

Kathrein TourignSports Toboggan

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Specialising in Quality since 1886

The family firm from the Tirol has been producing high-quality toboggans made from solid Austrian ash since 1886. Years of experience, together with a combination of traditional skills and modern finishing techniques, allow the company to supply premium products at a reasonable price.

Instructions for Care

Kathrein's high-quality toboggans are easy to look after. In order to enjoy them for as long as possible, follow these tips:

- **Always dry and wax the steel runners after use:** This protects against rust and greatly improves the toboggan's gliding ability. Commercially available liquid wax or paste (ski wax) is recommended for this purpose.

Storage

- **store dry and free from encumbrances**
- avoid direct sunlight
- avoid high temperatures (e.g. boiler rooms, radiators)

Maintenance

- The screws in the steel runners should be tightened up from time to time. The screws in the wooden parts, are only loosely screwed in, in order to keep the joints flexible.
- Badly scratched or rusty steel runners can be reground – grind in the direction of running using a 60-100 granulation – lightly polish the steel runners with an abrasive non-woven web so that the runners are somewhat smoother but retain the rough texture. The softer the snow, the coarser the texture should be. After polishing, thoroughly clean and polish the runners.

Should there be any damage to the toboggan, or if you have questions regarding its care and maintenance, please contact us at any time.

Wishing you lots of fun tobogganing!

The Kathrein Family

Driving Technique

Drive straight ahead:

Sit or lie comfortably and hold the steering strap. Stretch the legs out and lie them lightly against the front end of the runners.

Braking:

Put both feet flat on the ground near the runners. At the same time, you also can slightly lift the front of the toboggan using the bars.

Steering:

This is managed by transferring weight to create sideways pressure on the relevant runner whilst pulling on the steering strap.

- Before the curve: reduce speed by braking and drive into the curve from the outside.
- During the curve: in a left-hand curve, pull on the steering strap (with the right hand) in order to slightly raise the left runner, lifting the left leg somewhat, whilst pressing the right leg against the outside of the right-hand runner. In tight curves, the free arm can be stretched backwards and grab into the snow.

Do the exact opposite for a right-hand curve.

With a little practice, even the most extreme steering manoeuvres are possible.

In slight curves, the toboggan can be controlled just by lifting the leg and transferring weight as appropriate.

Safety

- Good-quality equipment: to enjoy tobogganing as a sport, appropriate sports equipment is recommended: sturdy shoes, helmet, ski goggles, gloves and winter-proof clothing
- Adapt your speed to suit the toboggan run and your capabilities
- Keep the toboggan run clear: Never stop in a blind spot or on a curve
- Watch out for any incidents on the toboggan run
- Be considerate of others

How to Enjoy your Toboggan Adventure

1 Be considerate of other toboggan run users.

Do not do anything that might endanger or hurt other users.

2 Pay attention to barricades and warning notices.

Ensure that the toboggan run is open for use. Acquaint yourself with the course and condition of the run.

3 Use good-quality equipment: High-quality toboggan, helmet, sturdy shoes (with braking device). For safety reasons, no plastic bobsleighs or plastic plates.

4 Climb on the right and one behind the other.

Only cross over the toboggan run at places with clear visibility.

5 Drive in a controlled and careful manner and keep your distance.

Adapt your speed and method of driving to suit your level of skill, the toboggan run, the snow, ice and weather conditions and the amount of traffic.

6 Make yourself noticeable.

Warn inattentive climbers with loud calls. At night, wear headlamps and reflective clothing.

7 Wait for companions in a clearly visible spot.

Ensure that your group is complete. Never stop at narrow or blind spots.

8 Toboggan driving on ski runs is dangerous and therefore forbidden.

There is a high risk of collision with skiers. At night, frozen toboggan tracks affect the quality of the piste.

9 No dogs: Dogs are difficult to control while climbing and descending. There is a considerable risk of collision.

10 No impairment due to alcohol or medicine.

Addictive substances affect one's ability to react and reduce the ability to judge correctly when driving.

Even when tobogganing: Give First Aid and identify yourself in the case of an accident!

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