Pontypool Ski Racing
Club National 2023

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Pontypool Park,
Pontypool,
Torfaen, NP4 8AT

On Saturday July 22nd 2023

Race Bulletin No. 1 – Invitation

Entries are invited from both registered and non-registered racers in the following categories:
U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, Seniors and Masters

Children born 2016 and later are not eligible to enter.

For the U10 and U12's event the course will be set using stubbies and will not be seeded

Deadline for entries is Friday 14 July 2014 (7pm)

Online entry available at https://snowsportengland.org.uk/online_race_entry
or by post to the Race Secretary
Rules and regulations available at http://gbski.com

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Organisation
This event is being organised by Pontypool Ski Racing.

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 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, over three runs down the same course, with prizes awarded based on the best time from the three 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. Racers who are not registered will be required to pay an additional £5 fee to cover SSW basic 3rd party insurance and administration costs.

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
10.00-10:30	Course Inspection U14+
10.30-10.50	Course Inspection U10/12
10:55	Run 1 U10/12
11.10	Run 1 U14+
12.00	Run 2 U10/12
12.10	Run 2 U14+
14:00	Run 3 U10/12
14.10	Run 3 U14+
16.00	Prize Giving

Entry Fee
Entry fee for this event is £28.00. Online entry is available at https://snowsportengland.org.uk/online_race_entry until 7pm on July 14th 2014 without incurring a late entry fee. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per day, please email the Race Secretary

Race Office
The race office will be at the race secretary's address until 4pm on Friday 21st July 2023 and will then be located at the race venue from 8am on Saturday 22nd July. After 4pm on July 21st 2023 contact can only be made by phoning the Race Secretary.

Start Order
The start order will be drawn at the Jury meeting on Thursday 20th July 2023 using the oBARTS Outdoor Seed List 2023.4 This seed list can be found on the web site www.gbski.com. The start lists will be published on www.gbski.com and on the official notice board on the morning of the race.

For the first run of the U14+ seeded race, unregistered racers will be drawn and will start first. The top 15 seeded competitors will be drawn and start last, with competitors seeded 16th onwards running in descending seed point order. The second run will be the same order as the first. The 3rd run will be in time order with the fastest times last.

For the Under 10 and under 12s in the first run each group will be randomly drawn, with the girls going first followed by the boys. The second run is in reverse bib order and the boys will go first followed by the girls. The third run will be the same as the first run.

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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
Guide to Helmets	https://gbski.com/helmets

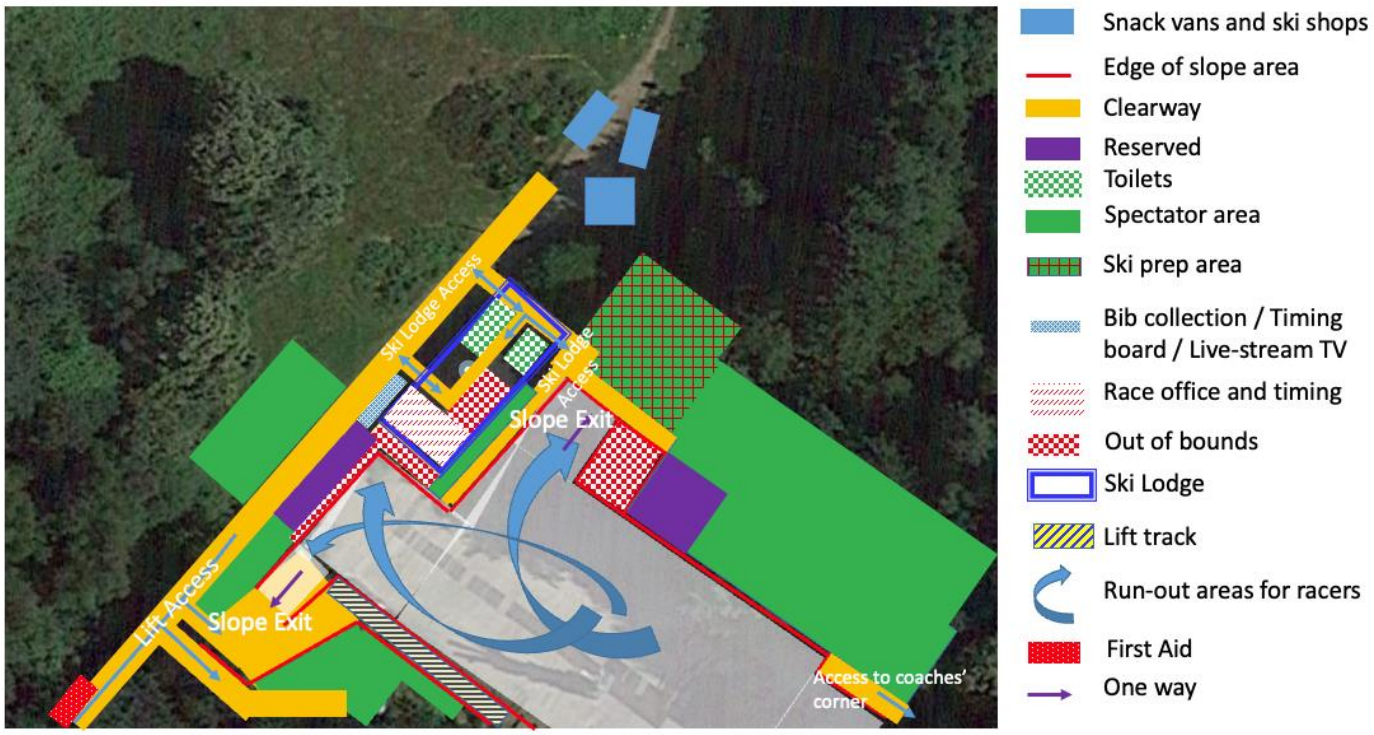
The jury has decided that all courses for this event will be set with single pole gates in accordance with ICR 804.

Access

The building/slope will not be open until **8.00am.**

New for 2023 – Unlike in previous years of racing at Pontypool, we have designated spectator and team areas around the bottom of the slope in order to keep the footpaths clear and give everyone a good view of the racing. Please pitch any team rain shelters in the areas clearly marked as spectator areas.

New for 2023 – Safety precautions when entering and exiting the slope: Please don't enter the slope from the bottom as fast racers will be using all the space available as their stopping area. There is only one access point onto the slope and that is into the lift queue directly. This will be clearly signposted. You may exit only to the skier's right in front of the ski lodge or into the lift queue. For safety, it is important that racers move out of the area at the bottom of the slope as soon as they have completed their race or practice run. In addition, please do not leave equipment on the slope or resting on the fence around the bottom of the slope, so that the bottom of the slope is left obstruction-free.



Access to the slope is for officials and racers only. Coaches may accompany their racers during course inspection only. Race trainers/coaches who accompany their racers must be qualified and carry the relevant

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accreditation issued by the race office on the day.

Open Practice
Open practice on race day on the recreational slope from 08.30-09.30 is part of the entry fee.
Only racers with bibs are permitted to take part in open practice. Please be aware of the safety arrangements for access to and exit from the slope.

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.

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 in cash.

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.

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:

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

Age Categories – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Females and Males
Under 10's
Under 12's
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
Organisers and event attendees must comply with PSR's policy on Photo and Recorded Images. PSR has adopted Snowsport England's policy on Photo and Recorded Images. See

https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PHOTO-AND-RECORDED-IMAGES-POLICY.pdf

There will usually be an Official Photographer present at our events.

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New for 2023 - At PSR events an official videographer may be appointed.

Photos and videos may be taken by the official photographer/videographer for some or all of the following purposes:

1. Publicity of the event by PSR, SSW and the slope
2. Post-event performance analysis by competitors and coaches associated with the competitors
3. Individual photos and videos as personal mementos or personal publicity
4. Live-streaming of the event on the internet
5. General video and photographs taken of the event but not focused on individual ski runs
6. Live display of the event on screens at the venue
7. FIS best practice is to video events (regulation 806.3) where the duties of the video controller are to observe the competitors' passage through the course

As part of Snowsport Cymru/Wales' Child Protection policy and Best Practice guidelines, if you do not wish your image to be used, please sign the Opt Out forms available at the Race Office at this event. 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.

You may request to opt out of purposes 1, 2, 3, and 4. It is, unfortunately, impractical to opt out of purposes 5, 6, or 7 as these are integral to the event. You may choose to not attend the event if you do not want to agree to these purposes. Any temporary recordings for purpose 7 where an opt out has been received for purposes 1, 2, or 3 will be deleted as soon as practical after the end of the event.

All other people wishing to take photographs or videos (other than for their own children) need to obtain permission from the event organisers.

It should be noted that whilst Snowsport Cymru/Wales has no jurisdiction over members of the public taking photos we would challenge anyone who causes concern.

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.

Drug Testing may take place at any event listed upon the National Calendar.

Health & Safety Notes
In the interests of personal safety there must be no turning or jumping on the ski lift and track. Please remove ski stick straps before mounting the lift.

An official electrical point will be made available at the ski centre for hot waxing, it will not be permitted for additional extension leads to be plugged into this or any other of the ski centre's electrical points for any purpose.

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
Refreshments will be available to purchase from a mobile commercial unit at the slope.

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Additional refreshments and toilets are available at the Leisure Centre café near the car park.

Directions & Accommodation

Leave the M4 at Junction 25a signposted Newport/Cwmbran and follow the A4042 towards Pontypool. At Pontypool take the A472 following signs to the ski slope. Parking is at the Leisure Centre car park. For SatNav users – the postcode is NP4 8AT. Please note there is a lengthy uphill walk from the car park to the ski slope.

Vehicle Access to the Ski Centre will only be permitted to those cars holding permits issued by Torfaen Borough Council. Disabled persons requiring access should contact Snowsport Wales by email info@snowsportwales.net. There are disabled parking spaces in front of the leisure centre.

Racers may leave skis in the ski centre workshop overnight on Saturday evening at their own risk. No liability for loss or damage will be accepted by the race organisers or Torfaen Borough Council.

Nearest accommodation is: Premier Inn, Pontypool (2 mins drive to site) Best Western Pontypool Metro Hotel (2 mins drive to site) https://www.willowacrescampsite.co.uk/ (7 mins drive to site, but no under 16's) . Booking.com and Airbnb for other local options.	Usk area suggestions 3 Salmons - https://www.threesalmons.co.uk/ Castle Inn, Usk - http://castleinnusk.co.uk/ Glen yr Afon - https://www.glen-yr-afon.co.uk/ New Court - https://www.thenewcourtinn.co.uk/usk-accommodation/ Cwrt Bleddyn - https://cwrtbleddyn.co.uk/

Friday Evening Practice

The slope will be available for open practice on Friday evening from 18.30 to 20.30hrs, fee £20. Payment by card on arrival.

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