



## GB Snowsport Code of Conduct for Parents & Carers at Youth International Races

GB Snowsport (GBS) recognises the important part parents play in the sport, the huge commitment required and the sacrifices made to support their children. The enjoyment and safety of your child when they are involved in GBS activities is of paramount importance to us. Our codes of conduct set out clearly our requirements in order for your child to be supported and encouraged to do their best. This not only helps ensure your child is supported, but also helps ensure other athletes are able to enjoy the races and achieve their potential too.

Competitive skiing requires athletes to develop patience, focus and confidence. The psychological elements of the sport present challenges for coaches, athletes and parents. It can sometimes be difficult to keep things in perspective at International races. For parents, the urge to coach, provoke or criticise athletes can sometimes be almost irresistible. Young athletes will not perform at their best when receiving advice and direction from the sidelines. It is hard for young athletes to remain relaxed, confident and to maintain a love for the sport in the face of unrealistic expectations or criticism for their efforts. As parents/carers attending the Youth International Races, we ask you to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of our sport:

Parents must agree:

- ◆ To support and encourage my child to do their best
- ◆ To support and encourage other athletes
- ◆ To support the GBS coaches and agree it is not my role at races to help my child prepare for the race (mentally or physically)
- ◆ To support the GBS coaches and leave technical advice and comments to the GBS coach both on the piste, and in the Start area
- ◆ To be respectful towards the coach and challenge any concerns through the appropriate channels
- ◆ Not to use inappropriate language or gestures, including foul, sexist, abusive, racist or prejudicial language
- ◆ To stay in separate accommodation from my child, if I am staying in the resort
- ◆ Not to socialise in the hotel my child is staying in, or to enter the bedroom of any athlete for any purpose, if I am present in the resort
- ◆ Not to help my child with ski servicing and race preparation of skis, if I am present in the resort
- ◆ Not to make negative remarks about my child or other athletes
- ◆ Not to challenge decisions made by coaches or team managers whilst they are acting in loco parentis whether this is regarding the coaching, racing or pastoral care (unless a safeguarding concern) and to at all times act reasonably and professionally towards the GBS staff
- ◆ Not to administer medication to any child

We want all athletes to do their best and enjoy themselves. It is only by adhering to the Parents Code of Conduct and giving positive support that all athletes will have an equal chance of doing so.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in the Complaints Procedure being invoked or being asked not to attend.

