



Kent Schools' Ski Championships 2027 Invitation Bulletin

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

Date: Sunday 9th May 2027

Enter here: <https://schoolskiracing.co.uk/PRECISE.html>

The Kent Schools Ski Championships is open exclusively to students attending schools located within the Kent area. The event will include a two-run slalom race on the same course, followed by a thrilling dual slalom knockout competition. Competitors may enter either as individuals or as part of a school team made up of three or four racers. Racers must be in school years 1 to 13, and entries will be accepted until the maximum of 250 competitors is reached. The morning will be dedicated to Primary School skiers (Y1–6), with Secondary School racers (Y7–13) competing in the afternoon. For a more detailed breakdown of the schedule, please refer to the provisional programme below.

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Schools are welcome to enter multiple teams; however, all team members must attend the same school. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that all entrants are competent and confident skiing a slalom course.

Dual Slalom Knockout (Updated Format from 2026)

From 2026 onwards, the dual slalom event will move from a team relay format to an individual head-to-head knockout competition. Racers will continue to compete side by side on parallel courses, with separate male and female categories.

All racers who have completed the slalom will be eligible to take part. The knockout will run on a simple win-and-advance basis. Racers will start in a completely random order, determined by the start marshals at the top. If a racer wins their run, they return to the top of the slope and continue in the competition. If they lose, they are eliminated.

This format will steadily narrow the field to the fastest competitors, with the top three male and top three female racers receiving awards.

Please note that there will be no predetermined structure or seeding for match-ups; all pairings will be randomly selected by the start marshal to keep the event fast-moving and exciting.

How to Enter

All school teams and individual competitors must submit their entries via the following link: **Enter Here**

Once your entry is submitted, you will receive details on how to make payment.

Important Notes:

- Late entry fees may apply.
- No competitor will be allowed to race unless full payment has been received before race day.
- If you are entering as part of a team, you are automatically entered into the individual competition - **only one entry fee per racer** is required.

Entry Fees (For both Slalom & Dual competitions)

Team fee £ 90.00

Individual fee: £26.00

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 an £80 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 Primary School 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.

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 2nd run if racers are not taking part in the dual knockout. Failure to do so will result in a charge of £80 for each missing bib. All equipment borrowed from the ski centre must be returned before prize giving.

Race Programme

Programme for the Primary School Skiers (Year 1-6)	
08.00 hrs	Race Office Opens & Bib Collection
08.15 – 09.00	Open Practice
08.30 hrs	Team Manager's Meeting (Located by the Ski Hire)
09.00 – 09.15	Course Setting in Stubbies
09.15 - 09.40	Course Inspection
09.40 - 09.50	Rabbit Run (For first time racers only)
09.55 – 11.00	1st & 2nd Run of Slalom Race (Starting with bib no.1)
11.00 – 12.00	Dual Slalom Knock out (Head to Head)
12.15	Prize Giving

Programme for the Secondary School Skiers (Year 7-13)	
12.30hrs	Race Office Opens & Bib Collection
12.45 – 13.30	Open Practice
13.00 hrs	Team Manager's Meeting (Located by the Ski Hire)
13.30 – 13.45	Course Setting in Full Gates
13.45 – 14.15	Course Inspection
14.20 – 15.30	1st & 2nd Run of Slalom Race (Starting with bib no.100)
15.30 – 16.30	Dual Slalom Knock out (Head to Head)
16.45 hrs	Prize Giving

Any changes to the programme will be announced over the loudspeaker and via our WhatsApp group.

WhatsApp Link here - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KF3GMqaSerMKAgWTf5nO1I>

While every effort will be made to follow the published schedule, the organisers reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

Chatham Ski Slope – Equipment & Facilities

The centre has a limited supply of equipment available to hire **free of charge**. To avoid disappointment, please **pre-book** any equipment you require by **Tuesday 4th May 2027**.

Please note, racers must bring their own helmet and gloves as these are NOT provided by the slope.

The slope features a café located in the main building, serving hot food, snacks, and drinks throughout the day.

Awards

Team Prizes				
Lower Primary Years 1 - 4	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Mixed 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Overall Primary Female 1 st Place Male 1 st Place Mixed 1 st Place
Upper Primary Years 5 & 6	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Mixed 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	
Lower Secondary Years 7, 8 & 9	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Mixed 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Overall Secondary Female 1 st Place Male 1 st Place Mixed 1 st Place
Upper Secondary Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Mixed 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	
Individual Prizes				
Lower Primary Years 1 - 4	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Overall Primary Female 1 st Place Male 1 st Place	
Upper Primary Years 5 & 6	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd		
Lower Secondary Years 7, 8 & 9	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Overall Secondary Female 1 st Place Male 1 st Place	
Upper Secondary Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	Female 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd	Male 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd		
Dual Knockout Prizes				
Primary Male & Female		Place 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd		
Secondary Male & Female		Place 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd		

Trophies & Awards

The overall winners will be awarded a perpetual trophy. These overall prizes are only available to skiers who attend school in Kent.

Trophies must be kept in good condition, engraved, and returned in time for the next Championships. Any damage or loss will be the responsibility of the recipient, and any associated costs must be covered by them.

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

Get race-ready with our pre-race training day, open to all skiers.

Saturday 8 May 2027, 11am – 4pm

4 x 75-minute sessions available at £25 per skier, per session at Chatham Ski Slope

Skiers are welcome to book more than one session if they wish to get extra training before race day.

Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended. To book your place, visit **www.preciseracing.co.uk**

If you are interested in arranging a tailored training session for your school or individual racers, please contact Emily Evans at: **emily@preciseracing.co.uk**

Organising Team

The event is being organised by Precise Racing.

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