National Schools Open Race (South)

Open race event, working within current restrictions

Best time of 3 runs

Sunday 16th May 2021 at Welwyn Ski Centre

on-line entry only

Invitation

Supported by Impulse Racing, Ski Bartlett, Ski Racing Supplies

Entries are open to racers representing their schools, whether individuals or teams. A school team will be considered as 2 racers from the same school. A maximum of 120 racers will be accepted.

Entries and payment to be made online at Entry system https://eola.co/w/954/activities closes at 23.59 Wednesday 12th May or when the race is full. Late entries will NOT be accepted.

How it works:-

Due to current restrictions and safety guidelines, we will be running a new format of race for this event. Tested previously at this venue in August. The race will be split into groups and each group scheduled with an on-site arrival time, bib collection, allocated open practice, course inspection and then 3 runs on the same course, followed by enough time to leave the site to facilitate the next group of racers to arrive and take part. Groupings for start times will defer to families with multiple racers, distance travelled etc..

After the entry system closes, the running order will be determined, with bib numbers allocated, and will be published by 23.59 Friday 14th May. A full acceptance list and event timetable will also be published. This will show your earliest arrival on-site time, with a programme for your race, and the latest time for leaving site. This event and any future races can only operate if YOU follow what is requested of you.

After bib collection, there will be a warm up period of 30 minutes on the intermediate slope. Open practice can only take place within your timetabled period, and wearing your visible bib. Anyone found to be using the warm up slope outside of their allotted time will be disqualified from the event.

Each group of racers will be invited to course inspect at the scheduled time for a period of 15 minutes. Normal course inspection rules apply, bibs must be worn and visible at all times.

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

Results will also be posted on GBSki On the day following the race. Racers will then be required to leave site, making space for subsequent groups of racers who will be arriving for their allocated time slot.

The prize winners of the event will be based on the best single time of the 3 runs.

Both stubby and full gate courses will be set at the same time, with any U10/ U12 racing on the stubbies.

T's and C's:

- If the race has to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, all entry fees will be refunded.
- There will be no opportunity to sharpen skis between runs.
- Anyone who is not present in the start area when they are required to race will be denied that run.
- You may NOT take additional skis to the start area, all runs are to be completed on the set you use to get to the start hut.
- Parents may NOT be present on the start ramp, or top of the slope (the only exception would be for a very young racer – if discussed with the race secretary prior to the race day).
- Protocol - There will be a limited number of officials operating the race, the Finish Referee will inform you if you have been DSQ'd on any run. Any protest must be made before your latest departure time (calculated as 20 minutes after the completion of the last run in your group, or based on the below race timetable, whichever occurs later) to the timing shed, supported by clear video evidence. Once your departure time has been reached, you will be deemed to have accepted the officials DSQ decision, and the results will be published accordingly.

Bib numbers	Earliest site arrival	Bib collection	Open practice	Course inspection	Timed runs	Latest site departure
1-20	08:35	08:45-08:55	08:55-09:25	09:30-09:45	09:50-10:10	10:30
21-40	09:15	09:25-09:35	09:35-10:05	10:10-10:25	10:30-10:50	11:10
41-60	09:55	10:05-10:15	10:15-10:45	10:50-11:05	11:10-11:30	11:50
61-80	10:35	10:45-10:55	10:55-11:25	11:30-11:45	11:50-12:10	12:30
81-100	11:15	11:25-11:35	11:35-12:05	12:10-12:25	12:30-12:50	13:10
Lunch for officials 1250-1325						
101-120	12:35	12:45-12:55	12:55-13:25	13:30-13:45	13:50-14:10	14:30

- Certificates will be awarded to all U10 and U12 participants on the day.
- There will be NO presentations on the day of the race, prizes will be sent out by E-mail after the results are published
- The winners of (M&F) U10, U12, U14 and U16, U18 and U21 will receive a Digital photograph kindly provided by Matt Birch Pictures
- Vouchers will be emailed to the first, second and third placed racers in each age (U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21) and gender group kindly provided by Ski Racing Supplies and Ski Bartlett.

- Age groups as:

U10	> 2013
U12	2010-2011
U14	2008-2009
U16	2006-2007
U18	2004-2005
U21	2001-2003

If you require further information or have any questions, please contact us on office@schoolssnowsports.co.uk

All competitors and spectators (referenced as participants) are to follow the below guidelines;

Arrival at site.

- Participants ARE NOT to arrive at the facility before their designated time. This is shown on both the timetable and start lists. If you are unsure of your arrival time please contact a member of event staff on office@schoolssnowsports.co.uk and check. If you do arrive early, please stay in your car or get ready in the car park and do not enter the site.
- Times listed on the start list are your earliest Arrival Times, not the race time.
- Spectators/teachers or family members must locate an area which allows them to socially distance at a minimum of 1m from others, and wear masks when not on the slope.
- All competitors should follow the designated one way system when accessing and leaving the slope. Parents / teachersGuardians are requested to help encourage this.
- There will be no access to changing rooms – participants should arrive as "ready to go" as possible, change at their cars or in outdoor spaces.
- Good hand hygiene is always to be observed and participants should be encouraged to bring their own hand sanitiser and wash their hands as often as possible..
- All skiers are to wear gloves when using the ski lifts.
- Lift Pomas and Race Gates will be cleaned between groups of skiers.
- Prevailing restrictions will apply to the use of the café (e.g. masks, distancing etc.,) which intends to operate all day. Indoor seating will be limited.
- **All competitors MUST have a parent or guardian present on site for the entire duration of the competition in case of accident or injury.**

Activity

- Competitors will be allocated groups in advance and MUST arrive, compete and leave within these groups and their allocated time slots. There will be no changing between groups unless specifically instructed by a member of staff.
- Bibs will be available upon arrival at the venue, and should be worn throughout the day even when not on the slope, to help identify which competitors are in which groups.
- Sponsors stands will be present at the event. Competitors and spectators are requested to following social distancing guidelines when queuing for these areas.
- The cafe in the building is open, but will be serving a limited menu.
- Competitors must use the 2nd slope for warm up, as instructed by staff. They should not swap sides of lift, unless specifically instructed to do so. All skiers using the lift must wear gloves, their bibs and social distance whilst queuing.
- There will be no opportunity to service skis between runs or anywhere on site. All skis should be prepared prior to arrival.
- Parents, teachers or helpers may NOT be present on the start ramp or at the top of the slope, unless special permission is given in advance of the day. Only the designated racers may be in the start area at any one time.
- Racers may not take additional skis to the start with them. Only one set of skis may be present with each racer at the top of the slope. Any racer with multiple sets of skis at the start will be disqualified. Racers may change skis between runs at the bottom of the slope, and may also carry their skis to the top, providing they are at the start with adequate time for their race run.
- Any racer who is not present at the start when called will not be allowed to start and will forfeit that run. They may still start their other runs and record a time.
- Racers may not return to the start area after their third run - with this in mind, any wax products must be carried down with the racer during their run, and so it is advised that they only take to the top what can fit in their pockets whilst they race.
- Disqualifications will be shown by flag from a gate judge and announced immediately.
- Re-runs will be given on the decision of the jury.
- Masks do not need to be worn whilst on the slope (whilst wearing skis) but should be worn as soon as competitors leave the slope. Please help us the ensure this is the case.

End of activity

- Bibs are to be removed by the racer at the end of their third run, and placed in the bib collection box at the bottom of the slope**. Lost bibs will be charged at £25 per bib.**
- Participants are not to leave equipment unattended and must ensure everything is packed away in their bags and in a secure place immediately after their race runs.
- All trainees must be prepared to leave the site as soon as possible following their competition, to allow following groups to arrive.

First Aid

- There will be qualified first aiders present throughout the competition, however, in the case of minor injury the competitor will be expected to leave the slope as soon as possible and "self treat" in order to minimise contact with the first aiders. In the case of more severe injury, an ambulance will be called, or competitors can leave the venue with their parent / guardian.
- If a person requires first aid on the slope (i.e. unable to self-manage injury) then the attendant first aider will, if possible, ask the injured person to cover their mouth and nose and face away from the first aider. They will clean their hands before and after treatment and avoid touching any wounds or bodily fluids.
- If there is an emergency situation or serious incident, we will call emergency services.
- Parents / teachers / spectators are asked NOT to come onto the slope at any point, no matter what the circumstances of an injury. If a trainee is injured and requires hospital treatment, but can leave the slope without support, they will be expected to leave the site as soon as safe to do so.
- Participants are not to attend the competition if they are at an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 Coronavirus.
- **Please do not attend this event if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19).**

Terms & Conditions

- If the race has to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, all entry fees will be refunded.
- If a racer is unable to attend due to a positive test or their area going into local lockdown, all entry fees will be refunded.
- Photographers will be present throughout the day. If you do not want to be photographed then please inform a member of staff.
- **We regret that this event is only open top those with their own ski equipment due to issues with equipment hire at Welwyn**