Pontypool Ski Racing
Club National 2026

Sponsored by Cox & Hitchcock Dental Group

Pontypool Park,
Pontypool,
Torfaen, NP4 8AT

On Saturday 11th July 2026

Race Bulletin No. 3 – Revised Acceptance

Entries are invited from both registered and non-registered racers in the following categories:
U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, U21, Seniors and Masters

Children born 2019 and later are not eligible to enter.

For the U10 and U12's event the course will be set using stubbies and will not be seeded

Deadline for entries is 16:00 (4pm) Friday 3rd July 2026
Extended to Wednesday 8th July (4pm) without late fee.

Online entry available at https://racesignup.co.uk/site/event.php?eventid=6224
or by post to the Race Secretary
Rules and regulations available at http://gbski.com

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Organisation
This event is being organised by Pontypool Ski Racing.

At the jury meeting on Saturday 4th July, it was decided to accept all 122 entries received by 16:15 (4:15pm) on Friday 3rd July. As the race is not yet full, the race committee decided to extend the deadline to Wednesday 8th July at 16:00 (4pm) without any extra fee. Currently 149 racers including late entries have been accepted.

Entry Criteria
Due to the weather conditions, to optimise safety the organisers have agreed a changed race structure to two runs, both runs to count for U14+ and best of two runs for U10-U12. This is still classed as a Club National with minimum points of 10.
U10-U12 runs are on the same course; a second course, preceded by a second inspection, will be used for U14+ Run 2.

U10/U12 Races
All races involving U10/U12 age categories will be run using stubbie gates, over **two** runs down the same course, with prizes awarded based on the best time from the **two** runs.

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 the Entry Form and signing an Athlete's Declaration. Racers who are not registered will be required to pay an additional £5 fee to cover SSW basic 3rd party insurance and administration costs.

Provisional Programme
The expected programme is shown below. Exact timings may vary depending on the final number of entries and circumstances on the day.

The revised timetable is as follows:
07.45 Officials Access
08.00 Race office opens for Bib Issue
08:15-09:15 Warm up U10/12 & female then males (30 mins each)
08.50-09.05 Race Officials Meeting
09:15-09:35 Course Set Run 1
09.35-10.05 Course inspections:
Female 20 mins/Male 20 mins (10 mins overlap)
10.15-10.35 U10/U12 Course Inspection
10.40-11.05 U10/U12 Run 1
11.10-12.10 U14+ Run 1 Females / Males
12.20-12.45 U10/U12 Run 2
12.45-13.20 Protocol
12.45-13.05 Course Set Run 2
13.20-13.50 Course inspections:
Female 20 mins/Male 20 mins (10 mins overlap)
13.50-14.50 Run 2 Females / Males
15.20 Prize Giving

NB: Please note ski poles MUST have bungs securely attached.

The weekend is expected to be very warm. Please bring water, sunscreen and hats and stay in the shade whenever possible.

Entry Fee
Entry fee for this event is £32.00. Online entry is available until 16:00 (4pm) on 3rd July2026, without incurring a late entry fee at https://racesignup.co.uk/site/event.php?eventid=6224

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Late entries will be accepted without additional fees until 16:00 (4pm) on 8th July, unless full, using the same RaceSignUp link above. Please also email the Race Secretary if close to this late entry deadline.

Race Office
The race office will be available by phone or email (email preferred) until 21:00 (9pm) on Friday 10th July and will then be located at the race venue from 08:00 (8am) on Saturday 11th July.

Start Order
The start order will be drawn at the Jury meeting on Thursday 9th July 2026 using the oBARTS Outdoor Seed List 2026.3 This seed list can be found on the web site www.gbski.com. The start lists will be published on www.gbski.com and on the official notice board on the morning of the race.

For the first run of the U14+ seeded race, unregistered racers will be drawn and will start first. The top 15 seeded competitors will be drawn and start last, with competitors seeded 16th onwards running in descending seed point order. The 2nd run will be in time order with the fastest times last.

For the Under 10 and under 12s in the first run each group will be randomly drawn, with the girls going first followed by the boys. The second run is in reverse bib order, and the boys will go first followed by the girls.

Race Rules/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 guidebooks are listed below, all racers and coaches are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these documents:

FIS Rules	https://gbski.com/icr
BACR Rules	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

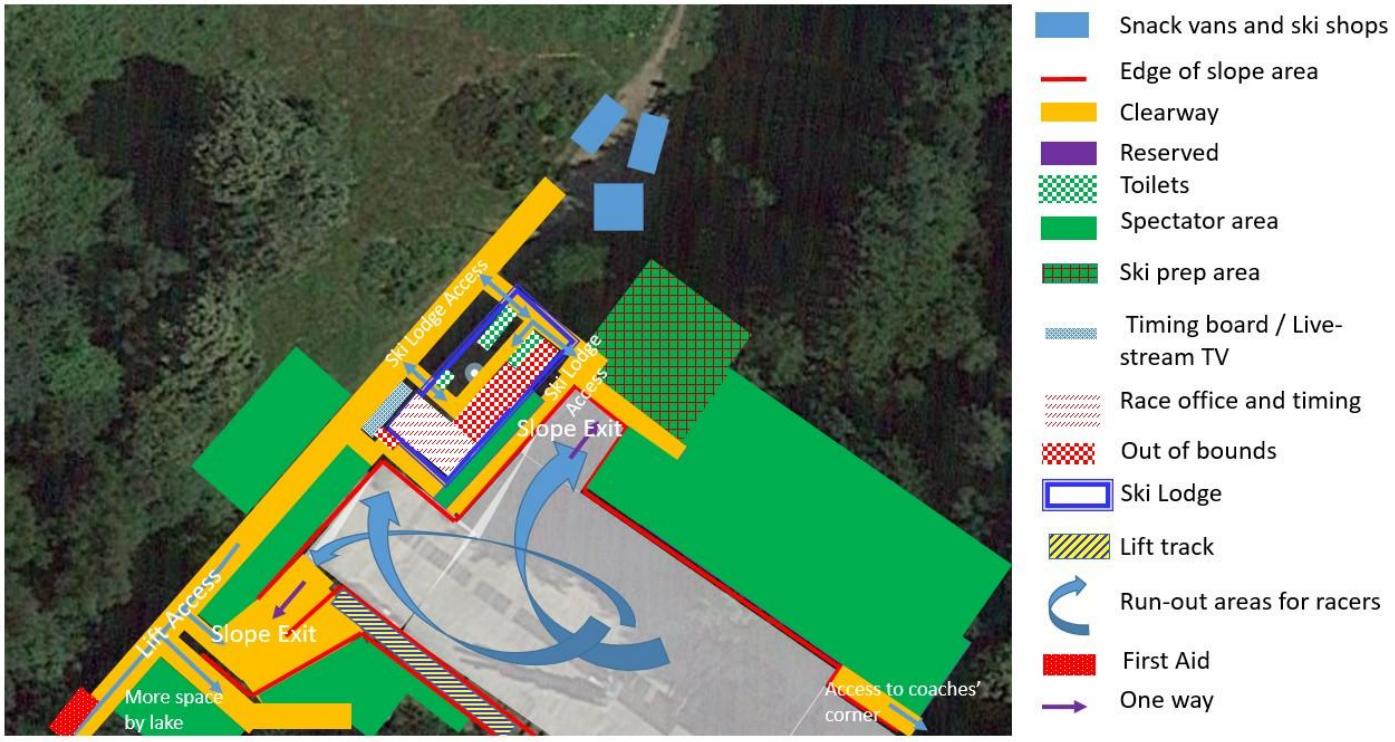
The jury has decided that all courses for this event will be set with single pole gates in accordance with ICR 804.
New from 2024 – The FIS rule changes that disallow stepping back (hiking) in Slalom (614.2.3, 661.4.1, 804.3) will also be applied to all BARTS (artificial slope) seeded calendar races and any accompanying U10/12 races. **PLEASE THEREFORE BE AWARE THAT STEPPING BACK (HIKING) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THIS RACE.**

Access
The building/slope will not be open until **08:00 (8am**).

We have designated spectator and team areas around the bottom of the slope in order to keep the footpaths clear and give everyone a good view of the racing. Please pitch any team rain shelters in the areas clearly marked as spectator areas.

Safety precautions when entering and exiting the slope: Please don't enter the slope from the bottom as fast racers will be using all the space available as their stopping area. There is only one access point onto the slope and that is into the lift queue directly. This will be clearly signposted. You may exit only to the skier's right in front of the ski lodge or into the lift queue. For safety, it is important that racers move out of the area at the bottom of the slope as soon as they have completed their race or practice run. In addition, please do not leave equipment on the slope or resting on the fence around the bottom of the slope, so that the bottom of the slope is left obstruction-free.

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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 be qualified and carry the relevant accreditation issued by the race office on the day.

Open Practice
Open practice on race day on the recreational slope from 08:15-09:15 is part of the entry fee. U14+Women and U10-U12 only for the first 30 minutes followed by U14+ Males for the remaining 30 minutes.
Please be aware of the safety arrangements for access to and exit from the slope.

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.

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 in cash.

Notice Board
The official race notice board will be located outside the race office on the wall opposite the boot hire desk.

Refunds
Except as noted here, race entry fees are non-refundable. Racers withdrawing on medical grounds may obtain a £10 refund of their entry fee if they apply to the Race Secretary and provide certified medial evidence to support their application.

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.

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Awards
Awards will be made in the following categories:
Club National Race:
Overall Females: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Overall Males: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Age Categories – 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Females and Males
Under 10's
Under 12's
Under 14's
Under 16's
Under 18's
Under 21's
Senior's
Masters
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.

Photography
Organisers and event attendees must comply with PSR's policy on Photo and Recorded Images. PSR has substantially adopted most of Snowsport England's policy on Photo and Recorded Images. See:
https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-PHOTO-AND-RECORDED-IMAGES-POLICY.pdf
There will usually be an Official Photographer present at our events.

At PSR events an official videographer may be appointed.
Photos and videos may be taken by the official photographer/videographer for some or all of the following purposes:

1. Publicity of the event by PSR, SSW and the slope
2. Post-event performance analysis by competitors and coaches associated with the competitors
3. Individual photos and videos as personal mementos or personal publicity
4. Live-streaming of the event on the internet
5. General video and photographs taken of the event but not focused on individual ski runs
6. Live display of the event on screens at the venue
7. FIS best practice is to video events (regulation 806.3) where the duties of the video controller are to observe the competitors' passage through the course

As part of Snowsport Cymru/Wales' Child Protection policy and Best Practice guidelines, if you do not wish your image to be used, please sign the Opt-Out forms available at the Race Office at this event. Racers who do **not** wish to be photographed by any accredited photographer must notify the Race Secretary in writing by the end of race registration.

You may request to opt out of purposes 1, 2, 3, and 4. It is, unfortunately, impractical to opt out of purposes 5, 6, or 7 as these are integral to the event. You may choose to not attend the event if you do not want to agree to these purposes. Any temporary recordings for purpose 7 where an opt out has been received for purposes 1, 2, or 3 will be deleted as soon as practical after the end of the event.

All other people wishing to take photographs or videos (other than for their own children) need to obtain permission from the event organisers. It should be noted that whilst Snowsport Cymru/Wales has no jurisdiction over members of the public taking photos we would challenge anyone who causes concern.

First Aid
First Aid cover will be available on the day by World Class Skiing. An Event Medical Assessment form (containing information about medical facilities and procedures) will be on display on the official noticeboard.

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Drug Testing may take place at any event listed upon the National Calendar.

Health & Safety Notes
In the interests of personal safety there must be no turning or jumping on the ski lift and track. Please remove ski stick straps before mounting the lift.

An official electrical point will be made available at the ski centre for hot waxing, it will not be permitted for additional extension leads to be plugged into this or any other of the ski centre's electrical points for any purpose.

Officials
Please note these races can only be run with sufficient race officials. If you are able to assist, please contact the Race Secretary or Chief of Race. We are particularly keen to recruit an additional forerunner.

Refreshments
Refreshments will be available to purchase from a mobile commercial unit at the slope.
Additional refreshments and toilets are available at the Leisure Centre café near the car park.

Directions & Accommodation
Leave the M4 at Junction 25a signposted Newport/Cwmbran and follow the A4042 towards Pontypool. At Pontypool take the A472 following signs to the ski slope. Parking is at the Leisure Centre car park. For SatNav users – the postcode is NP4 8AT. There is also overflow parking across the road from the main car park, with height restriction.

Please note there is a lengthy uphill walk from the car park to the ski slope.

Vehicle Access to the Ski Centre will only be permitted for those cars holding permits issued by Torfaen Borough Council. Disabled persons requiring access should contact Snowsport Wales by email info@snowsportwales.net. There are disabled parking spaces in front of the leisure centre.

Racers may leave skis in the ski centre workshop overnight on Saturday evening at their own risk. No liability for loss or damage will be accepted by the race organisers or Torfaen Borough Council.

Nearest accommodation is: Premier Inn, Pontypool (2 mins drive to site) Best Western Pontypool Metro Hotel (2 mins drive to site) https://www.willowacrescampsite.co.uk/ (7 mins drive to site, but no under 16's). https://www.alfredrusselwallace.co.uk (15 min drive to site). https://www.greyhound-inn.com (15 min drive to site).	Booking.com and Airbnb for other local options. Usk area suggestions 3 Salmons - https://www.threesalmons.co.uk/ Castle Inn, Usk - http://castleinnusk.co.uk/ Glen yr Afon - https://www.glen-yr-afon.co.uk/ New Court - https://www.thenewcourtinn.co.uk/usk-accommodation/ Cwrt Bleddyn - https://cwrtbleddyn.co.uk/

Friday Evening Practice
There will be two practice sessions available from 18:00-19:30 and 19:30-21:00 on Friday 10th July, at a cost of £15 per athlete, both bookable on the online system at via the GBR entry page (even if not competing in the GBR race on Sunday 12th July) at https://racesignup.co.uk/copper-horse-gbr-outdoor-race-4

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