

NSP PROPOSAL FORM <i>Revised 01/97</i> Do Not Use Previous Versions		Proposal Number: S14 P002
		Assigned Committee:
The proposal maker(s) submit this proposal for consideration by the NSP Board of Directors in accordance with the NSP Policies & Procedures. This proposal has been researched, is submitted in final wording with all applicable boxes completed and information provided. I (We) have contacted and discussed this proposal with the appropriate National Program Director or other staff and/or NSP Department Director prior to submitting the proposal to the national office. I (We) have indicated how I (we) believe this proposal will impact the budget, both long- and short-term. <i>I (we) understand that incomplete proposal forms will be returned to the maker(s).</i>		
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I (we) have consulted the following people in drafting this proposal: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff comments (if any) attached <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Pgm. Director: <input type="checkbox"/> Nat. Office Staff: <input type="checkbox"/> National Staff: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others: Laura Scott, Ohio Region ROA, Tom Ciranna, BMBW PR, David Walker, MD, Ohio Region Medical Advisor, Stephen Werner, MD, Central Division Medical Advisor, Janet Glaeser, National Board Member		
The following references are relevant to this proposal: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Bylaws: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Strategic Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> NSP Policies & Procedures: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: OEC Senior Training Coordinators Guidelines		
I (We) anticipate the following expenses, and have attached budget details and an explanation (as necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term (this fiscal year): <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term (sustained expenses):		
The Executive Director: <input type="checkbox"/> agrees with proposal expense estimate, OR <input type="checkbox"/> anticipates the following expenses: <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term (this fiscal year): <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term (sustained expenses):		
Proposal Text (attach additional pages as necessary; for bylaw, P&P, or other amendments of existing provisions, show changes with added words underlined, and deleted words with a line through them): Amend the OEC Senior Training Coordinators Guidelines as follows: Amend the statement "The final evaluation must be on snow ..." to say "must be scheduled at a time when there is a reasonable expectation of snow..." (this statement is found on pg 14 of the document). Additionally, amend statements on pages 9, 13, and 28 requiring practice and scenario check-offs to be on the snow to note that they should "be on the snow when/where possible."		
Proposal Explanation and Justification (attach additional pages as necessary): See additional sheet		
Committee Revision of Proposal (if any):		
Committee Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Drafted <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as Revised <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn		
Committee Chairman Explanation and Votes: Noted that this proposal does not change the manual, but supports an RFA to be submitted on behalf of the Central Division to National recommended the change.		
Final Board Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Reported <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated		
Vote on Final Consideration (if vote count taken): For - 7 Against - 1 Abstain -		

Whether or not there will be snow cover at the resorts in the southern regions of the Central Division is always an issue early or later in the season when certain regions typically schedule their Senior OEC Module evaluation. Personnel requirements for the day can exceed 75 persons, all of whom have committed to the date and have made travel arrangements far in advance. To have to cancel because "Mother Nature" has not provided snow or temperatures for making snow creates a significant hardship for the candidates and the staff in the brief set of winter weekends in these regions. This is especially true if the interpretation is that there must be sufficient snow so that candidates can ski to the scenes.

In reference to practice for the Senior OEC Module, a significant hardship is created by a requirement that practice and sign-off scenarios be done on the snow. Again noting the issue of variable winter weather conditions, while every effort can be made to do practices on the snow so that candidates receive the most realistic preparation possible, having snow is a variable beyond our control. In some of the resorts, area management does not permit practice sessions to be held on the hill, especially in locations where such practice may impact their customers. This makes having realistic locations for practice a challenge during times when the ski area is open for business.

The Senior OEC Module is about Decision Making, Problem Management, and Leadership, and those qualities can be practiced and evaluated whether on snow or not. No one would argue that as patrollers our "normal" working environment is the snow, but both the OEC course and refreshers also emphasize readiness for caring for patients in many environmental conditions and locations both outdoors and indoors, not just on the snow. To note that the evaluation MUST be on the snow or the event must be cancelled, makes snow the single most important element in the program, and which inappropriately focuses on that condition over all of the other elements