

What do I need to know for my snowsports lesson?

Should I book a group lesson or a private lesson?

It's totally up to you! A group lesson is a great way to learn with others of a similar ability – and a fun way to meet like-minded people too! In a private lesson, you'll get one of our snowsports professionals all to yourself and your lesson will be all about you.

How to book

Group – Bundle and save when you purchase a group lesson online with your lift passes and/or gear hire. Save 15% when you purchase 14 days in advance and save 10% when you purchase 7 days in advance. You don't need to book a time for group lessons – just show up at 10am (all season) or 1.30pm (peak season only).

Private – You can book a private lesson by contacting the Hotham Snowsports Centre by phone: 03 5759 4450 or email: snowsports@hotham.com.au.

Where to meet

Out the front of Hotham Central. You'll see a big 'snowsports centre lesson meeting place' sign and several lesson level signs. If you're having a private lesson, meet next to the big 'private lessons meet here' sign.

What time

In the morning at 10am (all season long)

In the afternoon at 1.30pm (afternoon lessons only run during peak season from 28 June through to 7 September). Please try to be at the meeting place 5 – 10 minutes prior to the lesson to allow enough time for the supervisors to put you into the lesson level.

What's my lesson level?

You'll be placed into a group skiing or snowboarding lesson based on your ability on the slopes. That way, you'll be learning with others of a similar ability and everyone can improve as a group. Our snowsports supervisors will help place you in the right lesson, but it's a good idea to have a look at the lesson levels before showing up for your lesson.

Skiing Levels

Level	Ability	Terrain
1	First Time Skier	Flat
2	You can snowplough and stop. You are learning to turn and ride a lift	Base of Summit
3	You can snowplough turn. You have ridden a lift. Mileage and consolidation skills.	Summit & Big D
4	Starting blue terrain. Learning skills that bring your skis for parallel.	Sun Run and Slalom Gully
5	Parallel skiing. Learning long and short turns with a pole plant. Moving towards black terrain.	Imagine & Snake Gully
Black Diamond	You can make short parallel turns with a pole plant on blue - black terrain. Workshop topics include Dynamic Short Turns, Intro to Bumps, Intro to Steep Terrain.	Spargo's and Blue Ribbon

Boarding Levels

Level	Ability	Terrain
1	First time boarder. Learn the basics of stance, balance and correct movements.	Flat
2	You can slip on heel and toe edge. You're ready to learn to ride the lift and link turns.	Summit
3	You can turn on green and easy blue runs. You will learn to refine turns and venture onto harder terrain.	Sun Run & Slalom Gully
4	Riding blue terrain and easy black runs. Using terrain more effectively. Exploring Heavenly Valley and introduction to freestyle manoeuvres.	Canyon and Snake Gully
Black Diamond	Riding the whole mountain. Short turns, steep, carving and powder. Park & Pipe workshop available each afternoon at 1.25pm.	Gun Barrel and Mary's Slide

Lesson checklist essentials

- ✓ Skis and poles or a snowboard including safety leash – you do not need to have them on your feet when you first meet, the instructor will help you with that
- ✓ Boots – put them on inside before you go to the meeting point. They need to sit snugly but don't fasten them too tight
- ✓ Helmet – helmets are compulsory for all students in snowsports lessons and are free as part of the gear hire package when you hire at a Hotham Sports outlet
- ✓ Warm and waterproof clothing
- ✓ Waterproof, warm gloves
- ✓ Sunscreen – apply it before your lesson starts to avoid sunburn (even when the sun is not shining, the UV rays can be high in the mountains)