Invitation

Scottish Alpine Student Championships

7th-9th March 2025, Cairngorm Mountain

The Scottish Alpine Student Championships will be held at Cairngorm Mountain, Aviemore, for its fourth annual event. Please read this document in full! **Any queries should be directed to info@sasc-snowsports.co.uk.**

Format

Individual Ski Race

On the Saturday, we intend to run a 2-run individual slalom ski race. Results will be made from combined times of the two runs. First run DNF/DSQs will be allowed to start in the second run (usually after the main second run competitors), but this will not count for a result. The organisers may revoke this at any time, for example due to time constraints or conditions.

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

Seeding

The race is *not* seeded, however the start list will be drawn based on seed points with these racers going first, presenting a significant advantage to competitors with a valid GB competitor licence and BASS points. Competitors who have a valid BASS competitor registration should provide their BASS number on the entry form - if not known it can be found at Competitors - GBSki.com.

Team Ski Dual Slalom

On the Sunday, we intend to run a team dual slalom using panelled gates. This will be a late start and a relaxed race format, with a round-robin heat to seed a knockout draw (depending on the number of teams entered).

Teams should be made up of 4 to 5 skiers of mixed gender. Where a team of 4 races a team of 5, the team of 5 will send their first racer down without an opponent, and the remaining 4 racers in each team start when that first racer crosses their finish. Racers not part of a team are welcome to offer to forerun the duals.

Freestyle

The freestyle Jam Session will run Saturday afternoon from 12:30 - 15:00 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 7 '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.

Entry Eligibility

This competition is open to college and university **students** in the UK **and graduates** of these institutions, **as well as BASS registered racers**. All competitors must be at least 18 years of age.

The ski racing events are 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 pisted terrain. If a competitor is deemed (by the organisers) to be an incompetent skier or snowboarder, they will *not* be allowed to compete for safety reasons, 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 a UK higher education institution, or have graduated from one recently, should provide the institution and their 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
Duals team:	£50 per team, excluding lift passes

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 - please adhere to and prioritise race start times and order!

Entry link: https://peakpass.co/event/scottish-alpine-student-championships

Entries are open **until Monday 24th February 2025 at 19:00**. Late entries may be possible upon request and subject to a late entry fee. There are a maximum of 120 race starts, and 60 freestyle competitors.

Changes, Cancellations & Refunds

The Scottish Alpine Student Championships are organised by the Scottish Alpine Student Committee CIC ('SASC'), a Community Interest Company and registered non-profit. SASC prices all events to cover its costs, and as such generally **can not offer refunds**. The exception is where a competitor is entered and is subsequently **injured** and unable to compete: a **refund will be given** for their entry **upon submission of proof**, e.g. a signed letter from a doctor.

We will always try to run the events as close as possible to the original programme. If, leading up to the event, there is a **lack of snow** on suitable slopes at Cairngorm Mountain, we will look to **organise an alternative programme**. This may include moving competitions to another venue which may require some travel from Aviemore, or to a local dry slope.

If the weather prevents us from being on the hill on the Saturday, we will try to run as much of the competition on the Sunday instead. If we are unable to run any competition due to weather on the day (e.g. high winds), refunds will not be possible as SASC has still incurred costs in setting up the event.

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. Note that **this is *not* a medical or travel insurance** policy. For more details, see the Governance section on our website.

Volunteers

This event will not be possible to run without volunteers. If any non-competitors would like to help out, please get in touch with us by email at info@sasc-snowsports.co.uk and let us know your previous snowsports event experience. All volunteers will receive a free lift pass for any days required.

Bibs

All competitors must be wearing their assigned bib. Bibs will be available for collection on the morning of the competition at the base station (at the top of the main car park). Race bibs must be handed back in the finish area following run 2 - this includes all first run DNFs/DSQs! Freestyle bibs must be handed back before leaving the park. Bibs are not required for the team duals event.

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 2026.

Training

SASC will be running snow slalom training again this winter, subject to weather & conditions. Although these sessions are not strictly coached, they are set up by qualified coaches who will be on hand to help out as required. Clubs are welcome to bring their own appropriately qualified coaches (who should submit proof of their licence).

On **select Wednesday** afternoons/evenings, we will have **night slalom training** running at **Glenshee**. Dates and pricing TBC (but will be similar to last season) - keep an eye on our socials.

On **Friday 7th March we** will have **slalom training at Cairngorm Mountain**. This will run from first lift till around 3pm and is open to all those competing in the race on Saturday 8th. The cost is £20 per person (excluding lift pass) and you must let us know in advance (roughly) how many are attending from your club by email to info@sasc-snowsports.co.uk. Spaces will be available on a first come, first served basis.

SASC can run **ad-hoc training sessions** at **any Scottish mountain or dry slope** at the request of any club(s). Get in touch if you are interested in a training session for your club.

Accommodation

Aviemore & Glenmore has a plentiful supply of overnight accommodation, including:

- Aviemore Bunkhouse at the Old Bridge Inn
- Cairngorm Hotel
- Premier Inn Aviemore
- Self-catering accommodation available at Booking.com, Airbnb, etc.

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. 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 2026…

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

Team Captains' Meetings

In the evening on Friday 7th March, we will hold the first Team Captains' Meeting (TCM), and then a get-together for all competitors - venue and exact timings TBC. All competitors ***must*** be represented by a captain at the TCM, or attend themselves.

The Team Captains' Meeting for the Sunday duals event will take place in the finish area of Saturday's slalom, immediately following run 2. All duals teams ***must*** be represented by a captain.

Unrepresented competitors (or their clubs) may incur a £50 fine. Failure to pay this fine may result in a club not being allowed to enter the competition in 2026.

Prize Giving & Awards

Prize giving for Saturday's competitions will be in the evening on Saturday 8th March - venue and exact timings TBC. This will be followed by the usual afterparty at The Vault.

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 2026).
    - 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 - the 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 looking (Steeziest rider)
    - Best tranny finder
    - Best crash

Prizegiving for Sunday's duals event will take place at Cairngorm Mountain at 2pm (exact location TBC), and will award prizes to the 1st-3rd placed teams.

Provisional Timetable

ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - SEE DAILY PROGRAMME AT TCM

Ski Race Freestyle Events

Time	Friday	Saturday		Sunday
0800	Teams arrive at any time during the day	Officials arrive		
0830		Run 1 course setting	Park shaping	
0900		Run 1 inspection	Coached warm-up	
0930				
1000		Run 1 start		Officials arrive
1030				Duals setting
1100				Duals practice
1130		Run 1 finish	Park re-shaped	Duals start
1200				
1230		Run 2 course setting	Jam starts	
1300		Run 2 inspection		Duals finish
1330				
1400		Run 2 start		Duals prizegiving
1430				Teams depart at any time during the day
1500			Jam Finishes	
1530		Run 2 finish		
1600				
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1900				
1930				
2000		Team Captains' (for Sunday)		
2030	Team Captains'	Prizegiving		