

## GRAND TRAVERSE SKI CLUB

### PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The goal of Grand Traverse Ski Club (GTSC) is to make ski instruction and racing fun for athletes of all ages. Therefore, it is imperative that athletes, coaches, parents, families, spectators and race officials conduct themselves with the highest degree of sportsmanship. To facilitate this objective the USSA has a Code of Conduct for the athletes, while GTSC has implemented a Parent's Code of Conduct.

Specifically, everyone associated with the GTSC ski program will be expected to promote a constructive and positive atmosphere both on and off the hill. While it is understandable that training and competition can and will breed excitement and high emotion, the GTSC Board believes that spirited training and competition can be experienced without a "win at all cost" mentality.

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I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child (ren) participating in ski instruction and racing with the GTSC by following this Parents' Code of Conduct.

1. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child (ren) or others.
2. I will learn the rules of ski racing and the policies of GTSC.
3. My guests and I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all athletes, coaches, officials and spectators at any and all races, training and GTSC events.
4. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child (ren) ahead of a personal desire to win.
5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of the athletes.
6. I will teach my child (ren) to ski, race and train by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child (ren) treat other skiers, racers, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of ability.
8. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or another participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will do my very best to make skiing and racing fun for my child (ren).
10. I will help my child(ren) enjoy the ski and racing experience by doing whatever I can, such as providing transportation, being timely, being a respectful fan, or assisting with club duties.
11. I will respect the officials and their authority during races and support coaches working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
12. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all training and race events.
13. I recognize that the relationship between an athlete and a coach can be altered dramatically by the presence of a parent. Therefore, during instruction and training I will do my best to "observe from afar".
14. I will refrain from coaching my child or other racers during training and races, unless I am asked to assist by a coach.

I have read and agree to abide by the GTSC Code of Conduct, a copy of which I have received

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_