INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Stoke Ski Centre
Festival Park, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5PU

Race Invitation Version 2

This event is open to all regions recognised by Snowsport England, and the Home Nations of Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

There are two separate competitions. One for U14 racers and older, and one for U10/U12 racers.

For 2025, the competition will be run in line with the rules and procedures outlined in the document below.

RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

This event is being organised by Team Evolution.

Chief of Race: Jordan Fellows - Jordan.fellows@teamevolution.eu

Race Secretary: Paul Telling - Paul.telling@teamevolution.eu

Event Welfare Officer: Will Manns - Will.manns@teamevolution.eu

Timing & Calculations: Stephen Metheringham - info@teamevolution.eu

TEAMS, CRITERIA & OFFICIALS

	U10/U12 Event	U14+ Event
Max Number of Teams per Region	3	3
Max Number of Teams per Home Nation	2	2
Number of Racers per team	Teams of 4 *Minimum 2x Females and 2x Males	Teams of 5 *Minimum 1x Opposite Gender *Minimum 1x U14/U16 Racer ***(This can be the same racer if required)***
Officials Per Team	1	1
Entry Fee Per Team	£80	£100
Closing Date	Saturday 2nd August – 16:00	

EVENT FORMAT & RULES

Race Entries & Team Submission

The team manager from each region will be required to submit their team, their running order, any substitutes, and a official by 16:00 on Saturday 2nd August. Both the members of the team, and the running order, must remain the same for the entirety of the competition day on Sunday 3rd August. Team submissions can be made by emailing the Chief of Race, Jordan Fellows, at Jordan.fellows@teamevolution.eu. **Race entries must be paid in cash at bib issue on the 3rd August by the nominated team manager.**

Regional Team Eligibility

All English Regional Ski Associations, as recognised by Snowsport England at the closing date for entries, are entitled to enter teams into both competitions. Athlete affiliation for those competing for an English Region will be based on the region to which their nominated BARTS club is affiliated to, regardless of the Home Nation they are registered with. Each Regional Ski Association must only select racers who's nominated BARTS club falls within their regional boundary, as recognised by Snowsport England. The BARTS list valid at the closing date for entries will determine all questions of club affiliation, and therefore regional eligibility.

Home Nations Eligibility

The Home Nations Governing bodies of Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland are entitled to enter two teams into the U10/U12 competition, and two teams into the U14+ competition. For 2025, the Home Nations will be required to follow similar rules to each English Regional Ski Association. The Home Nations may only select racers who's nominated BARTS club is affiliated with their own respective Governing Body, and falls within their constituency (*for example, Scotland must only select racers who's nominated BARTS club is registered with Snowsport Scotland*). The Home Nations are not permitted to select racers who are registered with an English club on the valid BARTS list, regardless of their Home Nation registration. This should create parity between the criteria imposed on the English Regional Ski Associations, and the Home Nations, creating a fairer competition.

Any questions about team eligibility or selection should be directed to the Race Secretary, Paul Telling.

Substitutions

Substitutions are allowed in the event of injury, illness, or other special circumstances, but must be agreed by the jury. Any substitutes must be nominated on the team submission by 16:00 on Saturday 2nd August. Nominated substitutes cannot race as part of another team within the competition (e.g. an active racer from a B-team cannot be the substitute for the A-team). The same substitutes can be nominated for multiple teams from the same region, but can only be substituted into one team. Once a substitution is made, that substitute must continue throughout the remainder of the competition, and may not be swapped back out in the later stages of the competition. Any team who makes a substitution during the event must continue to fulfil the quotas and team criteria outlined on page 1 of the invite. If a team is unable to meet the relevant criteria in the knockout rounds, they will forfeit the subsequent head-to-head.

Qualification Race Rules & Format

For 2025, we will be introducing a new format which should provide the event with more prestige and competitiveness throughout the day. This year, the event will begin with a qualification race in the morning, which will be used to determine the seeding for the knockout brackets in the afternoon.

Each team who enters the competition will first drawn in random numerical order. From there, individual racers will placed into a start list, with start numbers determined by the team order submitted to the jury. This will allow us to have all the racers on a start list, in the correct team order. For example – LSERSA A are drawn bibs 1 – 5, NWSA B are then drawn bibs 6 – 10 etc.

During the qualification race, each racer will have two individual timed runs on a course, with the fastest time to count. The fastest time of each racer in a team is combined, to create a total team time. The team time then ranks all teams in the event, creating the seeding for the knockout rounds. Any individual racers who are DNF, DSQ or DNS in the qualification race are given a time of 30.00s for that run. This acts as a sufficient penalty, whilst still allowing the other members of each team to contribute to the team's final ranking. In the event that two teams have an overall time which is tied, the fastest individual racers time from each team is taken as the deciding factor for the final ranking.

The U10/U12 competition will take place using stubbies, and the U14+ competition will take place using full gates.

Knockout Rounds

Teams are placed into knockout brackets based on the results from the qualification race. In the first round of knockouts, the fastest team from the qualification race will race the slowest team, giving an advantage to those teams who perform best in qualifying.

Each of the knockout rounds will be a head-to-head parallel race. Each round of racing will be a straight knockout until the finals of both events. Again, the U10/U12 head-to-head races will take place using stubbies, and the U14+ head-to-head races will take place using full gates.

Final & Small Finals

The small final to determine 3rd and 4th place in both events will be a 1-run race.

The final to determine 1st and 2nd place in both events will be a **Best of 3**, with alternating course.

The fastest team from the qualification race will have the priority to choose which course they wish to race on first in both the final, and the small final.

The protocols and rules of the head-to-head stage of the event will be posted in a separate bulletin on GBSki.com nearer the start of the event.

PROTOCOL & PROTESTS

Protests against the Referees Report must be made on official forms, which will be available at the race office. These must be completed and handed in within the set time limit and accompanied by a fee of £50.00. The official window for protest will take place for 15 minutes after qualification race.

During the head-to-head race, gate judges will call any DNFs and DSQs immediately. The gate judge will signal any DNF or DSQ by raising a flag on the side of the slope. In this instance, the head-to-head race should continue until all racers have completed the course, creating a provisional result. Any protests must then be completed to the jury at the race office, before the start of the next round. Protests must be accompanied by a fee of £50.00.

AWARDS

Individual prizes and awards will be given to the athletes in the team's finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, in both the U10/U12 event, and in the U14+ event.

Prizes will be provided courtesy of event sponsors Bollé, Rossignol, LEKI and Team Evolution.

A cash prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the winning region of the U10/U12 event, and another prize of £1,000 will be awarded to the winning region in the U14+ event. The prize money will be payable directly to the account of the winning region in each event.

With the addition of stricter eligibility requirements for the Home Nations team creating more parity with the English Regional teams, it has been decided that both the Regional Ski Associations and the Home Nations will be eligible for all prizes at the event. This includes, but is not exclusive to, prize money, perpetual trophies, medals and soft goods.

The winners will be expected to show due courtesy to the organisers by attending the prize giving. Those who do not attend without good reason lose their claim to an award.

RACE RULES AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

The race will be run under FIS rules (ICR) as varied by GB Snowsport (BACR) and Snowsport England (Race Manual). Links to rules and guidebooks are listed below, all racers and coaches are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these documents:

FIS Rules: https://gbski.com/icr

British Rules (BACR): https://gbski.com/bacr

SE Race Manual: https://gbski.com/serm

Guide to Racing: https://gbski.com/guide

Guide to Helmets: https://gbski.com/helmets

The Jury has decided that all courses for this event will be set with single pole gates in accordance with ICR 804.

Access to the slope is for officials, accredited coaches and racers only.

During the event bibs must be worn so that the number is visible from back and front.

Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.

RACE OFFICE

The race office will be at Etruscan House, ST1 5PL until 19:00 on 01/08/2025. After this the race office will transfer to Team Evolution Timing Hut from 08.00 on 02/08/2025, and contact can only be made by phone or email to the Race Secretary.

NOTICE BOARD

The official race notice board will be located by the provisional timing board at the Team Evolution marquee. There will also be an official event WhatsApp group, where any event updates and information will be posted.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Racers who do not wish to be photographed by any accredited photographer must notify the Race Secretary in writing by the end of race registration. Please email the Race Secretary if you do not wish to be photographed. Any official photographs or video may be used for promotional purposes.

VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS

Please note races can only run with sufficient race officials. Each team is required to provide at least one official or volunteer to help with the organisation and running of the event. This person should be nominated as part of the team submission on Saturday 2nd August.

COURSE INSPECTION

The course must be inspected wearing skis, and carrying a bib. No racer is allowed to ski the course during inspection.

RACE BIBS

Bibs can be collected from the rack underneath the Team Evolution marquee from 08:30. Race bibs must be returned to the bib rack upon completion of the final run of competition. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £50 for each missing bib, payable by the region. By entering a team, the region accepts responsibility for missing bibs.

Bibs must be worn at all times during the race, and teams must stay in their nominated order, or will be disqualified.

FIRST AID PROTOCOL

First Aid cover will be available on the day by members of the Team Evolution event staff, and Stoke Ski Centre. An Event Medical Assessment form will be on display on the official notice board and published on GBSKI.

NEAREST ACCOMMODATION

Premier Inn Stoke-On-Trent Hanley – 5 Minutes from the slope
Etruria Road, Hanley, Stoke-On-Trent, ST1 5NH

DoubleTree by Hilton – 2 Minutes from the slope
Etruria Hall, Festival Way, Stoke-On-Trent, ST1 5BQ

ACCESS TO THE EVENT

Follow Junction 15 M6 and Queensway/A500 to A527 in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Then, follow signs for A527 and Festival Park. The Ski Centre is on Festival Way, ST1 5PU.

At the facility, there is limited on-site parking which will be marshalled by employees from Stoke Ski Centre. Any on-site parking will be prioritised for Stoke Ski Centre employees, the officials, race sponsors, before then becoming available to race entrants.

Additional parking can be found next to Waterworld Aqua Park. The car park is monitored by an Automated Number Plate Recognition system. The first 30 minutes of parking are free of charge, but for stays longer than 30 minutes, there is a fee. Please ensure that you input your registration details as the car park instructs to avoid a penalty charge. Further parking can also be found at the DoubleTree by Hilton, with all parking matters dealt with the hotel reception.

Participants are also kindly asked to ensure that any parking does not block the access routes for emergency vehicles during the event.

Participants must not arrive at the venue before 08:00. The ski centre will not open until 08.15, and bib issue will not begin until 08.30. **Please assist us in the successful organization of this event by not arriving on site before 08.00.**

RACE SCHEDULE & DAILY PROGRAMME

The provisional programme is shown below. This programme will be updated as the number of entries are confirmed.

U10/U12 Programme

07:30 Officials' access
08:15 Ski centre open to public
08:30 Bib Issue Open
08:30 – 09:00 Open Practice
08:45 Team Captains Meeting
09:00 – 09:30 Course Setting
09:30 – 09:50 Course Inspection
10:00 Qualification Run 1
10:50 Qualification Run 2
12:15 Head-to-Head Briefing
12:30 Knockout Rounds
15:00 Prize Giving

U14+ Programme

07:30 Officials' access
08:15 Ski centre open to public
08:30 Bib Issue Open
08:30 – 09:00 Open Practice
08:45 Team Captains Meeting
09:00 – 09:30 Course Setting
09:30 – 09:50 Course Inspection
10:00 Qualification Run 1
10:50 Qualification Run 2
12:15 Head-to-Head Briefing
12:30 Knockout Rounds
15:00 Prize Giving

RACE TRAINING

Racers are invited to attend the **Team Evolution Stoke Camp – Presented by Rossignol & Bolle**. The camp is running the week before the Club National, beginning Tuesday 29th July until Friday 1st August. We have limited availability remaining on the camp. For more information, please contact info@teamevolution.eu

Team Evolution will be bringing along our highly skilled full-time coaching team, supported by special guest coaches, to provide four days of action packed challenging training. Trainees can expect exciting slalom sets, challenging drills, intense head-to-head races, and exciting jump & park sessions.

Training will run from 10:00 – 16:00 each day, so you will have plenty of time to learn new skills across the week!

For more information and camp bookings, please visit: https://teamevolution.eu/camps/rossignol-race-camps/

CONTACT

For any further questions regarding the Inter-Regional, please contact the Chief of Race, Jordan Fellows, on the contact details below:

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