Chatham Outdoor Club National 2026
Saturday 27th June

Chatham Ski and Snowboard Centre
Capstone Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 3JH

Race Bulletin No. 1 - INVITE

Entries are invited from registered racers in the following categories:
U14, U16, U18, U21, Senior and Masters to compete in a seeded race in Club National format.

Entries are also invited from registered racers in the U10 and U12 categories to compete in an unseeded race that will be set using stubbies. Children born 2019 and earlier are not eligible to enter.

Entry fee is £28. Deadline for entries is Friday 19th June 7pm

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

Online information available at https://gbski.com/competition.php?ID=1527
and entry available at https://entries.snowsportengland.org.uk

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Snowsport England Safeguarding Lead
welfare@snowsportengland.org.uk
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.

After the Club National race is completed, a Dual Slalom Dash for Cash race will be run by Alpine 100 (https://www.alpine100.org/) which will be seeded from the results of the Club National. There will be a total of £1500 of prize money available. Details for entry will be posted at a later date.

Organisation

This event is being organised by Chatham Race Club.

Entry Criteria and Race Format

Snowsport England Membership Requirement

The new Snowsport England membership regulations came into effect on 1 November 2025. All competitors must hold a valid membership to enter this race.

Membership requirements by age group:

- U12 competitors: Must have at least a Blue Membership.
- U14 and above: Must have a Red Compete Membership to be seeded in the final results.

U14 competitors with a Blue Membership May still race, but will not be seeded in the final results. They will be eligible for any applicable place medals/trophies.

For full details on the membership regulations, please visit:
https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/membership/

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.

Para Entries

Entries will be welcomed from para athletes. There will be a special category for para skiers. Para entries may be in any age category, and do not need to have seed points, but must comply with any other eligibility criteria for the event. Para athletes will ski the same courses set for the seeded Club National event and would run as first racer(s) down the relevant courses for each run. Awards will be made for the para category by gender.

Race Entry and Refunds

Entry fee for this event is £28.00.

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

Entries close 19:00 (7pm**)** on **Friday 19th June**. Late entries may be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per entry.

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.

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 Wednesday 24th June using the BARTS Outdoor Seed List (2026.3) 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 list will be in reverse time order 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.

- 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 back and front 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 the Race Secretaries contact details until 1pm on Friday 26th June and will then be located at the race venue from 8am on Saturday 27th June. After 1pm on 26th June contact can only be made by phone 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. 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 carried with you 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 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.

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 £25.00 for each missing bib.

First Aid

First Aid cover will be available on the day by Chatham Snowsports Centre. 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. An updated version of the programme will be published in the Acceptance Bulletin.

08:00 Officials access (main officials 07:30)
08:30 Race office open and bib issue
08.45 Open Practice
09.45 Course setting
10:05 – 10:30 U14 + Inspection
10:30 – 10:50 U10/U12 Inspection
11:00 Run 1 and Run 2
Break for Lunch and Protocol
14:00 Run 3
16:00 Prizegiving

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 but must be on skis or blades. Race trainers/coaches who accompany their racers must carry the relevant accreditation issued by the Race Office.

Open Practice

Open practice (warm up) on race day is on the race slope from 08:45 – 09:45 and 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.

Logistics

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served all day at the slope cafeteria.

Nearest Accommodation

Premier Inn: Gillingham Business Park, Will Adams Way, Gillingham, Kent ME8 6BY

Travelodge Chatham Maritime: Westen Avenue, Chatham Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TY

Directions

Directions can be found on Google maps using the postcode below. The car park will not be open until 8 am.

The address of the ski centre is:
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Capsonte Road
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