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Safety Guidelines for Winter Out-Of-School Education Trips





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Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) has produced this document in consultation with the Ontario Snow Resorts Association (OSRA) and with reference to the Ontario Physical Health and Education Association (OPHEA) and the Ontario Physical Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE) guidelines.

Risk Factor

This safety document should not be interpreted as an endorsement of school participation in such activities offered at snow resorts. OSBIE recommends caution in undertaking all activities involving risk. Consider the risk of the out-of-school trip, the age of students, their skill and knowledge level, and the qualifications of the supervisors. This document provides minimum safety standards for schools to follow.

Disclaimer

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Safety comes first

Out-of-school education trips are a welcome addition and for good reason. Students get to experience a new sport in a safe environment and receive instruction that gives them a proper introduction to the activity. When organizing any trip, educators recognize the activity must have a mandatory instructional component. The diverse range of activities includes Skiing, Snowboarding, Cross-Country Skiing, Snow Tubing, and Snowshoeing.

Whatever the activity, the students' safety is always a top priority. Understanding the risks involved with each sport mitigates the risks and promotes a relatively safe environment.

For example, students may learn how to snowboard. In addition to learning 'how to', this means being in control of their speed and surroundings for their own safety and the safety of others. Education, common sense, proper planning and supervision will result in an enjoyable and safe experience for students.

These guidelines, available in English and French, apply to all OSBIE member school boards, administration and staff involved in the planning of an out-of-school trip. School boards that elect to use resorts outside of Ontario or resorts that are not members of OSRA should follow these guidelines and outline the requirements to the resort staff before booking.

Trip Preparation is key

1. Receive approval for out-of-school trip from Administration. The request should include the number of Educators, Volunteer supervisors, and their skill level. Supervisors should be experienced in the trip's activities. Example: Alpine skiing, Snowboarding, Cross-Country Skiing, Snow Tubing, or Snowshoeing.

2. Book date and numbers with resort. Ensure resort can accommodate instruction/assessments for all students. Non-skiers/ snowboarders and/or beginners must have instruction before being permitted on trails.

3. Arrange bus transportation.

4. Complete your school board-approved parental consent form or the Parental Consent Form for Winter Out-of-School Trips (page 14) and submit to Administration for approval.

5. Send home a Parental Information Package that includes the Note to Parents and Students with the Parental Consent Form for Winter Out-of-School Trips (or your board-approved consent form). This dual-purpose consent form includes rental equipment. Invite parents to check out "Comfort Tips" for appropriate clothing on the OSRA website.

6. Collect the signed Parental Consent Forms for each student.

7. Establish classification groups (see Appendix 1b). Assign supervisors in appropriate ratios to groups. For example, Grades 7 and 8 require one educator/supervisor per 12 students for skiing or snowboarding. There's always room for more supervision, but it cannot be less than the ratios stipulated by the Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE). Improvement on ratios can also be achieved with more qualified supervisors (i.e. a volunteer is a safety patrol). Inform the resort of the number of participants in each discipline, ability levels, rentals required, and number of supervisors.

8. Send instructions to Volunteer Supervisors. Review supervision of snow sport trips and provide supervisors a copy of the supervisory duties (see page 6). Parent supervisors permitted on an out-of-school trip must have written supervisory duties.

9. Meet with students to discuss this agenda:

   - Educator/Student/Volunteer Supervision
   - Behavioural Expectations – Ski Responsibility Code and/or Nordic Responsibility Code
   - Share safety information – Check with the resort for local safety rules and resources
   - Identification of Groups (i.e. beginner/snowboarding and name of supervisor assigned)
   - Compulsory lesson schedule
   - After-lesson expectations
   - Student I.D. is a requirement for the trip
   - Organizational Plans on the Day

Educator's role is paramount

It must be emphasized that educators wear many hats when undertaking an out-of-class trip. You are responsible for the student's safety for the trip – from start to finish. It's a higher standard of care due to the ski resort area carrying more inherent risk. But with planning and qualified supervisory assistance, the day can be fun and educational.

The educator must make certain that all applicable recommendations are adhered to. Administration and staff are also responsible for ensuring that important aspects, such as student-to-supervisor ratios, telephone contacts, and emergency procedures, are known and in place before the trip. There should be sufficient instructors and supervisors to accommodate all classes.

Do not take for granted that 'someone else' is assuming an important role in the planning of the trip. Educators are expected to be responsible for ensuring that there is 'in-the-area' supervision at all times – the ski resort reserves the right to revoke the lift ticket of any participant for infractions of rules, policy regulations or unacceptable conduct.

From pre-planning, to on-site compliance of rules and overseeing the volunteer supervisors, the day can be challenging. The good news is, there are plenty of resources and professional resort staff that can make the trip go smoothly.

OSBIE recommends a debrief with supervisors after the trip to share your findings with colleagues interested in planning future trips.

Check out these handy resources

- OSRA Member Resorts
- Ophea's Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE)
- Schools on Snow Ontario
- LIFT SAFETY Video
- Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)



Parents' information package

Parents and students need to be fully informed and comfortable with the winter sports outing. A detailed information package will answer questions and allay any concerns.

Information packages should include: instruction/assessments, progressive sticker/marking procedure, lift ticket upgrading, assigned groups by ability, and the need for students to 'stick to' runs and terrain consistent with the student's ability as determined by the snow resort staff.

Consideration for non-English/French-speaking parents and students ensures there is a clear understanding of the risks, safety rules and use of consent forms. OSBIE recommends the use of a multilingual cover page to stress the importance of the documents to these families (see page 13). Educators must recognize this potential language hurdle and encourage families to seek translation from family or community before signing the consent forms.

The Volunteer Supervisory Role

This job is integral to the outing and the success of the day. The Educator relies on parents/ supervisors for their assistance in keeping the students safe and complying with rules of conduct.

Educators and volunteer supervisors must be aware of the ski resort environment to which the students will be exposed and be able to realistically provide adequate 'in-the-area' supervision. Volunteer supervisors will receive written instructions on their supervisory duties and must attend an orientation meeting at the resort.



Orientation is a must

An orientation meeting is recommended with the Educator in charge, volunteer supervisors, and other teaching staff. Share with them their duties and your expectations of supervisors. In many cases, the educator has experiences to share, and the volunteers may be first-timers. Both volunteers and educators must be easily identifiable with an armband or vest, provided by the resort or school.

Volunteers will ideally be competent in the sport they are supervising. Ability should be assessed prior to assigning volunteer duties. The most experienced volunteers should be assigned to the more advanced groups of students.

While students are receiving their instruction/assessments at the resort, supervisors will review instructions provided by the resort from the Planning OSRA Resort Education Programs. The supervisors will then proceed to the trails/runs to conduct 'in-the-area' supervision for their group. Supervisors will circulate and maintain a visible presence on the trails/runs consistent with the abilities of students. Supervisors should arrange 'check-in' times during the day for their groups to meet and review progress.

The volunteer supervisors will be instructed on the school and the resort's code of conduct. Supervisors will be informed that the resort will cancel the student's lift pass due to any misconduct. Supervisors are expected to assist (not replace) resort staff in enforcing rules and safety practices. Volunteer supervisors should bring repeat offences to the attention of educators and resort staff. Please do not ignore dangerous behaviour.

Volunteer supervisors should sign a disclaimer releasing the school board from claims for injuries they sustain while supervising education trips. The disclaimer should also advise volunteers that they are not covered by school board accident or WSIB insurance.

All participants must wear an appropriate snow sport helmet for winter out-of-school trips to OSRA member facilities. Helmets are not required for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

One supervisor will be assigned to base camp (main lodge) for emergencies and to assist with supervision over lunch. **This is the only supervisory position that can be filled by a non-skier/ snowboarder.** This supervisor familiarizes themselves with the resort's emergency procedures/ facilities, has a list of students with emergency contact numbers, and is on-site if a student is transported to the hospital.

Fact: Helmets are non-negotiable



- Helmets for most sports are an effective, economical way to reduce injuries. Winter sports such as skiing and snowboarding can involve falls or bumps with other skiers or natural objects like trees. And those new to the sports are at higher risk. Fortunately, society has embraced helmets, and now they are mandated and commonplace.
- All participants, including students, educators, and volunteer supervisors, must wear an appropriate snow sport helmet for school winter out-of-school trips to OSRA member facilities.
- When skiing at facilities both within and outside of Ontario, a properly fitted (as per manufacturer's guidelines) and properly worn snow sport helmet certified by a recognized safety standards association.
- OSBIE recommends that school boards adopt a similar mandatory snow sport helmet use policy as noted above, regardless of facility locations.
- Helmets are not required for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

Recommendations for Religious Accommodations for Helmets

- **Consult School Board Policy:** Review the specific school board's equity and inclusive education policies. These documents often outline the established process for requesting religious accommodations.
- **Offer a variety of activities:** Consider organizing school trips that offer a variety of winter activities. By including options such as snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, schools can provide inclusive educational experiences where helmet requirements do not pose a barrier to participation for students with religious headwear.

Out-Of-School Trip Forms

Use the School Board-approved form to request permission for the out-of-school trip. If applicable, use your school Board-approved parental consent form for the out-of-school trip. OSBIE has also provided a Parental Consent Form for Winter Out-of-School Trip (Appendix 1b).

If you do not use your school board-approved parental consent form, you must still send home the top section of Appendix 1b as it contains the rental equipment information.

Obtain written parental permission for all out-of-school trips. Use the Winter Out-of-School Trip Parental Consent Form in Appendix 1a/b (or your school board-approved parental consent form) for this purpose. This new form, with the signature of Parent/Guardian and Student (if over 18) is to be retained; original for school file and one copy retained by the resort.

Informed Consent Forms Should be Activity Specific

The Winter Out-of-School Trip Parental Consent Form **(Appendix 1a, 1b)** should be specific to the snow sport activity in which the student is participating. The activity must be selected on the form.

Alpine Procedures

The educator must contact the resort operator before the trip to arrange student identification and control procedures: Students are to be identified by the parent's signed acknowledgement of the student's ability classification as detailed in the consent form (Appendix 1b).

All students will have their abilities verified by resort staff. Students will demonstrate their skills on a suitable beginner/novice terrain at the start of the day. Classifications must be based on visual assessment of performance before, or on the day of the trip.

Students will be placed in groups according to ability. The resort instructors will make the final determination of the participant's ability and will provide each student with a coded mark or sticker indicating the designation of trails/runs a student may use. Students who have been identified by a school or resort member as having an Advanced level of competence will be taking separate instruction/assessments and will receive coded stickers or markings to allow them on the more difficult hills/runs as determined by the resort staff.

All other students will be directed to their instruction/assessment immediately. After their instruction, they will be assessed and assigned to work on the skills introduced in the lesson on trails consistent with their abilities.

Educator and volunteer supervisors will conduct 'in-the-area' supervision on the hills/runs used by the students. If a student is found to be on a trail not permitted by the student's classification, the supervisor shall redirect the student to the correct hill/run. The resort staff, including lift operators, instructors, and patrollers, are primarily responsible for ensuring students receive proper instructions and for enforcing that students only use hills/runs identified by the coded mark or sticker.

It is recommended that in the event of a serious injury, the educator will defer to the resort's emergency response procedures. These procedures should be determined in advance, and what first aid assistance is available on-site. The educator, or supervisor in charge, should follow school board procedures in notifying parents and filing incident reports.

A handy reference is the Alpine Responsibility Code on page 23.

Cross-Country Skiing Procedures

The educator must contact the resort operator prior to the trip to confirm the final number of students participating in the program and all other details about the group's visit. Students are to be divided by the supervising educators into levels of ability (described in Appendix 1b).

The educator will, along with resort staff, emphasize to the students that once they receive permission to use specified trails, they must not go on trails above their ability.

After their instruction/assessment, the student will be informed whether their ability will permit them to ski more advanced trails. The instructors, in consultation with the educator, will identify the trail(s) the students are permitted to use. Students may be re-assessed to a more advanced trail later in the day as they improve. Supervisors will be assigned to each group to provide 'in-the-area' supervision and will use the same trails as the group for the remainder of the day. On trails where it's possible to lose sight of students, it's recommended that supervisors be positioned at the front and the back of the group.

It is recommended that in the event of a serious injury, the educator will defer to the resort's emergency response procedures. These procedures should be determined in advance, and what first aid assistance is available on-site. The educator, or supervisor in charge, should follow school board procedures in notifying parents and filing incident reports.

The educator is in charge of the students at all times during the visit except when students are in their lesson. Educators and volunteer supervisors should accompany their assigned group of students to their instruction to be able to reinforce the instructor's instruction over the course of the day.

A handy reference is the Cross-Country Code of Responsibility on page 25.

Arriving at the Resort – follow these steps

- Educator informs resort of arrival. Signed copies of Appendix 1b will be collected for all students. Students remain on the bus or follow procedures as previously arranged, while the educator retrieves lift tickets. In some cases, the resort staff will distribute the tickets.
- Resort staff board the bus or assemble students to welcome and share resort information. It typically includes rental equipment procedures and instruction by ski ability. Trail conditions are reviewed, the lifts in operation will be identified, as well as the number of trails open. School assembly areas are identified, and departure instructions are outlined.
- Resort staff review the Alpine Responsibility Code (or Cross-Country Responsibility Code) and other related rules and regulations. Staff will advise the group of the ticket removal penalty for violations of the Responsibility Codes. Resort staff explain signage on the trails. Educators will sign the resort form acknowledging receipt of resort information and instructions.
- Resort staff and educator/volunteer supervisors will accompany students renting equipment to the rental shop, where applicable.
- Students are assessed to determine and verify classification. All Winter Out-of-School Education Trips must include this exercise and have a built-in instructional period. This is non-negotiable for every school program. All skiers/ snowboarders must have assessment/ instruction prior to being permitted on the trails.
- Educators will assign supervisors to designated trails/runs in concert with their abilities as outlined in Appendix 1b. Students will be instructed to stay within designated areas consistent with their ability as determined by the resort staff.



APPENDIX 1a

When asking parents to complete Appendix 1b, this page may be of assistance. The following sentences have been translated into eight languages: This is an important document. Please take it to someone who can explain it to you.

Please use your discretion in attaching it Appendix 1b. (consent form)

Arabic:	هذه وثيقة هامة. الرجاء إرسالها إلى شخص ما يستطيع أن يفسرها لك.
Mandarin:	这是一份重要的文件，请把它交给可以向您解释的人。
Farsi:	این یک سند بسیار مهم است. لطفاً این سند را نزد شخصی ببرید که بتواند برای شما آن را توضیح دهد.
Hindi:	यह एक महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज़ है। कृपया इसे ककसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जाएं जो इसे आपको समझा सके।
Punjabi:	ਇਹ ਇਕ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹੈ। ਕਰਪਾ ਕਸੇ ਅਜਹੇ ਵਅਕਤੀ ਕੋਲ ਲੈ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਾ ਸਕੇ
Spanish:	Este documento es importante. Muéstrelo a alguien que pueda explicárselo.
Tamil:	இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதனை உங்களுக்கு விளக்கப்படுத்தக்கூடிய ஒருவரிடம் தயவுசெய்து எடுத்துச் செல்லுங்கள்.
Urdu:	یہ ایک اہم دستاویز ہے۔ براہ مہربانی اسے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیے جو آپ کو اس کی تشریح کر دے

APPENDIX 1b

Parental Consent for Out-of-School Winter Sports

Participant Name				Date of Birth *(D/M/Y)*			
School Name							
Date of Visit							
Select Activity	Alpine skiing ☐		Snowboarding ☐		Cross-Country Ski ☐		
	Snow Tubing ☐		Snowshoeing ☐		Other:		
Select Ability	Non ☐	Beginner ☐		Intermediate ☐		Advanced ☐	
Non/First Timer	First time alpine skiing/snowboarding. Individual has never skied or snowboarded before.						
Beginner	The student has skied or snowboarded once or twice or a few times per year and has experienced and maintained control on a number of novice hills of varying difficulty. He/she is able to stop and turn both directions with some success. They are comfortable on green/beginner and some blue/intermediate slopes. May need assistance with getting on or off the lifts.						
Intermediate	The student has skied or snowboarded on many occasions and has experienced a variety of hills and different ski areas. He/she can turn and stop under control using recognized formal techniques. They can ski /board with confidence on blue slopes and possibly some black/advanced slopes.						
Advanced	The student is an experienced and competent skier or snowboarder. He/she has received formal instruction, knows and understands the Alpine Responsibility Code and can demonstrate ability at an advanced level. Such students can be called upon to assist supervisors.						

ONLY COMPLETE IF RENTING EQUIPMENT

Age		Height (CM)	
Weight (KG)		Shoe Size	
Rental Helmet Required ☐ Yes ☐ No			

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Bindings do not release under all circumstances and do not guarantee safety. Parents must accept responsibility for equipment that is lost or damaged (other than reasonable wear and tear).

ALPINE / CROSS COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITY CODE

The Ontario Snow Resorts Association has produced an Alpine/Cross Country Responsibility Code which the named ski area _____ and the named school board _____ requires that you know and obey. Skiers/snowboarders must always ski/snowboard in control and be able to stop and change direction to avoid collisions with people or objects.

The named ski _____ area may revoke a lift ticket for violation of the code or other unacceptable conduct. **With the exception of Cross Country/Snowshoeing, all Alpine participants must wear an appropriate snow sport helmet for school out-of-school trips to OSRA member facilities. OSBIE recommends that schools adopt a mandatory snow sport helmet policy regardless of facility locations.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / INFORMED CONSENT

This signed form is required for all students who wish to participate in this outdoor recreation and snow sport education program. It should be understood that the purpose of this out-of-school trip is educational. Lessons are mandatory.

INHERENT RISK

All activities offered by OSRA resorts involve a sport with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of _____ and _____

(Name of School Board) (Name of Ski Area)

The inherent risks include, but are not limited to: slip, trips & falls; use of lifts; collision with natural or man -made objects or other persons; changing weather conditions; changes or variations in the terrain or surface; exposed rocks, earth or ice; travel beyond the trail boundaries. Incidents may occur which result in serious injury or death. Participants must assume the inherent risks of the sport.

It is strongly recommended by the Ontario Snow Resorts Association that you visit their website: www.skiontario.ca to review the complete OSBIE document and safety information on this site prior to your school visit. Following all rules and procedures can reduce the risk of injury. Failure to follow the rules will result in the student losing their lift ticket and future resort privileges.

We have read and understood the above information, and agree to the regulations as outlined by the Ontario Snow Resort member Ski Area. I give my son/daughter permission to participate in the above noted activity at the ski area indicated.

_____	_____	_____
Parent / Guardian Name	Signature	Date

APPENDIX 1c

Students 18 years of age and older - Release, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Inherent Risks and Indemnity Agreement for School Ski/ Snowboarding Competitions - Racing - Training - Competitive Programs

THIS FORM MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BY EVERY **STUDENT 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER** WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIVE SKI/SNOWBOARDING PROGRAMS AND TRAINING.

I, _____in consideration of being allowed to participate in the
(Name of Participant)

_____ at _____
(Name of Competition or Program) *(Name of Ski Area)*

and any training, racing and access to the facilities do hereby release and hold harmless and indemnify the directors, officers, shareholders, agents, servants, employees of _____
(Name of Ski Area)

and _____, ("Releasees") from all claims, actions or damages without any
(Name of School Board)
limitation whatsoever, whether consisting of loss, personal injury, property damage or death, that does or may result in any way from my participation in these competitive sporting events or programs including training and I assume any and all responsibility and liability for same. I also agree to waive any and all claims against the "Releasees" for any loss, damage, expense or injury, including death, I may suffer from any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract or statutory duty owed under the Occupiers' Liability Act by the "Releasees". I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of those above names from any damage or costs or expenses whatsoever which they or any of them may sustain as a result of any claim brought by anyone against any of them as a result of my preparation for and/or participation in these competitive sporting events or programs including training.

INHERENT RISK

I specifically agree that before any given competition takes place I will, if I so desire, inspect all areas involved in the competition, and withdraw from the activity if unsafe, fully realizing, accepting and understanding that competitive alpine skiing/ snowboarding in general and of this type is inherently risky and dangerous, as are preparations, practice, or training for such events. The inherent risks include but are not limited to: falling; use of lifts; collision with natural or man-made objects or other persons; changing weather conditions; changes or variations in the terrain or surface; exposed rocks, earth or ice; travel beyond the course boundaries or trails. Incidents may occur which result in serious injury or death. I understand that participants must assume the inherent risks of the sport.

I, as a participant completely understand that the above paragraphs constitute a covenant and a promise on my part to fully discharge all of the above named parties from any and all liability of any kind for any injuries, loss, damage or death which may result from my participation in these competitive sporting events or programs.

I further agree that any litigation involving the "Releasees" shall be brought in the Province of Ontario and Ontario law will apply.

This release is binding, and I so understand, not only upon myself but upon my heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, and I hereby again reaffirm my free will and willing intent to exercise it, acknowledging a complete understanding of its terms and conditions and the totality of its effect, and the totality of the waiver of any rights that I would otherwise have had, had this agreement not been executed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand this agreement and I understand that by signing this agreement I am waiving certain legal rights that I or my family and others may have against the “Releasees”.

Dated at _____this _____ day of _____ , 20_____

_____ _____

Participant Witness

APPENDIX 1d

Students under 18 years of age - Winter Out-of-School Trip Form/ Parental Consent for School Ski/Snowboarding Competitions - Ski Racing - Training - Competitive Programs

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Participant Name: _____

School Name: _____

Select Activity: ☐ Alpine skiing ☐ Snowboarding

Date of Activity: _____

ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

The Ontario Snow Resorts Association has produced an Alpine Responsibility Code which the named ski area _____ and the named school board _____ requires that you know and obey. Skiers/Snowboarders must always ski/snowboard in control and be able to stop and change direction to avoid collisions with objects and people.

The named ski area _____ may revoke all privileges for violation of the code or other unacceptable conduct.

All participants must wear an appropriate snow sports helmet to OSRA member facilities. OSBIE recommends that schools adapt a mandatory snow sport helmet policy regardless of ski facility locations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/INFORMED CONSENT

This signed form is required for all students under the age of 18 years who wish to participate in school board sanctioned ski/snowboarding competitions-ski racing-training-competitive programs

INHERENT RISK

Competitive alpine skiing/snowboarding is a sport with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of

_____ and _____

(Name of School Board) *(Name of Ski Area)*

The inherent risks include but are not limited to: falling; use of lifts; collision with natural or man-made objects or other persons; changing weather conditions; changes or variations in the terrain or surface; exposed rocks, earth or ice; travel beyond the course boundaries or trails. Incidents may occur which result in serious injury or death.

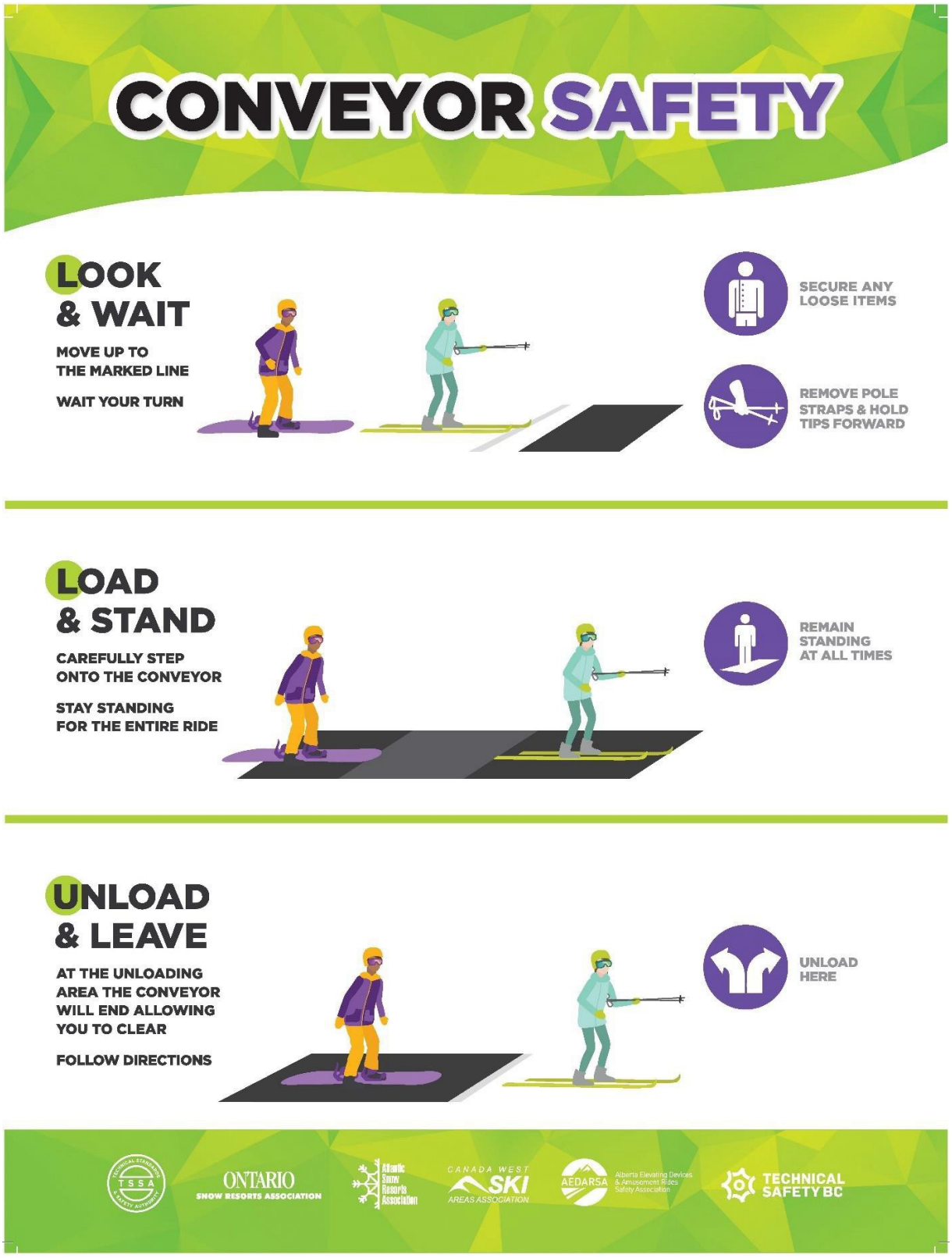
I understand that participants must assume the inherent risks of the sport.

It is strongly recommended by the Ontario Snow Resorts Association that you visit: www.skiontario.ca to review the complete OSBIE document and safety information on this site prior to your participation in the activity. Following all rules and procedures can reduce the risk of injury. Failure to follow the rules will result in the participant losing their lift ticket and future ski resort privileges.

We have read and understand the above information and that in participating in ski/snowboarding competitions-ski/snowboard racing-training-competitive programs we are assuming the risks associated with doing so and agree to the regulations as outlined by the Ontario Snow Resort member Ski Area.

Parent / Guardian Name	Signature	Date

APPENDIX 2a


CONVEYOR SAFETY
LOOK & WAIT
MOVE UP TO THE MARKED LINE
WAIT YOUR TURN
SECURE ANY LOOSE ITEMS
REMOVE POLE STRAPS & HOLD TIPS FORWARD
LOAD & STAND
CAREFULLY STEP ONTO THE CONVEYOR
STAY STANDING FOR THE ENTIRE RIDE
REMAIN STANDING AT ALL TIMES
UNLOAD & LEAVE
AT THE UNLOADING AREA THE CONVEYOR WILL END ALLOWING YOU TO CLEAR
FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
UNLOAD HERE
TSSA
ONTARIO SNOW RESORTS ASSOCIATION
Atlantic Snow Resorts Association
CANADA WEST SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION
AEDARSA
Alberta Elevating Devices & Amusement Rides Safety Association
TECHNICAL SAFETY BC

APPENDIX 2b


T-BAR SAFETY
LOOK & LOAD
MOVE UP TO THE MARKED LINE
LOOK TO THE INSIDE FOR THE BAR
STAY STANDING & HOLD ON
SECURE ANY LOOSE ITEMS
REMOVE POLE STRAPS & HOLD TIPS FORWARD
STAND & RIDE
REMAIN STANDING FOR THE ENTIRE RIDE
STAY IN TRACK
STAY IN TRACK
FALLEN SKIER, CLEAR TRACK IMMEDIATELY
UNLOAD & LEAVE
WHEN YOU APPROACH THE UNLOADING AREA
UNHOOK THE BAR
RELEASE & CLEAR AREA
FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
UNLOAD HERE
TSSA
ONTARIO SNOW RESORTS ASSOCIATION
Atlantic Snow Resorts Association
CANADA WEST SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION
AEDARSA
Alberta Elevating Devices & Amusement Rides Safety Association
TECHNICAL SAFETY BC

APPENDIX 2c


CHAIR LIFT SAFETY
LOOK BACK
MOVE UP TO THE MARKED LINE
WATCH FOR THE APPROACHING CHAIR
SECURE ANY LOOSE ITEMS
REMOVE POLE STRAPS & HOLD TIPS FORWARD
LOAD & LOWER
LOAD THE CHAIR
LOWER THE BAR
LOWER THE BAR
DO NOT SWING OR BOUNCE THE CHAIR
LIFT & LEAVE
LIFT THE BAR WHEN YOU REACH THE UNLOADING AREA
STAND UP AND CLEAR AREA
RAISE THE BAR
KEEP YOUR TIPS UP
TSSA
ONTARIO SNOW RESORTS ASSOCIATION
Atlantic Snow Resorts Association
CANADA WEST SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION
AEDARSA
Alberta Elevating Devices & Amusement Rides Safety Association
TECHNICAL SAFETY BC

APPENDIX 3a

ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

1. Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
2. People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
3. Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
4. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
5. You must prevent runaway equipment.
6. Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
7. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
8. You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
9. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

Know the Code - It is Your Responsibility

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Don't ignore these signs. You'll see them at the top of every hill, and they're good to know. They guide skiers/snowboarders as to the level of difficulty of the slope.



Green circle is the Easiest, which means it's a gentle slope and fun for beginners. Often people call them 'bunny hills'.



Blue square is Difficult and means just that. You should be pretty comfortable on the slope and know how to stop.



More Difficult is sometimes called a diamond run because of its shape. It's probably a bit steep, which means you go faster. Definitely not for a beginner or intermediate.



Most Difficult: enjoy the thrill of a steeper hill. You can stop quickly, handle bumps and smile all the way down. Often called a double diamond.

APPENDIX 4

CROSS COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE TO USE THE TRAILS, ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

1. *Always check posted trail conditions.*
2. *Ski in indicated direction and obey all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails.*
3. *Always ski to right when meeting on-coming skiers.*
4. *Yield the track to faster skiers and skiers calling 'track'.*
5. *Ski in control. On two-way trails descending skiers have the right-of-way.*
6. *Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible to others. Move off the track quickly if you fall or during rest stops.*
7. *Do not litter. Take out what you pack in. Respect all property.*
8. *Report all incidents.*

Know the Code - Be Safety Conscious
It is Your Responsibility

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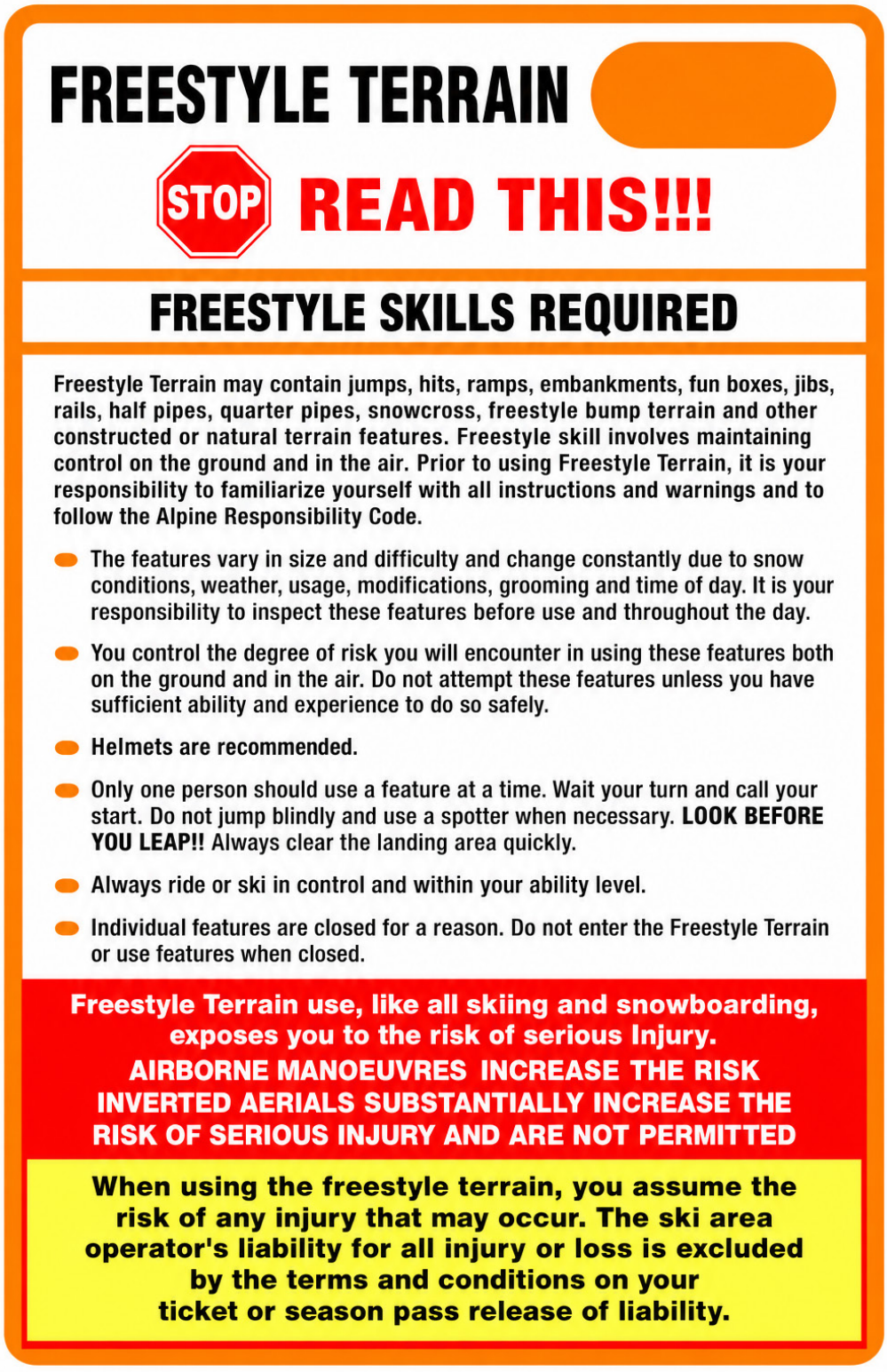
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FREESTYLE TERRAIN

STOP **READ THIS!!!**

FREESTYLE SKILLS REQUIRED

Freestyle Terrain may contain jumps, hits, ramps, embankments, fun boxes, jibs, rails, half pipes, quarter pipes, snowcross, freestyle bump terrain and other constructed or natural terrain features. Freestyle skill involves maintaining control on the ground and in the air. Prior to using Freestyle Terrain, it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with all instructions and warnings and to follow the Alpine Responsibility Code.

- **The features vary in size and difficulty and change constantly due to snow conditions, weather, usage, modifications, grooming and time of day. It is your responsibility to inspect these features before use and throughout the day.**
- **You control the degree of risk you will encounter in using these features both on the ground and in the air. Do not attempt these features unless you have sufficient ability and experience to do so safely.**
- **Helmets are recommended.**
- **Only one person should use a feature at a time. Wait your turn and call your start. Do not jump blindly and use a spotter when necessary. LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!! Always clear the landing area quickly.**
- **Always ride or ski in control and within your ability level.**
- **Individual features are closed for a reason. Do not enter the Freestyle Terrain or use features when closed.**

Freestyle Terrain use, like all skiing and snowboarding, exposes you to the risk of serious Injury.
AIRBORNE MANOEUVRES INCREASE THE RISK
INVERTED AERIALS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY AND ARE NOT PERMITTED

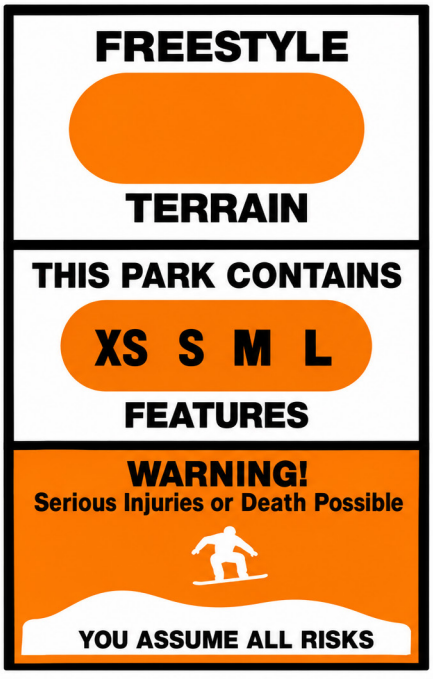
When using the freestyle terrain, you assume the risk of any injury that may occur. The ski area operator's liability for all injury or loss is excluded by the terms and conditions on your ticket or season pass release of liability.

This is a sample. Please connect with your local resort.

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This Park contains the following features
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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!
Freestyle Terrain has four levels of progression and designation for size. Start small and work your way up. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the terrain before attempting any of the features.
Designations Are Relative To This Resort
Freestyle Terrain S Know it. Respect it. Ride it.
- Introductory freestyle terrain
- Small features, surface-level rails & boxes
- Less Difficult features
Freestyle Terrain M Know it. Respect it. Ride it.
- Small to medium size features
- Ride-on rails & small to medium half pipe
- Difficult features
Freestyle Terrain L Know it. Respect it. Ride it.
- Medium to large size features
- Introduction to jump-on rails
- Rail's with gaps & narrow surfaces
- Large half pipe
- More Difficult features
Freestyle Terrain XL Know it. Respect it. Ride it.
- Largest size features & jumps
- Jump-on rails with gaps & narrow surfaces
- Advanced and Experts only
- Most Difficult features


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THIS PARK CONTAINS
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FEATURES
WARNING!
Serious Injuries or Death Possible
YOU ASSUME ALL RISKS


PARK SMART™
Start Small
Work your way up. Build your skills.
Make a Plan
Every feature. Every time.
Always Look
Before you drop.
Respect
The features and other users.
Take it Easy
Know your limits. Land on your feet.