

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF THE BRITISH TD FORUM

21 May 2005

Welcome to the Chairman's Report of the GBR TD Forum May 05. The TD Forum was held on Saturday 21 May 2005 at Newport Velodrome.

Those present were; 2 FIS TDs, 3 GBR TDs, 1 Candidate GBR TD; BARSC, SNOWSPORT England, SNOWSPORT Scotland and SNOWSPORT CYMRU/WALES Member groups were also represented. In attendance were the BArtSS Seeder, Chief of Championships for GBR & BARSC Championships and a representative from SNOWSPORT GB Children Team.

Below is a summary of the GBR TD Forum minutes for your retention and general distribution:-

### **1. Matters arising from last meeting (Nov 04)**

The invitation for the British Team to attend the CSWSA Championships remained extant. The action relating to insurance economies of scale. Member Groups had obtained insurance which covered all officials, both ROC and volunteers and the item was considered closed.

The action relating to the rotation of the British Indoor Championships remained outstanding.

The action relating to the provision of a website link remained outstanding.

### **2. Reports from Delegates**

Reports were received from the following delegates:

BARSC

Snowsport England

Snowsport Scotland

Seniors Championships

Junior / Children Championships

BASS Seeder

### **3. Minis Racing**

As requested by the Alpine Executive it was confirmed that the guidelines for racing Minis was included in the BCR with reference to race disciplines, age limits and vertical drop. However it was not considered possible to regulate for gradient but the need to avoid severe slopes was noted.

Whilst a suitably experienced and/or qualified person should be appointed to oversee a Minis race, it was not considered vital to appoint a TD. However, each Nov TD Forum was to take into account the composition of an ROC and appoint a TD if necessary.

### **4. Ghost Licences**

Holders of a current FIS 'ghost' licence are entitled to enter British-organised FIS races even if though they are not listed on the published FIS Points List. Their details, with FIS Code number, will be held on the FIS database with a status of "Not active".

### **5. Floodlit Competitions**

Floodlit competitions, especially those transitioning from daylight to floodlights due to the time of year/location, were acceptable. However, an announcement of the intention must be made at the Team Managers' meeting for the race.

**6. Entries**

There had been several instances of confusion over the receipt of British entries to British-run FIS races. Whilst ideally all entries should be made via the Snowsport GB office, this was not considered to be entirely feasible. (**Note following ‘Recommendation Only’ to be agreed and verified by Snowsport GB**) It was recommended that the Snowsport GB office should delegate in writing to the relevant Race Sec the authority to receive entries for a race. The Race Sec should be instructed to send a copy of all entries to Snowsport GB ahead of the race so that appropriate checks for status could be made. Equally, coaches (or other persons) whom Snowsport GB considered appropriate to make entries should be authorised to do so by Snowsport GB in writing. Accordingly, Snowsport GB was requested to review the method of registering entries for competitions – see ICR Article 215.1 for FIS guidance.

**7. Children SG Skis**

FIS guidance was ambivalent on how to overcome the mismatch between ski regulations and availability of skis. British FIS Commissioner was to write to the FIS Office to address the issue.

**8. Seeding**

More work was required on the outline proposal to realign Children BASS seed points. BASS Seeder was to develop the proposal further with example outcomes. Further report to be submitted to the Chair by 1 Oct 05 for publication and discussion at the Nov 05 Forum.

The British Artificial Seeding System (BArtSS) Seeder was to submit a report to each Forum as a standing item. The proposed BArtSS header was endorsed

**9. FIS Matters**

The manipulation of race results in the past would now result in additional scrutiny of results packs

F Factors would remain the same for 05/06

**10. GBR TD Matters**

Roderick Hutchison had retired as a GBR TD with effect from May 05. The Forum has acknowledged his retirement with regret.

Following the Nov 04 decision to adopt a common standard and development process for all GBR TDs in Britain, a revised GBR TD Development structure had been developed. The draft structure was endorsed subject to minor additional refinements.

Development up to Aspirant GBR TD level would remain the responsibility of HNGBs and MGs who were to notify the TD Forum and forward a CV once an individual had developed the experience and potential to progress to GBR TD. The Chair would amend his GBR TD database to include Aspirant GBR TDs.

There was a need to develop a central database of key officials and their appointments/experience so that British ROCs could draw on sources outside their own MG. Such a database for Snowsport England was already in existence and Snowsport England agreed to develop the database at a British level and was asked to present an outline of the database to the Nov 05 TD Forum

Whilst some HNGB and MG maintained a database of officials, for a British database to be comprehensive, CSWSA, BARSC and Snowsport Scotland would need to start an officials’ development programme

It was recognised that there was a need to develop a GBR TD exam that encompassed both the snow and artificial slope dimensions of the sport

It was decided that HNGB/MG TDs already qualified at the date of the meeting would be transferred to British status. HNGB/MG made the proposals at Annex A, which were accepted by the Forum. Representatives were to notify the individuals concerned, invite them to attend future British TD Forum meetings, and ensure that a ski CV covering the last 5 years was submitted to the Chair for each individual.

The two current Candidate GBR TDs are to be given development and candidature assignments at the Nov 05 TD Forum.

**11. Sanctions**

Nothing to Report from British races. It was reported that, internationally, some Juries had changed an original decision on the later presentation of additional evidence. Such practice was not acceptable. The correct process was to engage in the Appeals process

**12. Results Packs**

The Chair required hard copies of all results packs for archive purposes. In addition, correct postage was to be paid for all packs to obviate additional expense by the Chair. Updated and current report formats are available from the Britski website <http://www.britski.org>

**13. Tenure of Chair**

The TD Forum chair would change at the Nov 05 Forum.

**14. ICR Update**

The terms 'turns' and 'direction changes' would be introduced vice 'gates' at all levels. The +/- 3 latitude in SL courses was to be removed at WC level and possibly later at all levels. At all levels in SL, the maximum distance between changes of direction was to be reduced to 13m. This change was driven by injuries arising from increasing speeds and ski design and reaction. To obviate the need for corrective action, it would consequently no longer be acceptable for a course setter to start work without the Jury present.

There was International concern at the quality of course setting for Children and the need for Juries actively to control setting. There should be no deviation from the minimum 140m VD.

It had become the norm at FIS races to adopt the WC norm of reversing the top 30 with an option to reverse to top 15. FIS Art 621.10.2 and 10.3 refer. This methodology would be adopted at all levels

**WARNING.** The FIS Medical Committee might recommend the wearing of helmets during all competitions and not just in Downhill or Super G

**14. BCR Update**

A recommended Contract for Resorts Schematic of essential items will be included at appropriate section of the next BCR rewrite

The work to incorporate Artificial Seeding within the BCR had exposed the desirability of a wider rewrite. The aim was to reflect in the BCR only those areas where British practice varied from FIS and to separate 'Regulations' (eg Event descriptions) from Rules. The Forum acknowledged and endorsed the work already carried out and authorised further development work for presentation at the Nov 05 Forum. Each section or sub section as appropriate should have an 'owner' who was to be responsible for undertaking reviews and proposing future amendments

Requests had been received that those DSQ/DNF in Run 1 should be allowed to go in Run 2. The Rule (ICR Art 627.7) is unequivocal. In addition, on snow, security and the condition of the snow must be taken into account. There should be no variation from the ICR. On artificial (plastic) surface, more latitude was possible but security still had to be paramount, meaning, in effect, that DSQ/DNF should only be allowed a second run if it took place before the main field

The proposed amendments to the British Artificial Championships Rules would also be considered during the BCR Rewrite

**15. Children's Start Order**

The comments arising from the meeting of coaches at Meribel were noted and accepted. It was recognised that further discussion was still required with the Alpine Executive. Following debate, it was decided that the status quo should be maintained but that the following suggestions be put to the Alpine Executive:

Slalom should remain a 2 run race

GS should comprise 2 separate runs

Draws should continue to be made according to seed order but that running order of the categories could be flexible

**13. Dates Of Next Meeting**

5-6 Nov Redford Barracks, Edinburgh

May 06. The Chair invited proposals for venue and dates

ANNEX A TO  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
MAY 05

**CONVERSION OF HNGB/MG TDs TO BRITISH STATUS**

Forename	Surname	HNGB/MG	British Status
Richard	Dawe	Snowsport England	Snow (Technical)
Alun	Evans	Snowsport Wales/Cymru	Artificial
Peter	Harris	Snowsport Wales/Cymru	Artificial*
Sian	Harris	Snowsport Wales/Cymru	Artificial*
Meryl	Hunt	Snowsport Wales/Cymru	Artificial
Brian	Hutchison	Snowsport Scotland	Snow (Technical)
Duncan	Lonie	Snowsport Scotland	Snow (Technical)
David	Manns	Snowsport England	Artificial
Derek	Metters	Snowsport England	Snow (Technical)
Dave	Parsons	Snowsport Wales/Cymru	Artificial
Helen	Parsons	Snowsport Wales/Cymru	Artificial
Alan	West	Snowsport England	Artificial
Peter	Willis	Snowsport England	Artificial

\* Already completed practical candidature. Appointment to British status subject to successful completion of Wales written examination prior to Nov 05