



Outdoor Emergency Transportation

Snowsport Enhancement Seminar (SES)

August 2024

1. **Program objective** – To provide the NSP membership with instruction and guided practice designed to improve their skiing/riding skills. Instructors utilize the current Professional Ski Instructor Association (PSIA) and American Association of Snowboard Instructors (AASI) instruction terminology and methodology.

2. **Program structure** – This program is open to all NSP members and associate members. The course content is tailored to the needs of the student to improve the participant's capacity to more effectively apply/blend the Fundamentals of skiing or riding. The class can be configured to target any patroller group or clarification.
 - 2.1. **Venue** – This course may initially start inside but the majority of time will be spent outside on the area's ski slopes.

 - 2.2. **Class size** – The class size is dependent on the lead instructor's guidance. If there are several participants, the number of instructors may be increased. However, typical SES courses are six to 10 participants per one instructor. The local area management may have specific limitations on how many participants are permitted to be in a class. The local patrol representative must be included in the planning stages of the course to keep the communication channels open.

 - 2.3. **Instructor/student ratio** – The SES class size typically does not exceed a 1:10 ratio of instructor to students.

 - 2.4. **Audit frequency** – PSIA/AASI monitors their instructor cadre and provides updated certification cards to



currently certified instructors. An OET IT or TE may monitor as QA.

- **2.5. Course content** – The course content is dependent on the group that is participating. The lead instructor will define the participants' wants and needs and construct a course that will address these needs. The course will incorporate fundamental ski/ride skills and elaborate on elements that will address the needs of the group.
- 3. Resources required** – This program requires permission from the local area management and what is acceptable. Obviously, the local area patrol representative must be supportive and staffed that day to permit other on-the-hill patrollers to participate without compromising proper area coverage.
- **3.1. Instructors** – The number of instructors is defined by the number of interested participants. Typically, the course will not exceed 10 participants per instructor.
 - **3.2. Helpers** – Typically it is best to have two to three patrollers at the registration to make sure all have completely filled out registration information, signed liability waivers, and, if appropriate paid participation fees. At the end of the course, at least one of these helpers needs to distribute and collect course evaluation forms. This form and the course registration need to be copied and kept for two to seven years, according to division protocol.
 - **3.3. Equipment** – No equipment is required for the standard SES. However, if the course includes video analysis of the participants skiing/riding, a video recording device and playback screen for review are needed.



- 3.4. **Educational materials** – None required

4. Instructor credentials –

The Lead Instructor shall be an instructor that is vetted and approved by the Division OET Supervisor. Current PSIA L3/AASI L2 instructors with higher credentials vetted by the Division OET Supervisor are preferred.

- 5. Course prerequisites** – Participants need to be currently registered NSP members in good standing. They need to sign liability waivers and pay participation fees if appropriate. Non-hill qualified NSP patrollers may participate, subject to event structure and host patrols policies.

- 6. Evaluation format** –: This is not a pass/fail evaluation format. The only evaluation that takes place is when the instructor evaluates the participant's skill level and designs drills and practice sessions to help the patroller improve.

- 7. Grade scale/structure** – Not applicable

8. Reporting requirements –

8.1. Class registration – Typically, this course is registered by the Division/Region OET supervisor or Division/Region ski school supervisor and the IOR registers the course online on the NSP website.

8.2. Course completion report – The IOR will send the course completion report to the national office within two weeks of the completion of the course. Copies of the registration and participant waivers should be retained for two to seven years, depending on specific division policy.

8.3. Course feedback form – The IOR will distribute and then collect the instructor evaluation forms that each participant is requested to complete. The IOR should share the results with the instructor and the PSIA source that provided the instruction.



9. **Risk management considerations** – Participants need to sign the division course participation waivers. The waivers need to be kept with the course completion records. All instructors should provide an environment that will permit anyone who is not comfortable attempting any portion of the course to elect not to participate in any activity.

10. **Conflict resolution** – The IOR is responsible for providing reasonable accommodation for any conflict. If a participant has an unresolved issue or complaint, it should be taken to the next line administrator.

