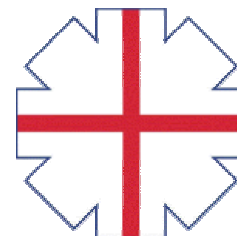


SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

Race Organisation Technical Panel



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ROTP has continued with its development of race officials and is looking to accredit more officials at level 1 and level 2 this year. The progress made over the last couple of years has been sufficient that this year's calendar was produced on time with nearly all the information available.

On racing matters there has been very little change this year, indeed this bulletin only relates to race organisers some of which is forward notice for next year.

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

Thomson Sponsorship

Thomson has once again sponsored the Grand Prix series, details at

<http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/phpnuke/html/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=27>

The effects of this on race organisation are:

- 1) Both Thomson logos are to be displayed on all published documentation, Race bulletins, Results etc. These are downloadable from <http://rotp.snowsportengland.org.uk/>.
- 2) Thomson banners and brochures will be prominently displayed at each Grand Prix.
- 3) A Thomson stand will be set up at each Grand Prix.
- 4) A Special prize giving will be held on the first day of the All England Championships.

Items 2 & 3 will be undertaken by Snowsport England\Thomson and the race organisers.

Radios

To ensure proper safety management and control of races, the use of radio communication between key officials is essential. For the 2004 Artificial Season, it is strongly recommended that the following officials should be in communication on the same radio frequency - TD, Chief of Race, Referee, Start Referee, Finish Referee, Timing/Commentary. It is desirable that the Chief Gate Judge and Race Sec should also have a radio on the same frequency as the other key officials. The radios must be operated by a 'press to transmit' facility; open or 'vox' communication is not acceptable. Each radio should be equipped with an earpiece to ensure that essential transmissions are not missed due to background noise. All these provisions will be mandatory for the 2005 Season onwards. Advice on acceptable types of radio may be obtained from the event TD or from the Chairs of STP and ROTP.

Finish Gates and Timing

It has been the practice to securely fasten timing equipment to the running surface at the finish to prevent movement. However, there is an inherent risk that a racer colliding with the equipment (even though it may be suitably protected) may sustain an injury. Consequently, unless there is good reason, timing equipment must no longer be secured to the running surface. Where it is necessary to secure the timing equipment, it should be done in such a way that the tie down gives under pressure or when struck. TDs will check such security arrangements.

Masters Category

It has been agreed that all Snowsport England events will now have one Masters Category for all racers over 30 and medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be presented. This will replace the existing Masters 1, 2 & 3 age bands used for Club National races.

Useful references:

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

www.britski.org/rules.htm for links to FIS, British & SNOWSPORT ENGLAND Equipment regulations, FIS ICR & precisions and SNOWSPORT ENGLAND Race Manual (also available from <http://rotp.snowsportengland.org.uk/>) and previous Occasional Race Bulletins.

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