Invitation to the
27th English Alpine Championships
8th to 16th February 2024
BORMIO, Italy

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2024 English Alpine Championships. We are aiming to repeat the success of the 2023 event, with the FIS competition starting on Thursday 8th, overlapping with the GBR children's programme which runs from Sunday through Friday. All your favourite elements will be there, from the Opening Parade to your individual races across the disciplines, individual and team parallels, and the all-important club and academy awards.

Our team and our partners in Italy are already working on providing you with another top-notch event, and we look forward to seeing you in Bormio!

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Race Organising Committee

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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 and on GBSKI.

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.

	U18/21 & Senior	**U14/16**	**U10/12**	**Evening**
Thursday 8th February	FIS GS (Stella Alpina)			
Friday 9th February	FIS NJR GS (U18/21 only) (Stella Alpina)			
Saturday 10th February				Opening Parade
Sunday 11th February	FIS NJR Slalom (U18/21 only) (Stelvio)		U10/U12 Giant Slalom (Stella Alpina)	
Monday 12th February	FIS Slalom (Stelvio)	U16 Slalom (Stella Alpina)		
Tuesday 13th February	FIS Super-G x 2 (Stelvio)	U14/U16 Team Parallel (Stella Alpina)	U10/U12 Individual Parallel (Stella Alpina)	
Wednesday 14th February		U14 Slalom (Stella Alpina) U16 Super-G x 2 (Stelvio)	U10/U12 Stubby Slalom (Stella Alpina)	
Thursday 15th February		U14 Super-G x 2 (Stelvio) U16 GS (Adler)		
Friday 16th February		U14 GS (Adler)		

RULES

FIS races for U18, U21 and Senior competitors will be run under FIS ICR. BASS and unseeded races for U10, U12, U14 and U16 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.

IMPORTANT: ICR rule 614.2.3 that allowed you to continue (including 'stepping back' or 'hiking') in a Slalom race after coming to a stop has been changed for the 2024 season. If you commit a gate fault (miss a gate, or straddle) or come to a stop then you cannot continue your run and you must leave the course. This applies to all races and all age groups.

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 1st to 14th February) and 17 (valid 15th to 28th February).

GBR (U14 and U16) races will use BASS list 2024.3 (valid 8th February to 7th March). The same seed list will be used for all age groups to determine club affiliation.

For all GBR registered competitors, it is vital that you ensure that your club affiliation is correctly set up with your Home Nation well in advance of the publication of the BASS list.

PRIZES

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 U14 & U16s 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

UNIVERSITY STUDENT AWARDS

Racers currently engaged in full-time undergraduate or postgraduate education are encouraged to contest the University Student category hosted within the English Alpine Ski Championships.

In the absence of a recognised race series for British university students in an Alpine setting, this category provides a meaningful platform for students to race at the highest level while they are studying and to challenge for the title of British University Champion in three Alpine disciplines, as well as the overall title.

Please note that this event is not formally recognised by British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) at this time and will not contribute to BUCS points for your institution.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Currently enrolled in full-time undergraduate or Masters education (must not be intermitting) at a UK University.
- Your home campus must be a higher education institution located within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland although you might be studying abroad at the time of the English Championships.
- You must additionally comply with regular requirements to participate in the English Championships including a valid FIS licence.

In order to confirm your eligibility, please share documentation (in pdf format or as a high-quality image file) that validates this when you submit your race entry via email to alpineracesec@snowsportengland.org.uk. Documents must include your full name, the name of the institution where you study, program title and qualification and years of study.

The University Student category has been enabled by Snowsport England in collaboration with the British Universities Ski Club.

RACE OFFICE

Until Sunday 4th February 2024, the race office will be at: 2 Moat Reach, Edlesborough, Bucks LU6 2FS.

From Tuesday 6th February 2024, the race office and official notice board will be in the Sala Fontana 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 and circulated via WhatsApp.

RACE ENTRY DETAILS

Registration

To participate in these Championships, **all** competitors in age groups U10 through U16 (regardless of nationality), and **all British** competitors in age groups U18 and older, **must** be registered with a UK Home Nation (Snowsport England, Scotland or Wales).

This registration must be completed **no later than Monday 5th February** to be included in the BASS seed list due for publication on Wednesday 7th February. For British U14 and U16 competitors, failure to complete the registration/renewal process in time to be included in this seed list will mean you will be drawn to race at the back of the field in the group with no seed points.

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.

British Registered Entries

All U10-U16 (including non-British children) and all British FIS entries must be made via the official system at https://bit.ly/onlineraceentry

FIS Entries

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 line with FIS Quotas for your nation.

Entry Fees

The race entry fee for British entries is **£60 per competitor per race.**

For the U10/U12 Individual Parallel you can enter for a discounted entry fee of **£30**.

For the U14 and U16 Super-G races, you can enter both races for a discounted entry fee of **£75**.

For the FIS Super-G races, you can enter both races for a discounted entry fee of **£75**.

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. Entry Forms will be available from the Race Office in resort, or they can be downloaded from the Alpine Championships website.

For International (non-British) FIS competitors, the race entry fee is **€30 per competitor per race**, to be paid in cash at the Race Office during the day before each race. Lift passes for FIS competitors will be on sale at the same time.

The closing date for British registered entries is Monday 22nd January 2024.

Acceptance Lists showing British entries received by the closing date will be published on www.gbski.com by Wednesday 7th February (please note that this Acceptance List will not be updated with late entries).

Late Entries

Acceptance of late 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 by British (HN) registered entries are accepted, they will incur a penalty of £25 per competitor per race.

Insurance and Ability

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. 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.

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.

TRAINING, WARM-UP AND PUBLIC PISTES

Coaches/clubs/teams must negotiate training pistes directly with the resort. Contact details will be posted on the Championships website and via WhatsApp nearer the time.

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 about 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 always required 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 7th February at 19:30 in the auditorium.
U10/U12 GS:	Saturday 11th February at 18:30 in the auditorium.
U16 SL:	Sunday 12th February at 18:30 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, in the Acceptance Bulletin, and via WhatsApp.

COACHES ACCREDITATION

For 2024 we will keep a register of all coaches who need to be accredited to access the closed competition area. Please email alpineracesec@snowsportengland.org.uk with name, club, country and contact details.

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 via email at: welfare@snowsportengland.org.uk - or see the SE website to report any concerns: Safeguarding - Snowsport England

Event Welfare officer for the event is Karen Conde 07725 884043 or 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 Race Director via email at alpinechamps@snowsportengland.org.uk or the Race Secretary prior to the event.

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.

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

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