

Coinciding with the first day of this years 30 days of snowsports was the first race in the National Schools Indoor Series. Headed as the BISS Indoor Open Champs, This year saw a new venue for the competition at Snozone Milton Keynes.

This event has been a cornerstone of schools races for the last 6 years and this year was no exception with nearly 400 racers the entry was capped and had to be closed early.

As well as many regular entrants to this competition, there were a few new schools this year with many children racing for the first time, which is the aim of the series run under the NSSA.

The race attracted schools from as far afield as Cornwall and Liverpool with several schools travelling up the preceding day for training and an overnight stay.

The results are up online [here](#) and entry for the next race in the series on November 11th is online [here](#).

These races are aimed to be inclusive and the NSSA have very few barriers to entry.

- We understand that some schools cannot raise a team of 3 or 4 so individual entry is available.
- The points system for the teams means that schools are not restricted to entering children in a single age group as, again, this may make entry impossible for some schools.
- We are also happy to deal with parents running school teams as we understand that this is often the only way some schools can get a team organized with teachers often busy with many tasks these days.
- There is also no necessity for the school to be a member of the NSSA in order to enter.

After the races this month the organisation ran 2 orientation days for the National Schools Snowsports Squad – These days, one at Snozone MK and one at Snozone Castleford were designed to welcome children selected for this squad from their results at previous races in the Indoor series. With workshops, presentations and on the hill training, these were welcomed by racers and parents as enjoyable and informative with all looking toward the rest of the programme and camps to come.