

## Arizona Snowbowl Ski Bike Guideline

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With the popularity of ski bikes on the increase, both in adaptive lesson facilitation, and with the aging demographic of skiers/riders, we feel that it is important to embrace this trend and offer an alternative; to allow access for ski bike riders at Arizona Snowbowl. Ski bike riders are considered skiers and shall understand and comply with the same rules as skiers and snowboarders. A ski bike is considered a person and lifts will be loaded accordingly.

Ski bikes that are not being used in adaptive lessons fall into two categories:

- **FRA= Foot Traffic Restricted Access:**  
Ski Bike riders not utilizing a foot ski while loading and unloading of chair lifts, will be limited to the Little Spruce and Big Spruce conveyor lifts only. Ski bike riders not utilizing a foot ski to load and unload, are not permitted on any chair lift at any time, unless special permission is granted.
- **RA= Restricted Access:**  
Ski bike riders utilizing a foot ski will be allowed on both conveyor lifts, and chair lifts.

**All equipment, prior to loading a chair lift or conveyor lift, must be approved by Arizona Snowbowl Ski and Ride School. This approval will assure that equipment has been engineered and built by a manufacturer. After the equipment has been inspected and approved, an ASB sticker will be placed on the seat tube as an identifier for the lift operators. A copy of the Responsibility Code and ASB Trail Map will be given to the guest upon completion of inspection. Arizona Snowbowl Ski and Ride School will then take a courtesy ride with the ski bike rider to be sure guests understand the rules of the mountain, and that our guest can properly load and unload the lift.**

### **Equipment Safety authorization guideline:**

- Ski bike, boards, and a foot ski must have appropriate construction including metal edges.
- Attachments, pivots, and connections must all be engineered solutions.
- Ski bikes must be designed to load the chair lift without slowing or stopping the lift.
- A suitable restraint must be attached between the device and the rider at all times.
- An anti-drop device must be used on chairlifts and attached to the rider.
- No sharp edges or unnecessary protrusions on equipment are allowed.
- The device must not be motorized.

### **Rider Knowledge:**

**Under the Arizona Skier Safety Act (HB 2498), a ski bike rider is considered a skier and shall understand, and adhere to the same rules as a skier or snowboarder while recreating on the mountain.**

- Helmets are recommended.
- The rider must understand, and comply with the Responsibility Code.
- Rider must know how to load and unload the chair lift, and or conveyor lift safely.
- Only one rider per ski bike is allowed.
- The rider must understand any additional restrictions or limitations set by the resort for ski/snow bike use inside the ski area boundary.

- The rider should demonstrate safe riding practices, be aware, and respect other mountain guests in their immediate vicinity at all times, and the ski bike rider must provide adequate space, and control their speed at all times.
- It is recommended that a parent or guardian accompany children under the age of 12 at all times while ski bike riding. Children who ski bike under the age of 12 will only have access to the conveyor lifts.
- Ski bikes are **not allowed in any of our Terrain Parks at any time.**

**Ski and Ride School Responsibilities:**

- **Equipment inspection.**
- **Place sticker on ski bike seat tube.**
- **Provide guest with a trail map and explain Responsibility Code.**
- **Discuss the importance of a leash, and explain that it must be attached to the rider at all times.**
- **Discuss the importance of giving other guests space while riding a ski bike.**
- **Courtesy ride with ski bike rider.**

**Lift Operator Responsibilities:**

- **Assure that equipment has been checked by Ski and Ride School.**
- **Check for leash.**
- **Communicate with guest discussing loading and unloading of lifts.**