

## Code of Conduct and Ethics for Parents / Guardians and Guests

*Unfortunately, sometimes members do not behave in the way clubs would like. If this happens you can refer them to the agreement they have signed and deal with them appropriately.*

Snowsport England (SSE) and Vikings Ski Club expects the highest standards of all young people and their families when participating in snowsport.

All Parents/carers/guardians & Guests (hereafter called parents) will:

- Not use inappropriate language or gestures, including foul, sexist, abusive, racist or prejudicial language or tolerate it from other members or guests
- Display high standards of behaviour
- Ensure that protective equipment is worn at ALL times including helmet and gloves and abide by any equipment rules for races they enter.
- Encourage punctuality at coaching sessions, competitions or races and ensure a responsible, nominated adult remains onsite for the duration of the session, be that training or competition.
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including long trousers, long sleeves and gloves for dry slope and appropriate attire for snow; details from your coach
- Encourage their child to abide by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best & not place their child under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do
- Complete and return the Medical Consent form pertaining to their child's participation within the club
  - Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of discrimination if witnessed
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable steps to protect their own safety and that of others
- Promote the positive aspects of snowsport and fair play
- Encourage all participants to respect each other and the decision of any official.
- Recognise good performance and not just good results and promote their child's participation in snowsport for fun.
- Ensure their child's hygiene and nutritional needs are met particularly on Race Days.
- Place the well-being and safety of the child above the development of performance
- Respect children's opinions when making decisions about their participation in snowsport
- Abide by the club's & SnowSafe's Policies
  - **Understand that any breach of Policies may result in disciplinary action**
- Be respectful towards the coach and challenge any concerns through the appropriate channels

- Acknowledge the importance and role of the club coaches who often provide their time for free to ensure children's participation in the club
- Not use the internet or social media to make derogatory remarks about other people involved in snowsport, or clubs, or anything related to snowsport that could be interpreted as wrong, unkind or that could bring the sport into disrepute.
- Report any safeguarding concerns to the Club Welfare Officer, see the board or website.

**Parents have the right to:**

- Know their child is safe
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children
- Be informed if their child is injured
- Have their consent sought for issues such as trips
- Contribute to decisions within the club
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching
- Opt out of any photographs or images taken to be used for any other purpose than teaching.
- Be told who the Club Welfare Officer is. All new members should get a leaflet as well as details are on the club's noticeboard & website.
- Know the reporting structure for any welfare matters. Vikings follows the SSE reporting structure as disclosed on the website and on pages 15/16 of SSE's Snowsafe Policy.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent being asked not to attend if their attendance is detrimental to their child's, or other children's welfare.

Name of Child: ..... Date: .....

Signature of Parent: ..... Name of Parent: .....



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