## Skiing - Freedom Series

With no shortage of snow this year skiing looks set to continue into May across the Scottish ski areas.

The Scottish Freedom Series is a freeride and freeski tour organised by Edinburgh-based event organiser Snowsport Scotland. It is held in four separate locations and a host of top skiers took part earlier this month in the finals.

The events have been running for a couple of months at Glenshee, Lawers, Glencoe and Nevis Mountain. These venues are great for off-piste skiers who then build up points until they gain final rankings at the end. This was a record year with over 79 competitors.



Skier, Katie Small, took the overall victory of the competition receiving an impressive 380 points — the most points out of any other competitor — ranking first in the overall female skier category as well as receiving first place in three out of the four events. Joanne Slater topped the league in the female board category with 300 points, Robbie Paton receiving first place in the male boarding category with 340 points and Dave Biggin ranking in at first place in the overall male ski category with 360 points.

Iain Ramsay-Clapham, Development Manager at Snowsport Scotland commented, "The SFS is a real highlight in the winter season and this year was one of our best years yet. The level of ability was exceptional and we saw some outstanding performances from competitors across all categories. The series brings together some fantastic talent and provides a platform for like-minded competitors to get together and really push themselves to the best of their ability."

Sponsors of the event included Blues, Anatom Footwear, Scarpa, Dynafit, Teko, BCA, Black Crows, ZAG, Craft and Glemore Lodge who provided very much appreciated support and prizes for the event and its competitors.