

BARSC Championship Update 11/12/11

It is with regret that BARSC have decided that there is only a limited possibility of being able to run Junior FIS races in Italy.

As indicated in Update 10/12/11 we investigated the options to "split" the event and run part in Champoluc and part in Cervinia. Feedback from the clubs was mixed, some pointed out the difficulty of travelling and effective length of the day while others were willing to try it. The most common feedback was that if a decision was to be made it should be made quickly.

Cervinia wanted to help but have already taken a booking for an Italian organised race so we have not been able to move the junior programme there.

In order to offer clubs and athletes the opportunity to adjust, the organising committee have decided to cancel the Junior races and will inform FIS accordingly.

We anticipate that:

- Ski2 will run the mini programme that they have advertised
- Clubs will be able to train on the race piste before the event, subject to it not affecting the races adversely
- BARSC will be able to run a programme of technical Children and mini races on 20th, 21st 22nd.

Feedback from clubs indicated that 3 slaloms would not be ideal and we are investigating the options for two slaloms and one GS or vice versa with the resort and with the GBR TD. A decision will be taken based on the conditions.

We recognise that some junior athletes may not be able to change their plans and will try to run Junior BASS races as part of the Children's programme. We are doing this so that training can take place on the race piste as identified earlier. We recognise that this is not ideal but is the best we can offer in the time available.

We are prepared to issue notices of cancellation to any Junior athlete who chooses not to come to Champoluc and who may be able to make a claim on their insurance.

Finally, I want to thank the resort of Champoluc and its staff. The season has been very difficult so far across the whole of Europe and the recent falls have remained largely in the northern and western Alps. Champoluc and Ski2 have done and continue to do everything that they can to make the BARSC championships successful under abnormal circumstances.

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