



## **POLICY – SNOWSHOES**

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Snowshoeing is an activity that is allowed and covered by the CCBC Membership/Insurance Program. However, certain conditions must be met and this policy clarifies the conditions for the Omineca Ski Club.

### **1. GENERAL CONDITIONS FROM CCBC**

The conditions are also available here <https://www.crosscountrybc.ca/membership-insurance-program>

1. Shared sections with skiers must be avoided. In areas where this is unavoidable proper signage but be posted indicated a shared section.
2. If there are any crossing sections with the ski trails, proper signage/warnings must be posted to warn skiers.
3. At the trail-head the warning “Snowshoe at Your Own Risk” is prominently displayed on the registration sheet and/or signs.
4. Clubs should also consider posting a sign indicating whether trails are suitable for novices and/or advanced skiers.
5. With respect to land/trails owned and/or directly under the sole control of the club it is recommended they post signs to warn that skiers who are not members or registered day-users are considered to be trespassers. Clubs are advised to consult with the actual land owner before any signs are posted along with if agreed the specific wording to be employed on any signage.

### **2. CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO OMINECA SKI CLUB**

1. The Omineca Ski Club does not maintain snowshoe trails and does not offer a snowshoe membership.

2. Snowshoeing is only allowed when skiing would be unsafe and only for the following purposes:

- a) Parents of bunnies during Skill Development Program (SDP) lessons and/or activity. For the purpose of this policy, bunnies are children enrolled in ski lessons that are required to be accompanied by a parent, as determined by the SDP coordinator.



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- b) School chaperones accompanying learners that require assistance, provided that the school notifies OSC via [info@ominecaskiclub.ca](mailto:info@ominecaskiclub.ca) of the date and time of the trail booking. Notification must be confirmed via email by OSC.
  - c) Winter trail maintenance, including race or event setup.
  - d) Special events (e.g., Special Olympics), provided the event is pre-approved by executive.
3. Except for trail maintenance (including race or event setup), snowshoeing is strictly limited to the following areas:
- a) Stadium area
  - b) Bunny hill
  - c) To and from biathlon range
4. Signage will be developed to warn skiers. In addition, this policy will be posted on the website and in the wax cabin.