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**Secondary Extra-Curricular Athletics
SEASONAL SPORTS/ATHLETIC EVENTS
Informed Consent**

**Ski and Snowboard Alpine Race Team
Jan/Feb 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The written, informed consent of parents/guardians is required for participation of students in all extra-curricular seasonal sport, athletic events and activities in North Vancouver School District No. 44. The purpose of the Informed Consent document is to provide students and parents/guardians with information that is related specifically to each extra-curricular seasonal sport. The information contained herein applies to the entire season of the specific extra-curricular sport and/or athletic event(s) and also extends to pre-season and post-season activities i.e., exhibition games, training camps, league playoffs, District/Zone playoffs, Regional and/or Provincial Finals. The parent/guardian consenting signatures on this document indicate acknowledgement and acceptance of the information contained herein inclusive of risks and potential consequences.

The scheduling of any extra-curricular seasonal sport and/or athletic event(s) involving a multiple-day and/or out-of-province excursion is governed under the provisions of School District *Policy 207: Field Trips* and parents/guardians will be informed separately and accordingly.

Within this package, you will find information relating to:

- Purpose(s) of the extra-curricular athletic program
- Notification of student/parent pre-season meeting required for: football, rugby, alpine skiing, snowboarding, gymnastics, diving, wrestling, and mountain biking.
- Itinerary consisting of schedule, date(s), and times
- Transportation arrangements
- Description of supervisors: teachers, employees of the Board and other adult volunteers, along with contact information
- Description of direct and indirect supervision
- Description of all activities and the inherent risks and potential consequences
- Assessment of student skills and abilities as pertaining to the extra-curricular sport/athletic activity
- Behavioral expectations of students plus safety rules and regulations
- Emergency Plan: cell phone, first-aid provision(s), injury/incident reporting
- Description of budget consisting of revenue (cost to student) and expenditures (cost of trip)
- Notice regarding cancellation and deposits
- Parental responsibility to determine whether the student may participate in the sport
- *Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility Form* completed by student

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ATHLETICS OBJECTIVES:

The objective of extra-curricular athletics is to foster a healthy appreciation of competition in the context of individual and team sports. Specifically, our program aims for the pursuit of excellence in the areas of commitment, competition, skill development, enjoyment, cooperation, and participation by students.

Grade 8-12 Ski and Snowboard Alpine Race Team

By virtue of being out of the school setting and in many cases, away from the home school, students on an athletic team learn to be ambassadors for their school, their community and even their country. They learn the realities of travel, the responsibilities and independence of self-governance, the communication skills and leadership skills necessary for teamwork, and the social skills necessary for a variety of circumstances.

PRE- SEASON MEETING:

If the nature of the extra-curricular sport and/or athletic event exposes students to a higher than normally acceptable level of risk then a pre-season information meeting will be arranged for parents/guardians and students. The purpose of the pre-season meeting is to provide an opportunity for the dissemination of information and discussion, related to the inherent risks and potential consequences.

The student/parent pre-season meeting for this athletic program is scheduled for Dec 3, 2020, at 7:00 pm via MS Teams

COACHES, SPONSORS(S) AND CHAPERONE(S):

<u>Name</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone Number(s)</u>	<u>Email address</u>
Ryan Earl	M	Staff sponsor	(604) 345 7712	rearl@sd44.ca
Kent Jefferson	M	Comm Coach	(604) 728 7515	kentjeff@shaw.ca

LEVELS OF SUPERVISION:

The level of supervision is divided into direct and indirect. Direct supervision is the time students spend with a coach, sponsor(s) and/or chaperone(s), which is directly related to the extra-curricular sport and/or event. Indirect supervision is the time students may spend as “unstructured time” outside of activities that are directly supervised. Under indirect supervision, the students may not necessarily be in the company of a coach, sponsor or chaperone. It is expected that students, while under indirect supervision, will act with common sense in accordance with school and school district behavior expectations and abide by the alpine responsibility code. Coaches, sponsors and chaperones will determine the parameters of “unstructured time” and clearly articulate them to students. Students, when under indirect supervision, will be informed of how to reach a coach, sponsor or chaperone in the case of an emergency.

The training sessions at Seymour have a minimum of two school/community coaches, and other adults on site. Race officials, parents, and staff closely supervise races; however, **due to the nature of the activity, it is impossible for students to be under close adult supervision at all times. If this is of concern to you please do not allow your child to either train or compete with the team.** Neither teachers nor coaches can be held responsible for the failure of students to adhere to the basic safety rules that apply at all ski hills. **This is not a “learn to ski/ride club”; students must be comfortable skiing/riding blue level runs. Students are expected to complete a minimum of four runs on all training session dates.**

TRANSPORTATION:

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will arrange for transportation that best meets the needs of the extra-curricular sport/athletic event in question. Students are instructed to use the safest mode of transport available with the acknowledgment and approval of their parent(s)/guardian(s). The nature of each extra-curricular athletic event may determine the mode of transportation utilized.

- Students and parents are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements to/from Mount Seymour.
- Transportation of multiple students must be done from the **SAME school-assigned cohort** (with masks on). **This information MUST be given to Mr. Earl upon arrival on the hill.**
- When traveling to and from extra-curricular athletic events, all parties are expected to observe the provisions of the motor vehicle code.
- Students and parents must abide by **COVID-19 protocols** at all times during transportation to and from the mountain.

ITINERARY:

Seymour Training nights (5) 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Feb. 3rd

Race Date (Seymour) 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday Feb. 10th
Wednesday Feb. 17th (alternate date)

All events take place on Seymour Sevens (Below the rental building)

RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES:

There is a degree of risk in all daily activities. The risk is increased to varying degrees when students are away from the safety and supervision of the school setting. It is impossible to itemize every possible element of risk associated with an extra-curricular sport and/or an athletic event. Generally speaking, this event may include, but not be limited to the following inherent risks and all risks associated with:

A. Travel to and from the event venue(s)

Participation in extra-curricular sports and/or athletic events involves travel to and from the home school. Risks associated with travel, may include but are not limited to: mode of transportation, environmental conditions, distance, traffic conditions, etc.

B. Active participation in the sport and/or athletic event

Ski/snowboard racing is a sport with a level of inherent risk and potential consequences, which may include, but is not limited to: bodily injury ranging from incidental to potentially fatal.

Students have been briefed on the risks involved in playing extra-curricular Ski/snowboard racing and on the appropriate precautions to be taken. Students are required to complete and sign the *Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility Form* in order to demonstrate full understanding of the expectations, risks, safety precautions and responsibilities associated with Ski/snowboard racing before being permitted to participate.

C. Spectating

D. COVID-19 exposure and risks increase with participation in group events such as this.

Coaches, sponsors, chaperones, and students will do all they can to ensure a safe and controlled experience to reduce inherent risk. The consequences of risk are, again, myriad and dependent on the situation. Students and parents need to be aware that injury can occur from risk, and that injury can range from minor to fatal. By virtue of signing this "Informed Consent" document, you are acknowledging your understanding and acceptance of the inherent risks and possible consequences associated with this extra-curricular sport/athletic event.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Before students may participate in any planned extra-curricular sport and/or athletic event, they must assure the coach(es), sponsor(s) and chaperone(s) that they have the necessary and required skills, training and common sense to participate in the activity. Due to the nature of inherent risks associated with Ski/snowboard racing, the coach(es), sponsor(s) and/or chaperone(s) must be assured that students have the necessary and required skills, training, and common sense to realistically participate in the activity at varying degrees of competence.

In order to ensure that the participant has an appropriate level of competence and skill to actively participate in this athletic activity, he/she will be required to provide a self-assessment on the *Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility Form*. It is important to note that students are solely responsible for being forthright and honest in declaring their level of skills and abilities in the “self-assessment” section entitled, “My level of skills and abilities” on the *Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility Form*.

This team is not for beginner skiers or snowboarders. The competitions and training require a base of skill level. Please make note of ability level in the student risk & awareness form. **Skill and ability levels are assessed during training evenings at Seymour.**

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS, SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

While participating in extra-curricular high school sports and/or athletic events, it is important that students are aware that behavioral expectations are governed under the B.C. High School Sports Code of Conduct, the School Code of Conduct and the School District Student Conduct Policy. Furthermore, students represent their school and District at all times when traveling and participating in extra-curricular school sports and/or athletic events and as such are accountable for their behavior.

The overarching principle of all school-related activities is to ensure the safety of the individual and group at all times. Students must always be concerned about their own safety and the safety of others at all times.

- **All school rules, the Seycove Code of Conduct and the School District Student Conduct Policy are in effect at all times during extra-curricular activities**
- **Students in violation of any school rules will be subject to disciplinary action.**
- **Participants must stay in the area where the extra-curricular sport or activity is scheduled.**
- **All participants must wear a helmet during races and when free skiing/boarding.**
- **Students must abide by the Alpine responsibility Code at all time on the mountain**
- **Students are required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols at all times. This includes mandatory face coverings at all times.**

EMERGENCY PLANNING:

At least one supervising adult will have access to a cell phone and first aid kit. Student Emergency Procedure Plans/medical supplies will be brought for students with life-threatening medical conditions (e.g., anaphylaxis).

In the event of student injury, parents/guardians will be notified. In addition, supervising school personnel are required to record the details of any serious injury that may occur during athletic events and activities and, as soon as practicable, complete an on-line *Incident Report* submission.

MEDICAL/EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parents/guardians are required to fill in the separate *Medical/Emergency Contact Information Form*. The information provided on the *Medical/Emergency Contact Information Form* is critical for guiding appropriate medical responses if needed.

BUDGET:

Seymour Fees (6)	6 x \$25 = \$150	Without Seymour Pass
	Or	
	6 x \$12 = \$72	With Seymour Pass
Team Fee	= \$10	Medals, incidentals, equipment)
Team Neck Gaiter	= \$10	Face coverings are mandatory
Total team fee	= \$170	Without Seymour Pass
	Or	
	= \$92	With Seymour Pass

Payment via Schoolcash online

Deadline for submission of monies and paperwork is December 10th, 2020.

POLICY REGARDING CANCELLATION OF EVENTS/REFUNDS:

NOTE: If an extra-curricular seasonal sport budget requires the payment of a deposit and/or monies either in advance of the season or during the season and the extra-curricular athletic event(s) is cancelled either in part or in whole, or the schedule/itinerary altered, neither the school nor the Board shall be liable for any refund either in part, or in whole.

If this activity is forced to cancel due to COVID-19, refunds can not be guaranteed. We will do our best to refund whatever fees we can, but not all fees will be able to be refunded.

PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY:

Parents/guardians have the responsibility to determine whether the student may participate on the Ski/Snowboard Team as demonstrated by the completion and signing of an *Informed Consent* form.

- Parents/guardians have the responsibility to arrange extra accident or liability insurance.
- Parents have the responsibility to arrange transportation to and from the venue used for **in school-assigned cohorts** if taking multiple students. **This information MUST be given to Mr. Earl at attendance time.**
- Students and parents must abide by **COVID-19 protocols** at all times including during transportation to and from the mountain.
- Return this signed informed consent form to Mr. Earl in Student Services wing
- Return *Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility* form to Mr. Earl in Student Services wing
- Return Medical form to Mr. Earl in Student Services wing
- Complete Mt Seymour form:
<https://my.1risk.net/1waiverKioskV2/?a=aHR0cHM6Ly9teS4xcmlzay5uZXQvbXRzZXItb3VyYXBpfiDcxNWQ0MTVIYzUzMDQzYmU4Zjg2MGVIZjMzNmY5NzAyfDEX>
- Pay team fee (\$92 with pass or \$170 without pass) via Schoolcash online
- Sign up for team communication via the **Remind App: text @seyski2020 to 778 654-5953**
- Link to medical form:
<https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Parents/forms/Documents/Student%20Medical%20Form.pdf>
- Link to medical Seycove Student Athlete Code of Conduct.
<https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/ProgramsServices/athletics/RegistrationforallAthletes/Documents/Seycove%20Student%20Athlete%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>
- Link to MS Teams:
<https://teams.microsoft.com//team/19%3a0f3c535416ad46f29e4975d5e91ac50e%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=3308ad2c-6a5d-404d-ba00-c43816b81f32&tenantId=9e1ad546-f8d5-4f7a-860e-273867a353a0>

Sincerely,

Ryan Earl

