

# U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club

## Minimum Standards

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Beginning with the 2017-18 membership season, U.S. Ski & Snowboard member clubs will be required to meet the following minimum standards.

- Agree to support and align with U.S. Ski & Snowboard's mission, values and code of conduct.
  
- Agree to adhere to SafeSport guidelines, U.S. Ski & Snowboard's concussion policy and background screening protocol for all those in a position of authority over athletes.
  
- Demonstrate that club leadership and those whom the club appoints to positions of authority over athletes are U.S. Ski & Snowboard members.
  
- Provide evidence of legal existence in their state of primary business operations. For example, clubs must show that they are a licensed business entity in good standing. Examples of documentation may include a current business license, certificate of good standing from state of incorporation, a link to the business' page in the Secretary of State's business lookup in the state you are incorporated or other proof of business existence.
  - There are significant advantages to club leaders for incorporating as a legal business

entity. First and foremost is that if you do not operate under a corporate form, the personal assets of the club leaders can be subject to legal seizure should there be a lawsuit filed.

· Demonstrate that they possess general liability insurance. This requirement may be satisfied either by joining U.S. Ski & Snowboard's CLIP program or providing U.S. Ski & Snowboard with evidence of coverage similar to that provided by CLIP.

- If an organization under the U.S. Ski & Snowboard umbrella is not insured, the club's assets are in jeopardy as are U.S. Ski & Snowboard's. In addition, in order to continue appropriate business relationships with our host venues, having insurance while operating on ski area venues is appropriate. U.S. Ski & Snowboard has provided a very cost effective insurance mechanism to insure club risk. Clubs are free to seek their own coverage as well. The only requirement is that it meets U.S. Ski & Snowboard's coverage standards.

- General liability policy minimum recommended standards

- AM Best Rating of "A" or better

- \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$2,000,0000 policy aggregate

- Sexual Abuse and Molestation Coverage – Coverage for alleged or actual abuse and molestation claims

- Participant Legal Liability – Coverage for bodily injury claims arising from sports participation, including coverage for concussion/head trauma related claims

- Spectator Liability – Coverage for bodily injury claims arising from spectators

- Who Is an Insured – Includes members and supervisory staff of the ski club, officials, coaches and volunteers
  
- Coverage for ski and snowboard competition, training, and club activities
  
- CLIP Ineligible – U.S. Ski & Snowboard clubs that are owned or operated by a parent entity (from which insurance may be obtained) such as resort competition centers, resort-run clubs and universities, municipalities are not eligible for CLIP.

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