



Group Use of Trails and Facilities Policy and Waiver

Porcupine Ski Runners (PSR) supports and encourages the use of our facilities by groups as a means of raising the profile of cross country skiing, snowshoeing, health and fitness and our club.

Groups wishing to use PSR facilities will complete a **registration form**, pay the required fees and abide by the rules and expectations as outlined in this policy.

Procedures and Expectations

1. "Group" is defined as at least 10 persons who are part of an organization
2. Any group may register for a 1-day event to support group activity. The fee is detailed on the registration form.
3. Any group that wishes to use the trail system for a purpose or duration not listed above must contact the Chair of Schools and Groups at least one week prior to the planned activity. A fee will be determined by the Chair of Schools and Groups which will incorporate the unique nature of the specialized request. (e.g. community group for more than 1-day visits, cross country races,...)
4. Payment for the use of the facilities must be made on arrival for the planned activity or in advance. Payments can be mailed or done in person at the PSR office during office hours.
5. It is the responsibility of those in charge of a group to plan for adequate supervision on the trails and in the buildings to ensure the safety of every participating member.
6. The person in charge should be aware of the level of challenge of each of our trails. Groups with children should use the inner trails only – that is the Sprint, Green, Blue, Red and Yellow. Snowshoers should be accompanied by an adult at all times.
7. Skiers and snowshoers should:
 - a) Be able to read trail signs and maps.
 - b) Stay on the trails at all times and ski in the direction indicated by the trail signs.
 - c) Dress properly for weather conditions.
 - d) Not walk on the set classic track. If it is necessary to remove skis and walk, then walk along the side of the trail.
 - e) Carry out all garbage and litter.

8. The Porcupine Ski Runners club is operated mostly by volunteers. Please clean up your own mess, whether from waxing or from lunch.
9. Use of alcoholic beverages and/or recreational drugs is not allowed and smoking is not allowed.
10. Porcupine Ski Runners is not responsible for articles lost or stolen.
11. Youth group leaders should ensure that all belongings are kept in the Rental Room while out on the trail if it is available. If the Rental Room is not available to store these items, then the Lounge may be used.
12. The applicant will be responsible for property damages arising out of use under their permit.
13. Porcupine Ski Runners reserves the right to cancel any permit at any time.
14. The applicant shall be responsible for the enforcement of the regulations listed herein.
15. In the event of an accident while using the trails during a group event, the group contact must email and/or phone the PSR group coordinator outlining the nature of the injury, the name of the person injured, type of injury, where it occurred, first aid administered, indicate whether they were seeking medical attention and any other pertinent details.

Liability Waiver

In submitting the signed Group Activity Registration form, the group contact/organizer accepts the following waiver on behalf of all participants in the group activity:

I know that Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing is a physical activity which may result in personal injury. I also know that there are natural and man-made obstacles or hazards of which, in combination with my actions, could cause injury. I acknowledge that I have read the above, understand these guidelines and agree to ski or snowshoe accordingly. I agree that I, and not Porcupine Ski Runners Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Club, am responsible for my safety while I participate in any sports activities on PSR property. I accept full responsibility for my safety, my actions and for any injuries that could occur. I also agree to use rental equipment properly and return it in the condition it was issued to me. Any damage of rental equipment due to misuse will result in additional charges.