Snowsport Cymru Wales Outdoor Excel Event 2022
Sunday 23rd April 2023

To be held at
Pembrey Ski Centre
Pembrey Country Park, Carmarthenshire

Race Bulletin No. 2 – Invitation

Entries are invited from both registered and non-registered racers in the categories U14, U16, U18, U21, Seniors and Masters to compete in a seeded race in Excel Event format.

Entries are also invited from both registered and non-registered racers in the U10 and U12 categories to compete in an unseeded race that will be set using stubbies. Children born 2016 and earlier are not eligible to enter.

Deadline for entries is Friday 14th April

Online entry available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk/

Entry fee is £28

Rules and regulations available at http://gbski.com/rules

Online information at https://gbski.com

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Organisation

This event is being organised by Snowsport Cymru Wales.

Entry Criteria and Race Format

Seeded Competition

The Excel Event seeded event is a 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. Positions will be decided based on the best time from the three runs. Racers with the highest seed points (or no points) take priority if the race is over-subscribed.

Competitors with points lower than 20 oBARTS points are not permitted to enter Excel Format events (but we do need forerunners!).

U10/U12 Races

Excel Event competitions include races for U10/U12 age categories. These will be run using stubbie gates, with three runs down the same course and prizes awarded based on the best time from any run.

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 their race entry and signing an Athlete's Declaration. Any such racer who cannot show membership of a club affiliated to Snowsport England or Wales will need to pay a £5 fee to cover admin and insurance in addition to the normal race entry fee.

Race Entry and Refunds

Entry fee for this event is £28.

Online entry is available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk/.

Entries close 1600 (4pm**)** on **Friday 14th April**. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per day.

Race entry fees are non-refundable apart from racers withdrawing on medical grounds who 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.

Awards

Excel events do not have a prize giving, it's just about skiing as fast as you can.

Start Order

The start order will be drawn on Wednesday 19th April using the BARTS Outdoor Seed List and verified by the Jury. This seed list can be found at https://gbski.com/seeding#BARTS.

For each run the top 15 seeded competitors will be drawn, with competitors seeded 16th onwards running in seed point order, followed by a random draw of all registered racers with no points, followed by a random draw of any unregistered racers.

For the U10/U12 race, start order for all entries will be randomly drawn, with the girls going first followed by the boys.

Start lists will be published on GBSKI and on the official notice board on race day.

Race Rules and 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
British Rules (BACR)	https://gbski.com/bacr
SE Race Manual	https://gbski.com/serm
Guide to Racing	https://gbski.com/guide
Guide to Helmets	https://gbski.com/helmets

The Jury has decided that all courses for this event will be set with single pole gates in accordance with ICR 804.

- Access to the slope is for officials, accredited coaches and racers only.
- During open practice and inspection bibs must be carried as this is your accreditation to be on the slope. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.
- Inspection on foot by racers is not permissible. Racers will be given further information prior to the start of course inspection.
- Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.

Race Office

The race office will be at Cardiff until 09:00hrs on 21/04/2023. After this the race office will transfer to Pembrey Ski Slope from 09:00hrs on 23/04/2023 and contact can only be made by phone or email to the Race Secretary.

Notice Board

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

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.

Officials

Please note these races can only run with sufficient race officials. If you can assist please contact the Race Secretary or Chief of Race.

Course Inspection

The course must be inspected wearing skis and bibs must carried with you 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.

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.

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 £30 for each missing bib.

First Aid

First Aid cover will be available on the day by St John Ambulance. An Event Medical Assessment form (containing information about medical facilities and procedures) will be on display on the official notice board and published on GBSKI.

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.

09:30 Officials' access
10:00 Race office opens for bib issue
10:30 Race Officials meeting
10:00 – 10:50 Open Practice
10:50 Course setting
11:10 – 11:30 Course Inspection
11:35 Run 1
12:05 Run 2
12:35 Run 3

Access

The site will not be open until 09:30

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 carry the relevant accreditation issued by the Race Office.

Open Practice

The slope will be open on Friday 21st April with slalom gates in place between 7pm and 9pm. Competitors are able to book places for this gate practice session online - https://widget.eola.co/1018/activities/nusjf

Open practice (warm up) on race day on the slope from 10:00-10:50 is part of the entry fee.

During open practice bibs must be carried. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.

Logistics

Refreshments
Cafeteria will be available on site.

Nearest Accommodation
www.discovercarmarthenshire.com

Directions
The address of the ski centre is as follows:

Ski Pembrey
Pembrey Country Park
Pembrey, Carmarthenshire SA16 0EJ.
Tel: 01554 834443

Detailed directions can be found on their website:
http://www.discovercarmarthenshire.com/active/skiing.html