



WINTER PARK COMPETITION CENTER HANDBOOK

2009/2010 SEASON

Vision Statement:

“To inspire lifelong enjoyment of sport.”

Mission Statement:

“To provide high quality opportunities which promote lifelong enjoyment of sport.”

Program Philosophy:

The philosophy of the Winter Park program is to offer the opportunity to achieve ones’ highest potential as an athlete, person, and competitor. Through the enjoyment of sport, each competitor’s commitment, desires, dreams and failures, can provide significant life lessons. We consider the athlete first, winning second, as we strive to develop the *total athlete*. This goal is affected by the objectives each competitor has in participation in the program and by his/her personal motivation. Those factors applied to the most supportive coaching and training environment we can offer helps athletes to develop a positive, healthy, and confident attitude – the most important aspect of the total athlete. We believe that the total athlete will not only be a successful skier or rider, but excel in all aspects of life with those skills. Cornerstones to our efforts are self-motivation, effort, and commitment. An individual’s success in snowsport competition is directly dependent on his/her approach to these areas.

In an individual sport, winning as a measure of success would leave us with one person per weekend being successful; the rest might be considered failures. Instead, we use the goal and objective approach in measuring progress. Everyone comes out of this structure winning, and it is a better environment for all. We place equal emphasis on the development of social skills, physical health, and enjoyment of athletic achievement in skiing and snowboarding.

History:

Winter Park’s ski racing club is one of the oldest in the region with the 2009/2010 season being our 48th year. In 1979, the Winter Park Ski Club became an experimental part of the ski area and the club was completely adopted under the resort’s operations in 1982 as the Competition Center. The club has a rich tradition in alpine racing, freestyle and nordic competition, and now under the Competition Center umbrella boasts award-winning snowboarding, introductory, and adult programs in addition to alpine and freestyle. Unlike most other clubs, the Competition Center has the distinct advantage of a close working relationship with the resort’s mountain operations departments and staffs a full-time professional race crew. This greatly enhances our training and competition opportunities. The Competition Center is additionally supported by the Winter Park Ski Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports programs and athletes through scholarships and donations.

COMPETITION CENTER STAFF

If in the Denver area, you can reach our staff using a local number by dialing 303-316-(last four numbers listed). Some email addresses are inactive during the off-season.

Competition Center office open 8:00-4:30 daily (970) 726-1590 ccenter@skiwinterpark.com
Fax: (970) 726-1690

Administrative staff

Competition Center Director	Jeff Burrows	(970) 726-1591	jburrows@skiwinterpark.com
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Alpine programs

Age Class Manager	Darryl Whitaker	(970) 726-1598	dwhitaker@skiwinterpark.com
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Snowboard programs

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Development Director	Helena Powell	(970) 726-1679	hpowell@skiwinterpark.com

All Mountain programs (Park Sharks, All-Terrain Programs, Telemark Program, Freeski Team)

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Competition Center Ski Repair Shop (970) 726-5514 x1809

WHERE TO FIND US

The Competition Center office is located in the Balcony House lodge at the base of Winter Park Resort on the main level just to the left of the women's restrooms.

The Competition Center Ski Repair Shop is located on the lower level of the Balcony House to the left of the outside ticket windows.

The Competition Center locker room is located inside the glass door to the Ski Repair Shop.

HOW TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED:

Websites:

You will find general information on our programs and events at www.wpcompcenter.com.

Our members will receive access to our members only website at www.teamwinterpark.net

Go here to

- Get program specific news & schedules
- Sign up for events
- Carpool and classified ad bulletin boards
- Athlete tools (journal, video, photos, etc)

Snowboard team riders should also check out www.teamwinterpark.net/wpst/

Constant Contact e-mail newsletters:

You choose what information you would like to receive and are able to change your profile at any time. We use these emails to communicate special events and other important program information, so be sure to sign up. Use the Newsletter link on the right hand side of www.wpcompcenter.com to sign up or edit your profile.

Bulletin boards in Competition Center locker room:

Day of information for alpine, freestyle, and adult programs

Competition Center office:

We have copies of event fact sheets and program information here and are happy to answer any questions you have. Please feel free to call us at (970) 726-1590 or (303) 316-1590 or email ccenter@skiwinterpark.com as well.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION POLICIES

Participants must register prior to being involved in program activities. Early registration helps ensure you receive important program communications, get a ski locker if included with your program, and can take part in conditioning activities. Late fees apply after October 15th, 2009.

Payment plan:

There is a \$30 one time fee per family for the payment plan. If you are on the payment plan, all fees must be paid in full by January 31, 2010. Late payments will be charged a service charge of 2% per month. A valid credit card is required to use the payment plan

Work deposit:

The purpose of the work deposit program is to ensure that workers are available and motivated to assist with Winter Park Competition Center fundraisers and athletic events. The Competition Center actively pursues many events to be held at Winter Park to give our skiers and riders the home-hill advantage and to ease travel costs related to competitions at other areas.

Work deposit hours are hours you can work to earn credit towards the work deposit portion of the total cost of your child's program. The work deposit amount varies depending on which program you or your child is enrolled in.

The work deposit for a **one-day ski or any WPST snowboard program is \$200 (excluding Masters, Kahunas, Sharks and All Mountain Programs.)** If you are charged a \$200 work deposit you must work **at least 20 hours** to receive a full refund. The work deposit for a **two-day or more ski program is \$400.** If you are charged a \$400 work deposit you must work **at least 40 hours** to receive a full refund. If you work partial hours, you will be refunded at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Hours may be earned by volunteering your time at any number of events held here at Winter Park Resort. Please note the minimum age to work of the deposit hours is 13 and some jobs will have an older minimum age requirement. To volunteer your time or get a schedule of events, please log on to www.wpcompcenter.com and go to the section Ski for Free/ Volunteer. Here you can print off the schedule of races for either summer or winter and e-mail or mail to us which days you would like to work.

Work deposit refund:

Refunds of work deposits will take place twice during the season. We will credit the credit card originally used or mail a check. For families that **complete** their **total** hours by February 1, 2010, payment will be processed by March 1, 2010. The remainder of refunds, full or partial, will be processed by May 1, 2010. Work hours for refund credit must be completed by April 15th, 2010. Volunteer hours earned during the summer of 2010 events will apply to 10/11 fees.

PROGRAM REFUND POLICY

NO program fees will be refunded for suspended members. Refunds will only be made in the case of documented injury that keeps the participant from completing the program.

Injury reimbursement:

If you are requesting injury reimbursement – notify the Competition Center office in writing via fax 970.726.1690 or 303.316.1690 or by mail at Box 36, Winter Park, CO 80478. Notification to Competition Center office shall be no later than 10 days after injury.

A medical/doctor's statement must be received no later than 30 days after injury. The office will make copies of your medical/doctor's statement for the discipline director to review.

- **50%** reimbursement of coaching fees if the injury occurs any time during the first 25% of the program official training sessions.
- **25%** reimbursement of coaching fees during the next 25% of scheduled training sessions for the program.
- **10%** reimbursement of coaching fees during the next 25% of scheduled training sessions.
- After 75% of the program has been completed, no refunds will be made.

Season pass will be inactivated at the time the refund is made.

No reimbursements will be made on the work deposit except for hours worked. A family is still eligible to work off its hours over the remainder of the season and any hours worked will be credited and payments made per the terms described on page 4 of the work deposit section.

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

Please read and familiarize yourself with the Code of Conduct set up for all competitors and members of the Competition Center. All participants in the programs offered by the Winter Park Competition Center (WPCC) are required to adhere to this code of conduct at all times while participating in or representing those programs. Violation of these codes could result in disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from the program. Decisions concerning the duration of a suspension will be made by the Competition Center Director and the Head Coach or Director of the program that the athlete is registered for.

Participants shall:

- Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times during training, traveling and competing at Winter Park and other areas.
- Conduct themselves in compliance with all rules concerning conduct and sportsmanship of RMD/USSA, or the Colorado School Athletic Association, the NCAA, FIS or the IFSA.
- Withhold criticism or comments on other competitors, coaches, parents, race organizations or ski areas and act with regard to such matters only through coaching staff of WPCC.
- Actively cooperate with fellow competitors and staff of WPCC in the conduct of all training, traveling, racing and meetings.
- Care for and maintain club and personal equipment, training facilities, transportation facilities and Competition Center locker and video rooms.
- Perform assigned tasks and duties with no adverse comments or action.
- No participant shall indulge, partake or use any alcohol or drug other than those prescribed by a physician while under the supervision of WPCC staff or attending a WPCC activity.
- Participants will abide by all rules, regulations and procedures of Intrawest/Winter Park Operational Corporation (Winter Park Resort) and the Colorado Ski Area Safety Act, and follow the USSA code of conduct and doping policy (found in the USSA Competition Guides or the USSA website www.ussa.org).

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY:

The use of or being under the influence of illegal drugs, controlled substances or alcohol by members while attending training sessions or competitions will result in suspension and possibly expulsion from all Winter Park Competition programs. The duration of the suspension will be determined by the severity of the offense. No program fees will be refunded for suspended members.

COMPETITION CENTER LOCKER ROOM

The Competition Center locker room is for ski and gear storage for participants in our 2-day, 3-day, and full-time ski programs. Many of our full-time coaches have their offices located in the back of the locker room. We also have a state-of-the-art computer-based video analysis center inside the locker room. Due to space constraints, no participants who do not have assigned lockers may store gear in the locker room and can only use the locker room to access the video center or meet with coaches.

Lockers will be assigned at the beginning of the year and assignments will be posted on the bulletin boards and walls inside the locker room. Lockers consist of metal slots for skis only and can be locked with a standard combination or pad-lock (provided by participant). Limited shelving is provided to store boots and ski bags.

The following locker room use policies must be adhered to by all members or locker room privileges may be revoked:

- No food or drink may be consumed in the locker room.
- Locker Room for **ATHLETES ONLY** with a designated locker, parents wait in the area outside unless it is an emergency
- Do not give out the combination to the locker room door.
- Store your equipment in your space without having anything protruding out into the walkways. Locks will be cut on equipment stored where it does not belong.
- Boot and bag storage on shelving or under wax tables only.
- Clean up loose wax and filings after tuning skis.
- Athletes are responsible to keep the locker room clean, regular cleaning is not provided by the facilities staff.
- **The Competition Center and Winter Park Resort are never responsible for lost or stolen equipment from the locker room, vans or any other location.**

Locker room hours are from 7:00am to 6:00pm. The glass entry door is locked outside of these times and Winter Park security is not authorized to let members in when the locker room is locked. Plan ahead and if you are going away to a competition, take your gear home with you.

The locker room is open during the ski area operating season. All items must be removed from the locker room on the closing day of the ski area – April 18, 2010. Locks may be cut & equipment may be removed, thrown out or donated to charity after the 20th.

COMPETITION CENTER SKI REPAIR SHOP

Location: Lower level Balcony House next to the left of the exterior ticket office
(970) 726-5514 ext. 1809

The Competition Center Ski Repair shop provides precision tuning, waxing, and mounting services at the best possible prices for Competition Center members and their families. The shop also sells all tuning equipment, waxes, and Competition Center logo wear. Racing accessories (pole guards, shin guards, etc.) are also available. Hours are 8:30am-4:30pm on weekdays and 8:00am-4:30pm on weekends and holidays during the season. Purchases made at our ski repair shop benefit our ski and snowboard programs. Unfortunately, due to space constraints, we are unable to offer snowboard tuning and waxing services.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

We recommend that you attend our Equipment Day September 20, 2009 and/or Ski Swap October 9 & 10, 2009. Coaches will be on hand to help you with equipment. For full details, see the news page at www.wpcompcenter.com. If you missed these dates Grand Sports in Winter Park is working with product reps to offer similar deals. We can also put you in touch with a few of the reps that are also Competition Center Coaches.

Helmets should be worn everyday and are mandatory in all programs and competitions. If you are unable to attend our information sessions please talk with your child's coach or program director about specific equipment needs for his/her program.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

We recommend all families attend our Information Sessions in the fall. This is one of the best ways to learn about your program as well as many of the policies and procedures you should be aware of to help your program experience be a better one. Check the website for dates and times.

LATE OR MISSED DAY

If you arrive late for training, get ready to ski/ride then come to the Competition Center office. We will radio the coach to set up a meeting place. If the coach does not have a radio or it is not possible for the group to come back down to the base at that time a lunch time meeting is arranged.

There are no make up days for any programs, nor are there refunds for days missed pre planned or accidental, except in the case of a season-ending injury.

If Berthoud Pass or I-70 is closed, we will follow a similar procedure to a late arrival. It is possible to drive to the Silverthorne exit on I-70, take Hwy 9 to Kremmling. Turn right on Hwy 40 through Granby, Tabernash, Fraser, Winter Park and then the resort. Note that this takes about two hours longer than your normal commute over the pass.

SICK, MISSING OR INJURED CHILD

If your child becomes ill or injured during training or competition, the office staff will immediately notify the parents using the contact information provided on the program registration forms and teamwinterpark.net. (please make sure we always have your current number, including cell phones). In the case of serious illness or injury, the child will be transported to the ski patrol clinic at the base of Winter Park in the Children's Center.

If a child is separated from their group during training, they are to ski or ride to the nearest lift and notify the lift operator that they have become separated from their Competition Center group. The lift operator will call the Competition Center office, who will contact the coach by radio or cell phone to arrange a meeting place.

TRAVEL POLICIES

Team transportation and lodging is arranged for Colorado Ski Country Series & Smartwool races for alpine programs and Rocky Mountain Freestyle events (not devo) for freestyle programs. Participants must sign up for team lodging and transportation in advance using the Sign Up

feature on www.teamwinterpark.net (see link across top menu bar after you log on). A lodging and van deposit will be due for team travel. The Code of Conduct rules apply as well as any defined rules by the coaches and/or chaperones on each traveling excursion. **PLEASE SEE TRAVEL HANDBOOK FOR COMPLETE TRAVEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

PARENT PARTICIPATION

We welcome parents to become involved in our programs. Your ideas on program improvements are encouraged. Participation in parent/coach evaluations and parent/coach/skier competition scheduling enhances the relationship, understanding and commitment of all parties.

Parent participation is highly encouraged in the volunteer capacity as well. We often host major events here at Winter Park Resort, and volunteers are always needed. Volunteers are what help our programs and events run smoothly, and it is a great way for parents to become more involved in their children's activities.

We have the award-winning Successful Sport Parenting CD-ROM which is a great resource for successful sport parenting available for sale from our ski repair shop and encourage parents that would like to learn more about supporting their children in their athletic endeavors to check out this CD.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Ski program athletes compete through USSA (U.S. Ski & Snowboard Association). USSA is the national governing body for ski and snowboard competition and sanctions events from the introductory level to the World Cup. Skiers who plan to compete will need to become members of USSA and the Rocky Mountain Division (RMD). IFSA required for some Freeski Competitions. Membership is done on one form through USSA. Membership is the responsibility of the athlete and is separate from registration for Competition Center programs.

Winter Park Snowboard Team (WPST) programs compete through the USASA (U.S.A. Snowboarding Association). Membership is the responsibility of the athlete.

USSA/RMD Licensing:

Membership information <http://www.ussa.org>
Membership email membership@ussa.org
Mail Correspondence USSA Membership Services
PO Box 100
Park City, UT 84060
435.647.2666

RMD Alpine Website www.rmdussa.com
RMD Freestyle Website www.rockymountainfreestyle.com

USASA Licensing:

Membership information <http://www.usasa.org>
Sign up before Oct 31st and save \$10. Starting November 1st the price goes up from \$65 to \$75.

IFSA Licensing: <http://www.freeskiers.org/>

COMPETITION ENTRIES

On the www.teamwinterpark.net website there are schedules posted for each age group. There you will be able to see what kind of race it is and follow the correct registering procedure. Where different competition opportunities are available, the coaches will suggest events that your athlete should participate in. Some events require the Competition Center to collect entries that are then sent in together as a team, others allow for individual registration directly with the organizer. Please make note of registration deadlines for all races. Although it is sometimes possible to register for events afterwards, it is usually more expensive. Very few event organizers will take cash or credit cards so remember to bring in your checkbook and USSA license when signing up for alpine and freestyle devo races and events. (We suggest you make a couple copies of your USSA license and keep them with both parents so it does not matter who is there when a deadline sneaks up on you.) Use the event sign-ups page on www.teamwinterpark.net (access from the upper menu bar after logging in) to check on your entry status and find out more information about the event. For events involving team travel and/or lodging, earlier deadlines may apply and athletes should sign up on-line using this page.

RACE & EVENT FACT SHEETS

Event fact sheets are generally distributed by the area hosting a race at least two weeks prior to the event. It details the competition dates, disciplines, entry deadlines, registration addresses, event locations, and other pertinent information. Fact sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards in the locker room entry area and in the Competition Center office. They can also be found at www.rmdussa.com and www.rockymountainfreestyle.com or you can find the pertinent information on the sign-ups page on www.teamwinterpark.net. Each competitor has the responsibility to stay current with upcoming events.

Alpine

Entries and fees must be turned into the office by the deadline. Office personnel will then send team entries to the host mountain.

Freeski: IFSA North American Junior Freeskiing events entries must be submitted directly to MSI by the required deadline. Please go to <http://freeskiingworldtour.com/> to register for those events.

Freestyle

Rocky Mountain Freestyle entries must be submitted directly to RMF by the required deadline. Please go to www.rockymountainfreestyle.com to register for those events.

For devo events, entries and fees must be turned into the Competition Center office by the Tuesday before the event unless otherwise posted. Office personnel will send team entries into the host mountain.

Sharks

Team entries and fees must be submitted to the Competition Center. A copy of the athletes USSA card is also required for all events except Winter Park internal races.

Snowboard

Athletes that want to compete in the Copper Series needs to sign-up at www.usasa.org. For the King of the Grommets you can sign up on line and in the Competition Center Office.

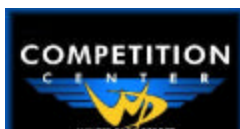
The office staff is available for questions and to receive registrations and payments for events **after 11am** each day. With the number of on site events, issuing of tickets and making sure athletes are connected with coaches, we are unable to answer questions and receive event paperwork before that time.

HOW MANY DO YOU KNOW? COMPETITION CENTER ALUMNI CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY ON THE U.S. SKI TEAM

Wade Bishop	Peter Cure
Allison Powers	Melanie Palenik (1988 Olympic Gold medalist – aerials)
Brett Fischer	Kirk Palenik
Jake Zamansky	Liz McIntyre (1994 Olympic silver medalist – moguls)
Freddy Mooney	Ryan St Onge
Brady Johnson	Chad St Onge
Tim Warner	Todd Ossian
Toby Dawson (2006 Olympic bronze medalist – moguls)	Ryan Riley
Michelle Roark	Jeff Gumeson
Emiko Torito	Marshall Wells
Trace Worthington	Jason Saunders
Robert Aguirre	Matthew Saunders
Roger Aguirre	Bob Holme
Chris Haslock	
Chris Seemann	

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Handbook Signature Page

All families must sign and return this page to the Competition Center Office as part of your program registration package.

Parent Signature

Date

Athlete Signature

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