

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE BRITISH TD FORUM

22 May 2004

Welcome to the Chairman's Report of the GBR TD Forum May 04. The TD Forum was held on Sunday 22 May 2004 at Fairmilehead Church, Edinburgh and those present were; 1 FIS TD, 8 GBR TDs, CSWSA, BARSC, SNOWSPORT England, SNOWSPORT Scotland and SNOWSPORT CYMRU/WALES Member groups were also represented, BASS Seeder, Chief of Championships for GBR & BARSC Championships and 3 representatives from SNOWSPORT GB. Below is a summary of the GBR TD Forum minutes for your retention and general distribution:-

1. FIS Equipment

The Chairman reminded the meeting that equipment changes would only occur every 4 years after the Winter Olympics and that Homologated Flags are mandatory and stated that some reports had come in with no detail. Details are to be included even if the manufacturer's details do not include FIS Homologation reference.

2. Children's FIS Races

No relevant change in this position. A letter was written as requested and although National feedback had been supportive the clubs in France are still making their own decisions. 2 racers had in fact been given permission to race in the British Championships this season.

3. Forerunners

The Chairman reported on a communication received from parents complaining about appointment of a Child to forerun at British Seniors, Meribel. The Chief of Championships stated that it was an oversight on the Organisers behalf as the resort had been asked to provide the forerunners and this particular child was associated with the resort. Rule 607 should be referred to along with Nov 03 Minutes, any deviation from this must take into account, problems which could be incurred via a risk assessment and should only be in exceptional circumstances. Forerunning should not allow advantage to be gained for races occurring in the following week.

4. Children's Start Order

The BSSF Performance Director stated that the experiment in essence had been a success and the only real problem experienced was that of "catch-up". The GBR FIS Commissioner had circulated a letter raising his concerns over safety particularly highlighting this area. The BARSC representative read a statement from asking the forum to consider an alteration to the structure. This was considered and discussed.

Taking into account the safety aspect involved in a "catch-up" situation and the onus being put on the Start Referee the following amendments have been made: -

- Start List will be based on seed points and the athletes will be drawn in groups of 15 – 30.
- Children 1 Girls, Children 1 Boys, Children 2 Girls, Children 2 Boys.
- Each run will be considered a separate race.
- 2nd Race will reverse the bib order within each Grouping.
- The Jury will make the decision on the size of the groups and this decision will be based on the graduating nature of the athlete's seed points and the number of athletes with no seed points. **(NOTE for 50 athletes in Children 1 Girls, there could be 3 groupings)**
- Super G will be included in this format. (Although will not have 2nd Race)

It is the intention that this structure be adopted for the season 2004/05 across all British Seed Pointed Events, for Children. This will need to be ratified by the Board. **(NOTE that in club events the Juniors and Children will be racing separately as 4.3 May 03 Minutes)**

5. Seeding and Registration (Report tabled)

The National Seeder stated he had not received some results, specifically, British Championship results and TD reports. Additionally, he had noted that 15 athletes who are FIS registered are not in fact BASS registered and should not have been issued with licences. Six are Team Members who only have to fill a form in, no payment required. He questioned the new criteria for a FIS licence for ChII – JnrI, it had been made more stringent, and indicated that the experiment at BARSC and British would have an adverse effect on their seed points. He would have recommended slackening the criteria for this season. With the experiment being adapted and taken across all events, the forum recommends that the National Seeder be consulted before 2005/06 criteria are published.

6. FIS Entries

The GBR FIS Commissioner indicated that there had been numerous problems over the 2003/04 season with Entries for Competitions at British Events.

It was suggested that best practice was identified and carried out at all British Run FIS Events.

Chief Of Championships should refer to Race Organisation Manual and instruct Chief Of Race and Race Secretary as appropriate.

It was agreed that the November TD Forum Update would be more British Race Orientated and it was suggested that a seminar on Race Secretarial Duties would be on the agenda.

More Coaches are also to be encouraged to attend November TD Forum Update.

7. Candidate TDs

Richard Ellis Accepted as British TD

Mark Berry Accepted as British TD

Lucy Pyle Nominated as Fast Track TD by ESC.

Following recognition as ESC TD during artificial season Lucy will sit her TD exam in Nov.

Paul Trayner Nominated as Aspirant TD by SNSC.

Maree Rudd to ask Agi Hunt to be

8. Insurance and Indemnity

Paper submitted by R Hutchison. Snowsport GB was asked to check their Insurance cover for Race Organisers and TDs, Including legal costs. Member Groups to check their insurance as above. Subject will be discussed further in Nov.

10. The following TD Assignments were ratified: -

25th/26th Sept British Artificial Champs - Richard Ellis
(Format 2 Run Slalom, 2 GS Races and 1 Parallel)

16th/17th Oct British Indoor Champs - Richard Berry

TDs to be allocated for the British School Girls and British School Boys Races, on 31st Jan and 1st Feb - Ewen MacLean to be asked to attend.

DHO are likely to be running event on 27th or 29th Dec - Martin Leach to be asked to attend.

The Chairman stated that in order to receive a TD allocation races must be listed on Snowsport GB Calendar. He expressed disappointment that the Calendar currently on the website was dated Nov 03. Request that Calendar be updated monthly.

11. BCR Update

Indoor Championships Rules to be inserted into BCR at Part 2 Section. A change to the GBR TD Report was also agreed, which now includes the Race Organiser's contact details – available on the Britski Website.

12. AOCB

An incident was reported where a racer had been disqualified and the Gatejudge had no written diagram, no description and no recall. This is not acceptable practice. If there is any doubt then the racer is to have the benefit and all Race Organisers to ensure adequate training for their Gatejudges or ensure they are more than competent.

13. Dates Of Next Meeting

13 th /14 th November	Cambridge
14 th May	TBC