

# PROFESSIONAL SKI INSTRUCTORS OF AMERICA

## -EASTERN DIVISION-

### THE ALPINE LADDER FROM REGISTERED TO EXAMINER

#### REGISTERED MEMBER

- ◆ Be at least 16 years of age or older at the time of application
- ◆ Be an active employee of a recognized snowsports school that conducts a regular program of instructor education and training.
- ◆ Must have completed at least 25 hours of teaching and training.

#### LEVEL I MEMBER

- ◆ Be a current Registered member of PSIA-E in good standing at the time of application for the Level I Exam.
- ◆ Must have completed at least 50 hours of teaching and training, as approved by the Snowsports School Director.
- ◆ Complete the Level I Workbook prior to exam.
- ◆ Successfully pass a two-day on snow exam.

#### LEVEL II MEMBER

- ◆ Be a current Certified Level I member of PSIA-E in good standing at the time of application for the Level II Professional Knowledge Exam.
- ◆ Must have completed a recommended minimum of 150 hours of teaching and training; as approved by the Snowsports School Director.
- ◆ Candidate must be current in continuing education credit, preferably with an event that will help prepare candidate for exam.

ONLINE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXAM MUST BE TAKEN AS FIRST STEP IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS  
Pass the Alpine Level II Online Exam with a score of 70% or higher. Members will have two attempts per season to pass exam.  
Exam score will be valid for life based on continuous membership.

#### ALPINE LEVEL II SKIING EXAM

Candidate will be evaluated on the National Level II Standards. Evaluation will take place in three Performance Areas; Skiing at Skill Level, Mountain Skiing and Agility/Versatility. Each Performance Area a candidate is successful will be valid for life based on continuous membership.

#### CHILDREN'S SPECIALIST 1

Successfully pass the Children's Specialist 1 course. This includes completion of the appropriate workbook, score a minimum of 80% on quiz and pass the on-snow evaluation. Children's Specialist 1 professional designation will be valid for life based on continuous membership.

#### ALPINE LEVEL II TEACHING EXAM

Candidate will be evaluated on the National Level II Standards. Evaluation will take place in two Teaching Modules: Creative Teaching and Movement Assessment and Teaching. Each module a candidate is successful will be valid for life based on continuous membership.

#### LEVEL III MEMBER

- ◆ Be a current Certified Level II member of PSIA-E in good standing at the time of application for the Level III Professional Knowledge Exam.
- ◆ Must have completed a recommended minimum of 300 hours of teaching and training; of which ideally, 150 were at advanced levels as approved by the Snowsports School Director.
- ◆ Candidate must be current in continuing education credit, preferably with an event that will help prepare candidate for exam.

ONLINE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXAM MUST BE TAKEN AS FIRST STEP IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS  
Pass the Alpine Level III Online Exam with a score of 70% or higher. Members will have two attempts per season to pass exam.  
Exam score will be valid for life based on continuous membership.

#### ALPINE LEVEL III SKIING EXAM

Candidate will be evaluated on the National Level III Standards. Evaluation will take place in three Performance Areas; Skiing at Skill Level, Mountain Skiing and Agility/Versatility. Each Performance Area a candidate is successful will be valid for life based on continuous membership.

#### ALPINE LEVEL III PRE-REQUISITE

The candidate may choose one approved educational event to meet the requirements of the Level III Skiing or Teaching prerequisite. It is highly recommended if a candidate chooses a skiing pre-requisite, the course be taken PRIOR to the Skiing Exam. Attendance will satisfy the pre-requisite requirement in the season attended and the following two seasons.

#### ALPINE LEVEL III TEACHING EXAM

Candidate will be evaluated on the National Level III Standards. Evaluation will take place in three Teaching Modules: Creative Teaching, Children and Youth and Movement Assessment and Teaching. Each module a candidate is successful will be valid for life based on continuous membership. Candidates who achieve Children's Specialist 2 professional designation are exempt from the Children and Youth Module.

#### ALPINE EDUCATION STAFF

#### ALPINE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

#### ADVANCED CHILDREN'S EDUCATOR

- TRYOUTS  
Two-day competitive exam that values High Level Skiing and Coaching skills.
- SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
- ◆ Attend annual training
  - ◆ Maximum four year term
  - ◆ Understudy a minimum of 30 days
  - ◆ Fulfill requirements of Dev Team coach

- TRYOUTS  
Two-day competitive exam that values children specific skills.
- SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
- ◆ Attend annual training
  - ◆ Available to work a minimum of 10 days each season
  - ◆ Understudy one event
  - ◆ Fulfill requirements of ACE Team coach

#### ALPINE EXAMINER TRAINING SQUAD

- TRYOUTS  
ETS members are chosen at a two day exam. DEV Team members who have trained for at least two seasons and have met all requirements receive a letter of invitation to take the exam.
- SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
- ◆ Attend Examiner Training as well as ETS training during the season.
  - ◆ Work/understudy a minimum of 15 days each year at various events. Maximum four year term as ETS member.
  - ◆ Understudy Level II and Level III exams (practice scoring and compare their scores with the Examiners).

#### ALPINE EXAMINER

ETS members who have completed all apprenticeship requirements and have consistently demonstrated the ability to be fair and objective are elevated to Examiner.

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LONG PASSION FOR  
SNOWSPORTS!**

