



SKI AREA USER OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All persons, by participating in the sport of skiing and using the slopes, trails and passenger ropeways at Bridger Bowl agree to accept the risks inherent in the sport of skiing in Montana and the risks and dangers inherent with the use of passenger ropeways. All persons using the slopes, trails and passenger ropeways at Bridger Bowl shall comply with the following standards, laws and regulations including but not limited to:

- ANSI B-77.1 2022 Standard, General Requirements, Passenger Responsibilities
- Your Responsibility Code
- Montana State Law; Section 23-2-736 MCA, Duties of a Skier; 23-2-735 MCA, Duties of a Chairlift Passenger; 23-2-704 MCA, Unlawful to Endanger Life or Cause Damage.
- Bridger Bowl Mountain Regulations

EQUIPMENT

Skis (alpine, AT or telemark), snowboards, snow blades and specialized equipment that has been designed and manufactured primarily for use by skiers with a disability (sit skis, mono skis, bi skis, outriggers) are the only types of snow sliding devices permitted to use the passenger ropeways and ski slopes/trails within the boundaries of Bridger Bowl ski area.

Restricted Devices:

The following types of devices or equipment are prohibited from using the slopes, trails and passenger ropeways at Bridger Bowl including, but not limited to:

- Ski Bikes, Snow Bikes, Skibobs **
- Snow Decks, Snow Skates
- Dual Snowboards
- Snowshoes
- Sleds, including flying saucers, inner tubes and other inflatable devices. **
- Any device without metal edges.
- Any device without a binding or means to securely attach the device to the user.
- Any device that may encroach upon the limitations of carrier clearances or design loads of passenger ropeways.
- Hang Gliders and any kite-like device.

** Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- The supervised use of sleds by Bridger Bowl Play Care participants within the fenced play area.
- Use of sleds solely for the purpose of transporting equipment or small children from the parking lot to base area facilities.
- Ski Bikes, when used by skiers with a qualifying disability only. Proof of disability may be required.

USE OF ADAPTIVE DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The following policy addresses accessibility accommodations for persons with a disability including the use of passenger ropeways, adaptive devices, manually powered mobility aids, power driven mobility devices and service animals. This policy has been developed considering the safety and enjoyment of all guests of Bridger Bowl.

Skiers with a disability are persons meeting the definition contained in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Section 12102, that substantially limits that person's ability to ski or snowboard, negotiate slopes/trails or meet the general requirements to use passenger ropeways. This definition does not apply to impairments that are transitory, with an actual or expected duration of six (6) months or less.

Skiers with a disability may qualify for discounted day tickets, complimentary day tickets for personal assistants and the use of specialized equipment where applicable. See Policy 6 - Tickets, for complimentary tickets and discount rates.

USE OF PASSENGER ROPEWAYS

Passenger Ropeways, General Requirements:

Persons who use a passenger ropeway are to comply with the requirements of ANSI B-77 Standard and are to have sufficient ability and physical dexterity to negotiate and be evacuated from the passenger ropeway safely. Each passenger is to maintain control of his/her speed and course while loading, riding and unloading a passenger ropeway. Passengers not able to meet these requirements, are to have a personal assistant to assist them perform these functions.

Passengers may not transport equipment or objects that may encroach upon the limitations of carrier clearances or design loads.

Assistants for Skiers with a Disability:

Persons acting as an assistant for skiers with a disability are to have the ability to provide reliable aid, assistance or meaningful communication for the skier with a disability while negotiating slopes/trails, passenger ropeways and in emergency situations.

Aerial Chairlift Evacuation Devices:

To permit evacuation from the aerial chairlift in the event of a breakdown, sit-skis, mono-skis, bi-skis are to have an evacuation system, readily available and designed specifically for the device, that can be securely attached to the evacuation rope. Ski bikes are to have an adequate device to securely attach the equipment to the evacuation rope. It is the responsibility of the skier with a disability or the assistant to attach the device to the evacuation rope and move off the chair as instructed.

Aerial Chairlift Capacity:

The following adaptive devices reduce the capacity on triple and quad chairs by one occupant. This list includes, but is not limited to: Sit skis, Mono skis, Bi skis, ski bikes and walkers.

Adaptive Equipment, General:

The use of adaptive equipment is limited to use by the skier with a disability. Skiers without a disability and assistants for skiers with a disability are not permitted to use adaptive equipment on the mountain.

Exceptions to this requirement are:

- Use of adaptive equipment for training and familiarization of personnel by an organization that provides therapeutic recreation for persons with disabilities.
- In the case of a skier with a cognitive disability, an able-bodied assistant may accompany the skier with a disability on the same type device for the purpose of instruction on the device. The assistant in this case must be proficient on the device to be used, clinically familiar with the disability and have the knowledge and understanding to build confidence and effective skill development. It does not relieve the assistant of the duty to be able to provide reliable aid, assistance, and meaningful communication for the skier with a disability while negotiating slopes/trails, passenger ropeways and in emergency situations.

Adaptive Equipment:

Equipment that has been designed and manufactured primarily for use by persons with a disability: including: Sit-ski, mono-ski, bi-ski, ski tip stabilizer and outriggers. Adaptive Equipment is available for rent through Eagle Mount at Bridger Bowl with advance notice. Reservations may be required.

Restricted Devices:

Ski bikes: Skiers with a disability requesting to use devices listed in this section may be required to provide proof of disability. Restricted equipment is not available for rent at Bridger Bowl.

Operational Requirements, Restricted Devices:

- Ski Bikes: users are to have skis on their feet to load, ride and unload the chair lifts.
- Ski Bikes that are designed to be carried while riding an aerial chairlift, are to be loaded on the “outside” of the chair and are limited to one ski bike per chair. Ski bikes that are designed to be “lift ride-able” may be loaded in any position on the chair and are limited to a maximum of two ski bikes per chair.

MOBILITY DEVICES

Types of Mobility Devices:

- Wheelchairs and Manually Powered Mobility Aids: includes the use of three- or four-wheel devices, walkers, canes, crutches, or other similar devices designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability for the main purpose of indoor, or of both indoor and outdoor locomotion, whether operated manually or powered that do not exceed 30 inches in width and 48 inches in length and do not weigh more than 600 pounds when occupied. Electric motorized scooters falling within these guidelines meet this definition.
- Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD): includes any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel or other engines, whether or not designed primarily for use by persons with a mobility disability including golf carts, snowmobiles, ATV's, electronic mobility devices (such as a Segway PT) or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheel chair, meeting the description above.

Use of Wheelchairs and other Manually Powered Mobility Aids:

- Persons with mobility disabilities are permitted to use these devices in areas open to pedestrian use. Access to on-mountain facilities is only permitted with Adaptive Equipment (See Use of Passenger Ropeways above) A wheelchair is available at Deer Park Chalet for use by persons with a mobility disability while utilizing the facility.

Use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices:

- Bridger Bowl operates under a Special Use Permit issued by the United States Forest Service. The Special Use Permit prohibits the use of motorized vehicles, including OPDMD's, by members of the public on lands within the ski area boundary. See Policy 6, Mountain Operations
- Uphill travel is prohibited beyond the plowed parking area 24/7 within the ski area boundaries during the winter operating season.
- This policy excludes the use of motorized vehicles by ski area personnel for administrative, operational, maintenance or safety related reasons.
- The use of OPDMDs is restricted to plowed surfaces consisting of compacted aggregate in parking areas. Bridger Bowl does not represent or warrant that Bridger Bowl roads and grounds are designed, maintained or managed for any mobility device.
- The use of power-driven vehicles by the public, including OPDMDs used by persons with a mobility disability, poses a direct conflict with Bridger Bowl legitimate safety requirements for safe operation of the ski area. These safety concerns include the use of devices on slopes that expose the OPDMD users and skiers/snowboarders to unreasonable safety hazards. These safety concerns are compounded by the facilities large volume of slope and trail use. These safety requirements are based on actual risks and are not intended to be discriminatory in any way.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Bridger Bowl supports the use of trained service animals. All service animals must meet the current ADA guidelines which include, but are not limited to: remaining under the direct control of the user at all times, be house broken and be trained and utilized to perform a specific task or work for a person with a disability according to ADA regulations.

The use of service animals is permitted within buildings and facilities located in the Base Area. The use of service animals (including miniature horses) on lifts, trails and slopes directly conflicts with Bridger Bowl safety requirements and impedes the reasonably safe operation of Bridger Bowl on slope activities. Bridger Bowl restricts the use of animals on lifts and slopes to dogs, specifically trained, or in the process of being trained for avalanche search and rescue work and which are under the control of Bridger Bowl Inc personnel. These safety concerns include the real potential for conflicts between service animals and skiers and riders, and are compounded by the large volume of slope and trail use. These safety requirements are based on actual risks and are not intended to be discriminatory in any way.