GBR Events 2026
Outdoor Series Race 2 & 3
Midlothian Snowsports Centre, Midlothian EH10 7DU
23rd & 24th May 2025
Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the Copper Horse GBR Events to be held at Midlothian Snowsports Centre on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May 2026. This event is organised by Snowsport Scotland. We would like to thank the management and staff of Midlothian 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 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, 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.

Open Practice Sessions

There will be practice sessions available on Friday, 22nd May 19:30 - 21:00. Tickets will be available for purchase on the night at the centre.

Numbers are limited.

Race Entry and Refunds

The entry fee for the GBR outdoor is £35 per day. Entry after the closing date is subject to approval and will cost £45 if accepted.

Online entry is available from Monday 16th March (9am) via:
https://snowsportscotland.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=FB2A60F413093DE820563EC78317F23A99FC4EEB

Entries close 1600 (4pm) on Tuesday **19th May 2026.** Entries may be accepted afterwards at the full fee of £45 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 the 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 21st 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, the 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 in Edinburgh at the offices of Snowsport Scotland until 22nd May 2026. After this the race office will transfer to Midlothian Snowsports Centre from 9am on 23rd 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 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.

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 marshall 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. Andrews First Aid. 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 23rd May GBR Outdoor 2			Sunday 24th May GBR Outdoor 3		
Start	**Finish**		**Start**	**Finish**	
08:45		REGISTRATION AND BIB ISSUE BELOW THE CAFE	**08:45**		REGISTRATION AND BIB ISSUE BELOW THE CAFE
09:00		PRACTICE ON TOW SLOPE	**09:00**		PRACTICE ON TOW SLOPE
09:15	**09:30**	RACE OFFICIALS MEETING	**09:15**	**09:30**	RACE OFFICIALS MEETING
09:30	**09:55**	INSPECTION RUN 1 SEEDED/PARA (NO MINIS DURING U14+ INSPECTION)	**09:30**	**09:55**	INSPECTION RUN 1 SEEDED/PARA (NO MINIS DURING U14+ INSPECTION)
10:00	**11:30**	RUN 1 SEEDED/PARA	**10:00**	**11:30**	RUN 1 SEEDED/PARA
11:45	**12:10**	INSPECTION U10/U12	**11:45**	**12:10**	INSPECTION U10/U12
12:15	**13:30**	RUN 1 & 2 U10/U12	**12:15**	**13:30**	RUN 1 & 2 U10/U12
13:40	**13:50**	COURSE SETTING RUN 2	**13:40**	**13:50**	COURSE SETTING RUN 2
14:00	**14:25**	INSPECTION RUN 2 SEEDED/PARA	**14:00**	**14:25**	INSPECTION RUN 2 /PARA
14:30	**16:00**	RUN 2 SEEDED/PARA	**14:30**	**16:00**	RUN 2 SEEDED/PARA
16:15	**16:45**	PRIZE GIVING	**16:15**	**16:45**	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

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Logistics

Refreshments

There is a café at the venue which serves food and drink.

Parking, Access time and Slope Rules

DO NOT arrive before 08:30 as the access gates at the bottom of the Hillend road will be closed. Cars must not queue back onto the A702.

CAR PARKING

Cars must park in the designated parking areas. Cars parked on the grass, blocking access road or blocking access to horse fields (which is also an Ambulance Access Route) will be removed. Only blue badge holders may park in the disabled parking bays. NO MOTORHOMES OR CARAVANS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CARPARK. NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED IN THE CARPARK. NO PARKING ALLOWED ON HATCHINGS OR BUS STOP.

To protect the slope sprinkler system, not only should ski poles have suitable bungs attached, but also no banners, tents, gazebos or other temporary structures should be erected on the side of the slope using any kind of fixing that goes into the ground.

There will be cordoned-off areas for the main sponsors and Snowsport Scotland Gazebos. These have been pre-arranged with the centre. Please respect this by pitching no gazebos or placing any belongings in these areas.

WhatsApp Group

Link to the group for race information over the weekend.

