TRI-REGIONAL DUAL SLALOM TEAM EVENT
Saturday 17th October 2015

Venue: Brentwood Leisure Park Ski & Snowboard Centre
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Race Bulletin

Organisation
The Tri Regional Dual Slalom Team Event is being organised by ERSA, LSERSA and Snowsport South with the help of Clubs within the three Regions. The combined regions thank Brentwood Leisure Park Ski and Board Centre and all the clubs within the tri regions for their help.

Entry Criteria
The competition is open to ALL racers within the London & South East, Eastern and Southern ski regions born year 2007 and before provided they are a member of a regional 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 host region. Racers may not ski for more than one region.

Race Officials
To ensure the smooth running of the Event, each region must provide RACE OFFICIALS (1 per team) to help run the event on the day. No experience is needed. Officials will get a verbal job description. The 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 a break may be taken between the League and Knockout stages. A minimum number of officials are needed to run the event.

Programme
08.30h Race office opens
08.30h Open Practice
09.00h Race Officials Meeting
09.15h End of Open Practice
09.15h Course Setting
09.45h League Stages (first round)
12.00h Lunch (time permitting)
12.45h League Stages (second round time permitting)
14.00h Final Knockout Stages
15.30h 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. Gloves and long sleeves must be worn 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 top 2 teams in each league will progress to the knockout stages for the "Main" event, the next 2 placed teams will progress to the knockout stages for the "Plate" trophy and the 5th and 6th placed teams will progress to the knockout stages for the "Gavin Willows Memorial Shield".

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 8 teams from ERSA, 8 teams from Snowsport South and 8 teams from LSERSA making 24 teams in all. They will form 4 separate leagues with 6 teams in each league.

3. The teams **must** be made up of 5 racers:

A minimum of 1 U16 or below including U10s
A maximum of 2 Seniors or above
A minimum of 1 Team member of other gender from the rest

Racers must be born 2007 and before. (SSE Age Group – U10's and above)

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 will remain unchanged with the substitute racer skiing 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 at least one official whose duties will be allocated on the day.

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 (time permitting) 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 the disqualification of the 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. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. Qualification for the knockout stages will be determined by the total number of points achieved by each team. Where two or more teams in first or second place in a league 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.

27. The finals 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.

28. The race off between the two losing semi-finalists 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.

29. In the event of a team draw 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.

30. 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) - Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams
1st Region – Plate (perpetual Plate Competition Trophy) - Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams
1st Region – Gavin Willows Trophy (perpetual Memorial Trophy) - Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams

Medals this year are provided by LSERSA.
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
Refreshments will be available to purchase from the slope 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.

Affiliated Clubs/Region/Squads
Racers from clubs from the following list will race for the aforementioned region. Where racers are members of a Regional squad with dual affiliation they will ski for the region to which squad they have been selected.

ERSA: BAS BWP HEM NOR VIK WGC XSC Team Evolution TAL + ERSA squad

LSERSA: WYC BRO BOW CHT FLK SPR SUR + LSERSA Squad

Snowsport South: ALD ASR BRC SASA SOU TSN JNA + Snowsport South Squad

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Please complete the form with the 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: ERSA – LSERSA – Snowsport South

Team: A

Order	Racer Name	Club
1		
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5		
	OFFICIAL:	

Team: B

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	

Team: C

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	

Team: D

Order	Racer Name	Club
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4		
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	OFFICIAL:	

Team: E

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	

Team: F

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	

Team: G

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	

Team: H

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	

RESERVES

Order	Racer Name	Club
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	OFFICIAL:	