



## BEST SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

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### BASS

#### ABOUT BASS Morzine & Les Gets

A British run ski school based in Morzine and Les Gets delivering snowsport lessons and instructor training courses to small groups. Highly qualified British teachers deliver all products.

TripAdvisor UK rank BASS Morzine & Les Gets in the top 3 of 31 things to do in Morzine. And, over 98.1% of reviewers rate BASS in the top two categories of “Excellent” (92.3%) and “Very Good” (5.8%)

#### TEACHING TEAM

- BASS teachers have a minimum qualification of BASI Level 4 ISTD with full French equivalence. Half of the current teaching team are BASI trainers who deliver all levels of BASI courses.
- Two of the team are members of the current BASI Interski Team, representing Great Britain and BASI at the 2015 Interski Congress in Argentina. And BASS Director, Jaz Lamb has recently been appointed the prestigious role as Interski team coach.
- Members of the BASS team have consistently delivered training to the BASI training body over the last 10 years. BASS are the trainers who train the trainers.
- Long standing BASS teacher Lesley Page has been selected to carry out the very first PhD in Snowsport at the University of Edinburgh, the research could change ski teaching for years to come.

BASS promotes a 'Learner Centered' philosophy where the client is at the heart of every decision made from initial enquiry to session delivery on snow. Small group sizes were established by BASS and delivered by native English speakers throughout the 1990's. This has led to a massive rise in quality of snowsport teaching throughout Europe.

Learners are taught how to be safe and responsible in every aspect of snowsports, from using the ski lifts to providing and using off-piste safety equipment with advanced skiers. Last winter, BASS delivered Avalanche safety-training sessions for resort workers free of charge for the first time, popular demand saw more courses added throughout the winter.

This winter, the school will release a new product aimed at total beginners, the course will be called “learn to ski” - believe it or not. A week where clients learn to ski, not just ski. Learning process that is two-way...education versus instruction. For the first time, a discounted ski pass will be included, giving great value for money!

When snow conditions have been challenging at the start of the season, the ski pass company has limited ski pass sales. BASS was able to purchase ski passes for their clients, enabling the school to guarantee ski lessons and avoid their clients queuing for hours in the hope of buying a pass!

For the next generation of ski teachers BASS provides a mixture of short term and season long training courses for all BASI qualifications. Training is integrated with real life work experience with learners of all ages and abilities. And, financial support is provided to selected trainees to nurture and develop quality ski teachers of the future. Pass rates have been above 80% across all courses for the last 9 winters.

BASS Trainees can be found teaching in UK snowdomes, dry slopes and ski schools all over the world, taking the 'client centred' teaching philosophy and BASS quality to more snowsport participants.

Recently, BASS created the opportunity for ski schools to become members of SIGB, currently the only active ski school member that enables BASS to have relationships with key trade members and embrace technical developments in snowsport equipment.