

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) – Region 1 MHSAA Ski Regional Championship Cannonsburg Ski Area – February 9, 2026

Document Overview: This EAP covers all aspects of emergency response for the MHSAA, Region 1 Regional Ski Championship at Cannonsburg Ski Area (6800 Cannonsburg Rd NE, Belmont, MI 49306). It aligns with MHSAA requirements (2025-26 Ski Manual, pp. 16-18) for written plans at ski tournaments, including medical emergencies, weather/force majeure, security, and evacuation. The plan will be reviewed with officials, coaches, and key venue staff prior to the event. Post-event evaluation will occur to note any issues / improvements.

Key Emergency Contacts

- **Ski Patrol (primary medical response for all major/minor injuries):** 616-874-6711 ext. 219. Patrol will be on site starting at 07:30 a.m. on the day of the event and available on the hill at all times during the event. Medical evacuation will be by toboggan. The Ski Patrol building is located at the bottom of the hill at the end of the rental building. If an athlete needs to be taken to the hospital, Rockford Ambulance which is located less than 5 miles from the ski area, will transport the athlete to the hospital. The hospital's location is approximately 15 miles from the ski area off highway in East Grand Rapids.
- **Race Manager:** Monitors weather, force majeure (e.g., severe weather, equipment failure, course conditions), and decides on delays, postponements, or cancellations in coordination with Jury (TD, Referee, Chief of Race) and MHSAA guidelines.
- **Nearest Emergency Room:** Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital Emergency Department
Address: 1840 Wealthy St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, Phone: 616-774-7740 (or 616-774-7444 for main hospital)
- **Driving Directions from Cannonsburg Ski Area to Blodgett Hospital** (approx. 20-25 minutes, ~15 miles):
 1. Exit Cannonsburg Ski Area and head West on Cannonsburg Rd NE toward Northland Drive / M44 (4.2 Miles).
 2. Turn left (south) onto East Beltline Ave NE (M44) (7.2 Miles).
 3. Turn right (west) onto Fulton Rd. (0.3 Miles)
 4. After ¼ Mile, Bear left onto Robinson Rd. SE (1.5 Miles)
 5. Turn Left (south) onto Plymouth Ave. SE (0.3 Miles)
 6. Turn left into Emergency Room Entrance, past Wealthy Street St. SE

Medical Response Procedures

1. **Immediate Response:** Any injury/illness → Alert nearest coach/first responder or official → Radio, or Call Ski Patrol immediately at 616-874-6711 ext. 219.
2. **First Responders:** Coaches act as initial first responders based on their individual training/certification (e.g., CPR, First Aid) to assist with basic care until Ski Patrol arrives.
3. **AED Location:** AED is stationed at the Race Start (Top of Quad Chair) for rapid access. All officials/coaches will be shown location.
4. **Stop-the-Bleed / Medical Kits:** Trained coaches equipped with Stop-the-Bleed kits are available to assist with hemorrhage control under coach/Ski Patrol direction.
5. **Major/Minor Care:** Ski Patrol handles **all** medical care (major and minor) per venue protocol. No athlete returns to competition without Ski Patrol clearance (and MHSAA

concussion protocols if applicable: immediate removal for suspected concussion; no same-day return; written clearance required from qualified provider).

6. **Catastrophic Injury:** Stabilize scene → Ski Patrol/EMS activation → Secure area (course hold if needed) → Notify Race Manager/Jury → Follow MHSAA incident reporting..
7. **Concussion Protocol:** Follow MHSAA rules—remove athlete immediately if signs/symptoms present; no return without written clearance from MD.

Weather and Force Majeure

- Race Manager continuously monitors weather (temperature, wind, visibility, snow conditions) via venue reports and forecasts.
- Severe weather (e.g., high winds, lightning, heavy snow, extreme cold) or force majeure (e.g., lift breakdown, course damage) may trigger:
 - Delays/holds (Jury may excuse start delays per manual p. 8).
 - Postponement/rescheduling (per MHSAA: Regionals rescheduled if weather prevents holding; decisions by Meet Manager/MHSAA).
 - Cancellation (rare; MHSAA/Jury authority).
- Shelter: Use lodge/base area facilities; communicate via PA system/announcements.
- Evacuation: Follow venue ski patrol/venue evacuation routes (marked trails/lifts if needed); account for all participants via coach check-ins.

General Emergency Procedures

- **Communication:** Use walkie-talkies/phones for officials; PA for announcements to spectators/teams.
- **Evacuation/Security:** Venue staff handle crowd control; prohibit drones, tobacco/alcohol; enforce no-pets (except service animals).
- **AED/First Aid Access:** AED at Top of Quad and with Ski Patrol; first aid kits with coaches/Ski Patrol.
- **Incident Reporting:** Document all emergencies; submit MHSAA forms as required (e.g., head injury, medical incident).

This EAP ensures safe, compliant operations per MHSAA Ski Manual. Distribute to all officials, coaches, and key staff.

Questions? Contact Race Manager or Todd VanTongerren – 616-581-4531.

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