Cardiff Ski Club & Dragons Alpine Club National 2024

To be held at
Pontypool Board and Ski Centre,
Pontypool Park,
Pontypool,
Torfaen.
NP4 8AT

On Sunday July 21st 2024

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 later are not eligible to enter.

For the U10 and U12s event the course will be set using stubbies and will not be seeded

Deadline for entries is Friday July 12th 2024 at 4pm (16.00h)

Online entry available at https://racesignup.co.uk/site/event.php?eventid=4109

Rules and regulations available at https://gbski.com/rules.php

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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 Snowsport Cymru Wales Lead Welfare Officer without delay.

Organisation

This event is being organised jointly by Cardiff Ski Club and Dragons Alpine.

Entry Criteria and Race Format

Seeded Competition
This race is seeded slalom event consisting of three runs down the same course and is open to Home Nation registered racers in the following categories: U14, U16, U18, U21, Seniors, 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 stubby 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, Scotland or Wales will need to pay a £5 fee to cover SSW basic 3rd party insurance and administration costs.

Race Entry and Refunds

Entry fee for this event is £29.

Online entry is available at https://racesignup.co.uk/site/event.php?eventid=4109

Entries close at 16.00h on Friday July 12th. Late entries will be accepted online until Wednesday July 17th (16.00h) at an additional cost of £10 unless the race is oversubscribed.

Racers may withdraw from the race using the race entry system until the closing date of entry and receive the full entry fee minus a £5 administration charge. After the closing date of entry, only racers withdrawing on medical grounds will receive a refund of their entry fee (minus the £5 admin charge) if they apply to the race secretary and provide 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

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.

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Points are awarded in each of the SSW Club National races which count towards a Welsh Clubs series award. This will be presented following the last races of the Series. Full details of the SSW Club National series can be obtained by emailing robin@snowsportwales.net

Start Order

The start order will be drawn on Wednesday July 17th using the latest BARTS Outdoor Seed List 2024.4 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. For the second run the start order is the same as the first. For the final run, the start order will be calculated based on the best time from the first two runs. Anyone who fails to complete at least one of the first two runs will not be included in the final run start list. A consolation 3rd run may be permitted if time allows.

For the U10/U12 race, all entries will be randomly drawn, with the girls going first followed by the boys. In the second run 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, the event Whatsapp group 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 guidebooks 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 to the slope is for officials, accredited coaches, and racers only.

During open practice and inspection bibs must be worn or carried 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.

Helmets and gloves must be worn by anyone on skis at all times whilst on the slope.

All ski poles must have plastic bungs on the ends.

In the interests of safety there must be no turning or jumping on the ski lift and track. Skis must be worn when using the lift.

An official electrical point will be made available at the ski centre for hot waxing, it will not be permitted for additional extension leads to be plugged into this or any other of the ski centre's electrical points for any purpose.

Drug testing may take place at any event listed upon the National Calendar.

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Race Office

The race office will be at the Race Secretary's address until Friday 19th July 2024 and will then be located at the race venue from 7.30am on Sunday 21st July. Contact with the race secretary must be made via email.

Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located outside the race office.

Photography

There will be an accredited photographer at this event. Racers who do not wish to be photographed by any accredited photographer must choose to opt out of photography when entering the race online.

Organisers and event attendees must comply with Snowsport Wales/Snowsport England policy on photography.

https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PHOTO-AND-RECORDED-IMAGES-POLICY.pdf

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 as soon as possible.****

Course Inspection

The course must be inspected wearing skis, helmets, gloves and bibs. 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. Coaches may accompany their racers during course inspection only.

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 in cash.

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 St John Ambulance. 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. The latest version of the programme will be published in the Acceptance Bulletin and on the event Whatsapp page.

07:30	Officials access
08:00	Race office opens for bib issue

08.10 - 08.50	Open Practice – Males (all age groups)
08.50 - 09.30	Open Practice - Females (all age groups)
09:00	Race Officials meeting
09:30	Course setting
10:00 -10:30	Course Inspection U14+
10:30 - 10:50	Course Inspection U10/12
10:55	Run 1 U10/12, followed by U14+
12:00	Run 2 U10/12, followed by U14+
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Run 3 U10/12, followed by U14+
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.

Open Practice

Open practice (warm up) on race day on the slope is part of the entry fee. During open practice bibs must be worn or carried. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.

Friday Evening Practice

The slope will be open on Friday 19th July with stubby and full slalom gates in place between 6pm and 8.30pm.

Competitors are able to book places for this practice session at a cost of £15 using the following link
https://widget.eola.co/1018/activities/tbuph

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available to purchase from a mobile commercial unit at the slope. Additional limited refreshments and toilets are available at the Leisure Centre café near the car park.

Directions & Accommodation

Leave the M4 at Junction 25a signposted Newport/Cwmbran and follow the A4042 towards Pontypool. At Pontypool take the A472 following signs to the ski slope. Parking is at the leisure centre car parks on Trosnant Street. For SatNav users – the postcode is NP4 8AT. What3words references mice.care.activism and until.harsh.agents. Please note there is a lengthy uphill walk from the car park to the ski slope.

Vehicle Access to the Ski Centre will only be permitted to those cars holding permits issued by Snowsport Cymru Wales. Disabled persons requiring access should contact Snowsport Wales by emailing info@snowsportwales.net . There are disabled parking spaces in front of the leisure centre.

Racers may leave skis in the ski centre workshop overnight on Friday and Saturday evening at their own risk. No liability for loss or damage will be accepted by the race organisers or Torfaen Borough Council.

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Nearest accommodation is: Premier Inn, Pontypool (2 mins drive to site). Best Western Pontypool Metro Hotel (2 mins drive to site). https://www.willowacrescampsite.co.uk/ (7 mins drive to site). Booking.com and Airbnb for other local options.	Usk area suggestions: 3 Salmons - https://www.threesalmons.co.uk/ Castle Inn, Usk - http://castleinnusk.co.uk/ Glen yr Afon - https://www.glen-yr-afon.co.uk/ New Court - https://www.thenewcourtinn.co.uk/usk-accommodation/ Cwrt Bleddyn - https://cwrtbleddyn.co.uk/

Overnight parking sites for motorhomes can be found using https://www.britstops.com/

Relevant race day information will be shared on the Cardiff/ Dragons CN Whatsapp page. Please use this link or the QR code below to join https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ckf5P54RTog6LEPR3zbrOR



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