Western Counties Ski Club
Outdoor Club National
Sunday 29th June 2025

To be held at
Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre
Matson Lane, Gloucester GL4 6EA

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 2018 and later are not eligible to enter.

Deadline for entries is **Friday 20th June.**

Online entry available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk

Entry fee is £32

Rules and regulations available at http://gbski.com/rules

Online information at https://gbski.com/competition/C1639

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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.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT STEPPING BACK (HIKING) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THIS RACE.

Organisation

This event is being organised by Western Counties 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 £32.

Online entry is available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk.

Entries close 1900 (7pm**)** on **Friday 20th June**. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 by emailing the race secretary.

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: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Boys: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Club National Race:
Overall Women: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Overall Men: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Age Categories – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Women and Men
Under 14
Under 16
Under 18
Under 21
Senior
Master

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.

Many thanks to Scott Dobson-Dynastar Lange for prizes. Please pay a visit their stand at the base of the slope .

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 26th June using the BARTS Outdoor Seed List 2025.3 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 order will be calculated 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.

New from 2024 - The FIS rule changes that disallow stepping back (hiking) in Slalom (614.2.3, 661.4.1, 804.3) will also be applied to all BARTS (artificial slope) seeded calendar races and any accompanying U10/12 races.
PLEASE THEREFORE BE AWARE THAT STEPPING BACK (HIKING) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THIS RACE.

Access

- 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 front and back 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.

Race Office

The race office will be at Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre from 8am on Sunday 29th June 2025. Prior to this 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. Help is always needed and especially gate judges and backup timers; 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 be worn so that the number is visible from front and back 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 Referee's 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 £25 for each missing bib.

First Aid

First Aid cover will be available on the day by ski centre staff. 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 will vary depending on the number of entries. An updated version of the programme will be published in the Acceptance Bulletin.

07:30	Officials access only
08:15-08:45	Bib Issue (in ski hire area)
08:30-09:30	Open Practice
08:45	Officials Briefing
09:30	Course setting
10:00-10:20	Course Inspection U14+ Females
10:10-10:30	Course Inspection U14+ Males
10.40-11.20	1st run U14+ Females, U14+ Males
11.25-11.45	Course Inspection U10/U12 and Protocol Run 1 poles
11.50-12.20	1st run U10/12 (Stubbies),
12.25	2nd run U14+ Females, U14+ Males, 2nd run U10/12 (Stubbies)
13:30	Protocol and Lunch Break
14:30	3rd run U10/12 (Stubbies), 3rd run U14+ Females, U14+ Males
16:30	Prize Giving

Access and slope rules

The building/site/slope will not be open until 8am.

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 carry the relevant accreditation issued by the Race Office.

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE CENTRE SITE

The lifts are expensive and difficult to maintain so the centre has strictly enforced rules about behaviour on the lifts to ensure they remain in use all day. **THE LIFTS CAN ONLY BE USED BY PEOPLE WEARING SKIS** and in a calm and orderly manner- **NO BOUNCING OR WEAVING/TURNING WHILE ON THE LIFTS.**

Open Practice

The slope will be open on Friday 27th June with a practice slalom course in place between 7pm and 9pm. Competitors are able to ski on the slope by purchasing a lift pass from the slope operator at their published rates. 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 – 09:30 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.

Thereafter any racer wishing to ski on the non-race slope will have to pay at the standard rate available to the general public. 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.

Tip of ski poles must be covered with bungs at all times, failure to comply will result in competitors not being allowed to race.

Logistics

Refreshments

Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre will be open serving food and drink.

Nearest Accommodation

- Premier Inn Gloucester (Quayside), Bakers Quay, St Ann Way, Gloucester, GL1 5BQ
- Premier Inn Gloucester (Longford), Tewkesbury Road, Longford, Gloucester, GL2 9BE
- Premier Inn Gloucester (Barnwood), Centre Seven, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3HR
- Premier Inn Gloucester Business Park, Whittle Way, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AJ
- Travelodge Gloucester, Gloucester Quays, St Ann Way, Gloucester, GL1 5SF
- Hallmark Hotel Gloucester, Matson Lane, Robinswood Hill, Gloucester, GL4 6EA
- Big Skies Glamping, https://www.bigskiesglamping.co.uk/ 078666 672831, GL53 9RE (limited availability)

Directions

DIRECTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON GOOGLE MAPS USING ADDRESS BELOW. PARKING IS AVAILABLE ONSITE.
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