Avon and Western Counties Club National 2017

To be held at Mendip Snowsport Centre

Lyncombe Drive, Churchill, Somerset, BS25 5PQ

On Sunday14th May 2017

Invitation Bulletin

Avon and Western Counties Ski Clubs
invite entries from both registered and non-registered racers
in the following categories by year of birth:

MASTERS (1987 and earlier), SENIORS (1988-1996), U21 (1997-1999), U18 (2000-2001), U16 (2002-2003), U14 (2004-2005), U12 (2006-2007), U10 (2008-2009).

Children born 2010 and later are not eligible to enter.

For the U10 and U12's the course will be set using stubbies and will not be seeded.

Race Entry £22 per racer. Deadline for entries 29th April 2017 or when full

Online entry available at Britski.org or via post to the race secretary

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Organisation

This event is being organised by Avon Ski Club and Western Counties Ski Club. Please contact the clubs not the venue.

Entry Criteria
The event is a Special Slalom consisting of three runs in the same course, with the result decided on the best of the first two runs plus the third, and is open to Home Nation registered racers in the following categories: U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, and Masters.

Racers with the highest seed points take priority if the race is over-subscribed.

U10/U12 Races
All races involving U10/U12 age categories will be run using 'stubby' gates, over three runs down the same course, with prizes awarded based on the best time from the three runs.

Unregistered Racers
Unregistered racers wishing to take part must complete the Day Registration and Athletes Declaration forms, which are available on the GBSki website www.gbski.com/forms. Both forms must be forwarded by post to the Race Secretary together with a cheque for £22 made payable to Avon Ski Club. Racers who are not members of Snowsport England registered clubs are eligible to enter on payment of an additional £5.

Provisional Programme
The expected programme is shown below. Exact timings may vary depending on the number of entries. An updated version of the programme will be published in the Acceptance Bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THE FACILITIES BEFORE 8AM

8.15	Officials Access
8.30	Race office opens for Bib issue
9.00	Race officials meeting
8.30-9.30	Open Practice
9.30	Course setting
9.40-10.00	Course Inspection
10.15	Run 1
11.45	Run 2
14.00	Run 3
16.00	Prize giving

Entry Fee
Entry fee for this event is £22. Online entry is available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk/ until 28th April 2017 (7pm) or when full, without incurring a late entry fee.

Race Office
The race office will be at the race secretary's address until and including 13th May 2017 and will then be located at Mendip Snowsport Centre from 8am on 14th May 2017.

Contact can only be made by mobile (07794 469048) after 6am on 14th May 2017.

Start Order
The start order will be drawn at the Jury meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2017 using the BARTS Outdoor Seed List2017.1 if available. This seed list can be found on the web site www.gbski.com from 27th April. The start lists will be published on www.gbski.com and on the official notice board on the morning of the race.

For the first run of the CN race the top 15 seeded competitors will be drawn, with competitors seeded 16th onwards running in seed point order. The highest bib number will run first. For the second run, the start order will be the same. For the Under 10s in the first run they will be randomly drawn, with the girls going first

followed by the boys. For the second run, the start order will be the same. For the third run in both the CN and Under-10s race, the start order will be reverse order of the best time from the first two runs, the slowest will run first.

Race Rules/Health and Safety/ Drug testing
The race will be run under FIS rules as varied by SSE and published in the British Artificial Competition Rules(BACR). Please see www.gbski.com BACR Rules.

Racers will be required to wear a helmet, gloves, long trousers and a long sleeved garment, which also covers the midriff, to reduce the risk of injury, at all times whilst on the slope, including during open practice and course inspection during the race.

No ski preparation or spraying is to take place within the start area. There will be a designated ski prep area beneath the slope near the Centre entrance. No smoking is allowed in the start area. To comply with Health and Safety and space constraints around the slope **NO PERSONAL COOKING EQUIPMENT OR BBQs** will be allowed.

During open practice bibs MUST BE WORN so number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope. Racer assistants (e.g. coach or parent) will NOT be allowed in the Start Area because of restricted space. Only authorised people will be allowed on the slope.

Course Inspection
The course must be inspected wearing skis and bibs must be worn. No racer is allowed to ski the course during inspection. Course inspection may startat any point on the course and racers must come to a complete stop between each gate wheninspecting the course.

Race trainers/coaches may accompany their racers provided they are qualified and carry the relevant accreditation issued by the race office on the day or prior to the race.

No other people will be allowed to enter the race area.

Referee's Report
Protests against the Referees Report must be made on official forms, which will be available at the race office. These must be completed and handed in within the set time limit and accompanied by a fee of £25.00.

Refunds
Excepts as noted below, race entry fees are non-refundable.Racers withdrawing on medical grounds may obtain a £10 refund of their entry fee if they apply to the Race Secretary andprovide certified medial evidence to support their application.

Commentator sheets and race bibs
Commentator sheets must be completed and handed in when collecting their bibs. Race bibs must be returned to the finishmarshal on completion of their final run.Failure to do so will result in a charge of £25.00 for each missing bib.

Photography
Racers who do **not** wish to be photographed by any accredited photographer must notify the Race Secretary in writing by theend of race registration. Please email the Race Secretary if you do not wish to be photographed.

Awards
Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Male and Female competitors in the following categories:

U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, SEN, MAS, OVERALL.

The winners will be expected to show due courtesy to the organisers by attending the prize giving.

First Aid
First- Aiders will be located at the top and bottom of the slope and can be contacted by radio through any of the race officials.

Officials
Please note these races can only run with sufficient race officials. If you are able to assist please contact the Race Secretary or Chief of Race.

Refreshments
The Alpine Lounge will be serving refreshments throughout the day.

Directions
The address of the venue is

Mendip Snowsport Centre, Lyncombe Drive, Churchill, Somerset, BS25 5PQ
Telephone: 01934 834877

Detailed directions are available on their website: www.mendipsnowsport.co.uk

Hotels

The closest hotel is:	or try:	or: MEZZE at
Lyncombe Lodge Hotel	Mendip Spring Golf and Country Club	the Ship and Castle
Lyncombe Drive, Churchill	Honeywell Lane	High Street
BS25 5PQ	Brinsea, Churchill, BS49 5JT	Congresbury
Tel: 01934 854800	Tel: 01934 852322	Tel: 01934 833535

All with limited space

There is also a Holiday Inn on the A38 North of the Mendip Snowsport Centre and a Premier Inn to the south also on the A38.

Please note that these hotels are accessible to airport users so fill up fast and prices may change rapidly nearer to the race date.