

Transporting skiers with disabilities on cable transport systems



Situation:

Skiers with disabilities (adaptive skiers) who ski using adaptive equipment (mono-skis, bi-skis or tandem skis) are not considered as skiers or snowboarders by the Federal Office of Transport (FOT).

The FOT therefore transfers the responsibility of the transport of these persons to the ski lift companies. Téléverbier S.A. (TVSA) agrees to transport people with reduced mobility and their equipment provided that the ski lift employees and adaptive skiers apply and comply with this procedure.

Types of equipment permitted:

TVSA permits transportation of the following equipment on most lifts in the ski area:









Mono-skis Bi-skis Piloted tandem skis Piloted bi-skis

<u>Note:</u> Only equipment approved for transportation on ski lifts is authorised (Tessier brand or equivalent). If the employee has doubts about the equipment in question, they should consult their sector manager or the technical manager who will decide whether or not transportation is possible.

Boarding procedure by ski lift type:

Cable cars: No particular restrictions, apart from access issues (stairs, access ramps, etc.).

<u>Gondola lifts</u>: No particular restrictions, apart from access issues and equipment transportation, depending on the size of the gondolas. Equipment transportation lifts can be used if necessary.

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Chairlifts:

Adaptive skiers wishing to board a chairlift must first ensure that the employee operating the ski lift has seen them, can attend to them and is prepared to stop the lift if necessary:

- The employee reduces the speed of the ski lift;
- The adaptive skier boards alone or with their pilot (guide);
- The adaptive skier positions the equipment by themselves or with the help of their pilot;
- The employee notifies the arrival station, providing the vehicle number to ensure that the speed is also reduced when disembarking.



Drag lifts:

Adaptive skiers wishing to board a drag lift must be equipped with a safety release system and have a good technical ski level;

- The employee fixes the safety release system at the base of the T-bar or to the button. The ski lift may be stopped to attach the release system if necessary;
- The employee leaves a minimum of two tows (poles) free behind the adaptive skier;
- The employee notifies the arrival station to ensure safe disembarkation. If the arrival station is monitored by camera only, the employee will supervise the disembarkation on the screen and stop the ski lift if necessary.

Note: Only T-bars able to support the weight of two people can be used with equipment such as piloted bi-skis or tandem skis. Button lifts are therefore reserved for independent mono-skiers or bi-skiers with a good technical ski level (see attached list of lifts).









General information for all types of ski lifts:

- Due to possible complications in the event of a ski lift evacuation, no more than one adaptive skier should travel on a cable transport system at any one time;
- Adaptive skiers or their respective pilots must always be equipped with the appropriate tethers for their equipment in the case of a vertical evacuation from a chairlift or cable car;
- TVSA's operations management must be notified of groups or other collective activities for adaptive skiers (min. 5 adaptive skiers).

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		N°				
Installations		OFT/CITT	Uniski	Dualski	Tandemski	Dualski piloté
TPH45	Mont Gelé	71.144				
TPH125	Mont Fort 1	71.131				
TPH45	Mont Fort 2	71.132				
TPH150	Jumbo	71.136				
FUN30	Funispace	75.011				
TCD10	Médran 4	72.186				
TCD8	Tortin	72.043				
TCD4	Médran 2	72.055				
TCD4	Savoleyres	72.071				
TCD4	Châble-Verbier	72.072				
TCD8	Tzoumaz	72.089				
TCD8	Châble-Bruson	72.007				
TCD8	Chaux-Express	72.114				
TSD6	Chaux-Express	72.114				
TSD4	Taillay	73.113				
TSD4	Lac 1	73.144				
TSD6	Nord	73.178				
TSD6	Attelas	73.209				
TSD6	Mayentzet	73.242				
TSD6	Chaux 2	73.290				
TSD6	Pasay	73.308				
TSF3	Lac 2	74.058				
TSF2	Etablons	74.097				
TSF2	Tournelle	74.104				
TK	Savoleyres Sud	VS-BA-1		Bon niveau	technique requis	
TK	Les Moulins	VS-BA-9			Autorisation écrite par la direction	
TK Les Esserts VS-		VS-BA-10			Autorisation écrite par la direction	
TK	Le Rouge	VS-BA-11	Bon niveau technique requis			
ТК	TK Moay - Bruson VS-BA-		Bon niveau technique requis			
TK	La Tournelle	VS-BA-16				
TK Grand-Tsai VS-OR-11			Bon niveau technique requis			
ТК	Gentianes	VS-NE-7				

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