Gordon Skiers: The Lecht Open

Saturday and Sunday: 24th and 25th February 2024

The Lecht 2090 Ski Centre

RACE BULLETIN, Rev 2

Bulletin Updated (14/01/24) - New Dates for The Lecht Open 24th and 25th February 2024.

We invite racers to compete in both The Lecht Open and the Gordon's Skiers Championships (Trophy Day) at The Lecht 2090 ski centre on Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th February 2024 respectively, subject to conditions.

An Inter Club Championship (Fun Event) will also take place based on highest club point obtained over the two days.

Entry Criteria

SEEDED U14+ Races: These seeded races are open to racers registered with their respective home nation and within the age group categories eligible for BASS seeding for 2024. There is no minimum seed point to enter this race.

Under 14	Born 2011-2010
Under 16	Born 2009-2008
Under 18	Born 2007-2006
Under 21	Born 2005-2003
SEN	Born 2002-1994
MAS	Born -1993

Seed Points - GBR (U14 +) races will use BASS list 2024.3. For all GBR (U14+) registered competitors, it is vital that you ensure that your club affiliation is correctly set up with your Home Nation well in advance of the publication of the BASS list.

A "No Hike Rule" for Slalom races will be applied to seeded races.

It was agreed that the FIS rule changes that disallow stepping back (hiking) in Slalom will be applied at all BASS seeded calendar races (and any accompanying U10/12 races). No changes are needed in

BCR rule books as we have no British precisions for these ICR articles, but education needs to be widespread to ensure the message is clear to all coaches, racers and parents.

The seeded race will be a slalom race on both days (The Lecht Open Saturday and the Gordon's Skiers Championships Sunday). Each day, the results from the slalom race will be based on the combined time from two runs on different courses.

If a seeded race cannot be run due to lack or snow and or weather conditions, we aim to run a fun race still under BASS race protocol if possible.

Bairn's Races – These races will be open to under 12s, under 10s and under 8s racers. The format will be either Slalom or Combi dependant on conditions. Competitors will aim to have 3 runs on the same course with the fastest of 2 runs counting for the results. The format will be the same for both days (The Lecht Open Saturday and the Gordon's Skiers Championships Sunday). Depending on mountain conditions on the day and timings, the race may change to 2 runs on the same course with the fastest run counting for the results.

These races are open for racers as per the table below.

Under 8	Born 2017-2016
Under 10	Born 2015-2014
Under 12	Born 2013-2012

Please Note the new "No Hike Rule" for Slalom races will be applied to bairns races.

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Inter Club Championship (Fun Event)

The Inter Club Championship will be based on points allocated to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each category over both days. Therefore, only those with official finishes will qualify.

The athletes nominated club for this event will be taken as the club identified on the entry form. This must be a club who you regularly train with. No changes to club will be granted post receipt of entry form.

Provisional SEEDED U14+ Timetable Saturday and Sunday 24th / 25th Feb

7:45am	**Officials access/course setting run 1**
8:00am	**Lecht Lift Pass open for sale**
8:15–9:00 am	**Racers registration** **Bib collection**
10:00-10:20 am	**Inspection run 1**
10:30 am	**Race starts run 1**
12 noon	**Couse setting run 2**
12:30-12:50pm	**Inspection run 2**
1:00pm	**Race starts run 2**
3:00pm	**Prize Giving (**top floor of the Lecht Day Lodge)

Provisional BAIRN'S Timetable Saturday and Sunday

7:45am	**Officials access/course setting run 1**
8:00am (TBC)	**Lecht Lift Pass open for sale**
8:15–9:00 am	**Racers registration** **Bib collection**
10:00-10:20 am	**Inspection run 1**
10:30 am	**Race starts run 1** **2nd run after completion of first run followed by 3rd directly after**
3:00pm	**Prize Giving (**top floor of the Lecht Day Lodge)

NOTE: Organisers reserve the right to change schedule as appropriate.

Race entry information and acceptance

Entry fee: £32.00 per day. **Note** this does not include the lift pass which must be purchased separately from the Lecht ski centre.

Payment will be requested in the week before the race is scheduled and once we are sure that it will go ahead. This is to avoid the need to refund competitors.

Online entry: **https://gordonskiers.com/calendar/**

Closing date for entries: **18th February 2024**

Late entries: Accepted subject to a late entry fee of £10 at the discretion of the race organisers

Cancellation Policy

Should the races be cancelled due to lack of snow or unforeseen circumstances we will endeavour to refund as much of the race entry fee as possible to the competitors. Gordon Skiers reserves the right to retain an administrative fee to cover incurred costs although we will aim to keep this to a minimum.

Withdrawals

Refunds will be awarded on medical grounds only on the presentation of a medical certificate.

Race rules

These races will be run under International Competition Rules (ICR) as amended by British Competition Rules (BCR). http://www.gbski.com/rules.php.

- Only race officials and coaches will be permitted in the start area
- Inspection on foot by either racers or coaches is not permitted
- Racers will be advised of the method of course inspection prior to the start of course inspection.

All competitors and coaches are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that equipment, including ski length and radius, conforms to discipline specifications. All competitors and forerunners must wear approved crash helmets for all disciplines.

Please note the new “No Hike Rule” for Slalom races will be applied to all races.

A decision on catsuits for Bairn’s will be made on race day, depending on mountain conditions.

BCR-snow competition rules: gbski.com

BCR Guide to helmets: gbski.com/helmets

Seed Points

GBR (U14+) races will use BASS list 2024.3 The same seed list will be used for all age groups to determine club affiliation.

Disqualifications and Protests

Disqualifications will be posted on the official notice board after each run of the Slalom. Racers will have 15 minutes from the time of posting to protest against disqualification. Each protest (which should be made to the Referee) must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of £25 which will be forfeited in the event of such Protest not being upheld by the Jury.

Insurance

All competitors MUST have insurance that covers them adequately for Ski Racing.

Volunteers

The race cannot run without volunteers. Please indicate on entry form or email the race secretary if you are willing to help. We may require parents to help with roles such as gate judging and marshalling.

Lunch and hot drinks will be provided to all volunteers in the Gordon Skiers hut during the break time.

Lift passes will be provided to volunteers who require one to aid with the setting and running of the races.

Race Support

If you require race support from Gordon Skiers, please book via our website calendar https://gordonskiers.com/calendar/ or contact race secretary.

Awards

SEEDED U14+ Races and Bairn's Races

U14+Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd male and female for each age category as per the tables above, for both days. Trophy award will be Sunday and based on Sunday results.

Bairns Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th male and female for each age category as per the tables above, for both days. Trophy award will be Sunday and based on Sunday results.

Inter Club Championship - 1st, 2nd and 3rd base on the highest points obtained totalled from each age category over both days.

Prize giving will take place on the top floor of The Lecht Day Lodge.

Refreshments

Food and drink can be purchased in the cafe.

First Aid

First aid cover will be provided by the Lecht 2090 ski centre.

Race Office

The race office will be at the address of the Race Secretary until the evening of Thursday 22nd February. It will then be located inside the Gordon Skiers hut from 8:00am on Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th February 2024.

Race Organisers

Race Secretary: Russell Kostulin / Caroline Howarth (training@gordonskiers.com)

Child Welfare Officer: Abbie Knight(abbieknight1976@icloud.com)

Chief of Championship: Heather Cowie (heather @roycowie.co.uk) / 07977216563

Chief of Seeded Race: Andrew Saunders (Andrew.saunders@ajsproperty.co.uk)

Chief of Bairns Race: Mark Grant (chair@gordonskiers.com)

Communication

Race day information is through using the following WhatsApp links:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lbb2xgT4IeMFVmNL7BRbYM



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