

Roller Ski: Endurance Event

The event is aimed at both those that have only recently taken up rollerskiing as well as the more experienced rollerskier. You have the option of skiing for half an hour on a relatively flat course or an hour on a course with bridge and some technical corners.

Date and Time

Date: Saturday 20 June 2026

Track open: 1:30pm (registration open nominally 1:00pm)

Briefing (at start/finish): 2:00 pm

Event Time: 2:15pm - 3:15pm



Location

University of Lancashire Sports Arena, Tom Benson Way, Preston PR2 1SG

<https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/facilities/sports-arena>

See Figure 1 for finding way around University of Lancashire Sports Arena Facility.

Event Details

The short and long duration events will be run simultaneously with the same start/finish point but on different courses. It is a free technique event (i.e skate or classic). Skiers do not have to ski continuously, they can dip in and out if they wish.

Short Duration Event

Duration of 1/2 hour plus last lap. The course will be the lower loop of the UCLan track (using the cut-through, missing out the bridge), see Figure 2 for route and start/finish.

Long Duration Event

Duration of 1 hour plus last lap. The long course will be the full loop of the UCLan track, see Figure 3 for route and start/finish. Note that, unlike in previous years, there will be no cone slalom on course.

Booking and Contact

Book via online application at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/manchestercrosscountryskiclin/2242201>

If you have any question contact, Alistair, email rollerskirace@mccsc.org.uk.

Membership Requirements

Unlike in previous years, to participate in this event, you need to belong to at least one of the following organisations:

- Snowsport England (SE) Blue Membership or greater
- Snowsport Scotland
- Snowsport Cymru Wales

- British Nordic Development Squad

Note 1: Can all SE members who are not MCCSC members add MCCSC as one of their clubs (this makes our checking of your SE membership easier).

Note 2: Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Cymru Wales members are automatically added to SE database so if you're a member of either of those organisations you shouldn't have to do anything after booking. At time of publishing, it is not clear if BNDS members are being automatically added to SE database so you might need to register as affiliated member on Sport:80.

Being the first year that affiliated National body members need to register with SE for events we recognise the process might not run smoothly. We'll contact you after application if we need you to manually apply as an affiliate of SE.

Northern Roll Series 2026

This event is part of the Northern Roll Roller Ski Challenge Series.

The Northern Roll Roller Ski Challenge Series is four events at four cycle circuit venues across the North of England.

Each event is hosted by a different cross-country ski club, with the four clubs – Lakeland, Manchester, Tyneside and Yorkshire Dales – coming together to create the series.

The events follow a simple format – roller ski as many laps of the cycle circuit as you can in one hour. The series winners are those with the greatest distance skied across the events.

The fun challenges are ideal training for those planning to take part in on-snow ski races, or for skiers simply wanting to set themselves a challenge against the clock.

The four dates for 2026 are:

- **Event #1** – Saturday 30 May - Leeds, West Yorkshire
(Hosted by Yorkshire Dales Cross Country Ski Club: <https://ydccsc.org.uk/>)
- **Event #2** – Saturday 20 June – Preston, Lancashire
(Hosted by Manchester Cross Country Ski Club: <https://mccsc.org.uk/>)
- **Event #3** – Sunday 5 July – Lancaster, Lancashire
(Hosted by Lakeland Cross Country Ski Club: <http://www.lakelandxcski.org.uk/>)
- **Event #4** – Sunday 16 August – Hartlepool, Co. Durham
(Hosted by Tyneside Loipers: <https://tynesideloipers.org.uk/>)

You can find details of each event on the clubs' websites. Other roller ski challenge events and races can be found on the GB Roller Ski Series website: <https://www.bmccsa.org.uk/calendar-2023> (this does link to 2026 calendar)

Figure 1: University of Lancashire Sports Arena Facility

Drivers will enter the facility on Tom Benson Way. Car Park 4 is nearest car park (enter track by walking under bridge). Follow signs for West Changing to get to Car Park 4



Figure 2: Short Course (1.1km) – Half Hour



Figure 3: Long Course (1.6km)

