ERSA Ski Race Championships 2023

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Race Bulletin Invitation
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Race Criteria

The ERSA Champs will be held over 2 days on 2 different surfaces.
DAY 1 Saturday 16 September – Welwyn "Dry Slope" race day to include Team Events and Super 7.
DAY 2 Sunday 17 September - SnoZone Milton Keynes "Indoor Snow"- Max 150 entries.

Gosling Park Ski Centre Gosling Ski Centre, WG City, Herts, Race Date: - Saturday 16 September 2023	**Snozone Milton Keynes** Xscape, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3XS Race Date:- Sunday 17 September 2023

Entry Fee

DAY 1 Saturday 16 September – Welwyn "Dry Slope" = £18.00.
DAY 2 Sunday 17 September - SnoZone Milton Keynes "Indoor Snow" = £34.00

Entry Criteria

All competitors must be members of a club affiliated to Snowsport England, ERSA clubs are to provide race officials according to total number of club entries. (See below). Entry to the event will be via the online system www.ersa.co.uk or through the Clubs Race Manager. Payment will be by the online system only and must be completed at the time of entry. Currently only open to ERSA clubs.

Entry is available for the individual races with a fee which is shown on the ERSA website. Priority, including the start draw, will be given to those athletes that wish to enter both days. There will be no family discount for either or both days.

Athletes may enter either or both events, however if either event is oversubscribed then priority will be given to those entering both days and having paid on entry as agreed by the ERSA committee. If a need to "bump" arises a random draw will be done on the computer. This is only likely to happen the snow race. If a bump arises a FULL refund will be issued, otherwise in the event of withdrawal due medical reasons a partial refund minus £10.00 will be issued. A medical certificate may be required.

If required, an ERSA seedpoint cut of will be applied to maintain the standard of the competition.

The entry criteria will be reviewed by both ERSA RTP and the clubs race managers to ensure fairness and correct procedures have been applied. A percentage of entries into each age group will be accepted to ensure a fair competition in each age category.

THE OVERALL ERSA CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A CLUB WITHIN THE EASTERN REGION SNOWSPORT ASSOCIATION REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND AND TO INDIVIDUALS IF REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND WHOSE 1ST OR 2ND NAMED CLUB IS AN EASTERN REGION CLUB. THE START LIST WILL BE COMPILED USING THE LATEST ERSA SEEDPOINT LIST. THE RTP AND THE RACE MANAGERS WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS CRITERION BUT WISH TO COMPETE IN THE ERSA CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Closing Date

The closing date for online entries will be Friday 08 September 2023 or if at capacity before.

Finals Format

Day 1 format – Dry Slope Race @ Welwyn

- Three runs down the same course
- U14 - Overall winner for the day is fastest of run 1 or run2 + run 3. (Same format as Summer League.)
- U12 – Best 2 of 3 to count (Same as Summer League)
- Followed by the team events, Super 7, Children's and Open A

Start Order

Individual events

- To enable the calculation of the overall results the bibs issued will be the same number for both days. Priority will be given to athletes entering both days, i.e. they will be allocated the appropriate start position according to artificial and snow rules. On Day 1 they will start in the last group of start positions and day 2 in the first group of starts. This will apply to all runs.

Team Events

- Each Ski Club can enter one Team into the main events
- Entry criteria and rules will be the same as for the Summer League
- Competitors for the Dual Slalom events can race in any order but must stay in that same order for all races
- Racers may not ski for more than one category or club. However, racers may enter the Special 7 in addition to the team events.
- Teams must nominate a team captain, this may be a racing member or not.

No late entries will be accepted into the team event. Teams will be drawn for race order. All team events are parallel relay.

Children's Team must consist of 5 racers in the U16, U14, U12. U10 and U08 Age groups. At least one team member must be of the opposite gender to the others.

Open "A" Age Group Teams may comprise of 5 racers from any age group. At least one team member must be of the opposite gender to the others.

Special Team Event will consist of ANY 7 competitors, male or female from any age group. Teams may elect to race in any order but this order must be declared before the event and may not be changed. A seeding system based on the ERSA Summer League seed points will be used and race rules will be the same as for the Summer League.

Day 2 format – Snow Slope Race @ Snozone, MK

- Overall winner for the day is fastest of run 1 or run 2
- Extended Slalom (subject to time and conditions we will attempt to do 2 runs)

ERSA Championships 2023 Overall combined results

Fastest run from Day 1 + fastest run from Day 2 **Please note – Overall Awards are presented to ERSA club members only.

Awards

Awards will be given in the categories on each day and on Sunday the Overall ERSA Champion awards 2023 will be presented. Overall Champion will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd for male and female.

All prize winners are expected to show due courtesy to the organisers and racers by being present at the prize giving ceremony. Those who do not attend without notifying the race organisers will lose their claim to an award.

Race Rules

The race will be run under F.I.S. rules as varied by ERSA and SnowSport England and published in the British Artificial Competition Rules on www.gbski.com/rules.php. The Jury have been instructed to apply the unsportsmanlike behaviour rule to any competitor using bad language. Competitors are reminded of the regulations requiring the use of protective 'bungs' or caps on ski pole tips for plastic races, and those rules governing the limits on ski/binding height. These regulations are liable to be enforced during this event.

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Gloves and long-sleeved garments which also cover the midriff must be worn at all times whilst on the slope, including during open practice, course inspection and the race itself. Racers are reminded that their clothing should provide adequate protection. All competitors MUST wear a properly fitted and approved safety helmet on the slope throughout the event; this includes the practice session and course inspection unless otherwise notified, fore runners, and the race itself. (Helmets should be compliant with standard BS EN 1077:1996 Specification for helmets for alpine skiers).

Bibs MUST be worn during open practice, inspection and the race so the number is visible from the front and back. For health and safety reasons no ski preparation/spraying etc is to take place within the start area, **racers are reminded that they need to be ready at the start gate when the competitor in front of them have completed their run**. Various other rules to be notified will be in force for the "Indoor Snow" event.
NB: As per ERSA rules 2023 Catsuits are NOT allowed for athletes in the U12 age group and younger. Catsuits for the U14+ even though allowed are highly not recommended. We have been advised that the temperature in the snow arena will be lowered for this event and no advantage will be gained.
NB: Catsuits are NOT allowed for Dry Slope races.

Course Inspection

The course's must be inspected wearing skis (or properly leashed snowblades), and bibs must be worn throughout course inspection so that the race number is clearly visible.
No-one is allowed to ski the course during inspection or allowed to enter the start area.
Race trainers/coaches may accompany their racers. Course inspection may start from any point on the course and racers must come to a complete stop between each gate when inspecting.
The method and timing of course inspection will be varied according to circumstances.

Protests against Acceptance / Late Entries

Protests against non-acceptance must be received in writing or email by the Race Secretary by first post or email by Friday 08 September 2023.

Results of protests and confirmation of acceptance of late entries may be obtained by telephoning or emailing the Race Secretary.

Race Office

The Race Office will be at the Race Secretary's address until the evening of Friday 15 September 2023. It will then be located in the various centres on Race Day.

Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located **outside the Race Office** on both days.

Race Bibs

Race bibs must be returned to the Finish Marshall on completion of the individual events in good condition, failure to do so will result in a charge of £35.00 for each missing or damaged bib.

Refunds

Once accepted into the race the race entry fee is payable to ERSA on entry. If a need to "bump" arises a random draw will be done on the computer. This is only likely to happen the snow race. If a bump arises a FULL refund will be issued, otherwise in the event of withdrawal due medical reasons a partial refund minus £10.00 will be issued. A medical certificate may be required.

Photography

ERSA will approve an official photographer for the Finals and will be accredited by Snowsport England and the organisers. No other photographers will be permitted on the slope without prior accreditation by the organisers. Photographs will be taken of all racers. These photographs may be used on the ERSA website to help promote the regional racing. The sponsors, Team Evolution and Ski Bartlett, may also use some photographs on their website in conjunction with the sponsorship.

Should you wish **not** to have your photograph taken or displayed on either website please inform the Race Secretary on race day or before via email.

Refreshments

Welwyn - There will be food and drink available for sale throughout the day from the Welwyn bbq.
Snozone – Snozone Alpine kitchen offers an extensive food and beverage menu. Only food and drink purchases within the Snozone facilities is allowed to be consumed in Snozone and the Café / viewing area. Snozone have the right to ask people to leave their facility should food and drink from external sources be consumed within Snozone.

First Aid

Qualified First Aid personnel will be in attendance at the races.

Ski Hire

Please note ski hire is curremtly not available at Welwyn unless pre ordering is made. Currently the status of ski hire at MK is not known.

Race Officials

To ensure the smooth running of the Finals, each Club must provide RACE OFFICIALS to help run the event on the day as agreed prior to the race or at the very latest at the Race Managers meeting. Duties will be allocated per club, not per official so if clubs wish to share their tasks this is acceptable. Officials will get a briefing. The officials will also be required for the team events.

Site Specifics – Snozone, Milton Keynes

- During open practice bibs MUST BE WORN so that the number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib showing a visible number back and front will be asked to leave the slope.
- Access to the slope is for officials and racers only.
- Helmets MUST be worn by everyone in the Snow Arena.
- Ski preparation is not permitted on site.
- Inspection on foot by either racers or coaches is not permissible.
- The training slope, to the far Skiers left of the main slope will be out of bounds, there will be public lessons in progress on this slope at various times throughout the day.
- Racer assistants (e.g. coach or parent) will NOT be allowed in the Start Area because of the restricted size and the impact of overall numbers on the authorised fire capacity of the arena.
- Only authorised people allowed in the snow arena, this includes any area of the snow through the airlock. These doors are not to be kept open.
- In the event of any emergency please listen to the PA system and follow the instructions of race officials or ski centre staff.
- Ski Storage - Please ensure that skis are stored in a safe manner. There are ski racks to store their skis in the racks in the changing area. Any skis/equipment stored in front of emergency exits or in in appropriate locations will be removed by Snozone staff.
- Lockers are provided in the changing area (refundable £1 deposit). Snozone accepts no responsibility for valuables or equipment left unattended. Skis are not to be left outside on the snow, the racks must be used. Any skis left in unauthorised areas will be removed.
- In addition please read and abide by any local rules operated by the facility.
- Please respect the facility and staff.

• **Race Secretary** • Welwyn/SMK – Steve Lambert Tel: 07771 893158 Email : stevenambert@ntlworld.com	**Child Welfare Officer** Sarah Warne / Stephen Metheringham	**Chief of Race** Welwyn – Debbie Gunton Email - SnoZone - Stephen Metheringham Email – smetheringham@me.com

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Programme Saturday 16 September – Welwyn

Every attempt will be made to keep to the stated times, but the organisers reserve the right to change the times if necessary. Please check the Race Notice Board on arrival and listen out for announcements over the P.A. system.

Provisional Timetable

08.00 - 09.00	*Race Office open*
08.00 – 08.30	*Bib Collection to Race Managers*
08.00 - 09.00	*Practice session will open as soon as possible and end at 0900h.*
08.30 - 08.45	*Team Managers Meeting*
08.45 - 09.00	*Meeting for ALL Race Officials*
09.00 - 09.20	*Course Setting (Skiers right – Full Gates, Skiers Left – Stubbies)*
09.20 - 09.50	*Course Inspection Full Gates/Stubbies*
10.00 – 12.30	***Individual Slalom*** *3 Runs – Order U12G/B, W:M, W:M, U12G/B, , U12G/B, W:M* *Note Race run as per championship event and there will not be a "rabbit run"*
12.30 - 13.00	***Team Events*** *Course Setting (Dual Slalom – Full Poles)*
13.00 - 14.00	***Interclub Team Events*** ***Special Team Events***
14.30	*Prize Giving*

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Programme Sunday 17 September – Snozone, Milton Keynes

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Provisional Timetable (Run order to be confirmed nearer the actual event.)

06.30	*Access only for Race Officials – NO RACER ACCESS UNTIL 07.00*
07.00	*Public Access*
07.00 – 07.15	*Bib Collection to race managers.*
07.00 - 07.45	*Open Practice – SKIERS RIGHT SLOPE ONLY*
07.00 - 07.15	*Course Setting Full Gates*
07.30 - 07.45	*Meeting for ALL Race Officials*
07.30 - 07.45	*Course Inspection Full Gates W & M (Not U12s)*
08.00 – 11.00	*Run 1 Order Women/ Men combined.*
	Reset course to Stubbies after W/M Run 1
	Course Inspection Stubbies Girls and Boys under 12s
	Run 1 Girls and Boys combined U12s Bib Order *Run 2 Girls and Boys combined in Reverse U12s Bib Order*
	Reset course to Full Gates
	Run 2 Order Women and Men combined in REVERSE BIB ORDER
	Extended Slalom
11.00 - 11.15	*Course Setting (Extended Slalom – Full Panelled Poles)*
11.20 - 12.20	*Extended Slalom Two Runs Bib Order*
13.00	*Prize Giving (Snozone Entrance Near Ramp / WCs)*

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Programme Saturday 16 September – Team Entry Form

CLUB: _____

We wish to enter the Team Event under the Category (see Rules contained within the invitation):

a. Children ☐

b. Open A ☐

We wish to enter the Special Team Event. Any age group, male or female ☐

NAME:	
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No late entries will be accepted into the team event.

Teams will be drawn for race order. All team events are parallel relay.

Return the entry form to the Race Secretary by Wednesday 13 September 2023.

Payment for team events is included in the individual entry.

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