

# Muckhart & District Ski Club

## An Introduction to Competitive Racing

Not only is MAD a fantastic Ski Club providing superb instruction, it also has a very active race section with around 12-20 members competing regularly in Dry Slope, Indoor and Outdoor Ski Races across Scotland, the UK and Europe. The kids have a great time, have a chance to race against their peers, make new friends and best of all their skiing improves as confidence and experience is gained.

We currently have 3 trainees who are members of the British Children's Ski Team for the 2011-12 season –

Fraser Buchan CH2  
David Christey CH1  
Scott Buchan CH1

This is an amazing achievement for both the boys themselves and the club and coaches. We should all be proud.

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## Who Races Who

Racers are split Boys and Girls and also by age category.

### 2010-2011 Season Categories

Bairns 1	born	2003 –
Barins 2	born	2001 – 2002
Children 1	born	1999-2000
Children 2	born	1997-1998
Junior 1	born	1995-1996
Junior 2	born	1992, 1993, 1994
Senior	born	1991 or earlier

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## Where and When To Race

The ski race season can be split into two – December - April is outdoor on snow with many races in Europe during the holiday periods with a number in Scotland

(snow permitting) as well as the LSRA Classic and Night Slalom at Hillend, Edinburgh. The summer season is May to November where ski races are either on dry slopes or indoor snow domes. The best place to find out when races are on is

[www.britski.org](http://www.britski.org)

There is also a very good series of indoor races called the British Indoor Grand Prix Series, these are held at all of the Indoor Snow Domes in the UK spread across the summer season.

[www.britishindoorgrandprixseries.org.uk](http://www.britishindoorgrandprixseries.org.uk)

Both sites provide full entry details and results.

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## MAD Ski Club Support for Racers

- MAD covers entry fees for some Ski Events
- A MAD Coach will be in attendance at certain events to help all racers with advice, support and help with course inspection.
- There is also lots of MAD parents there too who all can help new parents and racers.
- Coach advice on best races for new racers
- Additional Coaching for the most active racers.

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## What Race Kit.



Initially, a skier needs no more than skies, gloves, poles and a helmet. MAD Ski Club has six pairs of Race Ski's which can be made available to younger racers for an event if they do not have their own. Once your kids get the bug, there are a number of sites that supply race specific kit covering skis, body protection and waxes to help them go even faster. The MAD coaches will be more than happy to help answer any questions you have on specific kit requirements.

[www.skibartlett.com](http://www.skibartlett.com)

[www.bluestheskishop.co.uk](http://www.bluestheskishop.co.uk)

[www.skiracing.co.uk](http://www.skiracing.co.uk)

[www.snowfit.co.uk](http://www.snowfit.co.uk)

[www.jonsskituning.co.uk](http://www.jonsskituning.co.uk)

[www.edgeandwax.co.uk](http://www.edgeandwax.co.uk)

Also try places such as Snow+Rock and Ells Brighnam at the end of the ski season as they often have bargains.

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## Interested want to know more?

- Check the Race Calendar on the notice board.
- Entry forms for upcoming events will be available to,
- Speak to a coach to get more information and also get advice on the best races to begin with.
- Speak to other parents of racers, they all have fun too and the social aspect is great. Ask a coach or committee member if you not sure who is who.

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## The Future Racers

MAD Ski Club currently has an excellent group of kids from 7 to 16 years old who race. They have a success rate that makes us all proud and other clubs slightly green with envy. To help this continue, new racers are always welcome. They will be enthusiastically supported by coaches, racers and parents to have fun and enjoy themselves while getting the opportunity to race and compete to the best of their abilities.