

programme changes and the information provided in this and subsequent race bulletins. **Team Captains are to note that further Race Bulletins will be published as required in resort; Team Captains should, therefore, check the notice boards in the Race Office on a regular basis.**

SKI/BOARD TRAINING COURSES

8. The Training Programme has been set to deconflict as far as possible with the Race Programme. Instruction is provided by qualified instructors from the resort ski school. All serving RAF personnel who are absolute beginners are provided with one free ski or snowboard training course. Other RAF personnel attending the Championships are expected to participate in at least one training course which will be charged at the most competitive rate that the Organising Committee can negotiate, as shown on the entry form. Team Captains should ensure that individuals' training requirements are entered in the Individual Entry Form. A description of training categories is included in the Entry Form.

9. **TRAINING COURSES WILL START ON THE DAY AFTER ARRIVAL IN RESORT AND CLASS ALLOCATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE NOTICE BOARDS CLOSE TO THE RACE OFFICE.** See the attached programme. On the first day of training, registered participants will take part in a short proficiency assessment which will confirm their standard and will determine to which class they are allocated. Additional training classes will be available on request and at additional personal cost. Race training will be included in all classes of Int-2/C and above.

10. Instruction will not be provided under Championships' auspices for individuals under the age of 16. Participants accompanied by children should make separate arrangements on arrival in resort. Guidance will be available from the Race/Admin Office.

SKI BEGINNERS' PROFICIENCY GRADING

11. Personnel who participate in the Beginners' Ski Classes at the Championships are expected to enter the Beginners' Proficiency Grading. The Grading will be a simple but formal assessment that will lead to the award of a RAFWSAA Competence Certificate that can be used to support future training. There may be the option to be awarded at additional personal cost the appropriate Ski School Grading Award.

SNOWBOARD BEGINNERS PROFICIENCY GRADING

12. Personnel who participate in the Beginners' Snowboard Classes at the Championships are expected to enter the Beginners' Proficiency Grading. The Grading will be a simple but formal assessment that will lead to the award of a RAFWSAA Competence Certificate that can be used to support future training. There may be the option to be awarded at additional personal cost the appropriate Snowboard School Grading Award.

RACE AND TRAINING COURSE REGISTRATION

13. Individuals under the age of 16 are not allowed to enter Championships races. The race and training matrix on the Entry Form shows each race and the standard of skier/boarder who may enter it. **Team Captains are to register all racers and those requiring a training course in advance of the Championships, relating the race entered to the individual's standard of skiing/boarding as defined by the training categories.**

14. This will enable the Race Committee to build the Participants' Database prior to arrival in resort and will make your job easier in resort. Team Captains will be able to make amendments to entries at the initial Race Registration in resort and afterwards in accordance with the rules below.

15. One Individual Entry Form is to be completed in all respects by each participant who wishes to race or receive training. Entries are to be accompanied by the appropriate Race and/or Training Fee. Race and training entries received by the deadline (see Entry Form) will attract a **discount** per person per race (see Entry Form).

FEES

16. See Entry Form.

a. To encourage greater participation and to reduce the financial burden, the Race Entry Fee is a flat rate fee which enables participants to enter as many events (at the appropriate standard) as they wish. In addition, all personnel (Service and civilian) attending the Championships whether racing or taking a training course or not are required to pay a nominal registration fee (see Entry Form).

b. RAF Beginners – Pay only the appropriate Registration Fee. Their first Training Course is free. Subsequent training courses will be charged at the appropriate fee.

c. Civilian and Other Service Beginners - Pay the appropriate Registration Fee and the Training Course fee.

d. RAF Non-Beginners – Pay the appropriate flat rate race entry fee. The Registration Fee is included in that fee. They also pay the appropriate fee for any training course.

e. Civilian and Other Service Personnel – Pay the appropriate flat rate race entry fee plus the appropriate Registration Fee. They also pay the appropriate fee for any training course.

f. Civilian and Other Service Personnel – Pay the appropriate Registration Fee when attending under Championships auspices whether or not they race or take training course.

g. It is necessary to apply the above differentials because, under Charity Law, only RAF personnel may benefit from the financial subsidies from RAF Service Funds.

ENTRIES, AMENDMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS

17. Amendments to entries and additional entries may be made up to 1300 hours on the day preceding the race to which they refer. Withdrawals from races and substitutions, where allowed, may not be made after the commencement of the Draw for the relevant race. The schedule of draws is published in the Race Programme. Participants whose first race or training registration is made in resort will be charged the non-discounted fee (Discounted fee + £10) unless there are extenuating circumstances.

18. An Entry Fee refund will be given for racers legitimately withdrawn from their only race. Refunds will not be allowed for racers who Do Not Start nor for those legitimately withdrawn from their second or subsequent race. Team Captains are expected to settle Race/Training Bills before leaving the resort. In the event of

legitimate entry amendments after the Race/Training Bill has been paid, appropriate refunds will be made, or bills raised. The Registration Fee is not refundable.

THE COMPETITOR'S DECLARATION

19. Signing of a Competitor's Declaration, in which the racer formally acknowledges his/her responsibilities whilst racing, is **mandatory for all skiers and snowboarders** who wish to participate in RAF ski and snowboard races. Explanatory notes are attached.

20. The Competitor's Declaration forms an integral part of the Individual Registration Form. Before each race, the Race Secretary will inform Team Captains which racers are outstanding a Declaration. **It will then be the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that the signed Declaration is handed to the Race Secretary or Start Referee before the participant's first race. If the Declaration is not handed in, the racer will not be allowed to start and the race entry fee will be forfeit.** Only an original signed copy of the Competitor's Declaration is acceptable (i.e. No faxes, photocopies or 'pp' signed).

HELMETS

21. The wearing of a protective helmet designed for the appropriate discipline is **mandatory** for all participants in snowboard events, and for participants in the Individual ski races (Individual Slalom, Individual GS, Downhill and Super-G events and training for those events). The wearing of a helmet is strongly recommended for participation in all other events and for training and recreational skiing. **The provision of a helmet is an individual responsibility.**

GOGGLES

22. All participants in ski and snowboard races must wear goggles designed for skiing/boarding. The wearing of only sunglasses or spectacles for racing is not permissible nor is racing without any eye protection. However, spectacles may be worn beneath goggles.

SKI EQUIPMENT

23. FIS Regulations specify the dimensions and characteristics of skis to be used for racing. **These regulations are applied at the RAF Championships only for the Alpine Individual races (SL, GS, SG and DH).** Participants in those races must use skis that conform with the regulations; this means that for the GS, SG and DH skis longer than those in common use are required (see the matrix below). The Race Committee has arranged for a limited quantity of such skis to be available from resort hire shops at competitive hire or purchase prices. Potential participants in those races are advised to contact the hire shops as soon as possible after arrival in resort. However, potential participants who elect to withdraw from a race should also bear in mind the need to return the skis as soon as possible so that others are not deprived the opportunity to enter.

24. **The Start Referee will police adherence to these rules and those wearing non-conforming skis will not be allowed to start.**

Discipline		Min Length (cm)
DH	Ladies	205
DH	Men	215
SG	Ladies	195
SG	Men	200
GS	Ladies	175
GS	Men	180
SL	Ladies	155
SL	Men	165

SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT

25. FIS Regulations specify the dimensions and characteristics of Snowboards to be used for racing. These regulations are mandatory for all snowboard races.

Gliding Surface Length	Minimal Width
Up to 135cm	14cm
More than 135cm	16cm

Bindings must be fixed diagonally on the long axis of the board. The boots cannot overlap each other. **The Start Referee will police adherence to these rules and those riding non-conforming boards will not be allowed to start.**

BASS REGISTRATION

26. British Alpine Seeding System (BASS) Registration is not compulsory but affords **ski racers** (not boarders) the opportunity to have their seed points included in the overall British rankings and allows them to participate in Nationally organised ski races, subject to the provision of adequate insurance cover. In addition, BASS Registration means that racers will be included in the Draw for Individual Alpine Championships races ahead of non-BASS registered racers. Bass Registration is not appropriate to races other than the Individual Alpine events. See the detailed Seeding Regulations for amplification.

27. BASS Registration is free to all RAF participants in the Championships. BASS Registration for other Service participants is £2.50. Bass Registration for civilian participants is £25.

START LISTS

28. Race Start Lists will usually be published by 1930 hrs on the day before each race. Where the first run finish order is used to determine the second run start order, the second run start list will be displayed by the Start Marshal and at the Timing Hut.

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TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

29. The programme includes a number of Team Captains' Meetings which will be held daily, normally at 1800, in the Race Office. **It is essential that all Team Captains attend or are represented (attendance will be registered).**

RACE OFFICE

30. A Race Office will be established in the Hotel Glemmtalerhof basement to deal with racing matters. The office will be open daily (hours as promulgated in resort) and will conduct business only with a Team Captain or authorised representative. Business will not be conducted after Team Captains Meetings.

DUTY STATION

31. Duty Stations will be nominated to assist the organising committee on each day of the Championships. Team Captains are to provide personnel as directed by the Race Organising Committee.

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