



OTAGO SECONDARY SCHOOLS WATER SKI CHAMPS

The Otago Secondary Schools Water Ski Champs will be held on **Sunday 21st February 2010** and is open to all Otago secondary school pupils. The organising body is the Otago Water Ski Club and the event is approved by the Otago Secondary Schools Sports Association.

Eligibility

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

Divisions

Divisions are split into two classes: **Intermediate (Novice) and Championship**, so that students of varying ski abilities can participate. If you can start and ski competently on one or two skis then you can enter a Novice division and ski the intermediate slalom course on one or two skis.

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

- Championship junior boys and girls (12 and under)
- Championship boys and girls (16 and under)
- Championship boys and girls under 19 (18 and under)
- Novice divisions in the age groups above
- Teams

The novice divisions are for students who have not completed the full championship slalom course. The intermediate course will use an additional buoy placed 2 metres inside each championship turn buoy, which makes the slalom course much easier to complete. All novices will score 0.5 points per buoy while championship skiers will score 1 point per buoy.

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.

Venue and Accommodation

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

The Otago Water Ski Club will hold an optional practice day for all skiers on Saturday 20th February at Perkins Pond. In addition, there will be coaching clinics for interested skiers by arrangement (phone/text Greg Sise OWSC President on 027 499 5261)

Check this out!

You don't need to be a 'slalom ninja' to enter.

If you are new to slalom skiing, then you can enter the **Novice** division and ski the intermediate slalom course on one or two skis – it's actually not difficult to ski this course.

It's fun and it will improve your skiing.

We'll have the venue open on Saturday 20th Feb for you to get some practice on the course.

Your entry fee also includes a **BBQ lunch**, and there are great **SPOT PRIZES** to be won.

See your school's Sports Co-ordinator for entry information or phone/text Greg Sise on 027 499 5261.

