



ALPING RACING BULLETIN – February 2014

Helmet Rules

For FIS level events throughout the 2013/14 season the helmet regulations that will apply are as for 2012/13. There is therefore no rush at FIS level to acquire the new helmets (labelled EN 1077 Class A) for DH/SG and GS. The same dispensation will be allowed for BASS and Artificial slope races for the 2013/14 Winter Season and the 2014 Summer Season.

Some key points to note:

- Helmets are compulsory for all British and FIS Alpine calendar events and in all disciplines.
- Conformity to the rules may be checked at any event, and the lack of an approved helmet is grounds for refusal to allow a competitor to race.
- Spoilers, visors or protruding edges are not permitted. Add-on items such as camera mounts stuck onto the surface of the helmet are not permitted.
- Hard shell must cover head and ears, except for slalom, in which soft protection over the ears is allowed.
- Helmets must be labelled as meeting appropriate standards (EN 1077, CEE 1077, US 2040, or other standards as defined in FIS Equipment rules) and marked as intended for Alpine skiing (i.e. not Snowboard or any other event/sport).

BASS Ski Regulations

Following the introduction by FIS of revised ski regulations for GS, SG and DH skis for the 2013/14 season, it has been agreed, due to potential problems with availability of skis meeting the new regulation, that skis conforming to the 2012/13 and 2013/14 Rules can be used at BASS races during the 2013/14 Season.

BASS Race Structure 2014 – Snow

- U16, 2 runs both to count in SL & GS for all BASS races.
- U14, as is, 2 separate seeded runs, with both to count for overall in SL & GS.
- U16 and U14 to run on separate courses where possible and will be seeded separately. (Where U16 and U14 race on the same course, then they will be seeded separately due to the difference in minimum penalty that applies to U16 and U14 age categories)
- U12 & U10 Non-seeded and Stubbies for SL

Snowsport England will run a combi for U12/10 at the English Championships in Bormio, February 2014 following the success of the event at the 2013 Championships.

U10/U12 Races - Catsuits

It was decided at the TD Forum in November 2013 that catsuits should not be worn as an outer layer by U10/U12 athletes, i.e. no change from the rules in previous years.

Artificial Race Format Changes 2014

Following the survey of the race community carried out during summer 2013 and subsequent consultation, the following formats and changes will apply during the 2014 artificial race season.

- It is proposed to offer Excel introductory races in the following format:
 - 3 runs down the same course
 - 40 BARTS seedpoint cut-off (i.e. racers with points less than 40 will not be eligible for entry)
 - 40 seedpoint minimum penalty
 - Maximum entry of 75 racers (25 females and 50 males)
 - 1 Excel race per SSE Region
- Club National formats to remain unchanged for both indoor and outdoor races.
- U10/U12 races should be included at all artificial seeded events.
- A seedpoint cut-off of 300 points will apply to all GBR Series events and the Anglo Welsh Indoor Championships.
- A seedpoint cut-off of 250 will apply to the British Indoor Championships.
- All Championships, both outdoor and indoor, will be held in the late summer/early autumn period.
- Separate BARTS seed lists will apply for Indoor and Outdoor events from the start of the 2014 artificial season.
- The British Indoor Grand Prix Series will be integrated into the race calendar for 2014 and athletes holding BISS seedpoints will be incorporated into the BARTS Indoor list for the start of the 2014 season. BARTS indoor seedpoints will apply to all seeded indoor races.

Cost of Artificial Race Entry

The following race entry costs have been agreed for the 2014 season:

- Maximum of £20 for Outdoor races
- Maximum of £26 for Indoor races
- GBR Races will be at £20 and £26

This increase is due to further increases in the costs of slope hire.

For team races at artificial events, the following entry fees will apply:

- Inter Club Outdoor - £44 per team
- Inter-Regional Outdoor - £105 per team
- Team Event Indoor - £104 per team

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