THE ENGLISH SKI COUNCIL

Race Organisation Technical Panel

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As can be seen by the late publication of the calendar and the missing (TBA's) names it is becoming ever more difficult to get race officials. This year we see more races than ever on the calendar. This is driven by you, your clubs and your regions. To make this season successful, please support your club and region, in particular racers, if you are not racing, volunteer to help your club. Parents please support your children by volunteering some of your time. As I said last year 'the day is getting near when a race will be cancelled due to lack of trained officials.'

ROTP, over the years, have organised a number of courses to train officials and are again planning to run some beginner courses early this year in addition to our annual development course in November. PLEASE support these courses. As mentioned above, the day is getting ever nearer when a race will be cancelled due to lack of trained officials.

If you would like to make any comments regarding the way current ESC races are run please send an e-mail to info@rotp.freeserve.co.uk

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The items below are not intended to be a summary of the manual, but to highlight the major changes introduced this year and re-enforce existing rules.

Race Equipment

1) Many people made very useful and pertinent inputs to the consultation exercise concerning ski dimensions. The results of the deliberations can be seen in the equipment synopsis highlighted below. Following on from that consultation exercise, members of STP will be canvassing the ski industry and participants with a view to developing ski dimension regulations, which are relevant to artificial slope racing.

   See www.britski.org/equip02.pdf for full details

2) When buying new timing equipment please ensure an open (continuous) communications channel is available between the starter and timing.

Race Matters

1) Race Entry. Several minor changes have been made this year.

   a) Posting date, due to the unreliability of the first class post, entries must be received by race secretary by 7.00PM on the closing date. Regardless of posting date entries received after that date **will not** be considered valid.
   b) Subject to the race being under subscribed and the organisers agreement, recent results, including a Club National race held the day before can be considered for entry criteria.

c) As all acceptance lists are now published on www.britski.org there is no need to enclose an envelope to receive the acceptance list. If however you do require a paper start list you will need to enclose an envelope.

2) Failure to appear at the start in time. This is a reminder of FIS 613.6. The Start Referee has the right to refuse a racer starting the opportunity to start if he does not appear on time.

3) British Dry Slope Championships
The entry criteria now includes a seed point cut-off. The TD Form has recommended a maximum of 250 ESC seed points, the agreed figure to be published in the Race Bulletin.

Useful references:

www.britski.org/dry.htm for links to ESC Seed list, race calendar & results.

www.britski.org/rules.htm for links to FIS, British & ESC Equipment regulations, FIS ICR & precisions and ESC Race Manual (also available from www.rotp.freeserve.co.uk) and previous Occasional Race Bulletins.

www.britski.org/esc.htm for links to ESC, ARC and ROTP minutes.