



The Snow Sports Discovery Center At Mohawk Mountain
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MOHAWK MOUNTAIN SKI AREA
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE & ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate now and in the future in the **The Yeti Club**, a ski and snowboard skill development program, as well as skiing in general (the "Activities") at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area, Inc. (the "Facility"), the participant, or his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), (collectively the "Participant"), for himself/herself and on behalf of his/her heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, does hereby agree to the following:

- a) **TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS** that he/she has or may have against the Facility and/or The Snow Sports Discovery Center Inc. (the "Discovery Center") arising out of the inherent risks of participating in the Activities;
- b) **TO ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES;** and
- c) **TO RELEASE** the Facility, the Discovery Center, their respective owners, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and shareholders, from all liability for any loss, damage, injury, or expense that the Participant (or his/her next of kin) may suffer, arising out of the inherent risks of participation in the Activities, which include, but are not limited to, the instruction and/or coaching received while participating in the Activities.

The Participant acknowledges and agrees that the inherent risks of participating in the Activities are in addition to those referenced in *Connecticut General Statutes § 29-212*. The Participant also acknowledges that this agreement does not, in any way, change the rights or obligations of the Facility, the Learning Center, or the Participant, as set forth in *Connecticut General Statutes § 29-211, et. seq.*, other than as set forth in this agreement.

- d) Participant hereby grants to the Facility, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of Participant in connection with Participant's use of the Facility.. Participant, hereby authorizes the Facility to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically. Participant, hereby agrees that the Facility may use such photographs of Participant for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

Arbitration

The Participant hereby agrees to submit any dispute arising from participation in the Activities to arbitration, for the sole purpose of determining whether the alleged injury arises from a risk inherent in the Activities. For such disputes, there shall be a three-member arbitration panel, consisting of two party-appointed arbitrators (one arbitrator to be appointed by each party) and one neutral arbitrator (collectively, the "Panel"), to be chosen by the party-appointed arbitrators. In the event that the two party-appointed arbitrators are not able to agree on a third, neutral arbitrator, the neutral arbitrator shall be appointed by the United States District Court, for the District of Connecticut. Each party shall pay its own costs, including the costs associated with the party-appointed arbitrators, and the parties shall share equally the costs associated with the neutral arbitrator. The arbitration proceeding shall proceed in West Hartford, Connecticut and shall be governed by the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Panel shall establish a reasonable and appropriate discovery schedule to expeditiously resolve this matter. **In the event that the Panel determines the alleged injury arises from a risk inherent in the Participant's participation in the Activities, the claim shall be deemed barred, as a matter of law, and the Participant shall be barred from recovering any compensation from the Facility and/or the Learning Center.** In the event that the Panel determines the alleged injury did not arise from a risk inherent in the Activities, the Participant shall proceed to the Superior Court of Connecticut, or if appropriate, the United States District Court, for the District of Connecticut, for a trial *de novo*.

I/WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I/WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, HAVE NOT CHANGED IT ORALLY, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Participants Name: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Emergency Contact Phone Number