

## **ASE Program Overview**

The ASE Program (Accredited Senior Evaluator) was created by the Division Skills Development Team to provide an alternate path for those potential Senior Alpine Evaluators not wishing to pursue PSIA/AASI certification. It was conceived as an inexpensive and less time consuming alternative to traditional PSIA/AASI training. As an ongoing program, it has successfully integrated alpine exam teams with both ASE and PSIA/AASI credentialed evaluators.

Understanding that senior alpine evaluator skills are developed through local and region mentoring, the Central Division provides periodic ASE certification exams to validate a candidates understanding of the appropriate skills. This process is ultimately intended to assure a more consistent program division wide and ultimately a higher quality experience for our Senior Alpine Candidates.

Those interested in pursuing ASE certification must currently hold senior patroller status. Further, each candidate must also have his/her Region Directors endorsement prior to attending an exam. Currently, two day ASE exams are held at one of several Division Clinics offered in December. A nominal fee is charged and once completed, certification is valid for a three year period.

The ASE program is not is not intended for those with PSIA/AASI Level II or III credentials. PSIA/AASI and ASE certified senior alpine evaluators are both expected to keep their credentials current by completing a Central Division calibration clinic once every three years. Lastly, membership in the NSP-C ski school is highly recommended, promoting community among our trainer ranks.

Additional course information and suggested study materials are referenced in detail within the ASE program documents on our Central Division website.