

LSC British Schoolgirls' Races – Guidelines for Groups/Schools

Child Welfare Statement

The Ladies' Ski Club is committed to providing a safe environment for athletes. We have adopted the Snowsports governing bodies' Child Protection Policy (see link below) which gives guidelines for good practice and care of children (i.e. under 18's) within snowsports, and for general care of children and vulnerable adults.

All staff members and volunteers have been fully vetted according to the latest guidelines, and are aware of their responsibilities with regard to supervision and general care of the young athletes.

We firmly believe that every child has the right to participate in sport without fear of harm, discrimination or any degrading treatment, and will ensure that all our young athletes are able to do so in a fun and safe environment.

Their welfare is paramount.

For School/Club/Other Groups attending this event:

1. Supervision of the groups is at all times the responsibility of the team leader and other staff/parents/volunteers appointed by the club/school. Team leaders and schools/clubs should confirm their acceptance by signing in the appropriate place on the booking form.
2. We also ask for confirmation from Team Leaders and/or the School/Club that they understand that it is the school's/club's responsibility to ensure that as far as they are aware there is no reason why any adults connected with their group should not work with children (under 18s).
3. Schools/clubs are asked to ensure that all staff, volunteers and parents accompanying groups of competitors to this event are made aware of the Child Protection Policy and Procedures that are in place within the LSC/BSR. Please download from:
<http://www.ladiesskiclub.org/SNOWSPORTGB-CPP-Oct05.pdf>
Your school/club is likely to have its own Child Protection Policy, but sport-specific sections (such as 'Child Welfare in the Mountain Environment') are included in this policy.
4. In line with current national guidelines, normal policy within the LSC/BSR is to require all staff and volunteers to confirm that there is no reason why they should not be allowed to work with children (under 18s) or vulnerable adults. This would normally entail completion of an annual Self-Declaration (sample to be found within the CPP, on page 44-45) and agreement to undergo a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check/Disclosure. In order for this to be done, they must also give permission for any necessary police and social services checks to be carried out.

5. Current portability rules mean that the LSC is not able to accept checks performed by an outside agency (school, etc).
6. We understand that schools/clubs will normally carry out similar checks, and strongly recommend that staff/volunteers/parents accompanying the groups are checked according to these guidelines (detailed in the LSC Child Protection Policy), and also produce a Self-Declaration (again to be found within the CPP).
7. Because staff/parents/volunteers who accompany school/club groups will reside and work alongside not only their own group, but also other young athletes, we must ask that all schools provide confirmation of the above. To that end, we ask that Team Leaders sign the declaration on the Booking Form that they understand that it is their responsibility to ensure:
 - a) That all staff/volunteers/parents accompanying the group are aware and agree to abide by the policies and procedures outlined in the LSC Child Protection Policy (and/or the School's own CPP)
 - b) That as far as they are aware there is no reason why any adults connected with their group should not work with children (under 18s).And also wherever possible:
 - c) That the recommended checks will be/have been carried out on all those adults who are accompanying the school/club group.
8. Whilst any LSC/BSR staff/volunteers provided to assist with the transport arrangements will have been checked according to current guidelines, and will provide guidance and assistance, it is not their responsibility to provide close supervision of the groups for the duration of the travel. Schools/clubs are advised to check that procedures are in place for ensuring safe and effective supervision of athletes by their appointed staff/parents/volunteers for the duration of travel (whether on the 'package' option, or travelling independently). Guidelines for transport (including in cars) is to be found in the LSC's Child Protection Policy & Procedures (as above); schools/clubs are also likely to have their own guidelines and rules.