Dear Race Host

Race Bid Guidelines 2023

This document contains all the necessary information to participate in the bidding process to host a GBR, National or Club National Race under the auspices of Snowsport England during the summer race season 2023.

Overview of the 2023 summer season

GBR Series

The GBR series, both indoor and outdoor, will run (if possible) over 3 weekends. Each series will comprise 5 races. One of each of the three weekends will be organised by; Snowsport Scotland, Snowsport England, Snowsport Wales.

	Outdoor	Indoor
1st Weekend	6th & 7th May	20th & 21st May
2nd Weekend	4th June	17th & 18th June
3rd Weekend	**1st & 2nd July**	**15th & 16th July**

*The allocation of weekends is determined, by agreement, by the governing bodies. Bids are invited to host the Snowsport England managed GBR weekends, shown above in **BOLD**.*

All England Championship and Inter-Club Championship 26th and 27th August

Snowsport England runs the All England Championship, which is run over a weekend with the Inter-Club Championship. These races can only be bid for as a pair.

3. Inter-Regional Championship -Outdoor

The Inter-Regional Championship (Sunday) is a one-day race, its award must be combined with the award of a Club National Race at the same venue or a proximate venue, the previous day.

Club National Races

These are awarded to clubs who fulfil the requirements of the bidding process. A successful bid allows a club to run a seeded race, with a TD, under the auspices of Snowsport England. The Alpine Committee has a duty to protect the status of National and GBR races and so it is less likely that a Club National event will be sanctioned on a date which clashes with a GBR event, unless distinguished clearly by location (both surface and geographically). The Alpine Committee will also seek to avoid Club National races clearly drawing from the same pool of racers by being geographically proximate (taken to mean within 2 hours travelling time) and, in order to allow for the provision of TDs, is unlikely to award more than 2 Club National Races on any given day.

BASS Races and The Lowland Championships

Though arranged separately, the Alpine Committee will not allow Club National Races to clash with either of these events.

How do the bids differ?

Bidding for a GBR/National race is on behalf of a venue, whatever the underlying relationship with an associated club. The venue provides a service, The Alpine Committee manages the race, the financial relationship is between the venue and Snowsport England.

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Bidding for a Club National Race is on behalf of a Registered Club. In return for being granted a Club National Race, the Club provides for all aspects of the race, the only outside provision being the TD. The financial relationship is between the Club and Snowsport England.

Clearly, there are venues where the distinction between venue and club is blurred and, in the case of the Club National + Inter-regional weekend, a high level of liaison between venue and club will be necessary throughout the process. Indeed, the bid for the Inter-regional may come directly from a club contracting the services or a venue.

What are the requirements for hosting a race?

1. The slope must be homologated
2. Outdoor slopes must have adequate sprinkler systems for a full day of racing
3. Exclusive use of the race slope for the duration of the event; assume a duration of 7 hours
4. Use of uplift facilities; please specify if competitors and officials will be required to share a lift with the public at any point during the event
5. Sufficient gates/stubbies to set appropriate courses for the event

For Indoor they should be 27mm diameter poles, but for outdoor, depending on the type of flex shoes used, they often need to be 30mm to accommodate the flex spigot at the base

For GBR/National events, you will be reimbursed for poles broken during the event at a rate to be confirmed

6. Use of a timing location with a good view of the slope and power source for the timing equipment

For Club National Races, you will need the use of appropriate timing equipment

7. Provision of a PA system that may be used from the timing location
8. Provision of adequate first aid cover. This would be exemplified by a paramedic or equivalent on-site for the duration of the event, or first aid cover throughout the event and timely access to paramedic or equivalent cover.
9. Use of Race Office (minimum capacity 20 people) with a power source
10. Small private room to hold Jury Meetings and for use by Doping Control, should they attend the event
11. Access, without charge, to photocopying facilities
12. Area that can accommodate up to 200 people for prizegiving; we will need the use of this area for a maximum of 1 hour at the end of the event
13. Adequate catering either on or near-site for the size of event. For SE managed races, please indicate if catering is included.
14. Adequate toilet facilities
15. Sufficient parking, free or reasonably priced

Additional requirements for outdoor events

16. The venue must have a misting system which adequately covers the whole competition area with sufficient water capacity to run for the duration of the competition.
17. The venue must have a designated waxing area to allow competitors to hot wax their skis

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Protocol for the adjudication of bids:
Bids for GBR weekends, National Races and the Inter-regional will be assessed using a series of Criteria:

A. **Quality of Facilities**. Slopes will be ranked by the Alpine Committee looking at factors including: Race Office, Timing location, Wet-weather issues (outdoor only), Catering, Parking, Timing restrictions and Access Restrictions.

B. **Quality of Slope**. Opinions will be sought from: 1. The Racers, represented by Gareth Case (Dry-Slope Ambassador Programme) and a focus group of regular indoor racers. They will be asked to rank slopes as race slopes. 2 The Coaches, represented by Paul Telling (Coach Liaison on The Alpine Committee)

C. **Geographical Location**. This will become more significant in subsequent years as the Alpine Committee will ensure that the races are in different regions year by year. From 2022 however, the Committee will ensure, if possible, that the races over the season are not all in the same area. Please note, this is only possible with sufficiently regionally diverse bids!

D. **Availability of Local Officials**: This will be weighted towards locations with a higher number of local officials. Consideration will also be given to locations where local officials have a proven record of supporting races outside their area.

E. **Local Racers**. Entries from races in previous years will be used to assess the likely support for the race from local clubs. Consideration will also be given to locations where local racers have a proven record of supporting races outside their area.

Club National Bids
Bids for Club National Races will first be filtered by clashes with other races.

Where an adjudication is needed between bids for the same date, the criteria above will be used but with D and E taking precedence.

Please submit bids to alpineofficials@snowsportengland.org.uk

Please submit your bid by 1700 on Friday, 30th September 2022.

On behalf of the Alpine Committee, Snowsport England

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