

## THREE REGIONS INTER-REGIONAL TEAM EVENT 2008.

**Venue: - Brentwood Park Ski & Snowboard Centre,  
Warley Gap, Little Warley  
Brentwood,  
Essex, CM13 3DP  
Tel: 01277 211994**

**Race Date: - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

### **Race Bulletin 1**

#### **Organisation**



The Tri Regional Dual Slalom Team Event is being organised by ERSAs, LSERSA and SRSA with the help of Clubs within the three regions. The combined regions thank Brentwood Park Ski and Snowboard Centre, their staff and all the clubs within the regions for their help provided.

#### **Entry Criteria**

The competition is open to ALL racers born year 2001 and before (SSE Age Group – Mini's and above) within the Eastern, London & South East and Southern ski regions provided they are a member of a regions club affiliated to Snowsport England. However if registered with Snowsport England they must have as their first named Club, a Club which is affiliated to their geographical located parent region. Racers may not ski for more than one region. If a club is registered with more than one region, the members of that club can only represent the 1st named region as listed by Snowsport England.

#### **Race Officials**

To ensure the smooth running of the Event, each region must provide RACE OFFICIALS to help run the event on the day. No experience is needed. Official will get a verbal job description. Tasks will be allocated equally between the three regions. Each individual region is responsible for organising the officials and ensuring these tasks are carried out. Officials are asked to provide their own refreshments. Depending on time, lunch will be taken between the League and Knockout stages. A minimum number of officials is needed to run the event so if clubs wish to put up more than two officials to share the allocated task this will be acceptable.

#### **Programme**

08.30h	Race office opens
08.30h	Open Practice (Main Slope)
09.00h	Race Officials Meeting
09.15h	End of Open Practice
09.25h	Course Setting (Main Slope)
10.00h	League Stages
12.30h	Lunch (time permitting)
14.30h	Final Knockout Stages
16.30h	Prize giving

Every attempt will be made to keep to the above schedule but the organisers reserve the right to amend the schedule as appropriate. Please listen out for announcements over the P.A. system on the day.

#### **Race Rules/Health and Safety**

The race will be run under Snowsport England rules as varied by the three regions. Competitors are reminded of the regulations requiring the use of protective 'bungs' or caps on ski pole tips.

All participants **must wear** a properly fitted and approved safety helmet appropriate for skiing during open practice, racing and course inspection. (The European Standard for ski helmets is BS EN 1077:1996 Specification for helmets for alpine skiers. However other helmets are allowed as per ruling by the British TD forum with regard to racing on artificial slopes. Full details available on [www.britski.org](http://www.britski.org) )

Gloves and long sleeves must be worn at all times whilst on the slope, including during open practice, course inspection and the race itself. Racers inspecting the course must wear skis. No one is allowed to ski the course during inspection.

Racers are reminded that their clothing should provide adequate protection. It has been observed that some racers have been wearing clothing that does not adequately protect their body; that is ankle to wrist cover. Racing in crop tops is not acceptable.

For health and safety reasons no ski preparation/spraying etc is to take place within the start area.

### **Race Format/Rules**

The competition is a league event; the best 4 teams from each league will progress to the "Final" knockout stages. The top 2 teams in each league will progress to the "Main" event, the next 2 placed teams will progress to the "Plate" trophy. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> placed teams will compete for the "Gavin Willows Memorial Shield" donated by Bromley Ski Club.

1. The competition will be run as a PARALLEL RELAY event with SSE rules applying as amended by the three regions. Racers will race, "side by side" through two identical courses, one marked by single red flex slalom poles and the other by single blue flex slalom poles.
2. The competition will be open to a 8 teams from each of the three regions making 24 teams in all. They will form 4 separate leagues with 6 teams in each league.
3. The team must be made up of 5 racers; at least 1 must be of Age Group CH2 or below (incl Mini's), no more than 2 SEN's per team and 1 entrant must be of the opposite gender to the other team members.
4. Before the start of the competition, copies of all team members' names and clubs must be received by the race organisers present on the official "Team" sheet. This is to assist in commentary and to assist the start marshal's in keeping the competition running smoothly.
5. Teams may elect to race in any order but must nominate this order before the event starts on the attached race sheet and may not change once the team entries have been collected. Teams not ready to race after sufficient notification may be disqualified. (7 Minute rule)
6. Once the competition has begun for each team, substitutions are not allowed except as replacement for injury as long as like is replaced with like. Team order to be remain unchanged. Substitute racers ski in the position of the injured racer.
7. Racers must ski for their named region only to qualify as a legal racer and will not be allowed to race for more than one region.
8. Each team must nominate an official, duties will be allocated on the day. (Min 8 officials per region)
9. Teams will be seeded by the regions using "known ability" and placed into leagues. To keep the competition fair it is important that regions "seed" accurately. The purpose of this draw is to give the opportunity to all teams the chance to progress to the "Final" stages. The jury will monitor the "seeding" to ensure teams are accurately placed in the appropriate league.
10. The course should be set with the aid of a measure to avoid any deviation from one course to the other. A course setter from the host club should set the course, as local knowledge is desirable.
11. Teams will compete against each other according to the league table. They will race each team in their league twice, once on the blue course and once on the red. Points will be awarded, 2 for a win, 1 point for a draw and no points for a loss. Teams do not have to finish to gain the points in event of disqualification of other team.
12. Any team having a bye in the first round, will be allowed one training run down one course only, before the competition starts - therefore no byes will be skied other than in the first round.
13. The winner to be decided by the first team to complete the course correctly. In the event of both teams being disqualified the team that has travelled the furthest down the course before the disqualification will be declared the winner.
14. The first racer will be allowed one false start; thereafter in the event of a false start of any subsequent racer will entail a 6 second penalty to the following racer except for the final racer where the team will be disqualified. This 6 second penalty is calculated electronically. Once a racer has passed through the finish gate (top of the boots), they cannot return to the course. Teams will be disqualified for obvious "false starts" as decided by the individual start referees or starter.
15. *In the event of a timing malfunction or jury decision on the day the race will be run or revert to Snowsport England rules with the use of flags or traffic lights. (i.e. no 6 second penalty, immediate disqualification in the event of false start).*
16. Gate marshals should only flag clear infringements, as "benefit of the doubt" must go to the racer.
17. If there has been an incorrect passage, competitors may climb up to make a correct passage only if they have not passed through the finish line.
18. In the interests of safety racers are reminded to move immediately away from the finish area after completing their run.

19. Electronic start and finish gates will be used where possible; if not two finish judges will be used using the racers shins at the boot tops as the judgement point. A third independent judge may be used in the case of important races. Video evidence may be used if available.
20. The race jury will consist of one member from each of the three regions.
21. Indication of infringements, and protests, adjudication etc will be handled immediately. Likewise, any protest must be immediate. In the event of a dispute the race jury will be called upon to mediate whether or not they have seen the incident.
22. If a racer falls, or skis out and impedes or interferes with the concentration of another racer as judged by the appointed official, the race will be awarded to the other team. Poles knocked into the opposing team's course can constitute obstructing an opponent. Teams cannot protest against being obstructed by poles from their own course. If a protest is not upheld, the team registering the protest is deemed to have lost.
23. The same rule on obstruction applies as in special slalom. If a competitor considers (s)he is obstructed, (s)he must ski out at the point of obstruction and report to a member of the Jury at the finish. Once a racer has crossed the finish line then no protest re obstruction will be upheld unless it was not possible for the racer to avoid the finish.
24. If the pole has been displaced and it is not possible to replace it in time, then competitors must be prepared to ski round the place where the pole should be as marked on the matting.
25. Qualification for the knockout stages will be determined by the total number of points achieved by each team. Where two or more teams tie for either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place or 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place or 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in a league and have the same number of points, the team(s) to go through and their ranking shall be determined by counting the number of wins achieved in the league races between the teams concerned. If a tie cannot be resolved by counting the number of wins in this way, each team concerned shall have one timed run down the same course (i.e. against the clock, not racing against another team), with the fastest team(s) to qualify.
26. The final will be the best of three races. In the first race, the team from the top half of the draw will race on the red course; in the second race, they will race on the blue course. If a third race is needed, the teams will toss a coin to decide which team will be on which course.
27. The race off between the two losing semi-finalists in main, plate and the Gavin trophy competition will take place after the first race of the final. The teams will toss a coin to decide which team will be on which course.
28. In the event of a team draw (very unlikely with electronic timing) race managers may select a racer from the drawing teams to race again to decide the winning team. This only applies to the knockout stages.
29. Competitors and their managers are reminded that it is impossible to run relay events with the same precision as a special slalom. They are asked to behave in a sporting manner and to cooperate with officials in ensuring that the events run smoothly and to time.

#### **Awards**

1st Region Overall (perpetual Trophy provided by ERSA)

*Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams (provided by ERSA)*

1st Region – "Plate" (perpetual Plate Competition Trophy provided by LSERSA)

*Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams (provided by ERSA)*

1st Region – Gavin Willows Trophy (perpetual Memorial Trophy provided by Bromley Ski Club)

*Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams (provided by BRO)*

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

#### **Refreshments/B-B-Q**

Refreshments will be available from The Ski Centre throughout the day.

#### **First Aid**

Qualified First Aid will be in attendance.

#### **Photography**

Athletes who do not wish to be photographed by the accredited photographer must notify the Race Organisers on the race day. No other photographers will be permitted on the slope without prior accreditation by the organisers.

## **THREE REGIONS INTER-REGIONAL TEAM EVENT 2008.**

Please complete form with racers names, clubs and team letter (A, B, C etc) according to "known ability" seeding. Please photocopy extra sheets if required.

Team **A** is the highest seeded team i.e. the perceived best team in the region. **B** second etc.

Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>A</b>
Order	Racer Name:	Club:
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Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>B</b>
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Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>C</b>
Order	Racer Name:	Club:
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Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>D</b>
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Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>E</b>
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Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>G</b>
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Region: <b>ERSA – LSERSA - SRSA</b>		Team: <b>H</b>
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<b>RESERVES</b>		
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