Invitation to the
26th English Alpine Championships
9th to 17th February 2023
BORMIO, Italy

I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the 2023 English Alpine Championships. I am excited that we will be back running the championships as normal this year and we have developed the programme even further. We have split the U14 and U16 so their days are not as long and it will help make sure the condition on the courses is as good as it can be. To allow this to happen we have brought forward the FIS races to start on the Thursday the week before. We will be having the opening parade and the night parallel which will be run as a relay for the first time.

So I am sure it will be another fantastic year of racing and I hope to see you all on the slope in Bormio

Tim Fawke, CEO & Chief of Championships

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME – *Updated for 2023*

This is the intended programme of events on each day of the Championships. A detailed programme will be published in Race Bulletin 2, and you can always find the latest edition of the programme and all other information on the Championships web site. The Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes to the published programme should they deem it necessary. Any programme updates will be notified as quickly and as widely as possible via social media and online.

	U21, U18 & Senior	**U16 & U14**	**U12 & U10**	**Evening**
Thursday 9th Feb 2023	FIS GS **(Stella Alpina)**			
Friday 10th Feb 2023	FIS NJR GS (U21/U18 only) **(Stella Alpina)**			
Saturday 11th Feb 2023				Opening Parade
Sunday 12th Feb 2023	FIS Slalom **(Stelvio)**		U10/U12 Giant Slalom **(Stella Alpina)**	
Monday 13th Feb 2023	FIS NJR Slalom (U21/U18 only) **(Stelvio)**	U14 Giant Slalom **(Stella Alpina)**	U10/U12 Stubby Slalom **(Stella Alpina)**	
Tuesday 14th Feb 2023	FIS Super G x 2 (two back-to-back SG) **(Stelvio)**	U16 Slalom (**Stella Alpina**)		U14/16 Rossignol Team Parallel Slalom **(Stelvio)**
Wednesday 15th Feb 2023		U14 Super G x 2 **(Stelvio)**	U10/U12 Head-to-head Parallel **(Stella Alpina)**	
Thursday 16th Feb 2023		U16 Super G x 2 **(Stelvio)** U14 Slalom (**Stella Alpina**)		
Friday 17th Feb 2023		U16 Giant Slalom **(Stella Alpina)**		

RULES

FIS races for U18, U21 and Senior competitors will be run under FIS ICR. BASS and unseeded races for U16, U14, U12 and U10 will be run under BCR (FIS ICR as amended by GB Snowsport). For the purposes of this competition, Masters are included in the Senior age group.

Competitors are reminded to check the latest Equipment Rules. All racers must wear a helmet suitable for Alpine ski racing.

International rules: gbski.com/ICR
British Rules: gbski.com/BCR
Guide to helmets: gbski.com/helmets

SEED POINTS

FIS races will use FIS lists 16. (Valid 2nd to 22nd February)

GBR (U14 and U16) races will use BASS list 2023.3. (Valid 9th February to 8th March)

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded under the rules defined in the "English Alpine Prize Schedule" which can be found on Championships web site via https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/alpine-champs/.

The following individual prizes will be awarded for male and female in each discipline:

FIS – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

FIS NJR – 1st, 2nd and 3rd in U21, U18

British – 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Senior, U21, U18, U16, U14, U12, U10

English Champions – 1st in Senior, U21, U18, U16, U14

Overall English Champion - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Overall English U16 & U14s Champion - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

The following Team prizes will be awarded to the team amassing the highest number of points:

The **'Dave Ryding Club Championships'** for the best overall Club

The **'Ambition Academy** Challenge' for the best overall Academy

RACE OFFICE

Until Monday 6th February 2023, the race office will be at: 2 Moat Reach, Edlesborough, Bucks LU6 2FS.

From Tuesday 7th February 2023, the race office and official notice board will be in the Auditorium, Via Funivia, Bormio, and will be open daily from 16.00 until 17.15. Please note that opening times may change, details of opening times will be posted outside the building.

RACE ENTRY DETAILS

To participate in these Championships, British competitors in age groups U14 and above must be registered with their Home Nation (Snowsport England, Scotland or Wales).

British competitors in U14 and U16 age groups **must** renew their HN registration **no later than Monday 23rd January** for their seed points to appear on the BASS list and thus qualify to be used for this competition. Failure to renew your registration in time means you will race at the back of the field with 999 points.

All competitors must have a current insurance policy that permits them to ski race. The Organising Committee may require proof of insurance such as a valid governing body race licence or an independent certificate of insurance.

All U18, U21, Senior and Masters Racers are reminded that they **must** be FIS registered to take part in these championships (please note that a FIS Masters registration is not the same as a FIS Alpine registration). Applications for the appropriate licence should be made direct to GB Snowsport as soon as possible and at least **three weeks prior to the closing date.** The Organising Committee accepts no responsibility for any failure of competitors to ensure that their FIS registration is valid.

Competitors in the U10/U12 races must have either signed the British Athlete's Declaration or be registered with their Home Nation.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to skiers who do not possess seed points and who cannot demonstrate a minimum level of competence. Suitable evidence may include previous race results or a Coach's certification.

All British entries must be made via the official online entry system at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk/ (or if necessary using on the official entry form (one per competitor)), and will only be accepted if accompanied by the correct race entry fee of **£57.50 per competitor per race**. (**£30** for the U10/12 Parallel).

For the U14/U16 SG races there will be one price which will cover both races of £70

For the FIS SG races there will be one price which will cover both races of £70.

For the Rossignol Team Parallel Slalom there will be an entry fee of €60 payable in cash in resort when you hand in your completed Team Entry Form.

Cheques must be made payable to "Snowsport England" and sent to the Championship Race Secretary.

International (non-British) FIS entries **must** be made through your National Ski Association on the appropriate NSA FIS entry forms in accordance with FIS regulations, and in particular in line with FIS Quotas for your nation.

Depending on the number of entries from British competitors, we may allow a number of non-British entries into the Children's competition (U10, U12, U14 or U16). Please contact the race secretary for more information if you fall into this category and wish to enter. Note that we may not be able to give you a decision on accepting your entry straight away. If we do accept your application, you should use the standard entry form which is at the end of this bulletin. **Payment for all non-British entries will need to be made before the start of the Championships**

The closing date for British entries is Monday 23rd January 2023.

Entries in U14 and U16 races are expected to be large and will therefore initially be limited to British registered racers. Decisions on the possible acceptance of non-British entries in these age groups may only be possible once the closing date has been reached.

Acceptance of entries in the resort will be dependent on the entries already received and the snow conditions. Competitors are therefore warned that their presence in the resort will not necessarily gain them entry into the races.

If late entries are accepted, they will incur a penalty of £20.00 per competitor per race.

Acceptance Lists showing entries received by the closing date will be published on www.gbski.com by Wednesday 9th February (please note that this Acceptance List will not be updated with late entries).

REFUNDS

Due to the enormous cost of organising these Championships, there will be **no refund of race entry fees** after the race entry has been received, even if one or more races are cancelled. Please see our T & C for full details.

Refunds on medical grounds will be considered only on production of an appropriate medical document. Such refunds will only be considered if submitted within one month of the last day of the competition.
Refunds if you have a positive Covid – 19 test and need to isolate will be made minus an admin fee (proof of positive test required)

If the championships are cancelled completely due to covid restrictions then a refund of entry fees minus an admin fee will be made.

TRAINING, WARM-UP AND PUBLIC PISTES

Coaches/clubs/teams must negotiate training pistes directly with the resort. Clubs/teams are reminded that they will need to work together to ensure maximum use of available facilities. The Organising Committee will designate appropriate pre-race warm-up areas for each day of competition.

A briefing will be made at the first Team Captains' meeting with regard to the warm-up rules and the consequences of violating them. As defined in ICR the OC is not responsible for managing or overseeing the use of training pistes or warm-up areas.

All participants are required at all times to ski in a manner appropriate to the conditions, and to treat other users of the slope with due respect. This is particularly important when skiing in areas open to the public. Failure to conform with these requirements or failure to obey the instructions of any member of the organising team or the resort staff may lead to removal of lift pass and/or suspension from the remainder of the competition.

Competitors are also reminded that the goodwill of the resort in providing us with such an excellent venue for racing relies on our recognising that we all have a part to play in sharing the mountain with other users. In areas where the needs of the racing community and the general public overlap – particularly at Bormio 2000 where the area can get very busy at some periods of the day – all competitors are required to refrain from leaving their equipment in a way that blocks public access. Failure to do this may result in the equipment being forcibly moved by members of the organising team or even confiscated by the local police.

FIRST TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

FIS GS:	Wednesday 8th February at 18:00 in the auditorium.
U10/U12 GS:	Saturday 11th February at 18:30 in the auditorium.
U14 GS:	Sunday 12th February at 17:45 in the auditorium

Please note: Only accredited team captains/managers have the right to attend the meetings, independent athletes should liaise with a team/club to ensure they are represented.

A full list of times and races for all Team Captains' Meetings will be published on the web site and in the Acceptance Bulletin.

COACHES ACCREDITATION

All coaches requiring access to the competition areas must complete an application form and collect their accreditation from the Race Office. Forms will be available on the web site for you to complete prior to the event.

SAFE-GUARDING

We want you to feel supported in your snow sport activities. If you have any worries please talk to someone you can trust. This might be your parents, teachers, club welfare officer, coach or ChildLine. Snowsport England has a Safeguarding Lead you can contact and the e-mail is: welfare@snowsportengland.org.uk - or see our website to report any concerns: Safeguarding - Snowsport England

Event Welfare officers for the event are Tim Fawke & Karen Conde
Tim Fawke 07968548627 / Tim@snowsportengland.org.uk
Karen Conde 07725884043 / karen.conde@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS

To run the Championships smoothly and successfully, we will require a number of volunteers; these could include marshals, provisional times-board keeper, commentator, etc. Clubs should come prepared to nominate helpers. Snowsport England registered Race Officials are reminded that experience at the Championships will count towards their accreditation.

Anyone interested in officiating, shadowing, or helping out in any capacity should contact the Chief Race Director via email at alpinechamps@snowsportengland.org.uk, Chief of Championships or Race Secretary prior to the Champs.

Coaches are reminded of their duty to act as Referee if appointed by the TD.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Official photographers may be present during the event. If you DO NOT wish for your photograph to be taken or used, please sign the forms available in the race office before the event.

TRAVEL

Those travelling by car should note that the northern route from Switzerland via Livigno is by a single-track tunnel. On Saturdays this tunnel is only open from Switzerland to Livigno from 12.00, after 3pm the traffic alternates. The trip from Livigno to Switzerland on a Saturday is open from 9 – 12.

Those travelling by air can arrange bus transport via Terralta Viaggio or use the local bus services. Transport time from either of the Milan airports is approximately three and a half hours.

More information will be published on the website and in Race Bulletin 2.

ACCOMMODATION

Snowsport England have partnered with Bormio Tourism to bring you exclusive accommodation offers. Get in touch with them by emailing booking@bormio.eu

LIFT PASSES

The best deal on lift passes is available if booked at the same time as accommodation.

We expect to secure discounted limited area lift passes for FIS and FIS NJR racers, price to be confirmed. Details on how to buy these will be posted on the Championships website nearer the time.

You can also get a 10% discount when you purchase lift passes from the ticket offices by telling them you are with the 'English Alpine Championships'.

WEBSITES

Championships	snowsportengland.org.uk/alpine-champs
FIS	www.fis-ski.com
Online Race Entry	entries.snowsportengland.org.uk
Seed Lists, Rules, Results	gbski.com
Bormio	www.bormio.to
Lift Passes	www.skipassaltavaltellina.it

26th ENGLISH ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 – RACE ENTRY FORM

SURNAME:		FORENAMES:	
HOME ADDRESS:			Send with appropriate entry fee to: Andrea Grant 2 Moat Reach Edlesborough Bucks LU6 2FS **CLOSING DATE:** **23rd January 2023**
POST CODE:	☎Tel:		
E-mail address:			
REG. CLUB			
Date of Birth:			**F / M**
Registration Numbers:	**FIS:**		**BASS/GBR:**

I wish to enter the following races:	**FIS U21/U18/SEN Category**				**FIS NJR Category (U21/U18)**		
	SL	**GS**	**SG**		**SL**	**GS**	**SG**
	U16/U14 Category				**U12/U10 Category**		
	SL	**GS**	**SG 1**	**SG 2**	**SL**	**GS**	**Parallel £30**

Race entry fee:
Senior/U21/U18/U16/U14/U12/U10 £ 57.50 per competitor per discipline.
(U16/U14 – if entering both SG races it's one price of £70)
(U21/U18 – if entering both SG races it's one price of £70)
Late Race Entry Fee - **£20.00 per race**
All cheques should be made payable to **Snowsport England**

Entry fee: I enclose my race entry fee of **£**_____

Insurance: I confirm that I have adequate ski racing insurance.

Doping Control: I give my permission for Doping Tests to be taken and agree to be bound by the regulations concerning Doping Control.

Athlete's Agreement: I agree to conduct myself in the appropriate manner at this event, show respect to the race officials and fellow athletes and to abide by the Athlete's Code of Conduct.

Signature: *To be signed by parent/guardian if competitor is under 18 years of age.*	**Date:**
Photographs/video may be taken at this event for publicity and/or coaching purposes. Tick here if you do not wish to be photographed.	

To help us in resort for both emergencies and our standing with the resort, please provide the following information: *(please print)*

Name of Coach / guardian in resort:		**Hotel / Apartment in resort:**	
Local Newspaper Contact Name		**NEWSPAPER** e-mail address (*important*):	