INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Race Invitation

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

Sunday 26th July 2026

This event is open to all regions recognised by Snowsport England, and skiers representing clubs from 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 2026, 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.

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WHATSAPP GROUP

Racers and spectators should join the event WhatsApp group for updates, publications and protocol throughout the day.

WhatsApp Link



EVENT FORMAT & RULES

Race Entries & Team Submission

Race entries must be paid in cash at bib issue on July 26th by the nominated team manager.

Regional Eligibility

All English Regional Ski Associations, as recognised by Snowsport England at the closing date for entries, are entitled to enter teams into both the U10/12, and the U14+ 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 Team Eligibility

For 2026, the Home Nations will be required to follow the same rules as the English Regional Ski Associations. Welsh teams are split by clubs based in the regions of "North Wales" & "South Wales", whilst Scottish teams are be split by clubs based in the regions "East Scotland & West Scotland." Northern Ireland and Ireland will be classified as individual regions, given the number of clubs in each country. All of the above regions must also follow the same rules as English Regional Ski Associations, and may only selected skiers who are named on the most recent BARTS list as a club member of a club based within their region. Any questions about team eligibility or selection should be directed to the Race Secretary, Paul Telling, on the details provided on the final page of this invitation.

Substitutions

Substitutions are only 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 25th July. 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 Round Robin Format

For 2026, the first part of the event will follow a round-robin format. The U10/U12 competition will take place using stubbies, and the U14+ competition will take place using full gates.

During the morning session, teams will race against one another in mini leagues in a round-robin format. There will be two mini leagues in the U10/12 and U14+ events. When organising the qualification rounds, U14+ teams will be allocated to their leagues based on their ranking, which will be calculated by the total seed points of the five skiers within the team. The U10/12 teams will be randomly drawn into their mini leagues.

For each fixture in the round-robin stage, the winning team will be awarded one point, while the losing team will receive zero points. As the round-robin progresses, each team will accumulate points in a league table. These final league standings will then be used to seed the afternoon knockout rounds. If two or more teams within the same mini league are tied on points at the end of the round-robin stage, we will use a count-back system, with the winner of the fixture between the two teams being awarded the better seeding for the knockout rounds. When seeding U14+ teams for the knock out rounds from opposing leagues, seeding will go first on accumulated points from the mini leagues, and then on the teams individual seeding based on their total seed points. For U10/12 teams, teams from separate mini leagues with the same points will be drawn at random to allocate knock out round seeding.

Knockout Rounds

Teams are placed into knockout brackets based on the results from the round robin as explained above. In the first round of knockouts, the best ranked team will race the lowest ranked 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 races taking place on alternating courses.

The best ranked team from the qualifying round-robin 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

During the round-robin and knockout rounds, gate judges will call any DNFs and DSQs immediately. The gate judge will provisionally signal any DNF or DSQ by raising a flag on the side of the slope, and the Finish Marshall will confirm the DSQ after the conclusion of the race. In the instance of a provisional DSQ, 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, and video evidence.

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 upon receipt of an invoice including bank details.

With the addition of stricter eligibility requirements for non-English Home Nations creating more parity with the English Regional teams, it has been decided that both the English Regional Ski Associations and the regional teams of 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The event will have an official photographer on site during the day. Racers who do not wish to be photographed by the 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. **Stuart Brown Photography** will be the official photographer of the event.

RACE SCHEDULE & DAILY PROGRAMME

Programme

07:00 Officials access
07:45 Ski Centre Open
08:00 Bib Issue – **Team Managers Only**
08:00 – 08:45 Open Practice (1x Stubbies & 1x Gates Course Set)
08:10 Team Manager & Officials Meeting
09:00 Forerunner Timing Demonstration at Start
09:15 Round Robin Qualification
13:00 Lunch Break
13:30 Knockout Rounds
15:30 Prize Giving

Every attempt will be made to keep to the event schedule; however, the organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule as appropriate. Updates will be announced over the PA system.

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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