

English Alpine Ski Championships 2008

Race Penalty Point in the FIS races

In our level of FIS competition, FIS specify an adjustment of 3.00 points to be applied to the calculated race penalty. Due partly to some language issues within the timing team, there was some mis-understanding about the exact application of that adjustment. This meant that we published the official results for the Slalom first with the adjustment added, then with it subtracted, leading to a good deal of confusion in resort!

The correct way of applying the adjustment (as per the 'Rules for the FIS Points') is to add the 3.00 points, so the correct penalties are as currently published in the official results (Ladies Slalom 19.24, Men's Slalom 36.38) not the lower figures as initially stated in resort.

Also, the eagle-eyed amongst you might have spotted a difference of 0.01 in the Race Penalty Point and some of the Race Points between the Men's Super-G results as published on the FIS web site and those published by the EASC Organising Committee. This tiny discrepancy is currently under investigation.

Calculation of Results for Combined Competitions

Four new trophies were introduced this year, for the first-placed British competitor in the overall combined competition in the FIS and Children's events. As this was a 'first' for English competitions, we did not have a pre-defined set of rules for how the results were to be calculated. It was therefore decided to use the combined times across all three events, and the trophies were awarded on that basis.

Our own post-championship analysis, and the feedback received both in the resort and since, has led us to re-evaluate the basis on which these trophies should be awarded. Although yet to be formally agreed in committee, it is expected that next year's event will largely follow the points-based system as published in BCR for the British Championships. Once the details have been agreed, the specific regulations will be published in the SSE Race Manual and in the Invitation / Bulletin for the 2009 Alpine Championships.

In the meantime, congratulations to the winners of this year's competition, and good luck to those looking to win the overall trophies in 2009!

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