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COLOURED BELT SYSTEM FOR SKIERS

The Canadian Ski Association has adopted a coloured belt system for skiers, similar to the ranking system in martial arts. President Mergatroid Macgillicutty says, “Skiers will feel much more comfortable on the slopes knowing the ability of someone coming down the hill towards them. You can easily recognize a beginner by his/her white belt, so you can quickly head for the side and hide behind a tree until the skier goes by, whereas if you see the skier is wearing a black belt, you don’t have to worry.”

RA Ski president Doris Dallaire says the RA is ready to implement the ranking system. Doris says, “Testing for the various belts will be done by our downhill weeklong chair, Bill Buck, right after his knee operation to fix his torn ACL, MCL, NCL, OCL PCL, QCL and RCL.”

The system of belts is the same as that used in Judo and Ju Jitsu. Beginners start off wearing a white belt, and gradually work their way through the various colours to the black belt.

BELT REQUIREMENTS

- WHITE
 - Have skis, poles and boots (either rented, borrowed or your own.)
 - Can buy a lift ticket by yourself.
- YELLOW
 - Able to put your skis on by yourself, right side up and pointy-end forward
 - Memorize: “The laws of physics are strictly enforced on ski slopes, particularly the law of gravity.”
 - Able to put your ski boots on by yourself within 20 minutes. Boots don’t have to be on the correct feet.
 - Lift stops for less than 10 minutes after you fall getting off the lift.
- ORANGE
 - Able to put boots on all by yourself within 10 minutes. No hints from your ski buddy. Boots have to be on the correct feet.
 - After falling, able to get up without help.
 - Lift stops for less than 5 minutes after you fall while getting off the lift.
 - Can get your skis off all by yourself.

- GREEN

Go the whole day without falling while getting off the lift.

Able to put your ski boots on by yourself within 5 minutes. (Boots have to be on the correct feet.)

Able to stop. Falling or dropping an anchor doesn't count.

Able to put your skis back on after a fall.

- BLUE

After lunch, remember which ski rack you locked your skis on, and can find your skis. (No fair asking for help.)

Go all day without falling while getting off the lift.

Can do a mogul run without crying, "I want my Mommy!"

BROWN

Able to remember where you parked your car

Able to ski moguls while talking on a cell phone.

Remember to bring poles (quantity two), skis (quantity two) and boots (one left, one right) to the ski hill three times in a row.

- BLACK

Remember where you put the key to your ski lock.

Able to dodge a snowboarder hurtling toward you

Able to use a poma lift.

Able to text on your cellphone while skiing moguls.

ENVIRONMENT CORNER

Save the cows! Drink beer, not milk.