

Paddy Pallin Junior Cross Country Ski Event 2018

Challenging conditions greeted twenty-eight enthusiastic skiers for the Paddy Pallin Junior event at the Perisher Nordic Shelter on Saturday 30 June 2018. Icy temperatures and blowing snow did little to dampen the spirit of competitors and their supporters who braved the elements to participate.

Participants ranged in age from four to fourteen years, with skiers competing over varying distances from 100 metres to 1.4 kilometres with varying laps of the sprint loop on the cross country ski trails. As the one of the oldest ski races in Australia, the focus of the Paddy Pallin Juniors is to promote participation in cross country skiing and to foster an enjoyment of the sport and associated community. Camaraderie was high, as skiers supported each other in the trying conditions.

Post event, the participants and supporters enjoyed the traditional hotdog lunch, fruit drinks and fruit. Lunch was followed by the presentation of certificates by NSW XC Coaches Kayla and Jeremy, and the popular lucky bib draw that included fantastic prizes from Paddy Pallin. A team jelly snake hunt on skis around the cross country trails near the Nordic Shelter was a fitting end to an enjoyable day and was a great way to see in the start of the 2018 ski season.

The event would not happen without the support of a number of businesses and organisations. A special thank you to Paddy Pallin for their ongoing support of this event, the fabulous spot prizes, hotdogs, drinks and jelly snakes, Perisher Supermarket for generously providing the bread rolls, Wiffens Canberra for the great quality fruit, and Canberra Alpine Club and Snowy Mountains Nordic Club for providing support.

Thank you also to Geraldine for accommodating the event at the Nordic Shelter and to the many helpers who assisted on the day.

Times achieved by participants:

Age group/Name	Club/Team/School	Distance/Time
4-5 years		~100 metres
Aisha-Juliet Moon	Snowy Mountains Nordic	1.17
Oliver Cunningham	Canberra Alpine/Jerrabomberra	2.10
Camilla Sarri	ACT	3.21
William Berget	ACT XC/Garran	4.49
6-8 years		~300m
Christian Moon	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	2.12
Ciaran Brennan	Birkebeiner	2.19
Satu Laajoki	ACT XC	4.29
Riley Bush	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	2.48
Aiden Berget	ACT XC/Garran	4.36
Tomme Cunningham	Canberra Alpine/Jerrabomberra	6.08
Carla Sarri	ACT	7.06
9-10 years		~450m
Flynn Niven	JCS	2.19
Satara Moon	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	2.54
Amelie Brennan	Birkebeiner	3.02
Nell Wilkinson	Cooma/ St Patrick's	5.09
Emelia Greville	Snow Mountains Nordic/St Patrick's	5.09
11-12 years		~900m
Heli Laajoki	ACT XC	4.38
Harriet Greville	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	4.48
Sarah Champion	NSW XC	4.56
Lottie Walker-Broose	NSW XC/Cooma North	5.31
Jesse Chatten	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	5.47
Flynn Willmott	JCS	6.22
Michael Colvin	NSW XC	8.57
Joe Wilkinson	Cooma/ St Patrick's	9:00
13-14 years		~1.4 km
Sam Bylett	Snowy Mountains Nordic/SMGS	6.13
Tamzyn Davies	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	6.59
Spencer Walker-Broose	NSW XC/SMGS	7.22
Finn Chatten	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	7.59