

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ORGANISATION OF AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE SNOWSPORT CYMRU WALES CELTIC CUP SERIES

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1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

These regulations are intended to guide the organisers of, and participants in the Snowsport Cymru Wales Celtic Cup Series held under the auspices of the Snowsport Cymru Wales. The responsibility for the formation, implementation and interpretation of these regulations lies with the Executive Committee of Snowsport Cymru Wales, to whom express reference should be made for any clarification which may be deemed necessary.

2.0. **OBJECTIVES**

The primary objective of the Celtic Cup Series is to provide alpine ski racing competition on artificial ski slopes throughout Wales, thus encouraging Welsh skiers to become involved in racing both locally and nationally.

2.1 **Organisation** - To ensure in the organisation, control and conduct of the Snowsport Cymru Wales Celtic Cup Series.

2.2.1 **Racers** - To encourage the pursuit of excellence amongst racers.

2.2.2 To provide the racers with realistic targets against which they can evaluate their own performance and progress.

2.2.3 To classify competitors and so determine series winners.

3.0 **DEFINITIONS**

3.1 **Races** -The Snowsport Cymru Wales Celtic Cup is a series of named racing events held between January 1st and December 31st in any one year, for which prizes be awarded in age groups and sex categories as follows :-

Overall Winners	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Male Overall Winners	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Female Overall Winners	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Male and Female in each age group	1st, 2nd, 3rd

3.1.1 No overall series award will be made in the Mini's category. The reason for this exception is the governing body wishes to encourage children to race in their local races, but does not want to encourage them to follow the circuit to achieve an overall result.

3.2 **Series** Results will be published at the end of each year. The series will be based on Celtic Cup points gained through the series year. The best 4 results to count for the overall position.

3.3 **Celtic Cup Points** - will be awarded to appropriate racers.

3.4 **Seed Points** - All Celtic Cup events shall be entered for consideration into the national seeding system.

4.0 **QUALIFICATIONS OF COMPETITORS**

4.1 **F.I.S. Requirements** - Racers must be eligible to race under F.I.S. rules section 209 - ""Qualifications of Competitors".

4.2 **Registration** - Racers who may be of any nationality must be registered for the competition year with the Snowsport Cymru Wales Coaching Scheme or as Scottish with the S.N.S.C. Registration Scheme, or as English with the E.S.C. Registration Scheme under the reciprocal agreement.

4.3 **Start Licence** - Racers may be asked to produce their start licence by the Race Organisers as evidence of a valid registration. In the event of the racer not being able to produce the licence on demand, they will be required to pay a deposit equal to the current Snowsport Cymru Wales 'performer' registration fee. If it is subsequently shown that the racer has a valid registration then the deposit will be refunded - less a £1.00 fine.

4.4 **Age - Junior/Senior** - The Junior/Senior age definitions are as per F.I.S. rules.

5.0 **ENTRIES**

5.1 **Seedpoints** - Racers with the lowest seed points will be given a place in the Celtic Cup event up to the recommended maximum number of racers. A maximum of 180 is recommended, but organisers must make provision for a minimum entry of 80.

5.1.2 **Determination of Entry** - The Celtic Cup series is a series of races primarily aimed at developing standards of Welsh racing. To reflect this, the entry allocation shall be a minimum of 100 places available for Welsh registered racers and a minimum of 80 places available for non-Welsh registered racers. (This means that if there are only 80 Welsh entries, there will be 100 places available to non-Welsh racers, and if there are 110 Welsh entries there must be 80 non-Welsh entries accepted and 10 Welsh entries refused). The entries shall be based on the current plastic seed list taking entries from the lowest seed points (from 0.00 point upwards).

5.1.3 **Determination of Seedpoints** - The current artificial slope seed list at the date of the jury meeting at which entry is decided shall be used to determine the seed point of racers. In the absence of valid current data or in the case of additional data being available, the jury may request the National Seeder of the E.S.C. to provide a seed point taking currently available information into account.

5.2 **Entry Procedure**

The closing date for entries in a Celtic Cup Race is to be one week before the event.

Acceptance Lists and Results will be posted on the Snowsport Wales website, www.snowsportwales.net or on www.britski.org.

5.3 **Unacceptable Entries**

The organisers are allowed to accept, using their discretion:-

a) Late entries.

The organisers are not allowed to accept:-

a) Entries not on official entry forms.

b) Entries without race entry fees.

c) Entries from racers who are not registered with Snowsport Cymru Wales Coaching Scheme or with the S.N.S.C./ E.S.C. under the reciprocal arrangement.

5.4 **Information** - All entrants accepted for the event shall be provided with a start list and race bulletins and all competitors not accepted for the event shall be notified in sufficient time for protests against non acceptance to be made to the Race Jury.

6.0 **COMPILATION OF THE SERIES RESULTS**

The Celtic Cup Series final results shall be compiled from the aggregate of the four best points gained through the whole series year within each separate category.

6.1 **Procedure for Determination of Race Points**

After each event (with the exception of the final event, see 6.1.2) in the series, points will be awarded to appropriate competitors as follows:-

6.1.1 a) **Boys' Competition** - Celtic Cup points will be awarded to the first 10 male competitors who successfully finish the race as follows : -

15 points (1st place), 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (10th place).

b) **Girls' Competition** - Celtic Cup points will be awarded to the first 10 female competitors who successfully finish the race as follows : -

15 points (1st place), 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (10th place).

c) **Age Group Competitions** - (Five groups of males and five of females) Celtic Cup points will be awarded to the first 5 males or females in each group as follows : -

7 (1st place), 5, 3, 2, 1 (5th place)

Competitors who have gained Celtic Cup points in any of the races will be included in the final list.

Where two or more competitors obtain identical times they will all receive series points appropriate to the tied position.

- 6.2 Where two or more competitors Overall Series Results are equal, taking into account their best four results, the overall position will be determined by the competitors next best result. If competitors are still tied on equal points having considered all events, the number of wins by a competitor will be used to determine the overall position.

7.0 **AWARDS**

The age limit for age group awards in competitions will be reckoned as above and are to be: -

Age Groups - as per current F.I.S. regulations

Children I
Children II
Junior I
Junior II
Senior
Masters

7.1 **Series Prize Giving**

The overall prizes will be presented at the Celtic Cup Final.

8.0 **CELTIC CUP RACE PROGRAMME 2006**

Celtic Cup Race 1	13th May 2006	Slalom
Celtic Cup Race 2	14th May 2006	Slalom
Celtic Cup Race 3	24th June 2006	Slalom
Celtic Cup Race GS	24th June 2006	Giant Slalom (free to athletes racing Race 3)
Celtic Cup Race 4	25th June 2006	Slalom
Celtic Cup Race 5	15th July 2006	Parallel Slalom
Celtic Cup Race 6	16th July 2006	Slalom

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