

What is the Eastern Team?

The Eastern Team is the “Best of the Best” skiers, riders and snowsport coaches that we have in the east. They make up of an extremely talented and dedicated group of snowsport experts that have a very valuable and exciting impact on the education and programs that we provide for the PSIA-E/AASI members. There is a “Direct Connection” of the Eastern Teams and their education, training and success with the PSIA-E/AASI membership. As the Eastern Teams are formed, and they train toward the exciting goal of competing in the 2012 National team tryouts, it’s you, the member, who will see the positive effect. As we raise the bar for our top educators in the east, so too will the bar be raised for all of our education staff. As the entire education staff grows, improves and is a part of this movement, a higher degree of education and knowledge is shared and delivered to the members at the numerous and varied educational events that are available to you, the PSIA-E and AASI member. Eastern Team members are also highlighted at numerous PSIA-E/AASI events, clinics and seminars. In addition the Eastern Teams remains intact after the 2012 tryouts to continue to share their expertise and to provide you with first-hand experience of the 2012 tryouts.

Eastern Team Tryouts What is it? When is it? Who Can Try Out?

Those selected to be on the Eastern Team will have the opportunity to receive extensive training in preparation for the 2012 PSIA/AASI National tryouts, involving some of the best skiers, riders and educators in the country. The Eastern Teams will represent the best skiers, riders and coaches in the east and PSIA-E/AASI. Those selected to the Eastern Team should be prepared to arrange their schedule to allow for a minimum of 15 days per year to attend various training events and activities.

Each discipline will have its own selection tryout and individual training activities. There will also be many training activities that can and will be held for all discipline team members in preparation for the 2012 tryouts.

PSIA-E/AASI Level III certified members are eligible to register for and participate in the Eastern Team tryout of your discipline.

PSIA/AASI rules allow each division to send a pre-determined number of qualified candidates to the national tryouts. A qualified candidate must be a Level III certified instructor, in good standing, in the discipline for which they are trying out, be full time (seasonal) in the ski/snowboard industry, and chosen by their division to represent PSIA/AASI at a National level.

ALPINE TRYOUTS

Part 1 of the Alpine Eastern Team tryout is scheduled for March 18-19, 2010, at Whiteface Mountain, NY. The cost to participate in Part 1 of this tryout is \$195. Applicants should use a standard event registration form and adhere to the registration deadline of February 25, 2010.

Part 1 of the Alpine tryout will focus primarily on skiing skills in all conditions, terrain and situations. There will be some evaluation throughout the exam of personal character, communication skills and leadership skills. Those selected at this tryout will be considered to be on the Alpine Eastern Team during the time leading up to Part 2 of the tryout.

Part 2 of the Alpine tryout will be held in March 2011. This will be a one or two day tryout that will focus on coaching and presentation skills.

If you are considering the Alpine Eastern Team tryout and have additional questions please e-mail or call:

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NORDIC TRYOUTS

The Nordic Eastern Team tryout is scheduled for March 18-19, 2010 at Whiteface Mountain, NY. This tryout will be held in conjunction with the Alpine Eastern Team tryout. The tryout will focus on skiing skills, coaching skills and presentation skills. Day 1 will focus on track/skate and Day 2 will focus Nordic downhill. The cost to participate in this tryout is \$140. Applicants should use a standard event registration form and adhere to the registration deadline of February 25, 2010.

There will be an opportunity for those that missed the 2010 tryout to participate in a 2011 tryout. However, it should be noted that those that elect to participate in the 2011 tryout will have to be a very strong candidate. Those selected in 2010 will remain on the Nordic Eastern Team and any newcomers will have to be strong enough to make that team.

If you are considering the Nordic Eastern Team tryout and have additional questions please e-mail or call:

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***Plans for the Eastern AASI tryouts and Adaptive tryouts are planned for 2011**