

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

ISSC

13th – 19th December

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TRAVEL

2024



INTRODUCTION

Thanks for downloading our brochure, we can't wait to tell you all about ISSC 2024.

The Independent Schools Ski Championship was created to help young skiers develop their skills and grow their passion for snow sports. Enveloped in a supportive, festival-style atmosphere, they'll have the unforgettable experience of competing abroad against other young snow sports athletes.

Skiers will enjoy specialist race training alongside competing for both individual and team prizes. And this year, we'll be heading back to Sestriere, where we enjoyed an incredible event in 2023.

ISSC is brought to you by Halsbury Ski. We've been arranging school ski trips for nearly 40 years. Like you, we're passionate about school ski trips and the impact they have on kids, who often remember these experiences for the rest of their lives.

Join us in 2024 and let's make this a year to remember.





EVENT OVERVIEW

The ISSC is a hassle-free early-season race training camp abroad for keen skiers new to the sport, as well as more experienced racers.

Held annually in December
Runs for five days and six nights
Race training and racing throughout



OVERVIEW OF THE WEEK

Schedule dependent on conditions

Friday

13

Travel day and arrival day.
Welcome meeting.
Ski fit.

Saturday

14

Race training.

Sunday

15

Race training or
racing.

Monday

16

Race training or
racing.

Tuesday

17

Race training or
racing.

Wednesday

18

Race training or
racing, awards
ceremony.

Thursday

19

Departure day
and travel.

Slalom or giant slalom -
Discipline dependent upon conditions

Who?

The Championships are open to all students aged 8-18 from all over the UK. Your students don't necessarily need to have raced before, they just need to be comfortable on red runs and eager to learn.

Event Management

The Championships are managed by Halsbury Ski, a leading school ski tour operator. With over nearly 40 years' experience of providing school ski trips, Halsbury will make sure you're supported throughout the process – so that you can enjoy this unique experience as much as your young racers. Fully accredited, Halsbury Ski is a member of ABTA and holds an ATOL.

Competition

- Giant slalom and slalom with team and individual trophies up for grabs (under 10s, under 12s, under 14s, under 16s and under 19s).
- Parallel team slalom if conditions allow.

Race Management

The race days are managed by Impulse, our race specialist partner, alongside the local race office who regularly host FIS World Cup events.



SKI PROGRAMME

The Ski programme is tailor made and designed to cater for a wide range of abilities. Instructors provide encouraging and inspirational training sessions to challenge advanced skiers and welcome those new to the sport. A fun and inclusive skiing environment is guaranteed.



The programme will include specialist performance development and race coaching sessions. The instructors use various learning tools, including games and exercises, to make lessons exciting and entertaining.

Ski Instructors

An experienced team of instructors provide the tuition prior to the competition. These instructors are able to place the training within the context of the event and provide fun days of skiing with a race focus.

Want more race training?

We've partnered with Impulse, a specialist UK race training ski school, so that schools can offer more race-specific training on the mountain. If this would be of interest, please get in touch for more information.

Previous ski racing experience

Previous ski racing experience is NOT required but pupils should be comfortable skiing on red runs.

Safety

Safety is at the forefront of our operations and we're more than happy to provide all supporting documentation and risk assessments to meet school requirements.



TROPHY CATEGORIES

Giant Slalom

Individual prizes for age categories (boys and girls) U10, U12, U14, U16, 19 and under – 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Team

Boys' Senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Girls' Senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Boys' Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Girls' Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Mixed Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Mixed senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Slalom Individual

Individual prizes for age categories (boys and girls), U10, U12, U14, U16, 19 and under – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Team

Boys' Senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Girls' Senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Boys' Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Girls' Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Mixed Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Mixed senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Combined (Slalom and GS)

Team

Boys' Senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Girls' Senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Boys' Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Girls' Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Mixed Junior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Mixed senior Team – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Parallel Slalom

Cup – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Plate – 1st, 2nd, 3rd *

Prize categories are subject to change.

*Dependent on numbers and conditions.





AGE CATEGORIES

- U19** Born 31st December 2008 or before
- U16** Born between 1st January 2009 and 31st December 2010
- U14** Born between 1st January 2011 and 31st December 2012
- U12** Born between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2014
- U10** Born 2015 and after

TROPHY GIVING

Trophies are given out both slopeside (conditions permitting) and at the awards ceremony and disco at the end of the week.

OFF-SNOW PROGRAMME

Each evening pupils can enjoy a packed après-ski programme.



ARE ANY OF YOUR STUDENTS TAKING PE AT GCSE OR A LEVEL?

Skiing can be a great option for the non-exam assessment component and the ISSC is the perfect opportunity to capture video evidence.

We can help with this - just get in touch to find out more.

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BRING YOUR BEGINNERS

And inspire them with the festival atmosphere of the ISSC.

They'll be placed in groups with other beginners and will enjoy ski lessons throughout the week with our highly-qualified, experienced ski instructors.

And when they're not skiing, they'll be able to join in with the other fun activities and soak up the atmosphere of a competitive ski racing event.

Get in touch for more information.

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FLIGHTS & CARRIAGE

Flights

Flights are included as standard and we generally aim to arrange flights from your nearest airport.

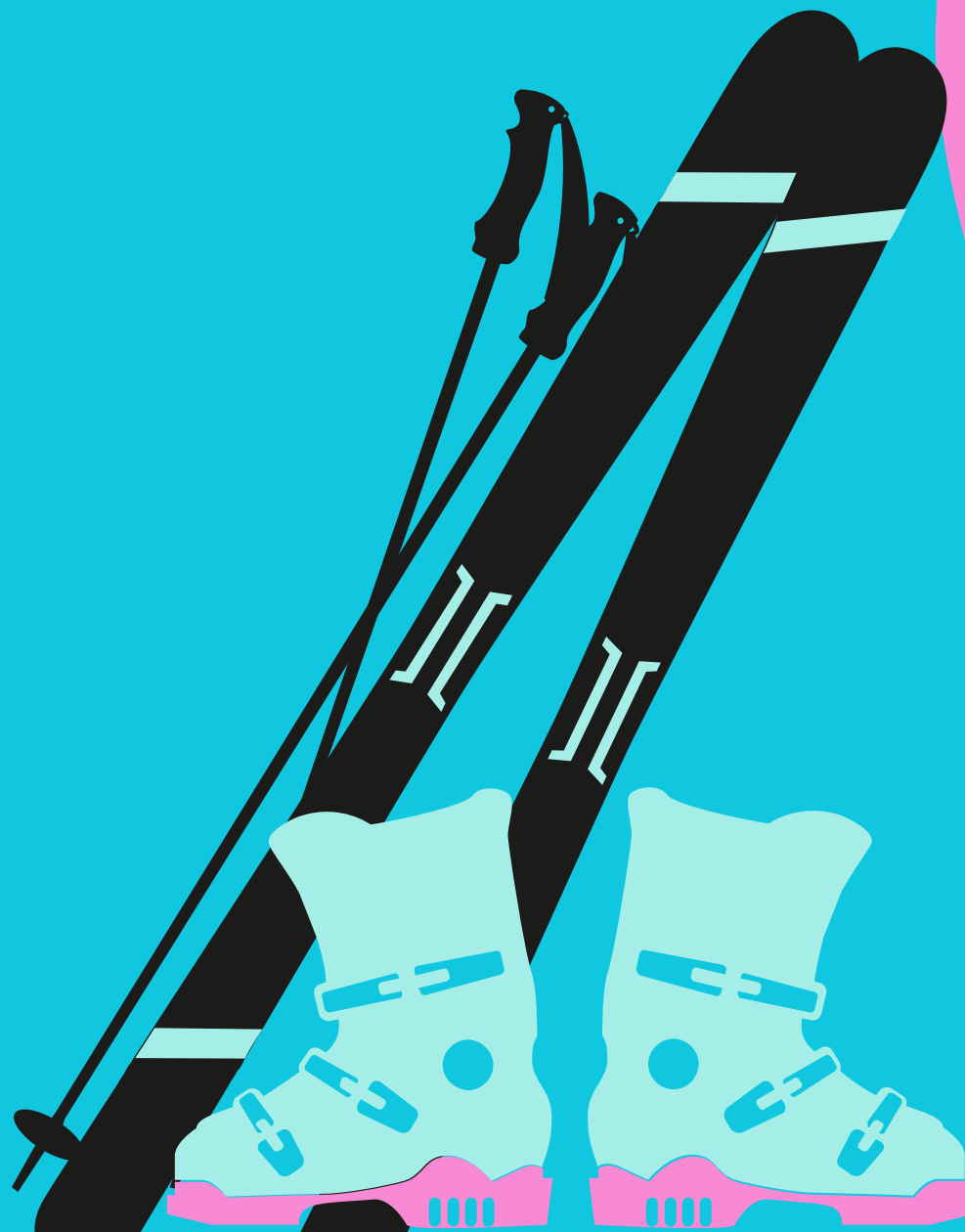
Carriage or Rental

As part of the package we include ski carriage by air (limited to one pair of skis and boots per competitor) or a full rental pack for your pupils and teachers.

Please note that weight restrictions will apply for the ski carriage.

We'll release detailed flight schedules from September.

If you're joining us from outside the UK, we'll deduct the cost of flights from your package price.





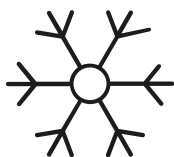
SESTRIERE

Milky Way, Italy



2823M

Highest peak 2823m



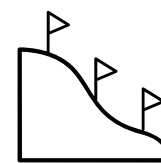
500CM

Annual snowfall



88

Lifts, 4 gondolas, 37
chairlifts, 29 surface lifts



400KM

Groomed runs



2035M

village height



Ski Area

Sestriere sits at the heart of the Milky Way (Via Lattea in Italian) – one of Europe's biggest ski areas. The highest resort in the area, Sestriere regularly hosts FIS Alpine Ski World Cup events and was one of the Olympic villages for the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics. From Sestriere, you'll have access to 400km of skiable pistes.



The Town

Sestriere was one of the first purpose-built ski resorts in Italy. The two iconic towers that have become a symbol of the resort were built by FIAT founder Giovanni Agnelli in the 1930s, as a hotel to accommodate his workers from Turin on their holidays.



The Resort

The resort underwent a huge makeover when it was selected as one of the venues for the 2006 Winter Olympics. The lift system and snowmaking capabilities were upgraded and facilities in the village itself were modernised, so that Sestriere now boasts all the amenities that you could possibly need for a school ski trip.

ACCOMMODATION

You'll stay at the 4* TH Sestriere Villaggio Olimpico.

This former Olympic athletes village is ideally located within Sestriere, as it's just 2 minutes' walk from the pistes and directly opposite the ski school meeting point.

The hotel offers excellent facilities for skiers, including ski storage and ski hire, an indoor pool, gym and wellness area, meeting rooms and free WiFi in communal areas.

The hotel offers apartment-style accommodation, each with two separate sleeping areas, bathroom, kitchenette and satellite TV.

Meals are served buffet-style in the on-site restaurant, which offers panoramic views of the slopes and specialises in Italian and Piemontese cuisine.



Food

A daily continental buffet breakfast is provided including meats, cheeses, freshly-baked croissants, bread and a selection of cereals. After an exhilarating morning on the slopes, a hot buffet-style lunch will be served at the hotel.

Each evening, a minimum of three courses will be served. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy a well-balanced meal and to replenish their energy after a hard day's skiing. It's also a great opportunity for them to socialise with their peers in-resort.

Resort Staff

The ISSC team are there to support you from your initial enquiry, until you return home.

We have representatives and support staff in-resort to ensure a smooth few days for both pupils and teachers.

The racing itself is managed by an experienced team to ensure that all safety elements are compliant with the highest standards.





PRICING AND INCLUSIONS

The package

1 x training day
4 days of racing and training/free skiing
Full-board accommodation
Ski pass
Ski hire/carriage

£1,595

PP, Fully Inclusive

Flight out - 13th December 2024

Flight back - 19th December 2024

PACKAGE DETAILS

We offer a range of options to suit each school, but here's a quick guide to what's usually included in the package:

What's Included

Trip Inclusions

- 6 nights full-board accommodation at the 4* Villaggio Olimpico
- Flights, including ski carriage for those who need it (1 pair of skis and boots per person)
- Resort transfers
- 6 hours of instructor time per day
- 1 x training day
- 4 days of racing and training/free skiing
- Ski pass
- Après programme
- Race programme to include: slalom, giant slalom and team parallel
- Ski equipment hire

Pre-Departure Support

- Marketing and promotional literature
- Email and phone support from your ISSC trip coordinator
- Guidance on risk assessments

In-Resort Support

- Hotel/evening activity rep team
- Mountain rep team

Party Leader Benefits

- Free place ratio of one to eight full-paying passengers. This includes accommodation for teachers sharing 2-3 per room, with single supplement subject to availability.

What's not included?

- UK transfers
- GCSE/A-Level filming (available at a supplement)
- UK race instructors (available at a supplement)
- Lunch on arrival day – can be purchased in resort
- Travel insurance

Additional teachers

If you wish to bring additional teachers (i.e. above the complementary 1:8 ratio), this will be charged at an additional £1075pp or pro-rata to the number of pupils short of the complimentary quota – whichever is cheapest.



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What a fantastic experience for our students. The ISSC organised by Halsbury Travel was well organised with extremely friendly and knowledgeable staff. The instructors were brilliant, hotel right on the slopes! Just an amazing week! Many thanks to the Halsbury team.

Felsted School, December 2023



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PRE-EVENT TIMETABLE

Here's what the preparation for your attendance at the Championships could look like:

Spring Term

- ISSC to send out invitations to schools
- Schools to confirm initial numbers and place a provisional booking to secure their place at the ISSC
- First deposit to be paid with a completed booking form

Summer Term

- ISSC to make provisional bookings and conduct provisional risk assessment

Summer Holidays

- ISSC to confirm final numbers and schedule of events
- ISSC to conduct thorough risk assessment and implement Safety Management System

Autumn Term

- Schools to confirm any changes to booking numbers by end of September
- ISSC to process final information packs including allocating accommodation, rental information, flight bookings etc. by half term
- ISSC to liaise with schools and provide support up to the start of the event

Payment Schedule

The following acts as a good guideline for the payment schedule based on the full package option. Please note that this can be flexible.

N.B. All payments must be made through the school – we cannot accept payments from individual parents

1st Deposit - Confirm Booking

£350pp

2nd Instalment

£500pp

Final Instalment





FURTHER DETAILS

FAQS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

Booking

We ask each school to fill a minimum of 8 places – however, the more you can bring, the better. If you're not able to get 8 students signed up, then just let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate your team.

There are no specific requirements regarding the number of boys and girls. If you believe it's going to be difficult to fill spaces, then we can try to combine you with another school, or otherwise accommodate your group. We just ask that you let us know as soon as possible if you think this is a possibility.

Deposits and schedules

All deposits are strictly non-refundable. Please make this clear to all party members. After receipt of the first deposits of £350pp, we ask for second deposits of £500pp six weeks later. The final balance of the trip is due ten weeks before departure. We ask that these schedules are strictly adhered to.

ISSC reserves the right to pass on to the client additional costs incurred through late receipt of

deposits. We accept payment via bank transfer or cheque payment. Please make sure all cheques are payable to Halsbury Travel. We also ask that you send just one cheque on behalf of the school and not multiple cheques from parents.

Accommodation

We aim to provide high standards of food and accommodation for all our school groups. All rooms for students are multi-bedded with en-suite facilities. We'll aim to provide twin rooms for staff at no additional cost, however, this does depend on availability and the gender breakdown of the staff. Single rooms are charged at a supplement on request and are subject to availability. The standard of accommodation varies from hotel to hotel, but our minimum standard is 2*.

Free Staff Places

We provide a 1:8 free place ratio, which includes shared accommodation for teachers (it may be necessary for teachers from different schools to share rooms). Free places are based on group numbers divisible by the ratio, e.g. 8 or 10 paying passengers. Should your group size decrease through any cause, we reserve the right to limit the free places in accordance with that group size. We'll aim to help our clients in any way to retain group numbers and staff places. Pro rata rates can be supplied for free places if required.

Cancellation Policy

If you have a pupil that needs to cancel their booking before the start of the event, they'll be required to pay the relevant cancellation fees:

After payment of first deposit up until 6 weeks after booking – loss of first deposit

After payment of second deposit up until 70 days before departure – loss of 50% of invoiced price

70 – 14 days before departure – loss of 75% of invoiced price

Within 2 weeks of departure – loss of 100% of invoiced price



Pupil and teacher information

We require a full list of all group names, skiing experience and passport details up to a minimum of 2 months prior to departure.

Administration fees

All changes to dates and party names after payment of the first deposits will be met with a £20 administration fee. Late additions to the party will also incur a supplement at ISSC's discretion.

Flights

ISSC will endeavour to provide the best flight routes and times for your trip, however, all flight times and routes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Flight details will be provided once your final balance has been paid and will usually be released in October when we have all the school applications confirmed. Please note that low fare airlines often charge for name changes and additional administration. We reserve the right to pass these charges on to you if your request or actions caused them to be charged.

Price guarantee

All prices are fully guaranteed against fuel surcharges and taxes if booking procedures are adhered to. If booking procedures aren't adhered to, we reserve the right to re-cost the trip if necessary. We understand the complications and difficulties of running a school trip and we aim to provide you with a service that makes running this trip as easy as possible. In order to do this, it's essential for you, the Party Leader, to provide us with as much information as possible, as well as keeping in constant communication throughout the booking. We also need notice of any changes you wish to make to the booking as soon as possible. Please note, changes requested too close to the

departure date may not be possible.

Do ISSC have any risk assessments available for schools?

On request we can provide a risk assessment for travel and other off-mountain activities, accommodation and ski races. We can also provide a copy of our Safety Management System, which covers our operating procedure.

Photos

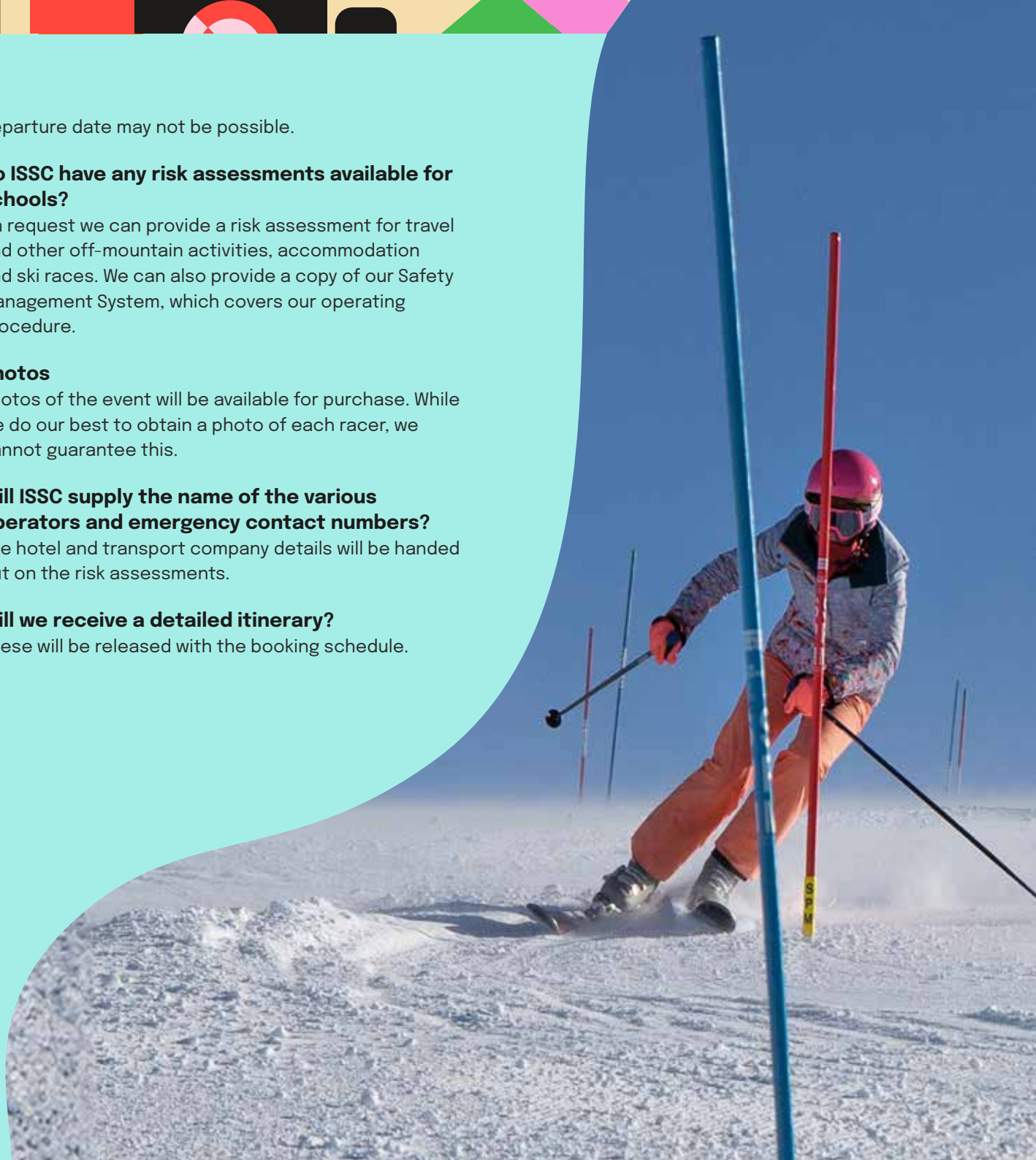
Photos of the event will be available for purchase. While we do our best to obtain a photo of each racer, we cannot guarantee this.

Will ISSC supply the name of the various operators and emergency contact numbers?

The hotel and transport company details will be handed out on the risk assessments.

Will we receive a detailed itinerary?

These will be released with the booking schedule.



LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL SKI TRIP FOR ALL YOUR STUDENTS?

Halsbury Ski, organisers of the ISSC, have nearly 40 years' experience in arranging school ski trips.

Our fully-inclusive trips offer fantastic value for money in resorts across Europe and North America.

Let's make your next school ski trip truly legendary.

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Got any questions?
Speak to a Ski Specialist.

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At Halsbury Travel, we've been taking learning beyond the classroom for nearly 40 years - so we know that a passion for learning starts with 'wow'.

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