

BRITISH TECHNICAL DELEGATE FORUM

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction

Welcome to the report on the recent Technical Delegate (TD) Forum held at Bentley, Sussex on the 10 Nov 02. This report highlights items that were discussed at the meeting, which the Chairman considers relevant to a wider audience. For further clarification on all matters debated at the Forum please consult your Member Group Representative (MGR).

Equipment Measuring and Testing

There is only one facility for testing the radius of skis, which is based in Innsbruck. WC and EC racers must have skis marked with radius; however, there may be spot checks at any FIS event. It is not in the remit of the TD to check all equipment. He is to advise racers to adhere to the rules and check equipment when necessary.

Single Pole Slalom

While training frequently takes place with single poles, both gates are required in competition, particularly at FIS level. If a non FIS race organiser wishes to set only a turning gate, because of a lack of equipment, they must clear it with their national governing body. This practice will not be allowed in races, which are to be seeded for BASS.

Seeding more than 2 Disciplines per event

If, as a result of force majeure, a third race of the same discipline is to take place, it must be moved to a new resort for it to be considered for seeding.

Ch/Jnr/Sen Seed Point Races

There have been various attempts over the preceding season to control the subject of combining CH/Jnr/Sen Seed Points, but a satisfactory solution has not been achieved. Under a new proposal by the Forum, some of last year's races would not have counted for seeding. Therefore, the National Seeder will investigate further options, but the status quo will be maintained for now.

However, for the 03/04 season the categories will be seeded separately.

Members with Portfolio Reports

Reports were received from the following members:

- BARSC
- CSWA
- ESC
- SCOW
- SnSc
- BSSF (Snowsport GB)
- British FIS Commissioner
- National Seeder

FIS Matters

- **Timing teams are required to present timing equipment homologation**
- **Timing reports are reduced to one per competition**
- **3 Downhill training days must remain in the programme**
- **Breakaway gate flags are required at all competitions**
- **Inspection times will be published at the start**
- **Junior competitions – if seniors compete then FIS must be informed that the race is open**
- **Side numbers must be present FIS wide by 05/06 season**
- **Break-away flags will be used at all FIS events**

Candidate TD

Ewen Mclean was successfully acknowledged as a Candidate TD.

Speed events experience

Aggi Hunt, on behalf of the Army, extended an offer to all race organisers and racers for anyone wishing to gain experience in speed events to attend their championships.

TD Performance Feedback

If any race organiser wishes to make any comment on the functioning of their nominated TD, then they are invited to contact Martin Leach, through their MGR, who will send you a 'Feedback' form.

Standard of Racer at British Artificial Championships

Concern was raised about the standard of racer entering the British Artificial Championships. Therefore, for future events there will be a seed point cut-off <250, with effect from 02/03 and reviewed annually.

British Calendar

- **ESC Championships may become FIS**
- **British Services Championships venue change to Salbach-Hinterglemm, not Megeve**
- **Kandahar Martini will not take place**
- **British Seniors – 25th Anniversary
16 – 21 March 03 – Tignes**
- **British Junior/Children
06 – 11 April 03 – Pitztal**
- **British Artificial
13/14 September 03 - Llandudno**

British Competition Rules (BCR)

There will be an amendment to the BCR published in December to reflect the above changes and other points to note are:

- **No change in position on Children's Super G course specifications**
- **FIS equipment rules will be adopted with respect to ski length, radius and height of binding with regard to snow racing. However, as there is no specific guidance from FIS for artificial slope racing, the FIS rules are recommended, but with no set minimum length of ski. Further research and advice will be sought by members of the Forum.**
- **Breakaway flags are to be used at all events.**
- **Appeals Procedure for Snowsport GB / BSSF.**