

59th Paddy Pallin Juniors

With a strict Covid-19 safety plan in place, a format and activity modified Paddy Pallin Juniors cross country (XC) ski event was held on Saturday 26 June 2021 at the Perisher XC ski trails. Due to covid-19 restrictions participant numbers were down on previous years, but 10 centimetres of new snow overnight and the sun peeping through the clouds ensured the local and Canberra based children had an enjoyable experience.

Participants skied varying distances based on their age and ability, in soft ungroomed conditions, with the youngest age groups skiing approximately 600 metres and up to two and a half kilometres being skied by the fifteen year olds. The ski event was followed by a covid-19 safe jelly snake hunt that involved children individually finding pre-packaged bags of sugary goodness! The presentation of certificates and wonderful spot prizes donated by major sponsor Paddy Pallin were a hit with all participants. To wrap up the event, the traditional hotdog lunch was served with hotdogs and drinks provided by Paddy Pallin, breadrolls from Perisher Foodworks and fresh fruit from Snow Country Fresh Produce. Luckily the weather held, and all components of the event, including the presentation and lunch were held outdoors to ensure social distancing rules could be adhered to.

The event would not happen without the ongoing support of our major sponsor Paddy Pallin and the additional support provided by Perisher Foodworks and Snowy Country Fresh Produce, Geraldine, Arnold, Leslie and Peter at the Nordic Shelter, parents and volunteers. The fantastic supporters of this event were publicly acknowledged during the presentation.

2022 will see the 60th anniversary of the Paddy Pallin Juniors - an event to celebrate and to reflect on this iconic cross county ski event in NSW.

Times achieved by participants as follows:

Age group/Name	Team/School/Club	Distance/Time
7 -8 years		~ 600 metres
Eric Murtagh Herlihy	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	2.18
Aisha-Juliet Moon	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS/Cooma	2.27
8 - 10 years		~1.2km
Jackson Landon-Smith	Snowy Mountains Nordic/SMGS/Cooma	4.43
Maddie Lloyd	Snowy Mountains Nordic/SMGS	6.00
Josie Wright	NSWACT XC	7.55

11 years		~1.2km
Christian Moon	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS/Cooma	4.58
Rose Murtagh Herlihy	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS	6.49
12 years		~1.7km
Satara Moon	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS/Cooma	9.02
Emelia Greville	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS/CAC	13.15
15 years		~2.5km
Harriet Greville	Snowy Mountains Nordic/JCS/CAC	11.05
Gabi Forman	Snowy Mountains Nordic/SMGS	15.56