



### FOR YOUR SAFETY

Regardless of how you enjoy your snow sports, always show courtesy to others and be aware that **THEIR ARE RESPONSIBLE RISKS** in all snow recreation activities. These risks include rapid changes in weather and surface conditions, collisions with other people as well as natural and artificial hazards such as rocks, trees, stumps, bare spots, lift towers and snowmaking equipment. Common sense and personal awareness can reduce such risks. Observe the ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE, and share with others the responsibility for a great experience.

#### ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

1. Know your ability and always stay in control.
2. Take lessons from qualified professional instructors to learn and progress.
3. As you proceed downhill or overtake another person, you must avoid people below and beside you.
4. Do not stop where you could obstruct a trail, a run or are not visible from above.
5. When entering a trail, a run or starting downhill, look uphill and give way to others.
6. Always use crash-resistant devices where provided and always use proper devices to prevent runaway equipment. Ensure equipment is in good condition.
7. Observe and obey all signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails or runs and keep out of closed areas.
8. Before using any lift you must have the knowledge and ability of how to load and unload safely.
9. Do not ski, snowboard, hike or lift or undertake any other alpine activity if your ability is impaired by drugs and alcohol.
10. If you are involved in, or witness an accident, alert the Ski Patrol, remain at the scene and identify yourself to them.

**KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**Ski area shuttle bus NISEKO UNITED Shuttle**

The NISEKO UNITED Shuttle conveniently links each of the four ski resorts and is free to holders of the Niseko All Mountain Pass.

\*The bus timetable is on "Niseko Resort Map" at lift ticket counters etc.  
 \*Holders of the Niseko All Mountain Pass must present pass on boarding the bus. (12-point ticket holders forfeit 1 point)  
 \*Those without the All Mountain Pass can ride the bus for the regular fare.

## Niseko Village Ski Resort

## Niseko Grand Hirafu Hirafu Area

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|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Lift ticket counter | Ski patrol                | Un-groomed Slope |
| Rest room           | AED                       | Slope            |
| Phone               | Light                     | Slope            |
| Kids room           | Gate to uncontrolled area | Slope            |
| Restaurants         | Mogul run                 | Slope            |
| Cafe                | Wave                      | Slope            |
| Shop                | Half Pipe                 | Slope            |
| Information         | Park (Kicker, JB, etc.)   | Slope            |
| Rentals             |                           |                  |
| Ski school          |                           |                  |
| Onsen (Hot Spring)  |                           |                  |
| Shuttle bus stop    |                           |                  |
| Parking lot         |                           |                  |

### Avalanche Control Operation Area

Various methods of Avalanche Control combined with an educational program are in use in this area in the interest of increasing avalanche awareness and safety.

Only skiers and riders participating in the program are permitted to use this area.

Contact: Niseko Village 0136-44-2211

## Niseko Rules

The Niseko Rules are Niseko's official regulations created for the safety and freedom of everyone using the ski resort and riding beyond the ski area boundary.

**1. CERTAIN CLOSED AREAS WITHIN NISEKO ARE STRICTLY OFF LIMITS AND ARE NOT TO BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME.**

You are **STRICTLY** prohibited from hiking and riding these areas in dangerous and if you choose to, you do it AT YOUR OWN RISK.

**2. CROSSING ROPES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

Ducking the boundary ropes is prohibited. If you do, your lift pass will be confiscated. Use ONLY designed gates to access out of bounds areas. Crossing ropes at other areas will result in lift pass confiscation.

**3. NO SAFETY CONTROL BEYOND RESORT BOUNDARY**

The area outside the mountain resort boundary (back country, including the peak) are National forests and parks, and are not controlled or supervised by the resort or the Ski Patrol. Niseko Rules prohibit that hiking and riding these areas in dangerous and if you choose to, you do it AT YOUR OWN RISK.

**4. BACK COUNTRY SKIING/RIDING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WHEN GATES ARE CLOSED**

During extremely hazardous conditions, access gates will be closed and out of bounds riding will be strictly prohibited.

**5. AVALANCHE CONDITION INFORMATION**

The "Niseko Avalanche Information" is the official information posted by "Niseko Avalanche Institute". This information can be found at lift stations, access gates and on the Internet.

**6. BACK COUNTRY RESCUE FEE**

YOU are responsible for the cost of your rescue from back country areas.

**7. SKI AND MOUNTAIN PATROL INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE OBEYED**

Niseko Rules means that all resort users respect and obey the instructions of the Ski Patrol and the Sherburne Mountain Patrol.

**8. RESPECT EACH OTHER**

The Niseko Rules have been created with everyone's safety in mind. In order for everyone to remain safe, everyone must respect and follow these rules.

Niseko Rules are official regulations, established by the Niseko Annupuri Avalanche Prevention Committee, the Niseko Mountain Resort Safety Committee, the Niseko Free Passport Committee and the Hokkaido Shirubeshi Alpine Accident Prevention Committee.