English Alpine Championships, Bormio
Individual U10/12 Parallel
Competition Rules 2026 Edition 1

1. Competition Format

- The competition will be run as an individual (not team) head-to-head parallel pro slalom, set with panels (gate flags) at around 11m gate distance designed for slalom skis.
- There will be a timed qualification section, followed by a knockout section.
- The competition will be split by age category and gender (U10F, U10M, U12F, U12M).
- Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each group.
- Entries must be in by the official closing date. Late entries may be considered if the competition is under-subscribed, at the discretion of the organisers.

2. Qualification Stage

- The start order for the qualification stage will be determined by a random draw within each age group, with the groups running in the order U10F, U10M, U12F then U12M.
- Each pair of competitors will race twice, once on each course.
- In the first round, odd-numbered competitors will race on the red course, and even numbers on the blue.
- If there are an odd number of competitors in a group, the final competitor in each group will take their run on the relevant course without an 'opponent' on the other course.
- The results for the qualification stage will be determined by time, not by number of 'wins'.
- The best time from the two runs by each competitor will be used as their qualification time.
- If two or more competitors are tied for position based on their best run time, then their other run time will be used to determine positions.
- The results will be ranked by time within each age group, and those within the top section of each age group (as detailed below) will advance to the knockout stage for that group.

3. Qualifying Numbers

- The number of competitors in each group that qualifies for the knockout stage will be determined by the number of entries in that group, to achieving a 'regular' number of competitors (8, 16, 32, etc.) to run in the knockout.
- For the 2024 competition, the number to qualify for the knockout stage is as follows (to be confirmed by the start of the Team Captains' Meeting):
    - U10 girls 8
    - U10 boys 8
    - U12 girls 16
    - U12 boys 16

4. Knockout Stage

- The start order for the knockout stage will be determined by the time recorded for the qualification stage.
- The first-named competitor in each pair will race on the red course.
- For the large (1st/2nd place) and small (3rd/4th place) finals, the choice of course will be offered to the winner of a coin toss.

- The competitor who completes their course in the fastest time (crosses the line first) will advance to the next round.

5. Disqualifications, Obstructions and Protests

- Normal rules for gate passage (ICR 661.4.2) will apply, so any competitor who fails to pass all the gates correctly on their run will be Disqualified.
- Any competitor who skis on the 'other' course or obstructs or interferes with another competitor during the run, whether or not it is involuntary, will be Disqualified.
- Disqualification will be signalled by the officials on the course to the officials at the finish and will be announced by the commentator as soon as it is confirmed by the Jury or their designated representative.
- Protests on reasonable grounds against disqualification should be made to any Jury member as soon as possible after the run is completed, and in any case before the current 'section' of the competition has finished.
- The Jury's decision on any protests is final.

6. Start Procedure

- All competitors must be at the start in good time for their races. Any competitor who is not at the start when they are called for their race is liable to be sanctioned.
- All racers will be set off by the start official.
- The starter will ensure that both competitors are present and ready, then commence with the starting procedure:

"Ready on Red Course, Ready on Blue Course"

(Considered a command not a question)

"Racers Ready"

(Delay of between 0-5 Seconds)

"Go"

7. Other Decisions

- The Jury may also rule on any matter not specifically listed in these rules.
- The decision of the Jury is final.