



Alpine Championships 2008-9 Update 4

Hello everybody!

Happy Xmas, Buon Natale, Noël heureux, Frohe Weihnachten.

This will be the final update before the race team arrives late on Saturday evening and the race office opens formally on Sunday.

Training

Andreas, head coach Petzen Ski Club has been working hard to meet the needs of trainees and public for limited piste availability. He has negotiated a better option with the resort managers.

The chief of slopes Mr. Huber Kurt is trying very hard to make sure that we get the best training facilities which are possible for the racers and for other trainees in the area such as Kostelic, Schönfelder, Baxter and the GBR National Team.

Now it is changing a little bit, because last night it became also cold in the valley and the run down to the valley (as it seems) will work when you arrive. This does help very much because then they do have a very big run (12 km) for the tourists.

Programme for the 28th and the 29th of December: We can have training from 7.00 to 13.00 p.m.

Starting at 7.00 is no problem with the light. This week training started twice at 7.00 a.m. and the DHO had SG training at 7.00 a.m.

Training will be on the "Stollenlift". When you look down from the top - on the right hand side of the lift is the racing slope and on the left hand side of the lift is the training slope.

28th: Racing slope GS from 7.00 to 9.15 are:

Kandahar, Slalom Plus, Sandown Park, Telford Alpine and SC Petzen

Training slope SL from 7.00 to 11.00 are: DHO, Ambitions, M. Harte

Training slope GS from 11.00 to 13.00: Kandahar, Slalom Plus, Sandown Park, Telford Alpine.

There is room for 3 GS so please work together!!!

29th: Racing slope GS from 7.00 to 9.15 are:

Slalom Plus Telford Alpine, Sandown Park and SC Petzen

Training slope SL from 7.00 to 11.00 are:

DHO, Kandahar, Ambitions, M. Harte, Swindells (Harte and Swindells maybe together)

Training slope GS from 11.00 to 13.00: Slalom Plus, Sandown Park, Telford Alpine

We will let everyone know what will happen during the race days.

A warm up area will be provided above the race piste on SL and GS days.

Training Lanes

Coaches and clubs are reminded that it is their responsibility to book training lanes directly with SC Petzen, contact Andreas Kristan kristan@aon.at. It is vital that this happens as the area will be very busy with tourist and with other clubs wanting to train for BARSC or other races. The Race Organising Committee cannot be held responsible for clubs and individuals who cannot train because they have not booked space.

Piste Discipline

New Year is very busy in the Northern Hemisphere, with both tourists and training groups. This means that slopes are likely to be crowded. Clubs and individuals are reminded of their responsibilities under the Skiers' Code. The Race Organisers will co-operate fully with Petzen and the Austrian authorities to ensure that the slopes are safe for all. Racers who misuse the slopes risk losing their uplift and race entry without compensation.