The Welsh & British Outdoor Artificial Ski Slope Championships

Torfaen Ski Centre, Pontypool

10th September 2016 Welsh National & Open Outdoor Championships

11th September 2016 British Championships

Invitation Bulletin

Welcome to the Welsh & British Championships weekend organised by Snowsport Wales and run in accordance with British Competition rules. We hope all racers and spectators have an enjoyable weekend at Torfaen Ski Centre, Pontypool. We would like to thank the management and staff of the centre and all volunteers without whom there would be no race.

Entry

The Welsh Championships are open to all competitors (including U10/12s) under FIS Rules providing they are registered with their National Ski Association. There is no seedpoint cut off for these Championships.

The British Championships are open to all competitors (U14 category and older) under FIS Rules providing they are registered with their National Ski Association. There is 250 oBARTS seedpoint recommended cut off for these Championships.

Sunday's event will include a non championship U10/U12 Slalom event using stubbies. Prizes will be awarded, however there is no provision for a U10/U12 British Artificial Slope Championships.

Entry can either be made through the Online Entry system (http://www.ersa.co.uk/national_races), or by post, but should be received by the race secretary by 7pm Friday 2nd September. Entry fees for these races are £23 per day. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per day. The relevant published oBARTS list will be used to determine acceptance.

Refunds will only be made where medical evidence is provided. Entries will be refunded at £10 per event.

Rules

Racers and coaches should familiarise themselves with current rules and recommendations for artificial slopes regarding helmets, equipment and course inspection. For further information see www.britski.org

Drug Testing may take place at any event listed upon the National Calendar.

Photography

There will usually be an Official Photographer present at our events. Photographs taken at events could be used for the purpose of publicity and promotion of our sport. As part of Snowsport Cymru/Wales' Child Protection policy and Best Practice guidelines, **if you do not wish your image to be used please sign the Opt Out forms available at the Race Office at this event.** It should be noted that whilst Snowsport Cymru/Wales has no jurisdiction over member of the public taking photos we would challenge anyone who causes concern.

Awards

Welsh Championships - awards will be made to Male & Female competitors as follows;

Overall	1st, 2nd, & 3rd overall	Plus 1st Welsh Competitor
Age Groups	1st, 2nd, & 3rd in age group	Plus 1st Welsh Competitor

International Slalom - awards will be made to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams.

British Championships – awards will be made to Male & Female competitors as follows;

Overall	1st, 2nd & 3rd
Age Groups	1st, 2nd & 3rd

Programme

Saturday – Welsh Championships

08.30-09.30	Bib Issue & Practice Session
09:00	Officials Meeting & Team Captains meeting
10.00-10.25	Course Inspection 1st run
10:25	Stubby Course Set U10/U12
10:30 -10:45	Course Inspection U10/U12
10:50	1st Run U10/U12
11:10	Switch Gates to full poles
11:15-12:15	1st Run Females/Males
12:15	Switch gates to stubbies
12:20	2nd Run U10/U12
12:45	Course Set 2nd Run Females/Males
13:15-13:40	Course Inspection 2nd run
13:45-14:45	2nd Run Females/Males
15:30	Prize Giving

Sunday – British Outdoor Artificial Ski Slope Championships
N.B. Race includes a non championships U10/U12 event

08.30-09.30	Bib Issue & Practice Session
09:00	Officials Meeting & Team Captains meeting
10.00-10.25	Course Inspection 1st run
10:25	Stubby Course Set U10/U12
10:30 -10:45	Course Inspection U10/U12
10:50	1st Run U10/U12 (non British Championships)
11:10	Switch Gates to full poles
11:15-12:15	1st Run Females/Males
12:15	Switch gates to stubbies
12:20	2nd Run U10/U12 (non British Championships)
12:45	Course Set 2nd Run Females/Males
13:15-13:40	Course Inspection 2nd run
13:45-14:45	2nd Run Females/Males
15:30	Prize Giving

Health & Safety Notes

Vehicle Access to the Ski Centre will only be permitted to those cars holding permits issued by Torfaen Borough Council. Disabled persons requiring access should contact Snowsport Wales (02920561904). Lifts will be arranged by the race organisers for any disabled person needing access to the ski centre.

In the interests of personal safety there must be no turning or jumping on the ski lift and track. Please remove ski stick straps before mounting the lift.

It will not be possible to use any electrical points from within the ski centre for hot waxing, nor will it be

permitted for extension leads to be plugged into any of the ski centre's electrical points for any purpose.

Only bone fide officials will be allowed access to staff areas within the ski centre, ie behind the counter. Racers may leave skis in the ski centre workshop overnight on Saturday evening at their own risk. No liability for loss or damage will be accepted by the race organisers or Torfaen Borough Council.

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Directions & Accommodation

Leave the M4 at Junction 25a signposted Newport/Cwmbran and follow the A4042 towards Pontypool. At Pontypool take the A472 following signs to the ski slope. Parking is at the Leisure Centre car park.
For SatNav users – the postcode is NP4 8AT

The nearest hotels are Premier Inn http://www.premierinn.com and Travelodge www.travelodge.co.uk both of which are on the roundabout at the junction of the A4042 & the A472.