Gloucester Summer Race League Rules

RACE RULES AND FORMAT FOR 2021 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Overview

1. There are two parts to each Summer Race League event held at Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre:
    a. An individual slalom race
    b. Head to Head races (Dual Slalom)

2. The event format may be changed, this is due to COVID-19 restrictions on ski racing events, the most appropriate format for the time will be chosen when running races.

3. Age categories for each event will be the same as found on GBski website, this information can be found here:
    a. GBski Age groups: https://gbski.com/lists.php#ages
    b. Except for SEN and MAS age groups, these will be U40 and O40 respectively

4. Registration will close at 7:00 pm on the Wednesday preceding each event. It is expected that the individual slalom start list will be published to the clubs later that evening but failing that certainly by the end of the day before the race. There will be no late entries or team changes accepted after 4pm on the Friday preceding the event. Entries that are unpaid by this deadline will not be considered for the race.

5. Race entry fees will be £15:00 for a single entry in SRL events. Online entry is preferred and available on https://www.skiresults.co.uk alternatively you can submit entries over the phone to the ski centre.

6. All skiers are welcome to participate regardless of the region they are registered with (this includes seeded racers and universities as long as they are part of a club that is registered with a governing body, e.g. SSE, SSW, SSS) and will be eligible to win medals for individual races.

7. All entrants will be eligible for the end of season overall positions and medals. A minimum of 3 races must be successfully finished to qualify for an end of season award. The best 4 races to count, with other races being used to determine positions in the event of a tie.

8. All Race events may be live streamed over the Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre social media pages, please check on the day to see if this is happening. The video produced can be used in protests about run times. Live timings and live Dual Slalom results are available throughout the day on https://skiresults.co.uk

Details of the Gloucester Summer Race League (SRL) event

1. There will be a maximum of 150 racers per event

2. First there will be an individual Slalom competition of 2 runs with the best time to count. (Further details can be found on page 3)

3. All racers will be drawn into three rounds of Dual Slalom races, based on their performance in the Individual Slalom. (Further details can be found on page 4)

4. Club team will be determined from the results of the individual Slalom coupled with the Dual Slalom results, as follows:
    a. Each racer will receive points based on their ranking in their age groups in the Individual Slalom
    b. Each member will receive points based on their performance in the Dual Slalom
    c. Club Teams are awarded points for each event

5. The timetable of the day will be

    0830 hours - Open practice
    0830 hours - Race office opens for bib issue
    0930 hours - Course setting
    0950 hours - Course inspection
    1030 hours - Start of first run of Individual Slalom race
    PM – Head to Head races

Calculating the Results for the Slalom

The individual Slalom will be run according to the rules used by Snowsport England (SSE) for Club National races modified as follows:

1. Bib order will be determined by the age of competitors, with the youngest competitor skiing first. Additionally, Group U10 and U12 racers will race through stubby gates.

2. There will be a seed point cut off for entries, each club may enter one competitor whose points are below the following criteria:

    a. Male – 85 Points
    b. Female – 60 Points

3. Results will be determined by the best time of the two runs

4. Racers will ski in bib order, using the same order for both runs

5. Gatekeepers will be in place to check the correct passage through the course. They will indicate immediately if there has been a fault and the racer should be disqualified. This will be announced by the commentator and applied immediately. Any objections to the

announced disqualification or published results must be made immediately to the race office.

6. Racers are awarded points as follows: 1st: 15, 2nd: 12, 3rd: 10, 4th: 8, 5th: 6, 6th: 5, 7th: 4, 8th: 3, 9th: 2, 10th: 1 for each age group, one point will be awarded to each person after 10th place.

7. A calculation of fastest racer will be made and used to determine the overall winners of the series. A minimum of 4 races must be successfully finished to qualify for an award. For each race a value is calculated as follows:

$$100 - \left(\left(\frac{\text{racer's time} - \text{winner's time}}{\text{winner's time}} \right) \times 100 \right)$$

8. A 'best' club team will be determined from the results of the individual Slalom aggregated with the Dual Slalom. For the Slalom this is calculated as follows:
    a. Teams of 10
    b. Team member 1 is best in groups U10/U12
    c. Team member 2 is best in groups U10/U12/U14/
    d. Team member 3 is best in groups U10/U12/U14/U16/
    e. Team member 4 is best in groups U10/U12/U14/U16/U18
    f. Team member 5 is best in groups U10/U12/U14/U16/U18/U21
    g. Team member 6 is best in groups U14/U16/U18/U21/U40/O40
    h. Team member 7 is best in groups U16/U18/U21/U40/O40
    i. Team member 8 is best in groups U18/U21/U40/O40
    j. Team member 9 is best in groups U21/U40/O40
    k. Team member 10 is best in groups U40/O40
    l. Teams will have their dual slalom points aggregated to their points from the individual slalom, please see the Dual Slalom points calculation below.
    m. Teams are awarded points for each race as follows: 1st: 15, 2nd: 12, 3rd: 10, 4th: 8, 5th: 6, 6th: 5, 7th: 4, 8th:3, 9th: 2, 10th: 1
    n. Prizes for the best club team will be awarded only at the end of the season. In the event of a tie, overall team scores from each race will be summed with the highest number of points being the winner.

Calculating the Results for the Dual Slalom

The Dual Slalom event will be run as detailed below:

1. All racers will be drawn into three rounds of Head to Head races, based on their performance in the Individual Slalom.

2. All Head to Head races will be run on full gates.

3. Each racer will race against the three racers with slalom time results closest to them.
    a. That is, the slowest four racers will compete against each other, followed by the fifth to eight slowest, and so on until the fastest four.

4. Where the number of racers is not divisible by four, byes will be randomly awarded across the groups by the race computer

5. If a racer is unable to attend the Dual Slalom races, then the race officials must be informed. They will then be classed as a bye and will automatically be awarded 0 points.

6. Points will be awarded to racers based on their performance.
    a. A win will award a racer 3 points
    b. A draw will award both racers 2 points
    c. A loss will award a racer 1 point
    d. Failure to complete the course will not award any points
    e. Failure to show up for a race when called will result in 0 points

7. In the event of a racer not starting, the other competitor must complete the course to gain their points.

8. These points will be added to the individual Slalom race points to determine the winning team.

9. These points will be added to their season points total.

General Race Rules

Inspection:

1. Racers will need to have their bibs on them during inspection
2. Racers will need to be on skis during inspection
3. Coaches may lead racers through inspection on skis or on foot, but this must be made known to the race officials and the coach must be wearing a high viz jacket.
4. Racers found skiing the course will be given a DNS for all runs and stopped from racing

Start Area:

1. Only the Starter, called racers and Start Marshal are permitted to be on the start ramp.
2. The area behind the ramp is the only place racers are permitted to apply lubricative substances to their ski bases. This is only to be done on the grass area well away from the ramp

Starting:

1. When the starter calls a racer's number / name they are expected to be ready to go into the start gate within 2 minutes
2. When the starter has said "GO" the racer will have 10 seconds to exit the gate, this will be timed in the timing hut. If a racer fails to leave the start gate within the 10 seconds the run will be invalid, and they will be given a DSQ (No re-run will be given). If the racer does not hear (or ignores) the order to leave the start gate and continues their run, they will be given a DSQ.

Finishing:

1. If a racer is unable to finish the course they must ski to the bottom of the slope and exit the skiing area.
    a. Due to where the finish beam is placed, there is no way for a racer to exit the finish area without tripping it, in this case the run will be recorded as a DNF not a DSQ.

Finish Area:

1. Racers must exit the area quickly and not congregate around the runoff, or the net (these are safety features that must not be obstructed in any way).
2. Skis and other equipment must not be left in front of the net or the obstructing the runoff
3. Spectators must be behind a safety barrier, on the sides of the hill or on the green matting immediately behind the timing hut.
4. Spectators on the grass must be in suitable area where they will not be an obstacle for any racer that may crash.

Protective Equipment:

1. **HELMETS MUST BE WORN BY <u>ALL</u> COMPETITORS**
2. Skiers who ski at higher speeds and are fending gates should seriously consider using protective equipment. All skiers that use their own poles, which converge to a pointed-end, must put rubber protectors on the end. This is to reduce the risks of serious injury.

3. **IF bungs/tip protectors are NOT present and is seen by the Ski Centre staff or the Start Marshal then the racer will not be allowed to race until bungs are procured.**

Gloucester Ski & Snowboard Centre Rules

Recreational Skiing

The main slope is only available for racing with the freestyle slope on the left remaining open to the public. Racers are permitted to use the freestyle slope when they have paid the recreational fee, this will cost £5 for the whole day while the race is going on.

Hawking

The sale of goods or offering of other services at the Centre – whether free or not – is only permitted with the Ski Centre's written authorisation. A licence fee is normally payable.

Any person not abiding by the rules of the Ski Centre or the reasonable request of the organisers will forfeit their entry into the race and may be banned from the Ski Centre. It is hoped that this will not be necessary, but all racers' attention must be drawn to these conditions.

Rules of the Hill

- NO Food or drink that is not purchased on premises.

- Anyone other than Ski Centre staff caught going up the lift without skis on will be given an immediate 5 point penalty on their club and a possible Ski Centre ban.

- No Dogs allowed in the centre or on the hill, except for support dogs.

- The designated waxing area will be the patio area at the bottom of the freestyle slope.

- There will be power available for waxing in the designated area.

-The side carpark gate will be open for access but DON'T walk across the slope to access the hill please walk around on the green matting

-Bad language or un-sportsman like behaviour will not be tolerated

-Skis must be used when riding the lift at all times

-When using the ski lifts there must be no erratic behaviour likely to cause the lift to malfunction.

-All equipment hired from the slope needs to be returned by the end of the event.

COVID-19 Restrictions on Racing

The format for races will be slightly different due to COVID-19 restrictions on racing. When needed the format below will be implemented during races until Government and regulatory body guidance changes appropriately.

1. There will be 1 start wand for all racers.

2. Races will be run in groups, sizes may change in accordance to advice given by the regulatory body. You will be made aware of the group sizes when entering a race.

3. Social distancing will be enforced throughout the event, if this is not strictly adhered to, racers may be DSQ from either a run or the event at the discretion of the Chief of Race.

4. If a racer is late for their run, they may be given a DNS at the discretion of the Start Marshal.

5. If entries overtake the maximum group size allowed by the COVID-19 regulations in force at the time, the race may be split over multiple days.