

Dear Members,

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have today opened up the club membership renewal for 2025/26.

PLEASE READ THE COMMUNICATION BELOW CAREFULLY AS THIS WILL EFFECT ALL CLUB MEMBERS RE TRAINING, RACING AND INSURANCE.

IF UNSURE PLEASE ASK.

Please note: if the steps below are not followed, your HSRC membership will be suspended and your ability to train with the club will unfortunately be removed. Please complete your Club and SE registration before 1 November 2025 to ensure you are insured, and your membership is active for the new season.

From 1 November 2025, Snowsport England (SE) is changing its membership structure. As an affiliated club, this means that ALL our members must now hold individual membership with Snowsport England. The full details of the membership update can be found on the <u>SSE website</u>.

Unfortunately, this is not something we've chosen ourselves; for insurance reasons it is a requirement being introduced nationally to all clubs by Snowsport England. Every affiliated club across the country are in the same position, and SE membership will now be mandatory for everyone who wishes to be part of HSRC.

## What you need to do:

- Visit the Snowsport England membership page and select one of the following:
  - How to become a Snowsport England member for the first time
  - How to renew your Snowsport England membership
- Select your membership level (details below). Blue is the minimum level required for all members training and competing or training in a race club setting.
- When registering, as per HSRC joining criteria please make sure you choose HEM as your affiliated organisation.

## **Membership levels:**

• Blue Membership (minimum required) £19.99:

Covers training and competing in unseeded competitions (club, school, regional races and unseeded national races).

Note for U12s: All U12 competitions in the UK are unseeded, so blue membership is sufficient for this age group.

NB: you can "upgrade" your SE membership by paying the difference.

Red Membership U14+ £69.99: U12- £34.99

Required for seeded Alpine races (Club Nationals and GBR races). Red membership also provides access to talent pathways, squad selection, and funded opportunities run by Snowsport England. Red membership will be required for U12s intending to race during the winter on Alpine Snow,

## Why this is happening:

This change has been introduced by **Snowsport England** and applies to ALL affiliated clubs. It is **not optional** - all members must hold individual membership for HSRC to remain covered by Snowsport England's insurance and governance.

As a grassroots club, our aim is to keep skiing as accessible as is possible to all and to encourage participation at every level we will be reducing the annual membership for all members to £15.00.

For those that have joined since the 1 September 2025 the HSRC membership will expire on 31 October **2026**. However for insurance reasons those members will still need to join Snowsport England as a minimum blue member.

Please can we remind you that if 11 years of age or younger on the 31 October 2025 your first year of registration with Snowsport England is FREE but you do need to register.

The training fee will currently remain unchanged.

If you are unsure about anything or require assistance, please get in touch and we'll attempt to help. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these changes.

Thanks! **Steve** HSRC Membership secretary.

