



Consultation on BARSC Championships December 2011 and January 2012.

The BARSC Board met on 25th January 2011, to discuss the 2011 championships and options for 2012. The 2011 Championships were judged a success and Champoluc a good venue with excellent resort co-operation and several options for racing. However, feedback from some clubs and training groups indicated that the cost of accommodation over the post Christmas/New Year period had prevented some people from attending. The resort has indicated that accommodation in the pre Christmas period would be substantially less expensive.

The Board wishes to encourage as wide a range of competitors as possible therefore is consulting on the two options given below. Please send comments with contact details plus club by 28 February to georgina@kandaharracing.com

Option 1 – BARSC Championships – Saturday 17th December to Thursday 22nd December

Saturday 17 th December	-	First Team Captains Meeting
Sunday 18 th December	-	FIS NJR Slalom
Monday 19 th December	-	FIS NJR GS
Tuesday 20 th December	-	FIS NJR GS plus Minis GS
Wednesday 21 st December	-	Children BASS GS plus Minis GS
Thursday 22 nd December	-	Children BASS SL

Advantages:

Accommodation would be much cheaper, probably up to 50% below the post Christmas prices.
Resort would dedicate pistes for training, so when Juniors were racing Children could be training.
Resort is empty, resort/piste staff would be fully focused on the Races.
Few other FIS races, so good attendance from other nations.
Clubs could go on to further training elsewhere or return home for Christmas
Home Nations Teams might attend as they are now coming home for Christmas
Maximum 3 days out of school at end of term

Disadvantages:

Some schools will not finish until 20th/21st December, but others break up between 10th and 16th
Potential lack of pre race training for Juniors races, but that happens in all races anyway.
Some volunteers may not be available.
Potential lack of snow, but all pistes have artificial coverage.

Although this option lacks formal provision for a Super G, recent experience shows very few resorts can offer a SG at this time of the year and few BARSC super-Gs have been completed. The board will investigate options for running these races at a difference time of year, in a resort which is set up for speed events and/or by linking it to another GBR event.

Option 2 – BARSC Championships – Sunday 1st January to Friday 6th January 2012

Sunday 1 st January 2012	-	First Team Captains Meeting
Monday 2 nd January	-	FIS Slalom
Tuesday 3 rd January	-	FIS GS plus Minis GS
Wednesday 4 th January	-	FIS SG and Children's SGC
Thursday 5 th January	-	Children's GS plus Minis GS
Friday 6 th January	-	Children's Slalom

Advantages:

Athletes have the opportunity to train before event
Same programme as this year – so familiar to everyone
Anglo-Scottish can be combined in one travel for children
Later in the season, so snow might be better

Disadvantages:

Price of accommodation in resort
Very busy time of year for the resort, so staff stretched
Athletes may have to miss beginning of school term, up to 4 days
Potential problems getting race team there before New Year
Limited dedicated training pistes

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