

# Artemis British Interschool Ski Challenge 2017

Pila, Aosta Valley, 20 & 21 March

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Welcome to the 27<sup>th</sup> British Interschool Ski Challenge

Organised by the British Ski Academy (BSA)

Many thanks to our event sponsor Artemis Investment Management

### Start lists and programs

Please check the Acceptance List and email corrections by return to [bsa@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bsa@blueyonder.co.uk)  
Provisional start lists will be drawn prior to the team captains' meetings for efficiency. After the TCMs, confirmed programs will be available on <http://gbski.com/> to view or download.

Groups drawn for the U10 and U12 races on Monday will be flipped (reversed) for the start list on Tuesday.

### Race location

For those travelling to Aosta or staying in the town or on the valley floor, we recommend uplift to Pila via the Aosta gondola lift. Ticket office and uplift from 0800. The race pistes in Pila are served by the Leissé and La Nouva chairlifts. <http://www.pilaski.co.uk/skiing>

### Weekend training, Saturday 18 March and Sunday 19 March

Free access to gate setting will be available all weekend in the resort of Crevacol. If you plan to run gates in Crevacol please email Malcolm on [britskiacad@hotmail.com](mailto:britskiacad@hotmail.com) On Sunday the BSA will have a GS set in the morning, with slalom courses (full gates and a stubby course) in the afternoon.

Gate training in Pila over the weekend will be limited. The resort hosts the FIS World Citadin Champs from 17 to 19 March on the Leissé piste. There will be local races on the La Nouva race piste, but the resort will allow us a lane all day Saturday and on Sunday afternoon as soon as the race finishes (approx 1230). There will be a no-priority policy for any setting that does take place in Pila over the weekend, which means that courses must be shared. BSA coaches will help to supervise training courses as far as space allows and so long as team managers/coaches take responsibility for their charges.

Snow conditions in Pila are perfect and the free skiing is glorious.

### Sunday 19 March

Team captains' meeting at the Hotel MIAGE in Pont Suaz on the outskirts of Aosta at the bottom of the road up the hill to Pila. (address last page)

**17.30** Race meeting for U10/U12 events for both days

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## Sunday 19 March (continued)

**18.00** BASS event team captains' meeting for Monday's races (U14/U16/U18/U21)

*Event hoodies, €40, available for purchase at the Hotel Miage from Saturday 18 March and from the race finish area when the races commence.*

## Monday 20 March

Programme to be confirmed at the team captains' meeting

La Nouva: U16/U18/U21 BASS Slalom; U10/U12 Giant Slalom

Leissé: U14 BASS Giant Slalom

**Prizegiving, approx 15.00** La Nouva finish area, outside the Hermitage restaurant, prizegiving for Monday's races. Drinks and cake courtesy of the sponsor.

**17.30** Hotel MIAGE, BASS event team captains' meeting (U14/U16/U18/U21)

## Tuesday 21 March

Programme to be confirmed at the team captains' meeting.

La Nouva: U14 BASS Slalom; U10/U12 Stubby Slalom

Leissé: U16/U18/U21 BASS Giant Slalom

**Prizegiving Approx 15.15** La Nouva finish area, outside the Hermitage restaurant, prizegiving for Tuesday's races and for the combined events. Drinks and cake courtesy of the sponsor.

## Prizes

This Alpine ski competition is a challenge to schools in Britain to compete for the "Champion School Cup". Ski racers from age 8 to 20 take part, and the points system ensures that they all compete against each other. In the event of an international school winning the overall team prize a special trophy is awarded. The races are open to individual entrants. For U14 and older the races adhere to British competition rules in order to qualify for British Alpine Seeding System (BASS) national seedpoints.

The results of the interschool competition are calculated from individual "top ten" results by awarding points within five age categories. These points are awarded separately for girls and boys in five age categories: U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18/U21. The two best individual results to count each day, with the third best result to count (and so on) in the event of a tie.

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## Prizes (continued)

**Winner, fifteen points; runner up, twelve points; 3<sup>rd</sup> nine points; 4<sup>th</sup> seven points; 5<sup>th</sup> six points; 6<sup>th</sup> five points; 7<sup>th</sup> four points; 8<sup>th</sup> three pts, 9<sup>th</sup> two points; 10<sup>th</sup> one point.**

Each category winner will receive an Artemis British Interschool Ski Challenge trophy. Medals will also be awarded to the fastest seven boys and girls each day at each level: U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18/U21.

## Gatekeepers

Please email [britskiacad@hotmail.com](mailto:britskiacad@hotmail.com) if you are willing to volunteer as a gatekeeper on either race day. Gatekeepers receive a lunch pack and 50 euros per day by way of thanks.

## Hiking

Hiking up after a mistake is illegal in Giant Slalom and only allowed in Slalom if it can be done without impeding the next racer. Where U14 racers are concerned it should be noted that each separate race run is a separate BASS seeding event. The U10 and U12 racers discard their worst run each day anyway.

## BASS races for U14/U16/U18/U21

BCR competition rules. GB technical delegates: Richard Ellis and Richard Love.

BASS racers are reminded that helmets for giant slalom must conform to GB rules, i.e. no soft sides or soft vents. <http://gbski.com/>

## Ristorante Hermitage

While there are lots of excellent mountain restaurants dotted around Pila, the Hermitage is ideally placed for feeding the masses during the two race days. The set-up is cafeteria style – no reservations – and Matteo and Vico have a 10 euro voucher deal for athletes to grab lunch between runs or after their race.

## Notes regarding the U10/U12 races

For Monday's giant slalom the plan is to have three runs with the fastest two times to count. In case of difficult conditions we will revert to two runs with the best time to count. This may have to be adapted, with U12 boys racing two runs on the full BASS course with both times to count. All timings and program to be confirmed at the team captains' meeting on Sunday.

For Tuesday's stubby slalom, the U12 racers will compete first, with a fresh course for the U10s afterwards. Slalom skis are recommended for the turning radius, which will vary from 6 to 12 metres. Shin pads are recommended for the soft rubber stubby gates. The plan is to have two runs of stubby slalom with the fastest time to count.

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## Notes regarding the U10/U12 races (continued)

After their final GS run on Monday the U10/U12 racers must hand in their bib at the finish (and receive a goodie bag) so that bibs can be reissued for the slalom.

Racers in the U12 category will be permitted to wear catsuits depending on the decision of the team captains' meeting on Sunday and *only* if the weather is fine. Racers in the U10 category will **not** be permitted to wear catsuits. Racing helmets are mandatory for all racers.

## Photography

<http://racer-ready.co.uk/pictures/>

<http://mattbirchpictures.photoshelter.com/>

## Conduct

The resort have asked that competitors ski in a safe manner and with due regard for the safety and enjoyment of other hill users. Racers caught skiing dangerously may be excluded from the races. In particular please slow down well before joining lift queues.

Keep lift passes handy for the chairlifts. Be careful! No ticket, no chairlift...

And finally, please, no littering.

## British Ski Academy

We would like to welcome visitors to our new winter base, the Hotel Miage. Sunday afternoon would be a good time over the long race weekend. If you are considering your racer's training program for 2018 and beyond, do drop in!

For a taste of the academy experience we have an induction camp from 8 to 13 April, with everyone welcome and accommodation for the over 12s. Contact BSA Admin for more information: [bsa@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bsa@blueyonder.co.uk)

Best wishes to all the competitors and to their school ski teams.

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