



2021 ESSKIA Dry Slope Championships Qualifier Races - Bulletin 1

Qualifying Race at Chatham:	Sunday 19 th September 2021
Qualifying Race at Aldershot:	Saturday 18 th September 2021
Qualifying Race at Brentwood:	Sunday 19 th September 2021
Qualifying Race at Gloucester:	Sunday 19 th September 2021
Qualifying Race at Stoke:	Sunday 19 th September 2021
Qualifying Race at Sunderland:	Sunday 19 th September 2021

National Finals at: Norwich: _____ Weekend 9th/10th October 2021

THE QUALIFYING RACES

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

Schools wishing to enter teams **MUST BE** paid up members of ESSKIA. The races are for **School Teams**, which consist 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, and all skiers must be genuine full-time pupils on the roll during the Autumn Term of the school they are representing.

The qualifying races are Age Group Races in the following categories:

Category 1 - Pupils in Years 3 - 6, born 1 September 2010 and later

Category 2 - Pupils in Years 7 and 8, born 1 September 2008 – 31 August 2010

Category 3 - Pupils in Years 9 and 10, born 1 September 2006 – 31 August 2008

Category 4 - Pupils in Year 11 and above, born 1 September 2002 – 31 August 2006

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.

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.

The Race

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

If pupils in Years 7 & 8 race in a team with older skiers in Categories 3 & 4, they will race on full gates. Pupils in Years 6 and under are not allowed to ski in Categories 3 & 4.

The race will consist of 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.

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. Proper ski helmets must be worn. Helmets must not have cameras attached; camera mountings must be removed in the interests of safety. No coverings or stickers are allowed.

Late entries may be possible, not later than one week before the Area Qualifiers take place.

The standard and age of competitors at the Qualifying Races is very varied. There will be some very good, experienced racers. There will also be many who are competent snow-ploughers with no race experience. It is an ideal way to start racing with a varied standard and friendly atmosphere.

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.

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Contact: esskiaracesecretary@esskia.org

NEW ENTRY SYSTEM

1 To enter your school teams please go on to the website <https://esskia.org/regional-qualifier> and complete the Membership Form and declare the number of teams you wish to enter.

2 Use the online invoice (on the website below the Membership and Entry Form) and pay your membership and team entry fees. **This should be completed by Friday 16 July.**

3 You will then be given access to Bulletin 2.

4 Complete the Snowsport England online membership when you are given the information on how to do this.

Qualification for the National Finals Race

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.

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.