

**Uxbridge Ski & Snowboard Club (USSC) – WHITIN ELEMENTARY**  
**Applies to all students grades 3-5**  
**Rules / Regulations & Responsibility Form**

1. **Buses**
  - a: The bus will leave **Whitin Elementary School** at 3:15 PM.
    - a1. Bus may go to OLV before or after Whitin Elementary
  - b: All USSC buses will leave the mountain at 7:30 PM. Students are expected to be in the lodge by 7:15 and on the bus at 7:25 PM.
  - c: Buses will arrive back at **MCCLOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL (ONLY)** at ~ 8:30 PM.
  - d: Destruction of bus property will result in loss of bus privileges and replacement or cleanup of property at bus company's discretion. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. **There will be no refunds for lost transportation privileges.**
  - e. If a student is late for the bus leaving the mountain, he/she will lose comparative ski time the next week. Repeated tardiness may result in lost bus privileges.
  - f. **Listen to and obey all driver instructions. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**
  
2. **Clothing** **HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.** Students should be prepared for cold weather; warm jacket, gloves, ski pants, and goggles, face masks, neck gators, hand & toe warmers - also see the [Equipment Checklist](#). LABEL EVERYTHING.
  
3. **Food** Each week students should bring a bagged lunch or money to buy food at the Mountain, also see Wachusett's [C.O.W. Card](#) program.  
Eating and drinking *are* allowed on the buses. However, no gum, hard candy, gummi or sticky candies should be brought on board (basically anything that might cause a difficult-to-clean-up mess).
  
4. **Designated Areas**  
Students are allowed on the ski trails, in the lodge and rentals building ONLY. And the First Aid hut, if necessary (but let's hope that does not happen!!). Also see Item 9, below: 'Disciplinary Action'.
  
5. **Buddy System**  
Students must have a partner of like skiing ability to ski with at all times, except during lessons. If a student needs help finding a partner, chaperones will be available for assistance.
  
6. **Meeting Spot** The Uxbridge Ski Club will have a clearly marked table inside the lodge – The Granite Room - with lodge chaperones available at all times to help students for any reason.
  
7. **Lessons** Students who have never skied before **must** take lessons; **there are no exceptions to this rule**. Beginner skiers are encouraged to take lessons\*. Lessons are held from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM for the first six of eight weeks. Chaperones are NOT ski instructors.  
\*any ability level encouraged to take lessons because you won't find the cheaper
  
8. **Alternate Transportation**

Students may only leave the mountain on the bus, UNLESS the student has PRIOR permission from the Ski Club Director and a signed note from a parent or guardian with a contact number. Students are of course allowed to leave with a parent or legal guardian. The student must be signed out using the form provided in the lodge, at the “Chaperone’s table”. If necessary – a last minute change – a text or email sent to 774-287-9891 will be acceptable.

9. **Disciplinary Action**

A student’s ski pass and/or bus privileges can be taken away if the coordinator, chaperones, or mountain personnel find it necessary. Necessary conditions include anything the above named find illegal, dangerous or disruptive. It is at the discretion of the ski club coordinator to determine the amount of time a pass will be held. Parents will be notified if a student loses his or her ski pass or bus privileges. **There will be no refunds for lost bus privileges.**

10. **Badges**

Weekly passes (lift badges) will be given to and collected from students each week on the bus. **If this pass is lost, there is a replacement fee of \$15.00, even if a temporary pass is issued.** All passes not turned-in and kept by the student are logged on attendance sheets. If they do not have it the next week a replacement will be required and will cost \$15.

11. **Absent**

If a student misses a week during the season a discount coupon will be issued to the student from Wachusett Customer Service, via the program or school coordinator. **There are no refunds for transportation** (*except in cases of injury resulting in an inability to complete the season. In this very undesirable & unlikely circumstance a pro-rated discount will be returned*).

12. **Suspension**

If a student is suspended from school for any reason on a ski club day, he or she will not be eligible to participate in Ski Club that day. **There will be no refund for transportation.**

13. **Responsibility Code**

Each student & guardian must read, sign (electronically), and abide by our responsibility code. See below for further details; includes [Wachusett’s code as well](#).

14. **Movies**

Students are welcome to bring DVD movies for viewing on the bus. They must be age appropriate, for all grades 3-5.

**Responsibility Code**

There are elements of risk in skiing and snowboarding that common sense and personal awareness will and do help reduce.

1. Ski and board under control and in such a manner you can stop or avoid other skiers or objects.
2. When skiing or boarding downhill or overtaking another person, you must avoid the person below you, always. **The person below does not have eyes in the back of their head, we assure you.**

3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to other skiers and boarders.
5. Always use included and / or appropriate devices to prevent runaway equipment.
6. Keep off closed trails and observe all posted signs.
7. Keep out of all treed areas. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your ski pass. *Although there are some small trails adjacent to marked trails, **all treed areas are technically off limits.***
8. If you have a collision resulting in an injury with another person, it is your responsibility to stay at the sight of the collision until the Ski Patrol arrives.
9. Do not jump or perform any “aerial or inverted maneuvers”, unless you have purchased the park pass and are operating within the defined area.
10. Do not go on slopes that are too difficult for your ability; never a good idea.
11. Do not jump from the lift and ALWAYS put the bar down! If you are too small to reach ask another person to put that bar down. *In the event of an emergency the Ski Patrol will evacuate you.*
12. Do not swear or use abusive language anywhere on the mountain. We are guests and should treat all others with the respect deserved.
13. Do not use drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.

**REMINDER > Reckless skiers or boarders will lose lift privileges!**

Management and/or coordinators reserve the right to revoke a person’s privileges if, in their opinion, the person misbehaves either at the ski area or en route to or from the ski area in an inappropriate, offensive or illegal manner. There are Rangers on the mountain and they do have the power to strip your pass.

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Ski/Snowboard equipment is **NOT** allowed on school buses. This equipment must be dropped off at school. An area in the cafeteria, gym or other location will be made available for storage of this equipment.

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**Wachusett Mountain has a ski watch area available. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this “FREE” service. Each student will be responsible for his or her own belongings. LABEL EVERYTHING!**

**Lockers are available in limited quantity. They are flat-fee of \$8 or \$10 depending on size; cash or credit cards, but not COW cards. If not using a locker, keep all equipment stored in a closed bag.**

**Please do not call any School’s Main Office with Questions or Comments**  
Direct them to: [lauren@uxbridgeskiclub.com](mailto:lauren@uxbridgeskiclub.com) or call Lauren @ 774-287-9891