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## **Welcome to the 2020-2021 Taos Winter Sports Team season!**

The following pages include:

- TWST Health and Safety Guidelines (Covid-19) Contract
- Athlete and parent information forms
- Taos Winter Sports Team contract, including: model release, medical release, TWST team jacket deposit, IMPACT concussion testing requirement, and TWST raffle terms
- Parent Pledge of Conduct Agreement
- Athlete Code and Responsibilities Agreement
- TWST Release of Liability Agreement
- Program Fees Worksheet
- Signature page

To join TWST please read and complete the registration forms. **Completed forms, with the exception of the signature page and program fee summary, should be EMAILED to:**

[director@taoswintersportsteam.com](mailto:director@taoswintersportsteam.com)

Enrollment will be finalized when the completed signature page and accompanying payment checks are received via USPS mail at the following address. No athlete may participate in TWST activities until all fees, forms, and agreements are completed and current.

Taos Sports Associates  
Post Office Box 3011  
Taos, NM 87571-3011

Sincerely,

Kristi Vine, TWST Executive Director  
TSA Board of Directors



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## **TWST Guidelines and COVID-19 Safe Protocols (CPS) for the 2020-2021**

Due to federal, state, and local response to the COVID-19 virus, the Taos Winter Sports Team (TWST) has had to examine its roles and responsibilities in protecting its athletes, coaches, and our surrounding community. There are numerous specifically mandated protocols in place from the NM Department of Health (NMDOH) regulating all Youth Programs which have been in effect since the summer. (<https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-safe-practices/>) There are also some very specific restrictions established by Taos County, the Town of Taos, the Village of Taos Ski Valley, Taos Ski Valley Resort (TSVR), USSA, IFSA, USASA, and the TWST Board of Directors. The intent of all these organizations is to minimize the rate at which Covid-19 infections move through our communities and we believe that TWST, as a member of the northern New Mexico community, has a responsibility to support this objective. While we may not be able to avoid a case of an infection, by strictly following all established protocols, we will endeavor to limit spread within the TWST community. We feel TWST can function as an outdoor youth snow-sports program as long as all of our members agree to abide by and adhere to all program requirements, guidelines, and protocols. Should Covid-19 conditions worsen or if public health guidelines change, we reserve the right to cancel any/all practice sessions at any time. TWST reserves the right to suspend or terminate participation for any athlete that fails to comply with any established protocol. In order to accomplish a safe, healthy, and successful program, we need 100% cooperation from all athletes, families, family members, and coaches to fully support the following guidelines. If you are not able to do this please notify us before the start of the 2020-2021 program to receive a full refund.

### **Geographical Exclusions**

The State of New Mexico has issued a rule concerning youth programs that limits participation to those who live within a 50-mile radius of Taos, New Mexico. If you do not have a long-term residence within 50 miles of TSV, then we are unable to provide programming for your athlete this season. We look forward to skiing with those of you who are adversely impacted by this state mandate next season!

### **Competition**

State Covid-19 guidelines mandate that we are only allowed to work on skill development and athlete conditioning, but that competitions and scrimmages are prohibited. Therefore, TWST is not planning to participate in any competitions during the 2020-2021 season. Although this is disappointing, it also presents an opportunity for our athletes to really focus on becoming better skiers. We will be able to compete again and we want to be ready to go.

### **Team Vehicles/ Ride Sharing**

No use or transportation in team vehicles will be available this season.

### **Mountain Ambassadors**

TWST has an expectation that our athletes exhibit the ultimate in good mountain etiquette and now with the current health issues, it is more important than ever. Following proper trail etiquette, providing space to other skiers, knowing and adhering to the skier responsibility code, and obeying slow zones are not suggestions, they are essential to ensure continued access to the Taos Ski Valley Resort during the 2020-2021 season. Offenders of these rules will be removed from the training session and possibly prohibited from further participation in the program.

[https://www.nsa.org/NSAA/Safety/Responsibility\\_Code/NSAA/Safety/Responsibility\\_Code/](https://www.nsa.org/NSAA/Safety/Responsibility_Code/NSAA/Safety/Responsibility_Code/)

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## **TWST Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines Contract**

### **Health Screening**

It is strongly recommended that you monitor the health of your family members every day, identify any possible symptoms, and please keep the big picture in mind. All parents/guardians and their athletes will be asked to perform a self-health check prior to attending programs on each day they participate. Participants and those close to them must not exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. The TWST coaches will be tested for Covid-19 prior to the season and will also complete a daily self-health screening.

### **Self-Health Checklist**

Prior to attending a training day, ask yourself and your athlete(s) these questions.

1. Have you experienced any new or unexpected cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
2. Have you lost your sense of taste or smell in the last week?
3. Do you have any new or unexpected fatigue?
4. Have you felt feverish, experienced chills, or had a temperature of 100.4 or above?
5. Have you had any new or unexpected muscle aches, vomiting, or diarrhea?
6. Have you had any exposure to a known COVID positive person in the last 2 weeks?
7. If you have been out of state, have you followed New Mexico's Travel Restrictions?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, then please stay home, contact the TWST Executive Director by email immediately, and do not come to practice or training programs.

### **Your athlete(s) cannot attend practice if during the previous 14 days:**

- **Your athlete(s) or any one in your household has exhibited any COVID-like symptoms.**
- **Your athlete(s) or any one in your household has traveled out of the State of New Mexico or traveled by air.**

If anyone has a documented case of COVID-19, in order to return to practice, please contact the TWST Executive Director ([director@taoswintersportsteam.com](mailto:director@taoswintersportsteam.com)) for details about receiving prior medical clearance. Please follow established guidelines for isolation and quarantine.

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-safe-practices/>

### **Team App**

For the 2020-2021 season TWST will rely heavily on a mobile and web-based application called **Team App** to manage communication between athletes, parents, and staff during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is a free team management platform that will allow us to streamline communication, facilitate administrative requirements, update schedules, and much more. For this to be effective, **we need all parents/guardians, athletes, and coaches to download Team App** and get in the habit of using it. You can access Team App from either your mobile device or a computer. If an athlete does not have a mobile device, everything can be accomplished on a computer. Our team is called "Taos Winter Sports Team" within the Team App. Every member will receive a detailed email with directions on how to use Team App at the beginning of the season.

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### **Group Size**

By NMDOH regulations, we will keep our group sizes in accordance to the guideline set by the State of New Mexico. Group size will be 4 athletes to 1 coach at the beginning of the 2020-2021 season. Groups may not change, interact with one another, or mingle in order to maintain separation. These numbers may be altered as guidelines change throughout the season.

### **Drop Off and Pick up/ Lunches/ Distancing**

The 5-person group size limit includes the beginning of the day, lunch time pick up, and end of day meeting areas. Drop off areas may change during the season depending upon crowds and weather. Staggered pick up times and drop off locations will be established and communicated via the Team App for all groups prior to each day. Coaches, athletes, parents/guardians must wear a mask and social distance at all times while the group is in session, but especially during drop off and pick up periods. Please avoid the urge to socialize at these times, wait your turn, and maintain a socially responsible separation of 6 feet or more at all times. No high fives, fist bumps, hugs or any other physical greetings will be allowed. **Athletes will not be supervised by TWST staff during lunch breaks** and coaches will not be able to have lunch with athletes at this time.

Coaches will meet the parents/guardians with their athletes at the beginning of each day to receive a verbal confirmation of the daily health screening. **No unsupervised end-of-day participant release will take place this season so a drop-off place and time will be established during the athlete drop-off.** Parent/guardian punctuality for these drop off and pick up times is essential to reduce time spent in pinch points and crowded areas. If there are any changes to your daily or emergency contact information please communicate it prior to leaving the designated drop off areas. Athlete released exceptions will occasionally be made for coaches responsible for gate removal, course dismantlement, or B-Net removal with these special circumstances announced in advance.

### **Masks**

The current New Mexico Public Health Order requires wearing a mask to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, the Village of Taos Ski Valley and Taos Ski Valley Resort have mandated that masks will be required while in the Village and throughout the TSVR, including all outdoor public spaces. Exceptions exist only while drinking or eating. In order to maintain compliance with the orders and to comply with our TSVR user agreements, TWST athletes, staff, and parents will be **required to wear masks** at all times in public places both when in and out of uniform. This requirement also applies to TWST team members and coaches that may be training at any other New Mexico ski resort. While training all participants will wear a clean face covering. Coaches and athletes will refrain from activities that involve touching or sharing equipment or personal items such as gloves, goggles, helmets, masks, buffs and clothing. **Every athlete will bring a clean and dry face covering for each day of practice and it is highly recommended that they also have a clean and dry backup face covering.** Face coverings should be cleaned thoroughly with soap and water after each day.

### **Self Sufficiency**

In an effort to help minimize the exposure of coaches and other participants, each athlete will be expected to be perform self-sufficient. They must be prepared for each program day by bringing their own equipment, snacks, sunscreen, hand warmers, small bottle of hand sanitizer or wipes, and clothing. These items and snacks will not be shared between athletes and Camel Backs or



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bottles are recommended to carry water for use by only a single individual (siblings may share items if necessary).

### **Chair lift Procedures**

This season there will be maximum of two people to a chair on Lift 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and 12. One person to a chair on Lift 7A unless the partners are family members. Chair lift pairs will be established in advance and will not change, taking into consideration family relationships and "bubbled" pairs. Each pair must be fully prepared before they reach the bottom of the hill to enter the lift line, without congregating at the bottom of the lift. No horseplay, back talking, rude or bullying behavior, touching or contact will be allowed and no exceptions will be tolerated. All lift riders must be able to competently load and unload the lift unassisted at any speed. Avoid circumstances that put you and your teammates in a bad situation.

### **Bathroom breaks/Weather breaks/Rest breaks**

TSVR will be providing heated and covered outdoor spaces this winter. TWST groups will be using these locations for the purpose of warming up and resting while avoiding indoor spaces. If an athlete must use a bathroom, they must be self-sufficient and follow all appropriate TSVR protocols for capacity limits in the bathroom area. Members are strongly encouraged to practice good hygiene at all times. Members should not expect that staff will attend to an athlete in an indoor setting and understand that all interactions between staff and members will take place in outdoor settings. Please dress accordingly, in layers, and be prepared for all types of weather. Knowing that we will not be using indoor spaces this winter, if the weather conditions are deemed to be "unbearable", TWST reserves the right to suspend or cancel training at any time.

### **RSVP and Health Screening Form**

TWST will be using Team App to facilitate mandatory RSVP's (meaning you must answer yes or no) and to facilitate the mandatory Health Screening questionnaire. RSVP's must be completed at a minimum of 24 hours in advance of a training day and the Health Screening form must be completed on the day of training. Both of these actions are meant to streamline TWST's ability to perform contact tracing. It is critical that members follow this process and understand that athletes will not be allowed to train if these steps have not been properly and truthfully completed.

### **Refund Policy**

TWST has a standard refund policy listed in the TWST Handbook for all members enrolled in our program and it can be located on the website under the registration page at <http://www.taoswintersportsteam.com>.

### **Guidelines for refunds with COVID-19**

A member enrolled in TWST who does not feel they can fully comply with the guidelines set forth in this document may apply in writing for a full refund within two weeks of the beginning of the training season. Athletes who do not adhere to these guidelines or exhibit dangerous or uncooperative behavior will be suspended or dismissed from the team without a refund. Members who test positive for Covid-19 or have household members who test positive may require quarantine for a significant amount of time (i.e. longer than 14 days) or cause an athlete to be removed from the program. If such a circumstance occurs prior to December 31, 2020, then TWST fees will be refunded in full. Members with COVID positive results after December 31, 2020 must submit a written request to receive a refund prorated by the amount of participation prior to the



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illness. No refunds will be given for quarantine periods of 14 days or less due to suspected COVID exposure, symptoms of illness, out of state travel, or air travel.

**Ski Area Closures**

In the event that Taos Ski Valley is asked to close for a short-term and the closure impacts a scheduled training day, TWST will offer alternative programming. This could include activities such as hikes, and/or dryland conditioning sessions. These activities would be conducted in various meeting locations and within the same on mountain group pairings with the same staff as a normal on snow day.

A long-term Taos Ski Valley closure due to COVID-19 will result in a prorated refund of TWST fees up until March 2, 2021. The 2020-2021 season will be considered complete on that date and no TWST refunds will be given thereafter. In addition, individual resort closure days due to weather, lift holds, or conditions are beyond TWST control and not eligible for refunds.

**Infection Response and Contact Tracking**

If an athlete or coach tests positive for COVID-19, the program will immediately suspend operations until an appropriate response can be formulated in conjunction with state health officials and the TWST medical adviser. Information extracted from the Team App will be provided to the NMDOH for contact tracing purposes. Therefore, it is essential to use the Team App routinely and keep it up to date. Participants who become infected will not be allowed to return to the program until they have a written confirmation from a doctor attesting that is safe for them to resume training.

We feel this posture supports the current actions requested by health officials while at the same time promotes the overall healthy lifestyle and athletic activities that TWST values so much. The nature of our sport in this beautiful outdoor environment provides natural social distancing but these additional guidelines will help further protect us all. Keeping TWST community healthy is a top priority for all of us.

I have read, fully understand, and agree to the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Initials\***

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## **PARTICIPANT #1 INFORMATION**

Athlete First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

USSA#: \_\_\_\_\_

IFSA #: \_\_\_\_\_

USASA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacket (Youth Size # or Adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Y5-6, Y7-8, Y10, Y12, Y14, Y16; Adult XS, S, M, L, XL

Insurance Company\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy #\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications Taken\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARTICIPANT #2 INFORMATION** (if applicable)

Athlete First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

USSA#: \_\_\_\_\_

IFSA #: \_\_\_\_\_

USASA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacket (Youth Size # or Adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Y5-6, Y7-8, Y10, Y12, Y14, Y16; Adult XS, S, M, L, XL

Insurance Company\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy #\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications Taken\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARTICIPANT #3 INFORMATION** (if applicable)

Athlete First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

USSA#: \_\_\_\_\_

IFSA #: \_\_\_\_\_

USASA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacket (Youth Size # or Adult): \_\_\_\_\_ Y5-6, Y7-8, Y10, Y12, Y14, Y16; Adult XS, S, M, L, XL

Insurance Company\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy #\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications Taken\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Relationship to the participant(s)

Guardian 1 Relationship\*\*:

First Name\*:

Last Name\*:

Cell/Mobile Phone #\*:

Alternate Phone #:

Primary Email\*:

Alternate Email:

Primary Address\*:

City, State\*:

Zip Code\*:

Guardian 2 Relationship:

First Name:

Last Name:

Cell/Mobile Phone #:

Alternate Phone #:

Primary Email:

Alternate Email:

Primary Address:

City, State:

Zip Code:

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## **Taos Winter Sports Team Contract**

### **Model Release**

In consideration of participation in the Taos Winter Sports Team, I hereby grant Taos Winter Sports Team and any staff photographers designated as official photographers by Taos Winter Sports Team the absolute and irrevocable right and permission, with respect to any film, video or photographic, digital or analogue images or recording that are taken and/or in which participant and/or others may be included.

- a) To copyright same in their own name or any other name that they may choose
- b) To use, reuse, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not limited to) illustration, promotion, advertising and trade, and
- c) To use my name in conjunction if they so choose.

I hereby release and discharge Taos Winter Sports Team and any photographers designated as official photographers by Taos Winter Sports Team from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with use of said photographs, films, or videos. This authorization and release shall also ensure to the benefit of legal representatives, licensees and assigns of Taos Winter Sports Team and any photographers designated as official photographers by Taos Winter Sports Team as well as the persons for whom they took the photograph.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial'**

### **Taos Sports Associates Medical Release**

TWST requires that all training program participants be covered by a valid and sufficient medical insurance policy. The insurance policy listed in our program registration meets the requirements of TWST and will be maintained in force while Participant is participating in snow sports activities with TWST. Parent hereby authorizes Taos Sports Associates and/or their named coaches, to secure any hospital, medical, dental or surgical care, treatment and/or procedures for the above-named athletes. Parent also consents that in the event of an injury that requires emergency medical care for an athlete, coaches can sign for competitor to receive care, treatment and/or procedures, under the instructions and directions of the licensed physicians on call at the emergency room of the nearest hospital or emergency facility. The coaches shall notify Parent at the earliest possible time prior to, during or after such care, treatment and/or procedures. Parent knowingly and voluntarily consents in advance to such care, treatment and or procedures to encourage the physicians and coaches to exercise their best judgment as to the requirements of such care, treatment and/or procedures. Parent specifically indemnifies and holds harmless Taos Sports Associates and its coaches from any and all costs arising out of such care, treatment and/or procedure.

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### **TEAM Jacket Deposit**

Each athlete will receive a TWST team jacket, clean and in good condition, to wear during the program year. A deposit of \$200 for each jacket is due before the on-snow training begins and this fee will be forfeited if the team jacket is not returned at the end of the season. Athlete(s) are responsible for the care, cleaning, and repair of the jacket throughout the season.



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I have read and agree to the TWST Team jacket conditions \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial\***

**Raffle Deposit Terms**

Each family is responsible for selling \$300.00 worth of raffle tickets this season. The tickets will be provided to each family prior to Christmas and the raffle will be held in February. The Raffle Deposit is due before on-snow training begins and will be cashed. TWST families sell the allotted tickets and keep that money to recoup their deposit.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial\***

**IMPACT Concussion Awareness Training**

Every TWST athlete must complete IMPACT concussion testing once every two years. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to support and facilitate this testing for the health and well-being of the athletes when testing is made available. The concussion testing costs each athlete \$10.00 annually and is included as a supplemental fee assessed as part of the registration process.

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## **PARENT PLEDGE OF CONDUCT**

As parent(s) or guardian of an athlete, I/we acknowledge that competitive skiing and snowboarding is a privilege and serves primarily to promote positive personal development. I understand that the desire to win is never to be placed ahead of the academic, social, emotional, physical and ethical well-being of the athlete. I therefore pledge to:

### **A. Positively support my athlete:**

- Provide positive support to my athlete, win or lose.
- Emphasize effort, skill development, teamwork, and love of the sport.
- Actively support my athlete in maintaining all eligibility requirements.
- Actively support my athlete in abiding by both TWST Athlete Codes of Conduct, and the New Mexico Skier Safety Act.
- Actively contribute to team morale.
- Actively support my athlete in maintaining a healthy lifestyle free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

### **B. Personally model the highest standards of sportsmanship at races:**

- Let the coach do their job: Criticism and unsolicited advice will not be tolerated.
- Let the players play: Shouting at athletes or at others will not be tolerated.
- Let the officials do their job: understand decisions, and never use negative comments.
- Cheer for the positive: support effort, teamwork, good sportsmanship.
- Respect other competitors and make no derogatory comments.

### **C. Resolve issues with coaches, teammates or athletic personnel appropriately:**

- Avoid presenting grievances during or after a race or training session.
- Request a meeting with the coach to discuss problems or issues.
- If the issue remains unresolved, request a meeting with a Board Member.

### **D. All forms and fees must be paid in full.**

- Program fees must be paid in full.
- Travel Expenses must be paid in full (to date).
- Volunteer Deposit submitted

### **E. Ensure that athletes participate in Concussion Baseline Testing Program**

- Parents agree to abide by New Mexico State Law regarding concussions including the state mandated rest period before return to play can be initiated.
- Agrees that a letter from a physician is needed to activate return to play procedures.
- Agrees to follow return to play protocol as outlined by TWST's concussion medical adviser and respect that this can take time. Understand that the athlete may miss an important event even though you have already paid for the lodging and you can't get your money back.

I further understand that I/we may be asked to leave the training or race venue and be prohibited from attending future training sessions/races if my/our behavior violates the standards of TWST, TSVR, or USSA, IFSA, or USASA.

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## ATHLETES CODE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each participant is an ambassador of Taos Winter Sports Team (TWST) both on and off the ski mountain. All participants and parent of athletes are representatives of the organization and also a reflection on team sponsors. Participation in TWST is a privilege that can be revoked. **Each participant pledges to conduct him or herself at all times in a manner which reflects positively on the team and others, our community and themselves on the mountain, and whenever or wherever they may be identified as a TWST athlete.** Whether a participant is in the lift line, in a lodge, at the community center, in school, in the training arena or free skiing on the mountain, they are expected to behave appropriately.

TWST athletes are required to agree to abide by the following requirements in their daily conduct. Specific rules of conduct include, but are not limited to the following:

1. **Positive:** Be a positive role model for the team both in attitude and outlook. Ski well and do your best to encourage your teammates success. Positive behavior is fundamental and includes but is not limited to, having a good time, skiing safe, obeying area rules, using clean language, expressing good sportsmanship among your teammates and with competitors, and being polite to ski area guests and employees. Contribute to positive team moral by showing respect for coaches and demonstrate responsibility and self-discipline. Additional positive behaviors include properly acknowledging ski area staff, property and facilities, which include cleaning up after oneself or teammates while using public lodges or in competition centers. Refraining from fighting, bullying or abuse of any kind. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle free from alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances or other intoxicants. We are a team and a positive atmosphere benefits everyone's progress.

2. **Punctual:** Arrive early and be ready on time. A team expects its teammates to be on time. Athletes are focused on training and maximizing their time with teammates and coaches and will not leave training early. Cell phones and headphones should remain off and inaccessible during training. Making the best use of scheduled time is integral to a successful training program. Some of these concepts may be difficult to grasp, but they are critical for two main reasons. First, our training arenas take everyone's support to set and maintain and are as important for an athlete to be a part of as the training itself. Second is communication, on the first (and last) runs of the day are when coaches review the plan for the day and disseminate information on upcoming training and events. When an athlete misses this information it unfairly takes away time from other athletes training for a one on one update. For those same reasons, we ask that athletes not leave training early. Do not leave training without being excused by a coach.

3. **Prepared:** Athletes must show up with the appropriate equipment in good condition. Treat your ski equipment, team equipment and ski area equipment with respect. We ask that athletes be prepared and flexible at all times. Athletes should check for team emails to find out what training discipline they will be skiing as close to the training time as possible. Our training schedules and plans can and will change at a moment's notice based on a number of variables. As an example; if GS training is scheduled and it snows the night before, it is likely that GS training will change to POWDER SKIING. We ask parents to encourage the athlete's to be prepared for changes in training including weather conditions and ski discipline. Dressing appropriately for changing weather is critical.

4. **Safety:** Know and obey rules of the skier safety act and observe all rules and regulations of the

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ski area and other areas visited where training or competitions take place. All TWST athletes are required to wear helmets at all times and agree to participate in Concussion Awareness and Baseline testing programs. Ski goggles are required whenever skiing gates - NO EXCEPTIONS! Poles or other equipment shall not be used in a threatening manner or as a weapon. Ski in control and always obey "SLOW SKIING" zones. Be polite and orderly in the lift maze with your ticket visible, participants should to share lift rides with others including public guests.

5. **Listen:** to your coaches and respect their decisions. Support the TWST staff, coaches and your teammates. Agree to help TWST coaches as requested (e.g. side slipping a course, putting away equipment, etc.) Respect the rules of the sport and refrain from arguing or using foul language when speaking with or about officials or others.

6. **Communication:** Communicate the best of Taos Winter Sports Team by representing you and your teammates with good behavior both on the ski hill and off, whether we are training at home or traveling to an event. Use good manners with courtesy and thoughtfulness (profanity, bullying, fighting or harassment of any kind are not tolerated) It only takes one bad incident to spoil the image of our entire team. Each athlete has agreed with this Code of Conduct & Responsibility and will be held to the highest standards.

7. **Awareness:** Always do your best effort each day. Maintain a high level of conduct at school, including observing rules and maintaining better than 2.8 GPA average, with a single "D" & zero "F"s. Athletes and parents should be familiar with the USSA Alpine Competition Guide, the TWST manual, and the rules of Taos Ski Valley Resort. The "Competition Guild" is a valuable source for answers to many questions. Athletes are required to read & understand the code of conduct and rules and regulations sections carefully. Not having understood this is not an excuse for violations. An athlete that violates any of the rules listed by USSA, USASA, IFSA, TSVR, or the TWST manual can be sanctioned, including, but not limited to expulsion. Each athlete has signed the code of conduct as a part of the registration packet and failure to uphold these standards will be cause for dismissal from TWST.

**You hereby agree that you and any family members participating in the TWST training programs have reviewed the Code of Conduct set forth in this document and that each such participant hereby agrees to be bound thereby.**

**Participant #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **has read and agrees\***

**Participant #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **has read and agrees\***

**Participant #3** \_\_\_\_\_ **has read and agrees\***

The participant(s) and I have read the foregoing and fully accept hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial\***

REQUIRED \*





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## **2020-2021 TAOS WINTER SPORTS TEAM LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT, IT IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT AND CONTAINS A WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE CONSULT AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**

The DEFINITIONS: "PARTICIPANT(s)" means the person or child/children taking part in Taos Winter Sports Team (TWST) activities; "PARENT(s)" means the undersigned parent[s] or legal guardian[s] signing on behalf of him/herself and on behalf of the minor PARTICIPANT(s) if the PARTICIPANT(s) is under 18 years of age. *When the participant is age 18 or older, references to parent or legal guardian do not apply.*

I, the Undersigned, being at least 18 years of age, hereby represents that he or she is the parent or guardian of the minor (hereinafter referred to as "participant", and in exchange for TWST making ski training, ski racing, freeride skiing, and related sports and training activities available to participant, PARTICIPANT(s) and PARENT(s) acknowledge and agree to be bound by the following:

I understand and EXPRESSLY AGREE to the fact that skiing in its various forms is an inherently hazardous sport that has many dangers and risks. I realize that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of this sport. I acknowledge that SKI RACING, FREERIDE COMPETITIONS, SKI TRAINING and related activities have INCREASED RISKS beyond those of recreational sliding snow sports and that I have made a voluntary choice to participate in those activities myself or to allow the participant to do so despite the risks they present.

I EXPRESSLY AGREE that I freely accept and voluntarily assume ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH or property damage for myself and the participant. I hereby promise not to sue and FULLY RELEASE, TWST and its agents employees, coaches, directors, officers and volunteers FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for personal injury, death or property damage which results IN ANY WAY from participation in this sport, including any caused by NEGLIGENCE, conditions on or about the premises and facilities or the operations of a ski area including, but not limited to, grooming, snowmaking, ski lift operations while loading or unloading, gate setting, course setting, training, coaching, other skiers or any other activities related to ski racing/ freeride competition and ACCEPT MYSELF THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL such damages or injury of any kind which may result to ME OR THE PARTICIPANT(s).

In addition, the parent/guardian signing below represents to TWST that they have the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of said PARTICIPANT(s) and on behalf of any other parents or guardian of said PARTICIPANT(s) and AGREES TO DEFEND AND COMPLETELY INDEMNIFY and hold harmless TWST from any and all claims arising from the participant's participation in ski training, ski racing, freeride skiing, and related sports and training activities and this agreement is entered into on behalf of said PARTICIPANT(s) or any other parent/guardian thereof, even after the PARTICIPANT(s) has attained majority or from third parties injured by the PARTICIPANT(s), and

*REQUIRED\**



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hold TWST its representatives, agents, affiliates, officers, directors, servants, and employees harmless from any such claim, legal action, harm, injury, damages, or loss of persons and/or property. In consideration of, TWST making ski training, ski racing, freeride skiing, and related sports and training activities or clinics in the sport of competitive skiing and/or snowboarding available to me, I CONTRACTUALLY AGREE that any and ALL DISPUTES between TWST and me arising from my participation in the sport of competitive skiing and/or snowboarding, and INCLUDING any claims for personal injury and/or death, will be GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO and EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION thereof will be in the state court residing in the county where the alleged tort occurred or state or federal courts of the STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

I, for and on behalf of myself, my children, heirs, executors, administrators and representatives, hereby KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND the Taos Winter Sports Team ("indemnify" meaning protect by reimbursement or payment), with respect to any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses, suits, or expenses (including costs and reasonable attorneys' fees), INCLUDING LOSSES CLAIMED TO BE CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF the Taos Winter Sports Team, whether foreseen or unforeseen, made or brought by anyone, including any member of the participant's family, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, illness, paralysis or death in any way connected with my participation in these activities or my use of the Taos Winter Sports Team equipment or facilities. In addition, I agree to waive all claims against the Taos Winter Sports Team, and agree that neither I, nor anyone acting on my behalf, will make a claim of any kind against the Taos Winter Sports Team that I may have as a result of any damage, loss, injury, illness, paralysis or death to me or my property. The release, indemnification, and waiver described above is binding on me, my heirs, my parents or guardians, my successors and assigns, my personal representatives, and my estate.

In signing this release, the undersigned hereby acknowledge and represent:

- A. That all parties comprising the "undersigned" have investigated the particular program(s) in which some of such parties shall participate and are also familiar with the practices and procedures of TWST.
- B. That the undersigned parent or legal guardian has unconditional right, power, and authority to execute this release in such capacity and on behalf of the minor participant herein below identified.
- C. The undersigned acknowledges that the competitor/program participant possesses and will maintain, adequate medical insurance coverages.

I have carefully read the foregoing COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY and INDEMNITY AGREEMENT and understand its contents, including the jurisdictional agreement. I ACKNOWLEDGE and understand this is a COMPLETE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY



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AGREEMENT, that it includes any and all claims by the participant or by me or anyone on the participant's behalf for any reason, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, and that I am contractually agreeing to these terms FREELY, FULLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION in exchange for the right to have the participant participate in TWST programs. IN THE EVENT I AM SIGNING IT ON BEHALF OF ANY MINOR, THAT I HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO DO SO, REALIZING ITS BINDING EFFECT ON SUCH MINOR AS WELL AS MYSELF.

**Further**, full permission is hereby given to use any photographs, moving images or digital media of said competitor/program participant(s) taken during any competitive event or training exercise for any purpose in promoting TWST.

**Further**, the competitor/program participant(s) authorizes TWST authorized personnel to call for medical care for the competitor/program participant and/or to transport the competitor/program participant(s) to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed for the competitor/program participant(s). The undersigned agrees that upon the transporting of the competitor/program participant(s) to any such medical facility or hospital that TWST shall not have any further responsibility for the competitor/program participant(s). Further, the competitor/program participant(s) agrees to pay all costs associated with such medical care and related transportation for the competitor/program participant(s) and shall indemnify and hold harmless TWST from and against any costs incurred therein, as provided in the preceding paragraph. Further, the competitor/participant(s) shall be solely responsible for the cost of any medical care received.

**Other Policy:** PARENT(S) & PARTICIPANT further agree that they will accept and abide by the policies, codes of conduct, rules and regulations of the host ski area and any other rules or regulations imposed by the organizers of any event in which PARENT(S) or PARTICIPANT participate.

WE HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT BY ELECTRONICALLY INITIALLING AND SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT WE ARE AWARE THAT WE ARE RELEASING LEGAL RIGHTS THAT OTHERWISE MAY EXIST.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial**



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## PROGRAM FEES 2020/21

<b>FREERIDE PROGRAM</b>	
<b>FREERIDE IFSA COMPETITIVE</b> - SAT full day, SUN ½ day, holidays	\$1,975
<b>FREERIDE BONUS - WEDNESDAY ½ days - AM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>FREERIDE BONUS - WEDNESDAY ½ days - PM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>ALPINE PROGRAM</b>	
<b>ALPINE USSA COMPETITIVE</b> -SAT full day, SUN ½ day, holiday	\$1,975
<b>ALPINE BONUS - WEDNESDAY ½ days - AM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>ALPINE BONUS - WEDNESDAY ½ days - PM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225



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<b>DEVO PROGRAM</b>	
<b>DEVO Program (SUNDAY DAY ONLY) All day</b>	\$1,275
<b>DEVO BONUS Program - WEDNESDAY ½ days - AM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>DEVO BONUS Program - WEDNESDAY ½ days - PM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>SNOWBOARD DEVO Program - WEDNESDAY ½ days - AM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>SNOWBOARD DEVO Program - WEDNESDAY ½ days - PM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 2, 9, 16; January 6 and 13 Session 2 Program dates: January 20, 27; February 3, 10, and 17 Session 3 Program dates: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24	\$225 \$225 \$225
<b>PARK DEVO Program - THURSDAY ½ days - PM</b> – 5 week program – 3 sessions available Session 1 Program dates: December 3, 10, 17; January 7, and 14 Session 2 Program dates: January 21, 28; February 4, 11, and 18 Session 3 Program dates: February 25; March 4, 11, 18, and 25	\$225 \$225 \$225



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**PROGRAM FEE SUMMARY**

Participant #1	Participant #2	Participant #3	
<b>Program</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Program</b>	
<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	<b>Day(s)</b>	
<b>AM or PM</b> (if applicable)	<b>AM or PM</b> (if applicable)	<b>AM or PM</b> (if applicable)	
<b>Sessions</b> (if applicable)	<b>Sessions</b> (if applicable)	<b>Sessions</b> (if applicable)	
<b>IMPACT Testing Fee</b> \$10.00	<b>IMPACT Testing Fee</b> \$10.00	<b>IMPACT Testing Fee</b> \$10.00	
<b>Participant #1 Subtotal</b> _____	<b>Participant #2 Subtotal</b> _____	<b>Participant #3 Subtotal</b> _____	
<b>Program Fee Subtotal</b> Sum program fees for the participants		_____	
<b>Additional Family Member Discount</b> %10 from the lesser of 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> programs		_____	
<b>Programs Total</b> Subtract Family Discount from Subtotal		Check #1	_____
<b>Family Raffle Deposit</b> See Raffle Deposit information for details		Check #2	\$ 300.00
<b>Jacket Deposit*</b> Postdate check for 4/1/2021		Check #3	\$ 200.00

Please use **THREE** separate checks and indicate **PROGRAM FEE, JACKET DEPOSIT, or RAFFLE DEPOSIT** on memo line. Please indicate if the Jacket Deposit will be a **DONATION**. \*



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**\*\*Do NOT email this page. Print, sign, and mail it with the Program Fee Summary and the 3 payment checks\*\***

Taos Sports Associates  
Post Office Box 3011  
Taos, NM 87571-3011

**TWST Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines Contract**, I/we have read and understand the terms of the TWST Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines and electronically initialed thereby indicating I/we freely agree to its terms.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial\***

**TWST Contract**, I/we understand that representing TAOS and the Taos Winter Sports Team as well as participating as an athlete is a privilege. I/we agree that we have read and understand and will adhere to the forgoing "TWST Contract". Additionally, I/we have electronically initialed each section which indicated reading and freely agreeing to the terms throughout. I/we have also pledged to read, Taos Winter Sports Team Handbook and agree to adhere to the TWST codes of conduct and policies outlined in the TWST Handbook. Any athlete found violating this contract may be excused immediately (if traveling with the TWST, all expenses incurred will be the responsibility of his/her parents or guardians). There will be no refund of Club dues.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial\***

**TWST Liability Agreement**, I/we agree that we have read and understand the WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT and electronically initialed thereby indicating I/we have read and freely agree to its terms.

I have read the forgoing and fully understand the contents hereof. \_\_\_\_\_ **Initial\***

**Participant(s):**

**Printed Name #1\***: \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name #2\***: \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name #3\***: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

**Printed Name\***: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature\***: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date\***: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant signature required\* if 18 and older:** \_\_\_\_\_