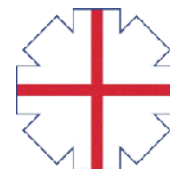# SNOWSPORT ENGLAND
Race Organisation Technical Panel

Alpine Racing Bulletin 2009

Welcome to the Alpine Racing Bulletin for 2009. Aimed at racers, parents, coaches and officials, the bulletin is designed to draw your attention to key issues for the forth-coming season, with links to the places where you can find more information.

Information for Racers

Grand Prix Series
Unfortunately due to the downturn in the holiday market, Inghams have had to withdraw their sponsorship for this year. Things may change next year, but in the meantime the GP series continues. For sponsorship opportunities for the Grand Prix Series (including 'title sponsor'), please contact Tim Fawke (tim@snowsportengland.org.uk).

With the number of races increasing this year to seven instead of the usual five, the rules for the Series points are changing to take this into account. This year you can do as few or as many of the Grand Prix races as you wish, but if you have results in more than five then only the best five will count.

Club National Series
Following on from the success of this competition in 2008, the Club National Series will take place again this year (although without prize money unfortunately), and thanks go to Pete Calvert once again for volunteering to collate the results. If you can find someone to sponsor this competition, please contact Tim Fawke.

On Line Race Entry
The online race entry system continues to operate for Club Nationals, the Grand Prix series and the All England Championships at https://www.freestyleweb.co.uk/compentry/index.asp. We would strongly recommend that all entries be submitted via the online system.

Second Run for DNF/DSQ Competitors
Competitors are reminded that participation in a second run after being DNF/DSQ in the first run is a privilege not a right, and the Jury reserves the right to withdraw this opportunity. Although competitors take part in this run *hors concours* as it does not form part of the official results, racers and officials alike should treat it properly as if it is part of the race. Start order for these competitors will be the same as for the first run, and any competitor in this group who is not ready to start when called will not be granted their second run.

Information for Race Organisers

Race Packs and Race Forms
Continuing the trend set last year, Race Secretaries should download race forms from gbski.com to print out and/or photocopy for their event. A CD copy of all the forms and other documentation is available on request from Alan West (alan.west@dataflair.co.uk). The latest version of all forms and rules will always be available on gbski.com.

Race Bulletins
Example 'standardised' race bulletins are now available for download from gbski.com, ready to be customised for your particular race. Using these standard bulletins will help ensure that we are all including the same information for racers and nothing gets left out by mistake

Masters Categories
Awards for Masters categories in 2009 will only be made for 1st place in each gender.

Vola Ski and SkiPro Software
Version 2 of the SkiPro program continues to be updated, and should cope with all 2- and 3-run races in all disciplines we cover. No software or hardware key needs to be purchased, except

where direct connection to non-TAG Heuer timing systems is needed. Download software from vola.fr or gbski.com.

SkiPro v2 or v1 (or if necessary the original Ski software) can be used for seeded events, and event files in either format can be sent for BARTS seeding. Care should however be taken when using the older program that the correct F factors are used, as the software is no longer being updated each season. Also note that if you are moving from SkiPro v1 to v2, this updates the format of your race files so they will no longer be usable in v1.

Officials Training Courses

Level One : these are held 'on demand' subject to tutor availability. The level one course is aimed at providing an introduction to officiating at races, and is also popular with coaches, racers and parents who need to know a bit more about how races are run.

Level Two : an annual course held each autumn. The course this year is provisionally planned for November 7th and 8th in Chepstow (Gwent); full information will be published as soon as the dates and venue are confirmed.

Race Secretary : the first of what is intended to be an annual course specifically for Race Secretaries was held on March 7th. The next course will be arranged once there is sufficient demand.

Calculations : a course for "Calcs" is in the early stages of planning, more details will follow in due course.

If you, your club or region would like to take advantage of any of these courses, or have any ideas or suggestions about courses or other training, please contact Alan West or any member of ROTP.

SSE Equipment

Snowsport England has various equipment for use at races, including two Alge timing units for back up timing and a set of radios. The backup timing units must be used for Grand Prix and All England events, and all equipment is also available for hire for Club National and other club events. The 'Equipment Handover' form on gbski.com lists the available equipment, please contact Piet Van Kempen (vankempen@tesco.net) for more information on hiring kit for your event.

For any equipment used at your event, the appropriate forms *must* be signed as part of the handover, and Piet must be contacted as soon as possible after the event to let him know where each item of kit has gone. Failure to do either of these may result in you (as the last recorded 'holder') being liable for replacing any item that goes missing.

Course Setters

For all SSE events on this year's calendar, course setters are being co-ordinated by Hedley Beavis. For Grand Prix and Championship races, Hedley will be assigning the course setters. For Club Nationals, the organisers should contact Hedley (hedleybeavis@hotmail.com) to confirm their proposed course setter. This is to ensure that we maintain the appropriate standard of course setting for all events, and also provide the necessary opportunities for developing more course setters. You should also continue to make your TD aware of proposed course setter(s).