

# IAPS Skiing Championships 2026



Ponte di Legno and  
Passo Tonale, Italy  
**8-13 March 2026**



Delivered by the Bulferetti School Travel

# Welcome to IAPS Skiing

We are delighted to once again partner with Bulferetti School Travel to deliver an unforgettable week of skiing in the Italian Alps. Each year, we welcome around 200 young skiers for a full week on the slopes – starting with several days of training and familiarisation, before moving into two exciting race days.

Bulferetti School Travel takes the lead on all operational aspects of the Championships. They work closely with a network of trusted local suppliers to deliver each element of the week. The local ski school runs and manages the racing, while other contractors are appointed to provide specialist support, such as ski hire services and technical race setup.

IAPS will be on site throughout the week as the representative and friendly face of the Championships, ensuring a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable environment for all. While most planning and logistical communications will come directly from Bulferetti School Travel, IAPS is here to offer guidance, answer questions, and support schools during the event.

Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we wish you an exciting and rewarding week in the stunning Italian Alps.

# Responsibilities and agreements



While IAPS oversees the overall coordination of the Skiing Championships, the operational delivery of the event is fully outsourced to our long-standing event partner, Bulferetti School Travel.

Upon arrival in Italy, Bulferetti School Travel is responsible for the end-to-end delivery of the event. Prior to arrival, each school is responsible for arranging and managing its own travel.

Although Bulferetti School Travel manages the delivery on the ground, they may engage additional providers, such as the local ski school, to deliver specific elements of the trip. Each participating school retains full responsibility for the safeguarding, supervision, and conduct of its pupils throughout the trip.

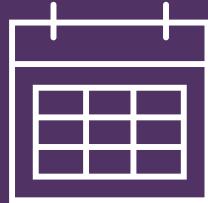
To confirm participation in the event, schools will first enter into a booking agreement with IAPS. This booking agreement confirms, among other things, that:

- Schools remain responsible for the welfare, behaviour, and supervision of their pupils at all times.
- Schools agree to uphold the IAPS Code of Conduct.
- Schools acknowledge that IAPS will share pupil and staff data with Bulferetti School Travel and its subcontractors (such as the ski school) for the purposes of event delivery, race management, and communication.
- Schools agree to Bulferetti School Travel's terms and conditions of booking, which form part of the contractual arrangement and include ABTA protections.
- Schools confirm that they have obtained the necessary consent for pupils to be photographed or filmed during the event for use in IAPS and event-related communications and promotional materials.

Once a booking is confirmed, IAPS will share the school's contact details with Bulferetti School Travel. Bulferetti will then liaise directly with the school to manage logistics, communications, and all other administrative aspects of the event.



# Overview of the week



March 2026

7 Saturday	8 Sunday	Travel days
9 Monday		Training and course familiarisation
10 Tuesday		Time trial and training
11 Wednesday		Parallel races and training
12 Thursday		Giant slalom races
13 Friday		Travel day

N.B – Exact days the races take place may change subject to weather conditions

# Event overview

## Who can take part?

The IAPS Skiing Championships are open to pupils in the **U11 and U13** age groups who attend a school that is a current member of IAPS.

## Event management

The Championships are delivered and organised by Bulferetti School Travel, in collaboration with the local ski schools.

Bulferetti School Travel is fully accredited and a registered member of ABTA, ensuring professional standards and peace of mind for schools.

## Competition structure

The Championships include:

- **Giant Slalom:** Team and individual competitions
- **Parallel Team Slalom:** Team competitions

## Race management

All race days are coordinated by the local ski school who are a highly experienced team that regularly supports youth training and hosting of competitive ski events. This ensures a safe, professionally managed environment for all race participants.

# Skiing programme



## Races

The programme is designed to support intermediate skiers as well as advanced racers, with instructors overseeing competitors and delivering performance development and race coaching sessions.

## Ski Instructor

An experienced team of instructors provide the tuition prior to the competition. Tuition will take place on practice courses for the days leading up to the event. Instructors have been hired from 09.00-16.00 each day. Ideally, teachers should accompany instructors during training to provide support. They must be reachable in case of injury.

All the ski school instructors and the race coaching staff are qualified, licensed and insured.

One ski instructor is assigned for every 8 to 10 students, with support scaled for larger groups. If you have any special requirements, please liaise with Bulferetti School Travel, who will liaise with the ski school on your behalf to make suitable arrangements. Please note no off piste skiing is offered.

## Safety and risk management

Ensuring pupil safety is a top priority. Bulferetti School Travel will provide all necessary risk assessments and supporting documentation to meet your school's requirements.

# Trophy categories

Event	Age Group	Cup (1st–3rd)	Plate (1st–3rd)
<b>Giant Slalom (Team of 4)</b>	U11 Girls		
	U11 Boys		
	U11 Mixed		
	U13 Girls		
	U13 Boys		
	U13 Mixed		
<b>Parallel Slalom (Team of 5)</b>	U11 Girls		
	U11 Boys		
	U13 Girls		
	U13 Boys		
<b>Fastest Individual Time</b>	U11 Girls		
	U11 Boys		
	U13 Girls		
	U13 Boys		

## Key Notes:

-  = Gold, Silver, Bronze awarded
- Subject to change depending on entry numbers.



# Off-snow programme

## Evening activities for pupils

Evenings offer a mix of structured activities and relaxed leisure time.

Schools will have opportunities to unwind, explore the resort, or enjoy social time and games within their accommodation.

Schools have access to a swimming pool at Hotel Mirella. Schools must always supervise pupils.

Highlights of the week include a **Pizza Party and Disco Night** at the hotels, where pupils can come together with peers from other schools. There is also a **Movie Night** for a more laid-back evening, giving pupils a chance to relax after a full day on the slopes. The week concludes with a **Prizegiving Ceremony**, followed by a celebratory **Dinner and Disco Night**.

# The resort: Passo Tonale & Ponte di Legno

The IAPS Skiing Championships take place in the beautiful alpine resorts of **Passo Tonale** and **Ponte di Legno**, two charming mountain villages nestled in the heart of the Italian Alps.

**Passo Tonale**, sitting at 1,880m above sea level, offers a peaceful, family-friendly atmosphere with stunning panoramic views and reliable snow conditions throughout the season. It connects seamlessly with **Ponte di Legno**, a traditional Italian village with cobbled streets, cosy cafés, and a welcoming alpine charm. Together, the two resorts offer the perfect blend of high-altitude skiing and cultural mountain experience.

The surrounding peaks soar to over 3,000m, ensuring a strong snow record and excellent conditions for both training and racing. Beyond the slopes, the area offers a safe and scenic environment ideal for school groups, with a well-established infrastructure for winter sports tourism.

These resorts are well-equipped to welcome school groups, and their long-standing partnership with IAPS ensures a smooth and memorable experience for all participants.

# Travel arrangements



## Flights

Flights are not included in the package and schools must make their own arrangements.

The closest airports are **Bergamo (BGY)** and **Milan Linate (LIN)**.

## Airport transfers

Return transfers in Italy are included in your booking.

Return transfers are available from all Milan airports (Linate – LIN, Bergamo – BGY, Malpensa – MXP) as well as Verona Airport (VRN). Buses will be shared with other participating schools and final transfer arrangements will be confirmed once numbers are known.

*Please note: transfers from any other airports will incur an additional supplement.*

# Accommodation

Accommodation is guaranteed for the children and accompanying staff (1 single room is guaranteed for every 8 students) in the two main hotels (Mirella and Dolomiti). Hotel assignment is done on a first come, first served basis.

Schools will be accommodated in either the Hotel Dolomiti or Hotel Mirella.



**Hotel Dolomiti,**  
**Via Case Sparse del,**  
**Passo del Tonale,**  
**Italy**

<https://www.hoteldolomiti.it/en/>



**Hotel Mirella,**  
**Via Roma,**  
**Ponte di Legno,**  
**Italy**

<https://www.hotelmirella.it/en/>

Both hotels have large dining rooms, a TV area, reading areas and playrooms that the children can enjoy. The Mirella also has a swimming pool, which is accessible for schools to use during their stay, under the supervision of school staff.

There is a gondola linking Passo Tonale to Ponte di Legno.



# Catering

## Breakfast

Continental: Bread rolls, jams, cold meat, cheese, boiled eggs, cereals, yoghurt, hot chocolate and juices.

## Lunch

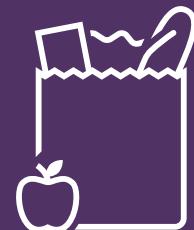
Two course meal at the Hotel Dolomiti in Passo Tonale.

It will consist of pizza, soup, sandwiches and hot chips, pasta and a dessert.

## Dinner

Adults will have a three course meal which will consist of an antipasti (mainly vegetables), a second course of pasta or soup, then a main course of lasagna, schnitzels, chicken or pork.

Children will be served a fresh hot buffet which they will help themselves to.



# Staff and school code of conduct

All accompanying school staff are expected to maintain high standards of professionalism, safeguarding, and safety throughout the IAPS Skiing Championships.

## This includes:

- Modelling respectful, courteous behaviour at all times.
- Remaining fit to supervise – no alcohol, drugs, or smoking/vaping during duties.
- Taking full responsibility for pupils' safety and wellbeing outside formal ski lessons.
- Respecting accommodation rules, property, and shared spaces.
- Enforcing slope safety, helmet use during skiing.
- Promoting inclusion and challenging bullying or discrimination.
- Being punctual and prepared for all scheduled activities.
- Full details can be found in the [\*\*IAPS Skiing Code of Conduct\*\*](#).

# Spectators



Spectators are warmly welcomed at the IAPS Skiing Championships and are encouraged to come and support the pupils.

Please note that all travel and accommodation arrangements must be made independently, as Bulferetti School Travel is unable to assist with bookings. If spectators would like recommendations on suitable hotels or local arrangements, they are welcome to contact Bulferetti School Travel directly for guidance.

In attending the event, all spectators are kindly expected to:

- Respect the [IAPS Code of Conduct](#), maintaining appropriate and supportive behaviour at all times.
- Adhere to the safeguarding protocols in place to protect all pupils and staff attending the event.
- Respect the decisions and direction of the event organisers and race officials, who work hard to deliver a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

We greatly value the support of spectators and ask that their presence contributes positively to the atmosphere of the Championships.

# Pricing and inclusions



## Competitor package

- Airport return transfer from/to Milan Linate (LIN), Milan Bergamo BGY, Malpensa MPX or VERONA (VRN).
- 5 nights accommodation from Sunday-Friday
- Full board: breakfast, dinner and lunch on the hill
- Ski pass: 4 days
- Race training and race support with qualified instructors
- Multi bedded rooms

**£ 1,190 per person**

## Staff package

- Airport return transfer from/to Milan Linate (LIN), Milan Bergamo BGY, Malpensa MPX or VERONA (VRN).
- 5 nights accommodation from Sunday-Friday
- Full board: breakfast, dinner and lunch on the hill
- Ski pass: 4 days
- Single room

**£ 750 per person**

## What's included?

### Trip inclusions

- ✓ Hotel full board, 5 nights – breakfast, dinner and lunch
- ✓ Airport transfers from Milan (all airports) or Verona airport
- ✓ Ski pass for 4 days
- ✓ 6 hour of instructor time per day
- ✓ 4 days of race training with qualified instructors
- ✓ Après programme
- ✓ Race programme to include: giant slalom and team parallel

### Pre departure support

- ✓ Email and phone support from Bulferetti School Travel
- ✓ Copies of risk assessments

### In resort support

- ✓ School Liaison
- ✓ Bulferetti School Travel staff at each hotel
- ✓ IAPS representative

## What's not included?

- ✗ UK transfers
- ✗ Flights
- ✗ Travel and ski racing insurance
- ✗ Ski hire

### Extra charges

- Transfers from other airports may be possible at a supplement
- Ski hire upon request
- Tourist tax – payable directly with accommodation
- Additional day(s) may be possible upon request
- Travel insurance with cover for training/racing

# Booking and payment timeline

13 October 2025      Registration opens on IAPS website

14 November 2025      Registration closes on IAPS website

19 November 2025      Deposit (non-refundable) of £150 per person

6 February 2026      Final balance due

IAPS Skiing 2026 begins!



# Pre-event timeline & payment schedule

## Autumn Term

- IAPS will open bookings to schools on our website.
- Schools can reserve their place by booking with provisional numbers.
- IAPS will pass over details to Bulferetti School Travel who will take over communications with schools to make all arrangements.
- Bulferetti School Travel to liaise with schools and provide support up to the start of the event.
- Non-refundable deposit to be paid to Bulferetti School Travel based on confirmed numbers.

## Spring Term

- Schools must confirm any changes to booking numbers in accordance with the cancellation policy.
- In case of individual cancellations within a school group, refunds (minus a non-refundable deposit of £ 150 per child) will be as follows:
  - More than 30 days before arrival: 30% refund
  - More than 14 days before arrival: 10% refund
  - Less than 7 days before arrival: no refund
- Bulferetti School Travel to provide final information packs including, allocating accommodation and rental information.

## Payment schedule

- All payments must be made through the school. Bulferetti School Travel cannot accept payments from individual parents.
- **Deposit** – payable upon confirming the booking, by 15 November 2025
- **Main payment** – payable by 6 February 2026
- **Final balance** – any additional costs or outstanding balance must be paid before return

## Booking terms and conditions

- The booking and contract are with Bulferetti School Travel, their booking terms and conditions apply and can be viewed [here](#).

## Contact details

For all operational and logistical enquiries, please contact the Bulferetti School Travel team on:

**Email:** [info@bulferettischooltravel.com](mailto:info@bulferettischooltravel.com)

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# IAPS merchandise

Team Elite is the official provider of IAPS merchandise.

All commission from merchandise sales goes directly back into supporting and developing the IAPS Sports and Pupil Experience programme, helping us to enhance events and opportunities for pupils across our member schools.

A wide range of high-quality items is available, from event-specific kit to IAPS-branded clothing and accessories, giving pupils and schools a chance to celebrate their involvement in IAPS sport.

Visit the [Team Elite website](#) for more detail.

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*This is an example only. More colour options are available.*