

Directions for use of this Worksheet

The purpose of this worksheet is to assist in gathering the information needed to complete the Patroller Cross or Alumni Cross nomination. The worksheet is designed to assist with sections 1 through 5 of the form and additional documentation needed. The more you can identify on the worksheet, the more likely the nomination will be approved by Region, Division, and National Award Committees.

The Patroller's or Alumni Cross may be awarded to a Patroller or Alumni who is seriously injured in one of the following categories:

- For a **Patroller**: During scheduled on-the-hill duty and/or training.
- For an **Alumni**: During scheduled training or working at any NSP level in an advisory role.
- While performing search and rescue activities under the direction of a recognized authority.
- When performing avalanche control work under the direction of area management.
- When performing lift evacuation under the direction of area management.

The definition of a serious injury is an injury requiring physician care over a long period of time, surgery, extended rehabilitation, and/or lost work time. It is further described as an injury that prevented the patroller from returning to their normal patrolling duties for a significant portion of the ski season.

All nominations must include a letter of recommendation from the sponsor.

Sections 1-3 – Nominees Information

The nominees contact information and Patrol registration should be filled out accurately. Use the Patrollers name as it is registered in the National database. **Do not use nicknames.**

The appropriate Approval names and Signatures list the correct hierarchy. The only exception is when nominee holds one of these positions. In this case print Nominee in the appropriate field.

Section 4 – Sending, Presentation, Posting, and Signatures

The Send the awards to, presentation, posting dates are to be completed by the Division Awards Advisor or Division Director when the nomination advances to Division level. These dates are usually the dates the award will be presented. After which the award will be entered on the Patrollers profile in the National database.

Date Needed

Should be a date at least a week before the anticipate presentation date. Normal processing varies by Region but always includes review and approval by a Region Committee and review and approval by a Division Committee. After approval by the Division, the award is sent to the National Awards Advisor checked and forwarded to the National Office. Normal processing once the award reaches the National Office can take 45 days. Review at the Division level can take a couple weeks and Region review could take couple more. Therefore, Applications submitted to the Region at least 10 weeks before the planned presentation date. NOTE: Nominations for this award can be submitted to the National Awards Advisor at any time during the year.

Public Posting Date

This is usually the date the award will be presented. After which the award will be entered on the nominees profile in the National database.

Approvals and Signatures

The appropriate Approval names and Signatures list the correct hierarchy. The only exception is when nominee holds one of these positions. In this case print Nominee in the appropriate field.

Section 5 – Sponsor’s Recommendation

All nominations must include the Sponsor’s recommendation.

- Describe the nature of the injury sustained and the nominee's inability to perform their normal patrolling duties. Include the time span in which the nominee was unable to perform their normal duties.