

# The Welsh Artificial Ski Slope Championships Torfaen Ski Centre, Pontypool



**10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Welsh National Championships  
Dragons International Slalom**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Welsh Open Championships**

## Invitation Bulletin

Welcome to the Welsh Championships weekend organised by Snowsport Wales and run in accordance with British Competition rules. We hope all racers and spectators have an enjoyable weekend at Torfaen Ski Centre, Pontypool. We would like to thank the management and staff of the centre and all volunteers without whom there would be no race.

### **Entry{tc "ACCEPTANCE"}**

The Championships are open to all competitors (including Minis) under FIS Rules providing they are registered with their National Ski Association. There is no seedpoint cutoff for these Championships.

**Individual Events.** Entry can either be made through the Online Entry system, or by post, but should be received by the race secretary by 7pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep. Entry fees for these races are £17 per day. Late entries will be accepted at an additional fee of £10.00 per day. The relevant published BARTS list will be used to determine acceptance.

**Refunds** will only be made where medical evidence is provided. Entries will be refunded at £10 per event.

**Dragons International parallel slalom.** Each Nation may enter up to 2 male and 2 female teams, each team to consist of 4 members. Team Captains should confirm with the race secretary their teams participation in the championships before the closing date, and the team members must be submitted at the Team Captains Meeting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. The format of this event will be a knock out slalom, with the teams being seeded on the basis of their members seedpoints.

## Rules

Racers and coaches should familiarise themselves with current rules and recommendations for artificial slopes regarding helmets, equipment and course inspection. For further information see [www.britski.org](http://www.britski.org)

**Drug Testing** may take place at any event listed upon the National Calendar.

## Photography

There will usually be an Official Photographer present at our events. Photographs taken at events could be used for the purpose of publicity and promotion of our sport. As part of Snowsport Cymru/Wales' Child Protection policy and Best Practice guidelines, **if you do not wish your image to be used please sign the Opt Out forms available at the Race Office at this event.** It should be noted that whilst Snowsport Cymru/Wales has no jurisdiction over member of the public taking photos we would challenge anyone who causes concern.

## Awards

**Welsh National Championships** - awards will be made to Male & Female competitors as follows;

Overall	1 <sup>st</sup> overall	Plus 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh Competitors
Age Groups	1 <sup>st</sup> in age group	Plus 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Welsh Competitors

**Dragons International Slalom** - awards will be made to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams.

**Welsh Open Championships** – awards will be made to Male & Female competitors as follows;

Overall	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> irrespective of nationality
Age Groups	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> irrespective of nationality

## Programme

### Saturday – Welsh National Championships & Dragons International Slalom

08.30-09.30	Bib Issue & Practice Session
09:00	Officials Meeting & Team Captains meeting
10.00-10.30	Course Inspection 1st run
10:35-11:35	<b>1st Run</b>
12.20-12.50	Course Inspection 2nd run
12:55-13:55	<b>2nd Run</b>
14:30-14:50	Course Inspection for Dragons International Slalom
14:55-16:00	Dragons International Slalom
16:20	Prize Giving

### Sunday – Welsh Open Artificial Ski Slope Championships

08.30-09.30	Bib Issue & Practice Session
9:00	Officials Meeting
10.00-10.30	Course Inspection 1st run
10:35-11:35	<b>1st Run</b>
12.30-13.00	Course Inspection 2nd run
13:05-14:05	<b>2nd Run</b>
14:40	Prize Giving

## **Health & Safety Notes**

Vehicle Access to the Ski Centre will only be permitted to those cars holding permits issued by Torfaen Borough Council. Disabled persons requiring access should contact Snowsport Wales (02920561904). Lifts will be arranged by the race organisers for any disabled person needing access to the ski centre.

In the interests of personal safety there must be no turning or jumping on the ski lift and track. Please remove ski stick straps before mounting the lift.

It will not be possible to use any electrical points from within the ski centre for hot waxing, nor will it be permitted for extension leads to be plugged into any of the ski centres electrical points for any purpose.

Only bone fide officials will be allowed access to staff areas within the ski centre, ie behind the counter. Racers may leave skis in the ski centre workshop overnight on Saturday evening at their own risk. No liability for loss or damage will be accepted by the race organisers or Torfaen Borough Council.

## **Race Secretary**

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## **Directions & Accommodation**

Leave the M4 at Junction 25a signposted Newport/Cwmbran and follow the A4042 towards Pontypool. At Pontypool take the A472 following signs to the ski slope. Parking is at the Leisure Centre car park. For SatNav users – the postcode is NP4 8AT

The nearest hotels are Premier Inn <http://www.premierinn.com> and Travelodge [www.travelodge.co.uk](http://www.travelodge.co.uk) both of which are on the roundabout at the junction of the A4042 & the A472.