



---

**Memo To: CSA Members**  
**From: David V Pym, Managing Director & CEO**  
**Date: March 15, 2019**  
**RE: Canadian Snowsports Association**  
**URGENT – Risk Management Update**

---

Over the past two seasons we have received reports of a number of serious incidents involving CSA member athletes and Ski Area guests. .

Note: In each case, the ski club member was clearly at fault and was not skiing with care or attention.

As a result, we ask that all member clubs revisit with their members some very important and critical risk management policies:

**1. Canadian Alpine Responsibility Code(s)**

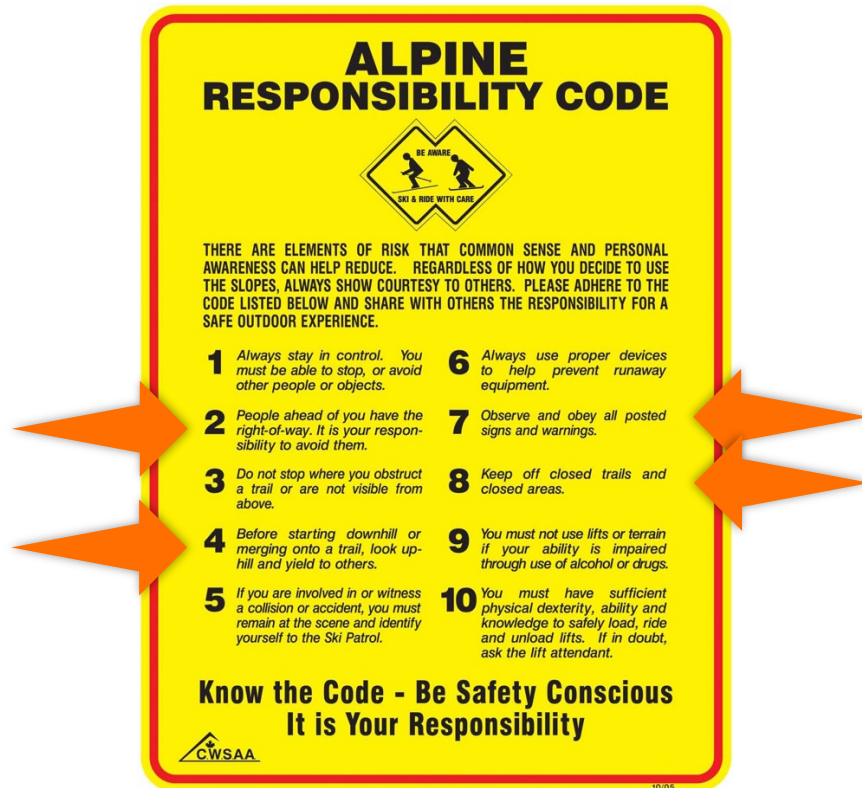
The Canadian Alpine Responsibility Code governs all users of ski area/resort facilities. This includes **all** members of the CSA.

This code is endorsed and used by Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA); Ontario Ski Resorts Association (OSRA); and Atlantic Ski Areas Association (ASAA). Ski Areas in Quebec (ASSQ) have government of Quebec legislation that basically embraces the same principles.

The Code functions as “Rules of the Road” and must be followed.

CSA members must review the following code with their members and we encourage you to post the code prominently in club facilities.

Those identified with → are critical. The fact that the club member is a competitor/racer/volunteer does not provide exemption from the code.



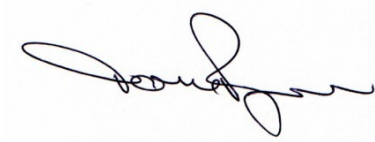
## 2. Ski Club Responsibilities

CSA member clubs (750+) and their members are, for the most part, **guests of the ski area/resort**. All CSA members are required to follow the rules and regulations of the Alpine Responsibility Code, as well as any added rules; regulations; and/or policies set by the host ski area/resort governing the clubs' access and use of facilities.

## 3. Ski Club Risk Management

All member clubs are strongly encouraged to review the CSA Snowsports Association Risk Management Manual [October 2018] and in particular, to review Chapter 5 – Ski Area/Resort Relationships.  
<http://canadiansnowsports.com/e/about/insurance.htm>

We must be pro-active in this exercise. Of the incidents referred to above, one is already in litigation and another is very likely to end up in litigation. These were avoidable situations and we must continue to be diligent in reminding athletes of their responsibilities and of the fragile nature of relationships between Clubs and our host resorts. Please communicate this very serious message to all PTSO members, member clubs, coaches and volunteers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DVP/la', written in a cursive style.

DVP/la