Invitation to the
29th English Alpine Championships
4th to 13th March 2026
Bormio, Italy

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2026 English Alpine Championships. The FIS competition begins on Wednesday 4th and runs for six days, overlapping with the GBR children's programme which runs from Sunday through to Friday 13th. All your favourite elements will be there, from the Opening Parade to your individual races across the disciplines, individual and team parallels, and the all-important club and academy awards.

Our team and our partners in Italy are already working on providing you with another top-notch event, and we look forward to seeing you in Bormio!

David Manns
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Race Organising Committee

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

This is the intended programme of events on each day of the Championships. A detailed programme will be published in Race Bulletin 2, and you can always find the latest edition of the programme and all other information on the Championships web site and on GBSKI.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to make changes to the published programme should they deem it necessary. Any programme updates will be notified as quickly and as widely as possible via social media and online.

	U18/21 & Senior	**U14/16**	**U10/12**	**Evening**
Wednesday 4th March	NJR Giant Slalom (U18/21 only) (Stella Alpina)			
Thursday 5th March	FIS Giant Slalom (Stella Alpina)			
Friday 6th March	FIS Slalom (Stella Alpina)			
Saturday 7th March	NJR Slalom (U18/21 only) (Stella Alpina)			Opening Parade
Sunday 8th March	FIS Super-G Women x2 (Stelvio)	U14 Slalom (Stella Alpina)		
Monday 9th March	FIS Super-G Men x2 (Stelvio)	U14/U16 Team Parallel (Stella Alpina)	U10/U12 Individual Parallel (Stella Alpina)	
Tuesday 10th March		U16 Giant Slalom (Stelvio)	U10/U12 Stubby Slalom (Stella Alpina)	
Wednesday 11th March		U14 Super-G x 2 (Stelvio) U16 Slalom (Stella Alpina)		
Thursday 12th March		U14 Giant Slalom (Stella Alpina) U16 Super-G x 2 (Stelvio)		
Friday 13th March			U10/U12 Giant Slalom (Stella Alpina)	

RULES

FIS races for U18, U21 and Senior competitors will be run under FIS ICR. BASS and unseeded races for U10, U12, U14 and U16 will be run under BCR (FIS ICR as amended by GB Snowsport). For the purposes of this competition, Masters are included in the Senior age group.

Competitors are reminded to check the latest Equipment Rules. All racers must wear a helmet suitable for Alpine ski racing.

International rules:	gbski.com/ICR
British Rules:	gbski.com/BCR
Guide to helmets:	gbski.com/helmets

SEED POINTS

FIS races will use FIS list 2026.18.

GBR (U14 and U16) races will use BASS list 2026.5. The same seed list will be used for all age groups to determine club affiliation.

For all GBR registered competitors, it is vital that you ensure that your club affiliation is correctly set up with your Home Nation well in advance of the publication of the BASS list.

PRIZES

The following individual prizes will be awarded for male and female in each discipline:

FIS – 1st, 2nd and 3rd

FIS NJR – 1st, 2nd and 3rd in U21, U18

British – 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Senior, U21, U18, U16, U14, U12, U10

English Champions – 1st in Senior, U21, U18, U16, U14

The following overall combined prizes will be awarded for male and female:

Overall English FIS (U18-Master) Champion - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Overall English U14 Champion - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Overall English U14 Champion - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Overall English U12 Winner - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Overall English U10 Winner - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

The following Team prizes will be awarded to the team amassing the highest number of points:

The **'Dave Ryding Club Championships'** for the best overall Club

The **'Ambition Academy Challenge'** for the best overall Academy

RACE OFFICE

Until Saturday 28th February 2026, the race office will be at: 2 Moat Reach, Edlesborough, Bucks LU6 2FS.

From Monday 2nd March 2026, the race office and official notice board will be in the Sala Fontana Auditorium, Via Funivia, Bormio.

The Race Office will be open daily from 16.00 until 17.15, and other times as advertised. Please note that opening times may change - details of opening times will be posted outside the building and circulated via WhatsApp.

RACE ENTRY DETAILS

Registration

To participate in these Championships, **all** competitors in age groups U10 through U16 (regardless of nationality), and **all British** competitors in age groups U18 and older, **must** be registered with a UK Home Nation (Snowsport England, Scotland or Wales).

For Snowsport England members, this means Membership Type 'Red Junior' or above. Anyone registered with SE as a Blue or Blue Junior will not be eligible to enter. If you require any support with your Snowsport England membership, please contact info@snowsportengland.org.uk.

This registration must be completed **no later than Monday 23rd February** to be included in the BASS seed list due for publication on Wednesday 25th February. For British U14 and U16 competitors, failure to complete the registration/renewal process in time to be included in this seed list will mean you will be drawn to race at the back of the field in the group with **no seed points**.

All U18, U21, Senior and Masters racers are reminded that they **must** be FIS registered to take part in these championships. Please note that a FIS Masters registration is not the same as a FIS Alpine registration. Applications for the appropriate licence should be made direct to GB Snowsport as soon as possible and at least **three weeks prior to the closing date.**

The Organising Committee accepts no responsibility for any failure of competitors to ensure that their registration is valid and complete.

British Registered Entries

All U10-U16 (including non-British children) and all British FIS entries must be made via the official system at https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/competition-entry/

FIS Entries

International (non-British) FIS entries must be made through your National Ski Association on the appropriate NSA FIS entry forms in accordance with FIS regulations, and in line with FIS Quotas for your nation.

Entry Fees

The race entry fee for British entries is **£60 per competitor per race.**

For the U10/U12 Individual Parallel you can enter for a discounted entry fee of **£30**.

For the U14 and U16 Super-G races, you can enter both races for a discounted entry fee of **£75**.

For the FIS Super-G races, you can enter both races for a discounted entry fee of **£75**.

For the Rossignol Team Parallel Slalom there will be an entry fee of **€60** payable in cash in resort when you hand in your completed Team Entry Form. Entry Forms will be available from the Race Office in resort, or they can be downloaded from the Alpine Championships website.

For International (non-British) FIS competitors, the race entry fee is **€30 per competitor per race**, to be paid in cash at the Race Office during the day before each race. Lift passes for FIS competitors will be on sale at the same time.

The closing date for British registered entries is Friday 20th February 2026.

Acceptance Lists showing British entries received by the closing date will be published on www.gbski.com by the Wednesday following the closing date (please note that this Acceptance List will not be updated with late entries).

Late Entries

Acceptance of late entries in the resort will be dependent on the entries already received and the snow conditions. Competitors are therefore warned that their presence in the resort will not necessarily gain them entry into the races.

If late entries by British (HN) registered entries are accepted, they will incur a penalty of £25 per competitor per race.

Insurance and Ability

All competitors must have a current insurance policy that permits them to ski race. The Organising Committee may require proof of insurance such as a valid governing body race licence or an independent certificate of insurance. The Organising Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to skiers who do not possess seed points and who cannot demonstrate a minimum level of competence. Suitable evidence may include previous race results or a Coach's certification.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Helmets for all

Anyone who is skiing or boarding in Italy this Winter needs to be aware that wearing of helmets is now compulsory for everyone. This requirement has been in place for U16s for a while, but has now been extended to all ages. Failure to wear a helmet when out on the slopes could result in removal of lift pass and/or fines of up to €200.

Concussion

The race organisers take the topic of concussion very seriously. All competitors, coaches and parents need to be aware that the race Jury will apply the mantra "if in doubt, sit it out". Anyone with a suspected or confirmed concussion will, in the absence of a written document to the contrary from an appropriate medical practitioner, not be permitted to start.

REFUNDS

Due to the enormous cost of organising these Championships, there will be **no refund of race entry fees** after the race entry has been received, even if one or more races are cancelled. Please see our T & C for full details.

Refunds on medical grounds will be considered only on production of an appropriate medical document. Such refunds will only be considered if submitted within one month of the last day of the competition.

TRAINING, WARM-UP AND PUBLIC PISTES

Coaches/clubs/teams must negotiate training pistes directly with the resort. Contact details will be posted on the Championships website and via WhatsApp nearer the time.

Clubs/teams are reminded that they will need to work together to ensure maximum use of available facilities. The Organising Committee will designate appropriate pre-race warm-up areas for each day of competition.

A briefing will be made at the first Team Captains' meeting about the warm-up rules and the consequences of violating them. As defined in ICR the OC is not responsible for managing or overseeing the use of training pistes or warm-up areas.

All participants are always required to ski in a manner appropriate to the conditions, and to treat other users of the slope with due respect. This is particularly important when skiing in areas open to the public. Failure to conform with these requirements or failure to obey the instructions of any member of the organising team or the resort staff may lead to removal of lift pass and/or suspension from the remainder of the competition.

Competitors are also reminded that the goodwill of the resort in providing us with such an excellent venue for racing relies on our recognising that we all have a part to play in sharing the mountain with other users.

In areas where the needs of the racing community and the general public overlap – particularly at Bormio 2000 where the area can get very busy at some periods of the day – all competitors are required to refrain from leaving their equipment in a way that blocks public access. Failure to do this may result in the equipment being forcibly moved by members of the organising team or even confiscated by the local police.

FIRST TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETINGS

FIS (SG Women): Tuesday 3rd March at 19:30 in the auditorium.
GBR (Slalom U14): Saturday 7th March at 18:30 in the auditorium.

Please note: Only accredited team captains/managers have the right to attend the meetings, independent athletes should liaise with a team/club to ensure they are represented.

A full list of times and races for all Team Captains' Meetings will be published on the web site, in the Acceptance Bulletin, and via WhatsApp.

COACHES ACCREDITATION

We will keep a register of all coaches who need to be accredited to access the closed competition area. Please email alpineracesec@snowsportengland.org.uk with name, club, country and contact details.

SAFE-GUARDING

We want you to feel supported in your snow sport activities. If you have any worries, please talk to someone you can trust. This might be your parents, teachers, club welfare officer, coach or ChildLine. Snowsport England has a Safeguarding Lead you can contact via email at: welfare@snowsportengland.org.uk - or see the SE website to report any concerns: Safeguarding - Snowsport England

Event Welfare officers for the event are:

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VOLUNTEERS

To run the Championships smoothly and successfully, we will require volunteers for roles such as start or finish marshals, commentator, etc. Clubs should come prepared to nominate helpers. Snowsport England registered Race Officials are reminded that experience at the Championships will count towards their accreditation.

Anyone interested in officiating, shadowing, or helping in any capacity should contact the Race Director via email at alpinechamps@snowsportengland.org.uk or the Race Secretary prior to the event.

Coaches are reminded of their duty to act as Referee or assistant Referee if appointed by the TD.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Official photographers may be present during the event. If you DO NOT wish for your photograph to be taken or used, please sign the forms available in the race office before the event.

TRAVEL

Those travelling by car should note that the northern route from Switzerland via Livigno is by a single-track tunnel. On Saturdays this tunnel is only open from Switzerland to Livigno from 12.00, after 3pm the traffic alternates. The trip from Livigno to Switzerland on a Saturday is open from 9 – 12.

Those travelling by air can arrange bus transport via Terralta Viaggio or use the local bus services. Transport time from either of the Milan airports is approximately three and a half hours.

LIFT PASSES

The best deal on lift passes is available if booked at the same time as accommodation.

We expect to secure discounted limited area lift passes for FIS and FIS NJR racers, price to be confirmed. Details on how to buy these will be posted on the Championships website nearer the time. You can also get a 10% discount when you purchase lift passes from the ticket offices by telling them you are with the 'English Alpine Championships'.

WEBSITES

Championships	snowsportengland.org.uk/alpine-champs
FIS	www.fis-ski.com
Online Race Entry	entries.snowsportengland.org.uk
Seed Lists, Rules, Results	gbski.com
Bormio	www.bormio.to
Lift Passes	www.skipassaltavaltellina.it

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