

Tuscarawas Valley High School

Tuscarawas Valley Local School District

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Tusky Valley High School Ski and Board Club

Acknowledgment of Insurance

The Tuscarawas Valley Board of Education DOES NOT provide insurance coverage for those students involved in extra-curricular activities. All medical bills are the responsibility of the participant and his/her parent or guardian. NO student will be permitted to participate in the Ski and Board Club until they and their parent/guardian acknowledge that personal coverage is provided either by the home or employer.

Signing this form is an acceptance of responsibility for all medical bills incurred due to injury resulting from participation in the Ski and Board Club. Signing also acknowledges that insurance IS provided for the mentioned student through either employee benefits or personal coverage.

Acknowledgment of Warning

By signing this form, both the parents/guardians and the participating student acknowledge that they have been fully advised, cautioned and warned by the proper administrative and advisory personnel of Tuscarawas Valley School District that the participating student may suffer serious injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures paralysis or even death, by participating in the sport of Skiing, Snowboarding, or Snowblading. In addition, it is understood that any existing condition or injury may be aggravated or re-injured due to participation in said sport(s). Both the parents/guardians and the participating student have read and understand the Risk Awareness statement on the second page of this form. Notwithstanding such warnings, and with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to the participating student which may result, signing of this form gives consent for the participating student to engage in the sport of Skiing, Snowboarding, or Snowblading.

Acknowledgment of Privilege Revocation Policy

Boston Mills/Brandywine management reserves the right to revoke skiing privileges when a skier or boarder is identified as having violated the rules as stated in the Ski Resort Release Agreement and Ticket Revocation Policy as outlined in the online sign up policy or the paper brochure. If such an event should occur, **NO** money will be refunded by either Boston Mills/Brandywine or Tusky Valley High School. This includes money used for bus transportation. Such violations include, but are not limited to:

Skiing, Snowboarding, or Snowblading out of control, Smoking, Fighting, Drinking alcoholic beverages or consumption of other controlled substances, or Any additional violations as outlined in the Tusky Valley High School student handbook.

In addition, any undesirable behavior not observed and dealt with by the Boston Mills personnel, but brought to the attention of the Ski and Board Club advisors, may result in disciplinary measures including the loss of skiing privileges for one or more weeks and school disciplinary regulations enacted and ultimately, the revocation of **all** Skiing, Snowboarding, or Snowblading privileges, removal from the club without refund.

Finally, members must adhere to some basic rules as follows: participants must ride both ways on the bus, must attend school the day of the event and the day after the event, must provide their own transportation to their home upon return to the school, must control their behavior while riding the bus, and must adhere to all school rules.

_____	_____	_____
Printed Student Name	Student Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	

Also: please sign up for our "Remind.com" message service. Send a text message to 81010 and include the message @tvsk You will get a message that asks for your full name. Please reply and then you will be on the message service and will receive info on Ski & Board Club weekly trips or important information (messages will be very limited).

1 ST Period Teacher: _____
Emergency Phone: _____
Grade: _____
Ability (circle): Beg. Int. Adv.
Circle one of the following:
Rent skis Rent board
Own skis Own board
Own snow blades

Risk Awareness

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The sports of Skiing, Snowboarding, or Snowblading are inherently dangerous sports. They consist of the mastery of controlling a skid or slide on a very slick medium - snow. They require the participant to safely maneuver around many kinds of obstacles, both natural and man-made. Such obstacles include but are not limited to trees, fences, lift, light or snowmaking poles, rocks, other skiers, snowboarders or snowbladers, variations in snow cover including holes, ice, and hard chunks of snow, etc.

Injuries are a fact of life in any sport. The Tusky Valley Ski and Board Club usually endures a couple minor injuries per year, some of which have required emergency room stays. One on slope injury resulted in a reinjury to a previous back problem which required drastic corrective measures. Therefore, people with prior back injuries should check with their doctor about skiing and are not recommended to snowboard. Serious injuries and even death can and do occur at ski resorts across the country. An average of 34 people die at ski resorts annually. Some of these deaths are as a result of avalanches out West but many are from people trying to do things that are beyond their ability. Excess speed, high jumps, inverted tricks, etc. are errors in participant judgement that could have tragic consequences and will not be tolerated in the Tusky Valley Ski and Board Club.

Ohio law states that a participant must ski in control at all times. The Responsibility Code (at the right) is based on this Ohio law (Ohio Revised Code 4169.08 (a and c) and 4169.07(b)). See the Ski and Board Club web site for links to the full set of laws.

These laws and similar ones in every skiing state, serve two purposes. First they protect the participants in specifying undesirable behavior. Second, they may be used to prosecute those who violate them. The following is a compilation of articles from *Skiing Magazine*, *The Associated Press*, and *Reuters* news agencies.

On April 20, 1997, an 18-year-old Vail employee was ripping down a high-speed run. He launched off a bump, and as he returned to earth his ski struck another skier who died minutes later from massive head and brain injuries. Three years later, the accident has become the catalyst for a watershed decision that could pave the way for criminal prosecution of out-of-control skiers. After two courts dismissed charges, the case made its way to the Colorado Supreme Court. In a decision that effectively sets a new standard for what's considered criminal behavior on the slopes, the court ruled that the man "disregarded a substantial and unjustifiable risk" that death could result from his conduct. The skier had been charged with reckless manslaughter but the jury convicted him of the lesser charge of criminally negligent homicide. He was sentenced to serve 90 days in the Eagle County Jail, followed by 3 years of heavily monitored probation including random drug and alcohol test, monetary restitution to the victims family, community service, and daily contact with a probation officer. He could have been sentenced to up to six years in prison and reckless manslaughter would have carried a sentence of up to 16 years. In light of this conviction, every skier, snowboarder and snowblader - especially speed freaks - should take note: The stakes have been raised.

The Responsibility Code

- Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
- People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them..
- You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

Read more about this case by finding links on the Ski & Board Club web site:

www.tvtrojans.org Find "Our Schools", "High School", "Ski & Board Club"

In light of this information, participants should be watchful of reckless behavior by other people on the slopes and be mindful of their own behavior. Never attempt to ski/snowboard a slope beyond your ability unless you are in a lesson. **Any club member spotted putting him/herself or other people in danger will be removed from the club with no refund.**