GBR Events 2026
Indoor Series Races 1 & 2
Snow Centre, Manchester
2nd & 3rd May 2026
Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the Copper Horse GBR Event to be held at Manchester Snow Centre on 2nd & 3rd May 2026. This event is organised by Snowsport Cymru Wales. We would like to thank the management and staff of Chill Factore and all volunteers for their assistance, without whom there would not be a race.

The Copper Horse GBR Race Series brings together national domestic races across the UK with race weekends being organised by the Home Nations in England, Scotland, and Wales both on indoor and outdoor artificial slopes. For details on the GBR race weekends, events and race rules please visit www.gbski.com

The organisers wish to thank Copper Horse for their sponsorship of the GBR race series.

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If you have any concerns about a child or adult, don't keep them to yourself, inform the Event Welfare Officer or relevant Home Nation Safeguarding Lead without delay.

Entry Criteria and Race Format

Seeded Competition

GBR races consist of two runs down different Slalom courses and are open to Home Nation registered racers in the following categories: U14, U16, U18, U21, SEN and MAS. Prizes will be awarded based on the best aggregate time from the two runs.

Para Entries

Entries will be welcomed from para athletes to the GBR races. There will be a special category for para skiers. Para entries may be in any age category, and do not need to have seed points, but must comply with the other eligibility criteria for the event. Para athletes will ski the same courses set for the eola GBR event and would run as first racer(s) down the relevant courses for each run.
Awards will be made for the para category by gender.

U10/U12 Races

GBR competitions include races for U10/U12 age categories. These will be run using stubbie gates, with two runs down the same course and prizes awarded based on the best time from any run. Children born after 2018 are not eligible to enter.

Entry Limits

The number of entrants in the seeded competition is limited to a maximum of 160. In the event of the race being oversubscribed, acceptance will be determined by seed points using the BARTS list current as at the closing date for entries. Racers with lower seed points will be given preference. The number of entrants in the U10/U12 competition is limited to a maximum of 70, who will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Race Entry and Refunds

The Early Bird entry fee for the GBR Indoor races is £55 per day.
On line entry is available via https://racesignup.co.uk/?sport=skiing

Entries close 1600 (4pm) on Friday **24th April 2026.** Entries may be accepted afterwards at the full fee of £65 per day.

Racers may withdraw themselves at any time up to the closing date using the online entry system, incurring a £5 admin fee. After closing date racers should apply to the Race Secretary if they wish to withdraw.

Awards

Overall Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers.
Age Group awards will be made to 1st 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers in each age group.
Age Group awards will be made to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers in the U10/U12 race.

Points are awarded in each of the GBR races which count towards a series prize which will be presented following the last races of the Series. Rules for the GBR series are in BACR Book IV which can be found online at www.gbski.com/docstore/BACR/BACR%20IV.pdf

Start Order

The start order will be drawn on Thursday 30th April 2026 using the iBARTS Seed List current at that time and verified by the Jury. This seed list can be found at www.gbski.com/seeding#BARTS.

For the first run the top 15 seeded competitors will be drawn, with competitors seeded 16th onwards running in seed point order, followed by a random draw of all registered racers with no points. For the second run, start order is determined by the results of the first run with the top 30 places reversed as defined in BACR 621.11.

Start lists will be published on GBSKI, the Whatsapp group, and on the official notice board on race day.

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 guide books 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 open practice and inspection bibs must be worn so that the number is visible from back and front as this is your accreditation to be on the slope. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.
- Inspection on foot by racers is not permissible. Racers will be given further information prior to the start of course inspection.
- Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.
- Coaches who accompany their racers must be qualified and carry a lift pass and the relevant accreditation issued by the race office on the day. Coaches who accompany their racers during course inspection must be on skis or blades.

Race Office

The race office will be in Cardiff until 1st May 2026. After this the race office will transfer to the Snow Centre from 1pm on 2nd May 2026 and contact can only be made by phone or email to the Race Secretary.

Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located outside the race office.

Photography

Racers will only be photographed by an accredited photographer if they have given consent whilst entering the race, either via the race entry system or in writing to the Race Secretary if entering on the day.

Stuart Brown Photography will be providing photography services at the Copper Horse GBR series 2026. Please use the QR code to navigate to the order portal where an explanation of the service is in the first section.

All photo orders will be taken via the order portal Google Forms. You must be over 18 to use this service. If under 18 a parent or guardian must fill out the forms.

Photographs are charged at £15 per athlete per race for all photos taken. With a percentage of the takings going back to the race organisers to benefit the sport.

Officials

Please note these races can only run with sufficient race officials. If you can assist please contact the Race Secretary or Chief of Race.

Referee's Report

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 £25.00.

Race Bibs

Race bibs must be returned to the finish marshal on completion of their final run. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £50 for each missing bib.

First Aid

First Aid cover will be available on the day provided by the Snow Centre. An Event Medical Assessment form (containing information about medical facilities and procedures) will be on display on the official notice board and published on GBSKI.

Provisional Programme

The times given below are provisional and may alter on the day. Please ensure you are ready to start on time and listen carefully for any announcements.

Saturday *(1300~2000)* GBR Indoor Race 1 with U10/U12 race			Sunday *(0730~1400)* GBR Indoor Race 2 with U10/U12 race		
Start	Finish		Start	Finish	
1230	1300	Officials' Access	0800	0800	Officials' Access
1300	1345	Bib Issue	0845	0930	Bib Issue
1330	1345	Race Officials' Meeting	0845	0900	Race Officials' Meeting
1400		Warm Up 14:00-14:20 U14+ Females 14:20-14:40 U14+ Males 15:00-15:30 U12/U10 Warm-up piste available for the whole race	0900		Warm Up 09:00-09:20 U14+ Females 09:20-09:40 U14+ Males 10:30-11:00 U12/U10 Warm-up piste available for the whole race
1400	1430	Course Setting	0900	0930	Course Setting
1425	1455	Course Inspection for Run 1 14:25 Female (15 mins) 14:40 Male (15 mins)	0930	1000	Course Inspection for Run 1 09:30 Female (15 mins) 09:40 Male (15 mins)
1500	1520	Run 1 Female	1000	1020	Run 1 Female
1530	1600	Run 1 Male	1025	1055	Run 1 Male
1615	1635	Course Inspection for U12/10	1100	1115	Course Inspection for U12/10 (15 mins)
1640	1710	Runs 1 & 2 for U12/10	1120	1140	Runs 1 & 2 for U12/10
1725	1755	Course Inspection for Run 2 17:25Female (15 mins) 17:40 Male (15 mins)	1145	1215	Course Inspection for Run 2 11:25Female (15 mins) 11:40 Male (15 mins)
1800	1820	Run 2 Female	1220	1240	Run 2 Female
1820	1850	Run 2 Male	1245	1315	Run 2 Male
1850	1915	Bump removal	1315	1330	Bump removal
1930	1945	Prize Giving	1400	1430	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.

Logistics

Refreshments

There are several outlets within the Chill Factore building

Nearest Accommodation

Travelodge Manchester, Trafford Park Hotel, 17 Trafford Way, Urmston, Manchester, M17 8DD Premier Inn, Trafford Centre North, 18-20 Trafford Boulevard, Urmston, Manchester, M41 7JE Premier Inn, West Trafford Quays, Trafford Centre, Manchester, M17 8PG

Directions

Chill Factor is situated next door to Manchester's Trafford Centre, just off Junction 10 of M60 motorway. The post code is M41 7JA



Whatsapp Group

Link to group for race information over the weekend.

