The Hill Outdoor Club National 2024
Sunday 28th April

To be held at
The Hill – The Home of Ski Rossendale
Haslingden Old Road, Rawtenstall, Lancashire BB4 8RR

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 onwards are not eligible to enter.

Deadline for entries is **Friday 19th April 2024**

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/C1404

Why not make a weekend of it with the Pendle Club National on Saturday 27th 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 The Hill – The Home of Ski Rossendale in conjunction with Ski Rossendale Race 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**)** Friday 19th 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 Kenross Containers and 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, then 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 second 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 Snow sport England (Race Manual). Links to rules and guidebooks 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 course inspection.
- Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.
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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 The Hill from 07.30 on 28 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 on the wall in ski hire adjacent to the sliding doors.

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 EARLIER START TIME – BASED ON FEEDBACK WE ARE STARTING EARLY TO GIVE COMPETITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET OFF BACK HOME AT A REASONABLE TIME.

08:30	Officials access & Race office opens for bib issue
08.45	Race Officials meeting
08.45-09.45	Open Practice
09.45	Course setting
10.00-10.30	Course Inspection (U14+)
10.45	Run1 Females, Males Run 2 Females, Males U10/U12 Course inspection U10/U12 Run 1, Run 2
14.00	Run 3 U10/U12 followed by Females, Male
16.00	Prize Giving

Access

The site will not be open until 08.00.

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

Open practice (warm up) on race day on the race slope from 08.45-09.45 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

The on-site cafe (Ninja Coffee) will be serving hot and cold drinks and pre made sandwiches and paninis and breakfast sandwiches. Vending machine with cold drinks and snacks is also available. Asda and Tesco stores are located in Rawtenstall (0.5 miles)

Nearest Accommodation

There are a number of hotels in the area:

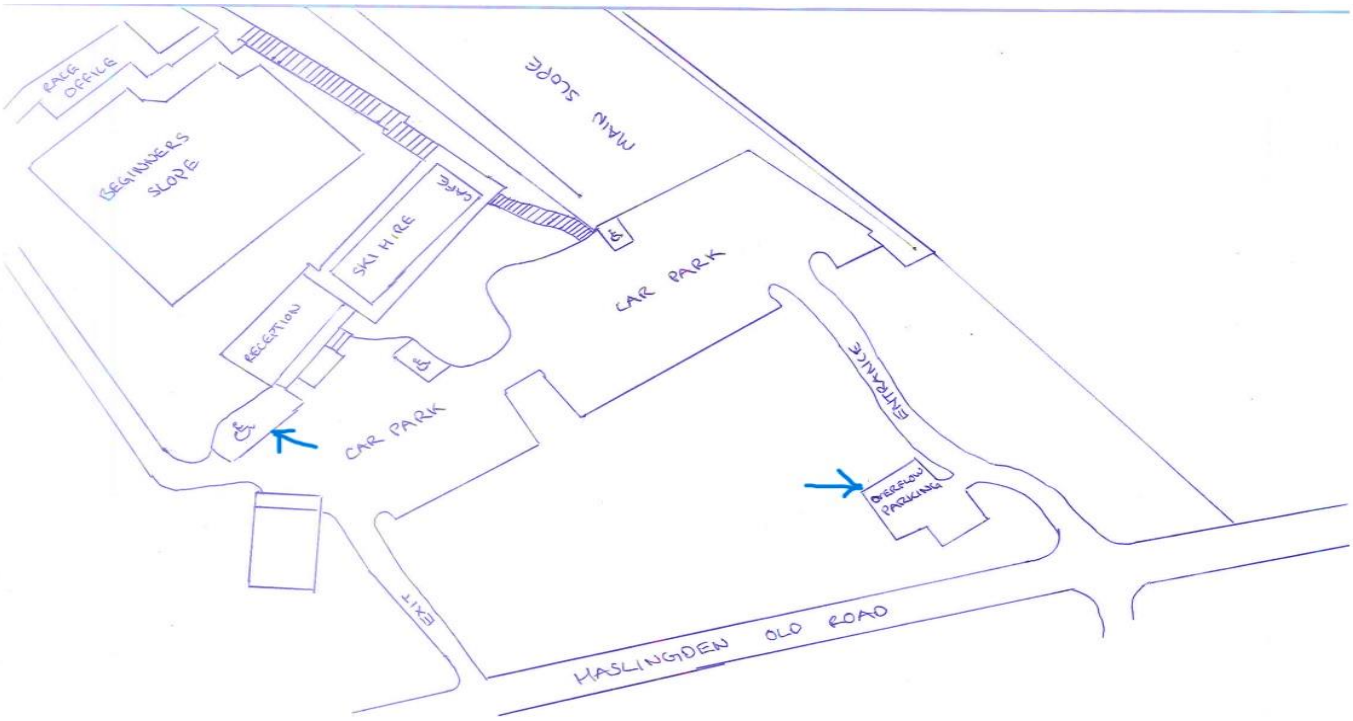
Rossendale Holiday Cottages
Dearden Wood Campsite
Premier Inn (Burnley)
Holiday Inn Express (Burnley)
Best Western (Burnley)
Travel Lodge (Burnley)

Directions

From M66 Bury follow signs for Burnley. Stay right until end of motorway at Rawtenstall. Follow the A 682 past the Asda on your left through the Access traffic light for Asda and at the next lights turn left onto Haslingden Old Road. The Hill, Ski Rossendale is located 600yards on your right.

Car Parking

Parking is available on the main carparks on site. If parking on the roadside, please park carefully not to obstruct any driveways. Ambulance area on main car park (indicated with yellow markings) must be kept clear at all times. 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 the 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 and local residents that use this road throughout the day.
Motorhomes can park on the site car park at your own risk on the evening of Saturday 27 April for the evening prior to race day.
There is overflow carparking on the left when driving up to the slope and disabled car parking top left of the main carpark.


RACE OFFICE
BEGINNERS SLOPE
CAFE
SKI HIRE
RECEPTION
MAIN SLOPE
CAR PARK
CAR PARK
ENTRANCE
OVERFLOW PARKING
EXIT
HASLINGDEN OLD ROAD