2026-2027 McCall Winter Sports Club Parent & Athlete Handbook

Welcome to McCall Winter Sports Club! This handbook is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of our programs, philosophy, equipment needs, team rules, opportunities & resources.

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ABOUT MWSC

Club History: Since 1947 McCall's local youth have skied and competed as a team. The Mighty Mites were the first alpine race and jump team formed at Little Ski Hill. In 1996, the "McCall Ski Racing Team" was formed with a focus on alpine ski racing. In 2012, the program changed its name to the "McCall Winter Sports Club," which reflected a desire to broaden the on-snow programming available to the local skiing community. While the team historically trained and competed at the Little Ski Hill and Brundage Mountain, during the 2022-2023 ski season, the McCall Winter Sports Club began offering programs at Tamarack Resort. MWSC now offers programs, training opportunities, and hosts competitions at three ski areas.

Mission: McCall Winter Sports Club (MWSC) provides a personalized snow sports experience for each athlete. We offer a supportive environment, where our kids will build character, develop confidence on and off the snow, and can challenge themselves to reach their highest potential.

MWSC Values:

- Fun: Encouraging a lifelong love of skiing.
- Citizenship: Participating and becoming a positive member in the ski community.
- Sportsmanship: Treating other athletes, coaches, teams, and officials with grace, integrity, and respect.
- Competition: Challenging yourself to do hard things.
- Progression: Setting and achieving goals with intention and accountability.
- Community: Being proud of MWSC as a program that fosters outstanding skiers.
- Teamwork: Supporting other athletes as they work towards achieving their goals.
- Inclusivity: Every athlete, regardless of ability of experience, is welcomed, respected, and supported.

Coaching Philosophy: MWSC's coaching philosophy is to facilitate and support each athlete's development through an appropriate blend of directed free-skiing, skills challenges, terrain negotiation, and race and venue tactics in an atmosphere rooted in fun and encouragement.

MWSC's goal is to create outstanding citizens and versatile skiers first, recognizing that with coaching and support, the athletes will become outstanding skiers. Implementing this philosophy varies with age and ability; younger athletes spend more time developing skiing fundamentals, whereas older athletes increasingly focus on specific training drills, mental/physical preparation, and course/terrain tactics.

MWSC's coaches are the driving force for athlete progression. Their passion for skiing, both personally and professionally, brings an inspiring element to training and competition. Before, during, and after the ski season, MWSC coaches attend continued training and certification requirements, including through the United States Ski and Snowboard Association.

Locations: MWSC conducts programs at three ski areas: Brundage, the Little Ski Hill, and Tamarack Resort. At Brundage, MWSC's base of operations is the Alpine Race Center (ARC), located at the south end of the lower parking lot near the base of the Bear Chair and Centennial Chair Lift. At Tamarack, MWSC's base of operations is the "Yurt," accessed from the Mountain Community School parking.

U8 MIGHTY MITES, DEVO, AND NORTH SERIES ATHLETES WILL CHOOSE BRUNDAGE OR TAMARACK AS THEIR HOME MOUNTAIN FOR TRAINING.

PROGRAMS AND PROGRESSION

U8 Mighty Mites

(Years of birth 2020 and 2021)

MWSC's U8 Mighty Mites programming is the foundation for all other MWSC competition and development programs. U8 Mighty Mites is not a learn to ski program; it is designed for teaching children of all levels of ability the fun and excitement of skiing and racing. This program offers an all-mountain experience, combining free skiing, drills, and brush work. We focus on instilling the fundamentals of skiing in a fun, safe, and welcoming environment. Welcome to U8 Mighty Mites!

U8 Mighty Mites begins in December with Holiday Camp and runs through late March. The program provides directed free skiing and an introduction to gates and brushes. Our coaches organize athletes into smaller groups, allowing for tailored developmental training suited to each athlete's pace. The USSA Skills Quest (phase 2) training program serves as a framework for athlete progression. The program's goals are to build an athlete's confidence to ski in a variety of terrain and snow conditions and teach age- and skill-appropriate fundamentals. Athletes have the opportunity to participate in fun-focused ski races and other events like the Papa Bear Race and Soda Pop Series.

Athletes must be six years old by January 1, 2027, and must be able to ride and ski off the Bear Chair at Brundage or the Tamarack Express at Tamarack Resort. Parent volunteers, also known as "Sweeps," are an integral part of the U8 Mighty Mites programs. Sweeps help us ensure that the athletes ride the lift with an adult. Younger athletes may join with a coach's recommendation.

Brundage Mighty Mites: Athletes ski on Saturdays and/or Sundays from 9:30am to 12:30p.m. at Brundage, and Tuesday/Thursdays from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at Little Ski Hill. Holiday Camp in December is included.

Athletes and parents will meet coaches in front of the ARC on Saturdays and in front of the lower deck at the Little Ski Hill Lodge on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Brundage Head Coach: Bob Giles
Assistant Coaches: Chelsea Avery

Tamarack Mighty Mites: Athletes ski on Saturdays and/or Sundays from 9:30am to 12:30p.m, and Tuesday/Thursdays from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at Little Ski Hill. Holiday Camp in December is included. Athletes and parents will meet coaches at the Yurt.

Tamarack Head Coach: Paige Schmidt

Alpine Ski Development (Devo)

(Years of birth 2013-2019)

MWSC's Devo program is designed to help young skiers develop strong fundamentals, ski a variety of terrain and conditions, explore ski racing and freeride, and foster of love and joy for skiing. This includes honing mental preparedness, undertaking physical training, and refining on-snow techniques and tactics. The Devo program aims to nurture growth, education, and maturity within a lively, team-oriented environment. Athletes have the opportunity to compete in local ski races, including the Papa Bear, Soda Pop Series, and 4-Way. The Devo program begins in December with Holiday Camp and runs through late March.

Devo athletes must be eight years old by January 1, 2027, and must be able to ski off the Centennial Lift at Brundage or the Summit Express at Tamarack Resort.

MWSC's Devo Advanced program is an all-weekend initiative, allowing athletes to ski both Saturday and Sunday at their home mountain.

Brundage Devo/Devo Advanced: Training days are Saturdays and/or Sundays from 9:15a.m. to 2:30p.m. at Brundage, and Fridays from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Little Ski Hill. Holiday Camp in December is included.

Athletes will meet coaches in front of the ARC on Saturdays and/or Sundays and in front of the lower deck at the Little Ski Hill Lodge on Fridays.

Brundage Head Coach: Brant Baugh
Assistant Coach: Pete Maniac

Tamarack Devo/Devo Advanced: Training days are Saturdays and/or Sundays from 9:30am to 2:30p.m, and Fridays from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Little Ski Hill. Holiday Camp in December is included.

Athletes will meet coaches at the Yurt on Saturdays and/or Sundays and in front of the lower deck at the Little Ski Hill Lodge on Fridays.

Tamarack Head Coach: Tim Collins
Tamarack Assistant Coaches: Zander Smith, Chris Peterson

MWSC Freeride Team

(Years of birth: 2009-2017)

MWSC's Freeride Team is designed for skiers who aspire to participate in big mountain, slopestyle, and/or park competitions. Each day, and in every corner of the mountain—whether on steeps, powder, crud, trees, groomed runs, or in the park—discipline, creativity, drive, and judgment are essential components of the program. Athletes will cultivate these qualities for success through the technical development of line choice, style, balance, air, and fluidity. These skills will then be applied in the competitive landscape. Athletes are expected to travel to various ski areas to prepare for and compete in USASA & IFSA events.

MWSC Freeride Team begins in December with Holiday Camp and runs through late March. The team trains at all Brundage Mountain, Tamarack Resort, and the Little Ski Hill throughout the season.

Training days are Saturday and Sunday from 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m at Brundage Mountain/ Tamarack Resort, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m at Little Ski Hill.

Athletes will meet coaches in front of the ARC/Yurt on Saturdays and Sundays and in front of the lower deck at the Little Ski Hill Lodge on Wednesdays and Fridays.

All MWSC Freeride Team athletes who plan to compete must purchase the applicable license(s):

USASA membership/competition license: https://www.usasa.org/about-us/membership/.

IFSA membership/competition license: https://ifsafreeride.org/join/.

MWSC Freeride Team Head Coach: Garrett Haag

MWSC Backcountry Team

(Years of Birth 2009-2014)

The MWSC Backcountry Team invites you to explore the exhilarating world of backcountry skiing and riding, where you'll seek out steeps, cliffs, chutes, and jumps. Athletes will gain vital skills in avalanche education, backcountry travel, route-finding, winter survival, and outdoor leadership.

While Brundage Mountain serves as the team's home base, participants can anticipate traveling to various ski areas and backcountry locations depending on weather and snow conditions. Athletes may also compete in local competitions based on coaches' recommendations and individual interests.

Required Gear for the MWSC Backcountry Team:

- Alpine Touring Bindings
- Alpine or Touring Boots compatible with bindings
- Climbing Skins that fit skis
- Transceiver (Beacon) - limited loaners may be available.
- Avalanche Shovel
- Probe
- Backcountry touring-specific backpack.

MWSC Backcountry Team begins in December with Holiday Camp and runs through late March. The team skis on Saturdays from 9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m, generally at Brundage Mountain. Athletes will meet coaches in front of the ARC.

Head Coach: Mark Stoeckl
Assistant Coach: Shawn Donnelly

MWSC Air & Style

(Years of Birth 2009-2019)

The MWSC Air & Style programs welcomes skiers and riders who want to learn fundamentals and improve their technique in the Terrain Park. The program aims to help athletes enhance their body awareness, stance and balance, timing, pivoting, and edge and pressure control in the Terrain Park.

The MWSC Air & Style program begins in January and runs through late March. Athletes train at the Little Ski Hill on Wednesdays and Friday from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Head Coach: Garrett Haag

MWSC After School +

(Years of Birth 2010-2021)

The MWSC After School+ Program is a flexible, skill-focused skiing program held Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4–6 PM at Little Ski Hill. Open to ages 6–17, it's ideal for skiers who have aged out of the LSH program, missed registration, or are looking for more progression in their skills. Led by experienced coaches, participants will work on drills and techniques tailored to different snow conditions, helping them build confidence and improve overall performance. The program offers a great balance for those not ready to commit to a full-time program, with opportunities to ski twice a week while gaining exposure to gates, off-piste terrain, and a variety of skill-building exercises.

The MWSC Air & Style program begins in January and runs through late March. Athletes train at the Little Ski Hill on Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Head Coach: Erik Fisher

North Series Team

(Years of birth: 2015-2018)

The North Series Team is for young athletes who are motivated to develop strong technical and tactical fundamentals in the sport of alpine ski racing. The program is structured to provide a fun but challenging training atmosphere built on team camaraderie. A skilled and dedicated coaching staff fosters accountability and independence as athletes hone their skills throughout the season while traveling to ski races to compete with other U10/U12 teams in the Intermountain Division. The North Series Team is not only the entry point into completive alpine ski racing, but also an opportunity for young athletes to become outstanding members of the skiing community.

North Series Team begins in December and runs through late March/early April, and includes a fall conditioning program (10 sessions, over 5 weeks) from mid-October to mid-November.

North Series athletes compete in 6 Intermountain Division qualifier races (three race weekends). Qualifying athletes also compete in a 3-day Intermountain Division Championship in mid/late March. Second year U12 athletes may compete in the Spring Fling in early April.

All North Series athletes must purchase an Alpine U10/U12 Competition License from United States Ski & Snowboard.

Brundage and Tamarack North Series Teams: Training days are Saturdays and Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., generally at the athlete's home mountain. *However, weekend training may be held at either mountain for all North Series Teams at the coach's discretion.* Mid-week training is two days per week from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Little Ski Hill. Christmas Holiday Camp is also included.

Pre-season and summer camps may be available at additional cost subject to weather, snow conditions, and enrollment numbers.

Athletes will meet coaches in front of the ARC/Yurt for weekend training sessions and in front of the lower deck at the Little Ski Hill Lodge for mid-week training sessions.

North Series Head Coach: Dave Hall

U14 IMD Team

(Years of birth 2013-2014)

The U14 IMD Team continues the progression from the North Series Team. U14 athletes are refining fundamentals and learning new skills like Super-G. With age comes increased commitment and competition calendar. Whereas the U10/U12 age groups are split into a north and south series, all U14 athletes in the Intermountain Division compete together. Accountability and independence are core values, as athletes learn to take responsibility for their preparation, training, rest, and competition.

U14 IMD Team begins in December and runs through late March/early April, and includes a fall conditioning program (10 sessions, over 5 weeks) from mid-October to mid-November.

U14 IMD athletes compete in 9 qualifying races (two 3-day tech weekends and one 2-day Super-G weekend). Athletes who qualify may compete in Western Regionals or Tri-Divisional Championships. First year U14 athletes may also compete in the Spring Fling in early April.

First year U14 athletes attend a 3-day Speed Camp, to learn fundamentals and skill building for Super-G. The cost to attend Speed Camp is in addition to MWSC programming fees.

All U14 IMD Athletes must purchase an Alpine U14 Competition License from United States Ski & Snowboard.

U14 IMD Training Schedule: Saturdays and Sundays 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Brundage or Tamarack. Three mid-week training sessions from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Little Ski Hill. December Holiday Camp is included.

Pre-season and summer camps may be available at additional cost subject to weather, snow conditions, and enrollment numbers.

Head Coach: Brianna Bambic.

U16 IMD Team

(Years of birth 2011-2012)

The U16 IMD Team is for athletes dedicated to continuing their development in the sport of alpine ski racing. The U16 IMD Team requires commitment and grit. Accountability and independence are key, as athletes must balance training, academics, and competition.

U16 and U14 IMD Teams will train together but compete separately.

U16 IMD athletes compete in 11 qualifying races (two 4-day tech weekends and one 3-day Super-G weekend). Athletes who qualify may compete in U16 Nationals, Western Regionals, or Tri-Divisional Championships. U16 athletes may also compete in the Snow Cup in early April.

The U16 IMD Team begins in December and runs through late March/early April, and includes a fall conditioning program (10 sessions, over 5 weeks) from mid-October to mid-November.

All U16 IMD Athletes must purchase an Alpine U16 Competition License from United States Ski & Snowboard.

U16 IMD Training Schedule: Saturdays and Sundays 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Brundage or Tamarack. Three mid-week training sessions from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Little Ski Hill. December Holiday Camp is included.

Pre-season and summer camps may be available at additional cost subject to weather, snow conditions, and enrollment numbers.

Head Coach: Brianna Bambic.

COMMUNICATIONS

MWSC uses TeamSnap as the primary communication platform. Upon registration, you will be invited to MWSC on the TeamSnap app. The app is free. It is very important to stay in communication with your team about training, events, and competitions. MWSC will post a calendar schedule with events, competitions, and training days on TeamSnap.

Team Specific Communications: Some MWSC teams use WhatsApp for instant message communications on training days and at competitions. Your coach will invite you to the WhatsApp group for your team. WhatsApp is a free app.

Training Cancellations: MWSC coaches and staff reserve the right to cancel training sessions because of weather or other conditions that MWSC coaches and/or staff in their sole discretion determine to be unsafe or would materially interfere with MWSC's ability to conduct a safe training session. Training cancellations will be communicated via TeamSnap and/or WhatsApp as soon as practicable given the circumstances. MWSC will use best efforts to avoid last-minute cancellations.

Volunteering: MWSC relies on volunteers to help run events MWSC hosts during the seasons. Volunteer opportunities are posted on TeamSnap. Volunteer signups are through the website: https://signup.com/group/821003812021.

Team Orientation Meetings: Before the season, typically in early December**,** coaches, parents and athletes will meet once via Zoom to review expectations and goals for the season with an opportunity to ask questions.

Other Methods of Communication:

- Email: mccallwintersportsclub@gmail.com
- Monthly Newsletter
- Instagram
- Facebook

PROGRAM POLICIES

Chair Lift Policy: All athletes must be able to load the lift safely by themselves. If a U8 Mighty Mite is not yet able to do so, their parent or guardian must accompany them during training.

All athletes must use (lower) the safety bar while riding the chairlift. After loading the chair lift and lowering the safety bar, it must remain lowered until the athlete is prepared to unload the chairlift.

Age Categories: Age categories are determined by the Year of Birth. Athletes may sometimes be asked to train with a different age group per coaches' discretion.

Morning Roundups: Athletes should meet their coaches approximately 15 minutes before programs stated start time, fully prepared to ski with their team.

Fully prepared means having your season pass, proper equipment, and being ready to give it your best for the day. Coaches and athletes will complete a gear check during the morning roundup to ensure all participants are equipped with the necessary gear and safety equipment. Athletes are expected to listen and pay attention to coaches. No "Sword-fighting" with poles and snowball tossing/fights are prohibited.

Training will promptly begin following the morning roundup. Athletes who arrive late and/or are not fully prepared are responsible for meeting up with the team.

Afternoon Wrap-Ups: Coaches will advise athletes and parents of the plan and schedule for the day, including a finish time, during the morning round-up.

The scheduled finish time may change during training due to weather and other conditions. Any changes to finish times will be communicated coaches via TeamSnap or WhatsApp.

Training Cancellations: MWSC coaches and staff reserve the right to cancel training sessions because of weather or other conditions that MWSC coaches and/or staff in their sole discretion deem to be unsafe or materially interfere with MWSC's ability to conduct a training session. Training cancellations will be communicated as soon as practicable given the circumstances. MWSC will use best efforts to avoid last-minute cancellations.

No Training Weekend: MWSC periodically hosts Intermountain Division ski races. If MWSC is hosting an IMD race, ***MWSC reserves the right to cancel regular practice during the event.*** Even if your athlete is not on a competition team, families are encouraged to come out and support MWSC athletes or sign up to volunteer. If applicable, MWSC will post the no training weekend on the MWSC calendar.

ARC and Yurt Privileges and Rules: The ARC is our home base at Brundage Mountain. The Yurt is our home base at Tamarack. U12 and younger athletes may not be left unattended in the ARC or Yurt. Athletes, parents, and coaches are expected to clean up after themselves inside and outside. This includes BBQ ashes! The ARC and Yurt are only open to athletes and parents for the purpose of MWSC programming. Doors are otherwise to remain locked. Tampering with locks and accessing the ARC or Yurt through windows is not allowed.

Resort Partners: Without the support of our home ski areas and their staff MWSC athletes would not have the training opportunities that MWSC is able to offer. Therefore, MWSC asks that each Athlete, Parent, and Coach reciprocate support to Brundage Mountain, Tamarack Resort and Little Ski Hill and model behavior that reflects positively on MWSC. This means knowing and following each ski area's rules and policies, and always abiding by them during training, competitions, and when free skiing on your own. These include, at a minimum:

- Wear your season pass so that it is visible to lift operators.
- Be cordial and respectful of all area employees and other skiers/riders.
- No cutting lift lines. MWSC does not receive special lift access or privileges.
- Observe and obey all ski area signs.
- Never duck a rope. Only access ski terrain through open gates and while carrying the appropriate gear. This includes access for in bounds and out of bounds terrain.
- Going through a ski area boundary gate is going out-of-bounds, which means knowing and following backcountry protocols.
- No foul language.
- No outside food or beverage (including alcohol) may be brought into the Little Ski Hill Lodge without prior permission from the Little Ski Hill.

AS A PARTICPANT IN MWSC'S PROGRAMS, YOU ARE REPRESENTING MWSC AND SHOWING THE SKI COMMUNITY HOW AWESOME WE ARE. BE COOL, BE KIND, BE RESPECTFUL, AND SKI WITH STYLE.

Retail Partners: MWSC Families are encouraged to use our preferred retail partners for equipment and gear.

- Home Town Sports, McCall
- Gravity Sports, McCall
- McCall Sports, McCall
- Greenwood's Ski Haus, Boise
- Eco Lounge, Boise
- McU Sports, Boise
- ExpertVoice.com offers discounts off ski brands when you create an account with your U.S. Ski & Snowboard and/or USASA affiliation.
- RaceWerks: Use discount code MWSC15 for 15% off.

Equipment Exchange. MWSC encourages athletes who are moving on (or up) from pieces of ski equipment to prioritize passing them along to other MWSC athletes.

EQUIPMENT

Team Jackets: Karbon is the official brand for our team jackets. Athletes traveling and competing are strongly encouraged to have a team jacket. Athletes will be issued a team jacket at the beginning of the season while supplies last. Jackets must be cared for and returned in a usable condition at the end of the season. Non-returned jackets or damaged jackets will be charged full retail value.

Cell Phones: Athletes may carry a cell phone so long as it does not interrupt training or other athletes. All coaches will carry cell phones and/or radios.

Go-Pro: North Series, U14 IMD and U16 IMD athletes are not permitted to wear a Go-Pro or similar camera during on-snow training. For all other programs, athletes may wear a Go-Pro or similar camera during training with permission from their coach.

Minimum Required Items for All Athletes:

- **Season Pass**. MWSC program fees **do not** include a season pass.
    - Mighty Mite and Devo athletes need a season pass for their home mountain and the Little Ski Hill (if they choose to ski during the week).
    - MWSC Freeride Team, North Series, U14 IMD, and U16 IMD athletes need a season pass at Brundage, Tamarack, and the Little Ski Hill.
    - MWSC Backcountry Team athletes need a season pass at Brundage.

Tamarack SKY Pass: All MWSC athletes are eligible for the SKY Pass.

- **Team Jacket.**
- **Snowpants**.
- **Skis**. One pair, preferably with a slalom side cut. **(**Length of skis should be distance from athlete's feet to nose when standing straight up.)
- **Ski poles**.
- **Ski boots, 3 or 4-buckle**. Properly fitted ski boots are essential. Improperly fitted ski boots (too big or too small) cause cold feet, are uncomfortable, and impede an athlete’s ability to enjoy skiing.

Hometown Sports offers boot fitting and ski equipment services. Call ahead to make an appointment.

- **Ski Socks.** Thinner ski socks are recommended.
- **Helmet.** Must be properly fitted. Soft ears are allowed for non-competition programs. Competition programs must have hard ears.
- **Goggles**. Consider darker lenses for sunny days and lighter lens for flat light.
- **Warm mittens or gloves**. Handwarmers are recommended for colder days.
- **Buff/neck gator**

Team-Specific Requirements:

- **North Series:**
  - One pair GS skis; one pair SL skis; (one pair of all-mountain free skis are recommended but not required). At races, athletes must use the same pair of skis for inspections and race runs.
  - GS ski length should be 5cm above head; SL ski length is between chin and mouth.
  - Ski Boots (properly fitted and not too stiff, i.e. not exceeding 80 flex. U10 athletes should look for 60 flex, U12 athletes for 60-70 flex).
  - One pair of GS poles (can be straight or bent); one pair of SL poles with slalom pole guards (should be straight poles).
  - Shin guards for slalom
  - GS/speed suit (highly recommended but not required).
  - Helmet (must have hard ears and be able to accept a chin bar for slalom).

- **U14/U16 IMD**:
  - US Ski & Snowboard legal equipment required.
  - One pair of GS skis; Two pairs of SL skis (one trainer/slip ski, one for racing); One pair of SG skis. (One pair all-mountain free skis recommended but not required).
  - GS Skis should be 5-10 cm above head; SL skis between chin and mouth; SG skis per coach's recommendation.
  - Ski Boots (properly fitted and not too stiff. U14 athletes are typically in a 90-110 flex ski boot).
  - At least two pair of ski poles (One bent for GS/SG; One straight for SL with pole guards).
  - FIS-approved hard-ear helmet that accepts a chin bar for SL.
  - GS/speed suit.
  - Shin Guards.
  - Back protector (recommended for SG)
  - Basic tuning/waxing equipment (iron, side-edge bevel guide, stone, file, scraper, brush, wax

- **Backcountry Team Specific Requirements:**
  - Alpine Touring Bindings
  - Alpine or Touring Boots compatible with bindings
  - Climbing Skins that fit skis
  - Transceiver (Beacon) - limited loaners may be available.
  - Avalanche Shovel and Probe
  - Non-insulated jacket shell
  - Back Protector (required for athletes competing in IFSA big mountain)
  - Backcountry touring-specific backpack
  - Athletes must know how to properly use their avalanche rescue equipment. Please reach out to Coach Mark Stoeckl for specific training opportunities.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND FEES

MWSC Program Fees for each upcoming season are posted on the MWSC website no earlier than June 1.

Registration for all MWSC programs opens on the date that upcoming season program fees are posted.

MWSC reserves the right to apply discounts to program fees based on prior season volunteer hours, early bird registration, or other circumstances.

MWSC Program Fee Refund Policy:

Registration Insurance. Upon registering for a program, parents may choose to purchase registration insurance through third-party vendor: Vi Coverage.

Terms and conditions for Vi Coverage's insurance are at: https://vicoverage.com/sports-registration-protection/. The registration insurance is voluntary.

Other Terms.

- MWSC will not refund program fees for any event covered by registration insurance. This includes without limitation season ending injury or illness and short-term injury or illness.
- MWSC will not refund program fees if, at any time after registration, an athlete decides not to participate in MWSC programs.
- MWSC will not refund program fees for circumstances beyond its control, including without limitation acts of God, plague, epidemic, pandemic, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, including quarantine or other employee restrictions, fire, explosion, vandalism, storm, drought, casualty, illness, injury, orders or acts of military or civil authority, or by national emergencies, insurrections, riots, or wars, or strikes, lock-outs, work stoppages, or ski area closure or limited operations precluding running MWSC programs.
- If MWSC voluntarily cancels for the entire season an MWSC program in which an athlete has registered, MWSC will seek to place the athlete in another MWSC program, with the amount of any increase in program fees paid for by the athlete, or the amount of any decrease in program fees refunded to the athlete. If the athlete cannot be placed in another MWSC program because no other MWSC program exists that is appropriate for the athlete, then MWSC will issue a refund of the program fee prorated based on the athlete's participation until the date that the MWSC program is cancelled.

MWSC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUNDING THIRD-PARTY FEES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SEASON PASS COSTS, LIFT TICKETS, OR OTHER MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION, OR INSURANCE FEES.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION

All athletes are highly encouraged to compete at some degree or level. Through MWSC's programs, athletes have the opportunity to participate in local, regional, and national races and competitions. Some competitions require an athlete to meet certain criteria established by governing bodies to qualify to race. Athletes who do not meet the criteria are ineligible to compete in that competition. A coach may decide that an athlete is not ready to compete for safety reasons and will discuss this with athletes and parents.

Parents are responsible for registering their athletes for each competition, including payment of registration fees.

- **Local Events:**
  - Soda Pop Series and Papa Bear Race registration is through the MWSC website: https://www.mwsc.club/register.
  - The Chris Bodily Memorial Four-Way is open to all MWSC athletes. Registration is through the MWSC website: https://www.mwsc.club/register.
- **North Series, U14 IMD, and U16 IMD:**
  - Race schedules, results, selection boards, and rules are on the Intermountain Division website: https://imdalpine.org/.
  - Registration for all IMD races must be done through Admin Ski Racing: https://adminskiracing.com/.
  - North Series and U14/U16 IMD athletes must have a current Competition License through United States Ski & Snowboard. The license is purchased/renewed at https://www.usskiandsnowboard.org/membership.
- **MWSC Freeride Team:**
  - USASA event schedules are on their website: https://www.usasa.org/. A membership/competition license is required to compete in USASA events. The license is purchased/renewed at https://www.usasa.org/about-us/membership/.
  - IFSA event schedules are on their website: https://ifsafreeride.org/. A membership/competition license is required to compete in IFSA events. The license can be purchased/renewed at https://ifsafreeride.org/join/.
  - IFSA competition registration dates are announced in advance and added to the MWSC Event Calendar. Registration for all IFSA events must be done through the IFSA website: https://ifsafreeride.org/competition/qualifiers-ski/. It is strongly recommended that athletes register as soon as registrations open. Events and age groups will fill up quickly; with a waiting list thereafter.
- **Other Events:** If applicable, other events registrations will be communicated to athletes and parents by MWSC.

COMPETITION TRAVEL EXPENSES

Additional fees and expenses are required to compete and travel to competitions that are not included in MWSC's registration fees. These fees and expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

- Annual registration and membership fees for a discipline's applicable national governing body, e.g., USSS, IFSA and/or USASA;
- Race/Competition entry and/or registration fees; and
- Lift tickets

Coach and Team Travel Expenses: In addition to the foregoing fees and expenses, athletes competing in races/competitions are responsible for paying the cost of coach and team travel expenses. Coach and team travel expenses apply regardless of whether the competition is held at an athlete's home mountain, and include, but are not limited to: Fuel, mileage, lodging, parking, lift tickets, and $75 per diem meal allowance.

Coach and team travel expenses billed to an athlete are calculated per race/event and divided equally amongst the number of MWSC athletes participating in the race/event.

For each race/event, MWSC will invoice parents for coach and team travel expenses. The invoice must be paid in full by the due date. Any unpaid balance will incur a 20% late fee for each week past due, calculated on the outstanding balance (including any previous late fees), until payment is received in full.

Refund Policy for Coach and Team Travel Expenses: Injuries and illnesses can occur unexpectedly. MWSC seeks to handle these situations fairly while maintaining the viability of our program. In the event of an injury or illness, MWSC will refund coach and team travel expenses as follows:

- 5+ days before the event – Full refund (minus processing fees)
- 3–4 days before the event – 50% refund (minus processing fees)
- 2 days or less before the event – No refund

Athlete Travel: U12 and younger athletes will travel to competitions with a parent/guardian. U14 and older athletes may travel with the team. If an athlete is traveling with the team, a signed "Travel Consent Form" is required. The Travel Consent Form is available at https://www.mwsc.club/resources.

GOVERNING BODIES

Athletes participating in one or more events sanctioned by one of the following governing bodies are required to purchase a competitor license. Athletes are also required to know the rules of competition. Handbooks and rules are available online.

- US Ski & Snowboard Association: https://usskiandsnowboard.org
- Intermountain Division: https://www.imdalpine.org
- International Freeskiers Association: https://www.freeskiers.org
- USA Snowboard and Freeski Association: https://usasa.org

SafeSport: The US Center for SafeSport is committed to building a sport community where participants can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of emotional, physical and sexual misconduct. SafeSport certifications are required annually of all coaches, board members, and volunteers who are in a role of leadership. Athletes 18 years and older are also required to complete SafeSport training. Certifications are achieved through online training courses at safesporttrained.org. Note that you do not need to be a named coach, board member or volunteer to complete; anyone may do so.

MAAPP: MWSC has adopted US Ski & Snowboard's MAAPP. Coaches are required to implement its policies during all in-program contact. Parents are encouraged to know these policies too.

RISK MANAGEMENT: MWSC takes a number of steps to establish a culture of Risk Management within the organization. For coaches, these steps include First Aid and CPR certification, medical protocol review, concussion safety training and radio training at a minimum. Some coaches complete and renew additional training; including Wilderness First Response, Avalanche Rescue, and Emergency Medical training.

ATHLETE WELLBEING

Medical Concerns/Allergies/Prescriptions: Parents are responsible for making the athlete's coach aware of any prescribed treatments or medications. If there are long-term or recurring medical concerns, this information should be included in the athlete's registration entry form, which is accessible to MWSC coaches and staff.

Concussion Safety: Pursuant to United States Ski & Snowboard concussion policies, any MWSC athlete suspected of having sustained a concussion/ traumatic brain injury must be removed immediately from participation in any MWSC sporting event.

The athlete will be prohibited from further participation in MWSC programs until evaluated and cleared in writing to resume participation in MWSC programs by a qualified health care professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussive head injuries.

Coaches are required to complete the St. Luke's Concussion Education training: https://concussion.slhs.org/concussion-education/registration/.

Parents are encouraged to complete the St. Luke's Concussion Education training so that we may improve the culture of concussion by learning how to talk about, prevent, and respond to concussions.

Athletes 12-years or older may take an ImPACT test through St. Luke's Medical Center. This test establishes your normal brain activity (baseline) and can be used in evaluating a traumatic brain injury, as well as determining recovery and return to sport protocols.

Injuries Sustained During Training/Competition: Any MWSC athlete suspected of having sustained an injury will be removed from participation in MWSC programs by any MWSC coach, staff, or other authority.

Emergency Action Plan: MWSC's Emergency Action Plan is designed to help coaches, staff, and parents in a leadership role should there be an in-field incident. More information is available at: at https://www.mwsc.club/resources.

Weather and Snow Conditions: If weather, snow, or other conditions, including without limitation terrain, course sets, or other features, are deemed unsafe for planned training then coaches may postpone or alter the training. Schedule changes made before or during training will be communicated via TeamSnap or WhatsApp.

Backcountry Team Travel: Trips to the backcountry and out-of-bounds is at the coaches' discretion. Although the Backcountry Team may have a scheduled tour out-of-bounds coaches may decide the morning-of that conditions are not safe and/or weather is unfavorable for safe travel. It is also at the coaches' discretion that athletes may travel out-of-bounds with the team on any given day. Skiing out-of-bounds is a privilege. Athletes are required to attend coach-approved workshop or training and be fully equipped with appropriate gear (including beacon, shove, and probe) before they are allowed to ski with the team out-of-bounds.

SCHOLARSHIP

MWSC is committed to affordability and accessibility for our community's youth to participate in our world-class programs. Our seasonal registration fees remain on the more affordable side within our division. Athlete scholarships are available thanks to community support and belief in our values.

Boydstun-Hovdey Ski Heritage Foundation accepts scholarship applications up to October 15. More information is available at https://www.mwsc.club/resources.

Additional scholarships for races, competitions and equipment are available throughout the season. Email mccallwintersportsclub@gmail.com for additional information.

EXPECTATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING

School Comes First: Athletes are expected to maintain good grades in school. There may be times that school attendance is missed due to competitions and/or training. It is the athlete's responsibility to plan and keep up with schoolwork. Coaches may ask for athlete GPA's.

Volunteering: MWSC relies on volunteers for many things during the season. Each family is expected to complete at least 20 volunteer hours during the season. There are many opportunities to volunteer, including fundraising events, races and competitions, and training days. MWSC provides discounted program fees for families who meet their volunteer hours during the previous season.

- **Volunteer Signup:** Volunteer opportunities are posted on the MWSC calendar on TeamSnap. Some volunteer roles require SafeSport training and certification. Upon completing the hours you will be given a discount for the following year. Volunteer signups are on the website: https://signup.com/group/821003812021.

Fundraising: MWSC is a 501 c(3) tax-exempt organization. Fundraising is integral to MWSC's operational success and requires hands-on help and involvement from all MWSC families. MWSC has several opportunities to participate in fundraising activities:

- **Dinner and Live Auction:** A multi-course meal with entertainment and live auction. This is our biggest fundraising event and it's really fun! Tickets can be purchased for individual seats or tables. Families are encouraged to attend and to invite others who want to support the MWSC programs. Date and theme are posted on the MWSC calendar on TeamSnap and on the MWSC website.

- **Online Auction:** In connection with the Dinner and Live Auction, MWSC holds an online auction with items donated by MWSC families and supporters.

- **Auction Items:** Each family is asked to recruit an auction item valued at $250 or more for the MWSC's auctions. Items are due by February 15 for each season.

- **McCall Winter Savings Card:** The Savings Card includes lift tickets to Brundage, Tamarack, and the Little Ski Hill, as well as discounts and other perks with MWSC's Retail Partners. Supplies are limited. Savings Cards may be purchased for $150 during registration or on the MWSC website. MWSC receives 100% of the proceeds.

- **Corporate Sponsorships:** MWSC offers tiered level sponsorship opportunities starting at $500 per year. Benefits include brand exposure and awareness by way of logo on athlete jackets and gear, named recognition at our home mountains, in newsletters and at events. To learn more about sponsorship benefits; visit https://www.mwsc.club/support or email mccallwintersportsclub@gmail.com.

MWSC CODE OF CONDUCT

All MWSC parents and athletes must sign the MWSC Code of Conduct before participating in MWSC programs:

MCCALL WINTER SPORTS CLUB
2026-2027 CODE OF CONDUCT

Participating in the McCall Winter Sports Club (MWSC) is a privilege and should elicit great pride. MWSC athletes, parents, staff, coaches, board of directors, employees, officials, and volunteers (collectively, "Participants") are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and sportsmanlike manner that promotes and displays MWSC's core values of Fun**,** Citizenship**,** Sportsmanship**,** Competition, Progression, Community, Teamwork, and Inclusivity.

Participants are responsible for their actions during all MWSC programs and events, including daily practice, competitions, team travel, camps, and while attending other areas for competitions or training camps ("MWSC Activities"), irrespective of whether the MWSC Activities are sanctioned by United States Ski & Snowboard, Federation International du Ski (FIS), United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association, or International Freeskiers and Snowboarders Association ("Governing Bodies").

Participants agree to demonstrate the spirit and requirements within the MWSC Code of Conduct Code while participating in MWSC Activities.

The MWSC Code of Conduct applies equally to all Participants and is intended to empower each Participant to make responsible choices, meet challenges, achieve personal goals, and contribute to our mission to create world-class kids through winter sports. Failure to comply with the MWSC Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action.

<u>Conduct Rules:</u>

1. Participants are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to rules and procedures set forth by ski areas, competitions, and Governing Bodies.

2. Participants shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with practicing safety, risk awareness, a high standard of integrity, moral and ethical conduct, self-control, consideration of the physical and emotional well-being of others, and responsible behavior during MWSC Activities and when representing MWSC in public places.

3. Participants shall show respect for competition officials, ski area employees, the skiing and snowboarding public, and for each other. This means refraining from the use of profanity, abusive language, or disruptive behavior and the Skier's Responsibility Code.

4. Participants shall not discriminate against any other Participant or other person on account of race, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, or nationality.

5. Participants shall not abuse any privilege that may be extended as a result of their participation in MWSC Activities or affiliation with MWSC's partners or sponsors.

6. Participants shall abstain from illegal substance use and/or possession thereof; including alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and banned substances governed by any of the Governing Bodies or federal or state law.

7. Participants shall not engage in any conduct that could be perceived as bullying, hazing, or harassment towards another Participant, official, ski area employee, the skiing and snowboarding public, or any other person.

8. Participants agree to abide by the policies and procedures established by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, as well as U.S. Ski & Snowboard Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). This includes without limitation the requirement that, except for a child's own parent or legal guardian, any one-on-one interaction and/or electronic communication between an MWSC coach, staff, employee, volunteer, or other official and a Minor Athlete must be observable and interruptible.

9. Participants agree that parents and coaches work together to provide a positive athletic experience for the athletes. When parents and coaches understand their respective roles and communicate well with each other, positive outcomes for the athletes will result. The aforesaid positive outcome may not be the "result" a parent expects in terms of a podium-type result at an event or during the year. Success is not a one-size-fits-all metric, and better measured by hard work, perseverance, attitude, and sportsmanship. On the other hand, athletes suffer when there is poor parent/coach communication or worse, conflict. An athlete's positive outcome and success is best served if parents heed the following:

    - Provide your athlete with unconditional love and support regardless of competitive event results.
    - Let MWSC coaches coach your athlete. There is no reason to provide conflicting advice to your athlete, especially in the presence of MWSC coaches and other athletes.
    - Communication with a coach about your athlete's performance should take place only after training or competitions have been completed.
    - Communicate with your athlete's coaches in a courteous and professional manner.
    - If you are emotionally charged about a particular situation or issue, please wait 24 hours before communicating with your athlete's coach. This brief but important hesitation will help to ensure a clear, concise, and constructive conversation.

- Use **this form** to document any situation or issue you wish to raise with your athlete's coach or MWSC staff or other MWSC affiliated person or entity.
- An abusive interaction with MWSC, whether with coaches, MWSC staff, athletes, another parent, or race/event official may result in suspension or dismissal of the athlete and other athletes in the family from participating in MWSC Activities, either temporarily or permanently, as determined by the Disciplinary Action Committee.

Disciplinary Action:

A violation of the Code of Conduct may lead to temporary or permanent suspension from MWSC Activities. A coach, MWSC staff, director, or other official who observes or has reason to believe that the MWSC Code of Conduct has been violated to any degree may take such immediate actions as necessary to prevent continuation of the infraction.

A coach may temporarily suspend an athlete for any violation of the MWSC Code of Conduct. In such case, the coach shall promptly submit in a written report setting forth the details of the violation to the Executive Director, Program Director, and President of the MWSC Board of Directors Director ("Disciplinary Action Committee"). Upon review and investigation of violation, the Disciplinary Action Committee may impose further disciplinary action, including as set forth below for a major infraction.

Three documented violations of the Code of Conduct shall constitute a major infraction.

The Disciplinary Action Committee shall be responsible for the imposing disciplinary action for a major infraction. Upon receipt and review of the written report or reports, Disciplinary Action Committee shall follow MWSC's procedures for reporting, investigating, interviewing, documentation, and confidentiality. The Disciplinary Action Committee may engage additional members of the Board of Directors when reviewing and/or determining a course of action.

Disciplinary action may include:

- Removal from the team trip or training camp.
- Suspension from training and/or competition for a set period of time.
- Elimination of training, competition, travel, and other benefits.
- Forfeiture of program, travel, equipment, or membership fees paid.

In addition, the following are each considered a major infraction and are grounds for immediate suspension and/or dismissal from MWSC.

- Persistent irresponsibility and disrespectful behavior.
- Unwelcome tampering with or destruction of MWSC property or others' personal belongings.
- Any violation of state, federal, or international laws.
- Any violation of law resulting in an arrest or conviction by civil authorities, even if not related to team activities.

- Failure to comply with any and/or all event, team, or specific activity rules, including disciplinary action plans.

MWSC is committed to principles of fairness, due process, and equal opportunity. Members are entitled to be treated fairly and in compliance with MWSC bylaws, policies, and procedures. Nothing in this Code of Conduct shall be deemed to restrict the individual freedom of a Participant in matters not involving MWSC Activities in which one could not be reasonably perceived as representing MWSC.

In choices of appearance, lifestyle, behavior, and speech while not representing MWSC, coaches, athletes, volunteers, and parents, shall have complete freedom provided their statements and actions do not adversely affect the name and reputation of the MWSC. However, in those events where one is representing or could reasonably be perceived as representing MWSC, MWSC demands that Participants understand and agree to behave in a manner consistent with the spirit of sportsmanship and MWSC's core values.

The MWSC Code of Conduct does not create any legal rights or causes of action of any nature on the part of an athlete or an athlete's parents or representatives against MWSC or other Participants, and each Participant hereby waives and voluntarily relinquishes any legal rights or causes of action, whether in law or equity, arising out of the enforcement of the Code of Conduct and disciplinary actions.

I hereby agree to abide by the MWSC Code of Conduct and consent to signing the MWSC Code of Conduct digitally through the MWSC program registration process.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S PRINTED NAME: _____ _____

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ATHLETE'S PRINTED NAME: _____

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Board meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday. For additional information including agendas and meeting minutes, email mccallwintersportsclub@gmail.com.