The Welsh Artificial Ski Slope Championships
Torfaen Ski Centre, Pontypool

9th September 2017 **Welsh National Outdoor Championships**
10th September 2017 **Welsh Open Outdoor Championships**

Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the Welsh 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 Criteria and Acceptance
There will be 2 days of racing 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 days of racing for U10/U12.

We also plan to run an international team parallel slalom event on the Saturday afternoon.

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 Championships 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 1st September 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.

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

Overall	1st, 2nd, & 3rd overall	Plus 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Welsh Competitor
Age Groups	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Welsh Competitor	Plus 1st Open (all competitors)

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

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

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

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.

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 be 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.

Programme

Saturday – Welsh National 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
15:00	**International Team Parallel Slalom (teams of 4 males and 4 females)**
16:30	Prize Giving

Sunday – Welsh Open Ski Slope 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

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 bona 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.