



OL SkiRacing School – Update September 2020

Hello OL SkiRacing Friends,

We are pleased to announce - we are moving forward with our Thanksgiving plans at Vail!

We hope you are well and those close to you are safe too. As athletes, it been especially challenging to keep fit – we hope you’ve been creative and are disciplining yourselves to do the work. It’s been a tough transition on many levels regarding the pandemic. We want to express our gratitude for anyone directly involved with saving lives. Stay safe!

As the world adjusts and adapts, we are fortunate that Ski & Snowboard Club Vail has been working diligently with management at Vail Resorts. This past weekend summer, Timberline re-opened its summer ski area on a modified scale with many new safety disciplines in place to insure some control over the spread of the pandemic. It was successful, and OL SkiRacing School hosted two wonderful, safe weeks of training. We are also glad to report – we are all wiser about how best to operate under these current conditions.

What we do: The skiing part will be unchanged. We offer a phenomenal coaching staff, video analysis, and training experience that you will carry with you always. Scores of OL SkiRacing School attendees have gone on to top international careers. OL SkiRacing School is grounded on optimism and enthusiasm for ski racing. We center our routine around safety, respect, and inclusivity – with the hope that each skier comes away with new skills and confidence. We will conduct our normal 7 days of skiing starting on Thanksgiving Day, focused on Slalom first followed by Giant Slalom – starting midday on Sunday. We may occasionally need to adapt our plan – so we appreciate your flexibility. OL SkiRacing School is not responsible for lost training days due to circumstances beyond our control (such as weather, or emergency situations).

What’s changed: we will *not* be offering overnight housing to our campers, nor will we be providing food service. Each athlete/family must provide their own lodging, meals, and transportation including transportation to and from Vail. The nice part is, Vail is set up so well to lodge and get to the hill under your own power – usually within walking distance. Campers must be capable of independently managing their own equipment, loading, and unloading the chairlift, as well as understand and practice the importance of enhanced personal hygiene, social distancing, daily health screening and wearing a mask/face covering when appropriate. Parents of younger skiers are encouraged and welcome to be on-hand at the base of our training mountain (Gold Peak) while maintaining distance, mask wearing, and all other regulations we must all follow in order for this camp to work.

Lodging: Below are links to lodging options. OL staff will lode at the Tivoli Lodge in Vail – about 100 yards from the lift. Some families may elect to lodge together – which is fine; this will necessitate operating as a “family unit,” including eating, traveling together to the mountain each day. With the new state guidelines, lodging is bound to be tight – so if you are planning to join us, securing lodging should be your **primary task**. If you need help or direction, please feel free to call us. It’s a good idea to ask about cancelation policies and force majeure situations, including non-binding trip insurance. Though we are confident we will conduct camp, there is some dependence on local/national authorities who have the ultimate say on our ability to operate at Vail.

- <https://tivolilodge.com> Tivoli Lodge, Vail – special OL family rates available



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- <https://www.manorvail.com> Manor Vail, Vail – near the Tivoli, with condo-living available
 - VRBO.com offers many options – look at our neighborhood on the map (Tivoli)

Register: If you haven't already registered, please do so immediately. Go to: www.skiracingcamp.com/enroll . We have adjusted pricing to reflect our new operating procedures. Our tuition includes 7 days training/coaching on snow, lift tickets, and socially distancing video analysis and dryland. **Refunds:** If OL SkiRacing School is not allowed to perform camp, full refunds will be issued. **Age Considerations:** Our Camps are open to all ages and abilities. However, to gain the most benefit from our programs, we suggest you verbally contact us to discuss any special concerns you might have. **NOTICE for athletes 18 or older who are not members of US Ski & Snowboard:** you must comply with Federal Safe Sport guidelines prior to attending camp and complete the "SafeSport Trained" course (<https://www.athletesafety.org>)

Travel: Travel to Vail needs to be arranged by families and their athletes – and communicated to OL SkiRacing School. Driving to Colorado, though possibly arduous, represents a safe way to distance while traveling. If you do travel by more public means (airline, train) please exercise commonsense and comply with all regulations put forth by travel authorities. DEN – Denver International Airport is your destination airport. If you arrive to camp sick, you will likely be asked to return home immediately. We will conduct a mandatory orientation meeting online or socially distancing-safe the first night of our week at 7pm (more detail to follow). Nightly meetings to follow.

Coronavirus and COVID-19: You and your athlete(s) will be expected to strictly follow Vail Resorts, State of Colorado, and OL procedures regarding your health and anyone interacting with you/us during your stay at Mt Hood. If you should feel sick (fever, cough, or any other symptoms out of the ordinary) you need to report this to us immediately and isolate as soon as possible. We will do our best to conduct a great camp, but in the end, we want to be sure we are not populating the risks of the pandemic. Please read the extensive policies from the State of Colorado and Vail, and any updates related to those, prior to arriving at Vail.

We thank you for your patience and understanding. OL SkiRacing School is excited to get back on snow this November, but we also want to do this the best way possible – keeping safety our top priority. Thank you in advance for your attention to detail and compliance.

Sincerely,

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