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1. General

1.1. ICR

The International Ski Competition Rules (ICR) provide the basic framework of rules for all Alpine ski events. However some amendments are required for British, Member Group (MG) and club competitions on artificial slopes.

These amendments are detailed in the British Artificial Competition Rules (the "BACR", of which this document is the first part) and have been approved by the BSS Alpine Technical Delegates Forum. They must be adhered to for all events on the British Artificial Calendar which are intended to count for British Artificial Seeding System (BARTS) points.

1.2. British Competition Framework

The British Artificial Competition Rules (the "BACR") comprises this document (BACR Book I) and a set of other documents that act as a compendium of rules, regulations and technical papers covering eligibility, registration, seeding, the British Calendar and other matters.

The British competition framework of which BACR forms a part also includes a corresponding set of documents (the "BCR") covering competitions on outdoor snow slopes.

1.3. Terms

For definitions and abbreviations, see Part 3.

The words he/his should be taken to include she/her/hers as appropriate.

The words "TD Forum" refer to the BSS Alpine Technical Delegates Forum.

1.4. Amendments

Proposals for amendments should be submitted to the Chairman, TD Forum. Precisions will be issued at intervals and will be identified by the date of issue.

1.5. Document Versions

All books in the BACR are re-issued annually, after each autumn meeting of the GBR Alpine TD Forum, to apply through the following season. The document version in the form "Version MMM YY" will appear at the foot of each page. A summary of the changes in each edition are listed in a table at the end of each book.

Any rule changes that have to be made during the season will be issued as separate "Precisions". The most up-to-date versions of all documents will always be available through the gbski.com web site.

2. Rules : Amendments to ICR

Unless specifically amended in this Section, throughout the ICR replace FIS with BSS and National Ski Association with MG. Where the equivalent body is not apparent, clarification should be sought from the TD Forum. Paragraph numbers apply to ICR Book IV.

- 200.3 **Participation**
All competitions listed in the British Calendar are open only to properly licensed competitors. Other limitations may be included if specified and published in the programme.
- 201.1.1 Competitions with special rules and/or limited participation or including non-members may be held under special competition rules as approved by the TD Forum. Any such rules must be published in the announcement.
- 201.3 **Classification of Competitions**
201.3.1 British
201.3.2 MG
201.3.3 Club
- 202.1.2 **British Calendar**
All MGs and their member clubs are entitled to organise competitions. Any competition, which is to be submitted for seeding, must be published in the British Calendar. All applications for inclusion in the Calendar must be submitted in accordance with BACR Book VIII. Snowsport England and the other HNGBs will determine which events are to be included in the British Calendar.
- 203 **Licences and Registration**
203.1 The BARTS registration year begins on 1st January and finishes on 31st December.
- 204.2 **Competitors' Insurance**
By submitting a race entry, each competitor assumes full responsibility for ensuring that valid and sufficient accident insurance for training and competition is in place for himself.
- 212.4 **Insurance**
All racers participating in British Calendar events must have adequate public liability insurance. All competitors are responsible for obtaining their own adequate insurance coverage. All competitors must be able to show proof of the respective insurance coverage at any time on request.
- 215.3 **Entries**
Every entry must include:
215.3.1 Registration number, name, first name, gender, year of birth and the prescribed entry fee.
- 215.5 The entry for a race by a competitor shall constitute a contract solely between the competitor and the organiser and shall be governed by the Athletes Declaration. There will be no refund of entry fees as a result of injury, illness or cancellation or any other reason unless explicitly published by the organisers.
- 216.5 **Team Captains' Meetings**
Competitors who are not members of clubs or teams have the right to nominate representatives to attend team captains' meetings. The Jury is responsible for representing the interests of those competitors who otherwise may not be represented. Team Captains' Meetings may be omitted from the programme for some competitions.
- 217.2 **Draw**
The competitors entered will only be drawn provided the entries on official entry forms and the required fee have been received by the organiser by the closing date specified for the competition. The organisers may defer the draw to a date nearer the race date, in which case late entries received before that revised date will also be included in the draw. Entries accepted after the draw

- shall be added to the top of the start list in the order the entries were received.
- 217.3 There is no requirement that competitors be represented at a Team Captains' or other meeting to be included in the draw.
- 221.1 **Health and Fitness**
Each athlete or his guardian is responsible for the competitor's health and fitness for the competition he enters.
- 221.6 **Medical Services required from Event Organisers**
- 221.6.1 Risk assessment form
- The Organising Committee for each competition must fill in the assessment form prior to the commencement of Training at a Competition, the first Team Captain's meeting, or the start of race day, whichever is the earlier.
- For the completion of all tables in this document, an example form is available to consult. This example is available to download from www.gbski.com, as are blank versions of this form.
- 222 Competition Equipment**
- 222.7 Subject to the following variations, the FIS "Specifications for Competition Ski Equipment" apply as amended by the current FIS precisions - see www.fisski.com rules section.
- 222.7.1 At all artificial ski slope competitions, competitors must wear long trousers, long sleeves and gloves during the practice session, course inspection and the race.
- 222.7.2 Ski poles with a minimum tip diameter of less than 15mm must be fitted with rubber or plastic tip protectors or otherwise altered to increase the tip diameter to at least 15mm.
- 222.7.3 Pending further research, Part B Section 1.2.1 (Geometric Features) of the FIS "Specifications for Competition Ski Equipment" does not apply at artificial ski slope competitions. Adherence to those regulations is however recommended in the interim. Section 2 Safety Bindings and Section 3 Ski Stoppers apply in full. Snow Blades are not permitted for racing. See BACR Book VI.
- 223.3 **Penalties**
- 223.3.1 Replace "CHF 100000" with "£1,000".
- 225.1 **Appeals Commission**
The TD Forum appoints an Appeals Commission consisting of three of its members. The Commission decides on problems which cannot be resolved by the Jury. The Commission also deals with protests against the decisions of the Jury.
- 225.2 The decisions of the Appeals Commission will be sent by BSS to the parties concerned, the MGs to which they belong and to the members of the Jury against whose decision a protest was lodged.
- 601.4.6.1 **Jury Duties**
Add: "Carefully checking the matting on the course and in the finish area to ensure that it is in an acceptable and safe condition and that it is properly secured with no ruptured edges".
- 602 **Technical Delegate**
For information on Technical Delegate development and all issues relating to TD assessment, licensing and training, refer to BCR Book VII.
- 602.2.2 **Assignment**
For the British Championships, the TD Forum appoints the TD. MGs may make recommendations for these appointments. For MG and club events, MGs will appoint the TD; for MG championships, a TD should be appointed from another MG where possible. Where possible, the TD Forum or MG should avoid allocating the same event to the same TD for more than two consecutive years.

- 602.2.5 The TD Forum or MG may appoint an additional TD for races within an event where the Programme does not allow the principal TD to officiate.
- 602.5 **Expense Accounts**
The TD has a right to reimbursement for previously agreed travel expenses, single accommodation and meals during the assignment. The expenses of the TD must be included in the organisational budget for the event and may be paid directly by the organisers or by the providing MG through an enhanced calendar fee.
- 603 **Duties of the Course Setter**
603.7.3 All courses must be set according to the BACR.
- 604 **Acceptance / Rights and Duties**
604.1 **Officials, Medical and Technical Personnel**
Delete from "Quotas for the right" to "in an official capacity" and substitute: - "Each club will be allowed two accredited managers or coaches in the race area. All other support members, including competitors not involved in the race being run, will be excluded.". ICR 613.1 also applies.
- 605 **Forerunners**
605.1 Append "Athletes will only be permitted to forerun in a higher age category if permitted to do so by the Jury."
- 606.2.5 **Competitors' Outfits at artificial ski slope competitions**
Competitors must wear long trousers, long sleeves and gloves throughout the practice session, course inspection and the race.
- 606.7 The wearing of competition suits (catsuits) or similar one- or multi-piece clothing by Minis is prohibited.
- 607 **Age Limits**
607.1 The competition year is May 1st – April 30th of the following year. In order to compete, a competitor must have been born within the calendar years defined annually by FIS.
607.1.1 Exceptionally, artificial slope competitions taking place in April shall be considered to be part of the new Competition Year.
607.4 Minis are those competitors in the four years under the age of Children I.
608.6 In Children's competitions, 621.3 will apply.
- 611.2.5 **Timing Equipment**
611.2.5.1 Most FIS approved timing systems are excessively complicated for use at artificial slope races. However, several ALGE and Tag Heuer systems have been used successfully and are recommended for use.
611.2.5.2 Other proprietary and home-made units have been used successfully at artificial slope races for many years. Use of such units is acceptable, while they continue to operate reliably. However, Race Organisers must obtain prior approval from the TD assigned to their event before committing to using any timing unit which has not been homologated.
611.2.5.3 Only hand timing and System A are required. These may operate in Time-of-Day or Start/Stop/Reset mode. Subject to prior approval as per 611.2.5.2, a radio link may be used for transmitting the start pulses to the timing unit. This amendment replaces any reference to radio transmission systems in ICR 611.1 and 611.2.4.
- 613.1 **Start Area**
613.1.1 For artificial slope races, skis may be carried into the start gate/start hut and attached immediately prior to starting. All ski preparation (including waxing or spraying) must be completed outside the immediate start area/start hut.
- 614.3 **Competitor Inspection**
614.3.2 Add "or correctly leashed snowblades" after "without skis".
614.1.2.2 Marking of the gates

For competitions on outdoor slopes, the position of the gate poles must be marked with an easily recognisable colouring substance which remains visible throughout the entire race.

621 **Start Order**

621.3 The starting order of all the competitors in the first run of artificial slope competitions is determined by their BARTS points.

For indoor snow events, a first group of the 15 best competitors will be drawn and run first. All remaining competitors with points will start in increasing order of their points. All competitors without points will be drawn in a separate group to run last.

For outdoor (dry slope) events, the group of competitors with no points will be drawn and start first; the remainder, up to the best 15, will run in descending point order; the best 15 will be drawn and start last.

621.3.1 In Children's competitions, 621.3 above will apply. Minis do not have seed points, and will be drawn and start as a separate group.

621.3.2 Special regulations may apply to individual events.

621.6 **Draw**

The draw may take place at any time after the closing date for entries but before race day. The Start List must be published either as part of the Acceptance Bulletin or before course inspection. All entries received and accepted by the time of the draw shall be included in the draw. Entries accepted after the draw shall be added to the top of the start list in the order the entries were received.

621.11.1 For indoor snow events, in competitions with two runs the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run except for the first 30 places.

621.11.2 For those first 30 places the starting order is as follows:

- the 30th in the result list starts 1st
- the 29th in the result list starts 2nd
- etc

That is, the top 30 are reversed. If more than one competitor is ranked 30th, the competitor with the lowest start number will start first.

621.11.5 For competitions with two runs, the starting order for the second run is determined by the result list of the first run. For 'Club National' and similar three-run races, the starting order of the second run is the same as the first, and the starting order of the third and final run is determined by the result list of the first two runs.

625.2 **Award of Prizes in the Case of Terminated Competitions**

For Slalom and Giant Slalom events the 1st run has to be completed. i.e. all competitors on the start list must have had the chance to start. If this is not possible, the race is invalid. If the 2nd run is not completed then the results of the 1st run become the race results.

644.4 **Protest Fee**

£25 or the equivalent in another valid currency must be deposited with the submittal of the protest. This deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. Otherwise it goes to the account of the organiser.

645 **Authorization**

The following are authorized to submit protests: -

- MGs,
- trainers,
- team captains,
- all competitors not otherwise represented.

646.2 **Settlement of Protests by the Jury**

- Add "Video evidence which is to be offered in support of any protest against disqualification must be submitted to the Jury in the required format immediately after the lodging of the protest. It is the responsibility of the person protesting to provide this facility".
- 646.2.1 Whenever possible when attending a Jury meeting, minors should be accompanied by an adult to represent their interests.
- 647 **Right of Appeal**
- 647.1.2 Replace with "Appeals must be submitted in writing to BSS or MG office as appropriate, accompanied by a £50 deposit."
- 647.1.3.1 Add: "Any additional supporting evidence must be sent to the BSS or MG office as appropriate within 14 days after the announcement of the Jury decision."
- 647.1.4 Replace with "The decisions against the appeals are taken by the Appeals Panel convened by BSS TD Forum or corresponding group designated by the MG as appropriate."
- 650.1 **Homologation**
All British calendar competitions may only be run on courses which are homologated by BSS or HNGB in accordance with the criteria defined in BACR Book VIII.
- 801 **Slalom Technical Data**
- 801.1 **Vertical Drop**
The vertical drop of the course will be determined by the choice of ski slope.
- 801.2 **Gates**
- 801.2.4 The number of gates will be determined by the length of the course and the characteristics of the slope.
- 801.2.5 **Artificial Slopes**
Artificial slopes used for competitions must conform to the specifications as defined in the "Technical Specification for Artificial Slopes".
- 803.2 **Number of Gate Combinations**
A Slalom must contain horizontal (open) and vertical (closed) gates as well as a minimum of one and a maximum of three vertical combinations consisting of three to four gates. It may also contain a maximum of three delay gates.
- 803.2.1 **Gate Combinations for Children**
Maximum 2 hairpin combinations and maximum 2 vertical combinations consisting of 3 - 4 gates.
- 803.5 **Checking the slalom course**
For competitions on outdoor slopes, replace "If necessary the position of the poles is marked" with "The position of the poles is marked".
- 804.1 **Single-Pole Slalom**
Slalom courses on artificial slopes may at the discretion of the Jury be set with 'single pole gates' in accordance with the current ICR and any relevant Precisions.

Single-pole courses may only be set with the prior agreement of the Jury. All runs in one event, or in events held at the same location over successive days for the same age categories, must use the same 'type' of course (single- or double-pole).

Where an event is to use single-pole courses, this fact must be published in the race invitation and/or bulletin, and if possible also shown on the Calendar. Appropriate measures should also be taken to brief officials, coaches and racers prior to the start of the race on how single-pole courses work.
- 805 **The Start**
- 805.3.1 **Start Signal**

Replace the first sentence with "A competitor must be ready to enter the start gate as soon as the competitor before him/her has started".

- 901 **Giant Slalom Technical Data**
- 901.1 **Vertical Drop**
The vertical drop of the course will be determined by the choice of ski slope.
- 1220 **Parallel Slalom and Parallel Slalom Relays**
- 1221 **General**
- 1221.1 A parallel slalom will consist of two competitors starting simultaneously and racing each other on two identical courses set side by side.
- 1221.2 A parallel slalom relay will consist of two teams racing each other in parallel slalom format. The second and subsequent team members start when the preceding competitor of the team has crossed the finish line.
- 1221.3 The number of members in a team, and any gender or age group requirements, must be announced by the Organisers.
- 1221.4 The membership of the team and the order in which team members run must be determined before the competition and must remain the same throughout. Substitution and change of the racing order may only be made in the case of force majeure and with the prior permission of the Jury.
- 1222 **The Course**
- 1222.1 The course will normally be marked by single slalom poles, red for one course and blue for the other.
- 1222.2 Self redressing 'flex' poles must be used.
- 1222.3 There should normally be an electronic signal triggered by a competitor crossing the finish line which is the signal relayed to the start for the second and subsequent competitor to start.
- 1222.4 Where an electronic signal is not provided or where the signal fails, a flag signal may be used provided that there is clear visibility from top to bottom.
- 1222.5 The course setter should aim not to give long straight runs, but should vary the radius of the curves to provide a flowing course with rhythm changes for the competitor.
- 1222.6 As far as possible, the two courses should be spaced identically throughout their length, making allowances for variations in gradients between the two courses.
- 1222.7 The two courses should be spaced as far apart as possible and shall be a minimum of 4.5 metres apart. The Jury must be satisfied that the spacing makes the event as safe as possible. Adequate clearance must be maintained from both sides of the slope.
- 1222.8 The last gates must direct the competitors to the centre of their respective finish lines.
- 1223 **The Jury**
- 1223.1 The Jury in a parallel slalom or parallel slalom relay is:-
- TD (one vote, plus casting vote if necessary)
- Referee (one vote)
- Assistant Referee (one vote)
- Chief of Race (one vote)
The Assistant Referee will be nominated and appointed by the team managers at the team managers' meeting for the event.
- 1223.2 There will be two Start Referees and two Finish Referees, all of whom must be experienced race officials.
- 1223.3 A starter will be appointed who will be in discrete communication with the Referee, who will normally be in the timing hut.
- 1223.4 The Assistant Referee is normally responsible for communicating Gate Judges' disqualifications to the Referee. Alternatively, the Chief of Race may decide

- that the Start Referees will communicate Gate Judges' disqualifications to the Referee via the Chief of Race.
- 1223.5 The Referee is responsible for declaring the actual winner of each race taking into account the relevant information.
- 1223.6 The Jury may only permit substitution to named teams in the case of "force majeure".
- 1224 **Start Order**
- 1224.1 Parallel slaloms will normally place in the form of a knockout. Individuals should be seeded according to their current seed points. Teams should be seeded according to the aggregate seed points of team members, using the current seed list, or by some other method as determined by the Jury.
- 1224.2 If the number of individuals or teams is greater than 16, preliminary elimination rounds should be held until the number of individuals or teams left in the competition is reduced to 16.
- 1224.3 Individuals and teams involved in the preliminary elimination rounds will be those with the greatest aggregate seed points (those seeded worst). In the first round proper of the competition, the winners of the preliminary elimination rounds will compete against the best seeded individuals or teams.
- 1224.4 Individuals and teams having a bye shall be permitted one training run on only one of the courses before the beginning of the race.
- 1224.5 If there are fewer than 16 individuals or teams entered, the principle outlined in Art 1224.2 will apply. Preliminary elimination rounds should be run until the number of individuals or teams is 8.
- 1224.6 In determining the order in which individuals and teams compete, the Jury will attempt to ensure that the best seeded individuals or teams are placed in opposite halves of the draw.
- 1224.7 The table on page 88 of the ICR may be used as the basis for determining which individuals or teams compete in the preliminary elimination rounds and the start order.
- 1224.8 The Jury shall decide in advance which colour course shall be skied by each individual or team and shall ensure that, as far as practicable, the potential winners ski alternate courses throughout the competition.
- 1224.9 The order in which the members of each team run shall be determined at the start of the competition and shall remain the same throughout the competition.
- 1225 **The Start**
- 1225.1 Individuals or teams must be ready to start within 7 minutes of finishing their run in the previous round. An individual or team not ready within that time is liable to be sanctioned.
- 1225.2 The Chief of Race is in overall control of the start area, although another official should be appointed as starter. The Starter is the race official in communication with the referee, who is located in the timing hut.
- 1225.3 The start marshal is responsible for ensuring that competitors move quickly to the start gate as required by the Chief of Race and for checking on the time taken for individuals or teams to be ready to start.
- 1225.4 The start referees are responsible for reporting any infringement of the start regulations for all competitors on their course except the first competitor of each team.
- 1225.5 The starter is responsible for the start of each race.
- 1225.6 Prior to the competition, the chief of race must give competitors a clear briefing on the start signals to be used.

- 1225.7 Before the start of each race, the Chief of Race ensures that everyone in the start area is ready and that the timing officials are satisfied that the race can proceed.
- 1225.8 The starter will normally stand between the two competitors in a position to see the start signals.
- 1225.9 When the first two competitors are in the start gate, the starter will ask each in turn "Are you ready?" After each competitor has replied "Yes":
- 1225.9.1 If an electronic system is used, the starter will check "reset" of the system, pause for an unpredictable interval during which the competitors will remain stationary, and will then start the race by activating the start signal.
- 1225.9.2 If an electronic system is not used, the starter will pause for an unpredictable interval as above, and then start the race by saying "Go".
- 1225.10 If an electronic system is used and a competitor starts before the start signal, there will be an electronic indication of a false start.
- 1225.11 If an electronic system is not used and a competitor makes a false start (before the starter says "Go"), the chief of race will simply not say "Go".
- 1225.12 One false start by the first competitor is allowed per individual or team per round. If a second false start occurs, the individual or team must be disqualified.
- 1225.13 Once the first competitors have started correctly, it is the responsibility of the start referees to monitor the correct start procedure for all other team members.
- 1225.14 If there is an electronic link between start and finish, the signal for the second and subsequent competitors to start may either be by automatic opening of the start gates or clearly visible lights which must be situated in front of the competitors. In either case, there must be an electronic indication if a competitor starts before the preceding competitor has crossed the finish line. Audible start signals are not acceptable.
- 1225.15 If an electronic link is not available, the signal for second and subsequent competitors to start will be by a flag dropped as the preceding competitor crosses the finish line.
- 1225.16 A false start occurs if there is an electronic indication that a competitor has started before the start signal or if a start referee decides that a competitor has started before the flag has been dropped. Where flags are used, the two start referees and the two finish referees must be self-consistent and consistent with each other and should have practiced achieving this consistency.
- 1225.17 Where flags are used, the onus is on the competitors to remain sufficiently still until the flag is dropped so that the start referee is in no doubt that a correct start has been made.
- 1225.18 If a false start is made by the second or subsequent competitor, the team is disqualified. The start referee will report the false start to the Starter, who will communicate the disqualification to the Referee.
- 1225.19 Racers and teams may be sanctioned for causing excessive delay at the start.
- 1226 **During the Run**
- 1226.1 Gate judges will indicate that a gate has not been passed correctly by holding a flag prominently aloft until this is acknowledged by a finish referee or the assistant referee at the finish or, alternatively, by a start referee if the chief of race so decides. It is the responsibility of the Chief Gate Judge to make a record of these signals to assist the Jury in the event of any protest against disqualification.
- 1226.2 It is the responsibility of the chief gate judge to brief all gate judges on this procedure.

- 1226.3 If there has been an incorrect passage, competitors may climb up to make a correct passage only if they have not already crossed the finish line.
- 1226.4 The assistant referee will establish whether any corrective action taken by a competitor constitutes a correct passage and will communicate the gate judge's decision to the referee.
- 1226.5 In a knockout race, if competitors from both teams cross the finish line after having made an incorrect passage, the team that has travelled further down the course before the incorrect passage shall be deemed to be the winner of the tie.
- 1227 **Correct Passage**
- 1227.1 A correct passage is made when a competitor passes on alternate sides of the poles throughout the course. Both ski tips and both feet must pass outside each gate marker in the direction of the turn.
- 1227.2 It must be clear to the competitors which side of the first pole must be passed.
- 1227.3 Competitors must be prepared, if necessary, to ski round a pole held in place by a gate judge.
- 1227.4 If a pole has been displaced and it is not possible to replace it in time, then competitors should be prepared to ski round the place where the pole should be.
- 1227.5 Wherever possible, pole replacers should assist the Gate Judges to allow them to concentrate on their task.
- 1228 **The Finish**
- 1228.1 The Referee, who is in the timing hut, maintains contact with the chief of race and the starter. The Referee controls all the finish officials and makes all disqualifications at the finish.
- 1228.2 There are two finish referees, who are responsible for monitoring the finish and reporting any infringements of the rules to the Referee.
- 1228.3 As a back-up to the timing equipment, the finish referees are also responsible for indicating, by means of a red or blue flag, their opinion as to the winning individual or team.
- 1228.4 The Referee declares the winner of each race, taking into account any information from the Chief of Race, the indication of the timing equipment and, if necessary, the decision of the finish referees. In the case of a dead heat, there shall be a re-run.
- 1229 **Sanctions**
- 1229.1 Disqualifications may result from:
- False start.
 - Changing from one course to another
 - Disturbing or obstructing opponent, voluntarily or not
 - Incorrect passage of a gate
 - Not finishing
- 1229.2 Sanctions, possibly including disqualification, may be imposed for:
- Late arrival at the start.
 - Unsporting behaviour.
- 1229.3 Poles knocked into the opposing team's course may constitute obstructing an opponent. Racers/teams cannot protest against being obstructed by poles from their own course.
- 1229.4 The same rule on obstruction applies as in Slalom. If a competitor considers that he has been obstructed he must ski out at the point of obstruction and report to a member of the Jury at the finish.
- 1229.5 Protests against disqualification,, must be made to a member of the Jury immediately after the announcement of the disqualification..

- 1229.6 Protests may be made verbally but must be accompanied by a deposit of £25, which will only be returned if the protest is upheld. A protest will not be accepted after the start of the next race.
- 1229.7 If a protest against obstruction is not upheld, the individual or team registering the protest is deemed to have lost.
- 1229.8 Competitors and their managers are reminded that it is impossible to run relay events with the same precision as a special slalom. They should behave in a sporting manner and cooperate with officials in ensuring that the competition is run smoothly and to time.

3. Definitions

BSS - British Ski & Snowboard Ltd.

British Competition Year. The period from 1st May to 30th April of the following year. This differs from the FIS Competition Year, which is the period from 1st July to 30th June of the following year

Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS). The International Ski Federation.

Force Majeure. Unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances for which a deviation from the rules may be required.

Home Nation Governing Bodies (HNGBs). Snowsport England, Snowsport Wales, Snowsport Scotland.

Hors Concours. Literally 'outside competition'. A racer competing but not for prizes or honours.

International Ski Competition Rules (ICR). The FIS Rules for International Alpine Skiing.

International. A competition approved by the BSS Alpine Executive in which Great Britain and at least one other overseas nation takes part.

League. A group of ski organisations competing in knockout or American style to rules of their own making but with the approval of the TD Forum.

Licence. An authorisation to compete in various specified grades of competition.

Member Groups:

Snowsport England - trading name of English Ski Council Ltd (SSE)

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Registration. A listing or categorisation of licensed competitors.

Seeding. The classification of competitors into a ranking list of expected ability formulated from past results.

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4. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2007	15-Nov-2006	Approved by British TD Forum for use in 2007 season onwards.
2008	16-Jan-2008	1.5 Addition of table of names and versions of all BACR books. 201.1.1 Provision for competitions with special rules. 803.2.2 Removal of new ICR requirement on delayed gates.
Dec 08	03-Dec-2008	Minor corrections to ICR references. Removal of NISC from list of HNGBs. 222.7.1 Removal of requirement to wear bib with number visible.
Dec 09	01-Dec-2009	221.6 addition of mandatory medical services assessment. 606.7 prohibition on use of catsuits by Minis. 614.1.2.2 and 803.5 marking gates on outdoor slopes still mandatory. 621.3/11 start order for indoor snow events. 801.2.6 permitting the use of single-pole slalom courses. 803.2 etc, clarification of Slalom course content (no change in course specification, just makes it easier to read without 'interleaving' with corresponding ICR rules).

Nov 10	09-Nov-2010	<p>221.6 removed (same as ICR), 221.6.1 remains.</p> <p>603.7.3 added for clarification.</p> <p>605.1 replaced "if invited" with "if permitted".</p> <p>614.3 renumbered from 804.</p> <p>621.3 last paragraph (action if tie in last place of first group in preparing second run list) deleted (same as ICR).</p> <p>621.11.5 (indoor events as 2 single-run races seeded separately) deleted.</p> <p>621.11.5 re-numbered from previous mistyped 621.11.56.</p> <p>804.1 renumbered from 801.2.6.</p>
Nov 11	20-Nov-2011	<p>607.4 removed table of competition years in preparation for expected changes in age groups.</p> <p>680.2 deleted (same as ICR).</p> <p>803.2.1 consolidated course requirements for Children, including allowing 4-gate vertical combinations.</p>