**Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting**
**Pinewood Hotel, Wilmslow, Manchester**
**09:00 to 14:00 on Sunday 2nd November**

| No | Item | Action |
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| 1 | **Present:**<br>Ross Anderson (RA) Chair<br>David Manns (DJM) Vice Chair<br><br>Julian Adams (JA)<br>Taryn Archbold (TA)<br>Kirsty Crawford (KC)<br>Jamie Davies (JD)<br>Richard Dawe (RD)<br>Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD)<br>Richard Ellis (RE)<br>Jonny Gillespie (JG)<br>Andrea Grant (AG)<br>Nick Hands (NH)<br>James Heaton (JH) *<br>Steve James (SJ)<br>Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)<br><br>Richard Love (RL)<br>David Mansfield (DSM)<br>Derek Metters (DGM)<br>John Poole (JP)<br>Jenny Shute (JS)<br>Jez Spring (JSp)<br>Shell Thomas-Quaile (ST)<br>Paul Trayner (PT)<br>Martin Triggol (MT)<br>Gwyneth Watson (GW)<br><br>* *online* | |
| 2 | **Apologies / Not Present:**<br><br>Tim Fawke (TF)<br>Ross Gardner (RG)<br>Michael van Moppes (MvM)<br><br>Adrian Pery (AP)<br>Logan Tannock (LT)<br>Gary Turner (GT) | |
| 3 | **Minutes of Saturday 17th May 2025 meeting**<br>The Minutes were approved as a true record. | |
| 4 | **Matters Arising not already on Agenda**<br>None. | |
| 5. | **Reports from Delegates**<br><br>**5.1 GB Snowsport**<br>See written report.<br><br>**5.2 UKAFWSA**<br>See written report.<br><br>**5.3 SE**<br>See written report. LJ confirmed that issues with registration of officials with SE are being discussed and will hopefully be resolved shortly.<br><br>**5.4 SSW**<br>See written report.<br><br>**5.5 SSS**<br>See written report. | |

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| | **5.6 British Championships**<br>See written report.<br><br>**5.7 Telemark**<br>See written report.<br><br>**5.8 Finance**<br>SJ confirmed the current financial position is sound and will report in more detail in May as usual. | |
| **6.** | **Timing and Calculations**<br><br>**6.1 Timing & Calcs SC**<br>DJM highlighted the teething problems with the change of Snowsport England membership setup, which caused a delay in publishing the 7th BARTS list of the season. The ability to download the required membership information has now been restored, although there are still issues to resolve around unregistered competitors in lower-level races.<br><br>**6.2 Telemark seeding**<br>MT confirmed no change in status; discussions will resume when the British Championships restarts. | |
| **7.** | **FIS Matters**<br><br>**7.1 Update**<br><br>It was noted that air bags and cut resistant undergarments have been mandated at higher levels, but there is no push from FIS to cascade this down to lower levels. Use of cut-resistant clothing is already recommended in ICR, but there are issues with cost and ensuring appropriate sizing that could be barriers to entry should this be mandated at lower levels.<br><br>RA reported on changes to the early stages of the TD pathway, merging two steps into one application phase. This was primarily to support the development of TDs for nations that do not have a national TD setup to build their experience. To begin in July 2026.<br><br>**7.2 FIS ICR**<br>Few substantive rule changes as we are in Olympic cycle.<br><br>**7.3 Medical**<br>RA confirmed that Injury and Incident reports generated by TDs are lodged with GBS and are reviewed as part of on-going injury surveillance.<br><br>Dr. Jenny Shute was formally recognised on Sat 1 Nov for her significant contributions to Alpine skiing at both international and national levels. Her work with the British Children's Team, FIS Medical Committee and GBS Alpine Committee has focused on athlete safety and risk reduction. Her influence has greatly improved safety in our sport. Thank you, Jenny! | |

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| **8.** | **British TD Matters**<br><br>**8.1 Contact List**<br>Circulated via Dropbox, please check, amend and inform Chair of any changes including email addresses.<br><br>**8.2 Resignations / Retirements**<br>None.<br><br>**8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors**<br><br>Kirsty Crawford — FIS Candidate — Passed written exam, practicals this Winter<br>Jamie Davies — FIS Candidate TM — Passed written exam, one assessment left<br>Martin Triggol — FIS Candidate TM — Passed exams, now a qualified FIS TM TD<br>Nick Hands — Services Candidate — Passed written exam<br>Gary Turner — Services — Speed exam<br>James Knock — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br>Calum Shepherd — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br>Emily Evans — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br>Nigel Greenfield — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br>Ali Jubb — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br>Reini Kornberger — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br>John Whitmarsh — GBR — Working on CV, review in May<br><br>**8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback**<br>No sanctions reported.<br><br>RA highlighted that any form of abusive behaviour should be recorded/reported to Chair/Vice-Chair, as well as considering action through Event Welfare Officers or direct to GBS safe guarding if warranted.<br><br>**8.5 Snow Safe and Injury Surveillance**<br>No further information available.<br><br>**8.5.1 Monitor use of photographic/video evidence**<br>No reports of issues. Continue to monitor.<br><br>**8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency**<br>No issues with anyone lacking assignments.<br><br>**8.7 TD Expenses**<br>The usual incremental increase of the 'standard' TD travel cost was agreed at £545, with the usual proviso that any costs above this must be discussed with the OC.<br><br>Increase in TD per diem was agreed at £100 (first increase since 2018) to apply from the start of the 2025/26 Winter season, as a step towards the eventual target of tracking the FIS fee from the start of 2026/27.<br><br>RD to update relevant forms for publication, RA to arrange notification to OCs.<br><br>**8.8 Right to Work in Europe**<br>No change. Continue to review. | **RD, RA** |

**8.9 Gender Policy Update and Review**

Progress with HN policies was noted and should continue to be monitored. It was recognised that some events had already moved to using Female and Open categories, but this was not universal. The current limitations with gender settings available in Ski Alp Pro were noted.

**9. British Calendar and TD Appointments**

**9.1 GB Calendar update**

RA summarised the calendar application process for 2025-26 which used a Microsoft Form and worked reasonably well, although the inability to alter applications once they had been submitted was an issue. RA confirmed that to look at moving to Google based setup for next season.

**9.2 TD Assignments**

Assignments for Winter 2025-26 were agreed as follows:

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| Nations Cup Rounds 1 & 2 | RL |
| Aurora Cup 2025 | LJ |
| Ambition Children's Championships | JH |
| Anglo-Scottish Championships | DGM |
| BSA Championships | DGM |
| Nations Cup Rounds 3-6 | LJ |
| Ex SPARTAN HIKE | JG |
| Ex PIPEDOWN | JP |
| Ex TELEMARK TITAN | MT |
| The Lecht Open | RG |
| Ex ALPINE CHALLENGE | RD |
| RN Festival of Sport - Alpine | JS |
| RN Festival of Sport - Telemark | JD |
| Welsh Championships - BASS | DGM |
| Ex LIONS CHALLENGE | LD |
| British School Girls | DGM |
| British Schoolboys International Races | SJ |
| ISSSC - Alpine | PT |
| ISSSC - Telemark | JD |
| Nations Cup Rounds 7-10 | RD |
| Scottish Children's Championships | KC |
| English Alpine Children's Championships | RE |
| British Interschool Ski Championships | SJ |
| Scottish Alpine Student Championships (TBC) | KC |
| Nations Cup Rounds 11 & 12 | DGM |
| GB Children's Championships | RA |

RA also highlighted the relatively small group of TDs who cover all the assignments for artificial slope races (46 events in 2025) and encouraged others to step forward and offer their support in future seasons.

**9.3 BARTS events**

DJM highlighted issues relating to changes in SE membership categories which required some modification of reports for transfer of data into GBSKI. Also causing additional work for OCs to clearly identify those who are not eligible for seeding despite being 'registered'.

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| | LJ reported that the artificial slope calendar for 2026 was almost complete, with publication expected within the next few days.<br><br>**9.4 Calendar Fees review**<br>It was agreed that no increase was required at present. Continue to review. | |
| **10.** | **Rule Changes**<br><br>**10.1 BCR**<br>See written report from Rules SC.<br><br>**10.2 BACR**<br>See written report from Rules SC.<br><br>**10.3 UK AFWSA Rules**<br>No changes to report.<br><br>**10.4 Telemark rules**<br>No changes.<br>**10.5 Dispensations**<br><br>10.5.1 UKAFWSA<br>Agreed dispensation on ski equipment regulations.<br>10.5.2 Lowlands Indoor Championships<br>Agreed to accept event for seeding without presence of GBR TD, event being overseen by Lowlands (usually NED) TD.<br>10.5.3 Nations Cup<br>Agreed to continue dispensation from last season relating to draw order based on Cup points, and to extend the dispensation to draw, run and seed U14 in the same 'two run aggregate time' format as U16.<br>10.5.4 British School Girls<br>Agreed dispensation to use team-based draw for start order.<br>10.5.5 English Alpine Championships<br>Agreed dispensation to use TD from within hill team for two days when two BASS races are scheduled. | |
| **11.** | **Other items**<br><br>**11.1 U14/16 Super-G**<br>RA reported the plan to make the first use of BCR rule 1002.4 to allow use of FIS homologated GS piste (the 'Casino' piste in Verbier La Tzoumaz, homologation number 11949/01/16) for U14/16 Super-G at the BSA Anglo-Scottish Championships.<br><br>DSM outlined the inspection process he had carried out in support of this, including specifying the type and level security that would be required, noting the need to prepare the resort to install the necessary quantity (and quality) of netting.<br><br>**11.2 Concussion Protocols and Return to Snow Policy**<br>No change to B(A)CR article 627.3.1 which requires Jury to remove from competition anyone with suspected or confirmed concussion unless written documentation from appropriate medical practitioner is provided. | |

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| | JA noted that acceptance of a statement on concussion is a mandatory part of license application/renewal process in USA.<br><br>DJM to prepare a plan for online system to record injury suspension (a la USSA), and the possible inclusion of concussion protocols into HN registration processes, to report back in May. Needs to consider how this would be controlled/managed, and any potential GDPR issues.<br><br>RA recommended highlighting topic of concussion at first TCM of an event as something positive we can do straight away.<br><br>**11.3 U14/16 Giant Slalom**<br>ICR article 901.2.3 states turning pole distance must not be more than 27m. Agreed no change at present, but wherever possible over the coming season TDs should gather evidence on how courses are actually being set, for review in May.<br><br>**11.4 Athletes Declaration Review**<br>Rules SC to review wording around registered, unregistered and day registered competitors, and consider wording of Athlete's Declaration for use by unregistered athletes, as current wording implies use as part of the registration process. Also needs to tie into wording in registration with HNs as this is where all registered competitors accept the Declaration.<br><br>RA suggested 'if in doubt, get them to sign' which should include forerunners or anyone taking part who has not already been through HN registration at least once.<br><br>**11.5 Risk Management Review**<br>RA and DJM to review advice given (if any) to CGs and OCs on risk assessment and management.<br>Missing risk policy at HN. Minuting jury inspection every day/race.<br><br>**11.6 Terms of Reference for Sub-Committees**<br>TORs for sub-committees now complete and ready for publication.<br><br>**11.7 Nominations for Vice-Chair**<br>RA noted that DJMs current tenure as Vice-Chair finishes in November 2026 and requested nominations for this post to be lodged with him by the May meeting. | **DJM**<br><br>**All**<br><br>**SJ**<br><br>**RA**<br><br>**All** |
| **12.** | **Dates of Next Meetings**<br><br>Saturday 16th May 2026: Online<br>30th October to 1st November 2026: Edinburgh (venue TBC) | |

**Reports and additional documents to follow.**

# GB Snowsport (“GBS”) Report to the TD Forum - October 2025

## Performance

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

Following a very successful 2024/25 season, the GBS squads have enjoyed a full summer and Autumn of productive training.  The mens’ World Cup slalom team have trained in Argentina, Saas Fee and Peer in Belgium. They are currently in Kabdalis prior to the Levi World Cup.

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 this season although we are also looking into other alternatives.

2024/25 was another record breaking season for our alpine athletes. Our men’s slalom team excelled with Dave Ryding scoring points in every single slalom this season, the only man on the circuit to do so. His season included 3 top 10s and a historic 6th place finish at the World Championships - the best slalom result by a Brit since 1934.

We’ve seen brilliant progression and standout performances from Billy Major and Laurie Taylor too. Both Billy and Laurie are realistic, World Cup top 10 threats.

Laurie had 4 top 30 WC finishes including a terrific 12th place in Val d’Isère.

Billy, with 5 top 30s, rounded out his season with a top 15 at World Champs and a ninth place finish in Hafjell. (HAHF-yel)

The wider GBS squads across all disciplines also delivered superb results.

At the World Championships, our younger athletes also stepped up with performances that signal a strong future.

Reece Bell and Vici Palla had top 23 slalom results with Reece demonstrating some super fast splits.
Abi Bruce, Gigi Gorringe, Lois Jackson and Molly Butler (our youngest competitor at just 18) all finished in the top 40 in the GS. Callum Langmuir, Jack Irving and Dominic Shackleton competed in the men's GS.

Away from the technical disciplines, Owen Vinter, Max Laughland and Roy-Steudle pushed boundaries in the speed events this season.

Roy placed 29th in the World Champs Super-G and came close to scoring World Cup points in Kitzbühel.

Our next generation too is making serious waves.

We broke new British ground at the World Junior Championships, where Luca Carrick-Smith won slalom bronze—our first ever World Juniors slalom medal and our first podium since Graham Bell won silver in the Downhill more than 40 years ago.

Jack Irving fifth, Freddy Carrick Smith sixth and Dominic Shackleton twelfth—4 British athletes in the top 12!

As well as placing sixth in the U21 results, Freddy also took the U18 World Junior title in both Slalom and GS.

Our U18 athletes were phenomenal, not just at World Juniors, but also at the European Youth Olympic Festival where Freddy Carrick Smith won gold in the men's slalom.

Freddy's twin, Zak Carrick-Smith, added to his historic triple medal haul at the Youth Olympic Games last year, with a bronze in men's slalom.

Freddy made his World Cup debut in GS last Weekend in the season opener in Soelden finishing a very respectable 54th from bib 67.

The British Children's team also excelled on the international stage with medals at the Alpe Cimbra Cup in Folgaria, known to many as the unofficial Children's World Championships.

The world famous La Scara too brought gold and bronze medals in SG and slalom, along with medal performances at Trofeu Borrufa in Andorra and Tärnaby, Sweden.
We are building strength from the grassroots all the way to the World Cup.

Our athletes are in a good position going into the 2025/6 season. I have also attached a note to this report which outlines the Alpine Olympic Qualification Process.  This note also explains how quota spots are allocated.

Sponsorship

Fusalp continue as the Alpine kit sponsor for the 2025/2026 season. The team were recently kitted out and the clothing has been very well received by the athletes and coaching staff. Tenzing continue with their headline sponsorship.  Tenzing have also underwritten the men's slalom team for this season. Brown Rudnick has agreed to act as bro bono lawyers to GB Snowsport for another year donating £100,000 worth of legal services per annum. Smaller sponsors include Quinn Estates and Gareth Williams.

Alpine is further supported by the GBS Alpine Foundation, an organisation created to raise funds for Alpine ski racing in Great Britain. The Foundation has been revolutionary and 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.

The 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 25/26/27
- WC, EC & FIS Squad selections for season 25/26 completed

## GB Alpine Championships

For the first time in many years, this season, the GB Alpine Championships and GB Children's Championships relocated to a new resort, Santa Caterina, in Italy.

GB Snowsport with help from Marc Telling worked alongside Santa Caterina's Chief of Piste, Omar Galli, to ensure safe and fair events for all age groups. Every race was completed. Early starts resulted in fantastic track conditions.  Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with

happy athletes, happy coaches and happy parents. The Championship will return to Santa Caterina in 2026.

**JULIET FOSTER**
**CHAIR, ALPINE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**
**30 OCTOBER 2025**

28 Nov 25

**United Kingdom Armed Forces Winter Sports Association**

**Annual Report to the GB Technical Delegate Forum 1 & 2 Nov 25**

1. **Year to Date**. All three services planned, prepared and delivered full training camps and race championships during the 2024/25 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 31 Jan - 6 Feb 26. 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 Santa Caterina, Italy, 29 Mar - 5 Apr Mar 25. 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 was great throughout and the racetracks prepared to a high level, which allowed for some great racing and outstanding individual results from those in the team. 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 2026 championships, finance dependant.

7. **Winter Season 2025-26**. 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 – Tignes, France, 10 - 24 Jan 26.
- **British Army**.

    - Ex PIPEDOWN – Les Contamines Montjoie, France, 10 - 20 Jan 26
    - Ex SPARTAN HIKE – Serre Chevalier, France, 10 - 20 Jan 26
    - Ex LIONS CHALLENGE – Serre Chevalier, France, 21 - 30 Jan 26
- **Royal Air Force**. Ex ALPINE CHALLENGE, RAF Ski Championships – Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria, 10 - 24 Jan 26
- **Inter-Service**. Inter-Services Snow Sports Championship (ISSSC) – Meribel, France, 31 Jan - 7 Feb 26
- **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. **Maj Jonnie Gillespie Army** completed his Tech and Speed on-snow assessments during season 24/25 and is now qualified and will take up his first role as a Services TD in this season. At present the only Service Aspirant TD in the pathway is **Lt Cdr Nicholas Hand RN.** He will sit his written exam this weekend and will look to qualify in both Tech and Speed during his on-snow assessment in Jan/Feb 26 (Witten Exam dependant). **Lt Cdr Gary Turner RN** will re-sit his Speed on-snow assessment during the ISSSC Champs in Feb 26.

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.

*Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose*

Major
UKAFWSA Alpine Rep

# GB Technical Delegate Forum

## Snowsport England Report November 2025

**Summer Race Programme 2025**

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 entries at Club National races have held up well compared with 2024. All events during 2025 have been well supported.

The full 2025 Artificial Race Programme was completed as scheduled, during the summer.

**GBR (Great British Racing) Races 2025**

SE organised one race 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 are calculated. 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 engaged in organising GBR Indoor 5 and British 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 and Indoor races were completed, as scheduled.

I should record that for 2025 the GBR Series was again 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 2025 has been the second year of a 3-year sponsorship of the GBR Series by Copper Horse.

**Club National Races**

SE regions and clubs organised 19 entry level Club nationals including 4 on indoor snow and 15 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.

**Summer 2026**

The 2026 Artificial Race Season Calendar planning is nearing completion. 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 2025 and we propose to run a similar programme of events in 2026.

The outdoor series will comprise of 6 races; 2 organised by SE, 2 organised by SSW and 2 by SSS. The GBR Outdoor Series will be run in accordance with the BACR using oBARTS seeding.

The indoor series will also comprise of 5 races with 1 organised by SE; 2 organised by SSW and 2 organised by SSS. 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**
For 2026 the Welsh and British Indoor Championships will take place as a double header weekend in August. The English 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 Norfolk in 2026, and the Inter-Regional Team event is likely to be held at Stoke. SE will also host the British Outdoor Championships in 2025, in conjunction with the Inter-Regional event.

**Club National Races**
At present there will be 16 SE Club National events in 2026 of which 4 will be held indoor. This is a similar number to that originally planned during 2025. SE does not propose to impose a limit on the number of Club National events held under its authority in 2026. Confirmation of all seeded events including Club Nationals is however subject to the availability of a TD to oversee the event. Financial responsibility for 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 2026.

**BASS Indoor Races**
The BASS Indoor races are unfortunately unlikely to take place in May 2026 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 Alpine Championships 2026**

The details of the planned English Alpine FIS and Children's Championships 2026 is available on http://www.englishalpinechamps.org.uk/ As Bormio will be the host for the Alpine events for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina, the English Championships will be held after the Olympics during early March in 2026.

The races will be held in 2026 on the Stella Alpina and Stelvio pistes in Bormio. The programme is similar as that held during 2025 with the first FIS GS races planned to take place from Wednesday of Week 1 and running to early Week 2. The programme is scheduled to run between 4th – 13th March.

The FIS programme will commence in Week 1 with the FIS and NJR GS and SL races to be held between Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th March. These will be followed by the FIS Super G races for Women and Men taking place during Sunday and Monday of Week 2.

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 Children's races will take place between Sunday 8th and Friday 13th March.

**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; assisting with the Alpine Squad selection and SE dry slope ambassadors.

2025 activities have included further work on the updated race officials training and pathway; managing and review of the 2025 artificial seasons; planning for 2026 artificial 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 2025.

**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 2025, 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 progressed 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.

**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 2025. It is proposed to offer a course during 2026, 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 2025, and course setting training has been offered during 2025 and will continue during 2026.

Lloyd Jenkins
**SE Alpine Committee**

# Snowsport Cymru Wales report to the TD Forum – Nov 2025

## 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, with a Welsh club competition for entrants to these races belonging to Welsh Clubs. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing problems with the infrastructure at Pontypool, only the West and North Wales clubs were able to complete their club national races. We did award the club cup on the basis of the three CN's that took place, so congratulations to Pontypool Ski Racing. We hope that next season we will be able to hold all the planned events at the correct slopes.

We will also have a new Welsh club competing in next years competition. Clwb Rasio Bica is a new snowsports club based at Canolfan Sgio Llangrannog. The name Bica comes from Carreg Bica, the famous rock of Llangrannog beach. Legend has it that Carreg Bica is the tooth of the giant Bica who lived in the Ceredigion area, and was forced to spit his tooth onto the beach following a bad toothache. We wish them well in their journey, and hope that their new club goes from strength to strength.

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

The problems at Pontypool were resolved in time for us to run our National & Open outdoor Championships there for the first time in two years. A slight hiccup was the late announcement that a stage of the cycling Tour of Britain would start in Pontypool park meaning that no parking would be available for our skiers on the Saturday. Fortunately this was resolved, and the races went ahead as planned.

## 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.

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.

The successful teams (girls, boys and mixed) now go on to compete in the British Schools Championships in Swadlincote 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 2026 we are running 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 30.

## People

This year we have said goodbye to Tracey George, our admin manager who has retired after several years in the Snowsport Wales office. We wish her well in her future adventures.

We have also welcomed Joe Constantine as our lead pathway coach.

Gwyneth Watson
Snowsport Wales.

# Snowsport Scotland Report November 2025

**Summer/Autumn Race Programme 2025**

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 and Club races s. In addition, several clubs ran pre-entry competitions and league races (notable dual SL events on shorter slopes). There has been a healthy increase in entry numbers particularly at the seeded events. Events during 2025 have been extremely well attended, but recruiting volunteers have proved a challenge.

The full planned 2025 Artificial Race Programme was completed as scheduled.

A small number of club race remain to be run before X-Mas.

**GBR Races 2025**

SSS organised two races in the GBR indoor Series and one in the GBR outdoor series. The indoor races organised by SSS took place down in Manchester in June, as Scotland has no indoor snow centre.

The GBR Outdoor Race 5 took place at Hillend in July. Noting that the GBR Outdoor Race 5 at Hillend was cancelled after Run 1 due to adverse weather conditions. The single run race still counted towards GBR Series Points, was not seeded.

SSS was also responsible for the running of the British Outdoor Championships, which took place at Hillend in July.

The GBR Series races were sponsored by Copper Horse, as per 2024. Other sponsors joined for the British Outdoor Championships.

**Seeded Races**

The Scottish Championships (SSS) Twin Peaks races (LSR & APR), East and West Coast Races (SSC & BSC) and the Craig Macfie Classic (LSR) ran as programmed, as the only seeded races in Scotland during the summer period.

**Other Races**

Scottish FIS races ran successfully out in Santa Caterina.

Unfortunately, no BASS or FIS races took place on Scottish snow due to poor snow conditions in the highlands.  SSS and clubs remain optimistic of viable races in the future.

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**Summer 2026**

Plans are progressing in developing the 2026 Artificial Race Season Calendar. Dates have been set for the HN organised events, including the GBR series and Championships, and the seeded races noted above have all be scheduled.

This also includes additional SSS indoor races in Manchester, as an addition to the calendar.

**GBR Races 2026**

For 2026 it is proposed that SSS will run 2 GBR Outdoor races at Hillend and 2 GBR Indoor races in Manchester, this will separate the second indoor race from the Scottish Indoor Championships. This will allow both GBR and Scottish Indoor races to run independently and on their own merits. This will also add in an additional iBARTS race into the calendar on the weekend of the separated Scottish Indoor Championships.

The GBR Outdoor races will also be separated from other races, such as the Scottish Outdoor Championships and Twin Peaks races. This allows SSS to run 2 GBR Outdoor races instead of 1, as per previous non-British Championship years.

**Championships 2026**

The Scottish Outdoor Championships will run as per previous years, in early September. This will one day SL and one day GS at Hillend. Noting the GS is not a seeded event.

The Scottish Indoor Championships will run later in the year, separate from the GBR Series, and take place over two days. The indoor races are expected to take place in Manchester as per 2025.

**Seeded Races 2026**

The Twin Peaks races (LSR & APR), East and West Coast Races (SSC & BSC) and the Craig Macfie Classic (LSR) are all proposed to run in 2026 as per 2025. Programmed dates match 2025.

TD's will be required at these races as per previous years.

Financial responsibility for a club run seeded races sits with the organising club.

**Other Races 2026**

Scottish FIS races have been relocated to Reiteralm in February 2026, because of the Winter Olympics 2026.

Scottish snow races in the Highlands, run by GDN and SSC, are scheduled for 2026 subject to snow conditions. These are BASS races, with separate Mini's races.

Numerous other races are being held around Scotland, on smaller slopes which are not homologated for seeded races.

**Quality & Volunteering**

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

TD Reports for all seeded events should be actively reviewed by SSS Alpine Committees to ensure that the recommendations in the TD report are implemented.

SSS is aiming to engage with race organising clubs to encourage/support officials at races. It is noted that races have struggled to have sufficiently experience volunteers in specific roles, leading to the need to bring is specific resource to cover events.

**SSS 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 and liaison with TD Forum and BSS Alpine committees.

2025 activities have included further work on the updated race officials training and pathway; managing and review of the 2025 artificial and home snow races; updating course setter lists; and setting/reviewing criteria for the selection of the SSS Alpine Team by the Selection Committee.

**Dryslope Event Safety – Cut Resistant Clothing**

Following a serious injury sustained (deep lacerations requiring surgery) during the recent Scottish Outdoor Championships on the weekend of 30/31 August, SSS, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, is reviewing measures which may be taken to enhance athlete safety.

This includes consulting at TD Forum to ask if the GB Home Nations should reconsider the level of competition at which cut-resistant underclothing becomes mandatory or at the very least, recommended. Noting that other countries have already implemented mandatory requirements for cut resistant clothing, and should GB mandate in advance of any formal FIS mandate.

This injury at the Scottish Outdoor Championships has had profound impact on the Scottish race community, with numerous athletes now fully kitted in cut resistant clothing.

Ross Gardiner & Callum Henderson

**SSS Alpine Committee**

GB Alpine Championships 2025

The 2025 GB Alpine Championships was a great success running a full complement of the scheduled programme. This was testament to everyone involved (as well as some fortuitous weather).

Due to the efficiency of the races, the event ran 2x days within our original schedule (therefore saving €8k in race fees. Omar (the head of Technic Ski) and his team did an excellent job in terms of piste preparation; and ran the races with exceptional professionalism.

The lift company was also more than accommodating, with the OC lift at 0630 in the morning during the warmer or busier days (and athletes following at 0700). This was a huge help & much appreciated by the Organising Committee.

Attendance by the CEO / Chair of the Alpine committee. This added so much to the event. The overall feedback on this aspect has been brilliant; “we felt like alpine was important” “was good to meet Juliet” “great that Vicky was here”.

Having Billy Major and Laurie Taylor in attendance was also ‘spot on’ and we need to continue to have our very best athletes and coaches at the GB Alpine Champs. The International coaches were all a bit shocked at how good our athletes were, and it was a true “British” Championships in this way, and hope this can continue.

We are grateful to Vicky for backing the decision / direction last summer to run the Championships in the new format knowing that it was a big risk both in its success and finances

General feedback from coaches/athletes/parents was that they were impressed with the race/event organisation and were talking positively about the event.

2026 Champs

Going forward, Santa Caterina is keen to run it in 2026 but would like a longer-term contract for 2 – 3 years.

Having been a success championship, we feel that we now have a good product to go to organisations / clubs to seek sponsorship, eg Ski Club of GB, Ladies Ski Club and many others.

Andrea Grant

**Nov 25 TD Update Telemark Report**

**GB Telemark**

Firstly, congratulations to Huan Davies being appointed as the new GD Telemark Chairman having taken over the position from Adrian Pery this year. Huan has had a long and distinguished association with GB Telemark, from racing on the WC circuit to be Chairman Telemark at UKAFWSA, and will bring a lot of passion to the role.

Unfortunately, we remain unable to deliver a British Telemark Championship for 2026. Several options are being considered; however, funding is going to be the key issue, and a sponsor will be needed to financially support the event to make it viable.

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 again in 2025/26 season.

**UKAFWSA Telemark**

Andy Calame takes over as Chairman UKAF Telemark this season. The first time that the RAF have held the position.

Army Telemark continues to face some considerable funding constraints, as a Cat 2 Sport, this is also impacting on the numbers of competitors currently attending due to the high personal contribution compared to Alpine events. Exercise Telemark Titan will again take place at PLV for 2026.

The RN Telemark Championship for 2026 will take place at RNSF once again back at Tigne, whilst this will be a familiar return to the resort for RN Alpine this will be the first time telemark races have been delivered there.

The RAF continue to build their telemark portfolio at Saalbach Hinterglen with tuition and a non-seeded race provided as part of this season's activity.
A full telemark race programme is scheduled for ISSSC in 2026 with all three Services aiming to continue the success of the female competition over the last two events.

**Telemark Officials Training Pathway**

All sS are continuing to grow their race officials, however, there remains a lack of depth at CoR with few potential candidates to develop into these key roles. Jonathan Young (RAF) has been identified as a candidate for future TD pathway development and will continue to progress his race officials training at the Ex TT and ISSSC in 2026.

FIS Telemark TD – both Triggs and Jamie commenced their FIS TD Pathway to gain FIS Telemark TD accreditation during the 2025 season. Triggs passing both practical assessments and written exam. Jamie passed one practical assessment and written exam, he intend to complete his second practical assessment at the start of the 2025/26 season.

**Seeding**

No change

**Rules**

FIS have updated Telemark ICR's for 2025/26 season with the main changes regarding how the Telemark Technique is judged during racing with the aim of reducing the number of judges required and improving fair and consistent judging across events. There are no changes required to GB Telemark rules. ISSSC Telemark rules are being amended to incorporate the women's competition fully into the rules.

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**GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum**
**Timing and Calculations Sub-Committee**
**Report to Forum Meeting November 2025**

David Manns
TDF T&C SC
23rd October 2025

# BARTS Seeding

## Seed Lists

The penultimate BARTS seed list (2025.8) will be published on November 5th, with the End-Of-Season list due on 10th December.

Due to changes in the categories of Snowsport England membership, list 2025.7 was delayed for a week while clarification was obtained regarding which categories of SE member were to be included in the seeding system. The required report to include the new categories was also built at this time.

## 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, under the dispensation granted by the Forum.

# BASS seeding

## Seed Lists

Proposed publication dates for seed lists in the 2025-26 season are listed below. These are spaced about 3-4 weeks apart, adjusted as usual to try and 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.

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| 0 | Wed 26 Nov 2025 |
| 1 | Wed 10 Dec 2025 |
| 2 | Wed 31 Dec 2025 |
| 3 | Wed 14 Jan 2026 |
| 4 | Wed 4 Feb 2026 |
| 5 | Wed 25 Feb 2026 |
| 6 | Wed 18 Mar 2026 |
| 7 | Wed 22 Apr 2026 |
| 8 | Wed 13 May 2026 * |

# GBSKI

## Development and Resilience

A working group of IT specialists has been established to review the implementation and operation of GBSKI, looking at system resilience, hosting options and sharing of workload. No substantive progress since the first meeting, but this will be the focus of attention over the next 12 months.

## Competitor registrations

Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Wales use the same system to manage membership (JustGo). Snowsport England use Sport:80. Excel files listing all current, valid competitors are available to download as required in order to update the GBSKI database.

Work has started on using the API provided by Sport:80 to automate the download of registration lists for SE athletes, as well as the ability to validate the details of athletes who appear in race results before they are known to GBSKI.

For Scotland and Wales, the ability for their admin staff to ‘post’ registration lists to GBSKI without requiring any further manual intervention has been partly developed. Further testing is required before it can be made available to HN staff.