

# SNOWSPORT ENGLAND



## Alpine Events Committee Meeting

20:00 13 September 2016

Teleconference

### Present:

Lloyd Jenkins – Chair (LJ)  
Mary Calvert (MC)  
Andrea Grant (AG)  
Paul Lawrence (PL)  
Jo Ryding (JR)

### 1. Apologies

Karen Conde (KC)  
Mike Frith (MF)  
Bryan Thomas (BT)  
Nigel Vincent (NV)

### 2. Declaration of Interests

JR still needed to complete this. Everyone else present had done so.

**Action: MC to send JR necessary form**

### 3. Communication of SSE Child Safeguarding Policy

This refers to the Snowsafe document which has been published on the SSE website. LJ reported that all committee members should look at this document. The committee needs to complete a self-assessment form once a year and return it to the SSE safeguarding lead.

**Action: LJ to complete the self-assessment form and return it to the SSE safeguarding lead  
All committee members to read the Snowsafe document on the SSE website**

### 4. Minutes of previous meeting (11/07/2016)

The minutes of the previous meeting had been agreed by the committee and published on 25/07/2016.

### 5. Actions from previous minutes not on the agenda elsewhere

**Radios** LJ reported on behalf of MF. It had been planned to tune the Motorola radios to the same frequency as the radios in use by SSE. However, it transpires that one set are UHF and the other VHF. It is therefore planned to purchase more radios of each kind to increase the number to 2 sets of 12 – one set being held in the north and one in the south.

**PA Systems** LJ reported that the Board had approved the purchase of 2 portable PA systems. This would happen in the next 2-3 weeks. One set would be kept in the North and one in the South. They would mainly be suitable for prizegivings rather than race commentary. It is expected that slopes provide the PA system to be used for race commentary.

Race/event organisers will be able to hire the radios/PA systems for a small charge – but will need to request this in advance and arrange for collection and return.

**Action: MF to order the radios  
BT to order the PAs**

## 6. Officials' Training

- a) **Level 2 Course** A 2 day level 2 course will take place at Loughborough on 12/13 November. The tutors will be David Manns and Richard Dawe. LJ reported that the advert for this should be out by the end of this week.
- b) **Level 1 Course** LJ reported that several Level 1 courses had taken place this year. Another has been requested by Gloucester in October/November. He stated that Ian Roberts (ASPC) had offered to deliver this course.

**Action: AG to liaise with Ian Roberts re Gloucester course**

### **Post Meeting Note**

*No update was available regarding the digital level 1 course. This will be added to agenda for the next meeting.*

**Action: MC to add digital level 1 course to agenda for November**

- c) PL asked if there was a formal sign off procedure for level 2 officials. LJ confirmed that there were no longer any log books – but that officials should keep a record of all officiating they did. In the past, there has been a formal assessment by a TD or existing level 2 official. AG asked that the procedure be formalised and also said that race sec and chief of calcs courses were needed.

**Action: MC to contact Ian Roberts and ask that the sign off procedure for level 2 be made clear and that race sec and chief of calcs courses be considered**

## 7. Calendar Planning 2017

KC had submitted a report stating that most of the 2017 key venues had been agreed and dates set for GBR and Championship events. KC will send out letters confirming this to the venues. Letters will then be sent out inviting clubs/regions to bid to run CN races. KC had submitted a draft letter which all those present agreed was suitable.

Snowsport Scotland will hold one outdoor and one indoor GBR event The Scottish Championships will again clash with the All England Championships. However, the TD forum and Alpine Squad training days have been put into the calendar and do not clash with any events. It is planned that the full calendar will be available by the end of October.

### **Post meeting note**

*This item should have made it clear that the TD forum and Alpine Squad training days have been put into the calendar and do not clash with any Snowsport England organised events. The Welsh Championships clash with an English Alpine Squad weekend in September.*

## 8. Sponsorship for 2017

Discussion has taken place between SSE and Ambition. Ambition would like to continue their sponsorship for 2017. It has been explained to them that this will not be exclusive sponsorship and Tim Fawke will also be approaching other parties. There should be some announcements made by November.

There are also ongoing discussions for a sponsor for the Alpine Championships at Bormio.

## 9. Calendar Planning 2018

NV is putting together a small group to look at calendar planning for 2018 and beyond. PL will be included in this group. The initial proposals from this will be tabled at the next meeting.

**Action: LJ to ask NV to provide an update on the future calendar review for the next meeting  
LJ to send details of the 2013 Race survey and recommendations to PL**

## 10. Course Setting Policy Review

Paul Telling (ASPC) and JR have carried out an initial review of course setting policies (appendix 1).

JR highlighted that the current UKCP level1 course does not include any course setting elements (although the level 2 course does). There is a need for course setting courses to be organised for both indoor and outdoor surfaces – but particularly the latter. JR offered to act as tutor. LJ will send JR (and Paul Telling) the course material which has been used in the past.

**Action: LJ to send course setting course material to JR and Paul Telling  
LJ to coordinate with JR to take the course setting courses forward**

### 11. Competency certificates for U10/U12 racers at the All England Championships

A few parents had queried the need for competency certificates for U10/U12 racers in order to enter the All England Championships. This is currently a requirement and is specified in paragraph 5.2 of the "SSE Race Manual Version 9 Sept 2014". There was agreement that it might be appropriate to amend this paragraph to:

Entries must either be countersigned by a qualified instructor/ trainer or the racer must have competed in 2 races at CN level or above during the current season.

**Action: LJ to table an amendment to the rules at the TD forum regarding competency certificates for U10/U12 racers at the All England Championships**

### 12. AOB

There were no items raised.

**The next meeting will take place at Sportpark on Saturday 26 November at 13:30 am.**

#### Actions:

2	MC	to send JR conflict of interest form	
3	LJ	to complete the self-assessment form and return it to the SSE safeguarding lead	
3	All	to read the Snowsafe document on the SSE website	
5	MF	to order the radios	
5	BT	to order the PAs	
6b	AG	to liaise with Ian Roberts re Gloucester course	
6b	MC	to add digital level 1 course to agenda for November	
6c	MC	to contact Ian Roberts and ask that the sign off procedure for level 2 be made clear and that race sec and chief of calcs courses be considered	
9	LJ	to ask NV to provide an update on the future calendar review for the next meeting	
9	LJ	to send details of the 2013 Race survey and recommendations to PL	
10	LJ	to send course setting course material to JR and Paul Telling	
10	LJ	to coordinate with JR to take the course setting courses forward	
11	LJ	to table an amendment to the rules at the TD forum regarding competency certificates for U10/U12 racers at the All England Championships	

## Appendix 1

### Review of the Course Setting Policy and Course Setters List. (11/09/2016)

Paul Telling and Jo Ryding have discussed the nature and standard of the courses and the course setters list, and come up with the following comments and suggestions (on the basis of starting from scratch.)

Current lists and policies have not been updated since 2014.

- It is agreed that the relative standard of courses for various events varies drastically.
- At regional and CN level you have a single course set and multiple attempts. At GBR and Championship level you have different courses set. It is expected that a regional is simplest, and a CN is clearly easier set than a GP. This is harder with Indoor races where CN / GBR / Championships effectively take the same format of only 1 run on a course. It is worth investigating how these races are set up (e.g a CN on artificial is not the same difficulty as a CN indoors)
- Basic guideline should be set (those we have are currently based on BACR rules, from adapted FIS rules) regarding the number of combinations and minimum / maximum distance at each slope. On outdoor slopes this would give the course setters more freedom than expecting a maximum or minimum number of gates as weather conditions can change the running speed of the slopes. For indoor slopes, where variables are limited, it would give the setters more options.
- An agreed set of guidelines (e.g dryslope features 1-3 combinations for a regional or CN, and 2 – 4 combinations plus 1 delay, with gate sets of no less than 6m and no more than 12m) would help, but arguably would still require the intelligence of setter to decide how it runs best.
- Paul and Jo agreed that actually having intelligent and relevant setters with current hands on experience would probably be more useful than stricter rules in place.
- It was discussed that having a strong, and constantly up to date version of a course setters list (two separate lists, one for each surface) would make this easier.
- You can have “everyone” bar a few highly experienced surface specific coaches start on the B list for each surface, and they are able to move up by setting on that surface under the guidance of the coach from the A list.
- The A List allows you to set for GPs and Championships (on that lists specific surface). The B list for CNs. If you set and it is appropriate then you move up the list for that season only. If you don't set for a year you drop down a list. If you don't set for two years you drop off the list and need to set again at regional level before you are re appointed to the B list.
- For an A List setter to remain on the list they should set at least one GBR / Championship race in that season that is supervised by another A list setter (this should be easy as these races would have two runs in two different courses and therefore have 2 A list setters there anyway)
- To be on the B list you must be working regularly (how this is defined is unclear) on that surface. E.g – No matter how good a snow coach is, they can not come in and set on dry – they must first set at regional level, then move onto the B list.
- UKCP should pick up more information and share more knowledge on the purpose of course setting in their sessions. There should be more opportunities for coaches to set at other slopes other than their home slope, through either training courses or race availability.
- It would be ideal if setting at at-least two Regional CN level races was required to get signed off for your level one coaching award.
- Generally the rules in the Course Setters Policy Oct 2014 are the same as most suggestions above but do not appear to be followed, largely because they have not been kept up to date. We are not sure who is / should be responsible for this, but it is suggested that it should be the same person responsible for the overall calendar.
- Again, this is suggested that between SSE, SSS, SSW, one person is nominated and accountable for creating a centralised calendar, communicating with regions on suitable / appropriate dates, circulating information on who is available to set or suitable, and recording who is signed off. This is particularly relevant with the GBR series running through all three countries and Governing Bodies. If we do not have one central person / contact then there will not be consistency in setting, or other aspects of running the races.

11/09/16