

Artemis British Interschool Ski Challenge 2018

Pila, Aosta Valley, 05 & 06 March

Organised by the British Ski Academy

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Welcome to the 28th British Interschool Ski Challenge, organised by the British Ski Academy (BSA) with many thanks to our event sponsor, Artemis Investment Management.

Start lists and programmes

Please check the Acceptance List at www.gbski.com or BSA website and email corrections by return to info@britskiacad.org.uk Provisional start lists will be drawn prior to the team captains meetings for efficiency. After the TCMs, confirmed programmes will be available on www.gbski.com to view or download.

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 03 March and Sunday 04 March

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

Free access to gate setting will be available all day and all weekend in the resort of Crevacol. Gate training in Pila over the weekend will be limited to the Leissé chairlift and only until midday each day. There will be space for one GS (30 gates approx) shadowing the open course set by the organisers. There will also be space for three or four slalom courses on the other side of the piste – turn right off the lift. If you are planning to set please liaise with Dave Tee on +447870891779. Coaches and team managers should be willing to share courses and help with setting and repair.

Sunday 04 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.

17.30 Team captains meeting for U10/U12 events for both days and U14 BASS slalom.

18.00 Team captains meeting for Monday's U16/U18/U21 BASS giant slalom races.

Event Hoodies, children's sizes €30, adult sizes €40

Available for purchase at the BSA base, Hotel Miage, from Friday 02 March and from the BSA tent outside the Hermitage restaurant when the races commence.

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Monday 05 March

Programme and timing at the team captains' meeting. See updates on www.gbski.com

La Nouva: U10/U12/U14 Slalom (stubbies for U10/U12)

Leissé: U16/U18/U21 Giant Slalom

Prizegiving, approx 15.30 La Nouva finish area, outside the Hermitage restaurant, prizes awarded for Monday's races. Drinks and cake courtesy of the sponsor. BASS event team captains meeting (U14/U16/U18/U21) to follow the prizegiving in the Hermitage.

Tuesday 06 March

Programme to be confirmed at the team captains meeting. See updates on GBski.com

La Nouva: U16/U18/U21 Slalom

Leissé: U10/U12/U14 Giant Slalom

Prizegiving Approx 15.45 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

The races are 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 by age category.

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: U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18/U21. The two best individual results to count each day. In the event of a tie the third best result to count (and so on). In the event of an international school winning the overall team prize a special trophy is awarded. For U14 to U21 racers the events count within the British Alpine Seeding System (BASS).

Winner, fifteen points; runner up, twelve points; 3rd nine points; 4th seven points; 5th six points; 6th five points; 7th four points; 8th three pts, 9th two points; 10th one point. (Please note that this supersedes the note on the BSA website.)

Medals will be awarded to the fastest individual six boys and six girls each day in the age categories for U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18/U21. Each category winner will also receive a 2018 Artemis British Interschool Ski Challenge trophy.

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Gatekeepers

Please email britskiacad@hotmail.com if you are willing to volunteer as a gatekeeper on either day. Gatekeepers receive packed lunch and event hoodie each day by way of thanks. It's a great way to watch the race and help out.

No 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. For U14 racers 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. Spread the message, please: no hiking up the hill during the races!

BASS races for U14/U16/U18/U21

BCR competition rules. GB technical delegates: Mr Richard Ellis and Mr Richard Dawe.

BASS racers are reminded that helmets for giant slalom must conform to GBR rules (which are the same as FIS rules), i.e. no soft sides or soft vents, and must be "Class A" bearing the new FIS sticker. For U10/12 racers a hard helmet is strongly recommended. Please visit <http://gbski.com/helmets> for more information.

Notes regarding the U10/U12 races

U10s and U12s start order will run: U10 girls, U10 boys, U12 girls, U12 boys. Each day there will be two runs on the same course with continuous course repair. The start order for the second run each day will reversed within each category. The best time each day will count for that event's race result. PLEASE hand in your bib after the second run of the slalom. We will reissue bibs for redistribution in the finish area of the giant slalom on Tuesday morning.

Catsuits: Racers in the U10 and 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.

Photography

<http://racerready.zenfolio.com>

<http://mattbirchpictures.photoshelter.com>

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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 winter base at 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, please drop in and we'll show you around.

For a taste of the academy experience we have an induction camp from 7 to 13 April, with everyone welcome and accommodation available for the over 12s. Contact BSA Admin for more information: bsa@blueyonder.co.uk

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

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Malcolm Erskine, chief of champs

Dominic Erskine, race convenor

Alexandra Wilde, David Manns and Malcolm Erskine, chiefs of race

Deb Manns chiefs of calcs, aided by F.I.C.R. and Julien Manderoux (Tag Heuer)

Graham Dickson and Eddie Daniels, commentary

Ailsa Whitelaw and Laura Haig, start referees

Martine Laughland, Fiona Daniels and Charlotte Evans, hospitality

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