



## **Skiing & Snowboarding Championships 2017**

### **Health & Safety Statement**

It is important that TSSSA and schools understand their individual and shared duty of care for the safety of all those heading up the mountain when the snow arrives.

- TSSSA as the event organiser has the primary duty of care to ensure that the event complies with current H & S legislation. We are working with all relevant parties to ensure this happens. The Event Safety plan will be finalised before the end of Term 2.
- TSSSA has included a letter to be sent out to parents/care givers of students attending the event. It is extremely important that parents are aware of the risks involved and accept the conditions of entry. This will be placed on the TSSSA website also. Any student who attends the event with permission from their school will have been deemed as accepting these conditions.
- TSSSA and the SMC's duty of care begins once schools have registered their students at the registration area. Please ensure that the TIC of your school comes here asap to confirm who is on the mountain from their school. Registrations will take place in the Warwick Brown Building for 2017.
- It is the schools responsibility to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place for students travel to and from the event. TSSSA & the SMC accept that there is a shared responsibility with schools in ensuring that schools have appropriate and up-to-date information to plan their journey to the event. This includes the mountain road leading up to the ski field car park and the walkway around the gully to the ski field.
  - Schools should regularly check the SMC website and Facebook page prior to leaving for the event. This has up to date information on the condition of the road. 4WD vehicles and 2WD vehicles with chains are

appropriate for these conditions. It is **strongly** advised that students do not travel to the event on their own and that this is managed by schools.

- The SMC have provided the following statement in relation to the protocols in opening the walking track for the public:

*1 Stratford Mountain Club (SMC) will maintain and keep the access track to the Managnui ski field in a suitable state fit for purpose during the winter months when the ski field is open. This includes keeping all wooden structures clear of snow, and the temporary track section and the head of the gorge. Department of Conservation (DOC) will accept that conditions change quickly on the mountain and track conditions may change during the day without notice to ski area staff/SMC. SMC will liaise with the DOC to help manage new or existing track damage that may occur during the winter months.*

*2 SMC will endeavour to provide clear and promote communication through its existing communication network to inform the public to the conditions of the track and the ski field operating hours. The ski field will not operate until the track is deemed to be in a fit for purpose state for the general public.*

*3 SMC will endeavour to assess and manage hazards associated with the operation of the ski field, including the access track to the field. Hazards that cannot be controlled will deem the ski field is closed until a solution can be found or the hazard removed. Avalanche conditions affecting the Managnui gorge will be assessed throughout the winter months and if the hazard is deemed to be of a significant risk to the general safety of the public the ski field will be closed.*

- The Avalanche risk can be viewed from the Stratford Mountain Club's website and again schools should check this and make the appropriate decisions for their students prior to coming to the ski field.
- When schools are entering students please ensure that you follow the procedures on the entry form. Please include all students who are likely to attend by the cut-off date for registrations.
- On the day it is the schools responsibility and will be a requirement of entry that the TIC has a complete list of all those students who have permission to be at the event. TSSSA will then be able to handle the registration process more efficiently.
  - TSSSA will not accept any 'walk up' registrations on the day from students. It is the responsibility of the teacher in charge to manage this.

Should a student not be on a TIC list it will be the responsibility of the TIC to register this student with us.

- In the event that a student does not receive permission from the school on the day to be at the event, that student will be classified as a member of the public. It will be the TIC of that school that should notify the school that the student is at the event without the appropriate permission. TSSSA will not accept any liability for a student that does not have the appropriate permission from their school to be at the event.
- Once schools have their confirmed list of students attending the event on the day, TSSSA requires two copies of the names and emergency contact numbers for those students. Please hand these over when registering your students.
- TSSSA's duty of care for the event ceases at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. From this point onwards it is the schools responsibility to ensure that arrangements are in place to take the students off the mountain. Schools may remain on the slopes if they wish but you will be doing so as a member of the public and under the schools responsibility.

The above is determined as best practice to isolate/minimise/prevent any risk of injury to all those associated with running the event. We appreciate your cooperation in this regard. Should you have any queries please contact:

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