**CERTIFIED MODULE**

**Skiing & Riding Module for the Certified Program**

**Suggested resources (use latest publication editions)**

* Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA)
* Association of Snow Sports Instructors (AASI)
* National Ski Patrol OET Manual (NSP)
* Local Ski Area Protocol
* Association of Professional Patrollers – Study Guide [www.propatrollers.org](http://www.propatrollers.org)

**Concluding Objective:**

Upon successful completion of this module the candidate will demonstrate an extensive knowledge of skiing/riding skills. Good skiing ability is a necessary skill to all patrol work. Basic skills, competence, and confidence should be emphasized. Skiing/riding skills need to be suitable to travel in advanced and expert terrain. The content of the Skiing Practical Test obviously depends on current snow conditions and available terrain. All of the above may not be available on a given day. Still, the test may be conducted at the discretion of the Certified Division Chair if the conditions are deemed sub-optimal. The judges must ski with the candidates in order to gauge the relative difficulty of the day’s conditions and terrain. Upon completion of this module the candidate will demonstrate the ability to show leadership, decision making and problem management and an understanding how to effectively navigate on-hill to perform necessary trail inspection, transport equipment, and reach accident scenes under any and all conditions

**Essential Knowledge**

* Snowplow − turns and stops
* Kick turns − both directions in steep terrain, preferably moguled terrain
* Side slipping − both forward and backward in the bumps
* Moguls − show control in the fall line
* Steep ski – show control and effective turns with minimal slipping
* Groomed run − Giant Slalom turns in control, not too fast
* Powder/Crud − strength and control in the fall line
* Slid slip – Vertical descent on groomed / bump free run
* Discuss self-arrest after a fall on steep ice
* Candidate should have no problem navigating the terrain smoothly and with control.

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**Evaluation Criteria**

This module will be conducted on the hill in Certified terrain and will be at an advanced/expert level of difficulty (single to double black diamond levels) using moguls where possible. Less advanced terrain, if used, should incorporate terrain changes that are significant so as to raise the level of difficulty versus terrain otherwise deemed sub-Certified. The judges must access and ski/ride the terrain course in order to gauge the relative difficulty of the day’s conditions and terrain. The Head Judge and/or the Criteria Coordinator will have the discretion to cancel testing at anytime due to conditions. Candidates will demonstrate skiing/riding from top to bottom where possible. Successful candidates will score **equal to or greater than 8**. The Certified evaluation’s foundation is built on complexity, scaffolding layers of variables that rely on an extensive depth of knowledge. The candidate must demonstrate their knowledge, critical thinking and creative problem solving, and skiing/ridingskills across various terrain changes without stopping.

**Examiners for this module will be certified members who hold the following:**

* Certified members who have participated at the Certified Exam in an S&T Examiner Capacity within the past 3 years. All examiners to attend a calibration clinic once every three years.
* Certified member who have not examined in a 3 year period must participate a Certified S&T training/recertification module for standards calibration
* After review by Division Certified S&T Chair: Patrol Directors and PSIA Level-3 and above or AASI L-2 and above.
* Examiner Candidates (Provisional Examiners) will shadow evaluate at either a Certified Pre-Test or Certified Exam to compare scores against qualified Examiners to calibration purposes before being deemed a Toboggan Examiner. Those failing to meet the examining criteria will not be eligible to examine until they meet said criteria. Provisional Examiner scores will NOT be used as part of the final evaluation.