GBR Events 2026
Races 5 /6
Sunderland Ski Centre / Silksworth Sports Complex
Northmoor Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD
18th / 19th Jul 2026

Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the Copper Horse GBR Event to be held at Sunderland ski centre on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July 2026. This event is organised by Snowsport England. We would like to thank the management and staff of Sunderland ski 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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## 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 in 2019 or after 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 180. In case of the race being oversubscribed, acceptance will be determined by seed points using the BARTS outdoor seed list 2026.4 published 15th July 26. 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

Open practice is available on Friday 17th July and a course will be set from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. The cost of £15 is set by the slope operator, and the race organiser has no influence over the cost and do not gain financially from this. Any racer choosing to do this must bear in mind that the slope is open to the public and extreme care will be needed. Site staff will remove anyone skiing in an inconsiderate manner.

For more details concerning skiing on Friday please contact Sunderland ski centre Mon – Fri:- 11.00 -8.00 & Sat & Sun: 9.00 – 4.00pm on 0191 5285101

## Race Entry and Refunds

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

Online entry is available via **https://snowsportengland.sport80.com**

Entries close 16:00 (4pm) on Friday 10th July Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per day.

## 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.

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## Start Order

The start order will be drawn on Thursday 16th July using the BARTS outdoor seed list 2026.4 published 15th July 26. and verified by the Jury. This seed list can be found at. GBSKI :: Seeding

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 (link below) 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:

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| British Artificial Rules (BACR) | British Artificial Competition Rules |
| SE Race Manual | https://gbski.com/serm |
| Guide to Racing | RaceRuleGuidev5.0 |
| Guide to Helmets | Microsoft Word - Helmets for Alpine Ski Racing V6.docx |

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 the race secretary's address at the race venue. Contact can only be made by emailing or phoning the Race Secretary.

## Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located outside the race office in the main ski centre.

## 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 England policy on photography.
https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PHOTO-AND-RECORDED-IMAGES

## 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 the racer's 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 by Everyone Active. An Event Medical Assessment form (containing information about medical facilities and procedures) will be on display on the official notice board.

**Nearest A&E Department**
Sunderland Royal Hospital
Kayll Road
Sunderland
SR4 7TP
Tel No: 0191 565 6256

## 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

| GBR OUTDOOR RACE 5/6 WITH U10/U12 RACE | |
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| 08:00 | Officials Access |
| 08.30 | Race office opens for registration and Bib Issue |
| 08:45 | Race Officials Meeting |

| GBR OUTDOOR RACE 5/6 WITH U10/U12 RACE | |
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| 08:45-09:45 | Warm Up - 20 minutes each group<br>08:45 – U10/12<br>09:05 – Females<br>09:25 - Males |
| 09:45-10:05 | GBR Race - Course Set Run 1 |
| 10:05- 10:45 | GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 1<br>20 minutes each group<br>10.05 – Females<br>10.25 - Males |
| 10:45-11:35 | GBR Race Run 1 Females / Males |
| 11.35-11:40 | U10/U12 Course Set (Switch to Stubbies) |
| 11.40-12:00 | U10/U12 Course Inspection |
| 12:00-12:30 | U10/U12 Run 1 |
| 12.30-13.00 | U10/U12 Run 2 |
| 13.00-13:35 | Lunch |
| 13.35-13.55 | GBR Race - Course Set Run 2 |
| 13.55-14.35 | GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 2<br>20 minutes each<br>13.55 – Females<br>14.15- Males |
| 14:35-15.25 | GBR Race Run 2 Females / Males |
| 16:00 | 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.

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**Sunderland  Slope Rules and Health & Safety**

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- Car Parking is available onsite
- 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 always worn by anyone on skis whilst on the slope.

DIRECTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON GOOGLE MAPS USING ADDRESS BELOW. PARKING IS AVAILABLE ONSITE.
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**Nearest accommodation:**

Camping, pods and hot tubs available at Sharpley Camping- just 10 minutes from the slope. www.sharpleycamping.co.uk/gbr
***Exclusive use and special rate for GBR racers***

Premier Inn Newcastle (Washington) hotel, Emerson Road, Washington NE37 1LB
Travelodge Sunderland Central Low Row, Sunderland, SR1 3PT
Travelodge Sunderland High Street West High Street West, Sunderland, SR1 1UN
Premier Inn Sunderland A19 / A1231 Hotel Wessington Way, Castletown, Sunderland, SR5 3HR
Hilton Garden Inn Sunderland Vaux Brewery Way, Sunderland, SR5 1SN
Holiday Inn Sunderland. Keel Square, SR13DS

## WhatsApp Group

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

# Copper Horse GBR Outdoor 5&6 Sunderland Race Info

WhatsApp group

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