

Age Class Academy Equipment



Uniforms

All Team Summit athletes receive a free Team Summit jacket, which promotes our sponsors. Athletes are expected to wear their jackets during training and competition throughout the season.

Helmets

Age Class Athletes: Must wear a full helmet with hard ear protection.

U14 Athletes: Required to use an International Ski Federation (FIS) approved helmet for Age Class and Sync races. Chin guards are recommended for Slalom (SL).

Skis

U12 and U14 Athletes: Should have one pair of racing skis for Slalom (SL) and another pair for Giant Slalom (GS). Free-skiing skis are also suggested.

Super G: If training and competing in Super G, an additional pair of longer skis is recommended.

Loaner Skis: A finite inventory of loaner skis is available for speed events.

U14 Equipment Rules: U14 athletes must adhere to specific equipment rules regarding ski radius and length.

Free-Skiing Skis

All-mountain skis, which are slightly wider than racing skis, are ideal for free skiing. These skis can be sized to last several years as athletes grow.

Boots

Athletes must be properly fitted for boots to ensure they can flex their ankles while the boots are buckled. Avoid purchasing boots that the child will "grow into" as oversized or overly stiff boots can hinder their progress.

Junior Boots: Make sure athletes are in junior boots, not adult boots.

Boot Stiffness: Manufacturers offer recommendations for ski boot stiffness based on age, weight, ability, and height. Generally, a lower stiffness range is preferable to allow proper ankle movement.

Sizing: To check boot length, remove the liner, place the athlete's foot into the shell, and have them slide their toes forward until they touch the front. There should be a space of 2 to 2.5 fingers between the heel of the athlete's foot and the heel of the boot. After this, check the fit of the liner as you would with a regular shoe. Custom footbeds are not recommended.

Speed Suits

Athletes will train and compete in speed suits, except under special circumstances. Either padded or non-padded suits may be used. Affordable options are available at the ski swap or through the Team Summit Classifieds Facebook Page.

Shin Guards

Shin guards are required for training and racing in Slalom to protect athletes from gate impacts.

Back Protectors and Cut-Resistant Apparel

While not required by the rules, it is strongly recommended that athletes wear back protectors to safeguard their spine and use cut-resistant underlayers or suits to reduce the risk of ski edge lacerations.