



2026/27 | WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT FREESTYLE TEAM

FREESTYLE SKI & SNOWBOARD TEAM

Freestyle Team or WMRFT at its simplest, is a group of young skiers and snowboarders, ages 8-18. Most members are local youth from the Flathead Valley, but we also have athletes who join us from other U.S. states and Canada. Our team welcomes graduates from the Ski & Ride School's Development Program as well as members of the local Alpine Race Team.

Our primary emphasis is safety on the mountain. We coach the kids on how to make appropriate decisions when choosing terrain with respect to snow conditions, including **tree well safety** and **avalanche awareness**. We are an all-mountain team with a freestyle progression basis, meaning, if athletes want to learn tricks (180s, 360s, grabs, etc.) or participate in freestyle or freeride competitions, we will help them learn and master the necessary skills to be successful. If an athlete's interests are not focused on learning tricks, our coaches will center their teaching around other advanced freeride skills.

We spend a lot of time skiing and riding every part of the mountain given the conditions are safe and appropriate for our objective. We, like most youth programs, provide the kids with ample time to freely ski/ride around as practice to hone their skills.

The Freestyle Team incorporates a broad spectrum of curriculum, including all-mountain skiing and riding, competition preparations, and everything in between!

Our coaching is structured around the interests of each group of athletes. Our coaches are passionate, experienced, trained, and are all positive mentors for their athletes.



We are building better skiers and snowboarders! We are building successful competitors! We are guiding development and growth through winter sports! We are building a passion for winter! We are advocating a community! We are building lifelong skiers and snowboarders! We are the WMR Freestyle Ski & Snowboard Team!



FAQ's

Does my child need to 'try out'?

Nope! We do recommend that children are able to comfortably, ski or ride EVERY groomed run at Whitefish Mountain Resort. Skiers, using parallel turns throughout. Snowboarders, riding both heel-side and toe-side. We strongly encourage that children have participated in WMR's Devo program through blue level before joining Freestyle Team.

Do kids have to compete?

Nope! Competing is encouraged but not required. We will have coaches at all home mountain events. There are events for new to competing, intermediate and advanced athletes. Our mountain offers a few different styles of 'Freestyle' events; Rail Jam, Slopestyle, Banked Slalom & Skier/Boardercross.

What if my child doesn't want to learn 'park' skills?

We have groups for every interest! Athletes will learn and progress in the areas that best suit their interests and ability levels.

WHAT WE OFFER

INTRO TO FREESTYLE TEAM

Ages 8-15 – 9 Week Program – Fall Dryland Training

Available Full Day Saturday or Full Day Sunday for skiers and snowboarders

For intermediate skiers and snowboarders to build their fundamental skills while adding Freestyle skills to the mix. This 10-week program builds skills that apply to freeriding/freeskiing, all mountain and freestyle terrain park.

Requirements: In order to participate, athletes need to have completed up to a level blue Devo program through WMR Ski & Ride School OR have participated in FVSEF Race Team's All Mountain Rangers.

Is this the right place for you? If this is your child's first year doing Freestyle Team and they have not participated in a Freestyle Team tryout, this is the place for you!

FREESTYLE TEAM

Ages 9-16 – 11 Week Program

Fall Dryland, Indoor Aerial Training and 3-day Holiday Camp (December 28-30, 2026) included.

Available Full Day Saturday or Full Day Sunday for skiers and snowboarders

For advanced skiers and snowboarders who have a passion for all mountain terrain, want to progress their off-piste (freeride) and freestyle skills and/or grow toward the Competition Teams. Curriculum will include: freeride skills, progress fundamentals into dynamic skills, competition introduction, safety awareness including avalanche and tree well workshops.

Requirements: In order to participate, athlete(s) need to have participated on the Freestyle Team for at least 1 season prior OR have the Head Coach's approval to skip Intro to Freestyle Team. The Freestyle Team is for returning athletes.

Is this the right place for you? If your child participated in Freestyle Team last season and would like to continue to progress their skills without frequently competing, this is the place for you!

For any questions, please contact **Freestyle Team Manager Connita Parks** at 862-2971 or **SSC Sales Representatives** at 862-2909.

More information can be found at SKIWHITEFISH.COM/FREESTYLE-TEAM/

COMPETITION TEAMS

14-WEEK COMPETITION TEAM

Ages 10-18 – 14-week Saturday Program

Freestyle or Freeride

For athletes who have a passion for competing, whether it be slopestyle, freeride, banked slalom, or boarder-cross/skier-cross events, coaches will implement competition preparedness into weekly trainings. Competition prep doesn't exclusively pertain to physical skills but also incorporates strategies for mindset, environmental pressures, judging criteria, and sportsmanship. Preparation for IFSA & USASA regional events will be included in their curriculum.

11-WEEK COMPETITION TEAM

Ages 10-18 – 11-week Sunday Program

Freeride ONLY

For advanced skiers and snowboarders who are ready to progress their training to include competition preparation. Coaches will implement competition preparedness into weekly trainings with an emphasis on Freeride skills and preparing athletes for success in IFSA competitions. Curriculum will include: off-piste skills, advanced tree skiing/riding, cliffs, chutes, steep and deep powder, controlling higher speeds on steeper terrain, line choice, as well as avalanche & tree well safety. Athletes will also learn about backcountry skiing/riding and safety (in bounds of course). We will incorporate a couple of inbounds hikes and discuss the skills athletes would use out of bounds. Competition prep doesn't exclusively pertain to physical skills, training will also incorporate strategies for mindset, environmental pressures, judging criteria, and sportsmanship.

COMPETITION TEAMS WILL INCLUDE:

Fall Dryland, Indoor Aerial Training and 3-day Holiday Camp (December 28-30, 2026), avalanche awareness & tree well safety workshops.

A competition team jersey for use at our in-house mock competition series; offered to provide opportunities to practice competing and, in turn, further developing athletes' skills.

IFSA & USASA regional travel coaching possible, inquire through team manager.

Is this the right place for you?

If your child participated in Freestyle Team last season and competed in numerous home events, this is the place for you! Your athlete will receive coaching at home events with their team coach.

**Athlete Scholarships available, more information at:
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