

General Terms and Conditions

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE SALE OF INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION SERVICES FOR SKIING AND OTHER WINTER SPORTS DISCIPLINES BY E.S.F. INSTRUCTORS

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Hereinafter referred to as "E.S.F."

You can now sign up for the services dispensed by E.S.F. instructors at the ticket desk, via our site, by phone, by fax or by any other means of remote communication.

For online sales via our site, simply follow the online registration instructions and your order will be transmitted automatically to the E.S.F.

For the other selling modes, please contact the E.S.F.

Registration for the services of the E.S.F. implies unreserved acceptance of these general terms and conditions.

ARTICLE I – SERVICES

All E.S.F. instructors have received training validated by the French State and possess currently valid authorization to teach skiing and associated disciplines.

Instruction shall be implemented according to the French Ski Method (Méthode du Ski Français), codified by the French Ski Instruction Handbook (Mémento de l'Enseignement du Ski Français), published by the French Sports Ministry and recognized nationally and internationally. This instruction may take place in all environments and on all types of snow appropriate for acquiring the skills covered by the Handbook.

The services are dispensed individually or in groups. The smooth running of lessons presupposes a uniform skills level of the skiers under instruction. On account of the material impossibility for E.S.F. instructors to check the level of each pupil prior to registration, the pupils themselves are responsible for choosing their technical level, selected with reference to the grid drawn up by the E.S.F.

Accordingly, the E.S.F. reserves the right to transfer skiers to groups more suitable to their actual skills level, when this does not match their declared level, subject to other groups' capacity to incorporate them. Skiers may not claim any refund or compensation on account of this, which is a consequence of the skier's personal declaration.

The ESF reserves the right to cancel and reimburse group lessons in which **less than 3 students have signed up**.

The E.S.F. at Val d'Isère offers no group lessons on Saturdays, except during the school holidays.

Learning to ski takes place in a specific environment with random characteristics. Its practice therefore makes it incumbent on pupils to take personal responsibility for their own safety and that of others. The responsibility of the instructor is therefore limited to a best-efforts obligation.

It is the responsibility of the pupil to respect the instructor's instructions. Pupils are solely responsible for their own equipment.

The E.S.F. shall not be held liable for any accidents caused by skiers taking part in lessons.

- Kindergarden:

For the purpose of student progression, an instructor may leave the enclosure of the kindergarden.

- Children's Group Lessons (TOP 8 and 'Classic'), snowboard lessons and day courses for children and teenagers.

For the purpose of student progression, an instructor may move outside of the marked-out slopes to develop ski and snowboard levels.

ARTICLE II – LIABILITY OF INSTRUCTORS

Learning to ski takes place in a specific environment with random characteristics. Its practice therefore makes it incumbent on pupils to take personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others. The instructor's liability is therefore limited to a best-efforts obligation. It is the responsibility of the pupil to follow the instructor's instructions. Pupils are solely responsible for their own equipment.

The E.S.F. shall not be held liable for any accidents caused by skiers taking part in lessons.

ARTICLE III - INSURANCE

The service provider subscribes to Professional Civil Liability insurance that covers the instructors in the exercise of their duties against claims from third parties and covers the practitioners during the time that they are under the authority of the E.S.F. and the instructor.

Customers and/or pupils are solely responsible for their own equipment. The instructors shall not be held liable for any damage caused by this equipment or in the event of loss of or damage to this equipment.

Students are not insured by the Ski School. They must have their own personal insurance (Carré Neige or similar).

ARTICLE IV – PRICES / REGISTRATION / PAYMENT

4.1: Prices

The E.S.F. prices are presented on the online sales site, accessible via esf.net and via the specific E.S.F. site.

The prices stated comprise the teaching service dispensed by an E.S.F. instructor, to the exclusion of any other service (insurance, ski lifts, accommodation, etc.), except in specific cases.

Consequently, pupils shall, before the scheduled lesson time, be in possession of a pass to access the ski lifts and, at the pupil's discretion, insurance to cover the pupil against the inherent risks of practicing sport in a mountain environment (civil liability, mountain rescue, etc.).

4.2: Terms of registration and payment

4.2.1: For online sales made via our site:

You must follow the booking procedure stated on the site. Once paid for online, your booking will be transmitted to the E.S.F. You will immediately receive acknowledgement of your order by e-mail.

Payment shall be made in full when you book via the online site of the E.S.F. This payment signals the conclusion of the contract. This is confirmed by the sending of an e-mail.

A single means of registration and payment is available to you: transmission via Internet of your booking and bank transfer to E.S.F. via S-money (secure service developed by a company of the Banque Populaire Caisse d'Épargne Group).

The E.S.F. solely guarantees the availability of the lessons that are proposed at the time when the contract is concluded.

4.2.2: For the other selling modes:

Registration takes place by sending a booking form accompanied by the full payment by cheque, bank card, etc., to E.S.F.

The E.S.F. only guarantees the availability of the lessons that are proposed at the time when the contract is concluded.

This payment signals the conclusion of the contract.

ARTICLE V- – RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL NOT APPLICABLE WHATEVER THE BOOKING MODE (ONLINE OR AT THE TICKET DESK)

The right of withdrawal within 14 days as stipulated in article L221-18 of the French Consumer Code is not applicable to services proposed for sale in application of 12° of article L.221-28, concerning leisure activity services that are to be provided on a specific date.

ARTICLE VI – REQUEST FOR REFUND OF MEDALS

Only valid if an ALL-INCLUSIVE option (5 or 6 units): Ski lessons + medal has been purchased.

If you have purchased an ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (5-, 6- or 7-units lessons + Medal) and you do not wish to receive a medal, it is possible to obtain reimbursement of the medal at the public price, by request at E.S.F. office during the period of the lessons. No later than the day after the end of validity of the card.

No medal included in an ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE, for “Competition” levels (Children & Teens) and for Adult level “Class 4”.

ARTICLE VII – CANCELLATION OR CURTAILMENT BY THE CUSTOMER

7.1: Cancellation of a booking more than 8 days preceding the start of the service:

- If you have subscribed to personal cancellation insurance (in particular, that proposed by the E.S.F. when purchasing online) please refer to the insurance conditions.
- An amount of corresponding to **20% of the amount paid** shall be kept by ESF as a forfeit payment.

7.2: Cancellation of a booking less than 8 days prior to the start of the service:

- If you have subscribed to personal cancellation insurance (in particular, that proposed by the E.S.F. when purchasing online) please refer to the insurance conditions.
- An amount of corresponding to **50% of the amount paid** shall be kept by ESF as a forfeit payment.

7.3: Cancellation or Curtailment during the service:

If you have subscribed to personal cancellation insurance (in particular, that proposed by the E.S.F. when purchasing online) please refer to the insurance conditions.

- In case of a cancellation request on the day of the service, in case of the client being absent at the start of a lesson, or during a package, and regardless of a reason, the price of the package will not be reimbursed or exchanged with another package.
- Private lessons will under any circumstances be reimbursed. Tickets are valid for the dates indicated on them.

Please note, in the event of cancellation of a ‘long-term’ service (more than one day) made on the day of the start of the service, no refund will be made, and no credit note will be offered and this for the entire booking.

ARTICLE VIII – CANCELLATION / CURTAILMENT / EXCLUSION BY THE E.S.F.

8.1: Cancellation/curtailment

The E.S.F. reserves the right to cancel or curtail the lessons:

- in the event of closure of the slopes or of the ski lifts, and/or,
- if the weather conditions make it dangerous for the group to access the skiing areas, and/or,
- if the E.S.F. is unable to replace an instructor who is absent for a legitimate reason (e.g., unfit to ski, as evidenced by a medical certificate associated with COVID-19).

8.2: Refunds

- In any of the cases stated in article 8.1: the E.S.F. shall refund the sums paid by the customer in the event of the service being cancelled, and in the case of curtailment shall award the customer credit calculated on the basis of the unit price.
- In all other cases: the E.S.F. shall refund the sums paid by the customer and shall also pay the customer compensation equal to these sums in the event of cancellation of the service, and in the event of service curtailment shall award the customer credit calculated on the basis of the unit price, as well as paying the customer compensation equal to the sum of the credit.

8.3: Exclusion

The E.S.F. reserves the right to exclude at any time anyone whose behavior is likely to disrupt the progress and threaten the safety of the lesson. In this case, the customer shall not be entitled to any refund.

ARTICLE IX – HEALTH PASS INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of the customer and/or pupil to abide by the current health rules.

The E.S.F. instructors reserve the right to check the validity of the health/vaccine passes of their pupils if this constitutes a government requirement for accessing the ski lifts.

On this basis, pupils not presenting a valid pass will be subject to the provisions of article 7 of these general terms and conditions.

If the health situation were to deteriorate and in the event of new Government measures making travel to the resort impossible (such as a lockdown or the closing of the borders), the E.S.F. will propose, upon presentation of proof, a rescheduling if this is possible, or else will refund all sums paid, minus transaction costs.

ARTICLE X – RESELLING OF SERVICES

Any reselling of services dispensed by the E.S.F., in particular via apps, intermediate websites and/or reselling platforms, is prohibited without the express agreement of the E.S.F.

ARTICLE XI – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The parties shall strive to resolve amicably any difficulties that may arise during the execution of the contract. If no amicable agreement can be reached, all disputes relative to the validity, interpretation and execution of this agreement shall be governed exclusively by French law.

All disputes, of whatsoever nature, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of French civil and commercial courts, including any/all summary proceedings.

ARTICLE XII – MEDIATION

After reporting the matter to the E.S.F. management, and in the absence of a satisfactory response or in the absence of any response whatsoever within 60 days, the customer may bring the complaint before the Tourism and Travel ombudsman, whose contact and procedural details may be found on the site: www.mtv.travel.