



Manchester Cross Country Ski Club

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MCCSC Return to Skiing

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It is a great relief to have passed the milestone of Step 3 on the 17th May 2021, allowing further re-openings including hospitality and group classes indoors. Obviously we were all disappointed (but not surprised) by the postponement of Step 4 from 21st June to the 19th July. We are delighted however to see the return of club Rollerski sessions and our Telemark Coaching sessions.

Roller Skiing

MCCSC held five Roller Ski sessions at Palatine Leisure, Blackpool; 10:00 to 12:00 on Sunday 18th April, 2nd, 16th 30th May & 13th June 2021, with instructors available, to give informal hints and tips to members skiing with their own equipment.

MCCSC returned to UCLAN, Preston; booking the track for Roller Ski sessions 11:00 to 13:00 on Saturday 26th June, with another on the 10th July 2021. The plan is to have an instructor available at most sessions, to give informal hints and tips to members skiing with their own equipment. Members must pre-book and pay the £8 track fee on the MCCSC website (via Ticket Tailor) Booking will close at 12 noon the day before.

Notes: Blackpool & Preston. MCCSC would refund track fees in the event of a covid related cancellation. The club regrets that is not able to offer Rollerski rental equipment in the short term due to covid safety and the resulting logistics.

Other Rollerski News

MCCSC is also planning to restart our Roller Ski Tours in July, August and September 2021, possibly with new shorter half day routes, gradually building to full day tours. The timing should allow for cafes/pubs & toilets to be open.

MCCSC aims to resume formal Roller ski coaching sessions, with equipment hire in the autumn, subject to availability and government restrictions.

Chill Factor^e Update

There is a real buzz at Chill Factor^e following the purchase by Snow Centres Ltd (the operator of the Snow Centre Hemel Hempstead). There are already improvements being made and many more exciting plans in the pipeline, all aimed at enhancing guest experience. The most noticeable so far is the relocation of Snowplay reception, equipment and entrance to beside the climbing wall, which significantly reduces the number of guests in the changing village.



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Telemarking - Chill Factor^e re-opened again on the 12th April 2021, after the third lockdown with **Step 2** of the Road map. The snow is in very good condition (a lot of work has been done during the 3rd lockdown). There are Covid secure operating procedures, including a one-way system throughout the building & including cool side. Lockers are now available for guests, but changing facilities remain closed. Rental equipment is quarantined, then disinfected at the new station (where Clothing rentals were). Enhanced cleaning regimes and the aircon system has been upgraded with no recycled air. Participants to arrive fully kitted, face coverings to be worn and all the Covid measures give confidence. The Main slope capacity is still reduced. Opening hours are gradually increasing.

Check www.chillfactore.com for details.

Indoor Snowsport is subject to far more stringent restrictions; thus adult club coaching was not possible until **Step 3** on 17th May.

MCCSC restarted the club Telemark coaching sessions at Chill Factor^e on 5th June 2021 following **Step 3** (the 29th May was unavailable due to racing). We negotiated with Chill Factor^e to increase the Saturday club sessions from 1.5 to 2-hours, before the 3rd lockdown. The new session time is 12:00 to 14:00 and the discounted lift pass price is £24. Limited Telemark rental is available from Chill Factor^e and included in the lift pass. Further dates (approximately fortnightly) have been added up to the end of 2021. Indoor Adult Group sizes are restricted to The Rule of 6 (5 + Coach) under Step 3, so please "Book in" by emailing Lap at telemark@mccsc.org.uk to enable coaches to be available.

TELEMARK BREAKING GOOD NEWS

The 10th North West Telemark Festival at Chill Factor^e

The date has been re-set for **Sunday the 25th July 2021**, with the usual slope times of 10:00 to 16:00. Further details and booking via Ticket tailor and Stripe, are now on the MCCSC website, posted on social media and mailed to members. We have made contingency plans to operate under Step 3 restrictions in the less likely event that **Step 4** be further delayed.

Please note that Chill Factor^e does Not accept monthly or seasonal passes for events such as the NWTF. This is due to the increased staff costs for pre-event preparation and additional special staff on the day; Event supervisor, Rental technicians and First aid. The only exception is to its staff.

MCCSC's Covid-19 prevention policy is on our website and MCCSC will continue to progress when formal coaching sessions may restart at Roller Ski venues.

Please continue to check www.mccsc.org.uk for updates.

Thank you for your forbearance in these unrepresented times and we look forward to skiing together once again. Stay safe. Remember; **Hands – Space – Face - Ventilation**

Chair of MCCSC



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Snowsport England states quite clearly that resuming activity will always carry a degree of risk associated with the transmission of Covid-19, however these risks can be mitigated by having procedures in place and by all participants adhering to them. These include the “New Norm” of social distancing & hygiene measures, including ventilation.

Re-starting formal club activities is subject to government restrictions and Snowsport England’s guidelines (which is a pre-requisite of our club & coaches’ insurance).

For the full breakdown of “Restrictions to Snowsport Activity in England” see www.snowsportengland.org.uk > Covid-19 Resources > Summary Table (currently V6 – 07 May 2021) There are other guideline documents there.

For the full current national restriction rules see www.gov.uk/guidance

The Government Road Map for the relaxation of lockdown

Step 1 Outdoor facilities may re-open on the 29th March for individual use with the rule of 6 or 2 households. Formally organised outdoor sport lessons & coaching sessions are allowed; Thus Outside ski slopes, cycle tracks for Rollerskiing, but no socialising before or after. Participants to arrive fully kitted, changing rooms remain closed, access to toilets permitted, minimise travel, no overnight stays, limited catering facilities i.e. take away service but not alcohol.

Step 2 Indoor slopes, gyms may open on the 12th April for individual use (rule of 6 or 2 households) But no adult groups lessons / group coaching sessions. (So similar to Tier 3 in December 2020). Pub beer gardens and non-essential shops may also open.

Step 3 Indoor adult Group sports lessons 17th May, also hospitality, indoor pubs, cafes, hotels

The next steps may only proceed if conditions allow;

Step 4 All restrictions may be lifted 19th July (delayed from 21st June) possibly international travel.



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