British Alpine Ski Competitions
British Competition Rules
BCR Book III: Seeding
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1. General

This document is part of the British Competition Rules (the "BCR"), and lists the rules and procedures relating to the British Alpine Seeding System (BASS). Refer to BCR Book I for overall details about BCR and its application.

2. Application

2.1. Races must be run according to FIS ICR, or as varied by the British Competition Rules (BCR).

2.2. The following categorisation of races is applicable to races processed through the British Alpine Seeding System (BASS): -
- British & Constituent Group (FIS)
- British (non-FIS)
- Constituent Group (non-FIS)
- Club

3. Procedure

3.1. The race must be listed on the British Calendar.

3.2. As part of one event, only two races per discipline (or four for U14's technical disciplines) may be announced in the British Calendar and taken into consideration for BASS points within a period of 5 days on the same piste. The organisation of replacement competitions in addition to an event with two races per discipline is not permitted. For such additional competitions, no BASS points will be given.

3.3. For British & CG (FIS) races, the FIS TD Committee will appoint a TD. For non-FIS races on the British Calendar, a TD appointed by the TD Forum must attend the event.

3.4. The appointed TD is responsible for the production of the results pack, including any electronic race files. This is carried out in conjunction with the Chief of Timing and Calculations (CoTC). The TD will authorise the CoTC to send the electronic race files to import@gbski.com for acceptance into the online system and, once approved, send the .pdf copies of the official results to the event website and britski.org. The TD is to send the completed race results pack (see TD report for contents) to results@gbski.com for onwards dissemination to the relevant organisations. For British & CG (FIS) events, the CoTC takes on this responsibility once the results have been approved by the FIS TD.

3.4.1 If a race file is rejected from the online system, the CoTC is authorised to make the necessary correction(s) on the proviso that the official result is not affected in any way (racer not in the database for example). Any correction needed to be made that alters the official result must be justified to, and approved by, the appointed TD and a new result/race file produced.

3.5. If there is doubt about the acceptability of a race for seeding purposes, it shall not be processed into the seeding system until the TD Forum has resolved the matter.

4. Competitors

4.1. All registered U14, U16, U18, U21 and Seniors are eligible to earn seed points.

4.2. All races which are submitted for seeding must be open to all competitors registered with BASS unless special dispensation has been granted in advance by the TD Forum. The organisers of a CG or Club race are obliged to accept up to 25 entrants from other organisations.

4.3. The start list shall be drawn up according to the current FIS/BASS seed list, with ICR applying to the second run (subject to any exceptions published in BCR I).

4.4. In mixed age group races, U14 results, U16 results and U18/U21/Senior results will be seeded as separate races.

4.5. Girls must race separately, either before or after the boys if the same course is used.

5. Calculation of Seed Points

5.1. Start of Season List

5.1.1. This is published in early December and includes only those racers who have renewed their registration for the following year.

5.1.2. Seed points for each discipline (SL, GS, SG and DH) are the minimum of the following:-

a) The seed points which appeared on the preceding End of Season (EOS) List.

b) The current FIS points. Points which derive from the FIS Points List are annotated by an 'F'.

c) Seed points calculated from the previous season's British/CG/club races, loaded as appropriate (if not already in EOS list).

5.1.3. These Points are referred to as the Start of Season (SOS) points, however they were derived. In the case of skiers who register late or produce relevant documentary evidence late, these points will be mounted on the BASS database as if they had been on the SOS list. However, they will only appear on BASS lists published after their registration or evidence has been processed.

5.2. Mid Season Lists

5.2.1. For the second, third and fourth seed lists, the points for each discipline are the minimum of the following:-

a) The SOS points.

b) The average of the best 2 results earned in races during the current season.

c) The best result earned during the current season plus 10%.

d) The current FIS points.

5.3. End of Season List

5.3.1. For the final list, the provisional points for each discipline are the minimum of the following:-

a) The SOS point plus the greater of a 15% loading or 15 points.

b) The average of the best 2 results earned in races during the current season

c) The best result earned during the current season plus 10%.

d) The current FIS Points.

5.3.2. In order to calculate the final (published) seed points for the end-of-season list, the provisional seed points for all competitors in the following age categories shall be adjusted by a value which sets the points of the

best ranked competitor in each discipline to the points as shown for that category:

    U14   SL/GS 160 points
    U16   SL/GS 120 points
    U14/U16   SG   120 points

5.3.3. For all other age categories, the final (published) seed points for the end-of-season list shall equal the provisional points.

6. Registration and the Allocation of Points

6.1. A racer who does not register as a competitor, for up to 2 seasons, may claim his previous points if he re-registers for seeding. These will be subject to an annual loading of 15% (or +15 if greater).

6.2. Foreign racers may have their foreign seed points recognized for conversion (on a suitable basis) on initial registration with BASS.

7. Race Acceptability

7.1. The National Seeder will consider for seeding only those race results, which have been approved by the TD Forum.

7.2. A race which is to be processed for seed point purposes may, in exceptional circumstances, be run in other than seed point order. Organisers of team events should consult the TD well in advance of the race to ensure that the start order proposed is acceptable for seeding purposes.

7.3. The TD Forum has discretion to approve races for seeding, which do not strictly comply with the ICR/BCR. In making their decision, the Forum should consider inter alia the recommendations of the appointed TD & the National Seeder and the interests of all registered racers, not just those who competed in the race being considered.

8. Calculations for British & CG (non-FIS) and Club races

8.1. Race Points. These are calculated by the formula:-

$$P = \frac{(Tx - To)}{To} \times F$$

where:-
    P = Race Points
    Tx = Racer's Time in seconds
    To = Winner's Time in seconds
    F = 'F' factor, announced annually for each discipline.

8.2. The Winner. For seeding purposes, the Winner is the first placed BASS registered racer.

8.3. Unregistered racers. For seeding purposes, only registered racers will be considered in any calculations.

8.4. Race Penalty Point

8.4.1. The Race Penalty Point (RPP) is calculated as follows:

$$RPP = \frac{(A + B - C)}{10}$$

where:-
    B = Seed Point total of those 5 racers who started the race who have the lowest BASS seed points

A = Seed Point total of those 5 racers in the first 10 finishers who have the lowest BASS seed points

C = Total of Race Points of the corresponding 5 finishers

8.4.2. The RPP shall be calculated using the seed points on the BASS Seed List valid at the date of the race. Current FIS points for non-BASS registered racers will be taken into account.

8.4.3. If the calculated RPP for any U16's technical race or any U14/U16's Super-G race is less than 120 points, the applied penalty shall be 120 points. If the calculated RPP for any U14's technical race is less than 160 points, the applied penalty shall be 160 points.

8.4.4. For a race to be seeded, at least five racers must finish, and at least three racers finishing in the first ten places must have current BASS points. If there are only 3 (or 4) racers with current BASS points finishing in the first 10 places, then the values A, B and C in 8.3.1 above shall be based on 3 (or 4) racers respectively and the RPP shall be:-

(A+B-C)/ 6 (or 8).

8.4.5. If two of more racers are ranked 10th (BASS registered only), they shall all be taken into consideration for the penalty calculation, as long as they are included in the five with the best BASS points.

8.4.6. If two or more racers have the fifth best BASS points, which should be taken into consideration for the penalty calculation, the racer with the higher race points will be considered for the penalty calculation. Reason: Better penalty.

8.4.7. Where there are insufficient finishers to calculate a penalty in the U18/U21/Senior section of a race including U16's, the U16's penalty will be applied and the race points (including negative points) for the U18/U21/Seniors will be calculated by reference to the winning U16's time. Any U18/U21/Senior results calculated in this manner shall be subject to a minimum value for each racer equal to the best result achieved by that racer in the same discipline prior to this result in the current or previous season.

8.4.8. Where there are insufficient finishers to calculate a penalty in the U16's section of a race including U18/U21/Seniors, the National Seeder will recommend a course of action to the TD Forum Chairman, which may include a recommendation that the Children's results should not be seeded.

8.4.9. The TD will normally calculate and announce the provisional RPP at the conclusion of the race.

8.4.10. Points Earned from race. The Result used in the seeding calculation, is the sum of (RPP + racer's race points).

8.4.11. For races in indoor snow halls, a Category Adder of 40 points shall be applied to the Penalty Point calculation.

9. Calculations for British & CG (FIS) races

9.1. The FIS result (FIS RPP + FIS race points) for each BASS registered GBR racer shall be copied straight onto the BASS database. There is no separate calculation using BASS points.

10. Foreign Racers

10.1. Only racers currently registered with BASS will be processed for seeding.

11. Seeder's Authority and Referral to the TD Forum

11.1. The National Seeder cannot vary these rules except when he sees that the inclusion of a race will produce aberrant Seed Points. The race will then not be included but will be referred back to the TD Forum, together with suggestions for proceeding.

12. Notification of Refusal to Include a Race

The non-acceptance of a race for seeding shall be notified, together with reasons, to the TD and the Chief of Race. The reasons for non-acceptance shall be published in the BASS Seed List.

13. Issue of Seed Lists

Seed Lists are now published on the Internet only – currently at www.britski.org. There will normally be five Seed Lists each year. The closing, publication and validity dates for each list will be published at the start of each race season.

14. Content of Seed Lists

The SOS List is to include the names and abbreviations of all clubs included in the BASS. The BASS record is the British master list, and CGs should consult it before adding additional abbreviations. Any new abbreviations are to be advised to the National Seeder, who will also resolve any clashes. Each Seed List is to include a list of the races that have been included together with their RPP, or the reason for their non-inclusion (e.g. cancellation, lack of finishers etc).

15. Receipt of Race Results

The appointed TD must ensure that the race files, race results and the TD report are sent electronically as detailed at Art. 3.4 within 3 days of the completion of the race. For British & CG (FIS) races, the Race Organisation Committee (normally the CoTC) is responsible. Seed Lists will not be delayed beyond their scheduled publication date, unless the TD Forum considers it essential to await a particular race result.

16. Protests, Queries and Appeals

16.1. **Protests**
Any protest or query on seeding is to be made in writing to the National Seeder for investigation and action. This may be in conjunction with the Chairman of the TD Forum.

16.2. **Appeals**
Protests against seeding decisions may be made to the TD Forum. The procedure for further appeal is detailed in the TD Forum's Terms of Reference (TD Forum Chairman).

17. Document History

Edition	Date	Description of changes
2006	Nov 2006	Document created from "BCR 2004".
Dec 09	05-Dec-2009	No change.
Nov 10	09-Nov-2010	Remove/replace references to Snowsport GB.
		9.3.11 added (Adder for races in indoor snow halls).

Nov 12	19-Nov-2012	3.3 TD appointments altered to match BCR I.
		4.1, 4.4, 6.3.2, 9.3.3, 9.3.7 new nomenclature for age groups.
Dec 13	10-Dec-2013	Replace remaining references to 'Children' with U14 and/or U16 as appropriate.
		Clarification of penalty and seeding calculations for U14 and U16 events, and separate minimum penalties and end-of-season adjustments.
		Remove section detailing course requirements.
		Replace MG (member group) with CG (constituent group) throughout.
		3.2 remove 'homologated', now specifies only 'same course' as force majeure sometimes results in valid race being run on course that was not homologated in advance.
Nov 15	15-Nov-15	New 8.3 to clarify that unregistered racers are not used for the RP or RPP.
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		8.4.1 Bass Registered removed from A's definition.
		3.4 & 15. Change to results recipients, TD Forum Chairman is replaced.
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