

SSBX – SEVERE WEATHER CANCELLATION

The SSBX team have been monitoring the current weather front ‘the beast from the east’ and Storm Emma and the associated travel advice from Police Scotland, Traffic Scotland and the Met Office.

Today, Thursday 1 March 2018, Glenshee Ski Centre remains stormbound and the A93 at Braemar and Blairgowrie remains closed due to drifting snow.

The Met Office Red Warning remains in place for much of central Scotland. The Police advice is very clear – travel should be made by emergency workers only. We are aware that competitors will be making travel arrangements today to travel to the event and two of Scotland’s main motorways are currently shut.

Additionally, the amber warning that covers much of the rest of Scotland remains in place till 6pm this evening and again the message is to avoid non-essential travel during that time.

We have no confidence that the A93 will reopen tomorrow, Friday 2 March 2018 to access the ski centre. While Glenshee Ski Centre will pull out the stops to assist in building the course we are very conscious that we would be attempting to do 48 hours work in 24 hours in the aftermath of unprecedented snow fall in recent memory!

A yellow travel warning also remains in place right over the weekend. This warning suggests further high impacts in relation to snowfall right across the area within the yellow warning.

The SSBX team met this morning. Two issues were forefront in our mind. The safety of our team and competitors and the quality of course and event. Considering the uncertainty of access to Glenshee tomorrow, the sheer amount of work required to build the course and the continuing travel advice from the Police Scotland, Traffic Scotland and the Met Office we have reluctantly decided to cancel the event. We are hugely disappointed especially since we cancelled last year due to too little snow but we believe that it is the right thing to do taking public safety into account.

We will get round to processing refunds over the next few days but please bear with us on that as the volunteer team have a number of things to now take care of.

On the bright side if you can get up to Glenshee on Saturday and Sunday and the road is open there will be banging powder!