



2024 POLICE SPORT UK SNOWSPORTS SECTION SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Foreword - Dave Thorne - Chairman, *PSUK Snowsports Section*



I am really pleased to welcome you all to the 2024 UK Police Snowsports Championships in Hintertglen. This is our second year of official competition now since Covid and it is great to see the number of competitors growing this year. It is fantastic that we now have representatives from Herts, Essex, Sussex, Scotland, West Mids, Met, Kent, Devon and Cornwall, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Wales and Northumbria. We have a total of 104 Alpine, 42 Nordic and 42 Snowboarder competitors this year, which is brilliant. Welcome to you all, I hope you enjoy the event and make new connections and friends and are able to go back home full of enthusiasm to encourage others to come next year.

Thank you to all of the Race Committee who make this event happen, in particular Monty as Secretary, but also to Steve as Race Organiser, Dave as Nordic Lead and Mark as Treasurer and many others to make the week happen. In addition, I would like to thank Richard Wall, who is handing over the baton after many years of service as Snowboard Lead, for all the effort he has gone to ensure the smooth running of snowboard events. It really is very much appreciated Rich. Thank you! We hope you will still be able to join us from time to time. In that vein I would also like to thank Tim Hogg for putting himself forward to take over the mantle. It is not underestimated the additional work it requires to organise and run these events during a very full week – so well done for taking it on!

In other news from the PSUK Snowsports Section, last year we sent a team to compete in the 15th European Police Championships, Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE), which took place in Hinterstoder, Austria, last March. It is great that we were represented on this international stage.

We all know what a pressured environment policing is and the amount of focus and scrutiny we are receiving at the moment is significant. That is why it is important we keep events like these alive. Being involved in competitive sport enables people to focus on something completely different and I heard many comments at last year's event about how people hadn't thought about their job once for the whole week! I hope that you all are able to find that same respite this year and finish the week refreshed (mentally if not physically).

Of course, there is much happening in and around the competitive events this week. As well as the opportunities to enjoy the huge range of pisted and non-pisted slopes, the hospitality in Hintertglen is also fantastic. The Après-Ski and evening events are very much part of the week – please do get involved and join in. The fancy dress event after the AGM is definitely one to get to. These gatherings will be advertised through the race team meetings at the end of each day in the Race Office in Hotel Glemmtalerhof in the centre of Hintertglen. Please make sure your team captains represent you at these to get the latest information for the races and other things happening.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Paul Netherton who has recently handed over the Chair of the Snowsports Section, having been in place for many years. It's great to see that you are still joining us Paul, and I hope you continue to be involved moving forward. Thank you for the enthusiasm that you have injected into the section and for all your advocacy for it, nationally and at the most senior level. This has helped to keep the event running through some really tough years. I wish you all the best for the future!

This leaves me to wish you all the very best for the week. Be safe, be sensible and have fun!

Dave Thorne
T/DCC Devon and Cornwall Police



Steve Broadhurst – Race Organiser

Firstly, welcome to the 2024 PSUK Snowsport Championships. The team is into its third year in the role of race organisation for the event, and I'm looking forward to the 2024 edition of the championships and helping to make the event the success we know it has become.

The weather has shown some early promise of the usual great conditions we have in resort so keep your finger crossed for another fabulous week. The resort has been busy again completing new lift systems to help improve the infrastructure.



I will reiterate the importance of ensuring that all racers have Race Insurance and this is available through a number of companies including Philips Williamson, Police Travel Insurance, Scottish National and English National Snowsport Councils. The Races are run under the F.I.S. rules to ensure that we are covered by insurance as are the Ski School who set the club courses for us and at present the minimum ski lengths for racing are 150cm for ladies and 160cm for men with a 5cm degree of flexibility.

There is also a requirement now for all competitors in Alpine and Snowboarding to wear Ski Helmets. Since this ruling was brought in there have been a number of instances where skiers wearing the helmets during recreational skiing, fell and damaged them, therefore we would strongly recommend that these be worn at all times and not just while racing. F.I.S. also do not allow the use of GoPro cameras to be attached to helmets whilst racing; this is obviously a safety issue which we would encourage you all to take heed of.

I would also like to thank our outgoing chairman Paul Netherton for his continuing support and to you and the committee for coming along each year to make the Championships such an enjoyable event for all; similarly, I'd like to welcome Dave Thorne who has taken on the role of chairman, and look forward to working with him over the coming years. My thanks also to the Met, Kent and Devon and Cornwall for bringing out various items to make the week work.

Many thanks also go to Hansi and his team at IxxAlp, and to all the members of the Ski Club, who make sure our championships have the best racing, the pisteurs who look after the courses and the many accommodation providers and bar staff who look after our après ski needs. As you know we need a team to help organise these championships and I am hopeful that those of you who do not wish to race can assist us at some stage during the competition week, in any of the disciplines.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of this great event. I look forward to seeing you on the slopes.

Steve Broadhurst



Graeme Monteith - Secretary

I welcome you all to the 2024 PSUK Snowsports Championships, held once again in Hinterglemm.

In advance of the week, I would like to offer my thanks to Hansi and his team at IxxAlp, the Saalbach Ski Club and all the Team Captains for all the work they put in advance of the Championships which ensure we have had successful past competitions and I trust this year will be no different.

We have a fantastic number of competitors, 142 at the time of writing, representing several forces from across the UK; it's great to see our numbers grow year on year, particularly when many sport sections are feeling the effect of the current financial picture across the UK.

I had the honour of attending the recent USPE Championships, held at Hinterstoder, Austria. It was great to be involved in organising our team and watching them take on some of Europe's best skiers.

Have a great week, enjoy the events, the resort and what I hope will be great conditions for enjoying snowsports whatever your choice of discipline is.

Monty

Rich Wall – Snowboarding

It is with a very heavy heart that I have decided to step down as your Snowboard event organiser.

After 20 years of racing and officiating, the time is right for a change and I am genuinely delighted that Tim Hogg has volunteered to take over.

Tim has a wealth of race experience, where he achieved great success on the piste and is also a very talented freeride snowboarder, who will move the event forward in a positive direction.

I would personally like to thank each and every one of you who have supported me throughout my time with PSUK.

Over the past few years, the closeness that has been forged between all three disciplines - Board, Alpine and Nordic is a credit to you all and exactly why our event remains an ever present on the PSUK calendar.

I wish you all the best and stay safe.

Rich Wall



Tim Hogg – Snowboarding



Welcome to the 2024 PSUK Snowboard Competition.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Richard Wall, who has been an exemplary leader and organizer for the snowboarding section over the years. His passion, dedication, and hard work have significantly contributed to the growth and success of our championships. While Richards' shoes are indeed big ones to fill, I am excited and prepared for the challenge that lies ahead.

As your new snowboarding organiser, I would like to introduce myself. I have had the privilege of being part of the snowboarding community since 1993 and have been competing in the Police Championships for Devon and Cornwall since 2010. I have decided that the time is right for me to step back from the competitive side of the championships and this coincided with the opportunity to take on the running of the section as Richard stepped down.

There's a special place in my heart for off-piste exploring. The promise of fresh snow and discovering untouched backcountry lines have always drawn me to the mountains. It's these experiences that I want to bring to our snowboarding section, along with a commitment to grow the number of competitors and the level of competition.

As I take on this new role, my mission is to build on Richard's excellent work and to further develop our snowboarding section. I look forward to working with all of you, encouraging more participation, and sharing the bond of snowboarding with the wider Police Snowsports UK community.

Here's to a fantastic week of snowboarding competition and freeriding.



Dave Taft – Cross Country

The 2024 Cross Country races will be run in the same format as previous championships as they were a real success; that is the plan.

The individual and team event will be run in the same way that we have run it in the past, with 3 skiers per team, and the lowest total added time will be the winning team.

I will be running a laser biathlon relay but using the short course. The team will still require 3 skiers. It will be a mass start with the first skiers from each team starting at the same time. Should there be a larger number then the start will be seeded with a front and rear row. Skier 1 will do a lap and hand over to number 2, who will then hand over to 3. As number 3 gets to the end of their lap they will hand over to number 1 again, then 2 and then 3. So each skier will do 2 laps. It will only be 6 to 8 minutes between each smaller lap so there will be little time between each lap. This way the skiers will be in sight for more of the race and better for the supporters and team mates.

I will be taking the pistols and targets to the cross country most evenings before the race to give the opportunity to practice with the equipment.

Should there be a cold spell in the valley as we had previously, the races will be held in Maishofen, as it will be warmer there.

Anyway, I hope you are getting fit for the races and I look forward to seeing you all in resort.

If you need any advice then drop me an email on either david.taft@kent.police.uk or cpltaft@gmail.com



Proposed Diary of Events – 2024

Please note due to ongoing preparations in resort towards the 2025 World Cup event, this diary of events is likely to change, team captains will be updated as and when further details are known.

DAY	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
Saturday 27 th January	As Required Afternoon	Arrive in Resort	.
Sunday 28 th January	Morning Afternoon 1600 hrs 1715 hrs	Race Preparation Race Preparation Committee Meeting Race Captain's Meeting	. . Race Office Race Office
Monday 29 th January	1000 hrs 1715 hrs	Alpine Slalom Race Captain's Meeting	Zwolfer / Mitteregg lift Race Office
Tuesday 30 th January	1000 hrs 1300 hrs 1715 hrs	Nordic Team Biathlon Snowboard GS Race Captain's Meeting	Langlaufstrecke Mitteregg lift Race Office
Wednesday 31 st January	0900 hrs 1300 hrs 1715 hrs	Nordic Individual/Team Alpine Dual Slalom Race Captain's Meeting	Langlaufstrecke Mitteregg lift Race Office
Thursday 1 st February	1000 hrs 1300 HRS 1700 hrs 1800 hrs	Alpine GS Snowboard Dual Slalom PSUK Committee Meeting Section AGM	Zwolfer Mitteregg lift Race Office Race Office
Friday 2 nd February	Afternoon 2100 hrs	Results Prep/Race Admin Presentation of Prizes	Race Office Race Office
Saturday 3 rd February	As Required	Leave Resort	



Helmet Safety - Richard Wall

At a previous Committee meeting, I took an action to research helmet safety. I have made contact with the helmet safety 'guru' at Salomon UK and his response is:

There is no set rule on helmet wear / replacement, it's very much common sense and regular visual inspection, especially if the helmet has been involved in a heavy impact, or should any delamination be detected the helmet should be replaced.

Delamination failure may be detected in the material by its sound; solid composite has bright sound, while delaminated part sounds dull. Certain manufacturers of carbon composite bike frames suggest the disposal of the expensive frame after a particularly bad crash, because the impact could develop defects inside the material.



PSUK Snowsports Committee Members 2024

POST	NAME	FORCE	REMARKS
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>T/DCC Dave Thorne</i>	<i>Devon and Cornwall</i>	
<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Mr Michael Stamp</i>	<i>Devon and Cornwall</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Graeme Monteith</i>	<i>Retired</i>	
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mark Stokes</i>	<i>Retired</i>	
<i>Race Organiser</i>	<i>Steve Broadhurst</i>	<i>Police Scotland</i>	
<i>Nordic Rep</i>	<i>Dave Taft</i>	<i>Kent</i>	
<i>Snowboard Rep</i>	<i>Tim Hogg</i>	<i>Devon and Cornwall</i>	
<i>NW Rep</i>	<i>Damian Whittle</i>	<i>Lancashire</i>	
<i>East Rep</i>	<i>G Bowers</i>	<i>Norfolk</i>	
<i>SE Rep</i>	<i>Roy Kingston</i>	<i>Retired</i>	
<i>SW Rep</i>			
<i>Met Rep</i>	<i>Martyn Holt</i>	<i>Metropolitan</i>	
<i>E Mids Rep</i>	<i>Scott Riley</i>	<i>Derbyshire</i>	
<i>Female Rep</i>	<i>Tracey Pool</i>	<i>TVP</i>	
<i>NE Rep</i>	<i>John Cousins</i>	<i>South Yorkshire</i>	
<i>Scotland Rep</i>	<i>Simon Ramsay</i>	<i>Police Scotland</i>	
<i>NI Rep</i>	<i>[Contact Sec]</i>	<i>PSNI</i>	<i>Contact Secretary for details</i>
<i>Wales Rep</i>	<i>Andrew Williams</i>	<i>South Wales Police</i>	



Championship Race Officials 2024

DISCIPLINE	POST	NAME	REMARKS
Alpine	Chief of Race	Steve Broadhurst	
	Race Secretary	Graeme Monteith	
	Chief of Course	TBC	
	Chief Gatekeeper	Andy Courts	
	Start Referee	Dom Sermanni	
	Asst Start Ref	TBC	
	Finish Referee	Graeme Monteith	
	Asst Finish Ref	TBC	
	Referee	Billy Bradford	
	Asst Referee	TBC	
	Timing and Calculations	Roy Kingston	
Snowboard	Chief of Race	Tim Hogg	
	Start Referee	Ian Humphreys	
	Chief Gatekeeper/Troubleshooter	Billy Bradford	
	Referee	Graeme Monteith	
	Results	Roy Kingston	
Nordic	Chief of Race	Dave Taft	

NB: Anyone who wishes to assist with race support duties are required to have attended at least a Level 1 race official course run by either Snowsport England or Snowsport Scotland.

Please contact the relevant governing body for more details regarding these courses.



PSUK Snowsports Trophies and Prizes

TROPHY	TYPE	PRESENTED BY	FOR
<i>SKIWORLD TROPHY</i>	<i>Shield</i>	<i>Skiworld (1999)</i>	<i>Best Female Slalom</i>
<i>CAIRNGORM QUAICH</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Ewan McKeachan (Northern 1996)</i>	<i>Best Male Slalom</i>
<i>ANDREAS * CUP</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>IXXALP</i>	<i>Best Female GS</i>
<i>MACKAY TROPHY</i>	<i>Silver Cup</i>	<i>Harry MacKay (Cairngorm 1990)</i>	<i>Best Male GS</i>
<i>MET TROPHY</i>	<i>Silver Cup</i>	<i>Metropolitan Police</i>	<i>GS Team Winners</i>
<i>SIMON TOVELL</i>	<i>Shield</i>	<i>Family of Simon Tovell (Died in Service 2006)</i>	<i>2nd Div Team Event</i>
<i>JOSHUA TROPHY</i>	<i>Silver Cup 2 Wine Glasses</i>	<i>Dave Taft (Kent) Nigel Wells (W Yorks)</i>	<i>Best Nordic Female Individual</i>
<i>NIGEL WELLS</i>	<i>Shield Glass Pint Mug</i>	<i>Nigel Wells (W Yorks)</i>	<i>Best Nordic Male Individual</i>
<i>X COUNTRY RELAY</i>	<i>Shield</i>		<i>X Country Relay Winners</i>
<i>X COUNTRY TEAM</i>	<i>Shield</i>		<i>X Country Team Winners</i>
<i>DONARD</i>	<i>Silver Cup</i>	<i>PSNI (2007)</i>	<i>Combined Alpine and Nordic</i>
<i>SNOWBOARD</i>	<i>Silver Cup (x2)</i>		<i>Best Individual Male and Female</i>
<i>ANDY BAILES PLATE</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>W Yorks Police</i>	<i>Best Faller</i>



GATEKEEPERS INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put your name and title of race on your gate-keepers card.
2. Position yourself to the side of the course, clear of spectators so as to be clearly visible and with a clear view of your allocated gates. Wearing the HI VIS vest provided.
3. Your function is to ensure that both of the racers feet pass through the gates under your control.
4. Ensure that extra poles and sticks are kept well clear of the course so as not to confuse racers.
5. Do not speak or do anything to attract the racer's attention.

You may not recall a racer who has missed a gate.

If you are asked a question, you have 2 standard replies:

“Go On” if a racer has passed through the gate

or

“Go Back” if a racer has missed the gate.

6. If a Racer passes your gates satisfactorily tick the racers number on your checklist.

If racer misses any gate mark “D” for disqualified on check and draw a diagram of the mistake / incorrect path on your gatekeepers' card.

If racer does not reach your section of course leave the racers number blank on the checklist.

7. Replace all knocked down poles but do not assist a racer who has fallen.
8. Do not get involved in conversation, keep your mind on the race, or you may miss a racer.
9. When race is finished, please, if instructed, place all poles to the side of the course.

VERY IMPORTANT: At the end of the race deposit your clipboard and paperwork with the finish referee at the end of the race.

10. There may be prizes for the unusual, spectacular falls/recoveries, colourful comments etc. So if you witness any less than perfect but prize-worthy actions then make your recommendations to one of the race officials.

PLEASE ENSURE GATEKEEPERS HAVE SUITABLE CLOTHING AND SNACKS WITH THEM.



RULES OF THE ALPINE EVENTS

A provisional race results list will be published and displayed 15 minutes after the last racer finishes at the race office at the foot of each course. Official results will be available in time for team captains meetings.

Any protest must be lodged within 15 minutes of results being displayed and a fee of £25 lodged at that time.

Any general issues or advice regarding racing, should be addressed to one of the PSUK Race Committee who will be at the PSUK Race Office at the Glemmtalerhof Hotel for Team Captains meetings. Queries can also be sent to the snowsport section email at psuksnowsportsectioncomps@outlook.com.

The Alpine race office during races will be at the foot of the race course on Zwolferkogelbahn for the GS and the Mitterregg for the Slalom.

THE RACE OFFICE IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO COMPETITORS.

Team Captains meetings will start promptly at 17:15hrs daily and any problems past or foreseen can be raised here.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EACH FORCE HAS A REPRESENTATIVE AT EACH TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING.

At the Team Captains prior to the Alpine Races and prior to the Snowboard GS all non starters must be declared. If any competitor then fails to start on the following day their force will incur a €12 fine.

Forerunners will be required for each race and names can be given at the Team Captains meetings.

Any person who may wish to race or participate as a forerunner and not already nominated should contact the Race Organiser ASAP

Inspection of the race courses is 60 minutes prior to the start of the race. The course will then be shut 15 minutes prior to the race commencing.

All racers and gate keepers must arrange to be at the start of the race punctually so as to prevent unnecessary delay to other competitors.



RULES OF THE SNOWBOARD EVENTS

A Provisional race results list will be published and made available 15 minutes after the last racer finishes at the foot of the course.

Any protest must be lodged within 15 minutes of the official results being displayed and a fee of £25 lodged at that time.

Any general issues or advice regarding racing, should be addressed to one of the PSUK Race Committee who will be at the PSUK Race Office at the Glemmtalerhof Hotel for Team Captains meetings. Queries can also be sent to the snowsport section email at psuksnowsportsectioncomps@outlook.com.

The race office during races will be at the foot of the race course.

THE RACE OFFICE IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO COMPETITORS.

Team Captains meetings will start promptly at 17:15hrs daily and any problems past or foreseen can be raised here.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EACH FORCE HAS A REPRESENTATIVE AT EACH TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING.

At the Team Captains prior to the Alpine Races and prior to the Snowboard GS all non-starters must be declared. If any competitor then fails to start on the following day their force will incur a €12 fine.

Inspection of the race courses is 30 minutes prior to the start of the race. The course will then be shut 10 minutes prior to the race commencing.

All racers and gate keepers must arrange to be at the start of the race punctually so as to prevent unnecessary delay to other competitors.





15th USPE European Police Championships Alpine Skiing - Hinterstoder, Austria

The 15th edition of the USPE Alpine Skiing Competition was held at Hinterstoder, Austria from 5th – 10th March, 2023. The Austrian Police Federation being the host nation had provided many resources to the event, from the organising team, through to providing support on the hill and at the final event, the awards ceremony.

Police teams from Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland and the UK were represented, with many of the racers from both team Austria and Germany currently present on the Europa racing circuit, which would make for some excellent racing over the week.

Team UK were represented by Becky Lane, Zoe Wellicome, Isla Craigie, Richard Lawton, Andrew Waller and Euan Stobie, they were supported by their ever-present coach, Neal Nightingale, outgoing chair (cheerleader) Paul Netherton, Steve Broadhurst and Graeme Monteith, who took on the back-office role.

The week started with a parade through the local town, where each team was represented, and warmly received by the local community who had turned out to watch the procession, which was followed by opening speeches in the town square by local dignitaries and chief of police for the area, the police brass band were also present, this was followed by an opening event hosted by the Austrian Police Federation. The next few days would see our team take on the might of Europe, each team, and in particular Austria and Germany were extremely well setup and as professional as you'd see on the world cup circuit.

The events contested were Giant Slalom, Slalom and Parallel Slalom, all held at the Hinterstoder ski area, where conditions were excellent throughout the week. Our team put in some fantastic skiing during each discipline, in particular Andrew got through to the quarter finals in the parallel event, and that was after a wipe-out on approach to the finish area, where he rearranged the timing equipment for the organisers!

Our hosts ended the week with an official function and prize giving, where we enjoyed a lovely meal and some great company throughout the night. Team GB were awarded, by the USPE Committee, the team award; the criteria being the best presented team, the best turned out team, the best team that acted as a team, our general deportment and manner in which we'd conducted ourselves during the week. The organisers had also arranged for a piper to attend at the closing ceremony to celebrate our team award. Our presence was notable at all times due to our team shirts, jackets both of which had PSUK logos there-on, and by the wearing of our



Union Jack hats, scarfs and gloves... By the time the 'trading' of kit was completed during the course of the evening, throughout the room there was either PSUK ties / scarfs etc or union jack memorabilia... Job done.

In summary, everyone gave their all at each of the events, the support team provided the athletes the support and organisation required so that on race days they only had to worry about the racing.

All of this couldn't have been achieved without the support of our individual forces, sport sections, PSUK Snowsports Section and PSUK themselves, Ian Campbell, secretary PSUK, who provided the help, advice and funding, which made life easy for myself as organiser / team captain, and the enthusiasm and time of the athletes themselves.

Special mention ought to go to Neal Nightingale who was presented with a 'Medal of Honour' for his longstanding commitment to Snowsports and having competed in USPE events since 1989.

The provisional dates for the next USPE events are:

Nordic, 2026, Slovenia, date TBC

Alpine, 2027, Italy, date TBC

