



London & South - East Regional Snowsports Association

RACE FORMAT for 2009 RACE SERIES

1. The format for LSERSA Regional races is to be in three parts, and is unchanged from 2008 apart from the addition of an individual head to head race.
2. First there will be an individual special slalom of 3 runs similar to the SSE Club National races. Results will be determined by the best of the first two runs plus the last run. Racers will ski in reverse bib number order using the same order for all three runs. Bib order will be determined by the order of receipt of entries except that the first 15 will be randomly selected to prevent the same person having the advantage of skiing last (bib 1) in all races.
3. During 2009 an individual head to head slalom will be trialled. Racers will be ranked based on their best run time of the special slalom and grouped into mini leagues. Each racer in a league will race each other once. This event may be run at one or more of the races at the discretion of the organisers. There will be no prizes on a race day, only for the season.
4. There will be a team dual slalom which is expected to be run as leagues, with each team racing all other teams in their league. The organisers reserve the right to change this format at an event to either a knock out, or to cancel it, for example if there are adverse weather conditions or time constraints. Each club will be invited to enter two teams of 5 racers. The remaining skiers will be allocated to teams according to their best special slalom run such that the teams are as closely matched as possible. *Racers will need to say at bib collection whether they will be entering the team dual slalom or not. It is very important that racers let race control know if they change their mind for whatever reason. Just not turning up causes real problems.*
5. The timetable of the day will be:
 - 0830 hours Race office opens for bib issue / open practice
 - 0930 hours Course setting
 - 0950 hours Course inspection
 - 1015 hours Start of first run of special slalom race
 - PM Individual head to head race, followed by:
 - Club team and scratch team races, followed by:
6. Registration will close at 7.00 pm on the Wednesday preceding each race. The Special Slalom start list will be published on the website on the Friday before the race.
7. Race entry fees will be £13.50 for a single entry. Entry for all 5 races will be £55.00 if skiers pay for the whole series by 7.00pm on the Wednesday before the first race. Late entries will be accepted subject to the race not being oversubscribed (as determined by the race committee) and will cost £20.00.
8. All skiers are welcome to participate regardless of the region they are registered with and will be eligible to win medals for individual races.
9. All entrants will be eligible for the end of season overall positions and medals. A minimum of 3 races must be successfully finished to qualify for an end of season award. The best 3 races to count, with other races being used to determine positions in the event of a tie.

Details of the individual special slalom

The individual special slalom will be run according to the rules used by SSE for Club National races modified as follows:

1. Bib order will be determined by the order of receipt of entries except that the first 15 will be randomly selected to prevent the same person having the advantage of skiing last (bib 1) in all races.
2. Results will be determined by the best of the first two runs plus the last run.
3. Racers will ski in reverse Bib number order, using the same order for all three runs.
4. Gatekeepers will be in place to check the correct passage through the gates. They will record any faults by a racer on a sheet and will also indicate immediately that there has been a fault and the racer has been disqualified. This will be announced by the commentator and applied immediately. The sheets will be collated, checked that they have been applied correctly and the formal results published as soon as possible after the race. Any objections to the announced disqualification or published results must be made immediately to the race office.
5. Prizes will be awarded to the first three racers in each age group. Male and female racers will be treated separately.
6. Racers are awarded points as follows: 1st: 15, 2nd: 10, 3rd: 8, 4th: 6, 5th: 5, 6th: 4, 7th: 3, 8th: 2, 9th: 1 for each age group. A minimum of 3 races must be successfully finished to gain sufficient points to qualify for an end of season award. The best 3 races to count, with other races being used to determine positions in the event of a tie.
7. A calculation of fastest racer will be made and used to determine the overall winners of the series. A minimum of 3 races must be successfully finished to qualify for an award. For each race a value is calculated as follows:

$$100 - \left(\frac{(\text{racer's time} - \text{winner's time})}{\text{winner's time}} \right) \times 100$$

The average of the three best values is used to determine the order.

8. A 'best' club will be determined from the results of the Special Slalom, as follows:
 - a. Teams of 5
 - b. Team member 1 is best in Groups 1 and 2
 - c. Team member 2 is best other in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - d. Team member 3 is best other in Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - e. Team member 4 is best other in Groups 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
 - f. Team member 5 is best other
 - g. There must be one skier of each sex in each team. This rule is implemented when selecting team member 5. In special circumstances a club may be exempt from this rule, e.g. Surbiton High
 - h. Race times are used.
 - i. Teams are awarded points for each race as follows: 1st: 15, 2nd: 12, 3rd: 10, 4th: 8, 5th: 6, 6th: 5, 7th: 4, 8th: 3, 9th: 2, 10th: 1
 - j. Prizes will be awarded only at the end of the season.
9. All results will be published on the website on the evening of the race.

Details of individual head to head races

Initially as an experiment, and at the discretion of the race organising committee, there will be an Individual Head to Head competition down the courses to be used for the Team Dual Slalom races. This will take place immediately following the three runs of the Individual Special Slalom and before the Team Dual Slalom races.

1. All racers with at least one valid run time from the Individual Slalom will be entered. Racers without a single valid time will be excluded.
2. The racers will be ranked according to their best (lowest) single run time. If two, or more, racers have the same time the next best time will be taken into account. If necessary the other run time will also be used. In the event that all three times are the same then the racer with the lower bib number will be ranked higher.
3. The racers will be grouped into mini leagues of three racers, starting with those with the best (lowest) time.
4. In the event that the 'final' group has less than three racers in it, then this will be treated as if the other racer(s) had not been at the start on time (see below).
5. Each racer will race each other racer in the mini league once. Assuming the three racers are called A, B and C with A having the best time, the races will be:
 - a. B on red against C on blue
 - b. C on red against A on blue
 - c. A on red against B on blue
6. All the B v C races will be run, then the C v A races and finally the A v B races.
7. Racers must be in the start gate ready to start before the previous race has finished. The starter will start the race as soon as the previous race has finished.
8. If a racer is not in the start gate on time, the race will go ahead without him/her and they will forfeit their run.
9. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. 3 for finishing first
 - b. 1 for finishing second
10. This means that a racer has to ski and finish without being disqualified if he/she wants the points even if he/she has nobody to race against.
11. No points will be awarded to racers who are not at the start in time, nor to those who are disqualified, for example for missing or straddling a gate or false starting.
12. There will be no prizes awarded on the day. There will be prizes for the overall series if the race organising committee decide to run these Head to Head races on at least three race days.

Details of Team Dual Slalom Races

The team dual slalom races consist of two competitions, a club competition and a 'scratch (fun) team' competition.

Club Teams

1. Each club will be able to enter up to two teams of 5 racers consisting of at least one skier of each sex. The 'sex' rule may be waived at the discretion of the race committee in special circumstances, e.g. for a girls' school such as Surbiton High.
2. The club teams will be seeded according to the sum of the best run times of its members from the Special Slalom.
3. The club teams will be allocated to mini leagues based on their seeding. The allocation may be slightly modified to ensure that teams from the same club are not in the same box. The aim is to have four teams in each league, to give each team three races, but this may be different for some teams and depends on the number of teams entered.

Scratch (Fun) Teams

1. Having allocated racers to Club Teams, the remaining racers will be sorted into order according to their best run time from the Special Slalom.
2. In the event that the number of remaining racers is not divisible by 5, race control will appeal for extra skiers or for skiers to drop out.
3. Skiers without a valid time from the Slalom will be allocated a time by race control.
4. That list will be divided into five lists, list 1 being the best racers, list 2 the next best and so on.
5. Teams will be made up of 5 racers as follows:
 - a. The best racer from list 1
 - b. The worst racer from list 2
 - c. A random racer from list 3
 - d. The best racer from list 4
 - e. The worst racer from list 5
6. The teams will be seeded according to the sum of the special slalom best run times of its members.
7. The teams will be allocated to mini leagues based on their seeding. The aim is to have four teams in each league, to give each team three races, but this may be different for some teams and depends on the number of teams.
8. It is very important that racers let race control know whether they are intending to take part in the Team Dual Slalom races and to not change their mind without letting race control know. Just failing to turn up makes organisation very difficult and is rude to other racers.

Running the Races

1. The two competitions will run at the same time, with individual races intermingled.
2. Each team will race each other team in their mini league once. The course, red or blue, will be allocated so that each team races on each course the same number of times, or as near as possible.
3. In each race teams will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for second and 0 points for not finishing or being disqualified.
4. The order of the teams in the mini league will be decided by the total points gained by each team. In the event of a tie Team A will be placed above Team B if they have beaten Team B.
5. On each race day at the discretion of the Race Committee and depending on the number of teams and time available, the next stage of racing will either be another mini league or a knockout competition, using the top one or two teams of each league. This will determine the podium positions.