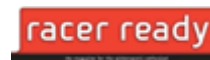




SNOWSPORT ENGLAND INGHAMS GRAND PRIX SERIES 2008



Venue: Suffolk Ski Club, Whersted, Ipswich
Date: Sunday, 6th July 2008



RACE INVITATION

Organisation

The race is being organised on behalf of Snowsport England by the Eastern Region Ski Association (ERSA) with the help of Suffolk Ski Club.

The organisers would like to thank Inghams, Ski Bartlett and Atomic for their sponsorship of the Grand Prix Series.

As Main Sponsor of the Grand Prix Series, Inghams will be offering bursaries to age category winners at each race and overall series winners. Further details can be found on http://www.britski.org/ingham_sponsorship_2008.pdf

Entry Criteria

The Grand Prix is special slalom of 2 runs down two different courses and is open to registered racers in the following categories: Children 1, Children II, Junior I, Junior II, and Senior. Racers with the lowest seed points will be given priority; there will be a cut off of 250 seed points. The current BARTS Seedpoint list will be used.

The top 15 racers will be drawn in 2 groups, the top 7 drawn in one group followed by the next 8 drawn in a second group and racers seeded 16 onwards will be run in seedpoint order

Closing date for entries is **Friday, 27th June 2008**

Programme

08.30		Bib Issue and registration
08.30	- 09.30	Open practice
09.00		Race Officials' Meeting
09.30	- 10.00	Course Setting
10.00	- 10.30	Course Inspection
10.40	- 12.00	First run (Females, Males in reverse bib order)
12.30	- 13.00	Course Setting
13.00	- 13.30	Course Inspection
13.45	- 16.00	Second run (Females, Males in reverse time order)
17.00		Prize giving

Every attempt will be made to keep to the stated times, but the organisers reserve the right to change the times if necessary. Please check the Race Notice Board on arrival and listen out for announcements over the P.A. system.

Race Rules

The race will be run under F.I.S. rules as varied by the SSE and published in the British Artificial Competition Rules (BACR) 2008. This manual is available on <http://www.gbski.com/rules.php>. Racers and race officials should also be aware of the Guide to the Rules of Ski Racing available on <http://www.britski.org/racingguide07.pdf>

The Jury has the right to refuse a racer starting if the racer does not appear on time in the start. The Start Referee will be instructed to work to FIS613.6. Start Licences may be checked. TDs have been instructed to apply the unsportsmanlike behaviour rule to any competitor using bad language.

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

Gloves and long sleeved garments which also cover the midriff must be worn at all times whilst on the slope, including during open practice, course inspection and the race itself.

All competitors MUST wear a properly fitted and approved safety helmet on the slope throughout the event; this includes practice session, course inspection, fore runners, and the race itself. Helmets should be compliant with standard BS EN 1077:1996 Specification for helmets for alpine skiers).

It should be noted by all competitors that the use of 'Yellow 77' and the Blue lubricant is not permitted at Suffolk Ski Club.

Race Format

The race will be run to the following format:

The first run will be held in reverse bib order. The second and final run will be in reverse time order based on the time from the first run and both must be completed. Each run will be on a different course.

Course Inspection

During inspection a racer must wear his/her bib so that it is visible at all times. This is to show that the racer is entitled to be in the course area.

During inspection racers may not ski the course at speed nor shadow its characteristics from the side. A racer may snowplough or sideslip SLOWLY through the course. Practice starts are not permitted (although racers can view the course from the start gate). However, the Jury shall decide the method of inspection and, depending on the circumstances, may forbid snowploughing or sliding the course. In such circumstances, racers must inspect the course from the side.

Racers can inspect on skis or snowblades but not on foot. This is to prevent damage to the matting and to stop mud being brought onto the surface.

The first 10 minutes of course inspection will be for females, the next 10 minutes will be for all racers, and the last 10 minutes for males.

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.britski.org/Coaches2008.pdf> No other people will be allowed to enter the race area.

Awards

Awards will be made in the following categories:-

Females	Children I	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd	Males	Children I	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd
	Children II	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd		Children II	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd
	Junior I	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd		Junior I	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd
	Junior II	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd		Junior II	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd
	Senior	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd		Senior	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd
	Overall	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd		Overall	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd

All prize winners are expected to show courtesy to the organisers by attending the prize giving. Those who do not attend without good reason lose their claim to an award.

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.

Acceptance

Entry fee for 2007 is **£16.00**.

Online entry is available at <https://www.freestyleweb.co.uk/compentry/index.asp>

There is no guarantee that late entries will be accepted. It is strongly advised that the entry form is submitted by the closing date of **Friday, 27th June 2008**.

Entries from racers with more than the 250 seedpoint cut-off and who are competing in the Suffolk CN race the day before will be provisionally accepted subject to the required seed points being gained in the CN race and subject to the agreement of the National Seeder. Any competitor that wishes to enter the GP must submit their entry by the cut-off date of **27th June 2008**. Any competitor who fails to gain the required seedpoints from the CN race will have a refund of the race entry fee.

Late Entries

The Jury will consider late entries (up to a maximum of 180 racers) received by first post **Wednesday 2nd July 2008**. All late entries accepted will be drawn for start order, and will be placed on the start list to run before the entries already accepted, in the order they are received.

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

Protests against Acceptance / Late Entries

Protests against non-acceptance must be received in writing by the Race Secretary by first post **Wednesday 2nd July 2008**.

Results of protests and confirmation of acceptance of late entries may be obtained by telephoning the Race Secretary, Bernard Wright, on 01449 740458 between 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd July 2008.

Race Office

The Race Office will be at the Race Secretary's address until the evening of Friday 4th July. It will be located in the Suffolk Ski Club Building from 8.30 a.m. on Race Day.

Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located in the changing room adjacent to Reception.

Commentator Sheets and Race Bibs

Commentator sheets must be completed and handed in when collecting a race bib. Race bibs must be returned to the Finish Marshall on completion of the second run, failure to do so will result in a charge of £25.00 for each missing bib.

Referee's Report Protests

Referee's Report protests 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.

Refunds

Once accepted into the race, refunds will only be given to racers if a request is supported by written medical evidence.

Photography

Neil McQuoid of Racer Ready has been approved by SSE as the official photographer for the Grand Prix series and is accredited by the organisers. No other photographers will be permitted on the slope without prior accreditation by the organisers.



Racers who entered using the online system have had the opportunity to opt out of having their photographs taken by an accredited photographer. Any other racer who wishes to opt out must inform the Race Secretary prior to the day of the race.

Refreshments/Entertainment

There will be food and drink available for sale throughout the event.

First Aid

Qualified First Aid personnel will be in attendance at the race.

Ski Hire

Please take note that for this event, skis will **NOT** be available for hire from the Ski Club.

Officials

Please note that these events can only run successfully with sufficient race officials. If you are able to assist, please contact the Chief of Race.

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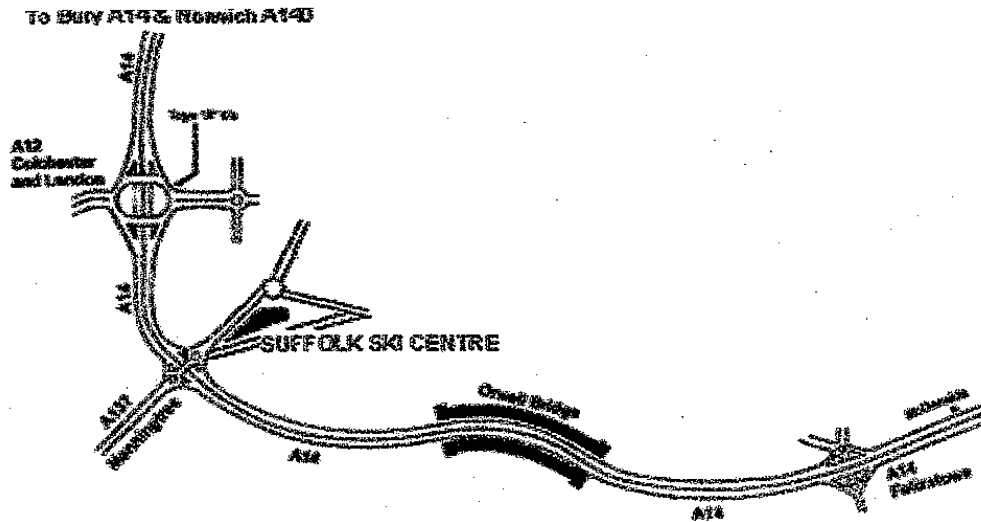
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Accommodation

Details of where to stay can be found on the website here http://www.suffolkclubnational.co.uk/where_to_stay.

Directions

More details can be found on the website here, <http://www.suffolkclubnational.co.uk/directions>. Please note that you can enter the site at either the bottom or top of the slope, from 7.30am onwards.



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