Welwyn Garden City Ski Race Club
Club National 2024

To be held at Gosling Sports Park

Stanborough Rd, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6XE

Saturday 11th May 2024

Access from 8am - DO NOT PARK AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE

Please read the parking restrictions below

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 2017 and after 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 Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7pm
or when we reach capacity.

LATE ENTRIES: Email the race secretary

Online entry available at https://snowsportengland.org.uk/online_race_entry
Rules and regulations available at http://gbski.com

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Organisation
This event is being organised by Welwyn Garden City Ski Race Club.

Entry Criteria
The 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 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 a minimum of two runs down the same course, with prizes awarded based on the best time from the runs skied.

Equipment Hire
Gosling Sports Park has a limited amount of entry-level equipment available for hire. Racers who need to hire equipment MUST email the race secretary (details above) with the following information: ski length, boot size (please submit this in UK size), and racer's weight (in kilograms). Please submit your requests at the time of entry. Shin pads, chin guards, and hand guards are not available for hire but are recommended in the U14 (and above) age categories

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 via the Snow Sport England website and by signing an Athlete's Declaration on the morning of the race.

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 nearer the time of the race

07:30: Officials access
08:00: Racer Access **(DO NOT PARK AT THE BOTTOM OF SLOPE)**
08:15: Slope open
08:30: Bib Issue
08:30 – 09:30: Open Practice
09:15: Course setting
09:30 – 09:50: Course Inspection U14+
09:50 - 10:10: Course Inspection U10/U12
10:30: U10/12 Run 1+2
11:15: U14+ Run 1+2
Protocol posted for U14's and above
12:00: U10/U12 Run 3
12:30: U14+ Run 3
Protocol posted for U12's and U14's and above
13:30: Prize Giving

Entry Fee
Entry fee for this event is £26.00. Online entry is available at https://snowsportengland.org.uk/online_race_entry until 7pm on 8th May 2024 without incurring a late entry fee.

Start Order
The start order will be drawn on Thursday 9th May 2024 using the outdoor BARTS current seed point list. 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 U14s and above, in the first two runs, the top 15 seeded competitors will be drawn, with competitors seeded 16th onwards running in seed point order. For the third run, the start order will be reversed (slowest to fastest) based on an athlete's best individual time from runs 1 and 2.

For the under 10s and under 12s, the order will be randomly drawn, with girls and boys racing together. This order will be maintained for runs 1, 2, and 3.

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/site/slope will not be open until **8.00am, please do not arrive before this time.**

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 accreditation issued by the race office on the day.

Course Inspection
The course must be inspected wearing skis and bibs must be 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.

Notice Board
Please listen to announcements. Protocol will be posted as instructed via announcements.

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 medical 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:

Under-10's & Under-12's Race (Fastest individual run to count):
Girls Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Boys Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

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

Age Categories – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Females and Males
Under 12's
Under 14's
Under 16's
Under 18's
Under 21's
Senior's
Masters

Photography
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. Please email the Race Secretary you do not wish to be photographed.

First Aid
First Aid cover will be available on the day by and provided by Gosling Sports Park.. An Event Medical Assessment form (containing information about medical facilities and procedures) can be provided upon request.

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.

Toilets
Please note that there are no immediate toilet facilities at the ski centre. Toilets are located via a short walk to the main building.

Refreshments:
The WGCSRC will be operating a BBQ and Drinks station. Cash and card will be accepted.

Seating/Cover:
As there are limited seating/cover options, please feel free to bring your own camping chairs and cover such as tents and gazebos. We kindly ask that you dispose of all your rubbish in the bins provided, and only set up on the grassed area at the bottom of the slope.

Nearest accommodation is:
Premier Inn Welwyn Garden City -
https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/hertfordshire/welwyn-garden-city/welwyn-garden-city.html

Travel Lodge Welwyn Garden city -
https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/645/Welwyn-Garden-City-hotel?sb=0

Best Western Welwyn Garden City -
https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-homestead-court-hotel-83816

Parking:
Please note that you must pay for parking at Gosling Sports Park. Please see signs and ticket machines for details. Please pay upon arrival and check the following link regarding parking restrictions,
https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/welwyn/gosling-sports-park/gosling-car-parking

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Directions:
Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Rd, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XE

