

# OTAGO SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Put this in your calendar: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at  
Perkins Pond near Millers Flat

The Otago Southland Secondary Schools Water Ski Championships will be held on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024** and is open to Otago and Southland secondary school pupils. The organising body is the Otago Water Ski Club, and the event is approved by the Otago and Southland Secondary Schools Sports Associations. The format remains unchanged from last year. In recent years we've had 25+ skiers participating, so this is a family fun event with friendly and spirited competition.

**Please note: dogs are not permitted at Perkins Pond; the event is smoke and drug free.**

## Eligibility

All students must be enrolled at an Otago or Southland secondary school (years 9 -13) on the date of the event and entered in an age division up to and including, boys or girls under 19 years (age on day of the event).

## Divisions

There are two divisions, Novice and Championship, so that students of varying slalom ski abilities can participate. The novice divisions are for students who have not completed the full championship slalom course. The novice course will use an additional buoy placed 3 metres inside each championship turn buoy, which makes the slalom course much easier to complete. They will score 0.5 points per buoy while championship skiers will score 1 point per buoy.

The event will include two rounds of slalom competition and divisions include:

- Championship boys and girls (13 years and under)
- Championship boys and girls (16 years and under)
- Championship boys and girls (18 years and under)
  
- Novice boys and girls (13 years and under)
- Novice boys and girls (16 years and under)
- Novice boys and girls (18 years and under)

## Venue

The competition will be held at Perkins Pond, near Miller's Flat, which is a private water ski lake and the base for On Edge ski school. Perkins Pond is centrally located on State Highway 8, the main road from Dunedin to Central Otago. Travel time from Dunedin is approximately 1.5 hours, or 45 minutes from Alexandra (transport available on request). Accommodation is available at nearby Millers Flat or Roxburgh.

## Pre-Event Practice

There is a short demonstration video clip available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7tLPKF7BqDc> or search YouTube for 'OWSC slalom course demo'. It clearly shows how the intermediate and championship courses are run.

Coaching clinics for interested skiers by arrangement through either Otago Water Ski Club contact Glyn Burrows 027 454 6073, or **On Edge Ski School** which operates at Perkins Pond – see <https://www.facebook.com/onedgewaterskiclub/>.



## ENTRY & MORE INFORMATION

An event with a link to the online entry form will be available later this year at our Facebook page for Otago Water Ski Club where you will also find photos and video from previous events.

The most often asked question at the Secondary champs is “will I be able to ski the slalom course?” Every year we have skiers who have never skied a slalom course of any kind, but they still have a go and have fun. You should be able to start on one ski, and if you can do that and stay on one, then you can ski the novice slalom course. However, we do strongly recommend that you have a go at the novice course before the champs – see above under Pre-Event Practice.