



# ERSA Ski Race Championships 2019

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## Race Bulletin Invitation



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### Race Criteria

The ERSA Champs will be held over 2 days on 2 different surfaces.

DAY 1 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Welwyn “Dry Slope” race day to include Team Events and Super 7.

DAY 2 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - SnoZone Milton Keynes “Indoor Snow”- Max 150 entries.

<b>Gosling Park Ski Centre</b> Gosling Ski Centre, WG City, Herts, Race Date: - Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2019		<b>Snozone Milton Keynes</b> Xscape, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3XS Race Date:- Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	
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### Entry Criteria

All competitors must be members of a club affiliated to Snowsport England, ERSA clubs are to provide race officials (See below). Entry to the event will be via the online system [www.ersa.co.uk](http://www.ersa.co.uk) or through the Clubs Race Manager. Payment will be by the online system only and must be completed before bibs are issued on race day.

Entry is available for the individual races with a fee which is shown on the ERSA website. Priority, including the start draw, will be given to those athletes that wish to enter both days. There will be no family discount for either or both days.

Athletes may enter either or both events, however if either event is oversubscribed then priority will be given to those entering both days and having paid before the closing date.

If required an ERSA seedpoint cut of will be applied to maintain the standard of the competition.

The entry criteria will be reviewed by both ERSA RTP and the clubs race managers to ensure fairness and correct procedures have been applied. A percentage of entries into each age group will be accepted to ensure a fair competition in each age category.

THE OVERALL ERSAs CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A CLUB WITHIN THE EASTERN REGION SNOWSPORT ASSOCIATION REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND AND TO INDIVIDUALS IF REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND WHOSE 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> NAMED CLUB IS AN EASTERN REGION CLUB. THE START LIST WILL BE COMPILED USING THE LATEST ERSAs SEEDPOINT LIST. THE RTP AND THE RACE MANAGERS WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS CRITERION BUT WISH TO COMPETE IN THE ERSAs CHAMPIONSHIPS.

### Closing Date

The closing date for online entries will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September unless notified.

### Finals Format

#### Day 1 format – Dry Slope Race @ Welwyn

- Three runs down the same course
- U14 - Overall winner for the day is fastest of run 1 or run2 + run 3. (Same format as Summer League.)
- U12 – Best 2 of 3 to count (Same as Summer League)
- Followed by the team events, Super 7, Children’s, Open A and Open B

#### Start Team Events



- Each Ski Club can enter one Team into the main events
- Entry criteria and rules will be the same as for the Summer League
- Competitors for the Dual Slalom events can race in any order but must stay in that same order for all races
- Racers may not ski for more than one category or club. However racers may enter the Special 7 in addition to the team events.
- Teams must nominate a team captain, this may be a racing member or not.

**No late entries will be accepted into the team event. Teams will be drawn for race order. All team events are parallel relay.**

*Children's Team* must consist of 5 racers in the U16, U14, U12, U10 and U08 Age groups. One team member must be female and one must be male.

*Open "A" Age Group Teams* may comprise of 5 racers from any age group. One team member must be female and one must be male.

*Open "B" Age Group Teams* may comprise of 5 racers from any age group. Female or Male

*Special Team Event* will consist of ANY 7 competitors, male or female from any age group. Teams may elect to race in any order but this order must be declared before the event and may not be changed. A seeding system based on the ERSA Summer League seed points will be used and race rules will be the same as for the Summer League.

## Day 2 format – Snow Slope Race @ Snozone, MK

- Overall winner for the day is fastest of run 1 or run 2
- Extended Slalom (subject to time and conditions we will attempt to do 2 runs)

## ERSA Championships 2019 Overall combined results

Fastest run from Day 1 + fastest run from Day 2 **\*\*Please note – Overall Awards are presented to top ERSA club members only.**

### Awards

Awards will be given in the categories on each day and on Sunday the Overall ERSA Champion awards 2019 will be presented. Overall Champion will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd for male and female.

All prize winners are expected to show due courtesy to the organisers and racers by being present at the prize giving ceremony. Those who do not attend without notifying the race organisers will lose their claim to an award.

### Race Rules

The race will be run under F.I.S. rules as varied by ERSA and SnowSport England and published in the British Artificial Competition Rules on [www.gbski.com/rules.php](http://www.gbski.com/rules.php). The Jury 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 for plastic races, and those rules 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. Racers are reminded that their clothing should provide adequate protection. All competitors **MUST** wear a properly fitted and approved safety helmet on the slope throughout the event; this includes the practice session and course inspection unless otherwise notified, fore runners, and the race itself. (Helmets should be compliant with standard BS EN 1077:1996 Specification for helmets for alpine skiers).

Bibs **MUST** be worn during open practice, inspection and the race so the number is visible from the front and back. For health and safety reasons no ski preparation/spraying etc is to take place within the start area, **racers are reminded that they need to be ready at the start gate when the competitor in front of them have completed their run.** Various other rules to be notified will be in force for the "Indoor Snow" event.



**NB: As per ERSA rules 2019 Catsuits are NOT allowed for athletes in the U12 age group and younger. Catsuits for the U14+ even though allowed are highly not recommended. We have been advised that the temperature in the snow arena will be lowered for this event and no advantage will be gained.**

## Course Inspection

The course's must be inspected wearing skis (or properly leashed snowblades), and bibs must be worn throughout course inspection so that the race number is clearly visible.

No-one is allowed to ski the course during inspection or allowed to enter the start area.

Race trainers/coaches may accompany their racers. Course inspection may start from any point on the course and racers must come to a complete stop between each gate when inspecting.

The method and timing of course inspection will be varied according to circumstances.

## Protests against Acceptance / Late Entries

Protests against non-acceptance must be received in writing or email by the Race Secretary by first post or email by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Results of protests and confirmation of acceptance of late entries may be obtained by telephoning or emailing the Race Secretary.

## Race Office

The Race Office will be at the Race Secretary's address until the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It will then be located in the various centres on Race Day.

## Notice Board

The official race notice board will be located **outside the Race Office** on both days.

## Race Bibs

Race bibs must be returned to the Finish Marshall on completion of the individual events in good condition, failure to do so will result in a charge of £35.00 for each missing or damaged bib.

## Refunds

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

## Photography

ERSA will approve an official photographer for the Finals and will be accredited by the organisers. No other photographers will be permitted on the slope without prior accreditation by the organisers. Photographs will be taken of all racers. These photographs may be used on the ERSA website to help promote the regional racing. The sponsors, Team Evolution and Ski Bartlett, may also use some photographs on their website in conjunction with the sponsorship.

Should you wish **not** to have your photograph taken or displayed on either website please inform the Race Secretary on race day or before via email.

## Refreshments

**Welwyn** - There will be food and drink available for sale throughout the day from the Welwyn bbq.

**Snozone** – Snozone Alpine kitchen offers an extensive food and beverage menu. Only food and drink purchases within the Snozone facilities is allowed to be consumed in Snozone and the Café / viewing area. Snozone have the right to ask people to leave their facility should food and drink from external sources be consumed within Snozone.

## First Aid

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

## Ski Hire

Please take note that for this event they will not be issued as a spare for course inspection, open practice etc.



## Race Officials

To ensure the smooth running of the Finals, each Club must provide RACE OFFICIALS to help run the event on the day as agreed prior to the race or at the very latest at the Race Managers meeting. Duties will be allocated per club, not per official so if clubs wish to share their tasks this is acceptable. Officials will get a briefing. The officials will also be required for the team events.

## Site Specifics – Snozone, Milton Keynes

- During open practice bibs **MUST BE WORN** so that the number is visible from back and front. Racers without a bib showing a visible number back and front will be asked to leave the slope.
- Access to the slope is for officials and racers only.
- Ski preparation is not permitted on site.
- Inspection on foot by either racers or coaches is not permissible.
- The training slope, to the far Skiers left of the main slope will be out of bounds, there will be public lessons in progress on this slope at various times throughout the day.
- Racer assistants (e.g. coach or parent) will **NOT** be allowed in the Start Area because of the restricted size and the impact of overall numbers on the authorised fire capacity of the arena.
- Only authorised people allowed in the snow arena, this includes any area of the snow through the airlock. These doors are not to be kept open.
- In the event of any emergency please listen to the PA system and follow the instructions of race officials or ski centre staff.
- Ski Storage - Please ensure that skis are stored in a safe manner. There are ski racks to store their skis in the racks in the changing area. Any skis/equipment stored in front of emergency exits or in inappropriate locations will be removed by Snozone staff.
- Lockers are provided in the changing area (refundable £1 deposit). Snozone accepts no responsibility for valuables or equipment left unattended. Skis are not to be left outside on the snow, the racks must be used. Any skis left in unauthorised areas will be removed.
- In addition please read and abide by any local rules operated by the facility.
- Please respect the facility and staff.

## Race Secretary

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## Child Welfare Officer

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## Programme Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Welwyn

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.

### Provisional Timetable

08.00 - 09.00	Race Office open
08.00 – 08.30	Bib Collection to Race Managers
08.00 - 09.00	Practice session will end at 9am and open as soon as possible.
08.30 - 08.45	Team Managers Meeting
08.45 - 09.00	Meeting for ALL Race Officials
09.00 - 09.20	Course Setting
09.20 - 09.50	Course Inspection
	<b>Individual Slalom</b>
10.00 – 12.30	3 Runs – Order F:M, F:M, U12G:U12B, U12G:U12B, U12G:U12B, F:M Note Race run as per championship event and there will not be a “rabbit run”
12.30	<b>ERSA AGM</b> Outside Timing Hut
	<b>Team Events</b>
12.30 - 13.00	Course Setting (Dual Slalom – Full Poles)
13.00 - 14.00	<b>Interclub Team Events</b> <b>Special Team Events</b>
14.30	Prize Giving

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## Programme Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Snozone, Milton Keynes

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### Provisional Timetable

06.30	<i>Access only for Race Officials – NO RACER ACCESS UNTIL 07.30</i>
07.30	<i>Public Access</i>
07.45 – 08.00	<i>Bib Collection</i>
08.00 - 08.45	<i>Open Practice – SKIERS RIGHT SLOPE ONLY</i>
08.00 - 08.45	<i>Course Setting</i>
08.30 - 08.45	<i>Meeting for ALL Race Officials</i>
08.45 - 09.00	<i>Course Inspection Full Gates F &amp; M (Not U12s)</i>
09.05 – 12.00	<i>Run 1 Order Females then Males</i>  <i>Reset F course to Stubbies after F Run 1</i>  <i>Course Inspection Stubbies Girls and Boys under 12s</i>  <i>Run 1 Girls and Boys U12s Bib Order</i> <i>Run 2 Girls Reverse Bib Order then Boys Reverse Bib Order U12s</i>  <i>Reset F course to Full Gates</i>  <i>Run 2 Order Females then Males REVERSE BIB ORDER</i>
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Extended Slalom</b> <i>Course Setting (Extended Slalom – Full Panelled Poles)</i>
13.00 - 14.00	<i>Extended Slalom Two Runs Bib Order</i>
14.15	<i>Prize Giving (Snozone Entrance Near Ramp / WCs)</i>

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## Programme Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Team Entry Form

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to enter the Team Event under the Category (see Rules contained within the invitation):

a. Children

b. Open A

c. Open B

We wish to enter the Special Team Event. Any age group, male or female

NAME:	
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No late entries will be accepted into the team event.

Teams will be drawn for race order. All team events are parallel relay.

Return the entry form to the Race Secretary by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Payment for team events is included in the individual entry.

### Race Secretary

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