BSA GBR Events 2017
Races 4 & 5
Pontypool Ski Centre
1st July & 2nd July 2017
Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the BSA GBR Event to be held at the Pontypool Ski Centre on 1st & 2nd July 2017. This event is organised by Snowsport Cymru Wales. We would like to thank the management and staff of Pontypool Ski Centre and all volunteers for their assistance, without whom there would not be a race.

The BSA GBR Race Series brings together national domestic races across the UK with race weekends being organised by the Home Nations in England, Scotland and Wales both on indoor and outdoor artificial slopes. For details on the GBR race weekends, events and race rules please visit www.gbski.com

The organisers wish to thank the British Ski Academy for their sponsorship of the GBR race series.

Entry Criteria and Acceptance
There will be 2 GBR races held over the weekend and each is open to racers registered with their respective home nation and meeting the age group categories eligible for seeding for 2017 (born 2005 or earlier). There will also be 2 GBR races for U10/U12.

We also plan to run a one run Pro Slalom format fun race in the afternoon for all competitors, this will be free for all participants entered into the GBR race weekend in Pontypool.

The number of entrants is limited to a maximum of 180. In the event of the race being oversubscribed, acceptance will be determined by seed points using the oBARTS list current as at the closing date for entries. Racers with lower seed points will be given preference.

Entry Fees
The entry fee for the GBR Outdoor races is **£22 per day**.

On line entry is available via https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk/

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SUBMIT AN ONLINE ENTRY, PLEASE SEND A POSTAL ENTRY AND CHEQUE TO THE RACE SECRETARY BY THE CLOSING DATE AND ADVISE THE RACE SECRETARY BY EMAIL THAT YOU HAVE POSTED YOUR ENTRY.

Entries close 7pm 23rd June 2017 Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per day.

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

Start Order
The start order will be drawn at the Jury meeting using the latest oBARTS Seed List. This seed list can be found on the web site www.gbski.com The start lists will be published on www.gbski.com and on the official notice board on the morning of the race.

Programme

Saturday 1st July 2017
GBR 4 Slalom
The race will be run as a special slalom consisting of 2 runs down two different courses. The first run will be in reverse bib order. The second and final run will be in reverse time order based on the time from the first run and both must be completed.

For u10/u12 the format for the event will be 2 runs through a stubbies course, of which the fastest of the run will count for prizes. This race is open to registered racers in the Under 10 category (YOB 2008-2009) and Under 12 (2006-2007) and will not be seeded.

Pro Slalom
There will be a one run Pro Slalom format fun race held in the afternoon using the same bib order as drawn for GBR 4 – this event is open to all competitors entered into the GBR 4 event (including U10/U12 competitors)

Sunday 10th July
GBR 5 (Slalom)
The race will be run as a special slalom consisting of 2 runs down two different courses. The first run will be in reverse bib order. The second and final run will be in reverse time order based on the time from the first run and both must be completed.

For u10/u12 the format for the event will be 2 runs through a stubbies course, of which the fastest of the run will count for prizes. This race is open to registered racers in the Under 10 category (YOB 2008-2009) and Under 12 (2006-2007) and will not be seeded.

Provisional Timetable
The times given below are provisional and may alter on the day. **As we are running two races on the same day timescales are very tight. Please ensure you are ready to start on time and listen carefully for any announcements**

GBR RACE 4	**Saturday 1st July**
8.30	Registration and Bib Issue
8.30 - 9.15	Open Practice
8.50	Race Officials Meeting
9.15 - 9.40	Course set Run 1
9.45 - 10.05	Course Inspection
10.05	Course Set U10/U12 stubbies
10.10 - 10.25	Course Inspection U10/U12
10.30 - 10.45	Run 1 U10/U12
10.45	Switch gates to full poles
10.50 - 11.45	Run 1 Females/Males
11.45	Switch gates to stubbies
11.50 - 12.35	Run 2 U10/U12
12.35 - 12.55	Course Set Run 2
13.00 - 13.20	Course Inspection Females/Males
13.25 - 14.15	Run 2 Females/Males

Pro Slalom	**Saturday 1st July**
14.15 - 14.35	Course Set Giant Slalom
14.35 - 14.50	Course Inspection Females/Males/ U10/U12
14.55 - 15.45	Giant Slalom Females/Males/ U10/U12
16.00	Prize Giving

GBR RACE 5	**Sunday 2nd July**
8.30	Registration and Bib Issue
8.30 - 9.15	Open Practice
8.50	Race Officials Meeting
9.15 - 9.40	Course set Run 1
9.45 - 10.05	Course Inspection
10.05	Course Set U10/U12 stubbies
10.10 - 10.25	Course Inspection U10/U12
10.30 - 10.45	Run 1 U10/U12
10.45	Switch gates to full poles
10.50 - 11.45	Run 1 Females/Males
11.45	Switch gates to stubbies
11.50 - 12.35	Run 2 U10/U12
12.35 - 12.55	Course Set Run 2
13.00 - 13.20	Course Inspection Females/Males
13.25 - 14.15	Run 2 Females/Males
15.00	Prize Giving

Every attempt will be made to keep to the event schedule; however the organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule as appropriate.

Race Rules / Health & Safety / Drug testing

The race will be run in accordance with FIS rules as published in the BACR. Please see www.gbski.com for BACR rules. For further information on series rules and British race rules see www.gbski.com

During inspection racers need to wear or carry their bib so that it is visible. This is to show that you are entitled to be in the course area.

Inspection on foot by racers is not permissible

Helmets must been worn by racers/forerunners at all times whilst on the slope. Please also note the helmet rules for this season (published in February 2016) will apply to this race. They can be found at www.gbski.com

The U10/U12 course will be run using stubbies and will not be seeded.

Gloves and long sleeved garments which also cover the midriff must be worn at all times whilst on the slope, including during open practice, course inspection and the race itself.

Awards

Overall Awards will be made to 1st 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers.

Age Group awards will be made to 1st 2nd 3rd 4th & 5th Male & Female racers in each age group.

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Masters	1987 and before	Under 16	2003, 2002
Seniors	1988 – 1996	Under 14	2005, 2004
Under 21	1999, 1998, 1997	Under 12	2007, 2006
Under 18	2001, 2000	Under 10	2009, 2008

Points are awarded in each of the GBR races which count towards a series prize which will be presented following the last races of the Series. Rules for the GBR series can be found in BACR Book IV.
http://www.gbski.com/docstore/BACR/BACR%20IV.pdf

Withdrawals

Following entry into the race, a partial refund will only be given to racers on production of a medical certificate.

Refreshments

Food and drinks will be available from the mobile catering unit.

First Aid

First aid cover will be provided by the St Johns Ambulance.

Race Office

The Race Office will be the Race Secretary's address until 30th June 2017. It will then be located at Pontypool Ski Centre from Saturday 1st July 2017

Race Secretary

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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.