ESSKIA UK SCHOOLS' INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

BULLETIN 2
MONDAY 29 JUNE
2026
TIMINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thank you for your entry which has been accepted and we look forward to seeing you all at the **The Snow Centre, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP3 9NH. RACE OFFICE:** Top of stairs inside.

29 June - English Schools' Indoor Snow Championships

7.30		ESSKIA Board, Officials Access		
7.45	-	Bib Collection front entrance initially, moving to race office after 8am		
SESSION 1 - CATEGORY 1 / MINIS ONLY				
8.00	-	Race Office Open		
8:15	- 8.30	Team Managers' and Race Officials' MeetingCat 1		
8.15	- 8.45	Open Practice: Category 1		
8.45	- 9.00	Course Set: Stubbies course		
9.00	- 9.20	Course Inspection: Category 1 ONLY		
9.20	- 9.50	Cat1 Run 1	ALL	Bib Order
9.50	- 10.20	Cat1 Run 2	ALL	Reverse Bib Order
10:30		Protocol for both runs Cat 1		
10:50		Prize Giving Cat 1 Outside		
SESSION 2 - CATEGORY 2 - 5 / FULL GATES ONLY				
10:30	- 10:45	Team Managers' and Race Officials' MeetingCat 2 - 5		
10:30	- 11:00	Open Practice: Female Category 2-5		
11:00	- 11:30	Open Practice: Male Category 2-5		
11:30	- 11:45	Course Set: two Full Gate course		
11.50	- 12.10	Course Inspection: Female and ALL Category 5 ONLY		
12.10	- 12.30	Course Inspection: Male and ALL Category 5 ONLY		
12.30		***Cat 5***	***Run 1***	***Female Course*** / ***Bib Order***
		Cat 2 - 4	Run 1	Female / Bib Order
		Cat 2 - 4	Run 1	Male / Bib Order
13.45		Cat 2 - 4	Run 2	Female / Reverse Bib Order
		Cat 5	***Run 2***	***Male Course*** / ***Reverse Bib Order***
		Cat 2 - 4	Run 2	Male / Reverse Bib Order
15.00		Protocol for both runs Cat 2-5.		
15.30		Prize Giving Cat 2-5 Outside		

Whilst we will do our best to keep to the schedule, Esskia reserves the right to change it as necessary on the day.

RACE INFORMATION: The race will be run according to F.I.S. rules as modified by ESSKIA Please note:

1. Substitutions – please make any changes asap via race entry system, but by **Wednesday 17 June** at the latest. Changes in running order from the nominated teams are not permitted.
2. Start Order will be determined by a team draw in each race category. Athletes will race in bib order for the first run and reverse* bib order for the second run. We will use a staggered start list. The first skier from each team will race, then the second etc. All racers are entitled to a second run.
3 Should a team's Race Official not report for the designated duty the team may **NOT** be allowed to race.
4. It is the racer's responsibility to be at the start in good time.
5. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to check equipment.
   N.B. Coming out of bindings at the start does **NOT** give grounds for a re-start.
6. Racers MUST wear appropriate clothing and helmet without camera or camera mountings stickers or coverings.
7. Racers who think they have been impeded on the course must ski out and report to the Finish Referee if they wish to request a re-run. Any racer who crosses the finish line may **not** ask for a re-run.
8. As a Team event, the “no-hiking” rule will be **disapplied**.
9. Any protest arising must be made to the Jury in writing on the official form by the designated Team Manager, accompanied by the fee of £25.

RACE OFFICIALS: It is a condition of entry that EACH TEAM MUST be prepared to provide a Race Official, as nominated on the Team Entry Form (Note the race official does not need to be able to ski but should have warm clothing, a ski helmet and appropriate footwear).

COURSE INSPECTION: Course Inspection will be as determined by the Race Jury. Access to the slope is for officials, racers and accredited coaches only, no parents will be permitted into the snow arena. Inspection on foot by racers is not permissible. In order to preserve the racing surface, course inspection may be varied. Please listen to instructions on method of course inspection.

COACH ACCREDITATION: Coaches with valid and visible Accreditation may enter the race slope and accompany their racers **on skis** during course inspection and, subject to the approval of the Start Referee, at the top of the hill (but not in the start area). Coaches without Accreditation or showing a visible Accreditation Lanyard will be asked to leave the race slope – this is due to Health & Safety / Slope Capacity compliance. Accredited Coaches must be suitably atired, wearing a helmet, and follow any directions given by the Start Referee or other Official without question.

Accreditation forms can be found on GBSKI and must be returned to the race secretary in advance of the race. Coach Accreditations will not be issued to new applicants on race day. https://www.gbski.com/docstore/forms/Accreditation%20Form%20UK.pdf

PHOTOGRAPHY and NAMES: Racers who do not wish to be photographed by any accredited photographer and/ or to have their full name published must notify the Race Secretary at the time of race entry or by signing the list provided at registration on the day of the race.

FIRST AID: First Aid cover will be available on the day by slope staff. A medical assessment form will be on display on the official notice board.

NOTICE BOARD: The official race notice board will be located on the second floor outside the race office.

CATERING AND REFRESHMENTS: Team managers, racers and their families are reminded not to bring their own food into the Snow Centre.

RESULTS: Full results will be available on www.gbski.com as soon after the races as possible.

Managers please note: It is your duty to ensure that all skiers and their families are aware of Esskia rules, and the Snow Centre rules as laid out on the next page.

Any racer who is disrespectful towards any Esskia official will be disqualified.

Snow Centre & ESSKIA Race Event Rules

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE RACE. PLEASE COMMUNICATE THESE RULES TO ALL COMPETITORS AND ACOMPANYING GUESTS.

LIFTS: Race competitors must use lifts as directed by marshals. Please use the Poma Lifts in the appropriate manner and do not swing in and out of the lift line or bounce on lifts.. Anyone seen to be using the lifts in an inappropriate manner will be asked to leave the slope and disqualified from the competition.

BIBS: Race bibs issued to each racer must be worn at all times and clearly visible when in the changing room or snow side. Bib issue will be located at the front entrance to the centre on the ground floor. Race bibs must be returned to the Finish Marshal on completion of the final run. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £30.00 for each missing bib.

Ski and Bag Storage: Please note that bags must not be left on or under the changing benches, bags are to be stored either in or on top of the lockers, otherwise equipment should be left in the car. Only one pair of skis may be taken to the start area and skis when not being used must be stored in the changing room in the racks provided.

SKIS NOT TO BE LEFT IN THE SNOW ARENA OR LEANT UP AGAINST WALLS ANYWHERE IN THE BUILDING. Any skis left in unauthorised areas will be removed and the athlete may be sanctioned.

Ski boots: MAY be worn anywhere within the snow centre. Please knock excess snow of boots before leaving the snow arena.

Ski Preparation: No ski prep is to take place in the building, including the boot room or in the car park.

Loss and Damage: The Snow Centre (Hemel) and/or the race organisers accept no responsibility for valuables or equipment left unattended. Snow Centre and ESSKIA are not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of your property during your visit.

Additional Snow Centre Rules:

The training slope, to the right of the main slope isout of bounds, there may be public lessons and ringos in progress on this slope at various times throughout the day.

Helmets must be worn by all athletes and others accessing the slope. Gloves, full length trousers & long sleeve tops must be worn at all times on the slope. We also advise that you wear warm waterproof jackets & trousers. During open practice bibs MUST BE WORN so number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib will be asked to leave the slope.

Only authorised people allowed in the snow arena, this includes any area of the snow through the airlock. These doors are not to be kept open.

Participants must be able to control their speed, confidently link turns and fit their boots correctly. They must also be fully competent in using the poma lifts.

In the event of any emergency please listen to the PA system and follow the instructions of race officials or ski centre staff.

Only food & beverage bought from Snow Centres own restaurant and bar is allowed on the premises. All other food & beverage must be consumed away from the premises.

GUEST SAFETY
Snow Centre reserves the right to ask anyone to leave the slope and the premises if we suspect a guest is under the influence of drink or drugs. Additionally, irresponsible behaviour, endangering other slope users, being abusive to other slope users, or causing general disharmony will result in exclusion from the Snow Centre.

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