to be added to documentation, but same rules as others (90 days in 180). Move item to standing agenda item. **11.2 Racer Registration Process** DJM summarised the issue with late registration/renewal causing difficulty in verifying that competitors are properly licensed (and therefore insured) to compete. Highlighted work in progress with SE to improve the process, meetings due with developers in coming days so progress is expected soon.	**DJM**
	12 Dates of Next Meetings 13th May 2022 online probably afternoon. 3rd-5th November England (Birmingham or Manchester).	

GB Technical Delegate Forum

Snowsport England Report November 2022

Summer Race Programme 2022

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, several regions and clubs ran pre-entry competitions and summer leagues. There has been a healthy increase in entry numbers particularly at indoor events. Events during 2022 have been extremely well supported.

I am delighted to report that the full planned 2022 Artificial Race Programme. was completed as planned during 2022.

GBR (Great British Racing) Races 2019

SE organised 2 races in the GBR indoor series and 2 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 planned Indoor Series consisted of five races, two organised by Snowsport England and Snowsport Wales and one by Snowsport Scotland. Snowsport England were involved in organizing the Welsh and English Indoor Championships. The Outdoor Series consisted of five races, two organised by Snowsport England, two by Snowsport Wales and one by Snowsport Scotland, at Hillend.

The full programme of GBR Outdoor races were completed albeit that the Scottish Championship races had to be classed as counting towards the GBR Series points. All 5 GBR Indoor races were completed.

I should record that once again the GBR Series that was sponsored by eola. They were highly supportive of the races and attended all those that were held. I would like to thank eola for their support of the GBR series and am delighted to report that they will continue as sponsor

Club National Races

SE regions and clubs organised 16 entry level Club nationals including 4 on indoor snow and 12 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. All CN races were well supported

Other Races

The BASS Indoor races at Landgraaf which were scheduled to take place at the end of May 2022 were a casualty due to the on-going issues with coaches and organisers requiring work permits to work in the Netherlands.

Summer 2023

Plans are progressing in developing the 2023 Artificial Race Season. Dates have been set for the HN organised events, including the GBR series and Championships, and bids have been received from Clubs and Regions for the CN races.

GBR Race Series

The season of GBR races has been successful during 2022 and we propose to run a similar programme of events in 20232, again sponsored by eola.

The outdoor series will comprise of 5 races; 2 organised by SE, 2 organised by SSW and 1 by SSS. The GBR Outdoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using oBARTS seeding.

The indoor series will also comprise of 5 races with 1 organised by SE; 1 organised by SSW and 2 organised by SSS. The SSS indoor races will be run as a double header weekend event with the Scottish Indoor

Championships taking place later in the season. It is planned to hold the indoor series events at 2 different indoor venues as negotiations with SnoZone were once again unsuccessful. The GBR Indoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using iBARTS seeding.

Championships

Following the change in the indoor Championships held during the 2022 season., the Welsh, and English Indoor Championships will once again take place as a double header weekend in August. The British Indoor Championships to be paired with the final GBR Indoor race as a double header weekend, organised by SE

The All-England Championships and Inter Club Team event will be held at Norfolk 2022 and the Inter-Regional Team event will be held at Silksworth.

SSW will also host the British Outdoor Championships in 2022 at Pontypool

Club National Races

At present there will be 15 Club National events in 2023. It is expected that a further 2 Club Nationals added to the calendar. This is a similar number to that originally planned during 2022. SE does not propose to impose a limit on the number of Club National events held under its authority in 2023, 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. SE is freely available to consult and advise and clubs will be told that mentors are available to help new and experienced race organisers and officials.

Excel Introductory Races

The Excel Introductory Race format was rolled out into the calendar in 2014 on the basis that 1 race could be held within each Region, aimed at attracting new racers into the sport. The format is 3 runs down a single course with the best time to count and the race seeded under the oBARTS system with a minimum penalty of 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.

BASS Indoor Races

The BASS Indoor races are scheduled to take place 27th and 28th May 2023, subject to confirmation from Snow valley at Peer

Quality

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

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

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

ENGLISH FIS and U14/U16 Championships 2023

The details of the planned English Alpine FIS and Children's Championships 2023 is available on http://www.englishalpinechamps.org.uk/ The races will be held in 2023 on the Stella Alpina and Stelvio pistes in Bormio. The programme is to be extended for 2023 with the first FIS races planned to take place on the Thursday and Friday of Week 1 prior to the remaining races planned in Week 2. The extended programme is scheduled to run between 9th – 17th February.

The U14/U16 children's programme will be held on the Stella Alpina and Stelvio pistes 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. The U10/U12 events will consist of a GS and a Stubbie SL race and a Head-to-Head dual slalom event

The FIS programme will once again see the FIS and NJR GS events held on the Thursday and Friday of Week 1, followed by the FIS and NJR SL events with the FIS and NJR SG events taking place during Monday to Wednesday in Week 2.

SE Alpine Committee

The Alpine Committee is responsible for development and support of the SE Strategy for Alpine racing; providing and developing technical support for Alpine racing; setting and managing delivery of the SE Alpine budget, management and delivery of officials training and liaison with TD Forum and BSS Alpine committees. It is also responsible for; organising and administering SE Alpine ski racing events on snow and artificial slopes; supporting other SE 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; overseeing the Alpine Squad sub-committee and SE dry slope ambassadors.

2022 activities have included further work on the updated race officials training and pathway; managing and review of the 2022 artificial seasons; planning for 2023 artificial calendar and race season; updating course setter policy and lists; review of the Alpine Squad sub-committee.

Training

The revised and updated training policy and pathway provides a more structured and defined requirements for Level 1-4 officials and the officials database has been further established during 2021/22.

Level 1. The online/electronic Level 1 course is in use, although the existing 1-day classroom course will continue to be offered for those that would prefer that option. Level 1 courses were held during Q1 of 2022, which is encouraging.

Level 2. The Level 2 demonstrates consolidation of Level 1 activities and accreditation in those roles.

Level 3. The former modular Level 2 course over 2 days in the classroom was reviewed and updated to suit candidate needs and is now the Level 3 course. Candidates will be expected to volunteer at race events putting the theory into practice with assistance/guidance from a mentor. Level 3 courses arranged subject to demand. Work is actively progressing to develop a modular online course that can be used in the future

Level 4. The Level 4 demonstrates consolidation of Level 3 activities and accreditation in those roles.

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. No courses were held during 2021. It is proposed to offer a course during 2022, subject to demand , co-terminus with a Calcs course. Work has started to look at the possibility of developing an online version of the Race Sec course.

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

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

Course setters. The Course Setter Policy and artificial setters list has continued to be updated and published during 2021/22 and course setting training has been offered during 2021 and during 2022.

Lloyd Jenkins
SE Alpine Committee

Snowsport Cymru Wales report to the TD Forum – Nov 2022

Summer Racing

For the first time since Covid-19 hit us we are happy to report a successful and full summer season of races both indoor and outdoor. Numbers of competitors at our events were good on the whole, with very encouraging numbers participating at events in Llandudno and Chill Factore.

Having been present at both Indoor and Outdoor Championship races this season where as well as the Championship trophies, the GBR series trophies were also given out we would recommend that next year the GBR series trophies should be given out on the day of the final race in the series. With the series calculations now being done online, it should be possible to upload the race files and get the final series results on that day in time for prize giving. We found that many of the recipients were not present at the later races when the trophies were given out, which makes it a bit of an anti-climax for the winners.

We were disappointed to have to move the proposed venue for our Welsh Open Champs from Pontypool to Gloucester as we had anticipated a successful return to competition at Pontypool following a major refurbishment earlier in the summer. However, this decision was taken on the basis that the slope needed more time to let the new matting bed in before bringing 150 competitors onto the slope for the first time.

We are also very pleased to report the removal of the iconic 'tree' from the bottom of the slope at Pontypool. We look forward to some interesting races there next year – after all the course setters will now have a whole new area of matting to get creative with.

BARTs Seeding – Excel Format Races – Reduce Penalty Min to 20pts

We began the season with an Excel format race (3x runs, fastest to count, and no prizes) at Pembrey, which gives those who have not done much racing a chance to gain some seedpoints before the season is fully underway.

We request the seeding committee considers reducing the applied minimum penalty for the Excel format races to 20pts. The existing 40pt minimum is a considerable gap away from the 10pt minimum of CN races and as such is proving challenging to attract sufficient numbers of competitors to make the events viable.

Schools Racing

The Welsh Schools Skiing Championships were held once again in October at Llangrannog, West Wales marking 30 years of this event being run at this venue. The races are spread over two days (Primary Schools races Saturday and Secondary on the Sunday) to allow for development of participation and effective competition delivery. Over 140 competitors took part in the two days of ski racing representing 32 schools. A special and big thank you to Alan and Leasa Bullock who came across the Welsh border to assist in running these races..

Our top 6 girls teams and top 5 boys teams will now go on to compete in the British Schools Championships being held at Stoke on 26/27th November.

Welsh Alpine Championships

In January, the Welsh Alpine Championships will be returning to Champery in Switzerland once again.

For 2023 we will return to running a FIS programme, though this year running these races as ENL FIS races as a trial. It is anticipated the ENL races will benefit GBR entry level competitors as the field will likely to be smaller and allow improved opportunities for GBR competitors to make the top 30 for 2nd run as such benefitting from better conditions.

The race programme will be,

Mon	23/01/2023	FIS ENL Slalom
Tue	24/01/2023	FIS ENL Giant Slalom
Wed	25/01/2023	U10/12 Giant Slalom
Thu	26/01/2023	U14 and older Giant Slalom
Fri	27/01/2023	Slalom (all age groups)

Gwyneth Watson

Snowsport Wales.

1 Nov 22

United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association

Annual Report to the GB Technical Delegate Forum 4 – 6 Nov 22

1. **Year to Date**. Winter season 2021-22 was yet again disjointed due to the travel restrictions in place across many European countries due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Significant disruption was caused to the planning and execution of the vast majority of Service competitions and whilst *some* could have gone ahead – long lead times for contracts and a desire to protect the public purse meant that many were cancelled well in advance. A large proportion either concluded early (prior to French/Austrian restrictions being initiated) or were cancelled outright. Some Corps were fortunate enough to have the flexibility and funding to be able move their championships to a later date in the season.

2. The Qualifying Championships of Ex SPARTAN HIKE and PIPEDOWN (both calendar events) were cancelled outright due to French travel restrictions. However, the Army Championships (Ex LIONS CHALLENGE) did go ahead at the end of January in its usual home of Serre Chevalier but with a significantly reduced field (approximately half its usual size). In light of the cancellation of the two feeder championships, selection was done based on the Army Alpine Seed List (AASL). The Royal Navy Championships were rescheduled and took place in Les Arcs in early March instead of their usual January date in Tignes. The RAF Championships remained in Saalbach Hinterglemm but with a rescheduled date of March.

3. The Inter Service Snow Sports Championships (ISSSC) took place as usual in Meribel on the planned dates (29 January – 5 February 22). Although not ideal, the championship took place prior to the Royal Navy and RAF Championships; there was little that could have been done to resolve this issue short of cancelling ISSSC. The opportunity to conduct some speed training for Royal Navy and RAF racers prior to ISSSC was extended by the ROC of Ex LIONS CHALLENGE. The championship was a great success and only minor amendments were required to the programme and execution of disciplines in order to offset for a lack of time on-snow for racers. The Army was crowned the Inter Service Male Team Champions and the RAF the Female Team Champions.

4. Despite the significant challenges of the winter season and the many last-minute amendments to policy and travel advice; the three Services did all they could to minimise the disruption to Service Personnel and ensure as much alpine activity could take place as possible. The Corps Championships bore the brunt of the cancellations/amendments as the majority were scheduled to take place early in the season.

5. A thorough review of all winter sport activity has recently taken place across Defence to ensure that the activity remains consistent with the needs of the Service and provides value for money to the taxpayer. This has resulted in a number of changes, particularly to the amount of time on snow and the dates when championships are to take place; the latter having the largest impact. This will now ensure that all Corps Championships take place prior to the Qualifying championships. In many respects this is a positive move. It makes the programme more consistent and ensures that all racers at the Qualifying Championships have come through their own respective Corps Championship and Training Camps first. This makes the playing field more even.

6. **Winter Season 2022-23**. This year the Services aspire to run a full uninterrupted programme of alpine competitions. As stated above, all Corps Championships/Training Camps will take place prior to the Qualifying Championships. Service Championships (calendar events) will be held at the following resorts, full details are on the GB Snowsports Calendar:

- **Royal Navy**. RN Winter Sports Association Alpine Championships – Les Deux Alpes, France, 11 – 20 Jan 23
- **British Army**.
  - Ex PIPEDOWN – Les Contamines Montjoie, France, 15 – 23 Jan 23
  - Ex SPARTAN HIKE – Serre Chevalier, France, 15 – 23 Jan 23
  - Ex LIONS CHALLENGE – Serre Chevalier, France, 26 – 2 Feb 23
- **Royal Air Force**. Ex ALPINE CHALLENGE, RAF Ski Championships – Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria, 15 – 18 Jan 23
- **Inter-Service**. Inter-Services Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) – Meribel, France, 11 – 17 Mar 23

7. **TD Development**. The Single Services continue to identify and select individuals capable of becoming a GBR TD (Services) to support their respective events via the TD Training Pathway. In addition, all three Services conduct various internal training of race officials to ensure that they remain current and competent. At present the only Service Aspirant TD in the pathway is Maj Jonathon (Jonnie) Gillespie. He has been accepted by the TD Forum as a Candidate and Aspirant TD and will be attending the Forum this year for the first time. If all goes well, he is likely to sit his exam in November 23 and his on-snow assessment in January 24. Due to military commitments, he will not complete any skiing assignments this season. There are other individuals that have expressed interest, but they first need to gain wider race official experience across the full spectrum of hill posts before they can realistically be considered.

8. **Rules**. The United Kingdom Armed Forces Alpine Rules will be updated post the TD Forum. As has happened in previous years, a letter has been staffed to the TD Forum Chair to identify the current dispensations from the BCR in respect of ski length and radius for the DH and SG at ISSSC. Despite much debate across the summer about ski lengths and radius (you may recall this was a discussion point at the May TD Forum), there has been no change to the existing rules. This corresponds with the TD Forum view which was to maintain the existing length for a variety of good reasons, namely that of racer safety and the potential step away from FIS equipment regulations.

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Report to Forum Meeting November 2022

David Manns
TDF T&C SC
31st October 2022

BARTS seeding

Seed Lists

The 8th BARTS seed list was published earlier this week, with the final End-Of-Season list due for publication on 14th December.

Seeding Decisions

The male race at the Irish Open Championships on 2nd October (codex GBR8325 2022) had only four competitors at the finish with oBARTS seed points, which meant that a Race Penalty Point could not be calculated according to the current rules.

Given the unanimous support of the T&C SC for a proposed change to BACR to use a Max Value of 400 to bring it in line with BCR, the decision was taken to apply this change retrospectively to this race allowing the penalty to be calculated at 155.94. This is a high penalty value so it will have no detrimental effect on the seeding system, but it does at least allow those few registered competitors in the race to achieve a result in what may be their only seeded event of the season.

Timing

Through the 2022 artificial season, information supplied on TD reports indicates that apart from the usual few instances of lost pulses due to spray from the misting system or 'bounce' from loose matting there were no issues with timing.

Wireless setups were used for seven competitions at five venues, again with no issues reported.

BASS seeding

Seed Lists

Proposed publication dates for seed lists in the 2023 season are listed below. These are spaced about 3-4 weeks apart, adjusted in some circumstances to avoid changing list during a competition.

As usual, list 0 is the base start-of-season list, which should also act as a wake-up call for competitors to check their registration. They have three weeks until list 1 is published, which will incorporate results from Summer BASS races (Lowlands Indoor Championships) as well as being the list to be used for the first competitions of the 2023 season.

0	Wed 7 Dec 22
1	Wed 28 Dec 22
2	Wed 25 Jan 23
3	Wed 8 Feb 23
4	Wed 8 Mar 23
5	Wed 29 Mar 23
6	Wed 12 Apr 23
7	Wed 3 May 23

GBSKI

Competitor registration status

Following discussions with Home Nations, it has been agreed that – at least for now – no significant changes will be made to the GBSKI operation of competitor registration and renewal.

All HNs work together to ensure that the SE online entry system (which is used for the majority of competitions on the calendar) has up-to-date information about competitor registrations, including ‘de-activating’ accounts that have passed their HN roll-over date without being renewed.

This effectively means that for those races that are available to enter via SE online entry will not be open to any competitor whose registration has lapsed.

It is also intended that a ‘registration check’ service will be made available on GBSKI, but this relies on the developers of the online entry setup providing the necessary programmatic access which at the time of writing has not been agreed.

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2021/22 season was hampered by COVID restrictions across Europe. The only British event to run was the UKAFWSA ISSSC event in Meribel in Feb 22. The Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force all manged to generate a team with only a few weeks notice. The event was a success with the Army being crowned overall champions having narrowly beaten the Navy and preventing their 5th consecutive title.

Congratulations to Martin Triggol who managed to qualify as a Telemark TD during the ISSSC. This was despite the best effort of the ROC, when the COR tested positive for CV-19 which cancelled the race he was due to be assessed on.

Over the summer months the RAF and RN held indoor snowsports festivals which had a telemark race or element, however there was no national event. Looking forward into 2022/23 all events are back in the calendar. Exercise Telemark Titan will host the British, RN and Army Championships at Pralognan La Vanoise and also celebrate 75 years of the Army Winter Sports Association. The ISSSC will be in Meribel once again, however the event has moved to Mar to avoid a clash with the Womens FIS WC.

Adrian Pery has reviewed the BTR against the most recent precisions and provides a separate update.

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