



2023 ESSKIA Dry Slope Championships Qualifier Races - Bulletin 1

Qualifying Race at Chatham: Sunday 17 September
Qualifying Race at Aldershot: **Saturday** 16 September 2023
Qualifying Race at Welwyn: Sunday 17 September 2023
Qualifying Race at Stoke: Sunday 17 September 2023
Qualifying Race at Sunderland: Sunday 17 September 2023

National Finals at Norwich:

Weekend 7/8 October 2023

THE QUALIFYING RACES

There are five 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 Senior School team consists of a maximum of **FOUR** skiers and a minimum of **THREE**. A Junior School (U12) team consists of a maximum of **THREE** and a minimum of **TWO** skiers. 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 fewer skiers, those 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 had 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 (any combination) teams are allowed. **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 2012 and later

Category 2 - Pupils in Years 7 and 8, born 1 September 2010 – 31 August 2012

Category 3 - Pupils in Years 9 and 10, born 1 September 2008 – 31 August 2010

Category 4 - Pupils in Year 11 and above, born 1 September 2005 – 31 August 2008

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

- Category 1 – Slalom with Stubby gates Two runs through the same slalom course.
- Categories 2, 3 & 4 – Slalom with Full gates Two runs through the same slalom course.

Category 1: The team score will be the total of the best two times for each run. If only one skier completes a run, the team will be disqualified. A disqualified team will not be eligible to race in the finals.

Categories 2 - 4: 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 7 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 8 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 and declare the number of your school teams please go to [Regional Qualifier \(esskia.org\)](https://www.esskia.org) and scroll down to the entry form.
2. If your finance office requires, use the online invoice (on the website below the Membership and Entry Form).
3. Complete the short online entry form for the Open Championship at Norwich if you wish to enter that event. [English Finals & Open \(esskia.org\)](https://www.esskia.org) Scroll down to the Entry Form.
4. Pay your 2023/24 Annual Membership and Team Entry Fees

Senior Schools and Prep Schools: £60 Annual ESSKIA affiliation fee
Team Entry Fees: £70 per team in Categories 2, 3 & 4.
Open Competition Entry Fee (if entering): £70 per team

Junior (U12) Schools: £40 Annual Affiliation fee
All Category 1 Team Entry Fees. £50 for the first team and £40 per team for any further teams.

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 14 July 2023**. Bulletin 2 will then 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

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.