



## ***BWSW Youth & Open Waterski National Championships 2026***

### **Bulletin 1 | Gosfield Lake | 17-19 July 2026**

<b>Event</b>	BWSW Youth & Open Waterski National Championships 2026
<b>Dates</b>	Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July 2026
<b>Venue</b>	Gosfield Ski Club, Gosfield Lake Resort, Essex
<b>Postcode</b>	CO9 1UD
<b>Directions</b>	Use CO9 1UD for sat nav. Once close, follow the brown leisure signs for Gosfield Lake Resort.
<b>What3Words</b>	<a href="https://www.what3words.com/instructs.monkey.crypt">instructs.monkey.crypt</a>
<b>Entry deadline</b>	Friday 3 July 2026

#### **WELCOME**

Gosfield Ski Club looks forward to welcoming skiers, families, coaches, officials and supporters to the 2026 BWSW Youth & Open Waterski National Championships at Gosfield Lake.

Gosfield Ski Club is based within the scenic Gosfield Lake Resort in rural Essex. The 36-acre lake is naturally sheltered, offering consistently calm conditions. The site includes a full international slalom course and a professional-standard jump, making it an excellent venue for national-level competition.

We are grateful for the support of Friends of Tournament and everyone helping to grow competitive water skiing and encourage more athletes into the sport.

#### **VENUE AND DIRECTIONS**

- Venue: Gosfield Ski Club, Gosfield Lake Resort, Essex
- Sat nav postcode: CO9 1UD
- Once nearby, please follow the brown leisure signs for Gosfield Lake.
- What3Words: [instructs.monkey.crypt](https://www.what3words.com/instructs.monkey.crypt)

#### **OFFICIAL TOWBOAT**

All official practice and tournament events will be pulled behind the Ski Nautique, equipped with the latest version of Zero Off speed control and Sure Path.

## OFFICIAL PRACTICE

Official practice will take place from Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 July 2026.

To book practice, please call 01787 475043 and leave a message, or email [skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk](mailto:skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk).

Practice booking	Cost
Booked in advance	£30 per set
Booked on the day	£35 per set

Once practice has been booked, payment will need to be made by BACS using the bank details in the Entry and Payment section.

## ENTRY AND PAYMENT

Entries must be made through EMS: <https://ems.iwwf.sport>. Entries are only accepted once payment has been received.

Item	Details
<b>Entry fee</b>	£70 per discipline event or £190 if entering all 3 disciplines.
<b>Age category + Open supplement</b>	Additional £10 supplement if entering both age category and Open division
<b>Entry closing date</b>	Friday 3 July 2026
<b>Late entries</b>	Entries received after 3 July 2026 will only be considered if space permits and will be subject to a £25 late-entry fee.

### Bank details

- Account name: Gosfield Lake Water Ski Club
- Sort code: 20-97-40
- Account number: 10013714
- Please confirm by email once payment has been sent: [skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk](mailto:skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk)

The procedure for acceptance of entries, as detailed in the Waterski Additional Rules, will be applied for this competition.

## LICENCES AND QUALIFYING STANDARDS

The entry standards defined in the Additional Rules are being waived for this year. The following standards will apply:

Category	Requirement
<b>U10 / U12</b>	No qualification required. U12 skiers wishing to enter Jump must have a registered Jump score from a competition at any time.
<b>U14 / U17 / U21 / Open</b>	No specific qualification required, but skiers must have a registered score at any time in the past for each event entered.

A British Competitors Licence and an IWWF Licence are required. A one-off IWWF Licence can be purchased through EMS.

## SCHEDULE AND JURY PANEL

A provisional schedule will be published in Bulletin 2. Final timings will depend on entry numbers and may change during the weekend.

The jury panel and key officials will be announced in Bulletin 2.

## COMMUNICATION DURING THE EVENT

A WhatsApp group will be used to keep competitors updated with schedule changes and other event information.

Please include a mobile number with your confirmation email if Emma does not already have one.

By providing a mobile number, competitors consent to it being used solely for event communications relating to the Championships, including schedule changes, briefings and other operational updates. Mobile numbers will be used for this event only. For youth competitors, a parent or guardian should also join the WhatsApp group, or may join in place of the skier if preferred.

## CATERING AND SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL

- The Snack Shack will be open throughout the competition, serving a range of hot and cold food.
- The Apple Tree, the licensed on-site restaurant, will also be available. Booking is recommended.
- Saturday evening BBQ: £15 per person. Please bring your own drinks.
- All BBQ food must be pre-ordered in advance by Friday 17 July 2026. Please request a vegetarian option when booking, if required.
- To book BBQ, please contact Emma at [skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk](mailto:skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk).

## ACCOMMODATION

On-site camping is available for electric pitches and tents. Please book directly through Gosfield Lake or by calling Linda on 01787 475043.

- Camping booking link: [gosfieldlake.campmanager.com](http://gosfieldlake.campmanager.com)
- Both annexe apartments have already been allocated.
- There are Airbnbs and hotels in the surrounding area, including Premier Inn, Holiday Inn and The Dorrington, Halstead. The Dorrington has offered a preferential rate for competitors.

## SAFETY, FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY ACCESS

Emergency access will be through the main entrance and slipway. The first-aid point is located at reception.

## FINALS AND COMPETITION FORMAT

Where a final round is included, the number of skiers progressing to the final will be based on the number of skiers on the start list at 12 noon on Thursday 16 July 2026, unless other specific rules apply.

Number of skiers in preliminary round	Number progressing to final
1-5	All
6-10	First 5
11-12	First 6
13-15	First 8
16-19	First 10
20 or more	First 12

To qualify for a final round, a skier must ski and score more than zero in the preliminary round. See the relevant exceptions for U10 and U12 skiers under the British Youth Championships rules.

A skier who qualifies for a final and is subsequently unable to take part will not be replaced by the next placed skier.

### **Skiers entering both age category and Open championships**

Slalom: there will usually be one preliminary round to determine finalists for both the age-category and Open events. The exception is where a skier shortens at a different speed in their age category; in that case, the skier will ski in both preliminary rounds.

Tricks and Jump: there will be one preliminary round to determine finalists for both the age-category and Open events.

### **FRIENDS OF TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

Friends of Tournament will award coaching vouchers to U17, U14 and U12 skiers who win Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Slalom, Tricks and Jump.

- Voucher value: £35 each, valid for a coaching set at any BWSW-affiliated club.
- Gold medallists: 3 vouchers; Silver medallists: 2 vouchers; Bronze medallists: 1 voucher.

### **SKIER BIO FORM**

All skiers are asked to complete the Skier Bio Form after entering the competition on EMS. Please send completed forms to Emma Turp at [skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk](mailto:skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk).

The form is included on the next page so that details can be used for event commentary and promotion.

# BRITISH WATERSKI NATIONALS 2026

## Skier Bio Form

Please complete this form after entering on EMS and return it to Emma Turp at [skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk](mailto:skiing@gosfieldlake.co.uk).

Field	Details
First name	
Surname	
Nickname, if any	
Date of birth	
Age at time of the Nationals	
Category competing in	
Events entered: Slalom / Tricks / Jump / Overall	
Specialism or favourite event	
Club or training sites	
Coach, if relevant	
Home town/county	
School / university / work	
Competition PBs and when achieved	
Best practice scores in 2026	
Previous appearances at British Nationals and best results	
Major achievements / titles	
Family connections in waterskiing	
Other hobbies / sports	
Anything else of interest	
Date this profile was completed	