



Alpental Back Bowls Policy and Release of Liability

- A. The area north of the rope (known as the "Forever Rope") marking the north boundary of the developed portion of the Alpental Ski Area and accessible from Alpental's lifts is known as the "Back Bowls."
- B. The Back Bowls are outside of the developed portion of the ski area. This means that hazards and dangers are unmarked. These include, without limitation: large cliffs, obstacles, changing snow conditions, avalanche-prone slopes, and holes. This also means that this area is not consistently patrolled by the Alpental Ski Patrol. There are no designated trails or runs in the Back Bowls.
- C. In consideration for the use of Alpental's ski lifts and other facilities, and as a condition to accessing the Back Bowls from Alpental, the following regulations apply:
1. Access to the Back Bowls shall only be allowed through designated gates in the Forever Rope. Under no circumstances may a rope line at Alpental be crossed.
 2. Prior to entering the Back Bowls for the first time, a skier/rider must have registered with the Alpental Ski Patrol. After agreeing to and signing the Release of Liability that is a part of this policy statement, a registered skier/rider will be issued a Back Bowls Registration Card. This card must be carried at all times when accessing the Back Bowls.
 3. Access to the Back Bowls is permitted only when a designated gate in the Forever Rope is OPEN. An open gate does NOT, however, indicate an absence of the above hazards, all of which are present to some degree at all times.
 4. Access to the Back Bowls is absolutely prohibited except as indicated above.
- D. Skiing/Riding in the Back Bowls is an activity quite different from skiing in a developed ski area and includes significant risks and hazards above and beyond those encountered in developed ski areas. Back Bowls skiing/riding is winter mountaineering. In particular, the Alpental Ski Patrol strongly recommends that skiers/riders observe the following precautions:
1. Every skier/rider should be prepared to deal with avalanche hazard, which exists to some degree at all times. Such preparation includes route finding knowledge, the knowledge of how to use an avalanche transceiver and the carrying of an avalanche transceiver, a probe, and a shovel at all times. An avalanche safety course is strongly recommended.
 2. At least one person in a group skiing/riding in the Back Bowls should be familiar with the route. Large cliffs are numerous and there are only a limited number of ways down.
 5. Persons should enter the Back Bowls only in groups of three or more. The Back Bowls are not consistently patrolled by Alpental Ski Patrol. If someone in a group is injured, a party size of three or more would permit one person to stay with the injured person while the other could leave to make arrangements for rescue. Skiers/Riders should be prepared for rescue response time to be significantly longer than within the developed portion of the ski area.
 3. Skiers/Riders should be aware of the hazard of becoming trapped head-down in unconsolidated snow, particularly around trees and boulders. This hazard, known as "Snow Immersion," is also present in the developed ski area, but is even greater in the Back Bowls because of the lower traffic volume and the nature of the terrain.
 4. Back Bowls orientation tours are often offered by the Alpental Ski Patrol. Please inquire at the top of Chair 2.
- E. The Alpental permit boundary runs along the north edge of the Back Bowls. Skiers/Riders crossing this boundary should be aware that even the limited patrol activities conducted within the Back Bowls are absent beyond this boundary.

ISSUING PATROLLER _____

CARD NUMBER _____

Release of Liability, Acknowledgement of Risks and Hazards and Agreement Not to Sue

I have read the foregoing and understand and acknowledge the danger of skiing/riding in the Back Bowls. I understand that such danger includes the hazard of death or injury resulting from avalanches, Snow Immersion, and unmarked obstacles, holes and cliffs. I understand that skiing in the Back Bowls requires the skill of an expert skier/rider, and I affirm that I have such skill. I understand that while skiing in the Back Bowls I will not be under the supervision or protection of Alpental in any way, even if accompanied by an Alpental employee or affiliate. I understand that avalanche danger is present in the Back Bowls at all times, even when access from Alpental is permitted. I agree to observe all conditions and regulations set forth above. In consideration for use of the Alpental lifts and other facilities, and for access to the Back Bowls from Alpental, I hereby promise not to bring a claim against or sue, and agree to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify Alpental, Ski Lifts, Inc. DBA The Summit at Snoqualmie, Boyne, Inc., Crystal Mountain, Inc., the United States Forest Service, and all parent companies, directors, officers, affiliates, employees, agents, successors and assigns from all liability of any kind or nature which may arise in connection with skiing/riding in the Back Bowls, accepting and assuming for myself all of the risks, hazards and dangers attendant with my entry into, and my use of, the Back Bowls. The terms of this release shall serve as a release and assumption of all risks for my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and for all members of my family, including any minor, whether or not in my company. I agree to carry my Back Bowls Registration Card at all times when accessing the Back Bowls. I agree that I may lose both my Back Bowls Registration Card and my lift privileges and any other privileges associated with the use of lifts or facilities at Alpental, if I fail to observe any of the conditions set forth above. I understand that rescue response time in the Back Bowls may be significantly longer than in the developed ski area.

NAME (please print): _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND BACK BOWLS POLICY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Participant Under 18 Years of Age: As parent/guardian of the minor named above, I acknowledge and agree that I have read the foregoing, and I agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS Releasees against any claim or suit arising out of said minors' participation in the activity or said minors' presence on Releasees' premises. I also agree to be responsible for rescue and medical expenses incurred by the minor(s).

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (please print): _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Confirmed:

By telephone In person

Patroller: _____ Date: _____