

Buddy Werner League Vail/Beaver Creek COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures

Buddy Werner League COVID-19 Strategy Planning Commission

The Buddy Werner League (BWL) Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures has been set forth by the Board.

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Goals

The goal of this document is to provide best practice guidelines for participating families, coaches and skiers during the COVID-19 Pandemic in order to help minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19 infection during BWL. BWL will provide direction from the state of CO and local Eagle County health authority mandates as well as USSSA, while partnering with Beaver Creek Resorts on social distancing, pre-screening requirements, symptom checks and more to all participants of our League.

New BWL Policies and Procedures for 2020-2021

General

- BWL will use an online platform for registration instead of in person.
- BWL teams will maintain a 1:6 ratio coaches to skiers. Parents will not be able to ski with teams this year.
- Face coverings are required at all times to access the mountain including in lift lines and while loading, unloading and riding on chairlifts and gondolas,
- BWL teams will only ride the chair lift with their own teammates and coach.
- If a team chooses to dine inside, BWL coaches will to use the Vail Resorts dining reservation system to reserve space for their teams and must wear face covering at all time while inside any Mountain Dining buildings except while actively eating or drinking. Indoor dining is recommended to take 15 minutes or less.
- BWL skiers and coaches eating on the mountain will use their resort charge or a credit card. No Cash.
- BWL skiers and coaches will wash their hands when using the restroom and before/after eating.
- BWL skiers and coaches will remain 6-feet or more from people not on their teams at all time.
- BWL skiers and coaches will be asked to use cough etiquette – maintain distance, cover coughs/sneezes, wash hands. Also they will be required to avoid hand shaking, hugging and touching their own faces.
- At the start of each day, BWL coaches will communicate “Five Commitments of Containment” to their team.

The 5 Commitments Will Limit Transmission of COVID-19 in ALL settings

1. I will maintain 6 feet of social distance
 2. I will wash my hands often
 3. I will cover my face in public when I can't social distance
 4. I will stay home when I am sick
 5. I will get tested immediately if I have symptoms
- The BWL primary meeting location at the beginning and end of the day will be at the Bear Lot. A select number of groups may launch from the Elk lot and the Westin Riverfront Gondola with the primary access point being Chair 15, Lower Beaver Creek Mountain Express at the Landing.
 - If BWL needs to cancel for any reason due to an increase in COVID-19 cases, no refunds will be issued after January 10.

Weekly Screening

Prior to each BWL day, parents will be expected to conduct a COVID-19 Symptom Check Self-Screening at home for all participants of BWL answering the following questions. If an answer is yes to any of these, please **DO NOT COME TO BWL**:

1. Do you have a fever [greater than 100.4 F/ 38 C]?
 2. Do you have any of the following symptoms?
 - a. Sore throat
 - b. Fever
 - c. Dry cough
 - d. Inability to taste or smell
 - e. Shortness of breath
 - f. New body aches
 - g. New fatigue
 - h. Diarrhea
 - i. Vomiting
 - j. Abdominal pain
 3. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?
 4. Have you had a known exposure to anyone presumed positive or tested positive to COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 5. Have you traveled in the last 14 days for which public health requires you to quarantine?
- If a skier is under quarantine from school, they will not be allowed to participate in BWL during that time. This will be tracked by the admin staff in a google doc.
 - Any participant who tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours after the conclusion of a BWL day must contact the race's COVID-19 Coordinator to initiate proper protocols, and must follow U.S. Ski & Snowboard [Return to Sport](#) guidelines in order to return to BWL. All members of the participant's team will be notified and will also undergo quarantine. All BWL families will be notified.

Racing

The following guidelines have been adapted from the USSSA's COVID-19 Competition Guidelines.

- All race participants must commit to wearing a mask and physical distancing a minimum of six (6) feet during the race day but especially at the race start and finish at all times.
- All race participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must complete a pre-screen questionnaire (See above) within 48 hours before the start of the competition or series of competitions. If symptoms are present, families must let BWL know that skier will not be racing so another skier may take his/her place.
- All race participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) must complete a daily symptom check (See above) the morning of each race day.
- All races will be limited to 100 athletes maximum per day. Any further field size limitations will be set by the COVID-19 Coordinator, working in conjunction with local health authority, ski area management, the ROC and the Jury. Race sign ups will be held electronically.

- All reports by the Referee will be posted electronically. Notification of protests must be made electronically, in accordance with the protest period deadlines. Protest hearings should be done in person, with proper face coverings and in observation of social distancing rules.
- Face coverings are required by all participants (athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers) at all times, except for during their training or racing run. Competitors may remove their face covering in the start but must put it back on before leaving the finish corral. Non-compliance may result in racer being disqualified
- Race Course Inspection times will be scheduled at intervals by team. Teams must maintain at least six feet of distance between one another during inspection and must keep their facial coverings on.
- At the race start, teams will maintain 10 feet from each other. Start areas will be demarcated with these zones six feet apart from each other.
- Physical scoreboards will not be used. Unofficial results will be posted on a live timing website. Official results to be distributed electronically.
- In-person awards ceremonies will not be hosted. The top 5 boys/girls in each age class will be announced electronically.
- Spectators in attendance must wear face coverings and adhere to local health guidelines, limiting gatherings and must maintain at least 6 feet of spacing between families. No spectators permitted inside the race arena. Socially distanced viewing may be had from the finish but people must maintain 6-feet between families. Once a racer has finished, spectators must move on.
- Nonessential visitors, spectators, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations where spacing and social distancing cannot be maintained, especially with individuals not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county) will be limited. Spectators in attendance must adhere to local health guidelines, limiting gatherings and contact with individuals where spacing of at least 6 feet between people cannot be maintained. No spectators permitted inside the race arena.
- Race announcers and volunteers will remind participants and spectators to move away from the finish as quickly as possible.
- Any participant who tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours after the conclusion of the race must contact the race's COVID-19 Coordinator to initiate proper protocols, and must follow U.S. Ski & Snowboard [Return to Sport](#) guidelines in order to return to BWL.

Training

All applicable guidelines from the racing section above will be followed.

- All training participants must commit to wearing their facial covering and physical distancing a minimum of six (6) feet while at rest at the race start and finish of the training course and ten (10) feet while in the gates.
- Training will be limited to 100 athletes maximum per day. Any further field size limitations will be set by the COVID-19 Coordinator, working in conjunction with local health authority, ski area management, the ROC and the Jury. Sign ups for training will be held electronically prior to training. If Beaver Creek has the space, BWL may be allowed 2 separate venues, each of which can have the allowed number of skiers.

Volunteering

- All volunteers must maintain a minimum of six (6) feet from each other and a minimum of ten (10) feet from skiers on course (racecourse volunteers).
- Face coverings are required to be worn by all volunteers, at all times.
- All paperwork between families and coaches for the entire season will be shared virtually.

Buddy Werner League - Vail / Beaver Creek
2020-2021 Ski Season Schedule

Saturday, December 19 –

9am – 12 PM – New Skier Testing Day

12:00PM – 3:00PM Coaches On-snow Training – New Coaches Only

Regular Season

2021

Each BWL Day, all teams will meet on snow – BWL Info Table TBA

1. Sunday, January 3 – Staggered starts at various locations

Wednesday, January 6 – some teams ski instead of 1/10

Saturday, January 9 - USSA/BWL Coaches Training for 15 coaches

2. Sunday, January 10 – *Training TBA/Scavenger Hunt*

Wednesday, January 20 – some teams ski instead of 1/23

3. Saturday, January 23 – *Training TBA*

4. Sunday, January 31 – Race Day

Wednesday, February 3 – some teams ski instead of 2/7

5. Sunday, February 7 – *Training TBA*

Wednesday, February 10 – some teams ski instead of 2/13

6. Saturday, February 13 – *Training TBA*

Eagle County Schools Break, February 15 - 19

7. Sunday, February 21 – Race Day

8. Sunday, February 28 – Race Day

March 7 – Western Slope BWL State Race at Beaver Creek Ski Resort

9. Sunday, March 14 – *Final BWL Day/Coaches/Jr. Coaches Race*

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