Invitation Bulletin v4
2024 British U14/U16 Alpine Championships and U10/U12 Race Events

1st – 5th April 2024

In Partnership with

Organised on behalf of
GB Snowsport
By
The Organising Committee

Entry Form and Event Information

Welcome

We are very much looking forward to returning to Tignes, France, with five days racing for the U14/U16 British Championships and U10/U12 races.

For U14/16 we have Super-G, Giant Slalom and Slalom races on the programme, and for U10/12 we have Giant Slalom, Combi and Stubby Slalom events.

Tignes is a high-altitude resort with extensive facilities, and we look forward to another successful partnership with Tignes in delivering a top-quality British Championships.

Best wishes for a successful season and I look forward to seeing you all in Tignes.

David Manns
Chief of Championships

Organising Committee

Chief of Championships	David Manns
Chief of Race Super-G, GS and Slalom	Lloyd Jenkins
Chief of Race U10/U12	TBC
Race Secretary	Sylvia Flahive
Technical Delegates	Steve James
	Derek Metters

BRITISH U14 AND U16 ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS
PERPETUAL TROPHIES AND MEDALS

Medals will be awarded to boys and girls in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in U14 and U16 categories. Trophies are only presented to competitors registered with a British Home Nation.

NOTE: If you currently hold a perpetual trophy please bring to one of the race organisers or to the Race Office, Tignespace, Tignes Le Lac. If you are not attending the event you can return it to the Race Secretary. See contact details on Page 5.

SLALOM	
U14 Boys' Slalom Champion	Pindisport Cup
U14 Girls' Slalom Champion	Midland Ski Club Cup
U16 Boys' Slalom Champion	Aberdeen Ski Club Quaich
U16 Girls' Slalom Champion	Southampton Ski Club Cup
GIANT SLALOM	
U14 Boys' Giant Slalom Champion	Dolphin Ski Club Cup
U14 Girls' Giant Slalom Champion	Kandahar Ski Club Cup
U16 Boys' Giant Slalom Champion	Ski Council Of Wales Trophy
U16 Girls' Giant Slalom Champion	Hillend Salver
SUPER G	
U14 Boys' Super G Champion	DHO Rosebowl
U14 Girls' Super G Champion	Hautes Alpes Cup
U16 Boys' Super G Champion	Rolls Royce Trophy
U16 Girls' Super G Champion	British Aerospace Trophy
COMBINED	
U14 Boys' Combined Champion	Schools Abroad Cup
U14 Girls' Combined Champion	Lillywhite Cup
U16 Boys' Combined Champion	Ski Plan Trophy
U16 Girls' Combined Champion	Coupe de la Municipalité de L'Alpe d'Huez
TEAM TROPHIES	
BEST NAMED CLUB TEAM	
U14 Boys' Team	Alpbach Visitors Ski Club Cup
U14 Girls' Team	Kandahar Ski Club Cup
U16 Boys' Team	Cairngorm Quaich
U16 Girls' Team	Dolphin Ski Club Cup
BEST CLUB	
U14	Rose and Thistle Cup
U16	Tornes Trophy

2024 British U14 and U16 Alpine Championships
U10/U12 Races

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Prize giving will be in the finish area shortly after each event.

Sunday 31st March	Team Captains' meeting for all U14 and U16 races Team Captains' meeting for all U10/U12 races	*1800hrs* *1830hrs*
Monday 1st April	U14 and U16 SG U10/U12 Combi	
Tuesday 2nd April	U14 Slalom	
Wednesday 3rd April	U16 Slalom U10/12 GS	
Thursday 4th April	U14 Giant Slalom	
Friday 5th April	U16 Giant Slalom U10/12 Stubby Slalom	

Please note that the programme is subject to change depending on local conditions.

RACE INFORMATION

Registration

The British U14 and U16 Ski Championships and U10/U12 Race Events are open to competitors in the following age categories:

U10	2014 – 2015
U12	2012 – 2013
U14	2010 – 2011
U16	2008 – 2009

All competitors for the races **must** be correctly registered for BASS through a British Home Nation (Snowsport England, Scotland or Wales).

Eligibility and Entry Criteria (updated)

The regulations for this event are owned by GB Snowsport, which has always adhered to the premise that this is the flagship event of the season, and one which should be an aspirational target for our young athletes, and the seed-point cut-off is a means of differentiating the British Alpine Championships from other BASS events.

This event has therefore always had a cut-off for entry, which for many years was set at 250, as described in the BCR. During and after COVID this was suspended in recognition of the lack of racing available, particularly for the U14 age group, with the intention that it would be re-introduced at an appropriate time and level.

After a further review and pending more in-depth discussions of the objectives of this competition and its place in the British Alpine calendar, ***the Organising Committee has decided to suspend the seed point cut-off for these Championships for a further year****.*

Entries will therefore now be accepted from any athlete registered with a UK Home Nation (England, Scotland or Wales) for Alpine competition. Coaches and parents should still recognise that this is a Championship event, with courses set appropriately, and should be mindful of the ability of their athletes when entering the event. In addition, race juries reserve the right to remove competitors from a race on safety grounds, should that prove necessary.

The OC reserves the right to re-introduce the cut-off for entry in the future and this will be reviewed, and the level of cut-off will be published by the end of July in the year prior to the Championships.

Race Entries

All competitor entries must be entered online at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk

Please note that by entering online you agree to the contents of the Athletes Declaration. If it is not possible to complete an online entry, then please contact Sylvia Flahive (Race Secretary) 12 Holborn Close, St Albans, Herts, AL4 9YG. Sylvia - s.flahive@hotmail.co.uk +44 (0)7795-383511

All competitors must be adequately insured for ski racing.

Entries must be received no later than Friday 15th March 2024 otherwise a late entry fee will be applicable, and entry is not guaranteed.

Acceptance

The Organising Committee will assess all entries and accept those from racers who meet the entry criteria. In the event of non-acceptance for any reason, the competitor has the right to appeal in writing to the Organising Committee, prior to the start of the competition.

Should more than the maximum number of entries considered appropriate be received, racers will be accepted in seed point order. Every effort will be made to contact those who have not been accepted; however, the Organising Committee accepts no responsibility if contact cannot be made for any reason.

A provisional list of accepted entries will be posted on www.gbski.com by Monday 18th March 2024.

Late Entries

Late entries after Friday 15th March 2024 will be accepted only in very exceptional circumstances and upon payment of a late entry fee of £20 per competitor per race.

No guarantees can be made regarding the chances of a late acceptance and any hopeful competitor travelling to the resort before acceptance does so at their own risk of incurring any expense should they not be accepted for the Championships.

Entry Fees and Refunds

Competitors must be aware that the Organising Committee incurs substantial financial liabilities in organising these events and entry fees are unlikely to be returned if the event is cancelled.

The Organising Committee will consider possible refunds, or part refunds, if a competitor is injured before the first team captains' meeting of the competition. No refunds will be made in resort. Such requests must be accompanied by a relevant medical certificate.

Club Team Competitions

For the Best Club and Best Named Club competitions, athletes may only compete for their club as published on BASS list 2024.5, published on 20th March 2024. No changes will be allowed in the resort, except in the most exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of the Organising Committee and clubs involved.

Photographs

If you do not consent to publication of your / your child's image, taken at The British Championships, please use the "opt out" facility when entering the event using the online entry system.

Equipment Regulations

Competitors and coaches are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their equipment, including ski length and radius conforms to discipline specifications. The latest FIS information can be found at Alpine Documents (fis-ski.com).

Please also see the BCR for British amendments to the FIS rules: gbski.com/rules.php#BCR

Helmets

It is mandatory for U14 and U16 competitors and forerunners in all disciplines to wear a ski helmet that conforms to FIS competition equipment specifications. See gbski.com/helmets for further details including helmets for U10/12.

Event Welfare

GB Snowsport takes our responsibility for safeguarding children seriously. There will be an Event Welfare Officer present at the British Championships and their details will be displayed on the Race Office noticeboard throughout the Championships. Before or after the event if you have any safeguarding concerns you can contact:

Safeguarding and Welfare Officer for GB Snowsport
Sarah Torkington-Halstead
sarah.torkington-halstead@gbsnowsport.com
00 44 7980 675742

Anti-doping Regulations

All competitors must comply with FIS anti-doping regulations. Information is available at: https://www.fis-ski.com/en/inside-fis/governance/fis-anti-doping.

The Race Office/Team Captains' Meetings

The race office will be situated at Tignespace in Tignes Le Lac. The provisional entry list will be published on www.gbsnowsport.com and www.gbski.com on Monday 18th March 2024. The Team Captains' Meetings will be confirmed nearer the time as to if they will be on zoom or in Tignespace

Advance Race Office

All enquiries regarding entries should be made to Sylvia Flahive (Race Secretary) s.flahive@hotmail.co.uk

Race Programme

All U14/U16 racing will take place on the Stade at Tignes Val Claret (subject to weather and local conditions at the time). U10/U12 racing will take place on the Stade and the Ski Cross (for the Combi). Access is via Tichot and Grattalu chairlifts. The Organising Committee in conjunction with the GBR Technical Delegate(s) reserves the right to rearrange the race programme if deemed necessary due to weather or other local conditions.

Results

In the interests of the environment, all race results will be posted online at:
www.gbski.com and www.gbsnowsport.com

Lift Passes and Accommodation

Details for supply of lift passes are still being negotiated and this bulletin will be updated with details as soon as they are available.