

Cascade Ski School Skier Ability Breakdown

1 Never Skied

- New to skiing

2 Wedge (magic carpet)

- Slow-speed broad beginning wedge turns on very gentle terrain on the magic carpet
- Has not ridden a chair lift

3 Wedge Turns

- Gentle groomed beginner (green) terrain
- Comfortable on chairs like Little Thunder and Julie's Chair
- Relatively slow-speed linking turns, with little upper body movement.
- Skis stay in a broad wedge throughout the turn

4 Wedge Christy

- Any groomed beginner (green) terrain and gentle intermediate (blue) terrain
- Comfortable on chairs such as Dodge Ridge and some runs on Pacific Crest
- Slow to moderate speeds linking turns, with moderate upper body movement
- Skis begin the turn in a wedge and transition to parallel (side by side) at the end of the turn.
- Pole plants have been introduced, but is not proficient

5 Wedge Christy w/ Pole Use

- Any groomed green/blue terrain, gentle ungroomed terrain and gentle black terrain
- Comfortable on all green/blue chairs and groomed runs on Wildside.
- Moderate speeds linking various sized turns
- Skis begin the turn in a narrow wedge and transition to parallel in the middle of the turn
- Skier uses poles correctly with regularity

6 Beginning Parallel

- Any groomed and gentle to intermediate ungroomed terrain (ex.moguls)
- Comfortable on all chairs at Summit West, excluding a few runs on Wildside.
- Moderate to higher speeds linking various sized turns
- Skis begin and end the turn parallel to one another
- Correct pole use is consistent with regularity

7 Parallel

- Any groomed/ungroomed terrain at Summit West in most conditions
- Comfortable on all runs except advanced black diamond
- Moderate/high speeds on groomed terrain and moderate speeds on ungroomed terrain (moguls, powder), including correct pole usage

8 Dynamic (Advanced) Parallel

- Any terrain at Summit West and any conditions
- Comfortable at all speeds, very slow to high speeds while engaging edges

9 Expert All Terrain, All Conditions

- Any terrain at the Summit, including Alpental at any condition