



Protocol For Coaches – at home and abroad

Snowsport England Coaches when coaching away from “homebase” or on dry slopes should ensure the following processes are carried out and that the organisers of club or similar courses follow these procedures.

PERMISSION

Arrange with the resort or ski centre in advance what you, as a Coach, are going to do. (It is worth bearing in mind that, on the whole, holiday resorts need your business i.e. beds/meals/drinks and lift passes etc..... if necessary you could imply that you can take your business elsewhere).

Agree in writing with the Ski Centre or School/Hotel/Lift Company that:-

1. You are with a Club, a School, or a Youth Group – or similar organisation and NOT a commercial business.
2. As a Coach you travel into the resort and then leave again after the course with clubs/groups.
3. As a Coach, working abroad, you are not teaching or instructing beginners.
4. When abroad you will be skiing around the mountain/centre (on marked pistes only) coaching club members who can ski and who would not otherwise be in ski school or taking lessons.
5. Coaches wishing to use slalom poles will need permission and designation of piste/slope from the piste control (this is usually part of the lift company management).
6. Each Coach, when abroad, should carry a copy of the permission, i.e. a written agreement, whilst in the resort, if this is possible. They should also carry their membership licence with them.
7. Remember you represent yourself, Snowsport England and all your colleagues so conduct should always be calm, polite and rational.
8. When working abroad it is desirable to introduce yourself to the ski school when you arrive in the resort, but not always necessary in a big resort. It is essential if you are using nursery slopes, which may actually be barred from you as the ski school often leases these for their own use. It is also essential when you plan to use slalom poles (see 5 above) to introduce yourself to the Lift Company/Piste Controller.

This is a clarification of the current, International Protocol. It forms part of the Code of Conduct/Practise of all Snowsport England Coaches.

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