ESSKIA UK SCHOOLS' INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The Snow Centre, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HP3 9NH
MONDAY 29 JUNE 2026 08.00 – 16.00

BULLETIN 1 Entries are welcome from schools in England, Wales, Scotland

TEAM entries only. All skiers should be full time pupils on the Summer Term roll of the school they are representing. There is a limit on the number of entries we can accept, and this will be done on a first come first served basis.

A senior skier may ski up in age group, but no skier can race for more than one team. The Category of a Team is determined by the oldest skier in the Team.

In respect of individual rankings, each skier in Category 5 will be ranked individually in the Category of the team in which they are racing.

For example: a yr 9 skier competing as part of a Category 5 Mixed team will be eligible for ranking in Category 5, but not in Category 3.

This is necessary as the courses skied will be different than for Categories 2 - 4, and so times will not be comparable.

All skiers in Category 2 - 4 Teams will be ranked individually in the Category relevant to their own age, regardless of the Category of their Team.

For example, a Year 9 skier will be listed individually in Category 3 even if taking part in a Category 4 team.

Medals will be awarded to the first 3 teams in each category. Perpetual trophies are awarded in Category 4.

Category 1 – Stubby gates - Pupils in Years 3-6. Teams of 2 or 3 racers. Separate Boys, Girls & Mixed teams.
Category 2 – Full gates - Pupils in Years 7 and 8. Teams of 3 or 4 racers. Separate Boys & Girls teams.
Category 3 – Full gates - Pupils in Years 9 and 10. Teams of 3 or 4 racers. Separate Boys & Girls teams.
Category 4 – Full gates - Pupils in Year 11 and above. Teams of 3 or 4 racers. Separate Boys & Girls teams.

Category 5 - Full gates - Pupils Years 7 and above. Mixed Teams. Teams of 3 or 4 racers. One competition.
(Note: Team should contain both Girls and Boys. If 4 must be 2 Boys + 2 Girls).

Schools may enter up to TWO boys' and TWO girls' teams in each of the Categories 1-4. There are separate competitions for girls' and boys' teams in Categories 1 - 4. In addition, they may enter ONE mixed team in Category 1.

Category 5 is designed to allow Schools who could not otherwise raise a Team to still compete. Athletes may be of any Senior (yr 7+) age. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 teams, and athletes in this category will receive an individual ranking within the Category. Schools may enter ONE team in Category 5.

The race will consist of two runs over a schools' slalom course. Category 1 teams will race on stubby gates, Category 2 - 5 teams will race using full gates.

In Category 1 the best of the 2 times down the same course will count towards Individual Ranking.

In Categories 2 - 5 the sum of both times will be used. In Categories 2-4 separate Male and Female courses will be set in order to preserve snow quality and each Team will have 2 runs down the same course. Athletes in Category 5 teams will have 1 run down the Male course and 1 run down the Female course.

Start list will be staggered and reversed for Run 2. ALL skiers will have the opportunity to ski both runs. In Category 1 team score will be the total of best two times on the first run and best two times on the second run. In Categories 2 - 5 team score will be the total of best three times on the first run and best three times on the second run.

RACE STAFF: Each team should be accompanied by a Team Manager and a Race Official. The Team Manager can act as the Race Official. Each team is required to provide an Official as a condition of entry.

COACHES: one ACCREDITED suitably attired and qualified coach per school will be allowed to accompany athletes during inspection and, subject to space and approval by the Start Referee, at the top of the hill (but not in the start area) during the race. Priority given to safety and comfort of athletes. Coaches must follow the directions of the Start Referee at all times. 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

ENTRY FEE: £90 per team in Category 1, £120 per team in Categories 2 - 5 for ESSKIA schools, Welsh, and Scottish schools affiliated to their home nations.

All racers must have 3rd party liability insurance. (ESSKIA member Schools are covered by Snowsport England; Welsh and Scottish teams should confirm insurance through their home nation). English schools that are not members of ESSKIA may need to pay an additional fee to provide 3rd party insurance through Snowsport England. Please contact the race secretary to discuss. Ski hire is available from the Snow Centre for those without their own skis.

PAYMENT for the race may be made by BACS or Cheque using the details on your invoice.

ENTRIES Are via the ESSKIA Race Entry Syste. A small number of schools had issues reaching the url for the dryslope races so we have changed provider. The Race Entry System can be found at:

https://schoolskiracing.co.uk/ESSKIA.html

Incase of difficulties, please ask your IT department to 'whitelist' this site.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 17 June. Late entries are unlikely to be accepted.

A PROVISIONAL Bulletin 2 is included. The FINAL Bulletin 2 including the final schedule for the day, will be emailed after the closing date, to those schools whose entries have been received. Payment must be made by Friday 19th June 2026.

Incase of questions contact David Burns at:
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