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The Junior Safety Patrol (JSP) was begun a number of years ago with one of the main goals being the introduction of safe snow riding habits and attitudes to young snow riders. While this program is still alive and well across the country, a natural evolution of the original concept has taken place in numerous Zones. The evolution has seen the age limits extend through to the age of majority. There are numerous good and valid reasons for this occurring, from having young people continue being involved in safe snow riding, through to the usefulness of having an extra “warm body” on the hill.

However, although these advantages were evident, many persistent legal issues, coupled with uncertainties pertaining to the insurance coverage stemming from the involvement of minors, slowed down the evolution of this program at the National level. In response to this issue being raised by a number of Zones, the National Legal Advisor and the National Board of Directors have addressed the issue and have obtained from the current insurer of the System a supplementary coverage, under certain conditions, thus greatly reducing the obstacles existing up to now. Hence, in support of the initiatives mentioned above, this **Junior Patrol Program Protocol** has been developed, reviewed and has been approved by the Division Presidents, February, 2002.

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WHY HAVE A JUNIOR PATROL?

BENEFITS

TO PATROL

The JUNIOR PATROLLER will be knowledgeable of the Zone's organization.

The JUNIOR PATROLLER will be trained in basic first aid.

The JUNIOR PATROL PROGRAM will help bring young adults into the PATROL.

The JUNIOR PATROLLER will be knowledgeable of procedures at the resort.

The JUNIOR PATROL will increase the number of hands, eyes and ears on the hill.

TO THE RESORT

The JUNIOR PATROLLER will promote the resort.

The JUNIOR PATROLLER will assist in public relations

i.e. peer-to-peer example, peer-to-peer communications.

TO THE COMMUNITY

The JUNIOR PATROLLER will be an example for other young persons with respect to volunteer work and social involvement.

TO JUNIOR PATROLLER

The PATROL will be a place to learn first aid, skiing, boarding, leadership skills, and team commitment.

THE JUNIOR PATROLLER

The junior patroller is any person who can snow ride adequately and is between the ages of 13 the legal age of majority in his/her local province. The age of 13 must be reached prior to actively participating in the program, i.e. before December 15th of the relevant year of joining.

Official entry into the program occurs following an interview (to establish the candidate's aptitudes and maturity among other criteria), the successful performance of a basic test on the Junior's snow riding ability and his/her knowledge of the basic patrol and operational tasks and especially his/her understanding and acceptance of the strict limits to his/her potential involvement as a Junior Patroller. The completion and signing of all relevant documents by the Junior Patroller Applicant and his/her parents/guardians/tutors (hereafter Parents) and a representative of the local ski area will also be required, followed by the formal acceptance by the CSPS Zone Junior Coordinator, with a final approval from the Zone president, whether or not such a Coordinator exists. This acceptance (or refusal) is at the decision-maker's absolute discretion, and is final. The CSPS, including the Zone president, acting alone or on the recommendation of the Coordinator or the local patrol Leader, may suspend or expel any Junior Patroller, for any

reason whatsoever, without being required to divulge such reasons. Junior Patrollers will not be permitted to act as such at “non-skiing events”.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

All Zones executives and members where it is decided to adopt and operate a Junior Patrol Program must realize that, although persons having arrived at the age of majority in a specific province are generally liable for their own behaviour and negligence, such may not always be the case for persons under the legal age. Although the Junior Patroller’s Parents will have agreed that the CSPA and its members or other representatives do not accept any “guardianship” liability while the teenager is acting as a Junior Patroller, and possibly in the CSPA member(s)’s presence, the risks involved in practicing any sports, and especially in snow riding activities, not to mention those involved in cases of emergency response or other operational tasks assigned to CSPA members by the ski area may provoke incidents, accidents or other difficult liability situations or issues.

With this in mind, any Junior Patroller must show sufficient maturity and calm to show he/she will **adhere strictly to this Protocol, including the following rules and procedures, and any further procedures to be taken from time to time**, and aimed at protecting everyone, including the Junior Patroller him/herself. Any candidate to the Junior Patrol needs to undertake to do so before joining, and his/her Parents will need to also adhere to such conditions, and ensure the Junior Patroller’s sustained respect of same. Local Zone and Patrol members must also understand the scope of their involvement with respect to these issues.

A. CRITERIA OF THE WELL INFORMED BYSTANDER

In a general manner, the involvement of any Junior Patroller shall be measured in relation to the expected behaviour of a reasonable “well informed bystander” at the snow sports area.

B. FIRST AID

The first aid training of Junior Patrollers, or of any person, having attained the age of majority or not, is seen by the CSPA executive, and indeed by society, as an advantage for such persons and those of his/her entourage. This does not, however, mean that this Junior Patroller is authorized to deliver first aid while acting in this quality and at the Area.

Hence, regardless of the level of training or competence of the Junior Patroller, he or she will not be permitted to provide first aid or evacuation services or any type while acting as such. The Junior Patroller’s Parent(s) specifically acknowledge(s) that the Junior Patroller is specifically prohibited from performing any first aid or evacuation duty beyond the “well informed bystander” criteria stated before, and

confirm(s) that any violation of this prohibition is incumbent on said Parents, to the specific exclusion of the CSPS and any of its members or other representatives. The Junior Patroller will not carry a first aid kit of any kind, or other first aid or operational material.

C. EXTENT OF THE JUNIOR PATROLLER'S INVOLVEMENT

Should a Junior Patroller be the first to arrive at the scene of an incident/accident at the snow sport area, his/her intervention will be limited to the prevention of further injury, as would be expected from a reasonable bystander, and the prudent control and protection of the accident site until one or more Patroller(s) arrive(s). Any assistance to be provided following such arrival shall be limited to the above, or to any other tasks assigned by the Patroller which he or she would entrust to a well-informed bystander. Such involvement will never include:

1. the active rendering of first aid;
2. the execution of any act related directly to the evacuation of the victim;

D. PROHIBITION TO HANDLE EVACUATION OR OPERATIONAL MATERIAL

Toboggan handling by Junior Patrollers is **not permitted** under any circumstances. The use or transport of other first aid apparatus such as backboards, semi-automatic defibrillators, oxygen delivery system or other similar devices are prohibited. Likewise, Junior Patrollers will abstain from using or transporting any other operational material normally used by patrollers at the request of the snow sports area, such as any marking sticks, signage, ropes, and especially any self-propelled or mechanical machinery.

E. WAIVER

A waiver of liability, in the form of the document appearing in **Attachment "1"** hereto, as well as a copy hereof, must be signed/initialed by the Junior Patroller and by both of his/her surviving parents, legal tutor and or guardian(s) (called "Parents" herein) as a condition precedent to joining as Junior Patroller. Any refusal by one of the Parents to sign such a document will render the candidate ineligible to participate in the Program. Furthermore, any incapacity or unavailability by either of the Junior Patroller's Parents to co-sign such documentation will be considered sufficient ground for refusal of the teenager's candidacy, at the Zone President's ultimate discretion. The original of such waiver and of a copy hereof, duly initialed by the Junior Patroller and his Parents will be obtained and carefully filed in the archives of the Zone's executive(s), and will be kept for the longest of at least 5 years or 3 years after the Junior Patroller has attained the age of majority;

F. RESORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

It is most important that the resort management team be advised of the program, understand its intent and be in agreement with its implementation at their area. To this end, a draft letter of acknowledgment is attached hereto as "**Attachment 2**". This **must be discussed with and signed** by the appropriate area representative yearly, carefully

filed and kept in the Zone archives along with the documents mentioned in Subsection D above. Both this and the waivers mentioned above shall be copied and sent to Head Office prior to the commencement of any Junior Patrol Program, save for the first year of adoption hereof, where this document can be sent following verbal agreement with the local area.

F. INTERNAL COORDINATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Any zone wishing to run the Junior Patrol Program, even for a single Junior Patroller, and even if a similar situation has existed in the past, will as of the adoption of this protocol by the National Board of Directors, first obtain that a designated member of its executive, or, its absence its Zone president, communicate to the local Division President in writing, with a copy to the National Vice-President of Operations and to the National Office, the following:

1. Confirmation that the Area Management has acknowledged and consented to the implementation of the Program and its on-going continuance, as outlined in this “National Junior Patrol Protocol”. A written confirmation thereof, in the form provided for in “Attachment 2” hereof, will need to be obtained within one month of this verbal confirmation for the first year since the adoption hereof, and filed with the above-mentioned local and central executive representatives. Written confirmation will be obtained yearly thereafter, before the implementation of the season’s program thereafter;
2. The name, age, full address(es), e-mail address if any, telephone and health insurance numbers, and any other information to be requested from time to time by any addition to this protocol, concerning each Junior Patrol candidate or applicant (hereafter the Junior Patroller Applicant), as well as the full names of both of his/her surviving Parents, their respective address(es) and all telephone numbers, including at home and at work, their respective e-mail address if any, and the designation of a responsible person, having attained the age of majority, who will accept the guardianship liability of the Junior Patroller while he/she is acting as such;
3. Confirmation that the Junior Patroller and his Parents has signed all documents provided for herein, and has paid to the Zone representatives, for the benefit of the CSPS, the sum of twenty dollars (plus any other zone or local fee, and taxes, if applicable), which the Zone will forward to the National office within ten days of receipt;
4. Confirmation that all CSPS members who interact with the Junior Patrollers, including any who may, even remotely, come to patrol in their presence, are fully aware of this protocol, and undertake to respect it in all aspects, in particular concerning the absolute prohibition to request from any Junior Patroller any intervention beyond that which would normally be requested from any well informed bystander at the snow sports area;

CONCLUSION

The involvement of any person or groups in furthering safe snow riding and the prevention of accident is part of the CSPA mission. The Junior Patrol Program, as it evolves, will provide many benefits to the CSPA and those involved. We can only ask that each Zone and each patroller involved in this program, approach it in a mature and responsible manner with the safety and well being of the Junior Patrollers in mind. The energy and enthusiasm, which is typical of this age group, will need to be constantly kept in check in order to ensure the safe and continued growth of this program. As with any advantage, the benefits to be anticipated from the adoption, or continuation of this program also incur specific tasks and involvement from our members. You, the Junior Patroller's fellow patroller or "buddy", the members of the local patrol leadership, and the members of the zone executive, must work together to ensure that control, good training and common sense be the priorities in the application of your JPP.

The attached list is an illustration of the normal tasks, which could be associated with the JPP at a local area. With certain minor modifications, approved at the National level, to suit your particular circumstances, this is the type of program outline that we expect to have filed with the Head Office.

JUNIOR PATROL PROGRAM PROCEDURES

1. Buddy patrol with active patroller(s) and attend to daily duties mentioned hereafter.
2. Assist at accident scene as directed by Active Patroller(s), only with respect to specific tasks such as:
 - a. Crowd control;
 - b. Provide assistance as a well informed bystander could be expected to do such as:
 - i. Opening a first-aid kit to give the Active patroller an extra bandage or other requested article;
 - ii. Transcribe information given by the Active patroller;
 - iii. Pass blankets to the Active patroller to keep the victim warm;
 - iv. Go and request additional help or make other similar communication if required;
 - c. Clearing accident site of equipment, except in case bodily fluids are present;
3. Assist in and around the Patrol Hut or Room, as required by the Patrol leader or assistant leader(s), or anyone delegated by such persons;

STANDARD DAILY SCHEDULE

- a. Sign in at the patrol hut and be assigned a patroller to buddy with,
 - b. Snow ride runs in control,
 - c. Identify snow riders in need of assistance and provide it if within the scope of the well informed bystander, such as giving directions, etc.;
 - d. In case of an accident by a snow rider, act within the limit of the above Procedure;
 - e. When snow riding, identify and report to an active patroller exposed rocks and hazards, etc.,
 - f. Identify to an active patroller any person snow riding in a hazardous manner, without direct intervention towards this snow rider.
 - g. Watch for faulty equipment. Report to an active patroller.
 - h. Be sure to sign out at the end of the day.
2. ATTEND AT AN ACCIDENT SITE AS REQUESTED
 - a. An active patroller must instruct a Junior Patroller at the site.
 - b. Mark scene of accident with crossed skies, as directed.
 - c. Control crowds, as directed.
 - d. Slow down snow riders above the site, as directed

- e. Keep people away from the site, as directed.
- f. Gather and secure the victim's or other equipment at the site, as directed. Junior Patrollers will **not be permitted to snow ride down the hill with equipment where any other possibility is available through active patrollers.** If no other help is available, including from another adult bystander, only minimal involvement would exceptionally be permitted from the Junior Patroller for this specific task.
- g. Clear accident site except in the presence of bodily fluids; try to level out the snow, as directed.
- h. Assist friends and relatives of injured skiers find the patrol hut.

3. ASSIST AT PATROL HUT

- a. Assist with preparation related to transportation (i.e. approach of ambulance).
- b. Prepare ice packs;
- c. Warm and fold/unfold blankets;
- d. Clear and repack toboggans;
- e. Assist patroller in charge by providing accident report forms, maps to the hospital, etc.

JUNIOR PATROLLER TASKS CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDARY OF THE SKI AREA SUPPORTING THE JUNIOR PATROL

ATTACHMENT 1

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY

THE UNDERSIGNED applicant for the Junior Patrolling Program (hereafter the Applicant) and his/her parents or guardians hereby acknowledge that there are certain risks inherent in the sport of skiing, snowboarding, or other snow riding experiences, and in the activities which may be undertaken by participating in the Junior Patrolling Program.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED acknowledge such risks and hereby formally and irrevocably accept personally any and all such risk and all liability stemming or in any way related with or caused by any acts, behaviour or inaction, whether or not they be negligent, during the Applicant's involvement with the Junior Patrol Program or training for such program, as if the Applicant remained in our presence during such periods.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the Applicant's participation in the Junior Patrol Program, the undersigned, acting for themselves, as agent of the other parent or for any other guardian of the Applicant, for their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE, the Canadian Ski Patrol System, its members, officers, representatives and agents, as well as its Divisions, Zones and local patrols, (hereafter referred to as the "**CSPS and its members**") of and for all claims, demands, damages or costs arising in law or in equity in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to the person or property of the Applicant, however caused, whether by negligence or otherwise, arising as the result of the Applicant's participation in the Junior Patrol Program, including any third party claim against the Applicant following his or her involvement.

The undersigned also agree to hold and save harmless and agree to indemnify all the above from and against any and all liability incurred by any of them arising as a result of, or in any way connected to the applicant's participation in the Junior Patrol Program. Without prejudice to the above, the undersigned have read and understand the Rules and Regulations appearing in the Junior Patrollers Program Protocol, and also accept to remain fully liable for any violation by the Applicant of this Regulation and hold the CSPS and its members harmless as mentioned above for all liability mentioned herein.

WE HAVE EACH READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AND AGREE TO BE BOUND THEREBY. Date _____

Junior Patroller Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Junior Patroller Parent/Guardian Name _____

Junior Patroller Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Second Junior Patroller Parent/Guardian Name _____

Second Junior Patroller Parent/Guardian Signature _____

ATTACHMENT 2

RESORT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

JUNIOR PATROL PROGRAM

Having been advised and apprised of the proposed captioned program involving persons between the ages of 13 and the age of majority, and of the benefits of such a program for the local area, we hereby acknowledge and consent to the implementation of such a program at our Resort Area.

RESORT NAME: _____

SIGNING AUTHORITY

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

CSPS JUNIOR PATROL



2001-2002 SEASON REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print clearly)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

Postal Code

PHONE NO: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

AGE: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

Medical Ins. No. _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

CUSTODIAL PARENT: _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF PREVIOUS YEARS ON PATROL 0 1 2
3

HILL YOU WANT TO PATROL AT _____

NAME OF ANOTHER JR PATROLLER YOU WISH TO BE SCHEDULED WITH

SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTS OR PROGRAMS
