

Attn: St. Paul Ski Club Parents and Jumpers

As we witnessed last week, winter weather can be unpredictable and fickle. So, in case the weather interferes with future practices/competitions, we wanted to let you know what to expect.

1. Thawing, rain, wind chills, or snow affecting the hills will be evaluated by our Hill Condition Observer. The observer will report to coaches on the conditions of the hills and our coaches will make the decision to hold or cancel jumping based on the level of safety for our jumpers. Cancellations will be communicated via email and Facebook by 4 pm the day of.
2. If it snows, a work party will automatically and immediately be formed. Work on the hills includes:
 - shoveling the steps and in front of the chalet,
 - clearing snow out of the tracks
 - the snowmobile is used for grooming on the 10/20, the 30/46 are to be ski-packed and raked only
 - packing the hills by having people in downhill boots and skis side-stepping the landing hills so that the fresh snow is packed onto the hills after a fresh snow fall.
3. Another important way parents can volunteer is to be the host for our chalet during practices and comps. The Chalet Host is responsible for reminding everyone to clean up after themselves (taking clothing, etc. back home with them, picking up trash and vacuuming when necessary. A sign-up sheet, list of duties, and schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the chalet.
4. All Friday night tournaments begin with the playing of our National Anthem. We hope all our jumpers and spectators would honor our flag and those who fought for our freedoms by standing still and be respectful until the National Anthem is finished. The National Anthem will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
5. We love giving new people a chance to explore our sport. However, we have a limited number of volunteers on any given night that are knowledgeable enough to help with equipment, membership sign-up, etc. If you know of someone who is thinking of trying out the sport or starting to learn, PLEASE make sure they make arrangements to be helped with lessons and equipment BEFORE they come out to the hill. You can email the ski club at stpaulskiclub@gmail.com for membership sign-up information. We will only be taking new memberships on Friday nights before the tournaments. This does not mean a new member cannot set up equipment times or getting acquainted with the club on training nights, but we want to reserve the training nights for training.

6. Volunteers are ALWAYS needed. Sign-up sheets are available through Signup Genius. They will also be available in paper format at registration for every club tournament. Many of the jobs are very easy and don't require prior experience. Feel free to ask questions before you put your name down.
7. Training and Tournament Schedule:

Tues/Thurs Training

- Chalet opens at 6:00.
- Warmup at 6:30
- All skiers on hills by 7:00
- Smaller hills done skiing by 8:15
- Chalet closes at 9:00 (ending times for larger hills is flexible but 9:00 is the latest.

Friday night tournaments

- Gates open at 5:00
 - Hills open at 5:30
 - Registration closes at 6:30 sharp
 - National Anthem at 7:00 sharp
8. Skier and Coach training forms. This is our first year of implementing a formal training program to help our skiers progress up to the larger hills and hopefully beyond into the Central Division. There is a form for each skier to fill out after their training sessions. There will be coach input on there as well. All the forms are in the chalet and will be kept on a clipboard hanging on a bulletin board downstairs so they're easily found. We will make a "Coaches Corner" bulletin board for this purpose.

This is a work in progress, so please be patient. Your input is welcome.

Having active parent volunteers keeps our fees affordable for everyone!