



ERSA FUN INDOOR SNOW EVENT (At Hemel Snow Centre)



**Venue: - Hemel Snow Centre,
St Albans Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts,
Tel.: 01442 241321**

Race Date: - Sunday 31st May 2009

Race Bulletin No 1 (Invite)

Organisation -

ERSA invite all racers to compete in the 1st ERSА HEMEL FUN RACE to be held at Hemel Snow Centre on Sunday 31st May 2009.

The race is being organised by ERSА and the clubs within the region.. *ERSА is pleased to acknowledge the continued help and support of The Snow Centre (Hemel) and Clubs within the region.*

Entry Criteria

The Fun Race is a special slalom consisting of 2 runs on similar courses and is open to racers who have competed in the 2008 ERSА Summer League series, the 2008 ERSА Championships or one of the Summer League Races 2009 although if not competed will still be considered. This race is an introductory level race aimed at those racers in the region with high ERSА points although to make up a full entry lower pointed racers will be considered. If time permits a form of the ERSА team events will be held on the 2 courses.

Clubs are allocated entries according to the clubs total entry for Summer League 2008 although all clubs are invited to submit anyone interested in competing over and above the limit. At present the total allowable entry is not known but it will be no less than 150 entries.

The club entry will be decided by the clubs race managers. However ERSА will retain the right to withdraw any competitor where they believe the entry criteria has not been applied fairly by the clubs. If quotas are not taken up then these places will be offered to the other ERSА clubs.

The event will be open to all ERSА age groups. Entry must be through the race manager in time to allow names to be passed to the organisers before the evening of the Wednesday prior to the event (Wednesday 27th May). As this race is expected to be popular once accepted the entry fee will be payable and no refund will be given unless satisfactory reasons given. A waiting list will be compiled and other entries will be accepted to ensure the total number is not less than 150. The club ratios will be maintained if at all possible. **ENTRY FEE £15.00**

NB: ENTRY AND PAYMENT IS VIA THE RACE CLUBS MANAGER, individual entries will not be accepted.

Closing date for entries is midday Wednesday 27th May 2009. Late entries will not be accepted as a waiting list will be set up and so it is recommended to ensure that your entry is received by your race manager prior to the closing date. Acceptance list will be published via email ,and on the ERSА website during Thursday.

Programme

06.45h	Officials entry only.
07.00h	Centre opens, Race office opens for registration and bib issue
07.30h	Open Practice on side slope only, Bibs MUST be worn.
07.30h	Race Officials Meeting – Course Setting
08.15h	Open Practice ends.
08.30h	Course Inspection (10mins Females, 10mins Females & Males, 10mins
09.15h	Males)
	Start of Individual Runs (1 st Run – Bib order, 2 nd Run Reverse Bib Order)
12.15h	End of Individual Runs
12.30h	Team events
14.00h	Prize Giving in Bar Area.

At present it is planned to hold a variation of ERSА Summer League "Team Events" but this may need to be adapted depending on circumstances. Every attempt will be made to keep to the above schedule. The organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule as appropriate. Open Practice on the recreational slope from 07.30h – 08.15h is part of the entry fee. Thereafter the public will be admitted to the centre for lessons on the side slope

Any racer found skiing on the non-race slope after this time will be immediately disqualified from the competition with no refund given. Hemel Snow Centre staff and race organisers will remove anyone at any time skiing in an inconsiderate manner.

Racers will have access to the Changing Rooms and lockers for valuables will be available (£1.00 coin needed - returned). The Snow Centre and ERSА will accept no responsibility for equipment or valuables left unattended.

Race Rules/Health and Safety

The race will be run under SSE. rules as varied by ERSA and published on the ERSA website at http://www.ersa.co.uk/Rules/SL_Rules_2009.pdf Additional rule specific to this indoor snow races are as follows.

- Start Order – To be fair to all competitors a “random draw” will be used and the order reversed for the second run, females and males will race together but the results will be calculated separately.
- The courses will be set using single flex slalom poles as agreed in the FIS precisions 2009. Courses ideally will be identical and set at the same time using a marker.
- Racer assistants (e.g. coach or parent) will not be allowed in the Snow area or Start Area because of the impact of overall numbers on the authorised fire capacity of the arena. Only racers and officials allowed in the snow arena.
- Once at the top of the slope no one will be allowed down to the bottom until the end of that run. (Does not apply to officials)
- Ski preparation is not allowed anywhere in the Snow Centre. An area outside with power will be provided for this purpose and no other area is to be used. Includes car parking areas.
- No skis allowed in the bar/restaurant area unless in a closed ski bag. Boots may be worn in any area of the centre.
- Coaches may accompany their racers during course inspection. Inspection on foot by either racers or coaches is NOT permissible. Skis or correctly fitted snow blades must be worn. Likewise no person is allowed in the Snow arena without skis or boots. This will be varied for various official duties.
- **CATSUITS are NOT recommended. NO CATSUITS to be worn by BG2 or below.** (SSE Mini Category – Born 1999 and after). It is very cold in the snow arena. (Air T -6°C)
- **In order to preserve the racing surface, racers may not pass through gates during the inspection. The inspection must be carried out from the side of the course.**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED WITHIN THE SNOW ARENA UNLESS PRE ARRANGED WITH THE ORGANISERS.**

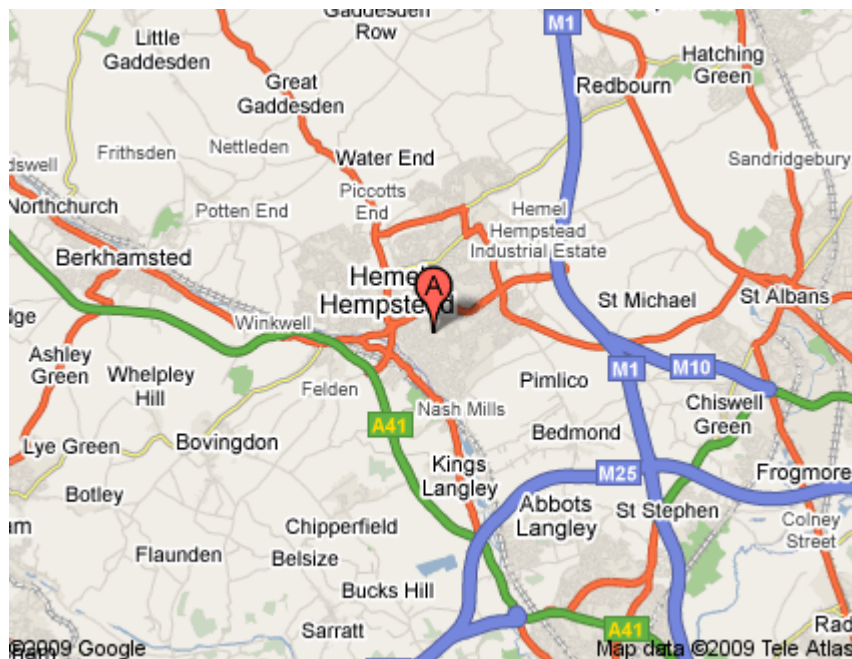
Refreshments

Refreshments including drinks, hot food and snacks are available from the Snow Centre bar and restaurant.

First Aid

First aid cover will be provided by the Snow Centre and ERSA.

Directions:



Hemel is just five minutes from the M1 (SatNav reference HP3 9NH). Exit the M1 at Junction 8 and follow the A414 towards Hemel Hempstead. At the third roundabout take the first exit signposted ‘Bennett’s End’. Turn first right into ‘St Albans Hill’. Straight on at the first mini-roundabout, then right at the next mini-roundabout into our entrance. Adequate free parking on site.

Hemel Ski Race Club, The Snow Centre and ERSA would like to welcome you to this superb new facility and wish you a very pleasant and enjoyable day. As this is the first race to be held in the new centre it will be a learning curve for all so we ask that you show patience and understanding during the day.

If further information is needed please contact ERSA at ersa.ski@ntlworld.com or telephone 07771893158