

PROTOCOL OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING SNOWBOARD TEACHING

Between the undersigned:

Syndicat National des Moniteurs du Ski Français

Head office located at: 6 , allée des Mitailles, 38246 Meylan, whose legal statutes are held at Meylan Town Hall, on the 10th March 1978 number 9

Represented by: Monsieur Gilles CHABERT President
Here after known as SNMSF

And

British Association of Snowsports Instructors

Glenmore, Aviemore, Inverness-shire. PH22 1QU - Scotland UK

Represented by: Mr . Andrew Lockerbie, Chairman.

Here after known as BASI

We note as an introduction that this agreement concerns only the ISTD diploma (ex BASI grade 1) as the only professional qualification recognised on a European level in relation to its training course.

THIS BEING DULY NOTED, THE FOLLOWING IS AGREED:

I The BASI:

1. BASI agrees to no longer grant a diploma/qualification at ISTD level (ex grade 1) which is snowboard specific. BASI adopts the training system with the integration within its ISTD syllabus of other related snowsport disciplines, including snowboarding, for ISTD instructors (ex BASI grade 1).
2. BASI will withdraw its case at European Commission level, and defend the principle of multidiscipline snowsports instructors, alpine skiing remaining as the reference discipline.

BASI also agrees to no longer encourage or support any individual initiative with the EEC.

BASI agrees to recognise, on a European level, no other diploma except the ISTD

II In turn France agrees:

1. To validate the Garmisch Euro test for 22 BASI members
2. To grant conformity to current snowboard instructors (40-45 people). The latter will be fully recognised as holding the ISTD without passing any further tests. This measure will be the object of a specific agreement based on a nominal exhaustive list for the above mentioned persons who have obtained their diploma before the 10-05-06. This list will be submitted by BASI.

III. In future:

Snowboarders satisfying criteria similar to those required of French citizens to be high level competitors, as defined in France under the term "High-level performers" ("athletes de haut niveau") may be integrated, on a case by case basis, and BASI will include in its exams the same criteria as those required in the French training process.

In order to do this, BASI will submit candidates each year to the "Section Permanente du ski alpin du Conseil Superieur de Sports de Montagne" for review and validation with no discrimination in relation to French citizens.

These candidates must satisfy similar criteria to those required by French citizens.

This agreement is only valid in its entirety

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Signed by Gilles CHABERT and Andrew LOCKERBIE