

PSUK SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

The Snowsports Committee held a further Committee meeting this evening to review the Championships and the current Covid situation both here in the UK and in Austria. In addition, numerous Forces have recently made professional standards statements concerning mass gatherings that impact on all PSUK events.

The meeting considered a number of factors in reaching the decision but it is with deep regret the 2022 Championships are CANCELLED as an official Police Sports UK competition.

The committee fully considered the reputational damage that our Snow Sports section could suffer if our Championships was to become a “super spreader” event, following which large numbers of Police Officers were isolating or unfit for duty and therefore not able to serve the communities we work in. We also considered how the public and press would view such an event.

However, it should be noted that Austria reopened today, 17th December 2021 to foreign visitors and therefore vaccinated individuals are welcome in Austria for recreational visits. Many of you who have booked flights and accommodation may wish to still go to Hinterglemm in January 2022 but you do so as a private individual and not part of Police Sport UK or British Policing.

We will now start planning for a Championships to take place in Hinterglemm between Saturday 21st January 2023 and Saturday 28th January 2023 and hope you will continue to support the Snowsports competition and we will see you in Austria in 2023.

Paul Netherton OBE.

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