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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.

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

1.2. British Competition Framework

The British Competition Rules (the "BCR") comprises this document (BCR 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 BCR forms a part also includes rules for competitions on indoor snow and artificial slopes, the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR).

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. Sponsors

Each BCR Book has a designated 'sponsor', identifying the lead authority for that book. It does not imply that the sponsor has the right to alter the document unless approved by the TD Forum, which is the authority that has overall jurisdiction of the BCR and BACR within the auspices of BSS.

1.5. 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.

1.6. Document Versions

All books in the BCR 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 Competitions with Special Rules

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 must be submitted to BSS office (see BCR Book IV).

203 Licences and Registration

203.1 The BASS registration year begins on 1 December and finishes on 30 November of the following year.

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 carry accident insurance, in sufficient amounts to cover accident, transport and rescue costs including race risks; they must also 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, 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.

217 Draw

217.2 The competitors entered will only be drawn provided the entries on the official entry form and the required fee have been received by the organiser before the closing date specified for the competition or otherwise amended by the organiser.

217.3 If a competitor is not represented at the draw, he will only be drawn if it is confirmed by telephone, e-mail or fax by the beginning of the meeting that he will participate in the race.

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 or the first Team Captain's meeting, 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.

The completed form must be sent to the location indicated on the form prior to the start of the event.

223.3 Penalties

223.3.1 Replace "CHF 100,000" with "£1,000".

225 Appeals Commission

225.1 The TD Forum (or appropriate MG body for MG events) 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 (or MG in the case of MG Appeals Commissions) to the parties concerned, the MGs to which they belong and to the members of the Jury against whose decision a protest was lodged.

601.4.9 Duties of the TD for all Events

601.4.9.1.1 For British non FIS events, subject to agreement by the Jury and at the Team Captains' Meeting, a Super-G may be held on a homologated Downhill course. All normal course criteria and safety requirements must, however, be in place.

602 Technical Delegate

For information on Technical Delegate development and all issues relating to TD assessment, licensing, assignment 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.

603.7.3 All courses must be set according to BCR.

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. Children or Minis may not forerun downhill."

606 Competitors' Outfits

606.7 The wearing of competition suits (catsuits) or similar one- or multi-piece clothing by Minis is prohibited. Clothing worn by Minis must offer full ankle-to-wrist protection from the elements.

607 Age Limits

607.1 The competition year is May 1st – April 30th of the following year.

607.4 Minis are those competitors in the four years under the age of Children.

611.2 Timing Equipment

611.2.5 For all British events, System A, System B and hand timing are compulsory. For MG and Club events, System A and hand timing are compulsory, System B is strongly recommended.

608.6 Children's Start Order

- Slalom and Giant Slalom are run as two separate single-run races (in case of force majeure, GS may be only a single run race.)
- ChI and ChII are drawn as separate Categories, and girls race separately from boys.
- The Jury will decide the Category start order and announce it at the Team Captains' Meeting. It remains the same for both races.
- Each race counts separately for seed points, but prizes and medals may be awarded on the aggregate of both results.
- The start order is determined by the seeding system. A first group of 15 (or as appropriate to the number and ability of the competitors) will be drawn. All remaining competitors start in seed point order. All competitors without points will be drawn in the last group.
- Race 1 will be run in bib number order (highest ranked first).
- Race 2 will be run in reverse order of bib numbers within the Categories.
- Coaches will retain responsibility for ensuring that any competitor falling in Race 1 is withdrawn from Race 2 if there may be a possibility of injury and/or equipment failure.

625.2 Award of Prizes in the Case of a Terminated Competition

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. For Downhill and Super-G, in exceptional circumstances, trophies may be presented if at least 60% of the competitors have started.

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 Authorisation

The following are authorised to submit protests: -

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

646 Settlement of Protests by the Jury

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 SSGB or MG office as appropriate, accompanied by a £50 deposit."

647.1.3.1 Add: "Any additional supporting evidence must be sent to the SSGB 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 SSGB TD Forum or corresponding group designated by the MG as appropriate."

650.1 Homologation

British calendar competitions may only be run on courses which are homologated by FIS or the relevant National Association.

For British non-FIS events, and in the event of force majeure, race Juries may, subject to agreement at the Team Managers Meeting, substitute a 'step down' course. For example, a SG may be held on a homologated DH course, GS on a homologated SG course, and SL on a homologated GS course. All normal course criteria and safety requirements must however be in place.

801 Slalom Technical Data

801.1 Vertical Drop

	Min	Max
Men	140 -	220 m
Ladies	120 -	200 m
Junior	120 -	200 m
Children I & II	100 -	160 m

801.1.5 Exception for indoor snow halls:
All categories Min 60m vertical drop

803 Course Setting

803.2.1 Children I: Maximum 3 hairpin combinations and maximum 2 vertical combinations consisting of 3 – maximum 4 gates.

901 Giant Slalom Technical Data

901.1 Vertical Drop

	Min	Max
Men	200 -	450 m
Ladies	200 -	400 m
Junior	200 -	400 m
Children I & II	180 -	250 m
Minis	n/a	250 m

901.1.4 Children I and II events should be decided by two single-run races (see 906.2).

901.1.6 Minis 1 run
In no circumstances shall Minis participate in more than one race per day.

906 Execution of the Giant Slalom

906.2 Children I and II events should be decided by two single-run races. The second race may be held on the same piste, but the gates must be reset. Whenever possible, both race should be held on the same day. Minis events must be one race/run only.

1001 Super-G Technical Data

1001.1 Vertical Drop

	Min	Max
Men	400 -	650 m
Ladies	350 -	600 m
Junior	300 -	600 m
Children I & II	250 -	350 m
Minis	n/a	250 m

1001.3 Gates

1001.3.4 Minis Min 10% Max 12% of the vertical drop.

1002.4 Homologation of Children's Super-G courses

All courses used for Children's SG must be homologated. If the course to be used is homologated for FIS GS, then the course must be approved in advance by the TD Forum or in place by a GBR TD qualified for speed events.

1003.1.5 Different courses should be set for Children I and II to suit the different turning radii and lengths of their skis. When a single course is to be set for both Children I and II, the course should take into account the range of ski lengths and turning radii used by these age groups.

1006 Execution of the Super-G

1006.1 In no circumstances shall Minis participate in more than one race per day.

3. Definitions

British Ski & Snowboarding. 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 British Alpine TD Forum 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)

Snowsport Wales - trading name of Ski Council of Wales Ltd (SSW)

Snowsport Scotland (SNSC)

British Alpine Racing Ski Clubs (BARSC)

British Association of Snowsports Instructors (BASI)

Combined Services Winter Sports Association (CSWSA)

Ski Club of Great Britain (SCGB)

Registration. A listing or categorisation of licensed competitors.

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

TD Forum A technical sub-committee of BSS.

4. Aide Memoire

SLALOM	Senior		Junior	Children	Indoor Snow
	M	F			
Vertical drop	140-220	120-200	120-200	100-160	All ages 60 min
Dir changes	30-35% of vertical drop +/- 3				

GS	Senior		Junior	Children	Minis
	M	F			
Vertical drop	200-450	200-400	200-400	180-250	Max 250
Dir changes	11-15%	11-15%	11-15%	13-15%	No rule
Runs	2	2	2	2	1

SUPER G	Senior		Junior	Children	Minis
	M	F			
Vertical drop	350-650	350-600	300-600	250-350	Max 250
Dir changes	Min 7%	Min 7%	Min 7%	8-10%	10-12%
Min dir chg	30	30	30	8%	10%

DH	Senior		Junior		
	M	F			
Vertical drop	450-1100	450-800	450-700		

5. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2006	Nov 2006	Document created from "BCR 2004".
2007	16-Jan-2008	Changes in following paragraphs in section 1: 601.4.9.1, 606.6, 621.3.1, 901, 1001 Also amendments to Aide Memoire in line with FIS ICR Precisions.
2007.1	15-Jun-2008	Moved items under para 602 (Technical Delegate) to Book VII. Correction to 801.1 to include Children II, and to 801.2.4 to include Children II and refer to percentage of vertical drop. Publication date added to front page and page footers.
Dec 08	03-Dec-2008	Adjustment of some rule numbers to follow changes in ICR 2008. Also changed:- 605.1 Forerunner age groups. 607.4 added full table of competition years. 608.6 clarification of draw (drawn "as separate Categories"). 801.2 deleted (now covered by ICR). 801.2.5 no 'single pole slalom' trials. 1002.4 Children's SG on FIS GS course. 1003.1.5 Children I and II on same SG course. 1211 (Brit Combined) moved to Book IV. Chapter 3 removed NISC from MG list. Chapter 4 aide memoire updated.
Dec 09	05-Dec-2009	221.6 medical services rules added (from May 09 Precisions). 602.2.2 re-instatement of missing para on TD assignment. 801.2.5 slight re-wording now that single-pole is no longer being 'tested' by FIS.
Nov 10	09-Nov-2010	1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 202.1.2, 3, etc : Replace Snowsport GB with British Ski & Snowboarding (BSS). 221.6 deleted (same as ICR).

		601.4.9.1.1 renumbered
		603.7.3 paragraph added
		605.1 replaced "invited to do so" with "permitted"
		801.1.5 added
		801.2.5 deleted prohibition on setting single-pole SL
		4. Correction to Aide Memoire to match FIS Nov 2009, and add exception to VD for SL in indoor snow halls.
Nov 10	22-Dec-2010	Precision to correct DC for CH GS to 13-15% as per ICR.
Nov 11	20-Nov-2011	650.1 allow homologation by any National Association.
		607.4 removed table of competition years in preparation for expected changes in age groups.