

Volume

9

VAIL/BEAVER BUDDY WERNER LEAGUE

---

Beaver Creek, Colorado

2019-2020  
Parent & Racer  
Handbook

# Table of Contents

Welcome .....	Page 2
2019-2020 Season Calendar .....	Page 2
Registration- Information & Dates .....	Page 2-3
Fees & Policies .....	Pages 3
Withdrawal Policy .....	Pages 3
Volunteer Information .....	Page 4
New Skier Test Day & Team Placement .....	Pages 4
Daily Schedule and Drop Off/Pick-Up Information .....	Page 4
What your child needs to bring .....	Page 5
Race Training Days .....	Pages 6
Race Day Information & Schedule .....	Pages 6
Race Day Rules and Regulations .....	Pages 6-9
Stat Points and Calculation .....	Page 9
What your Skier needs on race day .....	Page 10
Race Day Etiquette for All .....	Page 10
Code of Conduct .....	Pages 10
Coach Information .....	Page 11
Safety and Emergency Procedures .....	Pages 11
Werner Wisdom Program .....	Pages 12
Awards Banquet .....	Page 12
Sponsorships .....	Page 13
Buddy Werner Contact Information .....	Pages 13

## **WELCOME!**

Buddy Werner League - Vail/Beaver Creek (BWL), started in 1968 by Vail locals Vi and Byron Brown, is a ski race program designed for skiers in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>, seeking a learning experience that is ski skills oriented. Each year, 250 - 300 participants meet in small groups from December into March with approximately 60 adult volunteer coaches. BWL offers a recreational racing program, the goal of which is to make participants better skiers through race training. The focus of the program is skills, etiquette, safety, introduction to race skills and fun. The program is not, however, a Learn to ski program and all participants must be a **level 5 skier** or above to enter the program.

## **2019-2020 Season Calendar**

PROPOSED Dates for the upcoming season are:

- Registration    October 22, 5:30 – 7:30 at Battle Mountain High School in the Cafeteria, Edwards  
                         October 23, 5:30 – 7:30 at Eagle Valley High School in the Cafeteria, Eagle
- Testing Day     December 8<sup>th</sup> for all new skiers to the program. Meeting time and place will be emailed a few days prior but will fall between 9am and 12pm and will last approx 1-hour.
- Contact Days   December 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>; February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> - Final day of BWL/Coaches Race/Alumni Race/Awards Ceremony.
- Race Days        January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The BWL Western Slope State Championships - March 1<sup>st</sup> at Sunlight Mountain. See page 9 for more information.

## **Registration Information**

Registration opens October 22<sup>nd</sup> and is filled on a first come, first serve basis to the first 300 skiers. Registration forms and current liability waivers will be uploaded to our website at <http://www.vailbeavercreekbwl.org/registration> in Mid-September and/or are available by request at [bwl.vailbc@gmail.com](mailto:bwl.vailbc@gmail.com). Completed registration forms, liability waivers and payment can be turned in to the organization at one of the registration nights. If you cannot attend a registration night, signed forms and payment can be mailed to:

BWL  
PO Box 2248  
Edwards, Co 81632

Your registration paperwork is only complete if the following is included:

- 1) The BWL Registration form needs to be filled out in its entirety. It must be legible with phone numbers and email addresses. If this is not included, your child's registration will not be accepted. The BWL Registration form must include your signature at the bottom of the page reflecting that you have read this handbook.
- 2) All three-liability waivers must be filled out in their entirety for each skier and have an original signature. (1. BWL Liability Waiver; 2. BWL Photo Release and 3. Vail Resorts Liability Waiver.)
- 3) Authorization for Medical Treatment must be filled out and signed for each skier.
- 4) Payment of \$350/child AND additional check for \$300/child for volunteer deposits. Coaches receive a discounted rate of \$250 per skier and \$150 for additional skiers.

If you choose to register by mail, it is YOUR responsibility to sign up for a volunteer assignment and to pick up your child's sweatshirt. You may not be contacted by BWL regarding volunteering. If your commitment has not been met by the end of the season, your deposit check will be deposited.

The maximum registration number is 300 skiers. Registration forms will be accepted by mail until all spots are filled.

### **2019-2020 Fee Schedule and Policies**

BWL is a Not for Profit organization that is dependent on the support of our volunteers. We need your help! This program cannot run without the participation of all parents. To receive the discounted annual price for the program, BWL requires a parent to volunteer one day, 6-hours, per participating child. Volunteer opportunities, expectations and requirement are outlined later in the handbook.

Annual Fee per participant (w/out volunteer time)	\$650.00
Volunteer Discount	<u>-\$300.00</u>
Total Cost per Participant (with Volunteer commitment)	\$350.00

Deposit Policy: Full payment is required at registration. Payment must be made in the form of two checks in the amounts of \$350.00 and \$300.00 (max of \$600/family). Once your volunteer commitment has been met, your volunteer deposit of \$300.00 per skier will be shredded. If you do not wish to or cannot volunteer, the fee for the program is \$650.00 per child.

Coaches receive a discounted rate of \$250 per child and \$150 for additional children. All coaches will receive a uniform BWL ski Jacket. Coaches do NOT need to volunteer more than their coaching time, regardless of the number of children in the family. Also no volunteer deposit is needed.

### **BWL Withdrawal Policy**

If a skier withdraws from BWL prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> contact day a \$300 refund will be issued. A written withdrawal request (email acceptable) must be received by BWL no later than the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> contact day. After this date, if a skier withdraws, no refund will be issued. If a skier is injured, refunds may be issued on a case-by-case basis.

## **Volunteer Information and Policies**

Official Volunteer positions:

<u>Daily</u>	<u>Race Day</u>	<u>Special Jobs</u>
Coach	Course setters	Registration help
Table Parent	Starters	Testing Day help
Training Course setters	Course Control	Awards Ceremony help
Lunch help	Gatekeepers	Photographer
	Scoreboard	Lost & Found
	Finish line	Paperwork Support
	Banner Set-up/Lunch Runner	

It is the responsibility of the parent to sign up for a volunteer position and complete their volunteer obligation in order to receive the discount program fee. Sign-up sheets are available at both Registration nights. If you are unable to attend the registration night, please contact the BWL Program Coordinator at [bwl.vailbc@gmail.com](mailto:bwl.vailbc@gmail.com) for your volunteer assignment. If you do not fulfill your volunteer requirement, your volunteer deposit will be deposited at the end of the season. Please also note that skiing with your child's ski group does not fulfill the volunteer requirement unless you are an official coach for the team or have been approved as a substitute coach. To become a volunteer coach see *Coach Information* on page 11 of the handbook.

### **New Skier Test Day & Team Placement**

New BWL skiers will be tested 1. to insure their skiing level is at least a level-5 and 2. to help BWL place each NEW skier on a team that best meets their skiing ability. At new skier testing, all skiers are required to complete a simple skiing test with a group of coaches and board members on a blue ski run. BWL will consider requests, however ultimately teams need to be cohesive in ability. **New Skier Testing will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>** from 9 – 12. Each skier will be assigned a 1-hour testing time based on their age. Skiers should be dressed ready to ski and will need to check in at the BWL table located inside the BC Chop House Breezeway at the east end of the base of Beaver Creek at their assigned time. BWL Board and volunteers will escort skiers in a group to a blue run for testing. Team placement will be determined and parents will be notified by the Program Coordinator of the assigned Coach and team are via e-mail within a few days. If it is determined during the testing that your child is not an all mountain skier and there is no team for your child, BWL will refund any money paid to BWL.

### **Daily schedule pick up and drop off**

Buddy Werner League meets at the base of Beaver Creek, outside of Village Hall/Powder 8/BC Chop House Breezeway. The exact drop off and pick up location will be determined by your child's coach and will be communicated to you the week prior to the first Contact day. Most days BWL will have gear storage at the BC Chop House Breezeway but teams will meet on the snow near Centennial or the BC Chop House. ***On the first day of the season, please meet your coach and team members ready to ski at the place they designate. Returning teams will start at 8.30AM; new teams will start at 9.15AM on the first contact day only. For all other contact and race days, please note schedule outlined below.***

<u>Day</u>	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Pick UP</u>
Regular Ski Day	8:45AM TBD by your coach	2:30PM TBD by coach
Race Day	8:30AM TBD by your coach	3:00PM TBD by coach (may later due to race)

At this time, we will have the Beaver Creek chop House available for gear storage every day but the last day. On March 8 gear storage will be in Heritage Hall.

On each contact or race day, a BWL Information Table is stationed in the BC Chop House. This will be staffed by a volunteer all day to assist with sick, tired or lost skiers.

\*\*\*It is VERY important that parents drop off and pick up their children up ON TIME. It is very difficult to catch up with teams once they have dispersed. Also, coaches most often have commitments following their ski day. If you are late for pick up, your child may be taken to the BWL Info table to wait for you. Repeated late pick-ups may result in your child's expulsion from the program.

Teams will ski appropriate terrain throughout the day. Age, skiing ability and weather will influence when the team takes breaks. For more information about your child's team schedule please contact your coach. Please note-a team's schedule can change at any time during the day. Please be respectful of the fact that there are 10+ kids and coaches skiing and it may not always be possible to meet your child's team at an exact time and location. If you need to pick your child up early, it is your responsibility to coordinate with your child's coach a drop-off plan.

If your child is late on any day throughout the season, it is the parent's responsibility to get your child to their team on the hill. Coaches will provide contact information to you at the beginning of the season so you can connect with them.

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances pick up time on race day can fluctuate. Coaches are required to have an authorized adult sign your child in and out at the beginning and end of the day.

### **What your child needs to bring to BWL each day**

The following items are required for your child on each day they attend BWL

- **Ski pass**-Buddy Werner will not provide a pass to any child. If the child shows up to BWL without their pass, they will be taken to the table parent and their parent will be called. It will then be up to the parent to help the child get a replacement pass and reconnect with his/her team.
- **Lunch money (or a sack lunch the child can carry with them)**- Please send your skier with the appropriate means to pay for their lunch. Lunches range in price but \$20 is a safe bet. If your child brings their own lunch they must be able to carry it with them all day as the team's location changes throughout the day. Also, many of the on-mountain restaurants are no longer allowing sack lunch eating in their establishments and may ask the skier to eat outside. It is also a good idea to send snacks and hot chocolate packets or extra money with your child for break time. Please DO NOT expect your coach to cover these costs for your child. This is money out of their pocket.
- **Helmet/Goggles** A ski helmet is required for all children in the program and BWL recommends that skiers use helmets that are 2 years old or less. The helmet needs to be properly fitting and in good condition in order for the child to ski with BWL.
- **Appropriate clothing**-Water-proof, warm ski pants, ski jacket, gloves, eye protection (specifically goggles), and preferably a neck gator are required. If a child shows up to BWL without these items, they will be sent to the parent table and a parent will be called.
- **Appropriate Equipment**-Equipment that has been certified by a ski technician is required by BWL. If equipment is deemed un-safe by BWL, we will call a parent to discuss. If a child shows up missing any of the above items, they will be brought to the BWL Info table in the Chop House Breezeway and parent will be contacted to either pick the child up or bring the item to the child and then make arrangements to meet the team on the mountain. We do not expect an entire team to change their plans for a child that has forgotten something or is late. It is up to the parent to meet up with the team wherever the team may be on the mountain.
- **BWL Race Bib**-Skiers 6<sup>th</sup> grade and below are **REQUIRED** to wear their race bib **EVERY DAY** of BWL-not just race days. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders may wear the Official BWL Jacket or the

**race bib.** This very unique bib helps identify our skiers in case of emergency. Also, our sponsors have paid to have their names on these bibs and the exposure of the bibs being worn every day is part of our commitment to them. **It is also imperative that racers wear their bib on race day as skiers race in bib order. NO BIB, NO RACE!**

### **Race Training Days**

On designated days throughout the season, a training course is available to all teams on Bear Trap or Gunders trail (located in Bachelor's Gulch). Teams are encouraged to take advantage of training on the practice course. Coaches will be notified at the beginning of the season of the designated days. Skiers may bring race skis.

Race Training days will be: 1/5; 1/12; 1/19 and 2/2. This is subject to change. Please refer to the official schedule on the website for updates.

### **Race Day Information & Schedule**

This is the day that all our skiers look forward to. Race day is an exciting and fun day for all our skiers and it takes a lot of careful management and assistance to run 300 kids thru the course twice. There are many moving parts to a race day that includes not only 300 skiers but many volunteers as well. Below is an outline of the day and some important racer and volunteer information. ALL BWL races take place on Bear Trap.

#### Schedule

- 8.30am -Teams meet and depart up Centennial.  
-Volunteers check in with a Board member in at the BWL table located in the BC Chop House Breezeway.
- 8.45am Race Official's meeting (BWL table) - Volunteers performing the following jobs: gatekeepers, starters, sweepers *are required to attend this meeting to review their responsibilities and the day's schedule.*
- 8:45-9.45am - Course Inspection- all teams are required to inspect the course together with their coaches.
- 9.45am - All racecourse volunteers (gatekeepers, starters, timers, scoreboard etc) should be at their assigned location on the course  
- Racers Begin to line-up
- 10 am-11:45 **Race 1. BWL will be running race in bib order, 1 - 300 for all races. We expect teams to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their bib start. This will allow us to run the race faster, and keep all of the age groups together, with the odd bib numbers on one course and the even bibs on the other. The afternoon racecourse will be opposite from the mornings runs. This will mean that the red course will be one race and the blue course will be the other race.**
- 12pm-12.45 - Course 2 Inspection for skiers  
- Lunch (lunch and water is provided for volunteers on race day)
- 12.45pm All racecourse volunteers (gatekeepers, starters, timers, scoreboard etc) should be at their assigned location on the course
- 1pm-3pm **Race 2. Same as above except course assignments are opposite.**
- 3:30pm-4pm Awards Ceremony will take place at Race City located behind the Centennial lift building. We encourage all racers and their families to attend and stay for the awards ceremony even if your child did not place in the top winning categories. This is a great opportunity for your child to cheer on their friends and teammates. We also have a raffle with many great prizes donated by our generous sponsors.

## Race Day Rules and Regulations

\*\*\*No athlete will be allowed to participate on race days until all waivers have been signed and turned in and approved.

As stated above, racers will run in bib order with even bibs on one course and odd bibs on the other course and then will reverse courses for the afternoon race. Start lists will be available the morning of each race on <http://www.live-timing.com/>. This website will also help you gauge when your skier(s) will be racing. Approximately 4 racers go each minute.

### USSA Rules

BWL will use USSA rules as a guideline. These rules are subject to change.

### Helmets:

- Our contract with Vail Resorts requires that all competitors, coaches, forerunners, course workers and anyone within the race arena must wear a helmet for official training as well as for the race. For the safety of all of our skiers, BWL recommends that skiers use helmets that are 2-years old or less. **Go Pro Cameras are NOT allowed in BWL Races.**

### BWL Race Bib

- We expect our BWL skiers to wear their assigned 2018/19 BWL race bib every day of BWL. It is imperative that racers wear their bib on race day as skiers race in bib order. **NO BIB, NO RACE! A skier will be DQ'd for wearing the wrong bib. This is not negotiable!**
- If a BWL bib is lost, a replacement bib will cost \$25 before the first race and \$35 after the first race. If a BWL bib is lost, please contact Beaver Creek Lost & Found.

### Race Arena

- All athletes are required to inspect the racecourse prior to the start of the race. The competitors with their coach(es) will be allowed on the course for inspection at a designated time of 8:30-9:45 and 11:30-12:45. This inspection is a side slipping inspection only – NO SKIING, PLEASE.
- Athletes May NOT ski through the finish during inspection.
- For access to the course during inspection, all competitors must have bib showing and all coaches must be with their group.
- There is NO free skiing in the race arena
- **There is NO SKIING, HIKING, etc. in the SNOWMOBILE lane skiers left on Bear Trap,** parents may stand or hike outside of the race arena only
- There is NO public access to the race course
- Spectators may NOT go down the race course at any time
- All course slippers are required to exit the racecourse BEFORE the finish line (skiing through the finish line at any time during inspection is NOT allowed and can cause your team to be disqualified) you may only ski through the finish line if it is during your ski run.
- If there is heavy snow on a race day, coaches will be given specific instructions and it is possible Beaver Creek Race Dept may cancel the race for safety reasons.

### Disqualifications:

A competitor will be disqualified if he/she:

- Skis from one course to another
- Fails to make proper passage around all of the gates on their course. (No hiking is allowed)
- Receives outside help during the competition (athlete falls and someone helps the athlete back up, with no loss of equipment)
- A parent skis next to their athlete to the finish



- Has the parent crossing the finish line with the athlete.
- Losing a ski more than two gates above the finish line is considered a clear disqualification. The competitor may not continue on the course
  - The exception to this disqualification is if the athlete loses a ski one –two gates above the finish, the athlete will be allowed to cross the finish line and a time will be awarded
- Finishes the run on the wrong finish line.
- If a skier faults, he may not continue through the finish line.

\*\*\*In case of a fall between the last gate and the finish line, the time is taken when a part of the competitor's body or equipment stops the timekeeping system

### **Rules of Re-Runs**

Prerequisites:

- Any competitor who is obstructed while racing must stop immediately after the incident takes place and NOT continue through the finish.
  - The competitor would make his/her way to the finish line along the side of the course.
  - The Competitor must apply to a board member for a rerun. Board members are located at the finish area or in the finish timing building
- Provisional re-runs will be given if, in special situations (e.g. in case of a missing gate, failure of the timekeeping system or other technical failures), the board may order a rerun.
  - Grounds for interference
  - Blocking of the course by an official, a spectator, an animal or other obstruction
  - Blocking of the course by a fallen competitor who does not clear the course quickly enough
  - Objects in the course such as a lost ski pole or the ski of a previous competitor
  - Absence of a gate knocked down by a previous competitor that has not been promptly replaced
  - Other similar incidents beyond the will and control of the competitor
  - Validity of a re-run
  - If the competitor was already disqualified before the incident entitling him to a re-run, the re-run is not valid
- The provisional or subsequently approved run remains valid even if it proves slower than the previous run.
- Start time of the re-run
  - The start referee will insert the re-run competitor into the already established start times once the competitor is ready.

### **Disqualifications/Protests:**

Following each race (morning/afternoon), disqualifications (DQ) will be posted at the scoreboard as soon as all gate judges scorecards are in. Once the DQ list is posted, 15 minutes will be allowed for the DQ to be challenged (protested); after this time the disqualification will stand as posted. A board member will be placed at the start of the racecourse and/or in the timing building. A board member may only accept a protest if it is based upon physical evidence or eyewitness testimony and new evidence exists that relates to the disqualification.

### **Gate judge importance:**

- The gate judge is to follow the instruction of the board
- If a competitor does not pass a gate correctly the gate judge must immediately and clearly mark the gate keeper card with the following:
  - The bib number of the competitor
  - The gate number of where the fault was made

- A drawing of the fault committed is essential
- The decision handed down by the gate judge must be clear and unbiased.
- The gate judge must also observe that the competitor accepts no outside help (in case of a fall)
- A gate has been passed correctly when both the competitors ski tip and both feet have passed across the gate line.
- If a skier stops or loses continuous motion at any time, they will be a DSQ and the judge will note their bib # on the card.
- If the competitor loses a ski, the competitor will not be allowed to continue and the gate keeper will note this on the card as a DNF
- The gate judge must declare a fault only when he/she is convinced that a fault has been committed
- The gate judge can consult the adjacent gate judge in order to confirm his opinion, he/she can (if time allows) quickly check the race line to see tracks on the course.
- When an adjacent gate judge or a member of the board makes a report concerning a competitor, which differs from the notes of the gate judge in question, the board may freely interpret the notes in view of a possible disqualification or a protest.
- A gate judges that has a fault on their card will be required to explain the fault to the head gate judge or a board member at the finish building. Gate Judges - Please do not leave the race arena until your card has been reviewed and accepted by a board member.
- The competitor is fully responsible for his/her actions and must respect the gate judge's final decision.

**Race Format**

- BWL will be running TWO separate races each race day. Age group awards will be given for both runs. Age grouping align with USAA Races and other BWL clubs. They are:
  - U8 (7), U10 (8 - 9 yo), U12 (10-11yo), U14 (12-13yo) and U16 (14-15yo) (All based on a December 31, 2015 birthdates). U14 and U16 will be scored as one age group.
  - BWL does not allow 6-year old skiers to race on Bear Trap.
- The top 5 male and female in each age group will be awarded for each day's race.

**State points and Calculations**

To determine the qualifying racers for the State Finals, points are awarded to competitors finishing in the top 15 for each race in their division. Points are calculated and added to each competitor's accumulative results after each race. The points will be calculated with 4 results, we will throw out the high and the low score of the 6 events skied and calculated to determine the state qualifiers, please know that this is different from years past. If in the event of a tie the tie will be broken with the calculation of all 6 events points.

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	25	6 <sup>th</sup>	10	11 <sup>th</sup>	5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	7 <sup>th</sup>	9	12 <sup>th</sup>	4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	8 <sup>th</sup>	8	13 <sup>th</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	12	9 <sup>th</sup>	7	14 <sup>th</sup>	2
5 <sup>th</sup>	11	10 <sup>th</sup>	6	15 <sup>th</sup>	1

**What your skiers need on race day**

Racers are required to be on time and prepared for the day i.e., properly equipped and attired. This includes:

- **BWL Race Bib** -We expect our BWL skiers to wear their BWL race bib every day of BWL. This very unique bib helps identify our skiers in case of emergency. Also, our sponsors have paid to have their names on these bibs and the exposure of the bibs being worn every day is part of our commitment to them. It is also imperative that racers wear their bib on race day as skiers race in bib order. **NO BIB, NO RACE!**
- No broken, questionable or unsuitable equipment is permitted.
- Skiers must race with poles, which have straps.
- Clothing suitable for all weather conditions
- Helmet
- No Go-Pro Cameras are allowed at BWL Races.

### **Race Day Etiquette for All**

As was mentioned earlier in the handbook, there are many moving parts to running a race for 300 plus skiers. We've outlined below important information that allows for a smooth race operation. This information applies to racers, coaches, spectators and volunteers.

- **Racers** are required to wear this year's bib on race day. Any racer without their assigned 18/19 bib at the race start will not be allowed to race.
- **Spectators** are always welcome to cheer on our BWL racers. For the safety of both our racers and the spectators, please stay within the designated spectator areas: outside of the finish area fencing, lower knoll of bear trap (away from the race course and behind the spectator fence) and outside the starting gate area.
- **DO NOT SKI THRU THE FINISH LINE**- If you are helping your team with jackets, please know that Skiing thru the finish line can adversely affect a skier's finish time. **Don't do it!**
- **DO NOT SKI IN THE SNOWMOBILE LANE** (located on skier's left of Bear Trap). This lane is exclusively for the regular snowmobile traffic going up and down the slope. Skiers are not always visible to the snowmobile driver. Skiing in this area could lead to a terrible accident.
- **DO NOT** follow your child down the racecourse. You won't be allowed on the racecourse so this is not an option.

### **Code of Conduct-Child**

**Each racer is expected to be a "Junior Ambassador" for the Buddy Werner League program and behave in a manner that will bring credit to the parents, coaches, Beaver Creek Resort and him/herself while skiing, training and racing.** Participants should be considerate of the efforts put into providing the skiing and training facilities by the resort and volunteers. Racers must obey all skier safety rules while on the hill. Courteous and responsible behavior is required at all times including while eating in mountain restaurants. Skiers are expected to represent the league and our community in a responsible and positive manner at all times. Skiers with behavioral problems and/or who do not follow the rules of the resort or league will face appropriate disciplinary action by a coach or board member, which can include being sent home or expulsion from the program. Under no circumstances will a racer be entitled to receive a refund of program fees in the event of expulsion from the program.

### **Code of Conduct-Parents/Family Members**

Parents and family members are also expected to be respectful of everyone involved with the BWL program, including Beaver Creek resort employees, volunteers of the program and members of the board. Please remember that the coaches of your child's team have volunteered their time to be on the mountain with your child. At no time do they deserve anything other than the upmost respect and gratitude. If there is a problem identified with a coach or another volunteer or a child in the program, the issue should be addressed to a member of the board. If it is deemed that a parent has acted inappropriately towards a BWL volunteer, board

member or resort employee, expulsion of the child from the program may occur, with no refund due to the family.

## **Coach Information and Requirements**

Without our coaches, the Buddy Werner League wouldn't exist! Their dedication and commitment to the league are essential to our success. We provide annually, coaching and race training for all of our volunteer coaches and require that our coaches have a passion for skiing. In addition to training, BWL provides lift tickets on contact days to coaches without lift passes.

To become a Buddy Werner League coach, you must meet the following qualifications:

- Skier Level of 6 or better
  - Attend Coach training – dry-land (Nov 13) and on-mountain (Dec 2)
  - Pass a background check
  - Must be able to coach on all contact and race days. Although we understand that this is not always possible, we assign 2 coaches per team in the event a coach is sick or unavailable
- All coaches will have to complete a youth concussion course so that we can all comply with C.R.S. 2543-101 through 103. This course is available free online at: <https://headsup.cdc.gov/>

## **SAFETY**

Above all else, Buddy Werner League - Vail/Beaver Creek is concerned with the safety of our skiers. We will take the following precautions to ensure our skier's safety:

- Two coaches will be present at all times-one coach leads, one coach follows. Even if not skiing in a perfect line, one coach will always be the "sweeper".
- Coaches will discuss emergency procedures and precautions with skiers each morning before the first run. They will pick a "safety" theme of the day.
- Children 8 and younger (or small children) will ride the chairlift with an adult.
- All skiers MUST wear helmets and we highly encourage our coaches and volunteers to wear a helmet as well.
- Sign in/sign out sheet will be given to coaches to use to check skiers in and out each day.

## **Emergency Procedures**

In the event of an emergency, coaches and board members will follow the organization's procedures as noted below. Coaches will review this information with their skiers on the first day **however we ask that parents also discuss "what if" situations with their children so that they are prepared in an emergency.** At the beginning of the season, each child will be given an "important contact numbers" card that includes telephone numbers for Ski Patrol and Board members which can be attached to their season pass lanyard. Coaches will also add their contact information on the back.

### **Sick Child**

If a skier becomes sick during the day, a coach or board member will escort the child to the BWL Information table located in The Beaver Creek Chop House Breezeway, Heritage Hall or Powder 8. Either the coach or volunteer on duty will contact the parent or guardian to notify them that the child needs to be picked up. We ask that you pick up your child as soon as possible.

### **Lost or Child is separated from their team**

If a child is lost or separated from their team, the coach will immediately report the child to ski patrol, the BWL Info table volunteer parent on duty and a board member. The parent table, ski patrol and Board member will continue to communicate until the child is found and returned to their team. The child should ski to the last lift he/she rode with their team and notify the Lift attendant that they were separated from their

group and need to contact Ski Patrol. It is important to mention that all skiers are required to wear their BWL bib, as it will allow for easy identification.

### **Injury**

In the event of a skier injury, coaches will report any serious injury first to BC Ski Patrol. Next a coach will contact a BWL board member and the parents. One coach will stay with the child, and the other coach will ski the remaining team members down. If it's necessary for the skier to be taken down in a toboggan to the Medical Center, a BWL board member will meet the skier there with the Medical Authorization form. If a skier is taken down the mountain in a toboggan, they will not be allowed to ski for the rest of that day and a Doctor's release note must be provided before the skier can return to BWL.

### **Discipline**

A child who is unwilling to follow the team plan may also be dropped off at the BWL Info Table to sit with the Table parent. This can be used to encourage an attitude adjustment. A coach must pick the skier up after one run or the skier must be picked up by their parents if they continue to be difficult.

### **Werner Wisdom Program**

In addition to developing our skiers physically, the Werner Wisdom Program helps coaches to strengthen their skiers socially and morally as well. Buddy Werner was well known by his peers for having many positive qualities and we feel that it is our job to instill these as well. Each non-race week coaches will be given a Werner Wisdom topic with a few fun facts to share with their team. At the end of the season, the BWL Board will award one skier (nominated by their coach) and one Coach as the Werner Wisdom Winners at the awards banquet.

### **Awards Banquet**

On the last day of the BWL season, Sunday, March 10 at 2:30pm, BWL will host an awards banquet to celebrate the season. Skiers will be recognized for many achievements. Please plan to attend!

### **Sponsorship**

The Buddy Werner League is always looking for sponsors to help support our great program. We have various levels of sponsorships that provide exceptional advertising and marketing opportunities for any local business. For more information, please contact Dana Maurer, BWL administrator at 970-376-2980, for more information.

## **Buddy Werner League Contact Information**

The BWL Board of Directors works in cooperation with Beaver Creek Ski Resort to organize, support and manage the program and its events. The purpose of the board is to provide a recreational ski program that is both affordable and fun for experienced skiers in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 8th. The board's responsibilities include managing the organization's operations, events, property and affairs; to maintain financials, prepare and oversee an annual budget; to review policies and procedures and to the best of their ability maintain good communications with all participants, their families and sponsors who support BWL.

The BWL Board welcome your positive feedback and comments on the program and are available to speak to in person each contact (day) morning and afternoon after teams have departed and/or participants have been picked up. To reach a board member or the administrator, please email [bwl.vailbc@gmail.com](mailto:bwl.vailbc@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

### **Board of Directors**

Mike Brown  
Loren Burnett  
Jim Childers  
Tom Davies  
Bill Davis  
RiAnne Davis

Ace Essex  
Chris Kehoe  
Jim Mires  
Danielle Steiner  
Dana Maurer (Administrator)