



Heavenly Ski and Ride School 2015/16

The Responsibility Code

Below is an outline of the responsibility code and what it really means:

1. Ski/ride under control; you must be able to avoid any collisions with people or objects in front of you at all times, if you do end up in a collision with someone below you, you were not under control. People below you can do what they want they have no mirrors or blinkers, they cannot cut you off. Again if you did not avoid them you were not under control.
2. People in front of you have the right of way; see above. It is not acceptable to yell "on your left or right"; people in front of you always have the right of way. If you like to ski/ride relatively fast look for gap in the traffic not just above you but also below you.
3. Stop in a safe place out of the way of traffic where you can be seen from above; it is usually better to stop on the uphill side of trails if someone falls they will slide below you. Try and avoid the shade, it is hard to see people in the shade of trees especially at Heavenly. Use barriers where possible to use for protection e.g. slow signs etc. Never stop under blind roll overs. Never stop in narrow, flat areas where people try and maintain their speed to reach the next downhill section.
4. Always look up hill before setting off or merging; check uphill before you move off, people will tend to move in "waves", wait for a gap before you go. Be vigilant when skiing out of trees onto a groomed trail, you are the one required to give way to the oncoming traffic.
5. Obey all signs; always slowdown in slow zones (you will be given time off work if you are stopped by a "yellow jacket" on or off the clock. Stay out of closed areas including roped off areas (you will lose your job if you enter closed areas even if you are "off the clock"). Obey all other signs; they are always there for a reason.
6. Use devices to prevent run away equipment; all modern skis have brakes integrated into the bindings to prevent run away skis. Telemark skis may not in which case a leash is required. Snowboards are not required to have a leash.



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7. Ensure you can use a lift before loading; you as a coach should be able to use all lifts at Heavenly, your guests may not be able to. Check before you take them on any lift.

Realize that while you will be following, demonstrating and teaching the code most people around you will not even be aware of what it is. You should always ski/ride as though all our other guests have no idea what the responsibility code is.