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1. General

This document specifies the particular regulations applicable to specific events which are run as 'recognised' English races. It should be read and used in conjunction with the British Competition Rules (BCR) for snow events and the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR) for artificial events.

2. Introduction

2.1. Introduction & Acknowledgements

- 2.1.1. The English Ski Council has been organising ski competitions since 1976
- 1976 First All England Junior Artificial Ski Championships held at Rossendale, Lancashire
 - 1979 First Grand Prix Race Series, sponsored by Thomson Holidays
 - 1980 Introduction of Seeding races, sponsored by Schools Abroad
 - Computerised seed list introduced.
 - Races opened to Seniors
 - Children's (under 10) races started alongside Seeding Races
 - First ESC snow race organised in Cairngorm, sponsored by Schools Abroad
 - 1982 First ESC Alpine Race Series (2 SL & 2GS races) for Children, Juniors & Seniors held in Axamer Lizum, Austria – sponsored by Hourmont Travel
 - To satisfy increased demand for races, Mid races introduced to provide a progression from Seeding (renamed Qualifying) races to Grand Prix races – ceased after 1991.
 - 1996 First Inter-Regional Competition held.
 - First English Alpine Championships (including Super-G) replaced the Alpine Race Series
 - Qualifying races renamed Club Nationals
 - English Ski Council adopts trading name "Snowsport England"
 - 2006 Competition regulations 'elevated' to British level.
 - Alpine Race Committee (ARC) renamed Alpine Skiing Committee (ASC)
- 2.1.2. In 1982, the ESC Alpine Race Committee (ARC) prepared the first edition of this Race Manual. It gathered together the accumulated experience of the previous six years so that race organisers could refer to a standard reference work when planning races. The Manual described the philosophy, structure, organisation, operations and rules for races run under Snowsport England's jurisdiction.
- 2.1.3. Over the next 14 years the manual was revised several times, incorporating the many changes in racing over the period, culminating in the sixth edition using the now-familiar numbered paragraph format.
- 2.1.4. The seventh edition was a major revision, following consolidation of rules at the British level. Much of the previous content of this manual are now covered in the British rules (BCR and BACR). What remain in this manual are those elements relevant only to English races and race organisation.
- 2.1.5. Race officials should refer to: the International Ski Competition Rules (ICR - Book 4 Alpine), published by the International Ski Federation (FIS), for the rules applicable to all alpine ski races; the British Competition Rules (BCR) for British amendments relevant to races on snow; the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR) for the corresponding races on artificial slopes. Any SSE-specific amendments to the ICR/BCR/BACR are included in this Race Manual.

2.1.6. The Alpine Ski Committee would like to thank the various sponsors and the many parents, friends, ex-competitors, etc., who have "volunteered" as race officials. Without their dedicated and on-going support, none of these competitions would have happened. There are too many people to name individually, but particular thanks are due to the staff at the Snowsport England office and to Sport England for its financial assistance.

2.1.7. Ultimately, our thanks must go to the competitors whose enthusiasm and commitment is the basis of racing and for whom all rules and procedures are ultimately devised.

2.2. Snowsport England (English Ski Council)

2.2.1. Snowsport England (The English Ski Council, ESC) is the National Governing Body for all English skiers and for skiing in England. It is directly responsible for the development of all aspects of English skiing. Snowsport England recognises nine Regional Ski Associations who have the responsibility for developing the sport within their Region.

2.2.2. Member Clubs may join Snowsport England as Full Members and automatically become members of their Regional Ski Association. Each Regional Ski Association has the right to appoint two representatives to serve on the Snowsport England Council, which advises the Snowsport England Board on all policy matters.

2.2.3. Together with Snowsport Scotland, Snowsport Wales, Northern Ireland Ski Council and other organisations, Snowsport England has formed Snowsport GB to promote skiing and related sports at British and International levels; to organise British Championship competitions; to select, train, fund and manage British elite squads and representative teams; and to represent British skiing on appropriate British and International organisations.

2.3. Alpine Skiing Committee

2.3.1. Alpine racing on snow and artificial slopes is the responsibility of the Alpine Skiing Committee (ASC). The Race Organisation Technical Panel (ROTP) and the Seeding and Technical Panel (STP) have specific responsibilities under ASC.

2.4. The National Coaching Scheme

2.4.1. Individuals register annually with the scheme as Performers, Instructors, Coaches or Officials. Registration entitles them to receive information about relevant activities in the various areas and to submit entries to the different competitions, if they are registered as Performers. There are special rules relating to Inter-Regional and Inter-Club Competitions where entry is by Regional or Club nomination. Part of the registration fee pays for public liability and personal accident insurance for each member of the scheme.

2.4.2. The Coaching Scheme aims to provide a common structure whereby all participants (performers, instructors, coaches and officials) can improve their different skills in competitions, courses and training activities.

2.5. The Racing Structure

2.5.1. The All England Championships open to all registered performers aged 6 and over who comply with the eligibility requirements.

2.5.2. The Inter-Club Parallel Slalom Relay, organised as part of the All England Championships. Entry is by Club selection.

2.5.3. The Inter-Regional Team Competition. This is a team Parallel Slalom Relay competition. Entry is by regional selection.

2.5.4. National Circuit Racing (All ages refer to January 1st for any competition year).

- The Grand Prix series - a series of five competitions organised by the English regions for performers aged 10 and over.
- Club National Races organised by Snowsport England Member Clubs for performers aged 10 and over. These races are for performers who wish to obtain or improve their seed points in order to gain entry to the Grand Prix Series.

- Minis Races organised in association with the Club National Races for those aged over 6 and under 10.
- 2.5.5. The English Alpine Championships (Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G.) organised by Snowsport England during the snow season and held in a continental resort.

2.6. Lists Published

- 2.6.1. THE RANKING LIST is an annual ranked list of performers in the Snowsport England Grand Prix series. Points are calculated on the basis of the best results gained during the season. The aim of the Ranking Scheme is to encourage the pursuit of excellence and to develop the performance of individual competitors.
- 2.6.2. THE BARTS SEED LIST (British Artificial Seeding System, administered by Snowsport England on behalf of all Snowsport GB Member Groups) is a list of competitors with their points earned from races of national significance on artificial ski slopes. Points are calculated on the basis of the best two results gained during the current season (or the best result plus a penalty) together with points carried forward from the previous season. BARTS seeding is covered by BACR Book III.
- 2.6.3. The aim of the Seed List is to ensure a fair means of determining entry into competitions and the order of the start list. It may be used as one of the criteria for the selection of Regional and National Squads and Teams.
- 2.6.4. THE BASS SEED LIST (British Alpine Seeding System, administered by Snowsport GB on behalf of its Member Groups) is similar to the Snowsport England Seed List, but calculated from the results of snow races organised by the member groups of Snowsport GB. It is used to determine entry and start order for snow competitions and as one of the criteria for the selection of Regional and National Squads and Teams. BASS seeding is covered by BCR Book III.

2.7. Framework

- 2.7.1. All races organised under the auspices of Snowsport England are to be run in accordance with FIS rules, as amended by Snowsport England and Snowsport GB (where applicable).
- 2.7.2. As the Home Nation Governing Body responsible for providing a clear pathway for individual English performers to compete for places in Regional, National and British Squads and Teams, entry into these competitions is open to all individuals registered with the National Coaching Scheme in accordance with the published criteria for each event.
- 2.7.3. It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure that all performers are made aware of events to be held during the season via the publication of the "Race Calendar" as early in the year as possible.

2.8. Registration

- 2.8.1. Individual registration with Snowsport England is renewable annually on January 1st.
- 2.8.2. By joint agreement with Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Wales, registration with Snowsport England entitles performers to compete in any Home Nation or British competition, and to be listed on the BARTS and BASS Seed Lists. This reciprocal arrangement also entitles performers registered with Snowsport Scotland or Snowsport Wales to compete in English competitions and to be listed on both Seed Lists. Northern Irish performers register direct with SSE.
- 2.8.3. Competitors wishing to appear on the BASS list must register/re-register with the Snowsport England Coaching Scheme by a date in the autumn, which is published.

2.9. Contacts

- 2.9.1. Those responsible for various aspects of ski racing and the organisation thereof are listed below. Their contact details are listed on GBSKI.com, or up-to-date contact information is available from the Snowsport England office.

- 2.9.2. Chair of Snowsport England Seeding and Technical Panel (STP): homologation of artificial slopes (see BACR Book VIII), appointment of course setters to the 'approved' list, training and development of Technical Delegates, coordination of artificial seeding system and policy, appointment of TDs to Snowsport England events, Snowsport England Appeals and Disciplinary matters.
- 2.9.3. Training Co-ordinator of Snowsport England Race Organisation Technical Panel (ROTP): training and accreditation of SSE Race Officials (see section 13).
- 2.9.4. Race Manual Editor: amendments and corrections to, and publication of, this Race Manual and associated publications. All suggestions for change and corrections should be submitted by email to david@djmanns.com.
- 2.9.5. British Artificial Slope Seeder: issues relating to seeding and seed points from races held on artificial slopes (see BACR Book III).

2.10. Sources of Information

- 2.10.1. www.snowsportengland.org.uk
The home site of Snowsport England, containing news and information about all aspects of Snowsport England's activities, including all the various disciplines.
- 2.10.2. www.britski.org
Main source of information about all aspects of English (and British) Alpine Ski Racing, including race calendars, results, regulations, seed lists and links to other sites. First point of publication of BASS (British snow seeding).
- 2.10.3. www.fis-ski.com
Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS). Source of information about international ski racing events and organisation. Publishes International Competition Regulations (ICR), copies of which are available from Snowsport GB office, or online at www.britski.org or from the FIS web site www.fis-ski.com.
- 2.10.4. www.gbski.com
GBR and SSE race publications including this Race Manual and standard race forms. This site is also the first point of publication of BARTS (British Artificial Seeding) information and British rules.

3. Amendments to Base Rules

3.1. Base Rules

- 3.1.1. Races organised by or on behalf of Snowsport England are conducted according to the FIS ICR, as amended in the British rules BCR (for snow) or BACR (for artificial). This combination of ICR + B(A)CR forms the base for the conduct of SSE events.
- 3.1.2. Any amendments to those rules are detailed in this section.

3.2. Amendments to ICR

- 3.2.1. Under 613.1 The Start Area, add the following:
 - 613.1.1 There shall be no smoking in the Start Area by anyone.

3.3. Amendments to BCR

- 3.3.1. There are no SSE amendments to BCR.

3.4. Amendments to BACR

- 3.4.1. There are no SSE amendments to BACR.
- 3.4.2. BACR Book I : 6.2 Start Order

4. General Event Regulations

4.1. Objectives

- 4.1.1. To ensure consistency in the organisation, control and conduct of races run under the auspices of Snowsport England.

- 4.1.2. To encourage the pursuit of excellence amongst competitors by providing them with realistic targets against which they can evaluate their own performance and progress.
- 4.1.3. To provide competitors with an opportunity to gain and improve their seed points so that they may qualify for the next category of race.
- 4.1.4. To provide people, who have an interest in and a commitment to ski competition, with the opportunity to develop skills and obtain qualifications in race organisation.
- 4.1.5. To ensure that, where there is an agreement between Snowsport England and any sponsor of an event, the agreements are honoured so that continued financial support for competitions is secured.
- 4.1.6. To provide a range of categories of competition so that the needs of different participants in the Snowsport England National Coaching Scheme are catered for.
- 4.1.7. To provide a bench mark against which races outside the control of Snowsport England can be assessed when being considered for inclusion in the BARTS artificial slope seeding system.

4.2. Organisation

- 4.2.1. Snowsport England currently oversees the organisation of these different categories of races:
 - Snowsport England Grand Prix Race Series
 - Snowsport England Club National Races
 - Snowsport England Minis Races
 - Snowsport England Inter-Regional Team Competition
 - Snowsport England All England Championships
 - Snowsport England English Alpine Championships
- 4.2.2. The use of the term Snowsport England above shall mean that the race has been organised with the express approval of the Alpine Committee of Snowsport England and is published on the Snowsport England Race Calendar. The arrangements for organising each category of Snowsport England race shall be determined by the Alpine Committee.

4.3. Eligibility

- 4.3.1. English and Northern Irish competitors must be registered as Alpine performers with the Snowsport England National Coaching Scheme, Scottish competitors with Snowsport Scotland and Welsh competitors with Snowsport Wales. Foreign (non-UK) Nationals must be registered as Alpine performers with one of the Home Nation Governing Body (HNGB) National Coaching Schemes. However, see 7.1 for Club National events only.
- 4.3.2. Competitors are eligible for English/Scottish/Welsh/N. Irish nationality if they hold or are eligible to hold a UK passport, and
 - were born in the country concerned, or
 - one or both parents were born in the country concerned, or
 - the competitor has been resident in the country concerned for the past three years.
- 4.3.3. If, under these criteria, competitors are eligible for "dual nationality", they should choose which country's race squad they would wish to be considered for selection and register with the respective National Coaching Scheme. Once competitors have represented their country, they may not represent another country until twelve months have elapsed after their last representative competition. If a competitor wishes then to change "nationality", s/he must have the agreement of both HNGBs concerned.
- 4.3.4. Competitors may register with their National Governing Body without being a member of any club.

- 4.3.5. Competitors may train with and/or be members of any number of ski clubs. However, they may compete for ONE CLUB ONLY in Snowsport England Alpine snow competitions and ONE CLUB ONLY (which may be the same club) in Snowsport England artificial slope (including indoor snow) competitions. These Clubs must be named on their registration or renewal and may only be changed during the registration year by following the procedure detailed in Regulation 4.3.7 below.
- 4.3.6. The named club will be shown on all seed lists and race documentation, and the club shown on the current seed list will be used as the definitive club for inter-club and inter-regional competitions. Only clubs which at the time of renewal or registration are in current membership of Snowsport England, Snowsport Scotland, Snowsport Wales, NISC or BARSC, will be accepted. A list of member clubs will be published annually and is available from Snowsport England office or at www.britski.org
- 4.3.7. Competitors wishing to change either of their named clubs during the registration year may do so only by:
- Notifying their current named club and proposed named club in writing of their intention to change their Snowsport England named club, and
 - Sending a copy of both notifications to Snowsport England office, enclosing a £5 administration fee and asking Snowsport England in writing to change their named club.
- 4.3.8. The change will not come into effect until it appears on the current BARTS or BASS seed list. In order that the change can be effected on the next published seed list, the notification and fee must be received by Snowsport England office not less than one week before the published cut-off date for the seed list concerned. Any notification and fee received after this date will not come into effect until the start of validity of the following seed list.
- 4.3.9. For the All England Championships (closed category), competitors must be registered as alpine performers with the Snowsport England National Coaching Scheme, and either be registered as English or resident in England for at least nine months out of the preceding twelve months.
- 4.3.10. In addition, competitors participating in any competition must satisfy the FIS eligibility rules (ICR 204).
- 4.3.11. Competitors may be asked by the Race Organisers to produce their Start Licence as evidence of valid registration. Any competitor who is unable to produce this on request, will be required to pay a deposit equal to the current registration fee. The deposit will be refunded, less £2, if the registration is shown to be valid.

4.4. Age Categories

- 4.4.1. The Competition Year is 1st May to 30th April of the following year. Exception: Should the first artificial slope competitions of the season take place in April, the age categories for the new Competition Year shall apply.
A table listing years of birth in each category for the next few competition years is available on gbski.com.
- 4.4.2. Where Masters categories (***) are included in competitions organised by or on behalf of Snowsport England, these shall be combined into one single Masters category for the purposes of awards, unless otherwise stated in the regulations for the particular event. However, where possible the results should show the separate Masters categories.
- 4.4.3. The Grand Prix Race Series is open to competitors in the Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior categories. For this Series, Seniors shall include the Masters age categories.
- 4.4.4. Club National races are open to competitors in the Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior, Masters 1, Masters 2 and Masters 3 categories. For these events, Seniors and Masters categories are 'closed'.
- 4.4.5. Minis Races will be run in association with Club National Races

- 4.4.6. The All England Championships are open to competitors in all the age categories listed in 4.4.1 above.
- 4.4.7. The English Alpine Championships are open to competitors in the Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2 and Senior categories. For these Championships, Seniors shall include the Masters age categories. Minis Races may also be run in association with the English Alpine Championships, but they are not Championship races.
- 4.4.8. Children who have not reached the age of 7 years before January 1st of the competition year shall not be eligible to compete in any races organised under these regulations.

4.5. Categories Of Awards

- 4.5.1. In each competition, awards will be made in different categories, as determined by Snowsport England Alpine Committee and notified to race secretaries annually. The Race Bulletin for each event shall detail clearly the categories in which awards will be made and the number of awards in each category.

4.6. Duties Of The Race Organising Committee

- 4.6.1. The Race Organising Committee is responsible for inviting competent officials to undertake duties at the event and must ensure that they comply with the current criteria for the selection of officials as defined by Snowsport England Alpine Committee.

4.7. Technical Delegates

- 4.7.1. Technical Delegate : The Snowsport England Seeding & Technical Panel will appoint a Technical Delegate to each of the following events:
- Snowsport England Grand Prix Race
 - Snowsport England Inter-Regional Team Competition
 - Snowsport England All England Championships
 - Snowsport England English Alpine Championships
 - Snowsport England Club National and Minis Races
- 4.7.2. The Snowsport England Seeding and Technical Panel may also appoint a Technical Delegate to other events which are recognised by the Snowsport England Alpine Committee.
- 4.7.3. Championship Technical Delegate : In events lasting more than one day and when different Technical Delegates may be appointed for different days, one of their number shall be appointed Championship Technical Delegate for the whole event.

4.8. Jury

- 4.8.1. The composition of the Jury shall be according to FIS rules as amended by Snowsport England in these regulations.
- 4.8.2. The Start Referee and Finish Referee are not members of the Jury, but may attend for training purposes on a confidential basis.
- 4.8.3. Where a Championship Jury is established, the composition shall be:
- Championship Technical Delegate
 - Chief of Championships
 - Chief of Race for each race
 - Referee for each race.
- 4.8.4. All members of the Jury in all races under Snowsport England jurisdiction should be registered with Snowsport England or equivalent body as a race official, performer or coach.
- 4.8.5. Referees must be approved by the Technical Delegate and must be, in the case of races organised by a region, not from the organising region and, in the cases of races organised by clubs, not from the organising club.

4.9. Location

- 4.9.1. Snowsport England races are to be held on slopes that have been homologated. See BACR Book VIII "Calendar and Homologation".

4.10. Format

- 4.10.1. The All England Championships, Grand Prix, Club National and Minis races are to be run as Special Slaloms, the format of which may be varied. A format will be applied to a whole season's racing and will be notified to racers and Race Organisers in an update to these rules and highlighted in the Alpine Racing Bulletin.
- 4.10.2. The Snowsport England English Alpine Championship shall include Special Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G, as defined by FIS, and any other races in categories to be agreed by the Snowsport England Alpine Committee before each series.
- 4.10.3. Any Parallel Slalom or Parallel Relay races held under the auspices of Snowsport England shall be run according to the regulations in BACR Book I section 1124.

4.11. Notification

- 4.11.1. All competitors registered with the Snowsport England National Coaching Scheme, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Wales must be notified of an event not less than one month prior to the closing date for entry. Such notification must include the name, full postal address and the telephone number of the Race Secretary. This will normally be done by the publication of the Snowsport England Race Calendar.
- 4.11.2. A race bulletin shall be published which includes the categories in which awards will be made, the acceptance criteria, the names of the entrants not accepted and the reasons for their non-acceptance. All entrants who have not been accepted for the race shall be notified in sufficient time to allow protests against non-acceptance to be made to the Race Jury.

4.12. Entry Procedures

- 4.12.1. The closing date for entries to Grand Prix, Club National and Minis races is the Friday one week before the event. Closing date for entry to the Inter-Regional Team Competition is included in the Invitation (Race Bulletin No 1). Closing date for entry to the All England Championships and the Snowsport England English Alpine Championships is included in the Invitation (Race Bulletin Number 1), which is published on the relevant web sites and notified in various SSE publications.
- 4.12.2. The entry fee for each category of event organised under these regulations shall be determined annually by the Snowsport England Alpine Ski Committee, and included in the Race Calendar.
- 4.12.3. An entry is valid if it complies with the following:
- It is submitted on a Snowsport England, Snowsport Scotland, Snowsport Wales or other Race Entry Form as designated by the Race Organisers and is correctly filled in and signed, or is submitted via an approved online race entry system
 - It includes the correct entry fee
 - If the entrant is under 18, the entry form is signed by a parent or guardian
 - For the All England Minis Championships only, the entry is countersigned by a qualified ski instructor or trainer signifying the competence of the entrant to take part in the Championships
 - The entry reaches the Race Secretary by the time and date specified on the Race Calendar/Race Bulletin
 - The entrant fulfils the eligibility criteria in section 4.3.
- 4.12.4. Entries are invalid if they fail to fulfil any of the above requirements. However, the Jury has discretion to accept any such entries, except for the eligibility requirement, where the Jury has no discretion.

- 4.12.5. The Jury may consider accepting late entries when the race is under-subscribed, but shall not normally accept late entries when the race is oversubscribed.

4.13. Entry Criteria

- 4.13.1. Entry into races organised on behalf of Snowsport England is normally determined by seed points. The specific entry criteria for each type of event are detailed in the regulations for that event.
- 4.13.2. For the purpose of determining entry into a race, the current BARTS seed list (i.e. that valid at the date of the acceptance Jury meeting) shall be used.
- 4.13.3. Valid entries to artificial slope races will normally be considered at the acceptance meeting on the basis of the current BARTS seed list only. Any competitor who has current BASS points but no current BARTS seed points may, by the closing date for entries, ask the Race Secretary in writing for their BASS points to be considered. The results of races held since those included on the current seed list may be considered (see BACR III).
- 4.13.4. Protests against non-acceptance may be considered on the basis of results of races held since those included on the current seed list but before the closing date for entries to the race in question. Protests may be considered whether or not a competitor has put relevant results on the back of their entry form.
- 4.13.5. It is the Race Jury's decision as to the form of evidence required for a protest against non-acceptance.
- 4.13.6. If, at the closing date for entries, the race is under-subscribed by valid entries within the prescribed seed point cut-off, the following provisions replace 4.13.3 and 4.13.4 above:
- 4.13.6.1 Valid entries to artificial slope races will normally be considered at the acceptance meeting on the basis of the current BARTS seed list only. Any competitor who has current BASS points but no current BARTS points may, by the closing date for entries, ask the Race Secretary in writing for their BASS points to be considered. Entrants who are outside the prescribed seed point cut-off, may request that an amended seed point be calculated based on the results of races held since those included on the current seed list. If the amended seed point calculated by the National Seeder is within the prescribed cut-off, the entry shall be accepted.
- 4.13.6.2 Protests against non-acceptance may be considered on the basis of results of races held since those included on the current seed list. Protests may be considered whether or not a competitor has put relevant results on the back of their entry form.

4.14. Number Of Entries

- 4.14.1. Snowsport England Alpine Committee recommends that race organisers accept no more than a total of 180 competitors in any event which takes place on an artificial ski slope (excluding All England, British and European Championships).
- 4.14.2. The Minis races, which are run in conjunction with Club National Races, shall be held before each run of the Club National Race. All valid entries are accepted, but they will not count towards the 180 total referred to in 4.14.1 above.
- 4.14.3. For races run on snow, the recommended maximum number to be accepted into any event is 120.

4.15. Separate Male and Female Entry

- 4.15.1. In all events, the acceptance of females shall be considered separately from the acceptance of males. This may result in a different seed point cut-off point for acceptance into the two competitions.

4.16. Refund of entry fees

- 4.16.1. Full or part refunds of entry fees may be made, as published by the organisers (i.e. by the Clubs for Club Nationals, by SSE for Grand Prix and other national events).
- 4.16.2. The organisers may also consider part refunds or other compensation if an event is cancelled. Racers are reminded that the organiser incurs substantial

financial liabilities when it organises events and it is unlikely that entry fees will be returned if an event is cancelled due to "force majeure".

- 4.16.3. Except where otherwise defined, "force majeure" means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of an individual or group, and which makes it impossible, or so impractical as to be considered impossible in the circumstances, for that individual or group to fulfil its obligations.

4.17. Timetable

- 4.17.1. The organisers must allow practice time on the slope prior to the event. The recommended time is a minimum of 55 minutes.
- 4.17.2. Competitors must be allowed to inspect the course for at least 20 minutes. If the number of competitors justifies it, the jury may specify that different categories of competitors inspect at staggered times. The Jury will decide if tows are to be turned off during course inspection and, where there is any danger to competitors, during the race itself. Bibs must be visibly worn or carried about your person whenever you are on the slope, to show that you have permission to be within the competition area. Competitors and trainers must wear long sleeves, long trousers, gloves and skis while on the slope during course inspection.
- 4.17.3. A five minute interval shall be allowed between the end of course inspection and the first forerunner skiing the course. This is to allow the first competitor's time to reach the start and prepare for their run.
- 4.17.4. Competitors who are disqualified, or who did not finish on the first run (or both first and second runs in the case of a Club National event) shall normally be allowed to race the course before the start of the final run, in the same numerical order as the first run (although this is a privilege not a right) . Their run time will not be recorded on any race documents, but should be announced on the PA for the benefit of the competitors concerned.

4.18. Forerunners

- 4.18.1. The use of forerunners within the race(s) should be as follows:

1st Run

- 3 Forerunners
- Minis Race (if applicable)
 - Girl Competitors
 - Boy Competitors
- Main Race
 - 1 Forerunner
 - Female Competitors
 - 1 Forerunner
 - Male Competitors

2nd Run (if applicable)

- 3 Forerunners
- Minis Race
 - Girl Competitors
 - Boy Competitors
- Main Race
 - 1 Forerunner
 - Female Competitors
 - 1 Forerunner
 - Male Competitors

Final Run

- 1 Forerunner
- All DNF/DISQ 1st run (subject to Jury discretion)
- 3 Forerunners
- Minis Race (if applicable)
 - Girl Competitors
 - Boy Competitors
- Main Race
 - 1 Forerunner
 - Female Competitors
 - 1 Forerunner

Male Competitors

- 4.18.2. In addition to establishing a break between each part of the competition, the use of Forerunners between each part gives time for Race Officials to change paperwork etc.
- 4.18.3. Course closers are not allowed.

4.19. Results

- 4.19.1. Race organisers are responsible for preparing results in the standard format.
- 4.19.2. Official results to be posted on the Internet.
- 4.19.3. The Race Secretary shall send a signed copy of the results within four days after the race to each entrant who supplied two stamped addressed envelopes.
- 4.19.4. The publication of provisional results on race day, by computer printout, is encouraged.
- 4.19.5. For all competitions the Race Secretary shall, within four days after the race, send a copy of all race bulletins, final 1st run start list (including Entry/Acceptance Lists), minutes of jury meetings, referee's reports, Minutes of any Team Captains' Meetings, signed results and TD report (if available) to the National Seeder and the Chairman SSE STP; also a copy of the results only to Snowsport England office.

4.20. Finance

- 4.20.1. It is the responsibility of the Race Organising Committee for Grand Prix to submit to Snowsport England within one month after the event a complete statement of income and expenditure, together with all race entry fees and any unspent funds.
- 4.20.2. Snowsport England will try to secure a sponsor for the Grand Prix Series. However, the Organising Committee shall be responsible for liaising with the sponsor, and ensuring that agreements between Snowsport England and the sponsor are honoured by both parties. In the absence of a Series sponsor, the Organising Committee may seek sponsorship for individual events, subject to prior approval by Snowsport England. In any event, all monetary or other sponsorship secured shall, after the payment of agreed race expenses, be applied for the benefit of the Snowsport England Alpine Squad.
- 4.20.3. For the All England Championships and Alpine Race Series, the Race Organising Committee shall open a bank account in the name of Snowsport England. All entry fees and other income shall be paid into, and all expenses paid from, the account. Within two months after the event, the Race Organising Committee shall submit to Snowsport England a complete statement of income and expenditure, together with the balance of funds from the event. All sponsorship arrangements are as in 4.20.2 above.
- 4.20.4. Club National and Minis Races are organised by member clubs. Clubs may negotiate their own sponsorship, but no agreement may be made which contravenes Snowsport England or FIS rules. The organising club shall be responsible for all expenditure incurred in connection with the race, including payment of the Snowsport England fee. The club may retain all entry fees and any surplus after payment of all debts.
- 4.20.5. Snowsport England policy dictates that sponsorship shall not be accepted from tobacco or alcohol companies for any races organised under these regulations.

4.21. Awards

- 4.21.1. Awards shall be made as follows:
 - 4.21.1.1 Grand Prix Races
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Female, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male in each of the following categories:
Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior, Masters, Overall
 - 4.21.1.2 Club National with Minis races
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Female, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male in each of the following categories:
Minis, Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior, Masters, Overall

- 4.21.1.3 All England Championships (Open category)
1st, 2nd, 3rd Female, 1st, 2nd 3rd Male in each of the following categories:
Minis, Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior, Masters, Overall
- 4.21.2. Prizes of value:
 - 4.21.2.1 In addition to the mementoes listed above, Race Organisers or their sponsors may present prizes of value to competitors.
 - 4.21.2.2 The maximum value for any prize must not exceed £1200.
 - 4.21.2.3 Cash prizes are inappropriate, but Bursaries for training/race expenses are allowed up to a figure of £150 per category award. There is no onus on the organisers or Snowsport England to monitor the spending of the Bursary.
 - 4.21.2.4 If any sponsor wishes to exceed this figure, the written approval of the Alpine Committee must be obtained, well ahead of the event and before any advance publicity. Prizes for records are forbidden.
- 4.21.3. At the Prize Giving, awards should be made in ascending age group order i.e.
Minis, Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior, Masters, Overall
 - 4.21.3.1 Within each category the order of presentation is as follows: -
Females 3rd, 2nd, 1st Males 3rd, 2nd, 1st
 - 4.21.3.2 Overall winners of the competition should be presented LAST and in the following order:
Females 3rd, 2nd, 1st Males 3rd, 2nd, 1st
 - 4.21.3.3 Organisers should ensure that each award winner's club is mentioned, exactly as listed on the Snowsport England database, together with the aggregate time.

5. All-England Artificial Ski Slope Championships

5.1. Entry Criteria

- 5.1.1. The Championships are open to Masters, Senior, Junior 2, Junior 1, Children 2, and Children 1.
- 5.1.2. There shall be a Closed category within the Championships, which is open only to competitors complying with the requirements of paragraph 4.3.9 regarding eligibility. The Open category is open to all competitors in the Closed category plus a maximum of 25 competitors who comply with the requirements of paragraph 4.3.1 regarding eligibility, but not those of paragraph 4.3.9.
- 5.1.3. Age Group and Overall medals will be presented in the Open category. Championship titles, trophies and prizes will be presented in the Closed category only.
- 5.1.4. Entrants having lower seed points are given priority over those with higher seed points or no seed points. Entrants with no Snowsport England or BASS seed points must submit a race record for consideration.
- 5.1.5. The Organising Committee may adopt seed point cut-offs to maintain championship standard. These may be different for males and females. These may be published in the Invitation (Race Bulletin No. 1) or determined at the acceptance meeting and published in Race Bulletin No. 2.
- 5.1.6. There will be a special category for disabled skiers. Entrants may be in any age category, but must be Registered Disabled Persons. Disabled entrants do not need to have seed points, but must comply with the other eligibility criteria for the event.

5.2. Entry Criteria - Minis Event

- 5.2.1. All valid entries are accepted. Entries must be countersigned by a qualified instructor or trainer.

5.3. Awards

5.3.1. Awards shall be made as follows:

1st, 2nd, 3rd Female, 1st, 2nd 3rd Male in each of the following categories:

Minis, Children 1, Children 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior, Masters, Overall

6. SSE Grand Prix Series

6.1. Entry Criteria

6.1.1. Entrants having lower seed points are given priority over those with higher seed points or no seed points, but no one with seed points over 250.0 is to be admitted.

6.2. Start Order

6.2.1. Start Order follows that specified in BACR Book I 621, replacing the last clause ("the best 15 will be drawn and start last") with "the best ranked 15 will be subdivided into two groups (15-8, 7-1), each group to be drawn separately, group (15-8) to start before group (7-1)".

6.3. Snowsport England Ranking Scheme

6.3.1. The Snowsport England Ranking Scheme is a series of named Grand Prix races in any one calendar year, for which awards may be made in the following categories: -

Male		Female	
Masters	1st	Masters	1st
Senior	1st	Senior	1st
Junior II	1st	Junior II	1st
Junior I	1st	Junior I	1st
Children II	1st	Children II	1st
Children I	1st	Children I	1st
Overall	1st, 2nd, 3rd	Overall	1st, 2nd, 3rd

6.3.2. In order to determine the winners of the above categories, Snowsport England shall compile and issue a ranking list for each of the categories, based on the performance of all competitors participating in the series.

6.3.3. Age Group Categories

Grand Prix Points are awarded to the first 5 males and females in each age group, who successfully finish a race, as follows: -

1st place - 7 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 3 points, 4th - 2 points, 5th - 1 point.

6.3.4. Overall Male/Female Categories

Grand Prix Points are awarded to the first 20 competitors of each sex, who successfully finish a race, as follows:-

1st place - 30 points, 2nd - 27 points, 3rd - 24 points, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 20th place - 1 point.

6.3.5. Where two or more competitors in a category obtain identical times in a race, they will all receive Grand Prix Points appropriate to the tied position. Thus if two competitors in the overall male category are 3rd equal, they both receive 24 points. The next competitor in the category (5th) receives 20 points.

6.4. Ranking Lists

6.4.1. In each list, each competitor's Grand Prix Series Points will be calculated as the sum of their best five Grand Prix Race Points from the series. Thus competitors may take part in any number of races, but only the best five results will count.

- 6.4.2. If two or more potential winners have the same number of Grand Prix Series Points at the end of the Series, reference will be made to the race positions (i.e. number of firsts, earliest recorded maximum result, etc.) in order to determine the final positions.
- 6.4.3. Competitors who have gained Grand Prix Race Points in less than five races will still be included in the final Ranking List.

7. SSE Club National with Minis

7.1. Entry Criteria

- 7.1.1. Entrants having no seed points are given first priority. Priority for entrants with seed points is given to those with the higher seed points. If the race is oversubscribed, entrants with the best (lowest) seed points will be rejected.
- 7.1.2. For Minis events, all valid entries are accepted.

7.2. Entry Procedures for Unregistered Racers

- 7.2.1. For Club National Races only, the Organising Committee may accept entries from unregistered competitors, subject to the following provisions.
- 7.2.2. Entries may only be accepted if, at the closing date for entries, the number of entries from registered competitors is less than the maximum number of entries as determined by the organisers (recommended no more than 180). In the event that the number of unregistered entries exceeds the number of vacancies, the organising committee will determine which entries are accepted to bring the total entry up to the limit agreed by the organisers.
- 7.2.3. Unregistered competitors may compete in only one event in any calendar year.
- 7.2.4. Entrants must complete and submit the special race entry form and athlete's declaration form and pay the current insurance supplement in addition to the published race entry fee.
- 7.2.5. The entry form and insurance supplement will be forwarded to Snowsport England who will arrange public liability insurance cover for the competitor during the competition.
- 7.2.6. The details of all accepted unregistered competitors must be sent to Snowsport England office on the first working day after the event, and the completed forms sent to the office within seven days of the event.
- 7.2.7. Organising Clubs will be liable for any claims against or by unregistered competitors if the special entry forms and insurance supplement per entry are not notified to Snowsport England office by the club on the first working day after the event.
- 7.2.8. Accepted entries are eligible to win age group and overall medals and their results will be included on the official results. However, such racers will not be allocated a registration number and their results will not be processed for seeding.

7.3. Format

- 7.3.1. The competitions comprise three runs on the same course. The time for the better of runs 1 and 2 plus the time for run 3 are to count.
- 7.3.2. The start order for run 1 is:
 - Girls drawn for start order
 - Boys drawn for start order
 - Females in descending seed point order, those without seed points (including unregistered racers in a Club National competition) drawn for start order and to ski first, the top 15 seeded entrants to be drawn for start order and race last
 - Males same as Females
- 7.3.3. The start order for run 2 is the same as run 1.

- 7.3.4. The start order for run 3 is in reverse better time order. If the Jury so decide, all racers who were disqualified or did not finish both first and second runs will be allowed to ski the course before the start of the third run.
- 7.3.5. Run 2 takes place immediately after the completion of run 1.
- 7.3.6. The Referee's Report for run 1 should be prepared, posted and announced as early as possible, provided this is done for each 'category' (Minis, Females, Males) well in advance of that category's second run so as not to confer advantage on some competitors within a category. If this cannot be done in time, no Reports from run 1 should be posted until the end of run 2.
- 7.3.7. Regardless of when the Report for run 1 is posted, the official publication - and hence the 15 minute deadline for receipt of protests - will not commence until the Referee's Report for run 2 has been published. The same deadline must be used for protests against both Reports.
- 7.3.8. Protests against the Referee's Reports for run 1 and run 2 will be heard and the Jury decision announced before the start of run 3.

8. SSE Club National Series

8.1. Introduction

- 8.1.1. The SSE Club National Series is an inter-club event, that draws its results from the results of all Club National competitions held in a season.

8.2. Eligibility

- 8.2.1. The competition is open to English and non-English Clubs.

8.3. Calculation of results

- 8.3.1. For each Club National, the four best overall results for each participating club will be combined to produce a total time for the club.
- 8.3.2. All results from the Male and Female races will be taken into account, but not from the Minis race.
- 8.3.3. For each club, at least one of the results must be by a Ch1/Ch2 racer, no more than two results by Sen/Mas racers, at least one result by a male racer and at least one result by a female racer.
- 8.3.4. Club Team Points will be awarded to each club for that race based on the total time as calculated above: 1st club 25, 2nd 20, 3rd 16, 4th 14, 5th 12...10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 15th club 1 point.
- 8.3.5. Aggregate Club Team Points to be the sum of Club Team Points from all Club National races that are listed on the Snowsport England Race Calendar.

8.4. Club Affinity

- 8.4.1. Throughout the season, racers will be allocated to their first named club as shown on the first BARTS list on which they are listed (using the XLS version which includes all registered racers).
- 8.4.2. Any changes to their first named club on later BARTS lists will be ignored.

9. SSE Inter-Club Team Competition

9.1. Entry Criteria

- 9.1.1. All Snowsport England Member Clubs are entitled to enter teams. Selection policy will be decided by each individual club. Individual entries are not accepted.

9.2. Eligibility

- 9.2.1. The competition is open to Clubs which are registered as clubs with Snowsport England by the Friday prior to the event.
- 9.2.2. Clubs registered with other Home Nations may enter one team per club. Such clubs are not eligible to win 'perpetual' trophies.

9.3. Team Composition And Entries

- 9.3.1. Clubs may enter one or two teams. Each team will consist of four competitors, each of which must be minimum age Children I, at least one of whom must be of the opposite gender to the other team members and not more than two of whom are senior/master.
- 9.3.2. All competitors must be registered with one of the HNGBs as alpine performers and in current membership of the club entering the team. Competitors may only compete for the Club currently named on their Snowsport England registration for artificial slope racing. Any competitor wishing to change their nominated club may do so by following the procedure detailed in 4.3.7.
- 9.3.3. Notification of entry must be submitted to the Race Secretary by the closing date notified in the Race Bulletin and must be accompanied by the entry fee as set by the Alpine Committee. The names of the competitors comprising each team must be submitted in accordance within the instructions in the Race Bulletin. In the case of illness, injury or other valid reason, the Jury may permit substitutions to the named teams at any time up to the start of the knockout stages. Substitutes must comply with the entry criteria above.

9.4. Seeding

- 9.4.1. All teams will be drawn randomly into the 28 or 40 positions shown in section 9.7. The Jury reserves the right to exclude from the competition any Club, which submits its team(s) after the date and time stipulated in the Race Bulletin.

9.5. Rules

- 9.5.1. The races will be run according to the regulations for Parallel Slalom Relay Races detailed in BACR I.

9.6. Cut-Off

- 9.6.1. The maximum number of entries which can be accepted is 40 teams. Where the number of entries exceeds 40, the Jury will accept all 'A' Teams, then carry out a draw to select 'B' Teams to fill the remaining places.
- 9.6.2. Teams excluded by such a cut-off or draw will have their entry fee refunded.
- 9.6.3. The Jury reserves the right to exclude teams which do not reach a suitable standard.

9.7. Race Format

- 9.7.1. The early rounds of the competition will be on a league basis. Where accepted entries are 28 teams or less, there will be four leagues of up to seven teams with the top two teams from each league qualifying for the later rounds. Where accepted entries are more than 28 teams, there will be eight leagues of up to five teams each, with the top team from each league qualifying for the later rounds. The later rounds will be on a knockout basis with the losing semi-finalists racing for third place and the winning semi-finalists racing for first and second places.
- 9.7.2. League Basis :-

Teams will be drawn randomly into the leagues as follows:

League	A	B	C	D
Team	1	2	3	4
	8	7	6	5
	9	10	11	12
	16	15	14	13
	17	18	19	20
	24	23	22	21
	25	26	27	28

9.7.3. Where eight leagues are in operation, teams will be drawn randomly into the leagues as follows:

League	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

9.7.4. Where the number of teams in each league is not the same, the league will be drawn to determine which leagues will have the lesser numbers of teams e.g. if there are 27 teams, there will be 3 leagues of 7 teams and one league of 6 teams. There will be a draw to determine which league will consist of 6 teams.

9.7.5. Points will be awarded as follows:

2 points for a Win

1 point for a Draw

0 points for a Loss

0 points for a Disqualification

9.7.6. Qualification for the knockout stages will be determined by the total number of points achieved by each team. Where two or more teams in first or second place in a league have the same number of points, the team(s) to go through and their ranking shall be determined by counting the number of wins achieved in the league races between the teams concerned.

9.7.7. If a tie cannot be resolved by counting the number of wins in this way, each team concerned shall have one timed run down the same course (i.e. against the clock, not racing against another team), with the fastest team(s) to qualify.

9.8. Order Of Racing

9.8.1. The order of racing within the teams will be decided and submitted by team managers.

9.8.2. The order of racing and lane allocation (R for red and B for blue) within the league will normally be:

	7 Team League				5 Team League	
	B R	B R	B R		B R	B R
Round 1	4 v 5	3 v 6	2 v 7	Round 1	5 v 3	2 v 4
Round 2	5 v 3	6 v 2	7 v 1	Round 2	5 v 1	3 v 2
Round 3	7 v 4	2 v 5	1 v 6	Round 3	2 v 5	1 v 4
Round 4	4 v 6	7 v 3	5 v 1	Round 4	4 v 5	3 v 1
Round 5	6 v 7	3 v 2	1 v 4	Round 5	4 v 3	1 v 2
Round 6	5 v 7	2 v 4	3 v 1			
Round 7	6 v 5	4 v 3	1 v 2			

9.8.3. The jury may alter the above order and/or allocation in the interests of equity and fairness.

9.8.4. The effect of the above means that each team will race on lanes as follows:

7 Team League

Rounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Team 1	-	R	B	R	B	R	B
Team 2	B	R	B	-	R	B	R
Team 3	B	R	-	R	B	B	R

Team 4	B	-	R	B	R	R	B
Team 5	R	B	R	B	-	B	R
Team 6	R	B	R	R	B	-	B
Team 7	R	B	B	B	R	R	-

5 Team League

Rounds	1	2	3	4	5
Team 1	-	R	B	R	B
Team 2	B	R	B	-	R
Team 3	R	B	-	B	R
Team 4	R	-	R	B	B
Team 5	B	B	R	R	-

9.8.5. To cater for a 6 team league the order of racing for the 7 team league is used with all the ties involving Team 7 deleted. Viz.:

	B R	B R	B R
Round 1	4 v 5	3 v 6	
Round 2	5 v 3	6 v 2	
Round 3	2 v 5	1 v 6	
Round 4	4 v 6	5 v 1	
Round 5	3 v 2	1 v 4	
Round 6	2 v 4	3 v 1	
Round 7	6 v 5	4 v 3	1 v 2

This gives the following lane order

Rounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Team 1	-	-	B	R	B	R	B
Team 2	-	R	B	-	R	B	R
Team 3	B	R	-	-	B	B	R
Team 4	B	-	-	B	R	R	B
Team 5	R	B	R	B	-	-	R
Team 6	R	B	R	R	-	-	B

9.8.6. The overall order of racing will normally be:
 All round 1 ties to be completed by each league
 All round 2 ties to be completed by each league
 And so on until the leagues are all completed

9.8.7. However, the Organising Committee may vary this order if it is felt that there is too long or too short a gap between races for certain teams, arising from an imbalance in the number of teams in each league.

9.9. Knockout Stages

9.9.1. The draw for the knockout stages will be:

RED	League A 1st		
v		BLUE
BLUE	League D 2nd		
	v	RED/BLUE/TOSS
BLUE	League B 1st		

v		RED
RED	League C 2nd		
v			
BLUE	League A 2nd		
v		BLUE
RED	League D 1st		
v			BLUE/RED/TOSS
RED	League B 2nd	
v		RED
BLUE	League C 1st		

9.9.2. The final will be the best of three races. In the first race, the team from the top half of the draw will race on the red course; in the second race, they will race on the blue course. If a third race is needed, the teams will toss a coin to decide which team will be on which course.

9.9.3. The race off between the two losing semi-finalists will take place after the first race of the final. The teams will toss a coin to decide which team will be on which course.

10. SSE Inter-Regional Team Competition

10.1. Entry Criteria

10.1.1. All Regional Ski Associations currently recognised by Snowsport England are entitled to enter teams. Selection policy will be decided by each Regional Ski Association. Individual entries are not accepted.

10.2. Eligibility

10.2.1. The competition is open to teams representing Regions recognised by Snowsport England. Teams representing other Home Nation Governing Bodies (HNGB) may be invited into the competition.

10.2.2. All competitors within a regional team must be currently registered with one of the HNGBs as an alpine performer. Those competing for an English Region must be in membership of a Snowsport England member club affiliated to the Region for which they have been chosen to race.

10.2.3. Where competitors have nominated on their registration form a Snowsport England member club for artificial slope racing, they may compete only for the Region to which that club is affiliated. Any competitor wishing to change their nominated club may do so by following the procedure detailed in section 4.3.7.

10.3. Team Composition And Entries

10.3.1. Regions may enter up to three teams. Other HNGBs may enter a maximum of two teams.

10.3.2. If the event is not fully subscribed by the closing date, additional teams can be accepted from regions that have already entered three teams. If more requests for those additional places are received than there are places available, the allocation of places will be done in an equitable manner as decided by the organising committee.

10.3.3. Each team will comprise 7 racers, of whom:

- All must be minimum age Children 1
- At least 2 must be of the opposite gender to the rest of the team
- Not more than 3 may be Seniors or Masters

10.3.4. The age categories for the event will be as follows:

- Female Children, Male Children (comprising CH1 and CH2)

- Female Juniors, Male Juniors (comprising JUN1 and JUN2)
 - Female Seniors, Male Seniors (comprising Seniors and Masters)
- 10.3.5. Notification of entry must be submitted to the Race Secretary by the closing date notified in the Race Bulletin and must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. The names of the competitors comprising each team must be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the Race Bulletin. Competitors may race only for the team in which they are named.

10.4. Reserves

- 10.4.1. Each Region may name any number of reserves to be used for any of the teams competing for that region.
- 10.4.2. The names of reserves must be submitted at the same time as the named team.
- 10.4.3. In the case of illness, injury or other valid reason, the Jury may permit substitutions to the named teams at any time.
- 10.4.4. Any substitute must appear on the named reserve list.
- 10.4.5. The team must still be able to meet the team composition criteria if the reserve is used.

10.5. Race Format

- 10.5.1. The competition will be run as a parallel slalom relay in two stages, a league-based stage followed by a knockout, with the running order for the knockout determined by the results of the league stage.
- 10.5.2. The format and running order for this event will follow those for the Inter-Club Competition as described above, except as amended, expanded or clarified below.
- 10.5.3. All seven competitors must complete their run without disqualification, otherwise the team is deemed to be disqualified. Disqualification in any race may occur as a result of (but not limited to) the following:
- Incorrect gate passage
 - Second false start by the first competitor in a team
 - False start by the second or subsequent competitor in a team
 - Impeding the opposing team, whether intentionally or accidentally
 - Jeopardising the safety of others including racers, officials or spectators (ICR 629.2)
 - Intentionally abusing the spirit of the rules (ICR 630.1.1 and 630.1.5)
- 10.5.4. If one team is disqualified in a race, the other team will be awarded the race. If both teams are disqualified in a race, the team which had more members completing a valid run will be awarded the race.
- 10.5.5. Protest against disqualification must be made to any member of the Jury before the start of the next race to be held (not the next race in which the protesting team takes part), and must be accompanied by the appropriate protest fee.

10.6. Parallel Slalom Relay - Leagues

- 10.6.1. Format and running order of the league stage follows that described under "Inter Club Team Competition".
- 10.6.2. The team points will be carried forward to calculate the final result; the ranking points are discarded.

10.7. Parallel Slalom Relay - Knockout

- 10.7.1. Format and running order of the knockout stage follows that described in 9.9.
- 10.7.2. All members of the team must complete their run without disqualification, otherwise the team will be disqualified. If both teams are disqualified in any one race, the team disqualified second will be awarded the race.

11. Appointment Of Course Setters

11.1. Criteria

11.1.1. Course Setters for Snowsport England artificial slope races must be approved by Snowsport England, and the following rules apply:

- For Championship and Grand Prix races, unless in exceptional circumstances, only course setters on List A may set courses unsupervised. List B course setters must be supervised by someone from List A.
- Course setters for Club National races should be from List A or B. In case of local problems and in consultation with the assigned TD, the organisers may, exceptionally, appoint a suitable, able and experienced course setter.
- List C setters may set at Club National races under the supervision of either a List A or B setter.

11.1.2. Course Setters for Snowsport England snow races are appointed at the Team Captains' Meeting. The Organising Committee should encourage the meeting to appoint only those who are competent course setters on snow. Other coaches should be encouraged to gain experience by assisting the appointed course setters. For speed events, the local Ski School or Ski Club should be asked to nominate an experienced course setter.

11.2. Procedure For The Approval Of Course Setters

11.2.1. The procedure for adding names to the two artificial slope lists is designed to be a simple, but effective, means for aspirant course setters, whilst still ensuring that, especially at Grand Prix and Championship level, the competitors face challenging, but entirely appropriate courses.

11.2.2. To qualify as a 'B' List setter, an individual must set one course under the oversight of a qualified and already 'A' listed Course Setter, or TD, who should submit the recommendation form to the Snowsport England office and Chair STP. Following endorsement, the individual will be added to the 'B' course setters' list and Chair of Coaching Committee will be informed.

11.2.3. 'A' List approval will be done by continuous assessment and setting a number of Club National courses, and then applying to set a Grand Prix course. This course will be assessed by both an 'A' list course setter and the TD at the race. If acceptable the individual will be approved as an A list course setter.

11.2.4. A list of approved course setters will be circulated to Race Organisers at the beginning of each artificial slope season.

12. Terms Of Reference for Committees and Panels

12.1. Alpine Skiing Committee (ASC)

12.1.1. The Alpine Skiing Committee (ASC) of Snowsport England (Snowsport England) is the technical committee for English Alpine skiing. Its responsibilities are as follows:

- Formulation of the policy, the organisation and the administration of the sport of alpine ski racing on snow and artificial slopes on behalf of Snowsport England.
- Preparation of budgets for approval by Snowsport England Board and approval and control of income and expenditure in the area for which ASC has responsibility.
- Drafting of the alpine contribution of forward plans.
- Delivery and monitoring of the approved forward plans.
- Formulation, implementation and interpretation of the regulations for the Seeding of Competitors from the results of Artificial Slope racing events in consultation with the other Home Nation Governing Bodies.
- Communication of information on alpine racing to registered performers and member clubs.

- Selection of alpine squads and teams to represent England.
 - Liaison with internal and external organisations in matters of alpine racing.
- 12.1.2. ASC performs these functions with the assistance of three standing sub-committees and ad-hoc sub-committees as required.
- 12.1.3. The three standing committees of ASC are: -
- The Race Organisation Technical Panel (ROTP)
 - The Seeding & Technical Panel (STP)
 - The Alpine Squad Management Committee (ASMC)
- Each of these committees has specific responsibilities and is accountable to ASC.
- 12.1.4. ASC may also approve ad-hoc sub-committees to organise alpine racing events and to examine particular policy matters. ASC may delegate tasks to individual members of the committee.

12.2. Seeding And Technical Panel (STP)

- 12.2.1. Terms Of Reference
- To act as a source of advice to ASC on seeding and technical matters.
 - To oversee the administration of the Snowsport England seeding system and to decide any matters that the Seeder feels should be referred to the panel.
 - To co-ordinate the provision of Technical Delegates to races organised under the auspices of Snowsport England.
 - To monitor and advise on the technical aspects of the organisation of races, in conjunction with ROTP.
 - To administer the training and development of new Technical Delegates.
 - To decide appeals made against Jury decisions in races organised under the auspices of Snowsport England.
 - To administer and execute the Snowsport England Disciplinary Regulations.
 - To homologate artificial slopes and advise on suitability for races.
 - To liaise with relevant bodies (e.g. the Snowsport GB Technical Delegates Forum).
 - To identify and develop individuals with the potential to become senior officials.
- 12.2.2. The panel will consist of a minimum of three persons but may vary in composition according to the nature of business to be discussed.
- 12.2.3. For seeding and general issues, it will consist of:
- Chairman, to be a Technical Delegate
 - At least one other Technical Delegate
 - The National Seeder
- 12.2.4. For technical issues and appeals it will consist of:
- Chairman
 - At least two other Technical Delegates
- 12.2.5. No member of the panel may hear an appeal against a Jury decision in which they were involved. That member will step down pro tem in favour of another Technical Delegate.
- 12.2.6. It will be at the discretion of the Chairman to convene a meeting at which the minimum numbers are present or to invite all Technical Delegates (for example, to end of season reviews). The Chairman may co-opt other suitably qualified officials in the discussion of seeding, technical and general matters.

12.3. Race Organisation Technical Panel (ROTP)

12.3.1. Terms Of Reference

- To act as a source of advice to ASC on matters concerning race organisation.
- To act as a source of advice to ASC on the development of the structure of snow and artificial slope racing in conjunction with Seeding and Technical Panel.
- To administer the training and registration of race officials, excluding Technical Delegates.
- To draw up and maintain a list of approved tutors for race officials courses in conjunction with Seeding and Technical Panel.
- To organise and publish an annual race calendar.
- To recommend to ASC the Chief of Championships and/or Organising Committee for the English Alpine Championships and All England Artificial Slope Championships, and - when appropriate - the British Artificial Slope Championships.
- To receive reports on the above Championships and make recommendations to ASC on the structure and conduct of future events.
- To publish and update a Race Manual for use by those involved in race organisation, in conjunction with Seeding and Technical Panel.
- To ensure that key officials of races on the Race Calendar receive all appropriate documentation to ensure the efficient organisation of races.
- To take responsibility for race equipment purchased by Snowsport England and advise ASC on equipment needs.
- To liaise as appropriate with other bodies, including Seeding and Technical Panel.
- To identify and develop individuals with the potential to become senior officials.

13. Race Officials Accreditation Scheme

13.1. Introduction

13.1.1. The Snowsport England Coaching Scheme exists to ensure the skill development of all participants, whether they are athletes, instructors, coaches or officials; and to ensure that these skills are recognised and accredited. For athletes, coaches and instructors, methods of accreditation exist through training, assessment and competition.

13.1.2. For officials, three levels of accreditation exist:

- Level 1 Race Official
- Level 2 Race Official
- Technical Delegate

13.1.3. The Race Organisation Technical Panel (ROTP) is responsible for the training, accreditation and appointment of Race Officials for Level 1 and Level 2.

13.1.4. The Seeding and Technical Panel (STP) is responsible for the training, and development of Technical Delegates. Refer to section 14 below and BCR Book VII for details on Technical Delegate development.

13.2. Criteria For Accreditation

13.2.1. Level 1 Race Official

To be accredited as a Level 1 Race Official, the applicant should have:

- Attended a recognised Snowsport England Race Officials Course (Level One or Two) within the previous three years.

- Registered with the Snowsport England coaching scheme as a race official.
- Kept an accurate record in the log book provided of all race officials duties carried out.
- Acted as a gate judge at a Snowsport England race on at least two occasions.
- Undertaken at least two of the following roles, not more than one of which should be from Group B as listed below.
- Been observed acting effectively in a role in Group A at a Snowsport England race by a Snowsport England assessor, including responding to any questions asked.

GROUP A:

- Starter
- Chief of Course
- Backup Timekeeper
- Start Marshall
- Finish Marshall
- Assistant Chief Gate Judge
- Chief of Timing

GROUP B:

- Provisional Times Board
- Commentator

13.2.2. Level 2 Race Official

To be accredited as a Level 2 Race Official, the applicant should have:

- Registered with the Snowsport England coaching scheme as a race official
- Attended a recognised Snowsport England Advanced Race Officials Course within the previous three years
- Kept an accurate record in the log book provided of all race officials duties carried out
- Acted as a gate judge at Club National, Grand Prix or Championship Snowsport England races on at least four occasions
- Undertaken at least four of the following roles:
 - Start Referee
 - Finish Referee
 - Chief Gate Judge
 - Race Secretary
 - Chief of Calculations
 - Referee
 - Chief of Race
- been observed acting effectively in one of these roles at a Snowsport England race by a Snowsport England assessor, including responding correctly to any questions asked.

Experience at Level 1 can count towards the criteria for Level 2.

13.3. Further Information

- 13.3.1. For further information on all aspects of becoming an accredited Race Official, please contact ROTP Training Co-ordinator (see section 2.9.3).

14. Criteria For The Appointment Of Technical Delegates

14.1. Criteria

14.1.1. Technical Delegates are qualified to act in one of three categories: -

- Technical Delegate (Artificial)
- Technical Delegate (Snow – Technicals)
- Technical Delegate (Snow – Technicals & Speed)

The two snow qualifications also cover all levels of races on artificial ski slopes. The detailed "Procedures and Processes towards the appointment of Technical Delegates" may be obtained from the Chairman, Seeding & Technical Panel (STP), or Snowsport England Office.

14.1.2. Potential TDs must be registered with the Snowsport England Coaching Scheme as officials and must keep their logbook up to date with a record of all duties carried out in races on the Snowsport England calendar.

14.1.3. Experienced competitors, e.g. England Squad Level or FIS licence holders, may be considered for Technical Delegate appointment on abbreviated criteria at the discretion of the Seeding and Technical Panel (STP).

14.1.4. Applicants must have attended at least one other race officials course.

14.1.5. They should have fulfilled the following race officials duties at races of national significance (Club National or above):

- Chief of Race:
At least twice
- Referee, Start Referee or Finish Referee:
At least three times
- Race Secretary:
At least once
- Chief of Calculations:
At least once
- Chief Gate Judge, Assistant Chief Gate Judge or Gate Judge:
At least four times including twice as a Gate Judge

Experienced Competitors:

- All of the above categories at least once apart from the Gate Judge categories, where they should have carried out three duties

14.1.6. STP will expect applicants/candidates to be able to demonstrate that they have had adequate Jury experience.

14.1.7. For snow qualifications, applicants must also satisfy STP that they have extensive snow experience, including having acted as Chief of Race on snow at least twice and done three of the Referee category jobs on snow.

14.1.8. Suitable candidates will be assigned a Mentor who will lead with the development of the individual in the role of a TD. The Mentor will also prepare the individual for the Written Examination.

14.1.9. After successfully completing a written paper, the applicant will be further developed under the Mentor, completing several shadow appointments under a qualified TD. When considered ready, the Candidate will undertake a practical assessment under the supervision of a Snowsport GB, Member Group or Snowsport England Technical Delegate, approved by STP.

14.2. Assessment

- For a TD (Artificial) appointment, the assessment will be at a Snowsport England artificial slope event of national significance (Club National or above).
- For a TD (Snow, Technicals) appointment, it will be at a Snowsport England, Snowsport GB or Member Group snow event, in the open mountain environment, approved by STP. This snow assignment, if

successful, would qualify the Candidate for TD (Snow, Technicals) and (Artificial).

- A Candidate for the speed event qualification must already hold a TD (Snow, Technicals) appointment. They must demonstrate an extensive knowledge of speed events and then take an additional assessment at a speed event under the supervision of a British Technical Delegate who holds a speed qualification.

14.2.1. After carrying out the candidature, the Candidate must submit a satisfactory report on the event, which will be submitted by the supervising Technical Delegate, together with his own report and his recommendations on the Candidate, to STP.

14.2.2. Simply fulfilling the above criteria will not automatically lead to appointment as a Technical Delegate. STP will look for personal qualities, which are likely to indicate sound judgement and effective leadership in the role.

14.2.3. STP may recommend to ASC the appointment of someone who has not wholly met the above criteria, if they have substantial alternative relevant experience, e.g. a coach or official with another Member Group of Snowsport GB.

14.3. Revalidation

14.3.1. The appointment is subject to revalidation by STP every three years, subject to the following requirements:

- Technical Delegates must keep up to date with rules and procedures for organising Snowsport England events.
- They must have officiated in at least nine races of national significance (at Snowsport GB, Snowsport England or Member Group events) in the last three years, at least three of which must have been in the role of Technical Delegate.
- All TDs must have attended a Snowsport GB Update Seminar and a Snowsport England TD Forum at least once every two years.

14.4. Other

14.4.1. Technical Delegates are entitled to be reimbursed for travel and, if necessary, accommodation expenses to the levels laid down by Snowsport England

14.4.2. Application to be considered for appointment should be made to the Chairman of STP.

15. Document History

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8.0	MAR 2008	3.2	Addition of no-smoking rule for start area.
		6.2	GP start order, split top group into 2.
		6.3	Amendment to points for GP series.
		8.	Addition of regulations for CN series.
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8.2	MAY 2009	4.3.5	Clarification of club affiliation rules.
8.3	JUNE 2009	6.4.1	GP Series now counts best 5 results from 7.
8.4	JUNE 2010	2.9	Removal of out-of-date contact information.
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