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Monday 26th February 2024

Scottish Alpine Student Championships

8th-10th March 2024, Cairngorm Mountain

Thanks to those of you who have entered this year's Student Championships for 2024.

Unfortunately, due to the warm spells we've had in the Highlands over the past few weeks, there is no base on any of the slopes at Cairngorm Mountain, and they currently only have their beginner area open (served by snowmaking) at the very bottom of the mountain. Therefore it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to run any competitions at Cairngorm. With the funicular out of commission for what is likely to be several more months, we are currently unable to access snow on the upper mountain.

However, not all is lost - we are currently exploring alternative options to try and deliver quality, credible competitions as we have the past two years. These options include moving the competitions to Glencoe Mountain Resort, or using a combination of very limited dry slope and beginner snow slope facilities more local to the Aviemore area. We recognise that many of you have accommodation and other commitments in the Aviemore area, however we are trying to prioritise a worthwhile competition as that is what SASC is all about. Unfortunately this is the reality of Scottish skiing, and we have been so luckily spoiled over the past two years.

While Glencoe is not local to Aviemore and will require a 2 hour commute for participants and organisers based in Aviemore, we believe that this could allow us to run an event that follows the aspirations of the SASC ethos. For the moment, this is our preferred option as they currently have all uplift open and may be able to facilitate all of our competitions. We would still keep the evening events in Aviemore so that those of you who will be based there for the weekend can still enjoy the nightlife. We realise that it is a lot to ask of you all to trek over to Glencoe for the day, however we feel this could be the best way to get the most out of the SASC weekend.

The organising committee are keeping a close eye on conditions and the forecast and we will update you as soon as we have a firm plan, and in the meantime we thank you for your patience. As we are looking to organise an alternative program, our refund policy laid out in the invitation still applies. We will update you no later than this coming weekend, but don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries in the meantime.