Welwyn Club National 2022

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

On Sunday 22nd May 2022

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	2013-2014
U12	2011-2012
U14	2009-2010
U16	2007-2008
U18	2005-2006
U21	2002-2004
SEN	1993-2001
MAS	1992 and before

Children born 2015 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 13th May 2022. (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. Prizes will be awarded based on the best time from the aggregate of runs 1 and 2 plus the time from run 3. 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, over 3 runs down the same course, with prizes awarded based on the best time from the 3 runs.

Unregistered Racers
If the race is under-subscribed, racers who are not registered with any Home Nation may be entered into the race by completing the Entry Form and signing an Athlete's Declaration.

Provisional Programme
The expected programme is shown below. Exact timings may vary depending on the number of entries. An updated version of the programme will be published in the Acceptance Bulletin.

07:30 Officials access
08:15 Race office opens for bib issue
09:00 Race Officials meeting
08:30 – 09:30 Open Practice
09:30 Course setting
09:30 – 10:00 Course Inspection
10:15 Run 1
11:45 Run 2
14:00 Run 3
16.00 Prize Giving

Entry Fee
Entry fee for this event is £26.00. Online entry is available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk until 7pm Friday 13th May 2022 without incurring a late entry fee.

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. The start order will be published on Thursday 19th May. The start lists will be published on www.gbski.com and on the official notice board on the morning of the race.

For U14 and above: For the first run the top 15 will be drawn randomly, followed by seeded racers, followed by registered unseeded and then unregistered competitors. The same order will be kept for the second run. For the third run, racers will go in time order, with the fastest from runs 1 and 2 going last.

For the Under 10 and under 12s, order is randomly drawn, with the girls and boys racing together. This order will be kept for runs 2 and 3.

Race Rules/Health and Safety
The race will be run under FIS rules (ICR) as varied by GB Snowsport (BACR) and Snowsport England (Race Manual). Links to rules and guide books are listed below, all racers and coaches are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these documents:

FIS Rules	https://gbski.com/icr
BACR Rules	https://gbski.com/bacr
SE Race Manual	https://gbski.com/serm
Guide to Racing	https://gbski.com/guide

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 BACR Book 1 Version Dec 16 - 804.1.

Access
Gosling Ski Slope facility will not be open until **7.30am.**

Access to the slope is for officials and racers only. Coaches may accompany their racers during course inspection only but must be on skis or blades. Race trainers/coaches who accompany their racers must be qualified and carry the relevant accreditation issued by the race office on the day.

Open Practice
During open practice bibs must be worn so that the number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.

Course Inspection
The course must be inspected wearing skis and bibs must be worn as it is your accreditation to be on the slope. No racer is allowed 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.

Ski sharpening and 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. Only nominated officials and racers are allowed on the start ramp.

Referee's Report
Protests against the Referees Report must be made on official forms, which will be available at the race office. These must be completed and handed in within the set time limit and accompanied by a fee of £25.00.

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

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 medial 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 returned to the finish marshal on completion of their final run. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £25.00 for each missing bib.

Awards
Awards will be made in the following categories:

Under-10's & Under-12's Race:
Girls: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Boys: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Club National Race:
Overall Females: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Overall Males: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Age Categories – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Females and Males

Under 14's

Under 16's

Under 18's

Under 21's

Senior's
Masters

The winners will be expected to show due courtesy to the organisers by attending the prize giving. Those who do not attend without good reason lose their claim to an award.

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 you do not wish to be photographed.

First Aid
First Aid cover will be provided on the day 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.

INFORMATION ABOUT VENUE

Any racers who need equipment to race with on the day should arrange with their home slope to borrow it if possible. If the racer needs to hire something from the slope where the race is taking place they must make arrangements direct with the slope at least 3 days before the race. Race Clubs along with the racer who has hired the equipment are responsible for the safe return and up-keep of borrowed equipment. There may be an additional cost to hire equipment from the venue. A Ski Bartlett shop will be at the venue during the day.

Toilets are located in the main Gosling Sports Centre building.

You will be able to erect gazebos on the grass area next to the main Ski Centre Reception. Seating space is limited, and we recommend you bring portable chairs.

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.

Nearest accommodation is:

Premier Inn - within walking distance of slope
Premier Inns in Hatfield and St Albans (10-15 mins drive)
Various hotels in the Welwyn Garden City / Hatfield area

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

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

Parking

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. Parking for full day is £6. 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.