

Whitetail Ski Education Foundation
Learning Without Tears Whitetail GS – January 26, 2025

RELEASE AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that skiing and snowboarding in their various forms including but not limited to alpine, nordic, and freestyle and dryland training activities **are action sports carrying significant risk of serious personal injury, death or property damage.** I also know that there are natural, mechanical and environmental conditions and risks, which independently or in combination with my or my minor child's activities may cause property damage or severe, even fatal injuries to me, my minor child or others.

I agree that I alone am responsible for: (a) my or my minor child's safety while participating in competitive events and/or training for competitive events and (b) providing, utilizing and maintaining that equipment necessary for the safe enjoyment of my or my minor child's participation in such events and specifically acknowledge that the following persons or entities including Whitetail Ski Education Foundation, Inc., the promoters, sponsors, organizers, promoter clubs, officials and any agent, representative, officers, directors, employees, members or affiliates of any person or entity named above are not responsible for my or my minor child's safety. **I SPECIFICALLY AGREE NOT TO SUE AND TO RELEASE** in advance, Whitetail Ski Education Foundation, Inc., from any liability whether known or unknown even if liability may arise out of negligence, gross negligence, improper conduct or other releasable cause on the part of persons or entities mentioned above. I agree to accept all responsibility for the risks, conditions and hazards, which may occur whether they now are known or unknown.

Being fully aware of the **risks, conditions and hazards** of the proposed activity as a competitor, parent, coach or official, **I HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE Whitetail Ski Education Foundation, Inc., its officers, directors, board members, employees, agents, and servants, successors, administrators, members, attorneys, insurers and assigns (the "Released Parties") of and from any and all claims, whether sounding in tort, contract or otherwise, for all damages, losses, claims, assessments, and/or causes of action, including, but not limited to, those for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me as a result of any participation in competitive events or training for competitive events, against any person or entity identified above whether such injury or damage was foreseeable or not, including any such claims regarding the design or condition of any equipment utilized**

by me or my minor child in such competitive events without regard to whether such equipment is specified or recommended by such persons or entities identified above.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against, and to reimburse the Released Parties with respect to, any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, penalties, assessments, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incident to any claim, suit, action or proceeding) arising out of or resulting from **MY OR MY CHILD'S** participation in competitive events or training for competitive events, regardless of any negligence on the part of the same.

I further understand and agree that if I so desire, I or my minor child may pre-inspect any slope, course or other area in anyway related to my or my minor child's participation, prior to my or my minor child's use of the same and that **by participating, I AM ASSUMING FOR MYSELF AND MY MINOR CHILD ALL OF THE RISKS INVOLVED.**

I currently have and agree to maintain throughout the time that my minor child or I train and compete, valid and sufficient medical and accident insurance. I understand that this is my sole responsibility and release all persons and entities identified above from providing this coverage for me.

I agree that I or my minor child will accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the Whitetail Ski Education Foundation, Inc., Whitetail Ski Resort and any other rules or regulations imposed by the organizers of any particular competition.

Additionally, I hereby grant permission to the Whitetail Ski Education Foundation, Inc., to use my photograph, videotape, motion picture or other record of my use of the facility, for any legitimate purpose and hereby release all rights to the same.

This Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk and Release shall be binding upon my heirs and assigns.

I agree that all disputes arising under this contract and/or from my use of the facilities at Whitetail shall be litigated exclusively in the Court of Common Pleas for the Thirty-Ninth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Franklin County Branch or in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. The participant or purchaser of the program voluntarily assumes the risk of injury while participating in this sport.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY THE RELEASE AGREEMENT ABOVE.

ATHLETE (Printed Name) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

If under 18, the signature of a parent/guardian is required.

By signing below, I accept the terms and conditions of the within Release Agreement, and I acknowledge that I am empowered to sign the same on behalf of the above-named Athlete, and that I am thereby bound by them. I further agree that the indemnification set forth above shall expressly extend to claims asserted by any other parent or guardian of the Athlete, including, but not limited to, claims that I am not authorized to sign this Release Agreement or that such other parent and/or guardian is not bound by this Release Agreement.

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Printed Name) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

**COMPETITION, RACING, TRAINING AND TRYOUTS
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**WARNING: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING!
THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS
INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION**

1. The person who is taking part in ski, snowboard, or other winter sport racing, competition, tryouts, or training activities as an athlete, coach, staff member, prospective or active ski patrol member, volunteer, event credential holder, spectator, or other participant is referred to as "Participant." I am the Participant or, if the Participant is a minor/infant, I am the Participant's parent or legal guardian. I understand that skiing, snowboarding, winter sports recreation, race training, competition, ski or snowboard testing or tryouts, other equipment testing, wax testing, using freestyle terrain or terrain park features, performing any other training or competition related activities, and/or using any of the facilities of the ski area, including but not limited to use of the lifts, ski slopes, trails, and other equipment, for any purpose (the "Activity"), can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVE THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND/OR DEATH.**

2. I understand the dangers and risks of the Activity and that the Participant, as a "skier" and/or "competitor" (as may be defined by statute or other applicable law), **ASSUMES ALL INHERENT DANGERS AND RISKS.**

3. Exposure to COVID-19, disease and sicknesses ("sickness") is an inherent risk of the Activity. Every Participant has the responsibility to enjoy a safe and healthy experience. The resort cannot eliminate the risk that a Participant is exposed while engaged in the Activity. The Participant agrees it is his or her responsibility to (1) follow all instructions, signage, warnings, and guidelines; (2) stay home if sick or experiencing symptoms of any sickness; (3) if required, wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet physical distancing from other guests, including in lift lines; and (4) wash and sanitize hands frequently.

4. I expressly acknowledge and assume additional risks and dangers that may result in property damage, physical injury and/or death that may be above and beyond the inherent dangers and risks of the Activity, including but not limited to: Falling or loss of balance; icy, slick or uneven surfaces; avalanches, cornices and crevasses; collisions with natural or man-made objects or other people; bumps, tree wells, downed timber, rocks, drainage channels, holes, debris, and other rugged mountainous terrain; marked and unmarked obstacles; unmaintained or unmarked trails/roads or trail obstructions; the negligence of Participant, Ski Area employees, event officials or organizers, a guide/instructor, or others (including selection of terrain that exceeds Participant's ability); guests' failure to comply with signage; collisions with snowmobiles and/or other motor or over-snow vehicles; equipment malfunction, failure or damage; improper use or maintenance of equipment; misloading, entanglements, or falls from ski lifts; varying visibility, storms, lightning, hail, snow and other adverse weather; becoming lost or separated; lack of shelter; limited access to and/or delay of rescue efforts or medical attention; Participant's health condition, physical exertion, exhaustion, dehydration, hypothermia, altitude sickness, other sickness, or frostbite; and/or mental distress from exposure to any of the above. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE RISKS IN THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT COMPLETE AND VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE FOR PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS AND DANGERS OF THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED HERE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INHERENT OR OTHERWISE.

5. Participant assumes the responsibility of maintaining control at all times while engaging in the Activity and for reading, understanding and complying with all signage, including instructions on the use of lifts. Participant must have the physical dexterity and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload the lifts. I understand that a minor/infant Participant may use the ski lifts without an adult present or may ride the ski lifts with non-employee guests. I understand that snowmobiles, snowmaking equipment, and snow-grooming equipment may be encountered at any time, and that falls, collisions and injuries are common.

6. I agree that the Participant is a "competitor" at all times, whether practicing or training for competition or in competition, or trying out or training for ski patrol, that Participant shall inspect the training and competition courses prior to participating in the Activity, and that Participant assumes the risk of all course conditions, including but not limited to course construction, layout and obstacles.

7. Additionally, in consideration for allowing the Participant to participate in the Activity, I **AGREE**, to the greatest extent permitted by law, **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST AND TO HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND AGREE NOT TO SUE** Vail Resorts, Inc., The Vail Corporation, Trimont Land Company, Heavenly Valley, Limited Partnership, VR US Holdings, Inc., VR US Holdings II, LLC, VR CPC Holdings, Inc., VR NE Holdings, LLC, VR NW Holdings, Inc., VR PA Holdings, Inc., Whistler Blackcomb Holdings Inc., Blackcomb Skiing Enterprises Limited Partnership, Whistler Mountain Resort Limited Partnership, Peak Resorts, Inc., Andermatt-Sedrun Sport AG, each of their affiliated companies and subsidiaries, the resort owner/operator, land owner, activity operator, the equipment manufacturer, Activity organizer, Activity promoter, United States Ski & Snowboard Association, Snow Park Technologies, LLC, The Burton Corporation, Beaver Creek Resort Company, TSG Ski & Golf, LLC, the United States, Her Majesty The Queen In Right Of The Province Of British Columbia and all their respective insurance companies, successors in interest, commercial & corporate sponsors, affiliates, agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, and shareholders (each a "Released Party") **FOR ANY INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR EXPENSE, WHICH I OR PARTICIPANT MAY SUFFER, ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART OUT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE CLAIMS BASED ON ANY RELEASED PARTY'S ALLEGED OR ACTUAL NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF ANY CONTRACT AND/OR EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ANY DUTY OF CARE UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF ANY RELEASED PARTY TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT AGAINST THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE ACTIVITY.**

In further consideration for allowing Participant to participate in the Activity, I **FURTHER RELEASE AND GIVE UP ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND RIGHTS THAT I MAY NOW HAVE AGAINST ANY RELEASED PARTY AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASES ALL CLAIMS, INCLUDING THOSE OF WHICH I AM NOT AWARE, THOSE NOT MENTIONED IN THIS RELEASE AND THOSE RESULTING FROM ANYTHING WHICH HAS HAPPENED UP TO NOW.**

8. I ALSO AGREE TO PAY ALL COSTS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, INCURRED BY ANY RELEASED PARTY IN DEFENDING AN INVESTIGATION, CLAIM OR LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY OR ON PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF WHETHER ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITY OR FROM ANY MISREPRESENTATIONS OR FRAUDULENT EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

9. I grant the Released Parties the right of publicity to own and use any image collected of Participant while participating in the Activity.

10. I represent that Participant is in good health and that there are no special problems associated with Participant's physical or mental condition. I authorize a licensed physician or other medical care provider to carry out any emergency medical care for Participant which may be necessary and agree to be fully responsible for any costs associated with such care or transport to such care.

11. I agree that any and all claims for loss, injury and/or death arising from Participant's participation in the Activity shall be governed by the law of the State or Province where the alleged incident occurred and that **EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION** of any such claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State or Province where the alleged incident occurred, except that all cases arising out of an alleged incident at (a) Heavenly Mountain shall be governed by California law and the exclusive jurisdiction of any such claim will be a California court of competent jurisdiction; and (b) Hunter Mountain shall be governed by New York law and the exclusive jurisdiction of any such claim will be in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Greene or in the US District Court for the Northern District of New York.

12. **BY SIGNING ON BEHALF OF A MINOR/INFANT OR OTHER PARTICIPANT, I REPRESENT THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON PARTICIPANT'S BEHALF and/or I AM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR/INFANT PARTICIPANT** and acknowledge that Participant is bound by all the terms of this Agreement. I understand that the minor/infant Participant would not be permitted to take part in any of the Activities unless I agree to the terms of this Agreement. By signing this Agreement without a parent or legal guardian's signature, I represent, under penalty of fraud that I am at least 18 years old (US) or 19 years old (Canada). I understand that a minor/infant Participant may use the ski lifts without an adult present or may ride the ski lifts with non-employee guests.

13. I understand that this Agreement will apply for each and every day participant engages in any Activity during the applicable operating season. I understand that this Agreement is a contract and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall be binding on me and my assignees, subrogors, distributors, heirs, next of kin, executors and personal representatives. If any part of this Agreement is deemed to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be an enforceable contract between the parties. It is my intent that this Agreement shall be binding upon my assignees, subrogors, distributors, heirs, next of kin, executors and personal representatives.

14. **FOR WILMOT MOUNTAIN ONLY:** I understand that, for a fee per person per day in addition to the normal price, Wilmot Mountain offers an optional Agreement that does not require me to sign a Release of Liability. In signing this Release of Liability, I acknowledge I am aware of this option, do not wish to pay this fee, accept the full scope of this Release of Liability and hereby waive my right to purchase the same.

MINOR/INFANT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION - Requires Parent/Guardian to Complete, Sign & Date Below

MINOR / INFANT #1 – Last Name, First Name, M.I. (print)	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	Gender *
MINOR / INFANT #2 – Last Name, First Name, M.I. (print)	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	Gender *
MINOR / INFANT #3 – Last Name, First Name, M.I. (print)	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	Gender *
MINOR / INFANT #4 – Last Name, First Name, M.I. (print)	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	Gender *

ADULT PARTICIPANT / PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFO. – Required to Complete, Sign & Date Below

ADULT / PARENT / GUARDIAN – Last Name, First Name, M.I. (print)	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	Gender *
ADDRESS – Street Address/Mailing Address, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code (please print)		PHONE NUMBER
EMERGENCY CONTACT (print full name)	RELATION	PHONE NUMBER

X _____
SIGNATURE DATE

* Used only for Activity Division, Category, or Class Designation

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Tracking # _____