



Hemel Club National (At Welwyn) (inclusive Mini's & Masters)



**Venue: - Gosling Sports Park,
Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6XE
Tel.: 01707 384384**

Race Date: - Saturday 19th April 2008
Race Bulletin No 1 (Invite)

Organisation -

Hemel Ski Racing Club invite all registered and non registered racers (subject to additional fee) to compete in the HEMEL CLUB NATIONAL race to be held at Gosling Sports Park on Saturday 19th April 2008. Same great race – different location due to the development of Hemel into a Snowdome.

The race is being organised by Hemel Ski Racing Club on behalf of Snowsport England. *The Club is pleased to acknowledge the continued help and support of Snow + Rock and Gosling Sports Park.*

Entry Criteria

The Club National Race is a special slalom consisting of 3 runs on the same course; open to home nation registered and non-registered racers in the following categories:

Children 1	Children 2	Junior 1
Junior 2	Seniors	Masters

Home Nation registered entrants with no seed points will be given priority over those with seed points and unregistered entrants in the event of the race being over subscribed.

The Minis event is a special slalom consisting of 3 runs on the same course open to both home nations registered and non-registered racers with a year of birth of 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Closing date for entries is the Friday 11th April 2008. It is anticipated that late entries will not be accepted so it is recommended to ensure your entry is received prior to the closing date either by postal entry or online.

Programme

08.30h	Race office opens for registration and bib issue
08.45h	Open Practice
09.00h	Race Officials Meeting
09.45h	Course Setting
10.15h	Course Inspection
10.25h	Start of Course Inspection for Males
10.45h	Finish Course inspection
11.00h	First & Second Runs
14.00h	Referee's Report
14.30h	Third Run
17.00h	Prize giving

Every attempt will be made to keep to the above schedule. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule as appropriate.

Race Rules/Health and Safety

The race will be run under F.I.S. rules as varied by the SSE and published in the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR) 2007. This manual is available on http://www.ersa.co.uk/Rules/BACR_2007.pdf

Competitors are reminded of the regulations requiring the use of protective 'bungs' or caps on ski pole tips and of the regulations governing the limits of ski/binding heights. These regulations are liable to be enforced during this event.

TDs have been instructed to apply the unsportsmanlike behaviour rule to any racer using bad language.

All participants must wear a properly fitted and approved safety helmet appropriate for skiing during training and competitions. (The European Standard for ski helmets is BS EN 1077:1996 Specification for helmets for alpine skiers.)

Gloves and long sleeves must be worn at all times whilst on the slope, including during open practice, course inspection and the race itself.

Racers are reminded that their clothing should provide adequate protection. Racers must wear clothing that adequately protects their body; that is ankle to wrist cover. Racing in crop tops is not acceptable.

For health and safety reasons no ski preparation/spraying etc is to take place within the start area. No smoking is allowed in the start area.

Course Inspection

Racers inspecting the course must wear skis and wear bibs with number clearly visible. No one is allowed to ski the course during inspection. Race trainers/coaches may accompany their racers provided they are qualified and carry the relevant accreditation issued by the race office on the day or prior to the race. This form is available for download from

http://www.ersa.co.uk/racing/ERSAGP_CN/Acceptance_Responsibility_form.pdf No other people will be allowed to enter the race area.

Race Format

The Races will be run to the following format:

The first and second runs will be held in bib order, the better of these times to count towards the total. The third run will be held in reverse time order with the slowest going first, and must be completed successfully, i.e. the result will be the sum of the better time of runs one and two, plus the time for run 3. All runs will be down the same course.

Awards

There will be presentations in the following categories:

Age group	Female	Male
Mini's	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Children 1	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Children 2	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Junior 1	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Junior 2	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Senior	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Masters 1, 2 & 3	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Overall (AH Trophy)	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

Acceptance

Entry fee for 2008 is £16.00. Online entry is available at <https://www.freestyleweb.co.uk/compentry/index.asp>

All late entries accepted will be subject to an additional fee of £ 10.00

NB. As this race is expected to be over subscribed there is no guarantee that late entries will be accepted. It is strongly advised to ensure the entry form is submitted by the closing date of Friday 11th April 2008.

Entry formalities for unregistered racers

In order to encourage a greater participation S.S.E. has agreed to allow organising clubs to accept race entries from unregistered racers subject to the following: -

1. Entries may only be accepted if, at the closing date, the race is under subscribed from entries by registered racers. In the event of the number of unregistered entries exceed the vacancies; the organising committee will determine which entries are accepted, to bring the total entry up to no more than 180 or as decided by the organizers.
2. Entrants must complete the race entry form and pay a public liability insurance and administration fee of £5.00 in addition to any published race entry fee. They must also complete the athletes declaration.
3. Accepted entrants are eligible to win age group and overall medals and their results will be shown on the official results. However, they will not be allocated a registration number and their results will not be processed for seed points.
4. Online entry is not available for unregistered athletes.

Doping Control

Competitors should note that the Dope Control Unit may arrive unannounced at any event and will have the complete co-operation of the organisers of this race

There have been a number of recent amendments to the Doping Control Regulations; these changes mainly affect two groups of competitors, those who suffer from asthma and taking asthma medication and those using insulin to treat insulin-dependent diabetes. The result of these new regulations is that any competitor using these drugs must obtain certification in writing from the doctor prescribing them or from the team physician. A form on which to obtain the appropriate certification is available from the SSE Head Office. This certificate must be completed in advance of competition and returned to the SSE Medical Advisor with a SAE for Acknowledgement of Notification to be returned to you.

All competitors should note that this notification is required annually.

Race Office

The Race Office will be at the Race Secretary's address until the evening of Friday 18th April. It will then be located in the Gosling Ski Centre from 8am on Saturday 19th April.

Photography

Athletes who do not wish to be photographed by the accredited photographer must notify the Race Secretary in writing or email before the event. No other photographers will be permitted on the slope without prior accreditation by the organisers. Those athletes entering online have the option to opt out when registering for the race.

Refunds

On acceptance into the race a refund will only be given to racers if a medical certificate is submitted.

Refreshments/B-B-Q

The Sports Centre Bar and the Club's B-B-Q Chef will be serving food all day, starting with bacon sandwiches in the morning (**from 8.00am**)

First Aid

St Johns Ambulance will be in attendance.

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