Invitation

Scottish Alpine Student Championships

8th-10th March 2024, Cairngorm Mountain

The Scottish Alpine Student Championships will be held at Cairngorm Mountain, Aviemore, for its third annual event. Team captains (or individual competitors without representation) should read this document in full! **Any queries should be directed to info@sasc-snowsports.co.uk.**

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**.

The ski race is open to competent skiers. The freestyle competition is open to competent skiers and snowboarders. It is not possible to determine the grade (steepness) of the slopes on which competitions will be held until much closer to the time, so all entrants must be comfortable on most terrain. If a competitor is deemed (by the organisers) to be an incompetent skier or snowboarder, they will *not* be allowed to compete and *no refund will be offered*.

Entries

It is recommended that a team captain enters all individuals from their institution, however individual competitors may also enter themselves. Competitors who are a matriculated student at one of the listed higher education institutions, or have graduated from one recently, should enter the institution and year of graduation on the form.

Race entry:	£27.50 for ski slalom race, excluding lift pass
Freestyle entry:	£22.50 for coaching + competition, excluding lift pass
Combined entry:	£45 for race *and* freestyle entry, excluding lift pass

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

Entry link: https://sasc-2024.eventbrite.co.uk

Entries open on Friday 19th January 2024 at 09:00 will close on Monday 29th February 2024 at 18:00. 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 and subject to a late entry fee. There is a maximum of 120 competitors per discipline.

Refunds & Cancellations

The Scottish Alpine Student Championships are organised by the Scottish Alpine Student Committee, a Community Interest Company and registered non-profit. We will always endeavour to refund as much as we can in the event of a cancellation. However, there are costs associated with running the event which we must cover.

If we are forced to cancel the on-hill events up to a week in advance, for example due to a lack of snow, we will look to arrange an alternative program of activity. This may include snowsports at a dry slope in the Aviemore area. In this instance, we will refund as much of the entry fee as possible after covering our costs.

If the event is cancelled less than a week in advance, slope preparation will have already started, and we will try to run the events. In the event that the weather cancels any competition on the day, there will be no refunds. **If the weather prevents us from being on the hill on Saturday, we will try to run the competitions on the Sunday instead.**

Insurance Cover

The Scottish Alpine Student Committee CIC is affiliated with Snowsport Scotland which provides all entered competitors with the necessary third-party liability insurance cover on the day of the event. For more details, see Member / Club insurance - Snowsport Scotland.

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.

See the Rules & Regulations section of the Event Guide for details on the Ski Race rules.

Seeding

The race is not seeded, however competitors who have, or have previously had, a BASS competitor registration should provide their BASS number - if not known it can be found at Competitors - GBSki.com.

BASS points for currently active racers will be taken and drawn randomly first. For those with expired licences, the most recent points from a previous (end-of-season) seed list will be taken, and drawn randomly up to bib 15. Any remaining competitors, and all unseeded competitors, will be randomly drawn from bib 16.

Freestyle

The freestyle Jam Session will run Saturday afternoon from 12:00 - 14:30 with practice in the morning from 09:00 - 11:30. The freestyle event will be open to all skiers and snowboarders who can confidently get themselves around the mountain.

During the practice coaching will be provided by Blair Fraser from 3Stylesport - he will be at the park from first lift to provide tips & tricks and 1-to-1 coaching for all riders.

The Jam Session is once again directly partnered with Jibbin Collection who will be providing the prizes. 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 Jam Session will be wearing bibs so as to be easily identified for any of the 8 'Best of' prizes (see the 'Prize Giving & Awards' section).

All riders are required to wear a helmet when in the park during the course of the event. We also highly recommend you wear a back protector. If anyone arrives at the snowpark without a helmet they will not be allowed to participate in the coaching or competition.

Volunteers

This event will not be possible to run without volunteers. If you would like to help out, please get in touch with us by email: info@sasc-snowsports.co.uk. We will contact you, and all helpers will receive a free lift pass for the day.

Accommodation

Wasteland Travel will have limited accommodation available to book in line with entries opening. En-suite rooms of 4, 5 and 6 can be booked through the Wasteland booking page. These will be sold on a first come first serve basis. The accommodation provided is The Old Bridge Inn, Dalfaber Road, Aviemore, PH22 1PU. If you have already secured your entries and would like to make a group booking for these rooms, please contact us with the rooms you require and we can remove them from the booking page before they go public.

All officials, competitors and spectators have a responsibility to behave in an acceptable manner.

Please remember that all teams and competitors represent SASC throughout the weekend, and must be courteous and considerate to all other residents and people in Aviemore and the surrounding areas. Anti-social behaviour, including excessive noise in the evenings, will not be tolerated and may result in teams being barred from returning to the event in future years. We are already limited on accommodation options in Aviemore due to issues in previous years…let's not all be sleeping in tents for SASC 2025…

If SASC hears of poor or disruptive behaviour from a team, we reserve the right to decline entries from that team the following year, or for even longer.

Off-Hill

SASC is taking over the Winking Owl, Aviemore's famous après ski venue, for the weekend! Located in the heart of Scotland's ski town, featuring live music and your fellow competitors, it's not to be missed.

Team Captains' Meetings & Bib Collection

The Team Captains' Meeting (TCM) will be held in the evening on Friday 8th March at the Winking Owl, time TBC. All competitors ***must*** be represented by their team captains, or attend themselves. Competitors who are under the age of 18 cannot attend the meeting and must have a person aged 18 or over attend to represent them. Unrepresented competitors (or their clubs) may incur a £50 fine.

Bibs will be available for collection on the morning of Saturday 11th March at the base station at the top of the main car park of the Cairngorm Mountain ski area. Race bibs must be handed back in the finish area following run 2. Freestyle bibs must be handed back before leaving the park. Any bibs which are not handed back are subject to a £50 fine payable to SASC 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.

Public Bib Draw

There will be a public bib draw for seeded competitors on Friday 8th March, time TBC, immediately after the TCM. The top 15 competitors in the women's and men's races will be randomly drawn and called up on stage in reverse order to be photographed with their bibs (bibs to be returned and kept by SASC until the day of the competition). The start list will be published online immediately after the draw.

This event is open to all (18+) so please come along to see who will be rolling out of the start first!

Prize Giving & Awards

Prize giving for the competitions will be on Saturday 9th March at the Winking Owl, time TBC. This will be followed by an afterparty, details TBC.

Prizes will be awarded in the following manner:

- Ski race:
    - Women's and men's 1st-3rd fastest combined times (medal winners).
    - The fastest overall combined times from the men's and women's races will receive a trophy (to be returned in 2024).
    - The team with the most points (see the Rules & Regulations section of the Event Guide for details on how points are awarded) will win the Team shield.
    - Snail award - slowest time will get a secret prize, so fight to finish your runs!
- Freestyle:
    - 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

Provisional Timetable

ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - SEE DAILY PROGRAM AT TCM

Ski Race Freestyle Events

Time	Friday	Saturday		Sunday
0800	Teams arrive at any time during the day	Officials arrive		BACKUP DAY FOR WEATHER POSTPONEMENT Teams depart at any time during the day
0830		Run 1 course setting	Park Shaping	
0900		Run 1 inspection	Coached warm-up	
0930				
1000		Run 1 start		
1030				
1100				
1130		Run 1 finish	Park Re-shaped	
1200			Jam starts	
1230		Run 2 course setting		
1300		Run 2 inspection		
1330				
1400		Run 2 start		
1430			Jam Finishes	
1500				
1530		Run 2 finish		
1600				
1630				
1700	Timings for the evening events are TBC			
1730				
1800				
1830				
1900				
1930				
2000				
2030				