

IAPS Skiing Championships

3 March - 8 March 2024,

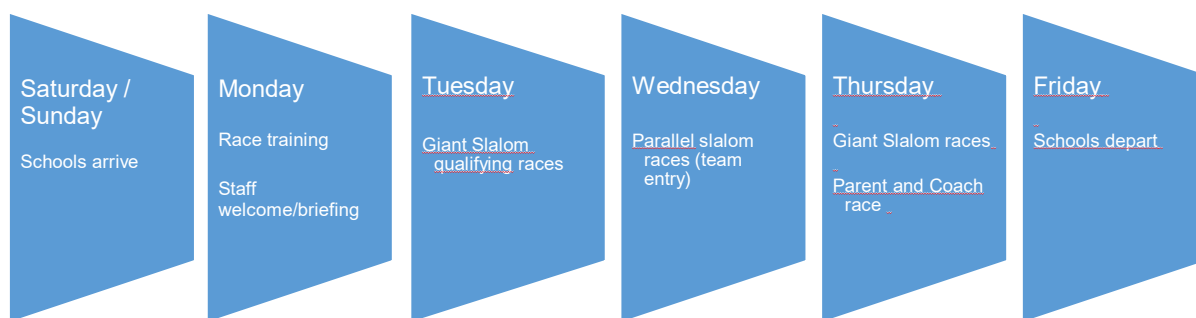
Ponte di Legno / Passo Tonale

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

IAPS administers the event bookings. Booking information is passed onto the Bulferetti Group who is the tour operator for the championships.

The Bulferetti Group will liaise directly with schools to make and coordinate all the arrangements for the championships.

Week overview



Age groups & entry numbers

- A – U9s (U9 only)
- B – U11s (can be U9-U11 inclusive)
- C – U13s (can be U9-U13 inclusive)

The maximum number of children each school can enter is 16. The restriction on numbers allows as many schools as possible to take part in the event.

Flights

Schools must make their own arrangements for flights, liaising with the Bulferetti Group who will coordinate the transfers in Italy.

Accommodation/ski passes/equipment hire

Hotel assignment is done on a first come first served basis. Hotels are 3 and 4 stars in Ponte di Legno or Passo del Tonale.

Accommodation is only guaranteed for the children and accompanying staff in the main hotels. Parents are required to make their own travel arrangements and book their own accommodation.

The Bulferetti Group will also organise your ski passes and hire of equipment. If you need any other arrangements making for you in Italy, please speak with the Bulferetti Group who will be able to advise.

Skiing lessons/races

Every school will have a ski instructor who takes the group out on skiing lessons during the week. The Ponte-Tonale Ski School and Ponte di Legno Ski School will be responsible for the care of the skiers while children are skiing. Accompanying staff are encouraged to follow the ski teachers on the slopes to supervise children.

The Ponte di Legno-Tonale Consortium will be responsible for collating and storing competitor details for the purpose of organising the skiing championships.

Equipment

Competitors are encouraged to bring their own skis and boots and the Bulferetti Group can assist in transporting equipment to the competition. Equipment can be hired at the resort and organised with the Bulferetti Group. Helmets must be worn at all times when skiing.

Supervision at the championships

Teams must be accompanied by a member of school staff who must go out with the children during lessons. The member of staff must have the appropriate safeguarding training and good skiing experience.

Disability

Schools must inform IAPS and the Bulferetti Group of any pupils who have a disability that will require adaptations to be made. Where reasonably possible we will adapt our events to meet individuals needs in order they can participate in our events.

Spectators

Parents are welcome to attend and show their support. They must make all their own arrangements. The Bulferetti Group is only able to coordinate arrangements on behalf of the school.

Eligibility

Before entering the championships, please make sure your pupils and school meets all of the eligibility requirements.

1. All competitors must attend an IAPS School and be a full time pupil.
2. Competitors ages must be taken from 1st September of that academic year.
3. Competitors can only participate in one age group throughout the competition.
4. Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part.
Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
5. Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.

RACE FORMATS

The race formats are subject to change. This is an example of how the competition will run and the exact formats will be confirmed to schools nearer the date. Formats can change depending on the entry numbers.

Giant Slalom

Teams must be made up of competitors from the same school.

- This is a team event.
- The races are for School Teams, which consist of a maximum of four skiers and a minimum of three.
- The best 3 times from 3 different skiers will be added up to make a total team time.
- Schools may enter more than one team per category: e.g. U11 Girls' A and B team
- There will be qualifying races, then the finals.
- There will be Cup and Plate races.
- There will be one course (slope TBC that will be re-tracked after the Championship race).
- Individual medals will be awarded for the fastest time in each category, as well as team medals.
- Mixed teams of four must comprise at least one of each gender whose time will be counted.
- The team must compete in the age group of the oldest skier in the team on the day of the qualifier.
- No skier may have their times counted more than once and each skier may only race for one team.
- The seeding races will consist of only one run over a modified giant slalom course. The team score will be the aggregate of the best three times per team. The race schools will suggest which championships competitors/teams should be entered into to make sure the Cup and Plate are as fair as reasonably possible.
- The course will be an age-appropriate Giant Slalom course include approx. 23 gates.

BIB SELECTION

- A qualifying time is set after the Qualifying races to assist coaches in determining their team composition. Skiers will race as either Championship or Plate contenders.
- There will be an electronic bib selection for both races.
- Bibs for the races will be given to the ski instructors who will distribute them to their skiers before the races.
- The submission of names for teams, for either Championship or Plate category races needs to be made by Tuesday lunch time online via the google spreadsheet. No paper entries will be accepted.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- The Championship Race (Advanced) and Plate Race (Intermediate) will consist of two runs over a modified giant slalom course.
- All four competitors will have one of their race times (their fastest race) contributed to the final team score.

- It is expected that teams that qualify for the Finals will take part, unless they have previously stated that they only wish to race in the Qualifying Race.
- Requests for team changes between The Qualifying Race and The Finals must be submitted in writing to the **Race Secretary by 21:00 on Tuesday 7th March 2023**. Any change after that which would alter the category of the team will NOT be permitted.

COURSE INSPECTION

- Racers will be allowed on the slope to inspect the course. Racers may NOT SKI the course. They may slip or snow plough VERY slowly. Any skier who looks like they are skiing through the gates or making shadow turns beside the gates may be disqualified.
- The race will be opened by a forerunner, in order to test it and the timing before it starts.

START AREA

- The Start area is an inflatable cabin controlled by a Start Marshal. S/he will keep skiers away from the start gate, will call them in order to start and check their helmets, bibs, gloves etc.
- Racers should be at the start gate in good time. They should be orderly as they get ready to race.
- Team managers are invited to be present at the start - only one team manager or coach please with the skier. Space is limited.
- Someone from each school needs to be available to help collect jackets that have been left at the top of the slope.
- Skiers need to hand in their bibs at the end of their second run.

THE START GATE

- The start gate is made up of a post onto which a timing device is attached. A metal wand is fixed across two adjacent posts at about knee height and when the wand is pushed that sets off the timing device. The Starting Marshal will assist the racers in the starting cabin with their preparation to race. The Marshal will ask the racer to stand in the start gate, and tell them when to put his/her poles over the wand. Very young racers may hit the wand and will be asked to start again. The timer will be reset. The starter will say Ready... 3, 2, 1, Go! The racer has up to about 10 seconds to start after the Marshal says Go!

OBSTRUCTION ON COURSE

- If a racer thinks s/he has been obstructed on the course in any way, then there is an entitlement to race again. Please refer this immediately to the Finish Referee.

Parallel Slalom

The Parallel format is being reviewed for the 2024 competition. Schools will be updated on the format as soon as possible.

TEAMS

Teams must be made up of competitors from the same school.

SLOPE

Parallel courses will be used – one marked with blue flags and one red flags (see right).

Children will race two at a time.

CATEGORIES

TBC

BIBS & STARTLIST

School team starting order will be assigned randomly. The skiers race order in the team will be determined by the qualifying race times (fastest of the team in the qualifier is Racer 1, second is 2, third is 3)

TIMING

TBC

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT

Helmet

WINNERS

TBC

THE RACE

TBC

