

WHISTLER KIDS CLUB SNOWBOARDING ABILITY LEVELS

Please use the level outlines below to assess what level group your child should be in. Please don't over estimate your child's ability, it is better for their confidence to be moved up a level rather than down.

LEVEL 1

I am just starting to learn to snowboard. I am still working on learning to balance and side slip on both edges.

LEVEL 2

I can side slip and pendulum on my toe and heel edge. I stay balanced and show good body position while riding. I am ready to learn how to turn/I am still working on my turns. I am still practicing in the beginner area but I am working towards riding on the mountain.

LEVEL 3

I can confidently link turns on green terrain and control my speed using turn shape. When I link turns I have good stance and balance.

LEVEL 4

I can confidently link turns and vary my turn shape on blue runs. I can link turns and ride in control through uneven terrain. I am starting to use my lower body to turn my board. I enjoy riding black runs at a moderate speeds and going over bumps and jumps.

LEVEL 5

I enjoy riding difficult terrain, bumps, and powder. I can link turns down black runs in all snow conditions and keep a consistent rhythm in bumps. I can ride switch on green runs and know how to ollie and nollie. I can carve my board on groomed terrain. I can ride small features in the Terrain Park.

LEVEL 6

I have good board performance and strong skills in all conditions and terrain. I can ride gladed runs, moguls, powder and steeps confidently and aggressively. I have good stance and balance when carving small, medium and large round turns on groomed blue runs. I have good technical and tactical skills while riding difficult terrain. I can 50-50 a rail, do a 180 and land on the transition on small jumps in the Terrain Park.

LEVEL 6+ (WHISTLER VALLEY SNOWBOARD CLUB AGES 9+ ONLY)

I am an aggressive rider and have good technical and tactical skills that allow me to ski all areas of the mountain. I can carve on groomed runs, steep and bumps. I can adapt and maintain a centered stance on all types of terrain, in all snow conditions and at higher speeds. I can pick my own line and safely ride; double black runs, terrain park features and cliffs.