



Service Animal Agreement

At the Windy City Winter Sports Clinic, our number one priority is participant safety. For individuals who will attend WCWSC with a service animal, please know that we will do our best to ensure that all rights afforded to you under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are preserved.

The following excerpt was taken directly from the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Disability Rights Section in referring to the ADA.

“Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task an animal has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability.”

If an animal’s sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support, it does not qualify as a service animal under the ADA.

The Americans with Disabilities Act also provides guidance on how to appropriately handle situations in which a service animal acts aggressively toward another service animal or human, begs for food at the table, urinates indoors, or exhibits other problematic behaviors.

The ADA states:

“A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless:

- (1) the animal/dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it or
- (2) the animal/dog is not housebroken.

When there is a legitimate reason to ask that a service animal be removed, staff must offer the person with the disability the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the animal’s presence.”

The handler of a service animal will be asked to correct the behavior if they have not already done so. If the behavior of the service animal persists the handler will be asked to remove the service animal from the event. The handler will still be allowed to participate in the event.

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I have read and understand the above statement as the handler of as service animal and I agree:

- That my animal meets the ADA's definition of a service animal.
- That my animal is not an emotional support animal or pet.
- To provide care, feeding and supervision of my service animal.
- To be in full control of my service animal at all times.
- To clean up and properly dispose of my animal's waste by securing the waste in a plastic bag and placing it in an outside garbage container.
- To ensure that my animal is urinating in an appropriate outdoor space.
- To be financially responsible for any bodily injury and/or property damage caused by my service animal to any individuals, including the handler.

SERVICE ANIMAL INFORMATION	
Animal's Name:	
Animal's Breed:	

Athlete Name (Print First and Last Name)

Athlete Signature

Date