Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
Pinewood Hotel, Manchester
Sunday 3rd November 2024

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Ross Anderson (RA) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Vice Chair; Julian Adams (JA)*; Taryn Archbold (TA); Kirsty Crawford (KC); Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Dawe (RD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Tim Fawke (TF); Ross Gardner (RG); Jonny Gillespie (JG); Andrea Grant (AG); James Heaton (JH); Steve James (SJ); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Derek Metters (DGM); Adrian Pery (AP); * John Poole (JP); Jez Spring (JSp); Shell Thomas-Quaile (ST); Gary Turner (GT); Paul Trayner (PT); Martin Triggol (MT); Gwyneth Watson (GW); ** = online*	
2	**Apologies / Not Present:** Richard Ellis (RE); Christophe Lemeire (CL); Richard Love (RL); Martin Leach (ML); David Mansfield (DSM); Michael van Moppes (MvM); Elke Roels (ER); Jenny Shute (JS); Logan Tannock (LT);	
3	**Minutes of 18th May 2024 meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** None.	
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** See written report. **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report. **5.3 SE** See written report. LJ highlighted increased participation (in some cases a significant increase) in race entries across the board. **5.4 SSW** See written report. GW highlighted officials' development, including taking some newer officials out to the Welsh Alpine Champs to build their experience.	

	5.5 SSS See written report. **5.6 British Championships** DJM to contact Marc Telling to confirm plans for Calcs at GB Alpine Champs, as BASS seeding relies on getting results in SkiPro format. **5.7 Telemark** See written report. **5.8 Finance** SJ summarised solid position of Forum finances, with no issues to report. Main report lodged annually at May meeting.	**DJM**
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. DJM to review availability of Event Medical Assessment Forms with artificial slope homologation packs and fill in any gaps. **6.2 Telemark seeding** MT outlined plans to run result processing on GBSKI over the Winter in parallel with existing system to iron out any issues, looking to move fully online/integrated for the 2025-26 season. MT to provide DJM with race result data, DJM to test import and build prototype seed lists. Question mark over possible move to separate genders and the effect on seed points for Women's races. JD and MT to monitor/discuss during the Winter season and report back to the Forum at the May meeting.	**DJM** **DJM/MT** **JD/MT**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** PT reported key points from recent FIS meetings: • WG being set up to look at changes to seeding rules to resolve issues of multiple athletes with same points. • Proposal on limitation of starts was not upheld, so no changes there. • Safety equipment changes (air bags, cut resistant clothing) continue to trickle down. **7.2 FIS ICR** No significant changes to report. **7.3 Medical** Changes in composition of FIS Medical Committee, JS no longer GB rep.	
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
Tristan Cole.
Simon Horn.
The Forum thanks both for their contributions to the sport.

8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors

Jonny Gillespie	Passed written exam in November 2023. On-snow exams could not be arranged during 2024, now aiming for 2025 season.
Gary Turner	Review gaps in knowledge, look at further mentoring, aiming for written examination to be planned by the Chief Examiner.
Nick Hands	Attended November 2024 Forum. Re-present CV in May 2025 including gaining experience with timing and calcs over the Winter. Then aiming for written examination in November 2025, with practical assessment and examination in 2026 season.
Ali Jubb	CV submitted for review. A little more experience required at BASS events, especially with timing and calcs, to present CV again for consideration in May.
John Ali	CV submitted for review. Needs to broaden experience with roles across the board at seeded events, and confirm whether aiming for TD(ART) or directly to full licence.

8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback
No sanctions reported.

RA confirmed use of wireless timing is acceptable at all but the highest level of races.

8.5 Snow Safe and Injury Surveillance
No further information available.

8.5.1 Concussion and injury protocols
For injury reporting, process requires completed injury report to be circulated to GBS amongst others. DJM highlighted two versions of TD Report produced, one with 'private' data and one without. Don't put sensitive info in comments box.

RD to update circulation list on injury report with names from RA. **RA/RD**

Latest edition of concussion protocols available – DJM to add link to GBSKI. RA highlighted once again the mantra "if in doubt, sit it out". TDs to highlight at TCMs. **DJM**

8.5.2 Monitor use of photographic/video evidence
No reports of issues. Continue to monitor.

8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency
No issues with anyone lacking assignments.

8.7 TD Expenses
Agreed no change in TD per diem which currently stands at £80.

	Agreed 'cost of living' increase in 'standard' travel expenses to £535. SJ to update rules, RD to update expenses form. **8.8 Right to Work in Europe** Possibility of situation in The Netherlands improving, with plans apparently in hand to allow dispensations for coaching and events. Continue to monitor. **8.9 Gender Policy Update and Review** TA noted that school competitions now run with categories for Women and Open.	**SJ, RD**
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** 'Owls' Calendar system now permanently offline. Spreadsheet based interim solution in place for 2024-25, with discussions to take place regarding options for a more comprehensive solution for the 2025-26 season. **9.2 TD Assignments**	

Competition	**Venue**	**Date**	**TD**
EVO Nations Cup R1	Reiteralm	15 Dec	DJM
Aurora Cup	Geilo	17-19 Dec	RG
Ambition Childrens' Champs	Hinterreit	2-6 Jan	**TBC**
Anglo Scottish Cup	Verbier	3-5 Jan	DJM
EVO Nations Cup R2-5	Reiteralm	7-8 Jan	LJ
Ex Spartan Hike	Serre Chevalier	12-20 Jan	JP
Ex Pipedown	Les Contamines	12-20 Jan	LD
Ex Telemark Titan	Pralognan la Vanoise	13-17 Jan	JD
Lecht Open	The Lecht	18-19 Jan	PT
Ex Alpine Challenge 25	Saalbach-Hinterglemm	21-24 Jan	JH
Royal Navy Telemark	Les Deux Alpes	21-23 Jan	JD
Royal Navy Alpine	Les Deux Alpes	22-23 Jan	SJ
Welsh Alpine Champs	Champery Les Crosets	22-24 Jan	DGM
Ex Lions Challenge	Serre Chevalier	23-31 Jan	JP
British Schoolgirls	Flaine	26-28 Jan	RD
British Schoolboys	Wengen	28-29 Jan	DJM
ISSSC 24 Alpine	Meribel	1-7 Feb	RE
ISSSC 24 Telemark	Meribel	3-6 Feb	MT
EVO Nations Cup R6-7	Reiteralm	8-9 Feb	RL
Impulse Alpine Childrens Ch.	Pila	12-14 Feb	TF
English Alpine Childrens	Bormio	16-21 Feb	TA
EVO Nations Cup R8-9	Reiteralm	1-2 Mar	DGM
Scottish Childrens	Cairngorm	1-2 Mar	KC
British Interschools	Verbier	10-11 Mar	SJ
BSA Champs	Verbier	12-13 Mar	SJ
GB Alpine Childrens	Tignes	7-13 Apr	RA
EVO Nations Cup R10-11	Reiteralm	15-16 Apr	DGM

9.3 BARTS events
DJM noted that calendar for the 2025 Summer season is almost complete, and TDs will be invited to submit bids and availability after the New Year. Any TD who would like to be assigned to an artificial slope event who has not done so before, to email DJM to be added to the bidding table.

	Once assignments have been made, they can all (both snow and artificial) be accessed at https://gbski.com/tdassigns. **9.4 Calendar Fees review** It was agreed that no increase was required at present. Continue to review.	
10.	**Rule Changes** **10.1 BCR** See written report from Rules SC. **10.2 BACR** See written report from Rules SC. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** No changes to report. **10.4 Telemark rules** MT noted FIS changes in details such as penalties for jumps, and requirement for medical services to be present for official training. **10.5 Dispensations** The following requests for dispensation were agreed: 10.5.1 UKAFWSA Standard request for dispensation for equipment rules to take account of level of competitor experience. 10.5.2 Lowlands Indoor Championships Allow these races to be BASS seeded despite absence of a GBR TD to oversee. 10.5.3 Nations Cup New race series for international children, requesting use of 'Cup Points' for start draw. 10.5.4 British Schoolgirls Regular request for school-based start order. 10.5.5 English Alpine Champs Request to use in-house TD for single day where two BASS races are to be run.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 TD Reports and race result order** RA noted that TDs must ensure that race results (where appropriate, e.g. for all BASS seeded events) have been successfully uploaded to GBSKI before completing their online TD reports, otherwise the race summary section of their report will be incomplete. **11.2 TD Reports and Injury reports** RA noted that indicating there was an injury on the TD Report and Yes being highlighted requires the GBS Injury and Incident Report Form to be completed and sent to the relevant Governing/Organising body. **11.3 Calendar SC** ST appointed as chair of the Calendar SC, JD to join.	

	11.4 SC Vice Chairs SC Vice Chairs provide cover for absence of Chair Calendar: *TBA* Rules: RD Safety and Security: DJM Training: *TBA* T&C SC: GW **11.5 Black Tie dinner** It was agreed that the evening dinner should be continued at future update weekends, but to alter the emphasis towards "Formal" rather than "Black tie" to widen the appeal. **11.6 Susie Berry OBE** The TDF and Alpine Community were informed of Susie's passing a few weeks ago. This came as a shock with a deep sense of sadness and loss to everyone who knew her. As we reflect on her wonderful life and her contribution to British skiing, it is difficult to quantify and is immeasurable. Susie's blend of carrot and ski pole was always finely balance to get the desired outcome in skiing and life. Susie will be missed by so many, who are all better off for having known her. Our thoughts are with her family during this difficult time.	
12.	**Dates of Next Meetings** 17th May 2025: online 31st Oct to 2nd November 2025: Manchester Nov 2026: Edinburgh (TBC)	

Reports and additional documents follow.

GB Snowsport (“GBS”) Report to the TD Forum - November 2024

Performance

Since the May meeting, GBS has sought to deliver the best training opportunities possible for its squads.

Following a very successful 2023/24 season, the GBS squads have enjoyed a full summer and Autumn of productive training. The mens’ World Cup slalom team have trained in Norway, Saas Fee and Peer in Belgium.

As mentioned in previous reports, in order to alleviate some of the restrictions imposed by Brexit, GBS have been able to access Swiss Residency Visas for athletes and staff which allows for days spent training and competing in Switzerland to not count towards an individual’s 90 in 180 day allowance and this will continue for season 24/25.

2023/24 was a record breaking season for our alpine athletes. Our men’s slalom team excelled with Dave Ryding finishing his season ranked joint 7th in the World Cup standings with Billy Major joint 30th and Laurie Taylor, just outside the top 30. For the first time ever, we had three athletes finish in the top 20 in a race and 2 athletes in the top 10 in the Aspen WC. The Men’s WC Slalom Team achieved a team ranking of 7th in the World Cup Nations Cup slalom standings ahead of countries such as Italy, the United States, Canada and Sweden.The wider GBS squads across all disciplines also delivered superb results.

Our athletes are in a good position going into the 2024/5 season.

Sponsorship

Fusalp continue as the Alpine kit sponsor for the 2024/2025 season. The team were recently kitted out in Annecy and the clothing has been very well received by the athletes and coaching staff. Swiss Peak continue with their sponsorship along with Quinn Estates. Brown Rudnick has agreed to act as bro bono lawyers to GB Snowsport donating £100,000 worth of legal services per annum.

In addition, GBS recently announced the launch of the GBS Alpine Foundation, an organisation created to raise funds for Alpine ski racing in Great Britain. This launch marks a significant milestone in the development of British alpine skiing, providing crucial support for the sustainable growth and success of the nation's alpine athletes.

Based on a similar model to that of the US Ski & Snowboard team, the aim is that the foundation and its board members will ensure that we have more consistent funding, alongside any we receive from UK Sport. This should mean that, in time, more athletes have access to funding in the UK.

This new foundation offers an innovative membership program, enabling individuals and organisations to directly contribute to the long-term progress of alpine skiing in the UK. Board members donate annually to join the foundation, gaining access to exclusive events and the athletes themselves. They play a pivotal role in ensuring that our alpine talent has access to the necessary resources, training, and opportunities needed to thrive on the global stage. All funds raised are ring-fenced to support the Alpine team and, in time, the best emerging Alpine skiers eligible to compete for Britain at the highest levels of the sport.

Alpine Committee

- GBS Olympic Disciplines Selection Policy published for season 24/25/26

- WC, EC & FIS Squad selections for season 24/25 completed

GB Alpine Championships

For the first time in many years, this season, the GB Alpine Championships and GB Children's Championships will be relocating to a new resort, Santa Caterina, in Italy. Competition is scheduled to take place from 29th March – 14th April, 2025.

GB Snowsport will be working alongside Santa Caterina's Chief of Piste, Omar Galli, to ensure safe and fair events for all age groups, while utilising local staff and knowledge to help GBS run the Championships as efficiently as possible.

JULIET FOSTER
CHAIR, ALPINE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
31 OCTOBER 2024

9 Oct 24

United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association

Annual Report to the GB Technical Delegate Forum 2 & 3 Nov 24

1. **Year to Date**. All three services planned, prepared and delivered full training camps and race championships during the 2023/24 Winter season.

2. The Qualifying Championships of Ex SPARTAN HIKE and PIPEDOWN (both calendar events) took place as usual in their home locations of Serre Chevalier and Les Contamines respectively. Both events ran smoothly and were well attended, Despite the challenges posed by the weather all the championships managed to get successful results and in the case of the army the required results to feed the Army Alpine Seed List and select the required athletes for the Army Alpine Championships (Ex LIONS CHALLENGE).

3. The weather for the Army Alpine Championships was a significant challenge again with insufficient snow on the usual DH/SG slope which resulted in these races being moved to alternate slopes (as has been the case in previous years)but all within FIS Homologation rules. The key issue was a lack of snow towards the area where the A netting needs to be placed as per the homologation. The GS and SL races were held in the usual location on excellently groomed slopes.

4. The RAF Championships were held in the usual resort of Saalbach Hinterglemm in mid-January. Weather conditions were favourable.

5. The Inter Service Snow Sports Championships (ISSSC) took place as usual in Meribel on the 1 – 10 Feb 24, an extra 5 days training was scheduled into the calendar immediately prior to the actual championships due to calendar issues. This was a great success and allowed the athletes to train on the race tracks whilst building confidence prior to the events. This will not be happening for season 24/25. The weather throughout the two-week period was very hit and miss but thanks to excellent slope preparation (same slopes used for FIS World Championships) and some very fine programme management (slopes also used by boarders and telemark athletes) we managed to secure all the required races. The championship was a great success. The RAF where crowned the Inter Service Male Team Champions and the Army the Female Team Champions.

6. The British Championships took place in Tignes, 25 – 31 Mar 24. This year the UKAF sent 6 personnel from across all three services to represent at the championships. A great success for all involved although the weather caused significant issues throughout. The team built much needed confidence and experience by racing against some of the best skiers in the UK and continued to build the great relationships between the services and civilian counterparts. The plan will be to send the same amount of personnel to the 2025 championships, finance dependant.

7. **Winter Season 2024-25**. This year the Services aspire to run a full uninterrupted programme of alpine competitions as they did last year. 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, 18-25 Jan 25.

- **British Army**.
  - Ex PIPEDOWN – Les Contamines Montjoie, France, 11-25 Jan 25
  - Ex SPARTAN HIKE – Serre Chevalier, France, 11-25 Jan 25
  - Ex LIONS CHALLENGE – Serre Chevalier, France, 21-31 Jan 25
- **Royal Air Force**. Ex ALPINE CHALLENGE, RAF Ski Championships – Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria, 11 – 25 Jan 25
- **Inter-Service**. Inter-Services Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) – Meribel, France, 01 –08 Feb 25
- **British Championships**. TBC.

8. **TD Development**. The Single Services continue to identify and select individuals capable of becoming a GBR TD (Services) to support their respective events via the TD Training Pathway. In addition, all three Services conduct various internal training of race officials to ensure that they remain current and competent. At present the only Service Aspirant TD in the pathway is **Maj Jonathon (Jonnie) Gillespie.** He successfully passed his written exam in Nov 23 and his on-snow assessment will hopefully be in January 24. He will be available for assignment from winter season 2024-25. **Lt Cdr Gary Turner RN and Lt Cdr Nicholas Hand RN**. Have been accepted by the forum they will be allocated a schedule for achieving Service TD status over the coming years.

9. **Rules**. The United Kingdom Armed Forces Alpine Rules will be updated post the TD Forum as required. 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.

John Poole

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UKAFWSA Alpine Rep

GB Technical Delegate Forum

Snowsport England Report November 2024

Summer Race Programme 2024

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, regions and clubs ran pre-entry competitions and summer leagues. There has been a healthy increase in entry numbers particularly at indoor events, but also encouragingly at Club National races compared with 2023. All events during 2024 have been well supported.

The full planned 2024 Artificial Race Programme was completed as scheduled during the summer.

GBR (Great British Racing) Races 2024

SE organised one 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, one organised by Snowsport England and two by Snowsport Wales and one by Snowsport Scotland. Snowsport England was involved in organising GBR Indoor 5 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 was completed as scheduled. 4 GBR Indoor races were completed, and 1 Indoor Championships were classed as counting towards the GBR Series for Series points .

I should record that for 2024 the GBR Series has been sponsored by Copper Horse. They were highly supportive of the races. I would like to thank Copper Horse for their support of the GBR series, and 2024 has been the first of a 3-year sponsorship of the GBR Series by Copper Horse

Club National Races

SE regions and clubs organised 17 entry level Club nationals including 4 on indoor snow and 13 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.

Other Races

The BASS Indoor races at Landgraaf were a casualty due to the on-going issues with coaches and organisers requiring work permits to work in the Netherlands. Discussions were held with Snow Valley, in Peer, but unfortunately, once again it was not possible to reach suitable financial arrangements for use of the facility.

Summer 2025

The 2025 Artificial Race Season Calendar is now complete. Dates have been set for the HN organised events, including the GBR series and Championships, and bids have been received and agreed from Clubs and Regions for the CN races.

GBR Race Series

The season of GBR races has been phenomenally successful during 2024 and we propose to run a similar programme of events in 2025.

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; 2 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 doubling as counting towards GBR Series points. It is planned to hold the indoor series

events at 1 indoor venue as negotiations with SnoZone were once again unsuccessful. The GBR Indoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using iBARTS seeding.

Championships

As in the previous two seasons the Welsh, and English Indoor Championships will once again take place as a double header weekend in August. The British Indoor Championships will 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 is to be held at Chatham in 2025 and the Inter-Regional Team event will be held at Stoke.

SSS will also host the British Outdoor Championships in 2025 at Hillend.

Club National Races

At present there will be 16 Club National events in 2025 of which 4 will be held indoor. This is a similar number to that originally planned during 2024. SE does not propose to impose a limit on the number of Club National events held under its authority in 2025, but this is under review for 2026. Confirmation of all seeded events including Club Nationals is however subject to the availability of a TD to oversee the event. Financial responsibility for Club National event sits with the organising club. SE is freely available to consult and advise and clubs will have the benefit of mentors being available to help new and experienced race organisers and officials.

Excel Introductory Races

The Excel Introductory Race format was rolled out into the calendar in 2014 on the basis that 1 race could be held within each Region, aimed at attracting new racers into the sport. The format is 3 runs down a single course with the best time to count and the race seeded under the oBARTS system with a minimum penalty of 20 seedpoints. The race is open to racers with seedpoints greater than 20 points and is limited to a maximum of 75 entries to enable such events to be run in a morning, afternoon, or an evening. As these are seeded events it is necessary to assign a TD to oversee the events. There are no Excel race events scheduled during 2025.

BASS Indoor Races

The BASS Indoor races are unfortunately unlikely to take place in May 2025 due to financial constraints.

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 are advised that Race Secretary training can be provided on a 1:1 or group basis if requested. A Race Secretary mentor can also be available to a Race Secretary who is undertaking the role for the first time.

ENGLISH FIS and U14/U16 Championships 2025

The details of the planned English Alpine FIS and Children's Championships 2025 is available on http://www.englishalpinechamps.org.uk/ The races will be held in 2025 on the Stella Alpina and Stelvio pistes in Bormio. The programme is similar as that held during 2024 with the first FIS races planned to take place Between Wednesday and Saturday of Week 1 prior to the remaining races planned in early Week 2. The extended programme is scheduled to run between 12th – 17th February.

The U14/U16 children's programme will be held on the Stella Alpina, Stelvio pistes and Adler 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 Super G and FIS and NJR GS events held between Wednesday and Saturday of Week 1, followed by the FIS and NJR SL events with the FIS and NJR SL events taking place during Sunday and Monday during 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.

2024 activities have included further work on the updated race officials training and pathway; managing and review of the 2024 artificial seasons; planning for 2025artificial calendar and race season; updating course setter policy and lists; selection of the SE Alpine Squad.

Training

The training policy and pathway provides structured and defined requirements for Level 1-4 officials and the officials database has been further established during 2024.

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 by clubs during 2024, 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 reflects candidate needs and is now the Level 3 course. Candidates are 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 has been progresses to a modular course that can be held to suit participants.

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

Calcs course. This can be provided on an ad-hoc basis and as a formal course where demand is sufficient. An online Calcs course is scheduled to take place during late 2024,

Race Sec. This course is provided on an ad-hoc basis and as a formal course where demand is sufficient. No courses were held during 2024. It is proposed to offer a course during 2025, subject to demand, co-terminus with a Calcs course. Work is planned in the development of 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 2024, and course setting training has been offered during 2024 and will continue during 2025.

Lloyd Jenkins
SE Alpine Committee

Snowsport Cymru Wales report to the TD Forum – Nov 2024

Summer Racing

Wales are happy to report a successful summer season of races both indoor and outdoor.

It was planned that our clubs would each run an entry level Club national this season, and for the first time we planned a Welsh club competition for entrants to these races. Unfortunately, due to the problems with the infrastructure at Pontypool, only the West and North Wales clubs were able to complete their club national races. We did award a club cup on the basis of the three CN's that took place, but we hope that next season we will be able to hold all the planned events at the correct slopes.

We are excited to welcome Copper Horse Ltd as the new sponsor of the GBR Series. As lead sponsor for the series over the next three years the series will now be named the Copper Horse GBR Series.

Wales ran the first indoor races in the Copper Horse GBR Series in May at the Chill Factore, followed by the first outdoor races at Llandudno. Numbers of competitors at our events were very good, with capacity entry at our Indoor GBR races, and also at our Welsh indoor championships later in the year.

Entry levels to Indoor races in particular seems to be increasing, and we would recommend starting to use a seed point cutoff for these races as has happened in the past, as a way of capping the entry numbers, and of ensuring the quality of the races.

Schools Racing

Our Regional Schools Ski Race programme run in association with our schools skiing partner Select School Travel was completed successfully before the annual Welsh Schools Skiing Championships were held once again in October at Llangrannog, West Wales, marking over 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.

This year a new class of mixed teams has been added to the event, and the successful teams now join our top girls and boys teams who go on to compete in the British Schools Championships which this year are being organised by Wales in Llandudno at the end of November.

Welsh Alpine Championships

In January, the Welsh Alpine Championships will return once again to Champery Switzerland. The event continues to benefit from sponsorship by the ski resort of Champery as well as a number of partners in the area. We have had great feedback about the organisation and the atmosphere of the races from many of the athletes and race academies.

For 2025 we expect to run a FIS NJR programme. It is anticipated the NJR races will benefit GBR entry level competitors as the field is likely to be smaller although the Swiss have already asked for a special quota of 40.

People Development

Throughout this season SSW has embarked upon a programme of people development with the aim of increasing training and support for officials, volunteers, coaches and instructors. We have introduced several new volunteers to work in different positions at our races; both Alpine and Artificial. All have been ably supported by our current volunteers, hopefully providing us with a larger pool of trained officials.

Gwyneth Watson
Snowsport Wales.

GB Technical Delegate Forum November 2024

Snowsport Scotland Report

Summer Race Programme 2024

The summer race programme ran in conjunction with the other Home Nations as agreed, was divided into the GBR Indoor Series, GBR Outdoor Series, club and school competitions. This summer saw an overall increase in the number of competitors across all levels of competition.

The full planned calendar was completed including the previously cancelled Scottish Indoor Championships which ran in conjunction with GBR3/4 in Manchester.

GBR Events 2024

Scotland hosted 2 races in the GBR indoor series and 1 race in the GBR outdoor series. SSS delivered the GBR 3 & 4 in Manchester, this was the first time using this venue to accommodate the closure of Glasgow. This event also doubled up as the Scottish Indoor Championships. The Twin Peaks event, hosted by Lothian Ski Racing supported the delivery of a Scottish Outdoor GBR 3 on the 2nd of June.

The full series of GBR indoor and outdoor events ran as scheduled. Thanks should go to all Home Nations & Lothian Ski Racing for the delivery of these events and to Copper Horse for their supportive sponsorship of the series.

National Championship Events

Snowsport Scotland had a busy summer, responsible for the delivery of both the British Indoor Championships and the British Outdoor Championships. The new location in Manchester brought its challenges for the Indoor event, however this ran to plan. Thanks to Snowsport Wales and TD Derek Metters for making sure that a split weekend between Home Nations ran smoothly. Due to facility restrictions at Hillend, it was only possible to run the British outdoor in conjunction with the Scottish Dry Slope weekend, thus sacrificing the usual GS component of the Scottish Champs this year, despite this the slalom double header Scottish/British event saw excellent racing to round off an exciting summer season.

Club/Schools Events

Scottish clubs delivered 7 seeded events on artificial slopes across the country. With several further grass roots events to support introduction to alpine racing. The Scottish Schools Snowsports Association (SSSA) successfully delivered 15 artificial events including the British Schools at Hillend. 12 planned SSSA alpine events on Scottish mountains were cancelled due to conditions, these were replaced by 2 'Phoenix' events. SSS would like to thank our registered clubs and the Schools Association for their continued passion, ensuring another Summer of alpine opportunities for youngsters in across Scotland.

Summer 2025

Dates have been set for the upcoming 2025 indoor and outdoor GBR and National Championship events. In 2025 SSS will host 1 outdoor, 2 indoor GBR events and the British Outdoor Championships. We are pleased to have secured an additional weekend to host the GBR 5 and British Outdoor Championships in addition to our usual Scottish Champs weekend, allowing for the reintroduction of the GS event at the Scottish.

7 additional club seeded events have been/to be added to the calendar for Summer 2025, with the busy calendar of grass roots competition scheduled across Scotland.

The Schools Association aspire to deliver a similar programme of events this year with slight changes to the mountain events, utilising an 'East/West' structure as opposed to an event at each resort.

Winter 2025

Scotland plans 2 club run BASS Seeded events to take place on Scottish mountains, The Gordon Skiers Open and The Scottish Children's Championships. In addition to this the Scottish FIS races in April.

As with previous years, Mark Vinter and the team at SSS will run Scottish FIS races in Bormio in January. These races welcome British FIS racers. For the first year, these races will also be classed as the Scottish FIS Championships.

Alpine Programmes

Scotland currently has 12 active clubs delivering programmes for youngsters from grass roots into alpine ski racing. 11 clubs offer on snow training throughout the winter period when conditions allow. 7 clubs deliver European based training. The GB Home Nations training programme delivered by Snowsport Scotland continues to run a part-time programme supporting selected athletes from across the Home Nations.

Nov 24 TD Update Telemark Report

GB Telemark

Firstly, congratulations to Adrian Pery on his thoroughly disserved appointment as the new FIS Telemark Race Director. This is a major achievement which I am sure will see a very positive impacts on FIS Telemark race delivery. This appointment will, in due course, require a new GB Telemark Chairman to be identified as Adrian stands aside from this role.

Secondly, I must sadly report the loss of the British Telemark Championship for 2025. This event has been hosted by Army Telemark for the past 14 years, however, the Army is unable to facilitate civilian participation on Exercise Telemark Titan this season due to funding and liability issues. The Committee hope that these can be resolved for the 2026 season and civilians welcomed back to the event.

A four strong GB Telemark WC Squad is preparing to compete in this seasons WC Calander with Jaz confident in defending her titles and the team are hoping to improve on their strong performance in last season's Nations Cup. They will be supported by a four strong Development Squad in 2024/25.

UKAFWSA Telemark

Army Telemark has faced some considerable funding scrutiny for this season but with a new funding model for 2025 they will again deliver a three race Championship at PLV.

The RN Telemark Championship for 2025 will take place at Alpe D'Huez for the first time. This is due to Les Deux Alpes, where the main RNSF is held, being unable to deliver the telemark race program this season. Whilst this will present its own challenges to the RoC it should resolve the resourcing issues they encountered last season at Les Deux Alpes.

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

A full telemark race programme is scheduled for ISSSC in 2025 with all three Services planning to build on the success of last year's female competition.

Telemark Officials Training Pathway

RN and Army are continuing to grow their race officials, however, there is some concern over the lack of qualified RAF Telemark officials to support the ISSSC programme. UKAFWSA will need to identify training opportunities to facilitate the development of RAF officials as they do not run their own qualifying events. Jonathan Young has been identified as a candidate for future TD pathway development and will commence his race officials training at the ISSSC in 2025.

Seeding

Due to the loss of the British Championship this season it was decided to hold off revising Telemark Seeding. The aspiration is still to host this on the GB Ski website in the future.

Rules

FIS have updated Telemark ICR's for 2024/25 season. The main changes that will impact GB races are to jump penalty points, setting the netting on the loom and the layout of the PS finish. No rule changes required in GB Telemark Rules.

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Timing and Calculations Sub-Committee
Report to Forum Meeting November 2024

David Manns
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14th October 2024

BARTS Seeding

Seed Lists

The penultimate BARTS seed list is due for publication on November 6th, with the End-Of-Season list due on 11th December.

The rule change in BACR III agreed in May (to resolve an issue with athletes staying at the top of the list with zero points when they posted no race results during the season) will be implemented in the EOS list.

Lowlands Indoor Championships

The GBR results from the recent Lowlands Indoor Championships were once again extracted for BASS seeding without a GBR TD being present. An official dispensation to allow this exception to normal practice is being sought.

BASS seeding

Seed Lists

Proposed publication dates for seed lists in the 2025 season are listed below. These are spaced about 3-4 weeks apart, adjusted as usual to avoid changing list during a competition.

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 two 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 new Winter season.

Note the slightly earlier dates for lists 0 and 1, to allow for races scheduled to take place in late December rather than the usual early January start to the season. The EOS list publication date (*) will be adjusted to follow the Spring TD Forum meeting, so that any end-of-season adjustments or other changes can be incorporated into that final list.

0	Wed 27 Nov 2024
1	Wed 11 Dec 2024
2	Wed 1 Jan 2025
3	Wed 15 Jan 2025
4	Wed 5 Feb 2025
5	Wed 26 Feb 2025
6	Wed 19 Mar 2025
7	Wed 23 Apr 2025
8	Wed 14 May 2025 *

General Matters

Competitor registrations

Snowsport Scotland have changed provider for their membership system, and are now using the same provider as Snowsport Wales (JustGo).

SSW have already provided a login to their system which allows a custom report to be run at any time, generating a list of registered competitors. The intention is that this same feature be provided by SSS. Along with the similar process on the SE membership system (Sport80) which will mean that up-to-date registration details can be downloaded whenever they are required. This is still very much a manual process, hence there is no mechanism for 'live' retrieving of competitor status.

Registration numbers

Snowsport Scotland have been assigned the range of numbers from 300,000 to 399,999, in line with the previous policy of using numbers starting with '3'.

Snowsport Wales have been assigned the range of numbers from 700,000 to 719,999 for use when registering competitors from Ireland. These competitors are currently being registered using a normal Welsh number (5 digits beginning with '4') but this does not help race organisers to distinguish between Welsh and Irish competitors when presenting national awards.

Homologation

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

The dry slope at Ipswich was inspected during the summer and the homologation renewed until 2034.

Homologation for several slopes has expired: Brentwood Park, Bromley and Mendip. There are no seeded events currently scheduled for these slopes, so they remain as 'watch and wait'.

More slopes are due for re-inspection during 2025: Castleford, Chill Factore, Firpark, Gloucester, Hillend, Kilternan (Dublin), Pendle, Silksworth and Stoke. All bar Castleford are likely to be hosting seeded races during 2025 and in the absence of any other arrangements will be inspected by the assigned TD. Castleford will join the 'watch and wait' group.

Training

Gwyneth Watson has agreed to run an online Calcs training course. This will take place over two sessions on November 9th and 16th. The course was full within a few hours of being publicised, and the waiting list for the next course already has four names.

GBSKI

Routine maintenance and small updates to the site were carried out during the year.

A working group is being established to review the implementation and operation of GBSKI, looking at system resilience, hosting options and sharing of workload.

GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum
Rules Sub-Committee
Report to Forum Meeting November 2024

Steve James
Rules SC
31 October 2024

All changes to BCR and BACR were either discussed at the May 2024 meeting or are editorial and uncontroversial. In summary the changes are:

BCR I and BACR I

3 Remove British Alpine Racing Ski Clubs (BARSC) from list of CGs.

BCR III

5.3 End of Season List

Insert new 5.3.2 which re-baselines the end-of-season list so that the maximum value for the best U16 competitor is 120 and the best U14 competitor is 160, by event and sex.

The use of “discipline”, “competition” and “event” has been revised throughout to be consistent with ICR.

BCR IV

Delete references to non-British teams.

Delete 4.6 Children’s Team competitions.

Insert new 4.7.4 to retain text defining which club an athlete races for (from old 4.6).

Renumber paragraphs and update contents.

BCR V

3.2.1 Added text to clarify Irish (IRL) racers register with SSW.

3.4.1 Additional registration numbers added.

BACR III

10 Calculation of Seed Points

10.2 a) minimum load 30 points for anyone with no results in the season.

Other matters:

A new standing agenda item to discuss dispensations from the rules has been requested. This should allow temporary or trial rule changes to be handled efficiently.

The proposal to enable seeding of results from Lowlands Indoor Championships by adding a section to BCR IV discussed at the November 2023 meeting will now be considered as a dispensation.

BCR IV will require revision to reflect changes to the calendar application process once these have been defined. No changes have been made in the interim.

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United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association

Inter-Service Snow Sports Championships Alpine Rules Dispensation for Skis

1. United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association (UKAFWSA) Alpine Rules for the Inter-Service Snow Sports Championships (ISSSC) were granted dispensation at the November 2018 TD Forum to remain aligned to the FIS Equipment Regulations 12/13 for ski lengths and radii. It is requested that the TD Forum extend the dispensation for Downhill and Super G ski lengths[1] and radii[2] for the 2024/25 Season.

2. To support this request, the following information should be noted:

   a. Ski lengths and radii are based on the ability of the individual racers with safety uppermost and the financial constraints that the Service Teams have to work within.

   b. The UKAFWSA reviews all dispensations prior to and after their Championship, with any dispensations from either FIS or the BCR captured in the Alpine Risk Assessment and managed at the appropriate level within the Armed Forces (Single Services).

   c. At the Championship, all dispensations are actively managed by the Race Organising Committee, Jury and Course Setter.

John Poole

Major
UKAFWSA Alpine Rep

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

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

Request for Dispensation for Start Order for Team Evolution Nations Cup

Key Points

1. This is a request from Team Evolution to allow a different start order for their Nations Cup series that will take place over the coming Winter season.

2. BCR I article 201.1.1 and BCR III article 7.2 allow for competitions with non-standard elements to be processed for seeding if the TD Forum grants approval.

3. A detailed explanation of the Nations Cup and the proposed changes is given in the letter shown below from Jordan Fellows, Programme Director at Team Evolution.

4. Aside from the variation in start order, other British Competition Rules will still apply, including running U14 and U16 as separate groups, and U14 run as two single-run races with second race start order a full flip of the first race.

5. This application for dispensation is initially for the 2024-25 season only. Outcomes will be reviewed at the end of the season.

6. This request is supported by Snowsport England.

Request for dispensation for second TD
for one day of English Alpine Championships
to be appointed from within OC

Key Points

1. Over the six days of the competition schedule for the English Alpine Children's Championships there is one day where two concurrent BASS seeded races are being run.

2. The TD assigned to the whole competition can only oversee one of these races.

3. This is a request from Snowsport England and the OC to allow the assignment of a second TD for that day to be made from within the existing OC rather than go to the expense of bringing in a TD for just one day of racing.

4. This dispensation has been informally granted for several years, but is now being formally requested in line with latest practice.

5. This application for dispensation is for the 2025 event. Should the same situation occur in future years then a new dispensation will be requested.