Welwyn Club National 2021

To be held at
Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road
Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6XE

On Saturday 12th June 2021

Race Bulletin 1 - Invitation

WGC Ski Race Club

Invites entries from registered and non-registered racers in the following categories by Year of Birth:

U10	2012-2013
U12	2010-2011
U14	2008-2009
U16	2006-2007
U18	2004-2005
U21	2001-2003
SEN	1992-2000
MAS	1991 and before

Children born 2014 and later are not eligible to enter.
For the U10 /U12's event the course will be set using stubbies and will not be seeded.

Deadline for online entries is 7pm Friday 4th June 2021. (late entries may not be accepted, but if they are, they will be subject to a £5 late entry fee). Online entry is available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk for both registered racers, and unregistered day entries.

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Organisation
This event is being organised by WGC Ski Race Club.

Entry Criteria
The event is a Special Slalom consisting of three runs down the same course, and is open to Home Nation registered racers in the following categories: U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, and Masters. Results will be based on the best time from the first two runs plus the time from the third. 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 stubbie gates consisting of three runs down the same course, with results will be based on the best time from the three runs.

Registered Racers
To be classed as registered, you must have paid your current year subscription to your Home Nation. If you are unsure, check at http://www.gbski.com/competitors.php where the 'Season' column will indicate the last paid season.

Unregistered Racers (Day Entries)
If the race is under-subscribed, racers who are not registered with any Home Nation may be entered into the race by registering on the SSE website: https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk/CRM/SSESignUpStartPage.aspx

An **additional** charge of £5 is made for Day Entry registration to cover administration and insurance charges, but this is **not** charged for racers who are members of clubs who are affiliated to Snowsport England, a list of which are found here http://www.gbski.com/clubs.php. If your Club is not listed, or you are not a current member of a listed club, please inform the Race Secretary and the £5 fee will be due in cash on race day, prior to the race start.

Race Format
Due to current restrictions and safety guidelines, this event will operate in an amended format as defined in British Artificial Competition Rules, BACR Precisions, 'Races under COVID-19 Measures', 08 October 2021 and these can be found on GBSKi.com here: https://gbski.com/docstore/BACR/BACR%20Precisions%20Sep%202020%20-%20V3.pdf

After bib collection, there will be a warm-up period of 25 minutes, which will take place on a section of slopeto be confirmed and will consist of space for free skiing. Open practice can only take place within your timetabled period and wearing your visible bib.

Each group of racers will be invited to course inspect for one run, at their scheduled time, for a period of 10 minutes. Normal course inspection rules will apply, with bibs to be worn and visible at all times. Racers are asked to distance as much as possible during inspection.

Following course inspection, there will be a period of 5 minutes to enable each group to get to the start. In bib order, each group will race all three race runs consecutively, with overall times recorded by the race organisers.

After completing their race runs, racers will be required to leave the slope as soon as possible, following a one-way system, making space for subsequent groups of racers who will be arriving for their allocated time slot.

Racers may carry skis to the top between runs but must not have more than one pair of skis in the start area at any one time and may not return to the start after their third run. There is no ability to leave items at the top of the slope for collection at a later stage, items left will be disposed of under Covid rules. No-one other than racers may be in the start area at any time.

Both stubby and full gate courses will be set at the same time, with any U10 / U12 racing on the stubbies course. The Starter and Start Marshalls will remind racers of which course to run.

Any DSQs or DNFs will be announced during, or at the end of each run within each group

Results will be calculated within at the end of the day and published to www.gbski.com as soon as possible.

Provisional Programme
The race day will start with the arrival of the 1st group of racers at 08.15. After the entry system closes, the running order will be determined, and bib numbers allocated and published online, along with a full acceptance list and event timetable. This will show the earliest on-site arrival time for each group, with a programme for each round of races and the latest time for leaving site.

This event can only operate if everyone follows what is requested of them to meet restrictions and guidelines. Please follow all on site instructions.

Every attempt will be made to keep to the stated times but the organisers reserve the right to change thetimetable. Please listen out for announcements while you are waiting at the ski centre.

Entry Fee
Entry fee for this event is £22.00. Online entry is available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk until 7pm Friday 4th June 2021 without incurring a late entry fee. After that time, it will necessary to contact the Race Secretary.

Start Order
After the entry system closes, the running order will be determined, and bib numbers allocated and published online, along with a full acceptance list and event timetable. This will show the earliest on-site arrival time for each group, with a programme for each round of races and the latest time for leaving site. This event can only operate if everyone follows what is requested of them to meet restrictions and guidelines. Please follow all on site instructions.

The start order will be published on Thursday 10th June. The start lists will be published on www.gbski.com and on the official notice board on the morning of the race.

Race Rules/Health and Safety
Due to current restrictions and safety guidelines, this event will operate in an amended format as defined in British Artificial Competition Rules, BACR Precisions, 'Races under COVID-19 Measures', 08 October 2020 and these can be found on GBSKi.com here: https://gbski.com/docstore/BACR/BACR%20Precisions%20Sep%202020%20-%20V3.pdf

All racers and coaches are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these rules.

Competitors are reminded that Helmets must be EN1077 compliant, properly fitted and must not be modified or decorated (e.g. camera mounts, stickers). Further details at http://www.gbski.com/docstore/OTHER/Helmets%20for%20Alpine%20Ski%20Racing%20V5.pdf.

The jury has decided that all courses for this event will be set with single pole gates in accordance with BACRBook 1 Version Dec 16 - 804.1.

Access
The building/site/slope will be open from 8.00am. Access to the slope is for officials and racers only.

Course Inspection
The course must be inspected wearing skis and bibs must be carried with you as it is your accreditation to be on the slope. No racer is permitted to ski the course during inspection. Course inspection may start at any point on the course and racers must come to a complete stop between each gate when inspecting the course.

Notice Board
The official race notice board will be located outside the timing hut.

Refunds
Except as noted here, 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 and provide certified medical evidence to support their application.

Should the event be cancelled due to changes in Government and SE rules, entry fees will be refunded subject to a 2.5% administration fee.

Race bibs
Race bibs must be deposited into a container provided on completion of their final run. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £25.00 for each missing bib.

Awards
WGC Ski Race Club have decided that at the Club National Race in 2021 there will be no race awards (medals or trophies). The rationale behind this is that the earlier races will be run in groups and racers will have to leave the venue after their runs.

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

First Aid
Qualified First Aid cover will be available on the day provided by WGC Ski Race Club and Gosling Sports Park.

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:
Welwyn Ski Race Club will be running a BBQ on race day, but for Health & Safety reasons no other portable cookers are allowed at the ski centre, viewing area or grassed picnic areas. Drinks and other refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

WGC Ski Race Club Rules for Race Day

- Competitors, spectators or family members must adhere to the governments guidance on social distancing at the time https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus-covid-19/how-to-stop-the-spread-of-coronavirus-covid-19

- Face masks are required whilst walking around the Gosling Ski Centre, and inside all Gosling Sports Park buildings. Masks may be removed by competitors at the point of starting open practice, but must be replaced after finishing the final run and returning to the main ski centre area.

- All parking should be in the main facility car park, which operates on a pay and display. The first 3 hours parking is free of charge, but it is prudent to get a ticket from the machine on arrival. There will be no parking at the bottom of the slope, which will be used to create a one-way system for competitors. On arrival at the site, the competitor is to change in the car park as no changing facilities will be available. A one-way system will be in place from the Car Park to Bib Collection, to the slope and return. All competitors and parents are expected to arrive no earlier than, and promptly depart in line with, the scheduled times so that the organisers can manage the numbers of people on site.

- We recommend that only one person accompanies the competitor to the event. Spectators are reminded to follow signs and preserve social distancing while spectating. If you arrive early, please remain in your vehicle until allotted time.

- The Ski Centre Reception will not be open, and the hire of equipment will not be possible at the Gosling Ski Centre. A Ski Bartlett shop will be at the venue during the day.

- Toilets are located in the main Gosling Sports Centre building and can be accessed through a one way system with entry at the front of the Sports Centre building.

- All skiers are to wear gloves when using the ski lifts. Lift hangers will be cleaned prior to the start of the event, and at certain points during the event.

- Only one pair of skis will be allowed up to the top of the slope, no 2nd pairs allowed. If skiers are intending to change to a 2nd pair of skis after course inspection, it is recommended that the 2nd pair is left in a designated space at the bottom of the skiers right lift. Similarly, no ski preparation equipment will be allowed to be left at the top of the slope as after the third run you will not be able to return to the top of the slope to collect. There will be no opportunity to service skis between runs. Ski waxing can take place on the grass area next to the Ski Centre reception. No skis are allowed to be prepared in the start area.

- No parents or other helpers are allowed on the slope or within the start.

- Competitors must use the Poma lift on skiers left for open practice and on skiers right for course inspection and during the race. Competitors must present themselves at the start when called.

- There will be an outdoor BBQ (weather permitting) providing bacon sandwiches / burgers and hot and cold drinks.

- All left / lost property will be collected and bagged for disposal under Covid-19 rules.

- Due to the Group nature and timings of the race, please do not bring and erect gazebos, etc. Seating is limited and portable chairs may be used for your own use.

Directions:
https://goo.gl/maps/zGT16HuMrUzpwNM58

Directions to Gosling Sports Park post code for SAT NAV is **AL8 6XE**

