NWSF Schools Race 2020

It is with regret that the organising committee of the NWSF Schools race have made the decision to postpone the event due to take place this Saturday 21st March, until later in the year. A new date will be announced in due course, but is likely to be in September.

The current situation with regard to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak is changing on a daily basis, and in fairness to all involved we have chosen to make an early decision. This removes uncertainty over whether the event will proceed. A late decision is not in anyone's interests.

We know that there will be a lot of disappointment out there. However we have a duty of care and need to fulfil our commitment to safeguarding and act in the best interests of participants, volunteers, and the wider community. By deferring the event we hope to remove any unnecessary risk. Whilst this is an outdoor event we are mindful that if there is inclement weather people will naturally go indoors. This will inadvertently create a "hot-spot" given the limited size of the indoor club house facilities available.

We have considered changing the format of the event - perhaps by separating age groups into separate morning and afternoon events to reduce the number of persons present. However with the ever-changing definition of what constitutes a "mass gathering" it is possible we may do this and still have to cancel should the guidelines on what is permitted change between now and Saturday. We would also effectively require twice the number of volunteers.

Please be assured that this decision has not been made lightly. We are in unprecedented times, and the organisers have deliberated at length, and taken advice from the governing body of snowsports in England.

If you have any questions that are not covered by the attached FAQ's please email nwsfschoolsrace@hotmail.com and we will try our best to answer them. If we do not come back to you immediately then we are trying to determine the answer ourselves, please be patient.

We look forward to welcoming you to the rescheduled event in the autumn.

Mike Frith

For NWSF Schools Race Organising Committee

FAQ's

I am changing school this summer – who do I race for?

The school you attend on 21st March 2020. The event will be run as though it was taking place on this date, using the school listed on the entry form already submitted.

I am changing category this summer – which category will I be in?

As above. You will race in the category on your entry form.

I can't make the new date – can I have a refund?

Yes, the entry fee can be refunded, however the cost of any practice sessions attended will be retained by the NWSF, as the slope rental fees for the practice sessions have been paid. Please email nwsfschoolsrace@hotmail.com advising that you can no longer attend and requesting your refund. Refunds will be made to the same person/organisation who paid them. Ie if your school have submitted a cheque then the refund will be made to the school.

I couldn't make the 21st March, but can make the new date. Can I enter?

Yes, when the new date is announced we will accept new entries. However, we currently have 147 entrants against a capacity of 150 and so new spaces will be limited.

Will there be any additional Practice sessions made available?

The organisers will try to arrange this, if required. We need to ascertain demand levels and if necessary make any slope bookings and scope volunteers to staff the sessions (equipment fitting etc). Details to follow nearer the time.

What about next years event?

It is proposed that this will be planned to take place in the spring term as usual. (ie March 2021)