OC Ski Club

Alpine Trips Terms and Conditions

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Introduction

Trips are a group effort, not a travel service. These guidelines show clear expectations so trips run smoothly, fairly, and consistently for all participants.

It is the participant's responsibility to read and understand the following OC Ski Club policies:

- Code of Conduct
- Alpine & Cross-Country Trip Policy (participant section)
- Cancellations Policy (Trip Cancellation section)

Copies of these policies are available on the Club website.

This document outlines key policies and includes additional terms and conditions specific to OC Ski Club trips. It is not a complete restatement of all Club policies. Participants are responsible for reviewing all applicable policies as published on the Club website. In the event of a conflict, applicable Club policies and these trip-specific terms shall govern.

Membership Requirement

Participation in OC Ski Club trips is limited to current OC Ski Club members in good standing.

Trip Registration and Room Reservations

A room or space on an OC Ski Club trip is not reserved until both a completed trip application and the required deposit have been received. Submission of an application or payment of a deposit alone does not guarantee a reservation. All reservations are subject to availability and confirmation by the Trip Leader.

Code of Conduct

Participants on Club trips represent the OC Ski Club and are expected to conduct themselves accordingly:

1) Maintain behavior that reflects positively on the Club

2) Comply with all Club rules and policies

3) Follow directives of Trip Leaders related to operations and safety

4) Adhere to all resort, lodging, transportation, and vendor rules

5) Be responsible for personal schedules, transportation, and timely arrival

Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the trip or revocation of membership privileges.

Trip Cancellation Policy

The OC Ski Club does not provide trip insurance and does not collect premiums to cover participant cancellations.

1) A minimum $25 cancellation fee is non-refundable

2) All vendor-imposed costs are non-refundable

3) Refunds are only issued if the participant's spot is replaced or costs are recovered from vendors

4) Refunds are normally processed after the trip is completed or the participant's spot is replaced. Earlier refunds may be authorized when the Club has confirmed that the funds are available and the refund will not create an additional financial obligation for the Club. All refunds remain subject to approval by the Trips Chair and VP of Skiing.

5) Participants remain responsible for unrecovered, non-refundable costs associated with their reservation, as explained under Financial Commitment below.

6) All payment platform processing fees are non-refundable, including when a trip payment is refunded.

General Terms

1) Policy Violations

Participants violating laws or vendor policies may be removed from the trip and are responsible for their own return transportation.

2) Departure Policy

Trips depart at scheduled times and cannot be delayed for late participants.

3) Trip Viability and Financial Commitment

Trips are priced based on a required minimum number of participants and may be modified or canceled if that minimum is not met. Until the minimum participation level has been reached, all approved participants are considered financially committed to the trip, as individual cancellations during this period may impact trip viability and the Club's contractual obligations.

The Final Commitment Date is established for each trip based on the Club's contractual obligations. Participants will be notified of the applicable date by their Trip Leader. Once the minimum participation level has been met, cancellations are permitted in accordance with the OC Ski Club Trip Cancellation Policy up until that date.

After the Final Commitment Date, participants are financially responsible for the full cost of the trip unless a suitable replacement is found or costs are otherwise recovered.

4) Personal Responsibility

Participants are responsible for their own travel documents, medical care, insurance, and personal arrangements. Trip leaders coordinate logistics but do not act as travel agents or medical providers.

5) Ability to Participate

Participants must be capable of traveling independently. Those requiring assistance must travel with a designated companion responsible for their care.

6) Communication

Participants should contact the Trip Leader first for all trip-related matters. If unresolved, the Trips Chair may be contacted.

7) Vendor Responsibility

The Club is not responsible for changes made by third-party vendors, including schedules, lodging, transportation, or policies.

8) Airfare and Cost Increases

Airfare and transportation pricing are subject to change until ticketed. Any increases in airfare, fuel surcharges, taxes, or related costs are the responsibility of the participant. Refusal to accept increased costs does not release the participant from financial obligations.

9) Force Majeure

The Club is not responsible for delays, cancellations, or costs resulting from events beyond its control, including weather, government actions, transportation disruptions, resort closures, natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other circumstances beyond the Club's reasonable control. Any refunds will be limited to amounts actually recovered from vendors, less applicable non-refundable costs and processing fees.