GBR Events 2026
Race 1
Llandudno Snowsports Centre
17th May 2026
Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the Copper Horse GBR Event to be held at Llandudno Snowsports Centre on Sunday 17th May. This event is organised by Snowsport Cymru Wales. We would like to thank the management and staff of Llandudno Snowsports Centre 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 Snowsport Cymru Wales Lead Welfare Officer 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, Senior, and Masters. 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 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 stubby gates, with two runs down the same course and prizes awarded based on the best time from any run. Children born after 2019 are not eligible to enter.

Competition Years and Age Groups can be checked here https://gbski.com/lists.php#ages

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.

Practice Sessions

There will be two practice sessions run by North Wales Ski Club available from 5.30-7.00pm and 7.00-8.30pm on Friday 15th May. Numbers are strictly limited.

Sessions can be booked using this link https://widget.eola.co/1023/activities/pre-comp-training-session

Race Entry and Refunds

The Early Bird entry fee for the GBR Outdoor races is £35 per day.

Online entry is available via https://racesignup.co.uk/copper-horse-gbr-outdoor-race-1

Entries close 16:00 (4pm) on Friday 8h May. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 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 14th May using the BARTS Outdoor 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. Competitors will run in reverse bib order starting with the highest bib numbers.

For the second run, start order is determined by the results of the first run with competitors running in reverse time order.

Start lists will be published on GBSKI, the race 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 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 open practice and inspection bibs MUST BE WORN so that the number is visible from back and front. 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. Please also note the helmet rules for competitors can be found at www.gbski.com

Race Office

The race office will be at Cardiff until 15th May 2025. After this the race office will transfer to Llandudno Snowsports Centre from 09:00hrs on 16th May 2025 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 26. 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.

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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.

Organisers and event attendees must comply with Snowsport Wales/Snowsport England policy on photography.

https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PHOTO-AND-RECORDED-IMAGES-POLICY.pdf

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 St John Ambulance. 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

Sunday 17th May 2025 GBR OUTDOOR RACE 1 WITH U10/U12 RACE	
08:00	Officials Access
08.30	Race office opens for registration and Bib Issue
08:30-10.00	Warm Up - 30 minutes each group 8.30 – U10/12 9.00 – Females 9.30 - Males
09.00-09.15	Race Officials Meeting
10.00-10.20	GBR Race - Course Set Run 1
10.20-10.50	GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 1 15 minutes each 10.20 – Females 10.35 - Males

10.50-10.55	U10/U12 Course Set
10.55-11.15	U10/U12 Course Inspection
11.20-11.40	U10/U12 Run 1
11.40-11.45	Switch gates to full poles
11.45-12.30	GBR Race Run 1 Females / Males
12.30-12.35	Switch to Stubby gates
12.35-12.55	U10/U12 Run 2
12.55-13.25	Lunch
12.55-13.20	GBR Race - Course Set Run 2
13.20-13.50	GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 2 15 minutes each 13.20 – Females 13.35 - Males
13.55-14.45	GBR Race Run 2 Females / Males
15.15	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.

Refreshments

Food and drink will be available on site, provided by Llandudno Snowsports Centre.

Address

Llandudno Snowsports Centre
Great Orme
Llandudno
LL30 2QL
Wales

Travelling by SAT NAV? We advise you to put in LL30 2LR. When you arrive at the entrance to the Grand Hotel, take the LEFT TURN' up the hill onto ALEX MUNRO WAY. Continue up and through Happy Valley Gardens and you will arrive in the car park.

There is a charge for parking, and we advise you to download the app prior to arrival



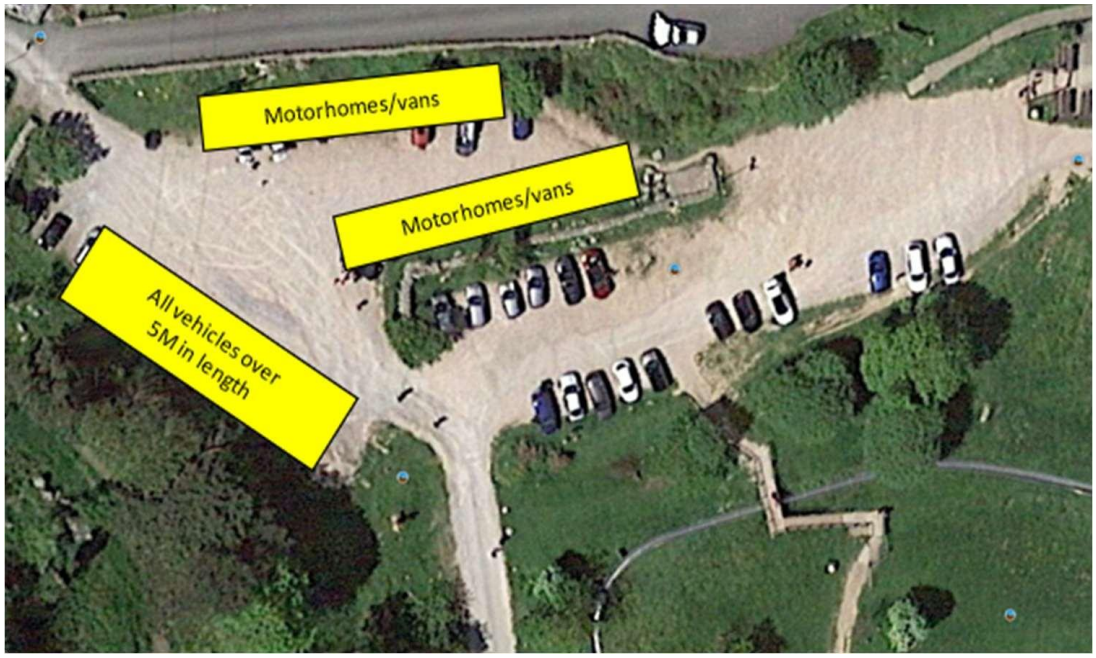
WHAT3WORDS - https://what3words.com/cautious.bravo.solutions

Llandudno Slope Rules and Health & Safety

- Access to the slope is for officials, accredited coaches and racers only.
- Car Parking charges now apply you must pay on arrival and enter your vehicle registration number. Please park as shown below to facilitate as many vehicles as possible safely.
- During open practice and inspection bibs MUST BE WORN so that the number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.
- Inspection on foot by racers is not permissible.
- Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.

The site sits within the Great Orme Country Park which is designated as a SSSI site. Some of the rules below are drafted in accordance with strict local council rules and bylaws. Any failing to adhere to the regs below will be asked to leave site.

• No overnight camping.
• No open fires, BBQ's or other forms of cooking allowed in the open.
• All vehicles MUST be parked alongside each other (not longways)
• No awnings or marquees in car park area.
• Ski Servicing. Waxing irons must be PAT compliant and should only be used in the allocated area alongside the ski centre. Waxing benches must be placed on a ground sheet and all shavings removed.
• Competitors wishing to ascend the slope by foot can do so by the bridle path running uphill from reception. A member of staff will then guide you across the track when safe to do so. Anyone found crossing the track without permission will be asked to leave the site.
• We kindly ask that you use the bins provided for site-purchased food/drink. Please remove your own rubbish on the day (we will happily provide bin bags for you to do so).
• Any accidents or incidents must be reported to the Snowsports Centre Duty Manager.
• Most importantly, be kind to each other and enjoy that view.



WhatsApp Group

Link to WhatsApp group for race information. Please join the group and share with others.

