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.

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

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

Event Welfare Officer: Lesley Dawson – Lesley.dawson@teamevolution.eu

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TEAMS, CRITERIA & OFFICIALS

	U10/U12 Event	U14+ Event
Max Number of Teams per Region **	3	3
Number of Racers per team	Teams of 4 *2x Females and 2x Males	Teams of 5 *Minimum 2x Opposite Gender *Minimum 1x U14/U16 Racer
Officials Per Team	1	1
Entry Fee Per Team	£100	£125
Closing Date	Saturday 25th July – 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, substitutes, and a nominated official by 16:00 on Saturday 25th July. The members of each team must remain the same for the entirety of the competition day on Sunday 26th July. 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 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. Given the number of team entries expected, we anticipate there will be between two to four separate mini leagues for both 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.

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, gloves and long sleeves 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 24/07/2026. After this the race office will transfer to the Stoke Ski Centre Timing Hut from 08.00 on 25/07/2026. Contact to the Race Secretary should be done via email or telephone, using the details provided on the final page of the invitation.

NOTICE BOARD

The official race notice board will be located underneath the Team Evolution marquee in the public spectator area. This notice board will include information regarding the daily programme, start lists, provisional run times and other information regarding the event.

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.

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 25th July.

COURSE INSPECTION

The course must be inspected wearing skis. No racer is allowed to ski the course during inspection. Course inspection may start at any point on the course.

RACE BIBS

Bibs can be collected from the rack underneath the Team Evolution marquee from 08:30 onwards. 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.

Provisional Programme

07:30 Officials' access
08:15 Ski centre open to competitors
08:30 Bib Issue Open
08:30 – 09:00 Open Practice
08:45 Team Manager / Captains Meeting
09:00 – 09:20 Course Setting
09:20 – 09:50 Course Inspection
10:00 Forerunner Timing Demonstration
10:10 Round Robin Qualification
12:45 Lunch
13:30 Knockout Rounds
16:30 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. The day schedule will run at a pace that allows the competitors the best chance of success in the competition, and so may be delayed in order to run a high quality event.

OPEN PRACTICE – FRIDAY 24TH

Racers are invited to attend an open practice session, delivered by Stoke Ski Centre and Stoke Scorpions on the evening of Friday 24th before the weekend of racing. This practice session will run from 17:00 – 21:00, at a cost of £12 per person per hour.

For more information, please visit: https://stokeskicentre.com

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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