

Summit Nordic Ski Club PARENT Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is a written contract between parents, athletes and coaches to abide by the rules and spirit of SNSC. We expect all coaches, parents and skiers to maintain a positive attitude and uphold the ideals of good sportsmanship and sporting behavior when training and racing. Please do not consider this contract as just another paper to sign, as it contains statements that are the essence of our goals and objectives and what we want to achieve as an organization.

GENERAL STATEMENTS

I will commit to supporting my child and place his/her emotional and physical well-being ahead of any personal expectations I may have for his/her performance.

I will recognize that SNSC needs the positive involvement of all parents. We are most successful as a club when parents, athletes, coaches and the board members work together in a positive and friendly atmosphere.

School comes first and I will commit to making sure my child is a successful student as well as an athlete. I will make appropriate judgments to ensure that my student/athlete maintains the grades that he/she is capable of.

I will support and assist the coaches in their emphasis on good sportsmanship at practice and at races. I will encourage my skier to be supportive of teammates regardless of ability, congratulating skiers who have had a good race and being gracious when bad training or race days occur. At races, I will lead by example and be a positive presence for all athletes.

I will handle any issues or disagreements with the SNSC program or coaches with respect and responsibility. I will agree not to create conflict or a negative atmosphere by engaging in rumors, malicious gossip or slander against SNSC, its coaches, volunteers or board members.

I will first attempt to solve any issues that surround my child's program by discussing the issue with my child's coach. If the issue is not resolved, I will respect these further lines of communication: Program

Director and Head Coach; Board President. I understand that Board members typically do not get involved with daily operational issues. Given the intimacy of our community, although I may know some of the board members, I will refrain from approaching these members to discuss these issues.

Training time after school is limited and often cold. Coaches are much more receptive when warm and not engaged with skiers. Although I may notify a coach that I need to discuss an issue, I will not expect discussion at practice. Even better, give coaches a phone call or send an email letting us know that you need to talk.

If I have an issue that merits discussion with the greater membership and the SNSC Board of Directors, I will notify the SNSC president prior to attending a board meeting so that my issue can be a part of the agenda.

I will not bring up personal issues between myself and a coach or my child and a coach at a board meeting but will seek a less public way to work out the problem.

I will demand that my child remain drug, alcohol and tobacco-free. I will support the disciplinary action SNSC feels are appropriate if a skier makes an error of judgment in regard to drugs and alcohol. Athlete and parents will attend, and accommodate, any disciplinary hearings deemed necessary.

I will inform the coaches of any existing medical conditions that could affect my child's safe participation in training or racing.

If my child carries an inhaler for asthma, I will discuss the condition with the coach and together create a plan for daily and race day participation. Coaches reserve the right to remove an athlete from participation if this plan is violated.

I understand that being a part of SNSC's programs requires my child to maintain a base level of fitness. I will encourage and facilitate my child's fitness during off-season months.

I will read "SNSC Attitudes" and "Skier Code of Conduct" documents and discuss them with my child.

RACE DAY CODE OF CONDUCT

Note to parents: Race days are extremely busy for coaches. There have numerous races to prepare our skiers for, waxes to test, and skiers to warm up. Coaches need to be able to focus on your skiers and their needs. These guidelines are intended to achieve that goal.

I will stay clear of the wax benches (10 feet) unless specifically asked to help with waxing.

Warm-up and course review is an important time for coaches to communicate race strategy and course information to the skiers. I agree not to accompany the skiers on the pre-race warm-up and course review unless specifically requested by a coach.

Race day is not an appropriate time to bring up problems or conflicts that may need to be discussed with a coach. I will not discuss these issues at a race venue.

I will support all skiers regardless of ability. Every SNSC skier deserves and values the encouragement and supportive words of other parents. I will be mindful that we are a team and each skier's success makes SNSC more successful.

Race venues and race weekends are a great time to coalesce as a team. I recognize that one of the major benefits of participation in SNSC is to create a place for kids to be a part of an extended community. I will make an effort, especially on race weekends, to get to know all skiers and create a welcoming atmosphere for all SNSC members.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the "SNSC Parent Code of Conduct"

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____

Signature _____

Date _____