

**MT. BAKER SKI AREA, INC. 2012
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 parent/guardian RELEASE AGREEMENT**

This RELEASE AGREEMENT pertains to use of any and all facilities and premises at Mt. Baker Ski Area.
NOTE: Mt. Baker Mountain Policies and Guidelines available in the policy brochure and www.mtbaker.us

PARTICIPANT'S FIRST NAME										LAST NAME									

The participant, as well as the parent/guardian of the minor participant named, agree that by participating in this event and/or any related activities, both the participant and parent/guardian agree to the following:

1. I, the parent/guardian of the participant understand that as a visitor to Mt. Baker Ski Area the minor participant will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment. **I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS OR HER SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**
2. I and the participant understand that **IT IS THE PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES, TO RESPECT ALL WARNING SIGNS AND TO USE COMMON SENSE AND ACT RESPONSIBLY** for his or her own safety and the safety of others while at the ski area.
3. As the parent/guardian of the minor participant, **I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED** as a result of his or her participation in this event or related activities and/or use of any Mt. Baker equipment or facilities at the ski area.
4. I acknowledge and fully understand that **SNOWBOARDING AND SNOWBOARD RACING ARE ACTION SPORTS CARRYING SIGNIFICANT RISK OF SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.** I recognize that these are **HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES** and that I, the parent/guardian of the minor participant, have made a voluntary choice to allow the minor participate in those activities despite the risks that they present. I also know that there are natural environmental conditions and risks which independently or in combination with the participant's activities or the acts of others may cause property damage, severe social and economic losses, permanent disability or severe or even fatal injuries to the participant or others which might result only from his/her own actions, inactions, or negligence of others, or condition of the premises, or any equipment used.

 I understand that the risks involved in this event include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of athletes, equipment, vehicular traffic, actions of other people including, but not limited to participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, photographers, event officials, and event monitors, and/or producers of the event. **I AGREE TO INFORM THE MINOR PARTICIPANT OF THESE RISKS AND HAZARDS.**
5. I, the parent/guardian of the minor participant, certify that the participant will not be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol during this competition.
6. Further, that there may be other risks including those not known to me or the participant or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. And I, as the minor participant's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of snowboarding and snowboard racing activities and the participant's experience and capabilities and **BELIEVE THE PARTICIPANT TO BE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AND HE OR SHE HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED OTHERWISE BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL.**
7. I agree that prior to participating, I and/or the participant will **INSPECT TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES** the race course to be used, and **IF I OR THE PARTICIPANT BELIEVE ANYTHING IS UNSAFE, I OR HE OR SHE WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THE RACE DIRECTOR OF SUCH CONDITION(S) AND REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE OR ALLOW THE MINOR TO PARTICIPATE.**
8. I, and the participant, also realize that **THIS RELEASE APPLIES TO ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH THIS EVENT**, whether physical or social in nature and including, but not limited to pre and post-competition activities.
9. I understand that the participant will be **RIDING CHAIR LIFTS** and that the participant assumes the risks associated with riding, loading, unloading and related activities of riding chair lifts or tows.

Mt. Baker Ski Area

MOUNTAIN POLICIES & GUIDELINES 2011-2012

As a visitor here, you will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment.

Your safety is NOT guaranteed.

Other policies, warnings and guidelines may be posted throughout the ski area.

MOUNTAIN SAFETY

Guidelines

① YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

1. ALWAYS STAY IN CONTROL.

Ski or snowboard under control and in such a manner that you can stop or avoid others or objects.

2. PEOPLE AHEAD OF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.

When proceeding downhill or overtaking others, you must avoid the person(s) below you.

3. STOP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU AND OTHERS.

You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.

4. WHENEVER STARTING DOWNHILL, ENTERING A TRAIL, OR MERGING, LOOK UPHILL AND YIELD TO OTHERS.

5. USE DEVICES TO HELP PREVENT RUNAWAY EQUIPMENT.

6. OBSERVE ALL SIGNS.

Respect warnings, and keep off closed trails and out of restricted areas.

7. YOU ARE THE SOLE JUDGE OF YOUR ABILITY.

Know how to use the lifts safely and use runs and facilities of your ability level.

② YOUR SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED

- As a visitor here, you will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment. **YOUR SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**
- It is your responsibility to be **SAFETY CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES**, to **RESPECT ALL WARNING SIGNS** and to **USE COMMON SENSE** and **ACT RESPONSIBLY** for your own safety and the safety of others.

③ WASHINGTON LAW

as per RCW 79A. 45 et. seq. This is a partial list.

- (3) Every person shall **MAINTAIN CONTROL** of his or her speed and course at all times, and shall **STAY CLEAR OF ANY SNOWGROOMING EQUIPMENT, ANY VEHICLE, ANY LIFT TOWER, AND ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT ON THE MOUNTAIN.**
- (4) **A PERSON SHALL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF HIS OR HER ABILITY** to negotiate any trail.
- (6) The primary duty shall be on **THE PERSON SKIING DOWNHILL TO AVOID ANY COLLISION WITH ANY PERSON OR OBJECT BELOW HIM OR HER.**
- (8) **ANY PERSON SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COLLISION** whether the collision is with another person or with an object.

More Mt. Baker Mountain Policies available at the Ticket Office and at www.mtbaker.us

CLOSED AREAS & ROPE LINES

1. CLOSED AREAS

- a) **DO NOT ACCESS CLOSED AREAS AT ANY TIME**
- b) Closed areas on the ski and snowboard hill are designated with closed signs at primary access locations.
- c) Closed or restricted facilities may be barricaded, roped or signed.
- d) If you enter a closed area you will become a trespasser and be subjected to fines, possible prosecution and/or permanent removal from the ski area *and possible prosecution under the NEW Washington State Law RCW.*

2. THE CANYON & GUNNERS BOWL

- a) The perimeter of the in-ski-area sections of The Canyon and Gunners Bowl are marked with a rope line, signs and/or access gates. The eastern boundary between the backcountry and Gunners Bowl and The Canyon is not marked.
- b) Access into The Canyon is strictly PROHIBITED FROM ANY POINT WHEN CLOSED.
- c) Access to Gunners Bowl from the Ski Area is strictly prohibited when CLOSED.

3. EXTREME DANGER ZONE & HAZARD ADVISORY ROPE LINES

- a) At your own risk, you may access Extreme Danger Zones or Hazard Advisory areas. **DO NOT** access CLOSED areas at any time.
- b) There is a minimum \$500 rescue fee for any rescue in an Extreme Danger Zone, Hazard Advisory, Cliff, Closed or Backcountry areas.
- c) Access into backcountry through boundary rope lines is subject to specific Backcountry Policy.

Information about the additional risks that Extreme Danger Zones possess is available on p. 3 of Mtn. Policies Packet and on-mountain signage

RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE

VIOLATORS WILL BE EXPELLED FROM SKI AREA!

WASHINGTON LAW

WASHINGTON STATE LAW STANDARD OF CONDUCT as per RCW 79A. 45 et. seq.

- (1) In addition to the specific requirements of this section, all skiers shall conduct themselves within the limits of their individual ability and shall not act in a manner that may contribute to the injury of themselves or any other person.
- (2) No person shall:
 - (a) Embark or disembark upon a ski lift except at a designated area;
 - (b) Throw or expel any object from any tramway, ski lift, commercial skimobile, or other similar device while riding on the device;
 - (c) Act in any manner while riding on a rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or similar device that may interfere with the proper or safe operation of the lift or tow;
 - (d) Wilfully engage in any type of conduct which may injure any person, or place any object in the uphill ski track which may cause another to fall, while traveling uphill on a ski lift; or
 - (e) Cross the uphill track of a j-bar, t-bar, rope tow, wire rope tow, or other similar device except at designated locations.
- (3) Every person shall maintain control of his or her speed and course at all times, and shall stay clear of any snowgrooming equipment, any vehicle, any lift tower, and any other equipment on the mountain.
- (4) A person shall be the sole judge of his or her ability to negotiate any trail, run, or uphill track and no action shall be maintained against any operator by reason of the condition of the track, trail, or run unless the condition results from the negligence of the operator.
- (5) Any person who boards a rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or other similar device shall be presumed to have sufficient abilities to use the device. No liability shall attach to any operator or attendant for failure to instruct the person on the use of the device, but a person shall follow any written or verbal instructions that are given regarding the use.
- (6) Because of the inherent risks in the sport of skiing all persons using the ski hill shall exercise reasonable care for their own safety. However, the primary duty shall be on the person skiing downhill to avoid any collision with any person or object below him or her.
- (7) Any person skiing outside the confines of trails open for skiing or runs open for skiing within the ski area boundary shall be responsible for any injuries or losses resulting from his or her action.
- (8) Any person on foot or on any type of sliding device shall be responsible for any collision whether the collision is with another person or with an object.
- (9) A person embarking on a lift or tow without authority shall be considered to be a trespasser.

EXTREME DANGER ZONE

**When you access this area, you are entering an
EXTREME DANGER ZONE**

which possesses additional risks to those already inherent to skiing and snowboarding.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO ENTER THIS AREA, IT IS AT YOUR OWN RISK, and you need to treat this zone with heightened awareness of the mountain environment which requires additional precautionary steps.

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THIS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STEPS associated with this type of terrain and deep snow and tree well accident prevention, and includes but is not limited to the following:

1. An understanding that UNPREDICTABLE NATURAL HAZARDS EXIST IN THIS AREA, such as:

- Cliffs and drop-offs
- Deep snow pockets & pillows
- Holes
- Tree Wells
- Potential snow slides
- Limited visibility
- Other unmarked significant natural hazards.
- Variable snow conditions and other hazards associated with ungroomed areas and extreme terrain.

2. Riding with A PARTNER who remains in visual contact at all times.

3. Knowledge of YOUR ROUTE.

4. Knowledge of current SNOW CONDITIONS.

5. Carrying a TRANSCEIVER.

6. Carrying a SHOVEL.

DO NOT ACCESS AT ANY TIME WHEN CLOSED

There is a minimum \$500 rescue fee for any rescue in an Extreme Danger Zone, Hazard Advisory, Cliff, Closed or Backcountry areas.

RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.

SLOW ZONES

At a minimum, you must ski or ride at, or slower than, the flow of traffic in a slow zone and you must be able to stop and/or avoid others or objects at any time.

OPEN CONTAINER POLICY

As per RCW 66.44.100, you may not leave your vehicle or walk around the Mt. Baker parking lot with an open container of alcohol.

BACKCOUNTRY POLICY

If you leave the ski area boundary into the backcountry or re-enter the ski area from the backcountry, you must have all of the following or you will lose your ski area privileges:

1. Avalanche transceiver and demonstrated ability to use it
 2. A partner
 3. Shovel
 4. Knowledge of the terrain and your ability
 5. Avalanche knowledge
 6. Knowledge of local avalanche conditions;
 - know this winter's snowpack layers
 - know the recent snowfall & type
 - know current NWAC forecast
 - know today's weather forecast (snowfall, temperature & visibility)
- Probes and Handi-com radios are recommended.



WARNING



You are LEAVING MT. BAKER SKI AREA, entering National Forest Backcountry Wilderness Area.

This area is **NOT CONTROLLED** for **AVALANCHES** or **PATROLLED!**

BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS AREA HAS:

- Avalanches That Will Occur At **ANY TIME**
- Extreme Avalanche Hazards At All Times
- Extreme Cliff Areas
- Other Mountain Hazards

BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS AREA IS DANGEROUS AT ALL TIMES

You or your heirs will be charged for any rescue a minimum of: **\$500**
RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE

TERRAIN PARK RULES & GUIDELINES

1. ONLY USE FEATURES OF YOUR ABILITY:

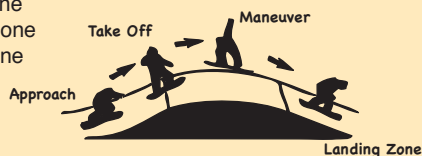
It is your responsibility to know your terrain park ability, to only use Features within your ability and to control your actions in the air and on the ground. Freestyle terrain can be dangerous and cause serious injury. By entering the Terrain Park, you are responsible for and assume all risk of injury or possibly death.

2. SCOPE THE PARK BEFORE YOU USE A FEATURE:

Before using any of the Features, go through the park at least once at a slow rate of speed. Inspect each Feature you plan to use.

Look For:

- A**pproach zone
- T**ake Off zone
- M**aneuver zone
- L**anding zone



Also look for:

- Blind Zone locations
- Difficulty level of Feature

3. SURFACE CONDITIONS CHANGE:

Know and understand that surface snow conditions are constantly changing and you must know and understand how these changing conditions affect the ATML of each feature. These changing conditions cause the difficulty level of each Feature to vary throughout the day.

4. WAIT FOR PEOPLE DOWNHILL OF YOU:

You must give right of way to the people who are downhill of you – even if you can't see them. As per Washington Law, you are **PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE** for injury caused by collision.

5. ONLY ONE PERSON AT A TIME MAY USE A FEATURE

6. WAIT UNTIL THE FEATURE IS CLEAR:

Wait until the person ahead of you on a Feature has landed and **SAFELY** moved completely out of the Blind Zone. As per Washington Law, you are **PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE** for injury caused by collision.

7. USE A SPOTTER:

It is recommended you ride with a spotter who ensures the Blind Zone is completely clear of people and equipment before signaling the Feature is clear for your use.

8. IF THE BLIND ZONE IS NOT CLEAR, GIVE A "NOT CLEAR" SIGNAL:

If there are people or equipment in the Blind Zone, signal the feature is **NOT** clear for use by placing your arms in the X signal position. When a Blind Zone is clear, you may give the "clear" signal by placing both your arms in the vertical II position above your head.

9. YOU MUST BLOCK THE APPROACH ZONE IF:

There is equipment or a person which can not be quickly moved from the Blind Zone. Block with any available apparatus.

10. CALL YOUR DROP-IN AND START FROM START AREAS:

Call your drop in and yield as appropriate as per WA Law and Your Responsibility Code.

11. INVERTED AERIALS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED

Note: *Park terminology and details of rules are available in a separate Terrain Park brochure and are posted at the Terrain Park.*