



Membership Information (Whitcourt) Q & A 2026-2027 Ski Season



Q: What age of child is on the ski race team?

A: Ages 6 -20 with a variety of skiing experience. They should be reasonably independent but younger athletes are welcome as long as 1 parent/guardian is available at training to support.

Q: Should my child sign up for the Ski Race Team, how good of a skier should they be?

A: YES - If your child can ski from the top of the t-bar and get on and off the t-bar without help. If they can stop and have controlled turns, snowplow, or parallel skiing. If they have FUN skiing!

NO - If they are not potty trained or if they are very scared of speed.

Q: What gear do we need and how do we get it?

A: Each skier needs skis, boots, ski helmet, poles, and winter clothing. Ski team jackets are available. A back protector is highly recommended. At the start of the season we will hold a club gear swap to help get everyone ready. Coaches will be available to fit equipment and set up skis/boots. You do not need designated race skis until over the age of 11 and racing predominantly.

Q: What is going to happen with the Ski Team for the upcoming season?

A: Dryland training will start mid-October with on snow training in early December once Eastlink Park opens. We plan 1-2 mountain training camps: The first week of December in the Banff or Jasper area, and early January at Marmot. Training is each Sunday from 10-2pm at Eastlink Park and one evening during the week determined by the Eastlink Park schedule, in the past have trained Wednesday from 6-8pm. All training is optional as this is an individual sport. Younger athletes generally only train until lunch break on Sundays.

Q: Are we affiliated with the Eastlink Park?

A: No. Use of the hill comes at no monetary cost to the club while the hill is operating. Passes or season passes are required.

Q: What can I do to help the Team during the upcoming season?

A: Volunteer at training sessions, races, events at Eastlink Park and help with fundraising.

Q: Do I need to attend Races? How many?

A: You can attend as many or as few races as you like, unless coaches advise otherwise. Race Fees are collected by our club upon athlete registration and paid to the hosting club as a team registration.

Q: When will registration open and what are the ESTIMATED membership fees for the upcoming season?

A: Registration will open in early September. All registration is completed online through RAMP. Club Membership fees for the upcoming season will be approximately \$300 per racer. Alberta Alpine can be

refunded if registration is cancelled before on snow training begins. We will be offering payment plans to families:

Plan A: One lump sum payment due upon registration

Plan B: Two equal payments (post dated cheques for Oct 1st and Nov 30th)

Plan C: Three equal payments (post dated cheques for Sept 30th, Oct 31st, and Nov 30th)

Alberta Alpine Fees - Paid directly to Alberta Alpine upon registration:

U6-U8 NG (Ages 4-7): \$184

U10 NG (Ages 8-9): \$225

U12 (Ages 10-11): \$232

U14-U21 National Card (Ages 12-20): \$358

Alberta Alpine General member fee (Parents):

Alberta Alpine Membership/Insurance: \$51 per person, \$102 per family (2 or more non racing family members)

Volunteer Bond Cheques:

2 Bond cheques: \$100 each (per family, will be reimbursed once required hours are met)

Jacket Rental fee and deposit:

Rental fee: \$75

Deposit: \$300 (will be reimbursed with jacket return, in good/clean condition)

Example: Cost for 2 children aged 7 and 9 (two parents)

Alberta Alpine fees $\$184 + \$225 + \$102 = \underline{\$511}$

Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society (Blizzards) $\$300 + \$300 + \$75 + \$75 = \underline{\$750}$

Total Registration fees for season: \$1261

Additional 4 separate deposit cheques made out to CLASS: \$100, \$100, \$300, \$300

*Make your cheques payable to **C.L.A.S.S.** (Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society)
or E-transfer your payment to coldlakeblizzards@gmail.com*

Q: What will our fundraising efforts look like this season?

A: Fundraising will likely be sales for Bacon and Sausages/Perogies as needed or requested

Q: When will dryland training commence and what will it look like?

A: The format for dryland training will be physical activity led by the coaches inside and outside. We usually plan to have some hiking at the ski hill or provincial park as well. Location(s) to be determined.

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

Coach - Dan Iverson ph:639-536-3699 email: daniverson82@gmail.com

Club President – Todd Parker 780-201-6742 (Cold Lake)

Secretary/registrar - Deb Schieman 780-207-7210

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