

IAPS Skiing Championships – Race Formats



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AGE GROUPS

A – U9s (U9 only)

B – U11s (can be U9-U11 inclusive)

C – U13s (can be U9-U13 inclusive)

The maximum number of children each school can enter is 16.
The restriction on numbers allows as many schools as possible to take part in the event.



GIANT SLALOM

TEAMS

- Teams must be made up of competitors from the same school.
- Teams must consist of a maximum of four skiers and a minimum of three.
- The best three times from three different skiers will be added up to make a total team time.
- Schools may enter more than one team per category: e.g. U11 Girls' A and B team
- Mixed teams of four must comprise of at least one of each gender whose time will be counted.
- The team must compete in the age group of the oldest skier in the team on the day of the qualifier.



TIME TRIAL

- There will be a time trial races to help schools to decide their teams.
- The time trial will consist of only one run over a modified giant slalom course.
- There will be a Championship and Plate competition for teams to enter.
- The race schools will suggest which Championships competitors/teams should be entered into to make sure the Championships and Plate are as fair as reasonably possible.
- Schools with skiers that qualify for the Championship must enter the entire team into this event.



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BIB SELECTION

- There will be a bib selection for both races.
- Bibs for the races will be given to the ski instructors who will distribute them to their skiers before the races.

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

- Team selection must be submitted to the **Race Secretary by TBC**. Any change after that which would alter the category of the team will NOT be permitted.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS RACES

- There will be one slope used for the competition, creating two courses, one for the championships and one for the plate competition.
- The Championship and Plate races will consist of two runs over the modified Giant Slalom approx. 23 gate course.
- The faster race times of each of the fastest three competitors in each team will make up the final score.
- For mixed teams, at least one time of each gender must be counted.



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MEDALS

- Team medals will be awarded for 1st – 3rd placed teams, per category
- Individual medals will be awarded for the fastest skier in each category
- Fastest skiers will be awarded based on actual age group of competitor, not based on the age group they compete in for team events (if they skied up as an U13 for the team but are an U11, their individual time will count as an U11).
- Only competitors who compete in the championship competition are eligible to win fastest skier medal in their age group, even if an individual skis faster in the plate competition.
- No skier may have their times counted more than once and each skier may only race for one team.

COURSE INSPECTION

- Racers will be allowed on the slope to inspect the course. Racers may NOT SKI the course. They may slip or snow plough VERY slowly. Any skier who looks like they are skiing through the gates or making shadow turns beside the gates may be disqualified.
- The race will be opened by a forerunner, in order to test it and the timing before it starts.



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START AREA

- The Start area is an inflatable cabin controlled by a Start Marshal. S/he will keep skiers away from the start gate, will call them in order to start and check their helmets, bibs, gloves etc.
- Racers should be at the start gate in good time. They should be orderly as they get ready to race.
- Team managers are invited to be present at the start - only one team manager or coach please with the skier. Space is limited.
- Someone from each school needs to be available to help collect jackets that have been left at the top of the slope.
- Skiers need to hand in their bibs at the end of their second run.

THE START GATE

•The start gate is made up of a post onto which a timing device is attached. A metal wand is fixed across two adjacent posts at about knee height and when the wand is pushed that sets off the timing device. The Starting Marshal will assist the racers in the starting cabin with their preparation to race. The Marshal will ask the racer to stand in the start gate and tell them when to put his/her poles over the wand. Very young racers may hit the wand and will be asked to start again. The timer will be reset. The starter will say Ready... 3, 2, 1, Go! The racer has up to about 10 seconds to start after the Marshal says Go!

OBSTRUCTION ON COURSE

•If a racer thinks s/he has been obstructed on the course in any way, then there is an entitlement to race again. Please refer this immediately to the Finish Referee.



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TEAMS

- Teams must be made up of competitors from the same school.
- Teams must consist of five skiers.
- Schools can initially enter **one** team in any configuration they like (mixed/girls/boys/any age).

RACE FORMAT

- The parallel race is a straight knockout competition.
- The event will start with either 16 or 24 teams, depending on interest.
- If there are more than 16 schools wishing to enter a team, additional team entries will be offered to schools drawn at random from those with a sufficient number of pupils to enter a second team (starting with schools with the highest number of competitors at the event) until 24 teams are reached.



- One slope will be used.
- There will be one course marked with blue flags and one with red flags.
- Competitors will race two at a time.

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16 TEAMS

Championships (16>8>4>2)

- All 16 teams start off in the Championship race.
- The 8 schools knocked out in the first round progress into a Plate competition (see below).
- The 8 schools which won the first round remain in the Championship and continue in a straight knockout format (8>4>2).
- The two teams that get knocked out at the semi-final stage will then ski a 3rd and 4th place decider.

Plate (8>4>2)

- The 8 schools knocked out in the first round of the Championships now select 3 skiers (from the 5 in their team) for the Plate competition and continue in a straight knockout format (8>4>2).
- The two teams that get knocked out at the semi-final stage will ski a 3rd and 4th place decider.

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24 TEAMS

Champs (24>12>6>3)

- All 24 teams start off in the Championship race.
- The 12 schools knocked out in the first round progress into a Plate competition (see below).
- The 12 schools which won the first round remain in the Championship and continue in a straight knockout format until 3 teams remain (12>6>3).
- The 3 remaining teams then each race one another to establish 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the Championship competition – School A vs School B, School B vs School C, School A vs School C – with one point being awarded for each run and the school with the highest number of points after all three races being the winners. In the event of a points tie after the three races, the teams with the highest number of points race each other again to establish a winner.

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STARTING ORDER

- School team starting order will be assigned randomly.
- The skiers race order will be determined by the time skied in the time trial. The fastest skier will ski first and so forth.

WINNERS

- 1st – 3rd Championship
- 1st – 3rd Plate

