

Skiing Championships 2027



Ponte di Legno and
Passo Tonale, Italy
7-12 March 2027



Delivered by Bulferetti School Travel

Event overview

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 training and familiarisation, before moving into the race days.

IAPS oversees the Championships, with Bulferetti School Travel delivering all on-the-ground operations. They work closely with a network of trusted local suppliers to deliver each element. 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.

We will be on site throughout the week as a representative and friendly face at the Championships, ensuring a safe, welcoming and enjoyable experience for all. While most planning and logistical communications will come directly from Bulferetti School Travel, we are 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 we oversee the overall coordination of the Skiing Championships, the operational delivery of the event is delivered in partnership with 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 us. This booking agreement confirms, among other things, that:

- Schools remain responsible for the welfare, behaviour and supervision of their pupils.
- Schools agree to uphold our [Code of conduct](#).
- Schools agree to us sharing 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 for event-related communications and promotional use and will notify us of any pupils for whom consent has not been granted.

Once a booking is confirmed, we 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.

Participation and eligibility

Eligibility

- The Skiing Championships are open to pupils in the U11 and U13 age groups who attend a school that is a current member of IAPS.
- There is a maximum of 16 pupils per school that can take part in the Championships. Schools may enter pupils across both age groups within this allocation.

Requirements (ski ability)

- Pupils entering the Championships should be able to ski confidently and safely, with experience of racing or similar structured skiing activity.

Behaviour and expectation

- All participants are expected to represent their school and IAPS positively, demonstrating appropriate behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Staffing and supervision

- Schools must ensure they provide an appropriate ratio of staff to pupils and that accompanying staff are able to take full responsibility for their group throughout the event.
- Schools are responsible for the supervision and conduct of their pupils.

Safety

- Schools are responsible for ensuring all pupils have appropriate equipment and clothing for competitive skiing, in line with event safety requirements.
- Bulferetti School Travel will provide all necessary risk assessments and supporting documentation to support your school's requirements.



Event schedule overview



March 2027



The exact days the races will take place is still being agreed with the ski / race school.

Once we have this agreed, we will provide an update.

Competition formats and structure

Competition overview

- Time Trial – used for ability assessment and team placement (not scored)
- Giant Slalom – Championship (advanced) and Plate (intermediate) races
- Parallel Team Slalom – head-to-head relay team competition

Key format highlights

- Giant Slalom:
 - 2 runs per skier (23 gates)
 - Team scoring based on best 3 times from 3 different skiers
 - Teams of 3-4 skiers
- Parallel Slalom:
 - 5 skiers per team
 - head-to-head relay team competition

Team and category rules

- U11 and U13 age groups
- Teams must be from the same school
- Multiple teams per school permitted
- Age group determined by oldest skier in the team

Event principles

- Designed to balance competition and inclusivity
- Formats adjusted based on entries if required
- Professional race delivery by Ski School
- Final formats confirmed prior to the event

Resort overview

Our 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 ensures a smooth and memorable experience for all participants.

Travel arrangements



Flights

Flights are not included and must be arranged by schools.

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 overview



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

Accommodation is guaranteed for all children and **two** accompanying staff, with **one single room provided for every eight students**.

Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that any additional accompanying staff cannot be guaranteed accommodation in the same hotel as the group.



**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 – strictly under the supervision of school staff.

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

Catering arrangements

Breakfast

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

Lunch

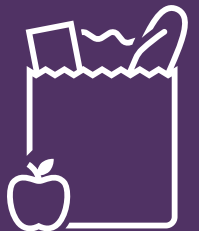
A hot two course meal at the Hotel Dolomiti in Passo Tonale.

What you can expect: 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.



Skiing programme and instruction



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.

Races

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.

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

Technical and safety requirements

Helmets

Helmets are mandatory for all competitors and must meet European CE standard:

- Ages 11 and under: EN 1077 Class A certified helmets (available to rent locally)
- Ages 12 and older: FIS RH 2013 certified helmets

*age taken from their date of birth.

Only helmets with the manufacturer's certification sticker are allowed.

Stickers or sponsor logos are allowed only if they do not affect helmet safety or certification.

No radio transmitters, earpieces, cameras, mounts, or other modifications that could compromise helmet safety are allowed.

Fluorinated (PFAS) Ski Wax: are strictly prohibited

Cut-Resistant Leg Protection: Strongly recommended but not mandatory.

Other safety equipment

Wrist guards, shin guards and chin guards are not mandatory.

Back protector and chest protector are recommended but not mandatory.

Evening activities and 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 in the Hotel Mirella have access to a swimming pool. Schools must always supervise pupils.

Highlights of the week include a **Pizza Party, Karaoke Night** and a **Movie Night** for a more laid-back evening. The week concludes with a **Prizegiving Ceremony at Hotel Mirella** on Thursday evening.

Staff and school code of conduct

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

This includes:

- Modelling respectful and 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 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](#).

Spectator information and expectations



Spectators are welcome to attend our Skiing Championships.

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 them for advice.

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

- Respect our [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

£ 1,240 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

£ 790 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 hours of instructor time per day
- ✓ 4 days of race training with qualified instructors
- ✓ Après programme
- ✓ Race programme includes: 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



Booking process and key dates

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 09 November 2026
- **Main payment** – payable by 9 January 2027
- **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:

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Merchandise

Team Elite is the official provider of IAPS merchandise.

All commission from merchandise sales goes directly back into supporting and developing the 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 our sport events.

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

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