



British Alpine Ski Competitions
Guidance on suitable 'stubby' for Alpine Ski Racing
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In the absence of a FIS specification for Alpine stubbies (there are some homologated for Snowboard but apparently not currently for Alpine, although work is under way to address this), all that we are able to do at this stage is to offer some guidance. This needs to be backed up by feedback from coaches.

Firstly, we are all in agreement that a stubby is most definitely **not** a sawn-off standard flex slalom pole. These are too stiff and represent a significant risk of injury and on no account should such poles be used either in training or in competition.

Secondly, we have a list of poles offered by various manufacturers that appear to be suitable:-

SPM "Boy" gates

<http://www.spmspa.it/sport/catalogo.aspx?codice=pago&language=en>

Liski Soft Slalom Poles or Gummy

<http://www.liski.it/EN-en/catalogo.asp?Catalogo=SKI%20SLOPE%20EQUIPMENT%3Cbr%3EAND%20PROTECTION%20SYSTEMS&CatalogId=22&Categoria=Slalom%20Poles&Categoriald=1&sottocategoria=SOFT%20SLALOM%20POLES%20FOR%20TRAINING%20AND%20RACES&sottocategoriaid=5&tipologiaid=709&tipologia=GUMMY>

Break-A-Way

<http://www.frاندl-sports.com/Break-A-Way-Slalom-Poles:::1.html>

There may be others, but the over-riding principle is that they have to be 'designed for the purpose'.

Finally, it is important that ROCs ask their TD well in advance of their event if they have any doubts about whether what they are considering using would be suitable. Advice can be sought from the British Alpine TD Forum, but it should be noted that in the current absence of a defined international standard for this equipment any advice given can only be that, "advice".

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