Invitation

Scottish Alpine Student Championships

11th and 12th March 2023, Cairngorm Mountain

The Scottish Alpine Student Championships are returning to Cairngorm Mountain, Aviemore, for its second annual event. Team captains (or individual competitors without representation) should read this document in full!

Entry Eligibility

This competition is open to college and university students in the UK and graduates of these institutions, **as well as U18+ BASS registered racers**.

Entries & Refunds

Entries will be through Eventbrite. Individual competitors may enter themselves, however it is also possible for team captains to enter their competitors on their behalf. Competitors who are a matriculated student at one of the listed higher education institutions in Scotland, or have graduated from one recently, should have the institution selected on their entry form.

Race entry:	£25 for Saturday race, excluding lift pass
Freestyle entry:	£20 for Saturday coaching + Sunday competition, excluding lift pass
Combined entry:	£40 for Saturday race/freestyle coaching + Sunday comp., excluding lift pass

For those entering both competitions, it will be possible to ‘dip in and out’ of the freestyle coaching in order to take part in the race.

Entry link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-alpine-student-championships-2023-registration-460744137117

Entries open on Monday 23rd January at 09:00 will close on Monday 27th February at 23:59 (12 days before the event). This is also the final deadline to withdraw an entry and receive a refund, however withdrawals after this date will be considered for a refund on a case-by-case basis. Late entries may be possible upon request. There is a maximum of 120 competitors per discipline.

If the event is cancelled more than 2 days in advance due to a lack of snow, the entry fee will be refunded. Beyond this, events will only be cancelled on the day due to poor weather/conditions - in this instance, the organisers will endeavour to refund as much of the entry fees as possible once all unavoidable costs have been covered. Evening events will still run, since we expect that competitors will be staying locally and will want to get together anyway!

Insurance Cover

All competitors must be a member of a home-nations (e.g. Snowsport Scotland) affiliated club. Those who do not have appropriate membership can purchase an optional £5 weekend membership of Scottish Ski Club - this covers third-party liability. Competitors can pay an additional £20 to upgrade this to a full season membership - the benefits of this include access to various mountain huts at Scottish ski areas, access to borrow club equipment, and partner discounts. Please contact the competition organiser at info@sasc-snowsports.co.uk for more information.

Format

Ski Race

The race will be a 2-run Slalom. Results will be made from combined times of the two runs. First run DNF/DSQs will be awarded a second run, but this will not count for a result. The jury may revoke this at any time, for example due to time constraints.

The race will be run in accordance with the British Competition Rules (BCRs), with the following amendments:

- ➔ VI.3: Specifications for competition skis are to be taken as *recommendations*, so are not enforced. This is to make the race more accessible.
- ➔ This event is run by students, for students - some race official roles will be fulfilled by competitors, for example course setting and refereeing.

NOTE: Helmets are mandatory for all competitors but these can be soft-ear helmets in line with BCRs.

Freestyle

The freestyle side of the event will run across the weekend, culminating in a Jam Session on the Sunday.

Saturday will be an open freestyle coaching/freeski session for skiers and snowboarders who can get themselves around the mountain. The coaching will be provided by Blair from 3Stylesport - he will be at the park from first lift to provide tips & tricks and 1 to 1 coaching for all riders. This Saturday session is not exclusive to people competing in the Sunday Jam Session and is open to everyone.

The Sunday Jam Session will run for a large part of the day and is directly partnered with Jibbin Collection who will be providing the prizes during the session and after. The session will run from 11am till 1pm, this is to account for uplift time and also to give riders a chance to get in a warmed and fired up.

The idea behind Jam Sessions has always been to keep the atmosphere chilled out, creating an environment where people have a chance to warm up and explore the park, pushing themselves as their confidence grows. The aim is that people will be inspired by shredding with a group where everyone is trying something new, trying a variation of something they already know or just trying to be as creative as possible within their ability.

Riders in the Sunday Session will be wearing bibs so as to be easily identified for any of the 8 ‘Best of’ prizes (information provided in the ‘Prize Giving & Awards’ section). On top of these 8 ‘Best of’ prizes, there will be as many as 15 separate prizes available to be won during the session. Jake from Jibbin Collection will be in charge of handing these out - he will not necessarily be looking to award the people who are going the biggest or sending the hardest tricks. He will chat about what he will be looking out for at the Bib Draw event on Friday night.

Volunteers

This event will not be possible to run without volunteers. If you would like to help out, please sign up via the entry link above. You will be contacted if required and given a free lift pass for any days you help out on.

Seeding

Ski race competitors who have, or have previously had, a BASS competitor registration should provide their BASS number - if not known it can be found at this link. Current points, or in the case of an expired licence the most recent points from a previous seed list, will be taken, and start lists drawn based on this. Unseeded competitors will be randomly drawn at the end.

Public Bib Draw

There will be a public bib draw for seeded competitors on Friday 10th March, details TBC. The start list will be published online immediately after the draw. This event is open to all - please come along to see who will be rolling out of the start first!

Team Captains’ Meetings & Bib Collection

The first Team Captains’ Meeting (TCM) will be held on Friday 10th March immediately before the bib draw, details TBC. All competitors must be represented by either themselves or their team captains. Competitors who are under the age of 18 cannot attend the meeting and must have a person aged 18 or over attending to represent them. Unrepresented competitors (or their clubs) may incur a £50 fine.

Bib numbers for competitors outside of the seeded draw will be released to team captains, along with essential information regarding the competitions, therefore it is essential that captains endeavour to attend.

Bibs will be available for collection on the morning of Saturday 11th March in the funicular base station in the car park at the bottom of the ski area. Bibs must be returned in the finish area following the race. Any bibs which are not handed back are subject to a £50 fine payable to the SASC Committee by either the individual competitor or their club. Failure to pay this fine may result in a club not being allowed to enter the competition in 2024.

Prize Giving & Awards

Prize giving for Saturday's ski race will be in the evening in Aviemore - final details are TBC. This will be followed by an afterparty, details also TBC.

Prize giving for Sunday's freestyle competition will be at the bottom of the ski area at approximately 16:00, with a sharp finish to allow teams to begin their journey home.

Medals will be awarded in the following manner:

- Ski race:
    - Men's and women's 1st-3rd fastest combined times.
    - The fastest overall (combined times) from the men's and women's races will receive a trophy (to be returned in 2024).
    - Competitor's teams will be awarded points by the same system as the FIS Alpine WC. The team with the most points will win the Team shield.
    - Snail award - slowest time will get a secret prize, so it's worth hiking to finish your runs!
- Freestyle - Not including awards during the Jam Session:
    - Best rail trick
    - Best kicker trick
    - Best overall Male rider
    - Best overall Female rider
    - Best (biggest) Spin
    - Best looking (Steeziest rider)
    - Best tranny finder
    - Best Crash

Reruns (Ski Race)

As a reminder, the proper procedure on reruns is that a competitor who believes that their run has been impeded by outside factors must **stop immediately** and request a rerun from the nearest official (gate judge or member of the jury). The jury may award a rerun, or a provisional rerun (subject to a final decision on the reason for the rerun), and the competitor should then return to the start as quickly as they can. The competitor's rerun must happen before the final competitor in that run starts. Reruns will automatically be awarded in the event of a timing failure or some other failure to record a proper result.

Protocol & Protests

A WhatsApp group link will be available at the first Team Captains' Meeting - **only team captains and individual unrepresented competitors should join this**. All race documents will be posted to this group and at the race office.

The protocol from each run will be posted on the WhatsApp group and a 15 minute window from the time of publication will be allowed for protests. It is each team captain's responsibility to check this document for disqualifications of their competitors and lodge a protest within the timeframe should they wish. BCR procedures will be followed where protests are subject to a £25 fee which is refundable only if the protest is successful.

Provisional Timetable

ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - SEE DAILY PROGRAM AT TCM

Run 1 Run 2 Freestyle Events

Time	Friday	Saturday		Sunday
0800	Teams arrive at any time during the day	Officials arrive		TBC
0830		Run 1 course setting		
0900		Run 1 inspection		
0930				
1000		Run 1 start	Open coaching session	
1030				
1100				
1130		Run 1 finish		
1200				
1230		Run 2 course setting		
1300		Run 2 inspection		
1330				
1400		Run 2 start		
1430				
1500				
1530		Run 2 finish		
1600				Prize giving
1630				Departure
1700				
1730				
1800				
1830	Timings for the team captain's meeting, prizegiving, and the Saturday night afterparty are TBC.			
1900				
1930				
2000				
2030				