



## Understanding Membership Options to Stay Connected with Ski Patrol

We are living through unusual times. A variety of circumstances may change the ability of your patrollers to commit to active patrolling for this coming season. We do not want to lose patrollers. We want you to know the options that your patrollers have to maintain connections to patrolling while reducing the time commitment to the patrol.

These are the options (all are covered in detail in the P&P chapter 5):

### College Student Absence

- Proof of enrollment
- Maintain or make up missed refreshers
- Payment of all dues

### Military Duty

- Assignment or deployment and unable to patrol
- Maintain or make up refreshers
- Dues waived on a case-by-case basis

### Temporarily Not Patrolling

- Should not exceed one or two years
- Maintain or make up refreshers
- Payment of all dues

### Alumni

- Can maintain OEC Technician Credentials by attending refreshers.
- Can teach by maintaining instructor requirements, teaching periodic courses, evaluations and continuing ed.
- Dues \$35
- Must be a patroller for a minimum of one season
- Returning to active patrolling must meet NSP and area requirements

In all of these cases, participating in an OEC refresher each season makes a return to patrolling easier. For the 2020/2021 season, the refresher will not be in person. This makes it easier for patrollers going to any of these options to complete this season's refresher. It is possible to miss as many as three refreshers (see specifics in P&P) without retaking an OEC course or doing a challenge. In each situation, consult with the P&P to review all specific requirements of that option. Your Region and Division Alumni Advisors are further resources to help clarify any of these options.

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