

Alpine Committee Meeting
Sunday 20 October 2019 11:00 am
Sportpark, Loughborough

Present

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)
Bryan Thomas (BT)
Mary Calvert (MC)
David Chapman (DC)
David Eaves (DE)
Mike Frith (MF)
Andrew Hjort (AH)

Julian Sambles (JS)
Claire Pennell (CP) until 12:30

Paul Telling (PT) by phone link
Gareth Case (GC) by phone link
Simon Bannister (SB) by phone link until 13:50
Tim Fawke (TF) by phone link until 12:20

1) Apologies

David Manns (DM)

James Knock (JK)

BT reported that Karen Conde is standing down from the committee. However, she is happy to help if needed. BT recorded a vote of thanks to Karen for all her hard work over many years.

2) Declaration of Interests and Safeguarding

All committee members have completed declaration of interest forms. There were no new notifications and no safeguarding issues.

3) Minutes from previous meeting - previously agreed and published 19 August 2019.

4) Action points not on agenda elsewhere

- i. **Athletes' declaration forms** for third party insurance at races. These forms need to be completed for non-registered racers who are not members of an affiliated club. (If they enter a race online, they will have ticked a box which effectively completes the form.) The form only needs to be completed once during a season and LJ wants a record held so that additional forms are not needed at subsequent races. TF confirmed that a one drive folder could be set up to contain the forms and access could be given to all race secretaries. This folder could be updated by each race secretary after their race. It was pointed out that the number of racers to whom this applies is very small. Most day entries are members of an affiliated club.

**Actions: DM to cover athletes' declaration forms in the Race Manual
TF to set up one drive folder to hold day athletes' declaration forms and arrange for race secretaries to be given access**

- ii. **Volunteer recognition** TF reported that SSE has looked at various merchandise options for rewarding volunteers. Qualifying volunteers would be able to choose which item they prefer. AH suggested that most volunteers are given a discount code to use but that those who have volunteered the most are given their choice free. GC suggested that all volunteers receive a thank you letter from SSE at the end of the season and that this is followed up with their discounted or free item of merchandise.

JS suggested that there could be a "Volunteer of the Month" award. DC suggested that clubs could nominate their "Official of the Year" (in a similar way to the coaching recognition awards).

TF/CP will let the committee know what the options are and will discuss with Victoria Stonehouse how they will work.

Action: TF/CP to report on Volunteer recognition at the next meeting

5) Finance

- i. BT gave an update on the accounts and budget. Figures for the third quarter are not yet available but those for the half year are very healthy. Bormio has done well and entry levels for national races have been equal or above previous years (LJ's updated 2019 entry figures are in Appendix 1). When the third quarter figures are available, BT and DE will review them.

BT, DE and LJ have a template ready for the 2020 budget statement and LJ will produce a first cut in the next week.

**Action: BT/DE to look at third quarter accounts
BT/DE/LJ to prepare 2020 budget statement**

- ii. **Entry Fees and CN Charges** In the draft budget for the English Alpine Championships in Bormio, 2020, SSE have increased entry fees per race by £2.50. No entry fee increases for the summer season have been put forward. It is proposed that the deduction paid by organisers for Club National Races remains unchanged at £6 per racer. BT/LJ will review this figure with TF and Simon Levene and report back at the next meeting. It is important to take into account that the current Sport England funding ends at the end of March 2021. There are as yet no details of any future funding.

Action: BT/LJ to discuss with TF and Simon Levene and report at next meeting on the CN deduction per racer

6) Calendar planning 2020

Appendix 2 gives AH's combined report on Calendar Planning for 2020/2021 and Officials Training.

- i. For 2020, SSS asked for a second indoor GBR race as they have moved their indoor championships to later in the year. To keep the series balanced, a sixth outdoor race has also been added. This situation will be reviewed for future seasons.
- ii. The clash between the SSW and SSS Outdoor Championships has been resolved.
- iii. It was noted that Swadlincote (and Llandudno) were now available for events. It is hoped that these will be used for some events in 2020 and that they will then be used for GBR/Championship events in 2021.
- iv. GC emphasised that the quality of the slope should be taken into consideration when awarding bids for national races. LJ confirmed that one venue had been refused a bid this year because of the poor quality of the slope.
- v. BSA has submitted a bid for a CN race on a Friday. All present agreed that it was not possible to run races on weekdays (other than Bank Holidays).

The outline calendar plan was agreed by everyone. BT thanked AH for the progress he has made this year.

**Action: AH to progress the calendar plan for 2020
BT/LJ/AH/DC to review the 2021 calendar planning process for the next meeting**

- vi. **GBR Sponsorship** So far, no sponsor has been identified for the 2020 GBR series. (Approximately £10K is needed). A marketing consultant is working with SSE and has provided a starting brief to be circulated to potential parties. BT will circulate this to the Committee for comments.

Action: BT to circulate draft brief re GBR sponsorship to the Committee

7) Link to SSE Marketing for mailers for events

BT will link with Victoria Stonehouse on this. This year, Nigel Vincent set up a gbski Facebook page with event auto feed. This has been working quite well.

Action: BT to link with Victoria Stonehouse regarding mailers for events

8) Alpine Committee Terms of Reference

Appendix 3 gives the Alpine Committee's Terms of Reference as well as its Roles and Responsibilities. These have been approved by the Board and were agreed by all present. MC will confirm this to TF/CP. All committee members should submit a photo for inclusion on the SSE website.

Action: MC to confirm TORs with TF/CP and arrange for all committee members to submit a photo for the website

AH is still concerned about the lack of a link between the SSE registration database and the officials' log and database. This makes it difficult to have an accurate record of registered officials and to record completion of L1 Officials' Courses.

Action: MC to email TF/CP to ask for progress on a link between SSE registration and Officials databases

9) TD Forum

DM submitted a report (Appendix 4) which was presented by LJ. This gives an overview of the rule changes to be tabled at the November GBR TD Forum meeting. DM will report back on these at the next meeting.

Action: DM to report on rule changes approved at TD forum for next meeting

10) Perpetual Trophies

There is now a complete list (with 2019 holders and their contact details) of trophies presented during the summer artificial slope race season. MC will ensure that a copy is sent to the SSE office. Andrea Grant has offered to collate the return of trophies for the 2020 season.

Action: MC to send CP a complete list of the summer season trophies

11) Course Setting

- i. SB reported that the level of course setting this year has been good. GC asked if the number of people used for setting could be increased to increase the variety of the courses set. SB agreed that variety is necessary. To facilitate this, a course setters' list which includes setters from all over the country is needed. He also wants to encourage the use of the younger/newer course setters.

Kaigan Witts and Adam Lee have both been added to the A course setters' list.

Action: SB to arrange for publication of updated Course Setters' List

- ii. It had been suggested that a separate Course Setters' List should exist for indoor events such as the Lowlands Champs at Landgraaf. This was not felt to be necessary. Any snow setter is able to set at these. The Course Setters' List published on gbski is generic to events held under the IBARTS and OBARTS seeding systems.
- iii. **Course Setting Courses** SB was chasing for further Course Setting Courses to be held. For groups of >15, two tutors are required. Currently the available tutors are SB, PT, Tomasz Ondrusz and Sally Bartlett.
- iv. **Inclusion of Course Setting in UKCP 1 course.** SB will look at the Level 1 coaching course material and will liaise with DE and AH to try and take this forward.

Action: SB to liaise with DE /AH to take forward review of inclusion of course setting in UKCP 1

12) Update on Alpine Squad

JS presented a Squad report including a selection policy review from JK (Appendix 5). JS confirmed that he has now done his induction with TF and has also attended the coaches' conference. He met with Pat Sharples who is supportive of what the Squad is trying to achieve.

JS asked for feedback from the Alpine Committee – both negative and positive. The general feeling was that the meeting was happy with progress so far.

13) Feedback from Ambassadors' Programme

GC reported on the Ambassadors' Programme which has now completed its third year. There are 18 racers on the programme (top 3 male and female from U16, U18 and U21). All but one of the racers represented the Ambassadors at GBR races. The new kit has been well received. This year it was not possible to arrange a training day.

The Ambassadors are strongly encouraged to take part in coaching and course setting courses.

The invitation letter for 2020 will be sent out in February. It will include a date for the training day. It will be reworded to indicate that it is expected that Ambassadors attend GBR races. SB asked that the committee be informed of the invited athletes before the announcement is made public.

Action: GC to inform the AC of the names of the Ambassadors before the list is made public

- 14) SSE agreements with ESSKIA and NSSA** TF has signed agreements with ESSKIA and NSSA to promote working in partnership with SSE. This was welcomed by the committee. The agreements include a statement on Squad selection:

For any Schools team/Squad to be recognised by SE they will need to send the selection criteria and information on how this fits into the talent pathway to the relevant committee for approval (Alpine Committee for Alpine). All Selection criteria need to be published and selection meetings minuted.

15) AOB

- i. PT asked if there was a policy for managing oversubscribed events such as the Lowlands Championships. LJ emphasised that, although SSE run the Lowland Championships, it is a British event and now involves 6 countries. There has been a 350 cap on entries but it is hoped that this can be increased to 375. LJ's main recommendation is that racers submit their entries early. The selection criteria will be made clear on the invitation and during the 2019/2020 winter season.

- ii. GC asked if more UKCP courses could be organised. PT offered to run a level 1 course. LJ felt that courses were available but that they needed more publicity.

Action: LJ to arrange for UKCP courses to be publicised on gbski and the SSE website

- iii. MF reported that some bibs are missing and some need replacing. It was agreed that he should order 30 blank bibs to fill in those missing.

Action: MF to order 30 blank bibs

- iv. MF reported that he had several quotes for van hire to Italy. He will liaise with DM.

Action: MF to liaise with DM regarding van hire for the English Championships

- v. AH reported that the Level 3 Officials training Course had gone well last weekend.

- vi. BT reported that he had attended the SSE Committee Chairs Meeting and would circulate the discussion points to the committee.

Action: BT to circulate Committee Chairs' Meeting report to the committee

16) Date of next meeting

**The date of the next meeting is
Sunday 8 December at SportPark.**

Actions

4 i	DM	to cover athletes' declaration forms in the Race Manual
4 i	TF	to set up one drive folder to hold day athletes' declaration forms and arrange for race secretaries to be given access
4 ii	TF/CP	to report on Volunteer recognition at the next meeting
5i	BT/DE	to look at third quarter accounts
5i	BT/DE/LJ	to prepare 2020 budget statement
5ii	BT/LJ	to report at next meeting on CN deduction per racer
6	AH	to progress the calendar plan for 2020
6	BT/LJ/AH/DC	to review the 2021 calendar planning process for the next meeting
6vi	BT	to circulate draft brief re GBR sponsorship to the Committee
7	BT	to link with Victoria Stonehouse regarding mailers for events
8	MC	to confirm TORs with TF/CP and arrange for all committee members to submit a photo for the website
8	MC	to email TF/CP to ask for progress on a link between SSE registration and Officials databases
9	DM	to report on rule changes approved at TD forum for next meeting
10	MC	to send CP a complete list of the summer season trophies
11i	SB	to arrange for publication of updated Course Setters' List
11iv	SB	to liaise with DE /AH to take forward review of inclusion of course setting in UKCP 1
13	GC	to inform the AC of the names of the Ambassadors before the list is made public
15ii	LJ	to arrange for UKCP courses to be publicised on gbski and the SSE website
15iii	MF	to order 30 blank bibs
15iv	MF	to liaise with DM regarding van hire for the English Championships
15vi	BT	to circulate Committee Chairs' Meeting report to the committee

Appendix 1
2019 Artificial Season

Date	Event	Cal Code	Others				Sub Nationals				GBR				Championships			
			Females	Males	Total	U10/U12	Females	Males	Total	U10/U12	Females	Males	Total	U10/U12	Females	Males	Total	U10/U12
27-Apr-19	SSW Slalom	C554	43	38	81	17												
27-Apr-19	Raven/Tigers s Outdoor CN	C555					39	45	84	26								
28-Apr-19	NESA Outdoor CN	C558					37	33	70	16								
28-Apr-19	Excel Race, Pembrey	C557	24	29	53	12												
04-May-19	Pendle Outdoor CN	C561					45	50	95	36								
04-May-19	BRSA CN, Milton Keynes	C560					29	50	79	36								
05-May-19	GBR Outdoor 1, Pendle	C564								45	48	93	32					
11-May-19	GBR Indoor 1, Chill Factore	C566								50	72	122	34					
12-May-19	GBR Indoor 2, Chill Factore	C566								52	70	122	33					
18-May-19	Midland Outdoor CN Stoke	C570					57	74	131	33								
19-May-19	Telford Outdoor CN Stoke	C571					38	54	92	33								
01-Jun-19	Norfolk Outdoor CN	C578					38	50	88	25								
02-Jun-19	Vikings Outdoor CN	C581					42	51	93	23								
08-Jun-19	Dragons Open Race, Gloucester	C649	27	29	56	14												
08-Jun-19	Twin Peaks Outdoor CN Fir Park	C580	38	59	97	55												
09-Jun-19	Twin Peaks/GBR Outdoor 2 Hillend	C577								45	78	123	45					
08-Jun-19	Hemel Indoor CN	C583					41	81	122	51								
09-Jun-19	Gloucester CN	C585					42	57	99	29								
15-Jun-19	GBR Indoor 3, Braehead	C586								46	75	121	39					
16-Jun-19	Scottish Indoor Champs	C588												42	71	113	44	
15-Jun-19	Chatham Outdoor CN	C587					33	48	81	21								
16-Jun-19	Bromley Outdoor CN	C589					34	34	68	20								
22-Jun-19	Welwyn Outdoor CN	C590					41	46	87	14								
22-Jun-19	Ambition Indoor CN	C616					13	27	40	19								
23-Jun-19	GBR Indoor 4, Castleford	C591								34	51	85	39					
29-Jun-19	GBR Outdoor 3, Pontypool	C594								57	57	114	29					
30-Jun-19	GBR Outdoor 4, Pontypool	C595								57	55	112	30					
06-Jul-19	GBR Outdoor 5, Gloucester	C597								51	74	125	29					
07-Jul-19	Inter Regional Stoke	C598			13 Teams													
13-Jul-19	SMK CN, Milton Keynes	C600					29	58	87	35								
14-Jul-19	GBR Indoor 5, Milton Keynes	C602								26	36	62	30					
10-Aug-19	Anglo-Welsh Indoor, Chill Factore	C605												41	77	118	38	
11-Aug-19	British Indoor Champs, Chill Factore	C606								41	72	113	47	32	53	85	30	
24-Aug-19	Ski Bartlett English Open, Stoke	C668								52	73	125	35					
25-Aug-19	British Outdoor Champs, Stoke	C607								47	72	119	28	37	55	92	39	
31-Aug-19	All England Champs Norfolk	C609								63	79	142	34	43	53	96	39	
01-Sep-19	Inter Club, Norfolk	C610											12 Teams	12 Teams	11 Teams	9 Teams		
07-Sep-19	Scottish Outdoor Champs, Hillend	C608								35	55	90	57	30	47	77	45	
08-Sep-19	Scottish Outdoor Champs GS, Hillend	C608								28	50	78	61					
07-Sep-19	Welsh National, Pontypool	C611								46	49	95	19	33	39	72	24	
08-Sep-19	Welsh Champs, Pontypool	C611								43	45	88	14	32	35	67	20	
05-Oct-19	International Slalom, Kiltiernan	C622								22	41	63	26	29	40	69	26	
06-Oct-19	Irish Champs Slalom, Kiltiernan	C622								22	41	63	25	29	40	69	25	

Totals	558	758	1316	417	463	616	1079	340	482	725	1207	428	342	491	833	328
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2019 Totals (Outdoor)	446	542	988	276
2019 Average (Outdoor)	41	49	90	25
2018 Average (Outdoor)	43	49	92	26

2019 Totals (Indoor)	112	216	328	141
2019 Average (Indoor)	28	54	82	35
2018 Average (Indoor)	28	44	72	22

2019 Totals (GBR Outdoor)	255	312	567	165
2019 Average (GBR Outdoor)	51	62	113	33
2018 Average (GBR Outdoor)	38	55	93	33

2018 Totals (GBR Indoor)	208	304	512	175
2018 Average (GBR Indoor)	42	61	102	35
2017 Average (GBR Indoor)	42	62	104	33

Alpine Officials' Training

Report for the AC incorporating a report on the planning and progress of the 2020 Artificial Race Calendar

GBR/National Races

Bids were sorted soon after the last AC meeting.

Officials for National and GBR Races

Once adopted by the AC, I proposed sending a request to appropriately accredited officials to volunteer for Race Secretary, Chief of Race and Chief of Calcs.

Club National Bids

The new bid document has proved very useful in getting required information in the right place. The various bids are available on Basecamp.

We have a number of clashes. We need to ask clubs to be flexible.

Recommendations for 2021

Bid Documents

I think the GBR/National bid should be made on a standard document. This was a bonus, I believe for the CN series bidding.

Timescale

This whole process started at least 8 weeks, possibly 12 weeks too late. I can see no reason not to bring everything forward.

“Objective” Criteria

An objective set of criteria would, I suggest, include:

Slope	Is it the best or worst slope in the country?
Facilities	Is there a good café, reasonable toilets, viewing space?
Access	Can you get to the slope easily? Is it near a motorway?
Location	Where is it geographically?
Parking	Is there adequate, free, onsite parking?
Accommodation	Are there hotels nearby?
Local Support	Will the local club(s) provide a significant number of entries?
Local Volunteers	Will the local club(s) provide a reasonable number of appropriately accredited volunteers?
Local Outreach	Do the local club(s) travel and support events at other slopes?

I have put objective in quotes as, in fact, most of these are subjective judgements which can appear objective, but only by adding a layer of subjective criteria.

GBR Format

For expedience, this year's GBR grew to 6 races. However, for 2021 I propose:

For both indoor and outdoor:

1. The GBR series should have 5 races and a championship
2. Each series should run on three, double-header weekends
3. England, Scotland and Wales should have one weekend each for each series
4. The final weekend should rotate

Inter-regional and Inter-club

These should be offered as the second day of a Club National weekend
If possible, the format should be changed to include U12/U10 racers

Promotional Ideas for the 2020 (and beyond)

A few ideas for 2020 from easy to un-hinged, in no particular order! Some mutually incompatible.

1. Win one, get one free

Win a GBR (age group) race and get a free entry to the next one

2. Free for under XX seed points

For the Anglo-Welsh we had:

6 females under 50

1 female under 25

10 males under 50

6 males under 25 More low point racers might promote the series

Encourage a high number of the top racers by giving free (or subsidised) entry if under a certain number of points

3. Club Competition

Male and female

Teams of 4 by seed points on the day

Score is sum of race points

Max is 100, so a team with 20.66, 167.56, 232,11 and 248.34 race points would score 320.66. 100 for DNF/DSQ

Incomplete teams score 100 for missing scores

4. Red Bib

Shameless rip-off of the world-cup red bib idea. Add a shameless rip-off of the TdF "Yellow Jersey" by letting them keep the bib even if they lose the position

5. Double the stubbies (prob Indoor Only)

Run a second U10/U12 race on the other course after the second run

6. Pro-Slalom Series

In run on the Saturday of double headers (so indoor). Look at separate sponsorship

7. Series discount

Enter all 5 races and get one free

8. Official's Hoodies

Might have mentioned this before.....

9. Race Camp prizes

Separate from the main sponsorship, see if the academies running summer race camp will do a deal for those doing well in the series

10. Expect Ambassadors to be present!

Discount entry is needed but surely, we should expect good attendance (and I haven't checked this so humble apologies if they are already all at all the races)

Alpine Officials' Training Course Level 3

The course ran on 12th and 13th October with 6 participants (5 on the first day). The course was based on the re-edited PowerPoint I produced last year and my thanks to David Manns for the additional editing. Feedback has been uniformly positive. The course took £300 and spent the same or a fraction more depending on travel claims. The need for a badge wearing SE representative led to a ratio of 3:6 which was great for the participants but not especially economic.

Moving forward, the use of scenarios probably needs revision as, with larger groups, this will enhance the level of interaction.

A differentiation between indoor/artificial and Alpine probably need to be more explicit and this will help with our integration with SSS (see next item)

SnowSport Scotland

This project has been on the back burner for a number of reasons. Having run an L3 course with our re-edited material, we are probably in a position to move forward.

Registration

I fear we have missed the boat again on this one! The questions I have immediately are:

1. Do Officials have to opt-in to the log every year?
2. Can we please add the opt-in to the registration process?
3. Can the L1 Course finish with a link to the opt-in page?

Officials Lists

For 2021 I would like to distribute a spreadsheet for Race Secretaries/Chiefs of Race to complete. This will greatly simplify the addition of data to the log.

Course Setters, Coaches (Referees) and Safeguarding

The log will be of more use, and save others creating parallel logs, if we can include everyone who could act as an official. This would include an up-to-date course setters list, coaches at UKCP2 and above (potential Referees) and Safeguarding Officers, who can act as Safeguarding lead.

Appendix 3

ALPINE COMMITTEE

Roles and Responsibilities 2019

<p>Joint Chairs</p> <p>Lloyd Jenkins & Bryan Thomas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To chair the meetings To act as the SSE link to GB Snowsport To attend Board meetings as required by the Board To provide overall lead on strategy for all SSE race events to ensure the committee moves forward and delivers what is needed. To liaise with the SSE Marketing and Insight Lead Reporting to the Board
<p>Secretary</p> <p>Mary Calvert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To formulate and circulate an agenda prior to each meeting To ensure that all meetings are minuted To ensure that minutes are approved by the committee and published within 21 days of the meeting
<p>Finance Designate</p> <p>David Eaves</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist with the preparation of the Alpine budgets for approval by the SSE board (by the end of October each year) To monitor the approval and control of income and expenditure To prepare management reports on income and expenditure for the Alpine Committee
<p>Technical</p> <p>David Manns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate and work with the TD forum To publish and ensure that the Race Manual is updated for use by those involved in race organisation, in conjunction with TD Forum To coordinate the iBarts, oBarts and BASS seeding lists To act as Chief Race Director for the English Alpine Championships To liaise between the Alpine Committee and the Alpine Championship Race Organising Committee
<p>Officials Training</p> <p>Andrew Hjort</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To administer the recruitment, training and registration of race officials to ensure continuity of a supply of volunteers To develop training resources accordingly
<p>Snow events</p> <p>Lloyd Jenkins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To lead on snow events calendar structure
<p>Artificial surface events</p> <p>Andrew Hjort</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be the lead for the organisation and running of events on artificial surfaces including Landgraaf To lead on artificial surface events calendar structure
<p>Regional Representatives</p> <p>1) Mike Frith 2) David Chapman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To communicate with regions and clubs and include them in decision making feedback when required To act as a conduit for liaison with SSE Regions – particularly those which have less activity To assist the lead for Artificial surface events
<p>Equipment</p> <p>Mike Frith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take responsibility for race equipment purchased by Snowsport England To manage and track all race equipment To prepare and recommend a plan for replacement of race equipment as required

These roles are not full members of the committee but attend to represent other bodies.

<p>Alpine Squad Committee Manager</p> <p>Julian Sambles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In attendance – liaison between Alpine Committee and Alpine Squad Sub-Committee
<p>Athletes' Representative</p> <p>Dry Slope Ambassadors via Gareth Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To act as a conduit for liaison with athletes (both to and from the Committee)
<p>Coaching</p> <p>Paul Telling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To liaise with the Coaching Committee (and coaches) ensuring they are included in decision making feedback when required
<p>Course Setting</p> <p>Simon Bannister</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain the course setters' policy and training To review submissions from coaches for inclusion on the course setters list.
<p>SSE Office Representatives</p> <p>Claire Pennell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link with SSE communications

Outline Terms of Reference

- To develop and support the SSE Strategy for Alpine racing
- To provide and develop technical support for Alpine racing
- To organise and administer SSE Alpine ski racing events on snow and artificial slopes
- To support other Snowsport England alpine events such as training on snow and artificial slopes as appropriate
- To set and manage the SSE Alpine budget
- To develop participation in these events
- Working with the Alpine Squad sub-committee, to develop a clear pathway for athletes to progress from grass roots to GB Snowsport
- To liaise with Regions and Clubs as needed for the running of their events
- To recruit and allocate officials and other volunteers to events
- All members must be signed up to the SSE Code of Conduct

A register of officials should be kept by the SSE office – and race secretaries should be asked to submit their list of officials after each race so that the list can be kept up to date.

An equipment inventory should be maintained by the SSE office – but the equipment officer will be responsible for ensuring that the necessary equipment is available at events.

Events such as race training days may be organised by this committee – but they will need to be delivered by coaching staff.

Support required from SSE Office

- Communications support
- It is hoped that in due course the routine management reporting of the accounts using XERO can be transferred to the SSE office.
- Administration support for management of training records, database management and course setters list

Overview of rule changes to be tabled at November GBR TD Forum meeting

Competitions with international presence

This proposal (yet to be drafted in detail) provides for a minimum quota for entering national competitions that have a seed point cut-off for entry. This is intended to encourage participation mainly from Ireland, given that athletes based there get little opportunity to compete in seeded artificial slope races and hence can find it difficult to improve their seed points.

The idea is to give all nations a minimum quota (e.g. 10 places), allowing them to fill up to the quota with registered athletes who do not meet the seed point criteria. This would normally only affect Ireland as the three HNs usually have entries well in excess of that quota.

Day registrations and draw for start order

In races that include unregistered competitors, it is proposed that when carrying out the draw for first run start order the group without points will be divided into two groups. Those who are registered will be drawn first, followed by the unregistered competitors. This is in recognition of the fact that those who have registered have demonstrated a degree of commitment to the sport.

Medical cover

Amendments to clarify the requirements for medical cover at races, in both BCR and BACR book II rule 3.13. Proposed wording:

The Chief of Medical and Rescue Services (ROC in BACR) is responsible for organising adequate first aid and medical coverage during the official training periods and the actual competition. This coverage is to be dedicated to the race/training slope. Separate provisions are to be made for spectators and members of the public. Where coverage is not physically present in the race slope area, communication arrangements are to be put in place to facilitate immediate response to an incident.

Registration numbers

Competitor registration numbers are 'segregated' by HN or other constituent group. The set of available numbers for SE will be extended to include 70000 upwards once the current range of 20k numbers has been used up. Scotland will continue to use the 30000 range, Wales 40000, UK Armed Forces use 50000 and Telemark 60000.

Cosmetic and 'house-keeping' changes

Changes tabled for several of the rule books to bring them into line with current practice in areas such as online entry, registration and appeals.

Use of 'calculated' or re-instated seed points

In various circumstances it is possible to calculate equivalent seed points to check against entry criteria, or re-instatement of lapsed points with appropriate loading. The rule changes in this area mean that such converted/re-instated points are only to be used for acceptance, and not for start order or penalty point calculations.

Reminder of rule change already in place from May meeting

This is a rule change that will apply from the beginning of the 2019-20 Winter season, and the 2020 Summer season on artificial slope.

- 621.2 The [seed] list that applies at the date of the race must be used for the classification of competitors and the draw for start order. If a competitor does not appear in that points list, he will be assigned to that group of competitors without points.