



SHARPENING OUR EDGES

The 2017 Central Division Alpine Skills Development Workshop (ASDW) events planning cycle is moving forward and this document is provided to share highlights of our program and procedures for Region participation.

Last year you may recall that our theme was *Back To Basics, Pass It On* to highlight building our foundation skills first. This year we are **Sharpening Our Edges** as we emphasize sharpening our foundation skills, our teaching skills, and our collaborative skills in these ASDW Train the Trainer sessions so that the participants will be well prepared to carry forward the message to their regions and patrols.

The ASDW events will be held this year as follows:

Boyne Highlands: Dec 9-10, with lodging at Boyne Highlands

Indianhead (tentative): Dec 16-17, with lodging on site.

We are requesting the eight regions to split between the two sessions to the extent possible. Participants from the Northern Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan and Ohio Regions should attend the Boyne Highlands event, and participants from Western, North Central, South Central and Southern Regions should attend the Big Snow event. However, we will do our best to accommodate those that need to swap to the other event.

We will be offering six sessions this year, with all participants pre-approved by the Region Director, or designee, consistent with last year. The focus is on Region leaders, evaluators, and trainers to be certified and prepared to take information back to help their regions and local patrols sharpen their edges in preparation for the season. Following is a list of the available sessions, ideal participants, max registration per region and what the session is intended to provide upon completion.

We will be providing the following sessions at each ASDW event:

Session 1: Senior Alpine Evaluators Certification (Pass/Fail session)

- **Who Should Attend:**

1. Current evaluators (both ASE and PSIA credentialed) who wish to recertify as an approved Senior Evaluator.
2. PSIA candidates (who have already passed PSIA Level 2 or 3) and are ready to test/certify to become an evaluator this year. *Note:* non-PSIA certification candidates will test at a separate Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE) test

scheduled with the regions on a demand basis. (See Roles and Pathways document).

3. PSIA L2/L3 certified evaluators who will be a Calibrator for their region ASDW event this year.
- **Requirements:** Successful participant will be able to demonstrate technical knowledge of senior standards (+=-) and scorecard, effective assessment (movement analysis) skills, and feedback methods. Participant will also ski/ride at or above senior level personally and show ability to demonstrate, teach, and evaluate senior candidates effectively.
 - **Participation:** Maximum of four participants per region.

Session 2: Snowsport Trainers Workshop (Certification of Completion)

- **Who Should Attend:**
 - Region level Snowsport Trainers
 - Region evaluators not requiring recertification this year looking to sharpen their teaching skills
- **Session Will Provide:**
 - Focus on skiing/ride fundamentals and benchmarks as defined by PSIA/AASI in the Alpine Technical Manual and Snowboard Technical Manual for region snow sports trainers. This will also include Movement Analysis, Video review, and Movement Learning Activities.
- **Participation:** Maximum of four participants per region.

Session 3: PSIA/AASI Certification Prep Workshop (Certification of Completion)

- **Who Should Attend:**
 - Region Trainers who already have their Level I PSIA certification and are actively preparing for their Level 2 or 3 examination.
- **Session Will Provide:**
 - Skiing/ride fundamentals and test benchmarks as defined by PSIA/AASI in the Alpine Technical Manual and Snowboard Technical Manual.
 - Suggestions and practical exercises in teaching and building progressions for test purposes.
 - Movement Analysis, Movement Learning Activities, technical knowledge review, and testing strategies to assist in exam preparation.
- **Maximum of eight participants per ASDW session** will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Minimum of two boarders or four skiers to hold sessions.

Session 4: Senior Toboggan Evaluators Certification (Pass/Fail session)

- **Who Should Attend:**
 1. Current toboggan evaluators who wish to recertify as an approved Senior Toboggan Evaluator.
 2. Alpine Toboggan Evaluators that wish to become certified to evaluate at region senior events.
- **Requirements:** Successful participant will be able to demonstrate technical knowledge of senior standards (+=-) and scorecard, effective assessment (movement analysis) skills, and feedback methods. Participant will also have toboggan skills at or above senior level personally and show ability to demonstrate and teach senior candidates effectively.
- **Participation:** Maximum of four participants per region.

Session 5: Toboggan Trainers IT Certification (Pass/Fail session)

- **Who Should Attend:**
 1. Current Toboggan Instructor Trainers who wish to recertify (within their 3 yr cycle).
 2. Region Toboggan Trainers that would like to become Instructor Trainers
- **Requirements:**
 1. Successful re-certification will evidence that the participant understands the responsibilities and best practices of the Lead operator, the Tail rope operator and how the toboggan maneuvers aid in accomplishing the end goal. This includes delivering the toboggan to the accident scene, then safely and expeditiously transporting the injured guest to the next level of care. The IT must have a level of competency in both teaching and demonstration at the Senior level.
 2. For someone hoping to become an IT, demonstrating the skills listed above and a willingness and demonstrated ability to teach other trainers may result in a recommendation to the Division Supervisor for future appointment. Otherwise, this would be a certificate of completion for a TTW.
- **Participation:** Maximum of four participants per region.

Session 6: Combined Senior Toboggan Evaluator and IT Recertification

- **Who Should Attend:**
 - This is a special session for Senior Evaluators who expect to also be a region calibrator, and need their toboggan IT recertification in the same year.
- **Participation:** Max of 2 from each region, approved by the Region Director and Division Toboggan Supervisor.

Information about the individual sessions will be posted on the www.centraldivision.org website for participants to review before registering.

Please note – there will be no **Accredited Senior Evaluator (ASE)** tests held at the **Alpine Skills Development Workshops**. ASE testing will be held at a separate date and locations to be determined based on region needs and coordinated with the Division Senior Program Supervisor. Only ASE's that are doing their re-cert should register for the Skills Development Workshops noted above.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Region Directors will work with their advisors in September to decide who will be attending.
- A list of approved attendees will be provided to the Skills Development Supervisor via the www.CentralDivision.com website.
- Participants will individually register on www.CentralDivision.org. Attendees will each receive a confirmation with course number and a reminder that their registration is not final unless it is approved by the region director.
- The attendee must also log onto NSP.org to complete course registration in order to receive credit on the national database for attending. Course completions will be updated on NSP.org after the ASDW in Dec.
- Early registration price will be \$45.00 per attendee registered in October.
- Beginning November 1, registration will increase to \$55.00 per attendee, non-negotiable.
- Registration will be closed at 5pm on November 10. It is critical to close registration at this point to finalize division instructors and site arrangements for the two events.

LODGING INFORMATION FOR EVENT PARTICIPANTS:

1.1 BOYNE HIGHLANDS

600 Highland Drive

Harbor Springs, MI

Rooms will be discounted to \$85/night (plus taxes) for the ASDW participants.

Please call the area to make your room reservation (800-GO BOYNE). The discounted rate is applicable to Dec 7-10; The discount code is **2017Patrol**

Participants will need to contact the lodge directly to book and provide the discount code, the number is **1-888-441-7526**.

1.2 WEST OF LAKE VENUE (PENDING)
DETAILS WILL BE ADDED AS AVAILABLE.....

The Skills Team is looking forward to [Sharpening Our Edges](#) with region participants at these two great events. Please reach out to your Skills Development Team if you have any program questions, and contact Cheryl directly with any event coordination issues. Thank you in advance for sending this year's attendees and your ongoing support of the division programs!

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