



## **Kent Schools' Ski Championships 2024**

### **Invitation Bulletin**

**Venue:** Chatham Ski & Snowboard Centre, John Nike Leisuresport, Capstone Road, Gillingham ME7 3JH

**Date:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### **Entry Criteria**

The Kent Schools Ski Championships is open to all skiers schooled in the Kent area. The competition will consist of a slalom race of 2 runs down the same course followed by a dual knockout competition. The event is open to school teams made up of 3 or 4 racers and individual racers. The skiers can range from year 1 to 13 and entries will be taken up to a total of 250 racers. The morning will be dedicated to the Primary school skiers and the Secondary school skiers in the afternoon. Please refer to the provisional programme below for more details.

Entries will be accepted on a strictly first come, first served basis. Schools can enter multiple teams however all racers in a team must attend the same school and the school must ensure that all racers are competent to ski a slalom course.

#### **Dual Slalom Team Knock Out**

After the slalom race there will be an exciting dual knockout competition made up of teams of 4, to race head-to-head in a relay formation. Skiers will race in teams arranged by the computer based on the skier's times from the slalom race. Skiers wanting to participate in the dual knockout must have raced in the slalom event. When collecting your bib, our race official will ask you whether you would like to compete in this event. It is important that should you change your mind, you must notify an official as soon as possible as this causes delays when creating the teams.

#### **Entries**

School teams and individual competitors are required to complete & return the excel entry form to [emily@preciseracing.co.uk](mailto:emily@preciseracing.co.uk). Once you have submitted your entry, payment details will follow. Please note, late entry fees may apply, and no racers will be able to compete unless entry fees are received in full, prior to the race day.

#### **Entry Fees** (For both Slalom & Dual competitions)

Team fee £ 75.00

Individual fee: £22.00

## Officials

We would very much appreciate if each team can provide a volunteer to officiate and help run the race. Please note experience is not necessary. Once officials attend the team managers meeting, they will gain an understanding of their role.

## Race Rules

- Teams must race in the year group of the eldest member
- Skiers will race in number order for both runs
- The individual championship will be decided by the fastest time out of the two runs
- The team championship will be decided by the aggregate of the best three times for each run added together to give the overall team time
- Racers that are disqualified, or did not complete the first run **will** be allowed to take part in the second run
- If racers do not submit a time for either of their slalom race runs, they **will** still be eligible to compete in the dual knockout event
- To compete in the dual knock-out event, racers must have competed in the slalom race
- Racers are expected to behave in a sporting manner towards other competitors and race officials. Racers may be disqualified if they fail to adhere to slope rules or behave in an unsporting manner.

## Bibs Collection

Bibs will be issued to the school's team manager. Upon bib collection you must tell the organisers if your entire team wish to compete in the dual knockout event in the afternoon.

Any changes to racer's names must be confirmed to the race office prior to collecting bibs. Any damaged or lost bibs will result in a £65 charge, per bib.

## First Aid

Will be provided by Chatham Ski Centre.

Team managers should ensure they carry out their own medical consent forms.

## Course Inspection

The course must be inspected wearing skis, helmets, gloves and bibs. No one is allowed to ski the course during inspection, with exception of those taking part in the '**Rabbit Run**'. Race officials/coaches may accompany their racers providing they notify the race office.

For those skiers who have never raced before a '**Rabbit Run**' will be arranged where they will be led through the course by an experienced skier to ensure they understand the course layout just before the race begins.

## Race Programme

Programme for the Primary School Skiers (Year 1-6)	
08.00 hrs	Race Office Opens & Bib Collection
08.10 – 08.55	Open Practice
09.00 hrs	Team Manager's Meeting (Located by the Ski Hire)
08.55 - 09.10	Course Setting in Stubbies
09.10 - 09.25	Course Inspection
09.25 - 09.35	Rabbit Run (For first time racers only)
09.40 - 12.00	1st & 2nd Run of Slalom Race (Starting with bib no.1)
12.00 - 13.00	Dual Team Knock out
13.15	Prize Giving

Programme for the Secondary School Skiers (Year 7-13)	
12.30 hrs	Race Office Opens & Bib Collection
12.45 – 13.30	Open Practice
13.30	Team Manager's Meeting (Located by the Ski Hire)
13.30 – 13.45	Course Setting in Full Gates
13.45 - 14.00	Course Inspection
14.05 – 16.00	1st & 2nd Run of Slalom Race (Starting with bib no.101)
16.00 – 17.10	Dual Team Knock out
17.15 hrs	Prize Giving

Any changes to the programme will be announced via the loud speaker

Every effort will be made to keep to the above programme, but the organisers retain the right to vary it if necessary.

### Regulations

Helmets, long sleeves, long trousers, and gloves are compulsory for all racers whilst they are on the ski slope. Bibs should be worn with numbers visible for the duration of the racing and must be handed to the Finish Marshall at the end of the dual knockout or 2<sup>nd</sup> run if racers are not taking part in the dual knockout. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £70 for each missing bib.

All equipment borrowed from the ski centre must be returned before prize giving. No BBQ's or naked flame cooking appliances are allowed on site.

## Chatham Ski Slope

The centre will have equipment available to hire at no extra cost, however the equipment is limited so we ask that you pre book, listing your ski sizes when entering the competition.

We strongly advise bringing your own helmet and gloves, as the slope do not supply these, and you will not be able to race without them.

The slope has a café area that serves hot food, snacks & drinks. The facilities are upstairs in the main building.

## Awards

Team Prizes				
Lower Primary Years 2, 3 & 4	<b>Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mixed</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Overall Primary</b> Female 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Male 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Mixed 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Upper Primary Years 5 & 6	<b>Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mixed</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Lower Secondary Years 7, 8 & 9	<b>Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mixed</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Upper Secondary Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	<b>Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mixed</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Overall Secondary</b> Female 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Male 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Mixed 1 <sup>st</sup> Place

Individual Prizes				
Lower Primary Years 2, 3 & 4	<b>Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Overall Primary</b> Female 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Male 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Upper Primary Years 5 & 6	<b>Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
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Dual Knockout Prizes				
Primary Team Years 2-6		<b>Place</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Secondary Team Years 7-13		<b>Place</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>		

## Winter Sports Foundation

WSF is a charity that supports young gifted and talented individuals to go further in their sport via access to top class coaching, injury rehabilitation, nutrition, equipment, and funding. For several years, WSF have supported Precise Racing and generously donated prize money to the fastest Male and Female in both Primary and Secondary categories. A cheque will be awarded on the day, at prize giving.

## Trophies / Awards

The overall winners will be awarded a perpetual trophy. The perpetual overall prizes will only go to those skiers schooled in Kent. Any overall prize-winners must sign the trophy terms & conditions (providing they are over 18) on collection of the award on the day. The trophies should be returned and engraved, in preparation for the next Championships.

## Protests

Any protest must be made to the race office, accompanied by a representative if under the age of 18. To put in a protest, it comes at a fee of £20.00. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Protests will be considered by the Jury and the jury's decision will be final.

## Race Training

We have organised a pre-race training day that is open to all skiers.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

12pm – 4pm

£ 70 per skier

At Chatham Ski Slope

To book your place on the day camp, please visit our website [www.preciseracing.co.uk](http://www.preciseracing.co.uk)

If you would like specialised training session(s) for your racers or school, please email Emily Evans ([emily@preciseracing.co.uk](mailto:emily@preciseracing.co.uk)).

## Organising Team

The event is being organised Precise Racing.

Race Secretary / Chief of Championships: Emily Evans ([emily@preciseracing.co.uk](mailto:emily@preciseracing.co.uk))

Event Welfare Officer: Rob Robson ([cwo@preciseracing.co.uk](mailto:cwo@preciseracing.co.uk))

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