NORTHWEST SKI FEDERATION
OF SNOWSPORT ENGLAND
NW SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday 21st March 2026

VENUE: Pendle Ski Club, Clitheroe Road, Sabden, BB7 9HN

PROGRAMME:

Bib issue:	8.45am to 9.30am
Practice:	Bibs 1 to 62 - 9.00am to 9.30am Bibs 63 to 124 - 9.30am to 10am
Timed runs:	10.10am to 12.00pm
Head-to-head course setting and practice:	12.00 to 12.45pm
Head-to-head team races (fun race):	1.00pm
Prize Giving:	after head-to-heads

Note: all times after the timed runs subject to change

COURSE: **Timed runs** - single slalom course, racers ski the same course twice, with best time to count.

CATEGORIES: Girls & Boys in each of the following:
Infant (R, Y1, Y2)
Juniors (Y3-Y6)
Lower Senior (Y7-Y9)
Upper Senior (Y10 & Y11)
Sixth Form (Y12 & Y13)
Racers enter as an individual to compete for age group prizes.
If there are 3 or more competitors from one school, then they can also enter for the team awards**.** Teams should consist of 3 or 4 racers from the same age category. If a school does not have 3 or 4 racers from one age category, then they can make a team up by adding racers from a younger age category to race in the team. These racers will nevertheless continue to ski as individuals in their respective age categories.
Using the times from the individual runs the best 3 times of the 4 skiers will count towards the team awards.

TROPHIES: Individual 1st, 2nd & 3rd Boy & Girl, 1st & 2nd Novice in each age category.
Certificates will be awarded for team prizes to the best Boys team, Girls team and Mixed team at each age category.
Teams from NorthWest Schools can also be awarded the NWSF Trophies for the fastest team from a Junior School and the fastest from a Senior School.
NWSF Trophies will also be awarded to the fastest girl and fastest boy from a NorthWest School.

FUN RACE: Racers are allocated into mixed ability teams of 4 based on the timed runs and race in a knockout head-to-head race.

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ALL SKIERS MUST WEAR A HELMET, GLOVES & LONG-SLEEVED CLOTHING. HELMETS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR POLES HAVE BUNGS ON THEM.

NWSF Schools Championships – Race Day information

Timed Runs

1. On arrival, go to the club house and collect your bib, this must be worn at all times on the slope, including practice.
2. If you have paid for ski hire, please collect your equipment from the equipment desk.
3. You may practice the course:
   - Bibs 1 to 62 - 9am to 9.30am;
   - Bibs 63 to 124 - 9.30am to 10am.
4. Skiers will be timed twice on the same course. They will race in bib order from 1 upwards and this will then be repeated for the second run.
5. Skiers must be ready for their run. They must get themselves up near the start about 20 racers before their bib number ready to be called into the start area. If racers are not ready, they may miss their race.

Afternoon Team Relay

6. For the relay event, each racer will be placed into a 4-person team. The teams will be selected based on skiers' fastest time in the morning to create equal ability teams.
7. **IF YOUR ATHLETE DOES NOT WANT TO COMPETE, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY 12.30PM AT THE LATEST** as changing the teams after this time will cause delays. You can do this by handing your bib in after the timed runs and/or letting the organisers know.
8. After the 2 timed runs a head-to-head course will be set for skiers to practice on from 12.00noon to 12.45pm.
9. Teams will be published as soon as possible after 12.30pm - please find your bib number on the team list that will be displayed.
10. A knockout tournament will then take place. The first run will place the team in League A (winners) or League B (runners-up). It then moves to a knock-out competition for each league, so **every team will have at least two races**.
11. Two teams will race against each other. The 1st racer is set off by the starter at the same time. When the racer crosses the finish line a horn will sound and traffic lights show green signalling that the next team member may start. The team to get all racers completing the course correctly and crossing the finish line first is the winner.
12. Hand in bibs and skis as soon as you are knocked out.

Please note

- There is a snack bar selling hot and cold drinks and sweets.
- There will be a BBQ selling burgers, bacon butts and sausage barms.
- If it is raining, there is little place to shelter so waterproofs are advisable.
- Take care parking in the car park or on the road, cars going past travel very fast.
- First Aid cover is provided on the day.