

## GATE RULES & ETIQUETTE

Understanding the Niseko Gate System and Your Responsibilities Beyond the Resort Boundary



### 1 HOW THE GATE SYSTEM WORKS

Niseko United uses a controlled gate system to manage access to sidecountry terrain.

Gates indicate permission to exit resort boundaries, not safety.



SAFE  
CONDITIONS



AN OPEN GATE MEANS  
ACCESS IS PERMITTED,  
**NOT** THAT CONDITIONS  
ARE SAFE.

### 2 GOOD PRACTICE



#### TRAVEL WITH PARTNERS

Never travel alone. Groups of 2 or more.



#### CARRY BEACON, SHOVEL AND PROBE

Essential gear for travel beyond the gates.



#### KNOW YOUR RETURN ROUTE

Plan your route and how you will get back.



#### TELL SOMEONE YOUR PLAN

Share your route, group and expected return time.



#### CHECK WEATHER & AVALANCHE FORECAST

Conditions change quickly in the mountains.



#### ASSIST OTHERS WHEN NEEDED

Look out for other riders and skiers.

### 3 COMMON MISTAKES



#### GOING ALONE

Solo travel is the leading factor in fatal accidents.



#### FOLLOWING TRACKS BLINDLY

Tracks do not mean terrain is safe.



#### ENTERING CLOSED AREAS

Closed gates are closed for a reason.



#### IGNORING PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Patrol decisions are based on conditions & safety.



#### STOPPING IN TERRAIN TRAPS

Avoid gullies, creeks, and runoff zones.



#### MISSING YOUR EXIT ROUTE

Poor planning can lead to long hikes or stranding.

### 4 WHEN GATES CLOSE

Gates may close due to:



AVAILANCHE  
DANGER



STRONG  
WINDS



RAPID  
WARMING



POOR  
VISIBILITY



OPERATIONAL  
REQUIREMENTS



**CLOSED GATES ARE CLOSED FOR EVERYONE.**

Respect closures for your safety and the safety of others.

### 5 RESPONSIBILITY BEYOND THE GATES



Once beyond a gate, you are entering uncontrolled terrain and are responsible for your own decisions, route finding, equipment and safety.



**REMEMBER**



PATROL RESPONSE MAY BE DELAYED  
OUTSIDE RESORT BOUNDARIES.



TRAINING, PREPARATION  
AND GOOD JUDGMENT  
ARE ESSENTIAL.



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