Pendle Outdoor Club National 2024
Saturday 27 April 2023

To be held at
Pendle Ski Club
Clitheroe Road, Sabden, Lancashire BB7 9HN

Race Bulletin No. 1 – 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 Club National 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 19 April @ 5pm**

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/competition/C1403

Why not make a weekend of it with the Rossendale Club National on Sunday 28 April 2024

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If you have any concerns about a child or adult, don't keep them to yourself, inform the Event Welfare Officer of Snowsport England Safeguarding Lead without delay.

Organisation

This event is being organised by Pendle Ski Club.

Entry Criteria and Race Format

Seeded Competition

The Club National 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. 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 (or no points) take priority if the race is over-subscribed.

U10/U12 Races

Club National 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 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 1700 (5pm**)** on **Friday 19 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

Awards will be made in the following categories:

Under-10 & Under-12 Race	Girls U10, U12	1st, 2nd, 3rd
	Boys U10, U12	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Club National Race	Overall Female	1st, 2nd, 3rd
	Overall Male	1st, 2nd, 3rd
	Females U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, Master	1st, 2nd, 3rd
	Males U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, Master	1st, 2nd, 3rd

Points are awarded in each of the Snowsport England Club National races which count towards a series prize which will be presented following the last races of the Series. Rules for the Club National series can be found in the Snowsport England Race Manual which can be found online at www.gbski.com/SERM.

Our thanks to Ski Racing Supplies for their support.

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.

Start Order

The start order will be drawn on Thursday 25th April using the BARTS Outdoor Seed List 2024.1 and verified by the Jury. This seed list can be found at https://gbski.com/seeding#BARTS.

For the first 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. This start list will then be reversed, so the first group to race will be any unregistered racers, followed by registered racers with no points and so on, finishing with the last group of the best seeded racers in the competition.

For the second run the start order is the same as the first. For the final run, the start list will be in reverse time order based on the best time from the first two runs, starting with the slowest and finishing with the fastest. Anyone who fails to complete at least one of the first two runs will not be included in the final run start list.

For the U10/U12 race, in the first run all entries will be randomly drawn, with the girls going first followed by the boys. In the second run the boys will go first followed by the girls, and the start order will be reversed. For the third (final) run the start order will be the same as the first run.

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 worn so that the number is visible from back and front 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 the course inspection.
- Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.

It was agreed that the FIS rule changes that disallow stepping back (hiking) in Slalom (614.2.3, 661.4.1, 804.3) will be applied to all BARTS (artificial slope) seeded calendar races and any accompanying U10/12 races during the 2024 artificial season**. If a competitor comes to a complete stop in the course they WILL NOT be permitted to hike back up and complete the course**

Race Office

The race office will be at 30 Highwoods Park, Brockhall Village BB6 8HN until 16.00 on 26 April 2024. After this, the race office will transfer to Race Office @ Pendle Ski Club from 07.30 on 27 April 24 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 will only be photographed by an accredited photographer if they have given consent whilst entering the race, either via the Snowsport England race entry system or in writing to the Race Secretary if entering on the day.

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 Pendle & Rossendale Mountain Rescue. 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE LATER START TIME – BASED ON FEEDBACK WE ARE PUSHING THE START TIME BACK TO GIVE COMPETITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL ON THE SATURDAY MORNING RATHER THAN THE BUSIER FRIDAY NIGHT

08:30	Officials access
09:15	Race office opens for bib issue
10.00	Race Officials meeting
09:30 – 10:30	Open Practice
10.30	Course setting
11:00	Course Inspection (U14 +)
11:30	Run1 Females, Males Course Inspection for U10 / U12 Run 1 U10/U12
12.50	Run 2 Females, Males, U10/U12
14.40	Run 3 U10/U12 followed by Females, Male
17.00	Prize Giving

Access

The site will not be open until 08.30

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 26 April with slalom gates in place between 7pm and 9pm. Competitors are able to ski on the slope by booking a practice session on Eola prior to 7pm, cost @ £15 per person.

https://widget.eola.co/950/activities/359hg

Open practice (warm up) on race day on the race slope from 09.30-10.30 is part of the entry fee.

During open practice bibs must be carried or this (if required by slope rules) must be worn so that the number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.

Logistics

Refreshments

Hot/cold drinks and BBQ catering will be available on race day (Breakfast rolls & burgers); together with a small snack bar selling Hot Pies, chocolate bars, crisps etc. There are no shops in the immediate vicinity.

The Wellsprings Restaurant is located next to the ski club and has a great view of the slope. The Wellsprings will be serving food all day, no booking necessary during the day, reservations required for evening meals. Takeaway options available. http://www.thewellsprings.co.uk/

Nearest Accommodation

There are a number of hotels in the area;

Wellsprings Lodges – overlooking the ski slope!
Premier Inn (Burnley, Blackburn, Blackburn South, Skipton North, Preston East, Preston Central)
Holiday Inn Express (Burnley, Preston South)
Holiday Inn (Preston)
Travel Lodge (Burnley, Blackburn M65, Preston Central, Skipton)
Three Rivers Campsite Clitheroe

Directions

From A59 Preston follow signs for Clitheroe/Skipton. After McDonalds, take 2nd exit at next roundabout (straight on), at the 2nd roundabout take 3rd Exit signposted for Sabden (brown tourist sign Pendle Ski Club). Follow this road up the hill over the cattle grid. The Ski Club is on your right immediately before Wellsprings Restaurant. Postcode is BB7 9HN

Car Parking

There is no parking on the slip road to the club, as access is required at all times for the MRT ambulance.

Parking is available in the club car park. Please park wisely to enable the maximum number of cars to be parked in the car parks, and reduce the number of vehicles that need to park on the roadside. Please follow the instructions of car park marshals for the safety and convenience of all competitors.

If you do need to park on the roadside please park considerately leaving ample space for the bus services that use this road throughout the day.

No overnight parking is permitted on Pendle Ski Club car park.