

Sierra at Tahoe Adult and Child Snowsports Lesson/Program

Release of Liability, Acknowledgement of Risks and Hazards and Agreement Not to Sue

WARNING: All forms of skiing, snowboarding, recreational activities and the use of aerial and surface lifts are hazardous. Falls and injuries are a common occurrence. Recreational users of the ski area must use deliberate and conscious control and proper equipment, both on the ground and in the air, in relation to ever changing variables and dangers. Safety is directly affected by personal judgment in the severe elements of mountain forest terrain. Ski and/or ride within one's own ability. Be alert to continually changing weather, visibility and surface conditions and other inherent risks including but not limited to: existing and changing surface or sub-surface snow and ice conditions, dirt, grass, bare spots, forest growth, trees, rocks, stumps, and other natural objects and collisions with or falls resulting from such natural objects, lift towers and components thereof, lights, signs, posts, fences, mazes or enclosures, hydrants, water or air pipes (all the foregoing whether above or below the snow surface), snowmaking and snow grooming equipment, marked or lighted trail maintenance vehicles and snowmobiles, other man-made structures or objects and their components, and collisions with or falls resulting from such man-made objects; variations in steepness or terrain, whether natural or as a result of slope design; snowmaking or snow grooming operations, including but not limited to ski jumps, roads and catwalks or other man-made or natural terrain modifications and features including terrain parks, elements and half-pipes; the presence of and collisions with other skiers and riders and the failure of others to ski and ride safely, in control or within their own ability.

I, the undersigned, hereby express my desire and approval for my, and/or my child(ren)'s participation in the Snowsports Lesson/Program. I acknowledge that such participation will include, without limitation, participation in various types of snowsports instruction and activities and the use of Releasees' equipment, as well as the slopes, trails, terrain parks, terrain features, elements, jumps and half-pipes and related facilities and premises, including ski lifts. I further acknowledge that participation in the lesson/program is voluntary and entirely at my risk and/or that of my child(ren) and I expressly assume any and all risks of injury, death and/or property damage that may occur as a result of my or my child(ren)'s participation in these activities. It is recommended that participants in the Snowsports Lesson/Program wear a helmet, either a rental helmet, or their own. I understand that a rental helmet is available for myself and/or my child(ren). I acknowledge that no helmet can protect the wearer against all possible or foreseeable impacts and injuries to the head. Reasonably foreseeable impacts may exceed the capabilities of the helmet to protect against injury. The helmet is designed to offer added protection to the head and cannot guard against neck, spine or other bodily injuries that may result from a ski or snowboard accident. Therefore, I acknowledge that the use of a helmet does not and cannot guarantee my safety and/or the safety of my child(ren) and may not prevent or reduce some types of serious injuries or death. If I do choose to rent a helmet for myself and/or my child(ren), from the resort, I acknowledge that when I or my child(ren) fasten the chinstrap and shake my head, there is no significant movement of the helmet, and at rest, it feels comfortably snug. I fully understand all instructions on the correct use and function of the helmet. In the event on any incident while wearing the helmet, or damage otherwise inflicted upon the helmet, I agree to immediately cease use, return it to the rental facility and provide a written report describing the incident.

I understand that recreational and other activities involve inherent and other risks of **INJURY** and **DEATH**. I agree that having a resort employee present does not lessen the amount or severity of the risks or hazards of these activities. I acknowledge that my and/or my child(ren)'s involvement may include skiing, snowboarding, ski biking, tubing, the use of terrain features, jumps and/or half-pipes, lifts and participation in other recreational activities, and that these activities are **HAZARDOUS** and that I, on behalf of myself and/or my child(ren) have made a voluntary choice to participate in these activities despite the risks.

IF IN A SNOWSORTS LESSON OR PROGRAM: I, the undersigned, hereby express my desire and approval for my, and/or my child(ren)'s participation in the Snowsports Lesson or Program. I acknowledge that such participation will include, without limitation, participation in various types of snowsports instruction and activities and the use of Sierra-at-Tahoe's equipment, as well as the slopes, trails, terrain parks, terrain features, elements, jumps, and half-pipes and related facilities, including ski lifts. I further acknowledge that participation in the program is voluntary and entirely at my risk and/or that of my child(ren). I further acknowledge, that if in a Snowsports Lesson my child needs adjustments to their bindings, I authorize RELEASEES' technician to do so, according to the information supplied, and subject to all of the language contained in this document.

I hereby promise not to bring a claim against or sue, on my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren) for any reason and under all circumstances, and AGREE TO RELEASE Sierra at Tahoe, Inc., its parent, subsidiary, affiliated and successor companies, real and personal property owners, employees, agents, officers, directors, and any equipment manufacturers and distributors, together with each of their officers, managers, and coaches (collectively "Releasees"), **from ALL LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE and any and all injury, death, property loss and damage under all circumstances, that results from participation in recreational activities, that is in any way related to my and/or my child(ren)'s participation in the Snowsports Lesson, the use of the equipment, or is related to any other activity at this ski/recreational area including all liability that results from the NEGLIGENCE OF Releasees, or any other person or cause.**

I further agree to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS Releasees for any loss or damage arising from claims or lawsuits related in any way to my and/or my child(ren)'s participation in the lesson, use of the equipment, or any other activities on Releasees' premises. I understand that permission to use Releasees premises, and my and/or my child(ren)'s involvement in this lesson is being given in exchange for the execution of this Release of Liability.

I authorize Releasees to administer first aid as they deem necessary. I authorize transportation to a medical facility, at my sole expense, if deemed necessary by Releasees. Further, in the case of serious illness or injury, if I cannot be reached, I give permission for treatment, including medical and/or surgical care necessary for the well-being of my child(ren), solely at my expense. I agree that upon transporting myself and/or the child(ren), to any medical facility, clinic or hospital, that the responsibility of the Releasees shall be totally fulfilled and the Releasees shall have no further responsibility. I understand that Releasees will, to the best of their ability; attempt to notify me as soon as possible in the event of an emergency.

I hereby grant exclusive permission to Releasees to use my and/or my child(ren)'s image(s) for the purpose of publicity, public relations, editorial, or other advertising purposes without restriction as to frequency, duration or medium.

I acknowledge that this agreement is governed by the applicable laws of the State of California. I further agree that any action involving parties or issues relating to or arising out of participation in the Snowsports Lesson and/or this agreement must be instituted and prosecuted in the courts of El Dorado County, South Lake Tahoe Division, California. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other provisions shall be given full force and effect. Further, I acknowledge and agree that all of the provisions of this Liability Release will be in force and survive throughout and after the current winter season.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE RELEASEES THAT LIMITS MY, OR MY CHILD(REN)'S, LEGAL RIGHTS AND I EXECUTE IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I INTEND THIS DOCUMENT TO BE INTERPRETED AS BROADLY AS PERMISSIBLE BY CALIFORNIA LAW AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT INTENDED TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES PROHIBITED BY LAW.

For participants under 18 years of age: As parent/guardian of the child(ren) listed on this form, I acknowledge that I am authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of such child(ren). I acknowledge and agree that I have read the foregoing release and that by executing this release, I agree, on my behalf and on behalf of such child(ren), to be bound by its terms. I specifically agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees as defined on this form for any claim, suit, expense or loss which arises out of the named child(ren)'s participation in the Snowsports Lesson, or which arise out of such child(ren)'s presence on the Releasees premises.

I WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN (CIRCLE ONE): SKI LESSON SNOWBOARD LESSON

Participant Name (please print): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

***Emergency Contact :** _____ **Phone Number:** _____