



### **2022 ESSKIA Dry Slope Championships Qualifier Races - Bulletin 1**

Qualifying Race at Chatham:	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Qualifying Race at Aldershot:	<b>Saturday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Qualifying Race at Brentwood:	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Qualifying Race at Gloucester:	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Qualifying Race at Pendle::	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Qualifying Race at Sunderland:	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
National Finals at Norwich:	Weekend 8/9th October 2022

### **THE QUALIFYING RACES**

There are six Area Qualifying Races for school teams only, leading to selection of teams for the National Finals. The results of these races are also used to select individual members of our national training squads.

**Team entry rules:** Schools wishing to enter teams must be paid up members of ESSKIA. A team consists of a maximum of **FOUR** skiers and a minimum of **THREE**. Teams must be made up of pupils from the same school under one Head. All skiers must be genuine full-time pupils on the roll during the Autumn Term of the school they are representing.

If a "team" turns up to race with less than three skiers, those one or two competitors would be allowed to race Hors Concours, would NOT appear on the Results and would NOT be eligible for Squad selection. This proviso would not apply if the school has one or more complete teams racing.

Schools may enter a maximum of TWO boys' teams and TWO girls' teams in each category. (Should any Qualifying Race be undersubscribed consideration will be given to extra entries, which will NOT be eligible for the Finals. Please contact the Race Secretary).

Mixed sex teams are accepted for the Area Qualifiers but will not be invited to take part in the Finals. Mixed teams of four should comprise two girls and two boys. **Only ONE mixed team per school is permitted.** No skier may race in two different teams in the qualifiers, in the Finals or in the Open Championships.

**Requests for team changes** between Qualifying Races and Finals must be submitted by email to the [Race Secretary](#), giving reasons. Any changes permitted will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any change which would alter the category of the team would **NOT** be permitted.



### Age Group Categories:

- Category 1 - Pupils in Years 3 - 6, born 1 September 2011 and later
- Category 2 - Pupils in Years 7 and 8, born 1 September 2009 – 31 August 2011
- Category 3 - Pupils in Years 9 and 10, born 1 September 2007 – 31 August 2009
- Category 4 - Pupils in Year 11 and above, born 1 September 2003 – 31 August 2007

The age of a pupil takes precedence over the year group, i.e. the date of birth determines the category. A team may be made up of school pupils of different ages, but the team must compete in the age group of the oldest skier in the team on the day of the Qualifier. Pupils in Years 6 and under are not allowed to compete in Categories 3 & 4.

### The Race

- Categories 1 – Slalom with Stubby gates
- Categories 2, 3 & 4 – Slalom with Full gates

Two runs through the same slalom course. The team score will be the total of the best three times for each run. If less than three team members complete a run, the team will be disqualified. A disqualified team will not be eligible to race in the finals.

### Qualification for the National Age Group Finals Race at Norwich on Saturday 8th October:

Provided there are at least two teams which finish in a category at an Area Qualifier, the winners of that category will qualify automatically for the Finals. **A team is not a winner if the other teams in the category are designated as DNF (Did Not Finish) or DSQ (Disqualified).** Further places for the Finals will be offered after an evaluation of results at all the Area Races. The number of places will not necessarily be the same in every category.

School teachers / team managers will hear from the ESSKIA race secretary within 7 days as to whether your school team has qualified for the Finals in Norwich.

**The Open Championship for Girls' and Boys' Teams on Sunday 9th October at Norwich:** This is a different race, on a different day, with a separate entry fee from the Age Group races. It is also the qualification race for the British Schools' Dry Slope Championships. Maximum of 2 boys' and 2 girls' teams per school for pupils in Year 7 and above who have taken part in the Qualifiers.

**Officials:** It is a **condition of entry** that **each team** must be prepared to provide a Race Official, to be nominated on the Team Entry Form (Bulletin 2). Full instructions will be given to those officiating, and novice officials will be helped.

**Helmets:** Proper ski helmets must be worn. It is advisable for pupils to wear their own helmet. Slopes have very few to rent/borrow. No cameras, camera mountings, coverings or stickers are allowed.

The standard and age of competitors at the Qualifying Races is very varied. It is an ideal way to start racing with a varied standard and friendly atmosphere.



## Entry System

1. To enter your school team(s), please go to <https://esskia.org/regional-qualifier> and complete the Membership Form (<https://forms.gle/cmnVBrFGmXPgR5HHA>) and declare the number of teams you wish to enter at the Qualifier race. If your finance office requires, use the online invoice (on the website below the Membership and Entry Form).
2. Complete the online entry form for the Open Championship at Norwich if you wish to enter that event.
3. Pay your 22/23 Annual Membership (£60 per school) and Team Entry Fees. £70 per team per race for the qualifiers (and £70 per team for the Open Championship, if entering).

For example: 3 Team Entries = £ 210 plus School Annual Membership of £ 60 = £ 270 in total.

Cheques are to be made out to ESSKIA and should be sent to the ESSKIA Race Secretary, Rookery Cottage, Clay Lane, Marton-over-Winsford, Cheshire CW7 2QH. Please write the name of the school on the back.

BACS to the following account: Nat West Bank  
Account: ENGLISH SCHOOLS SKI ASSOCIATION  
Branch Sort Code: 60 12 39

Account number: 78324041  
**Reference: Name of the school**

This should ALL be completed by Friday 15 July 2022. Bulletin 2 will be sent to the school via email.

You will also be told how to complete the Snowsport England online membership. This gives your school team(s) 3rd party insurance and is compulsory for participation in ESSKIA events.

Late entries **may** be possible but must be completed not later than one week before the Area Qualifiers take place. Please contact: [esskiaracesecretary@esskia.org](mailto:esskiaracesecretary@esskia.org)

Upon entry to the competition all schools agree to abide by the rules of the competition and accept that any decision of the Race Jury is final.