Copper Horse GBR Events 2024
Outdoor Series Races 4 & 5
Norfolk Snowsports Club
29th and 30th June 2024
Race Bulletin No: 1 - Invitation

We invite registered racers to compete in the Copper Horse GBR Series Event to be held at Norfolk Snowsports Club on Saturday 29th June and Sunday 30th June 2024. This event is organised by Norfolk Snowsports Club. We would like to thank the management and staff of Norfolk Snowsports Club and all volunteers for their assistance, without whom there would not be a race.

The Copper Horse GBR Race Series brings together national domestic races across the UK with race weekends being organised by the Home Nations in England, Scotland, and Wales both on indoor and outdoor artificial slopes. For details on the GBR race weekends, events and race rules please visit www.gbski.com

The organisers wish to thank Copper Horse for their sponsorship of the GBR race series.

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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 or relevant Home Nation Safeguarding Lead without delay.
Snowsport England Safeguarding Lead
welfare@snowsportengland.org.uk

Entry Criteria and Race Format

Seeded Competition
GBR races consist of two runs down different Slalom courses and are open to Home Nation registered racers in the following categories: U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior, and Masters. Children born 2017 and later are not eligible to enter. Prizes will be awarded based on the best aggregate time from the two runs.

Para Entries
Entries will be welcomed from para athletes to the Copper Horse GBR races. There will be a special category for para skiers. Para entries may be in any age category, and do not need to have seed points, but must comply with the other eligibility criteria for the event. Para athletes will ski the same courses set for the Copper Horse GBR event and would run as first racer(s) down the relevant courses for each run.
Awards will be made for the para category by gender.

U10/U12 Races
GBR competitions include races for U10/U12 age categories. These will be run using stubbie gates, with two runs down the same course and prizes awarded based on the best time from any run.

Entry Limits
The number of entrants in the seeded competition is limited to a maximum of 180. In the event of the race being oversubscribed, acceptance will be determined by seed points using the BARTS list current as at the closing date for entries. Racers with lower seed points will be given preference.

Race Entry and Refunds

The entry fee for the GBR Outdoor races is £28 per day.

On line entry is available via https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/competition-entry-system/.

Entries close 1600 (4pm) on **Friday 21st June**. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per race 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

Overall Awards will be made to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers.
Age Group awards will be made to 1st 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers in each age group.
Age Group awards will be made to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Male & Female racers in the U10/U12 race.

Points are awarded in each of the GBR races which count towards a series prize which will be presented following the last races of the Series. Rules for the GBR series are in BACR Book IV which can be found online at www.gbski.com/docstore/BACR/BACR%20IV.pdf

Start Order

The start order will be drawn on Thursday 27th June using the BARTS Outdoor Seed List 2024.3 and verified by the Jury. This seed list can be found at www.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. Start order will then begin with the highest bib number and run in reverse bib order all the way to the top group of 15 who run last.

For the second run, start order is determined by the results of the first run and will thus run in reverse time order with the slowest to run first, ending up with the fastest running last.

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. 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. Please also note the helmet rules for competitors can be found at www.gbski.com

Race Office

The race office will be at Norfolk Snowsports Club on the day of the race. Prior to this contact can only be made by email to the race secretary.

Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located outside the timing hut.

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.

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 £50 for each missing bib.

First Aid

First Aid cover will be available on the day by Phem. 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 times given below are provisional and may alter on the day. Please ensure you are ready to start on time and listen carefully for any announcements

Saturday 29th June 2024 GBR OUTDOOR RACE 1 WITH U10/U12 RACE		Sunday 30th June 2024 GBR OUTDOOR RACE 2 WITH U10/U12 RACE	
08:00	Officials Access	08:00	Officials Access
08.30	Race office opens for registration, and Bib Issue	08.30	Race office opens for registration, lift pass and Bib Issue
08:30-09:00	Warm Up	08:30-09:00	Warm Up
08.45-09.00	Race Officials Meeting	08.45-09.00	Race Officials Meeting
09:00-09:30	GBR Race - Course Set Run 1	09:00-09:30	GBR Race - Course Set Run 1
09.30-09:50	GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 1	09.30-09:50	GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 1
09.50-10.00	U10/U12 Course Set	09.50-10.00	U10/U12 Course Set
10.00-10.20	U10/U12 Course Inspection	10.00-10.20	U10/U12 Course Inspection
10.20-10.40	U10/U12 Run 1	10.20-10.40	U10/U12 Run 1
10.40-10.50	Switch gates to full poles	10.40-10.50	Switch gates to full poles
10.50-11.50	GBR Race Run 1 Females / Males	10.50-11.50	GBR Race Run 1 Females / Males
11.50-12.00	Switch to Stubby gates	11.50-12.00	Switch to Stubby gates
12.00-12.20	U10/U12 Run 2	12.00-12.20	U10/U12 Run 2
12.20-12.50	Lunch	12.20-12.50	Lunch
12.50-13.20	GBR Race - Course Set Run 2	12.50-13.20	GBR Race - Course Set Run 2
13.20-13.40	GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 2	13.20-13.40	GBR Race - Course Inspection Run 2
13.40-14.40	GBR Race Run 2 Females / Males	13.40-14.40	GBR Race Run 2 Females / Males
15.15	Prize Giving	15.15	Prize Giving

Every attempt will be made to keep to the event schedule; however, the organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule as appropriate.

Open Practice

The slope will be open on Friday 28th June with slalom gates in place between 6pm and 9pm with 4 x 45 minute slots. Competitors are able to ski on the slope by purchasing a lift pass, price £16 per slot, either online from the club, or at reception. These costs are set by the slope operator, and the race organisers have no influence over the cost and do not gain financially from this. Any racer choosing to do this must bear in mind that the slope is open to the general public and extreme care will be needed. Site staff will remove anyone skiing in an inconsiderate manner.

Open practice (warm up) on race day on the race slope from 08.30-9.00 is part of the entry fee. During open practice bibs must be worn so that the number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.

Only clear or white Lubricants to be used throughout the event.

Logistics

Refreshments

Norfolk will be running a BBQ on the day for both breakfast and lunch. Drinks and other refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

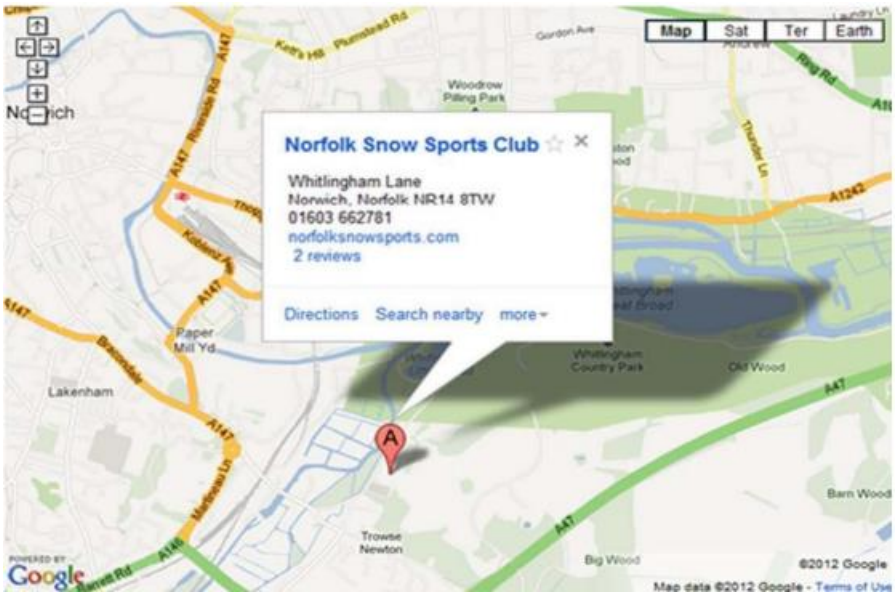
For health and safety reasons no portable cookers are allowed anywhere on the site.

Nearest Accommodation

Nearest Accommodation Premier Inn - Norwich East (Broadlands/A47) hotel - Broadland Business Park, Old Chapel Way, Norwich NR7 0WG Sat Nav Directions: NR7 0WG What 3 Words: ///listed.badly.dices

There is a campsite close by to the slope: http://www.whitlinghambroadcampsite.com. Camper vans are permitted.

Directions



Directions to Slope Post code for SAT NAV is NR14 8TW.