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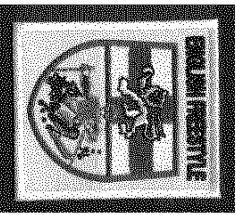
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ESC Freestyle has a range of items for sale.

These are high quality items made by the same manufacturers as items sold under brand names at higher prices. The cloth items are embroidered with the England Freestyle logo.

Profits from the sale of these items go directly to support the development of Freestyle skiing in England.

If you are interested in seeing samples of these items they are available at all ESC Freestyle events. Payment may be made by cheque or credit cards.



Registration for 2002

Registered skiers will receive a form from ESC office in OCTOBER, with which to renew their registration for 2002. It is very important you complete and return this to ESC office before the end of 2001.

We can no longer accept renewal of registrations at competitions as it is necessary for the database information to be returned to ESC in order to complete statistics required by Sport UK.

This means that if you have not renewed your registration at least seven days before a competition you will not be eligible to compete.

We can still accept new registrations at competitions but we need two passport photographs as well as a cheque for the registration fee.



Freestyle Poems
an occasional publication from ESC Freestyle



Diary Dates

Competitions

18.8.2001	Freestyle Tour Moguls & Big Air	Sheffield
19.8.2001	Water Ramp Aerials	Sheffield
22.9.2001	British Artificial Freestyle Championships	Sheffield
23.9.2001	Freestyle Tour Moguls & Big Air	Kendal*
20.10.2001	Inter Club Acro	Sheffield
27.10.01	Freestyle Tour Final Moguls & Acro	Norwich

All competitions start at 10:00

Courses

1&2.9.2001	TDs Training & Revalidation	Sheffield
8&9.9.2001	"Skifful Skiing" - prerequisite for ASFSPC(Moguls)	Stoke
28.9.2001	Moguls training with Eric Berthon	Sheffield
29.9.2001	Moguls training with Eric Berthon	Sheffield
21.10.2001	Judging course for ASFSPC Aerials & Moguls	Sheffield.

Cancellations - please note that the following events have been cancelled

13.10.2001	Night Freestyle event	Sheffield
25.8.2001	Big Air Competition	Hillend

For the latest information and to obtain copies of course booking forms look up the Freestyle Website at www.carrs-of-sheffield.co.uk/skiing

British Freestyle Championships.

Advance Notice

The 2002 BSSF British Freestyle Championships (Moguls, Big Air & Skicross) are provisionally scheduled to be held in Val Thorens (FRA) during the week commencing 23rd March, 2002

Further details will be posted to **REGISTERED FREESTYLE PERFORMERS** only nearer to the date. This mailing will be based on the register of Freestyle performers who have renewed their registrations for 2002. (Don't forget to renew your registration in October!)

Competition Crisis?

We don't want to be unnecessarily alarmist but we do seem to be having a crisis with this years competitions which does not bode well for the future of Freestyle.

Freestyle exists as a COMPETITIVE SKI SPORT. In England it's funding depends on skiers registering as Freestyle performers and it's influence within ESC depends on how well it is supported.

During the year we have had a very serious problem with low numbers attending all of our competitions. In the worst case we had to cancel a competition because there were insufficient competitors and officials to run it.

Competitors where are you?

The bottom line is that it costs about £500 on average to run a competition irrespective of how many turn up. During this year we have had about half as many competitors at each competition as we had last year (despite the number of registered skiers being the same as last year). That is partly due to the fact that 11 of our top moguls skiers have migrated south to the antipodes for the summer to train and compete on snow. This actually makes the chance of success in the dry slope competitions for the younger and less experienced skiers greater but where are you all?

There is a dedicated cohort of competitors mostly from Sheffield and Kendal who turn out to all of the competitions wherever they are but we never seem to meet any of the locals. Are the rest of you all scared off by the visitors?

You do not have to be brilliant to compete.

If you are a competent and confident skier you should be able to compete in a Moguls or Big Air competition and receive a reasonable score just on the training provided at the competition (that's why we provide trainers!!!)

Do you actually want us to run competitions?

If we perceive that trailing our competitions around

the country isn't providing for the needs of the competitors by giving the opportunity to compete at different slopes then we might as well make life easy for those who support us by running all of the competitions on the slopes where they are based.

We need Officials

To run a Freestyle Competition properly we need about 13 people to spread the various jobs around. Currently we are struggling which means that some of the officials are having to do more than one of the complex jobs at the same time. Because these people are being overloaded mistakes are being made and to be honest it's getting to the point where these people are getting fed up and are likely to stop helping out. This will inevitably mean that we won't be able to run competitions because there isn't anybody to run them.

Some of the jobs like Judges & Technical Delegate require training but over half of the jobs just need someone prepared to spend about 15 minutes having the job explained to them. In the past we used to have a ready supply of volunteers from amongst the parents bringing competitors but now most competitors are mobile we don't seem to see many parents.

If YOU are interested in being an official please do get in touch with us. If you want to be trained as a Freestyle Judge we will be running trainings early next year in preparation for the 2002 season. We would love to have you as part of the team.

It's up to you

We need competitors and people to run the competitions if our sport is to survive. It's really over to you! The Calendar for the rest of the 2001 season is on the front of this publication and we are working on the calendar for 2002. Given this year's problems that's really a giant leap of faith.

The Freestyle Committee can provide the opportunities but we can't do it all ourselves. We need your support. If the situation doesn't improve then the risk is that it's "Goodbye Freestyle".

News Update

Eric's coming over

World Champion moguls skier and French National Freestyle Team Coach Eric Berthoin is coming over to Sheffield in September to run two one day "Masterclasses" at Sheffield Ski Village on. Each day costs £25.00 plus lift pass and already half of the places are filled. If you want to take advantage of Eric's expertise to improve your skiing then fill in the form and post it back TODAY. First come first served.

Freestyle Coaching Courses.

At last we've been able to sort out dates so that all of those of you who need to complete your qualifications can fill in the gaps.

The "Skilful Skiing" course at Stoke is a requirement for all aspirant ASFSPC(Moguls) who do not hold ASSI, ASL, BASI or other equivalent Instructor qualifications.

The **Coaches judging course** is a ONE OFF course designed to fulfil the requirements of the ASFSPC(Moguls) and ASFSPC(Aerials) qualifications. The course is offered in three sessions so that participants can select which sessions are appropriate for their needs. This course may also be useful to moguls and aerials performers.

Please note this course has been specially arranged for the benefit of aspirant coaches or wishing to convert from the old "ASSI Bolt On" qualifications. We have no plans to repeat it in the future. Anybody who is either in the process of qualifying as an ASFSPC (Moguls or Aerials) or will want to do so in the near future can attend this course and obtain the necessary accreditation. Future candidates will need to attend the full judges courses.

Assimilation of previous Freestyle qualifications.

A reminder to all previously qualified Freestyle instructors whose qualifications were obtained via the old "bolt on" modules to ASSI qualifications that these qualifications will only be recognised until the end of 2001. From 2002 onwards the only Freestyle Instructor qualifications which are recognised by ESC will be the ASFSPC awards.

Holders of the previous qualifications can assimilate into the new system in most cases simply by filling in the appropriate form but this must be done before the end of 2001. If you need a copy of the form simply contact Chris Bowes on 01405 814363 or by e-mail to howhome@aol.com.

ESC Coaches qualifications are at a higher level than this and as they operate under a different protocol so ESC Coaches do not need to formally assimilate into the new system.

Help us to help you.

This is a plea for help.

Recently we've discovered several bits of paper handed to us at events have either gone missing or even gone through the washer. This is because they get stuffed into a pocket in the heat of the moment and forgotten. This is not only a bit worrying but it's also an inconvenience for you. Please either post everything to our home address or if it's at a competition give the items to the Competition Secretary as they have a file into which items can be put.

The exception to this is if either one of us is at an event specifically to deal with paperwork Etc. *Chris & Wendy Bowes*

Check out the Website

Up to date information about all aspects of Freestyle is available on the Freestyle Website at www.carrs-of-sheffield.uk.co/skiing. Here you will find up to date results (often within half an hour of the end of a competition), Diary of events, Squad lists and the booking forms for all ESC Freestyle events.

This site can also be accessed via the ESC Website at www.englishski.org.

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Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Please supply the following items

Item	Number	Size	Unit Cost £	Total cost £
TOTAL				

Payment Cheque (payable to ESC)/Cash/Credit Card

For CREDIT CARD SALES please complete the following section

Please charge the sum above to my card

Type of card _____

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