



SOUTHERN DIVISION SENIOR OET CLINIC AND EVALUATION FORMAT AND GUIDELINES

SENIOR OET CLINIC

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the Senior OET Clinic is to provide the candidates AN OPPORTUNITY to observe and demonstrate the required skills and tasks on the same or similar terrain used during the evaluation. Instructors should offer and document feedback identifying what the candidates need to refine or improve to meet the essential criteria for the evaluation.

PREREQUISITES AND PREPARATION:

To participate in the event the Senior Candidate must have advanced to Alpine Patroller status and have the recommendation of the patrol director, patrol representative or the Region Senior Coordinator. The candidate will have applied to participate in the program in their Region. The candidate must complete the Southern Division Senior Alpine Skills Sign-off sheets, and provide them to the Division OET Supervisor or assignee prior to attending the pre-evaluation clinic. The Senior Alpine Skills Sign-off Sheet can be downloaded from the Southern Division website found here: [Senior Alpine Skills Information](#).

GUIDELINES:

The clinic is registered as an OET Skills Workshop. Notes indicating that the event is only open to Senior OET candidates should be added to the course description when adding the event to the NSP LMS and division calendar. All participants must be enrolled and all instructors and assistants must be listed on the course registration. The Division OET Supervisor assignee should be the Instructor of Record (IOR). The clinic may be conducted together with the evaluation in a multi-day format or on a separate day prior to the evaluation

Standard course waivers, introduction and rules for any NSP clinic or workshop must be completed by all students and instructors. The Southern Division electronic event release form can found here: [event release](#). The event waiver form can be downloaded here: [NSP Event Training Release Form](#).

Use of PSIA/AASI credentialed Trainer/Evaluators (T/E's) or PSIA/AASI instructors for demonstration and advice on the ski/board portion is highly encouraged. The number of T/E's should be adequate to provide sufficient and detailed feedback and attention to the candidates. The T/E's should be carefully chosen by the Division OET Supervisor or assignee.

The clinic will be held, if possible, at the same resort and on similar terrain to be used for the evaluation. Suitable terrain for the clinic and evaluation will be approved by the Division OET Supervisor. Every effort will be made to provide more difficult and most difficult terrain relative to the Region and to meet the minimum requirements of the NSP Senior OET criteria.

The clinic is **not** a "practice" or "mock" evaluation where the candidates are scored and their scores shared with them. The clinic should preview the evaluation by demonstrating and practicing the skills.



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ON SNOW ACTIVITIES:

The safety of all participants is a priority. If anyone feels uncomfortable performing any aspect of the clinic for whatever reason, they are not required to participate in that activity. Where possible, reasonable accommodations will be made.

Trainer/Evaluators (T/E's) shall demonstrate and explain the skiing/riding and toboggan handling skills and tasks that the candidates will be expected to perform during the evaluation. Care must be taken to demonstrate the skills at the Senior level to provide candidates a visual reference point for expectations. A clear explanation of the evaluation objectives shall be provided. The candidates can find additional information from the Southern Division website found here: [Senior Alpine Performance Objectives June 2026](#).

The candidates will have an opportunity to perform the required skills and tasks and receive feedback from the instructors.

Senior Alpine Ski and Ride Module

The five components shall be demonstrated and practiced on advanced and variable terrain and conditions. Ski and Riding components shall be the following:

- Short radius, Medium radius and Long radius turns
- Moguled, Un-groomed and/or Icy conditions
- Equipment carry

Senior Alpine Toboggan Handling Module

All toboggan handling skills and tasks will be demonstrated and practiced. This will include empty toboggan handling, scene approach, patient loading, front and rear-loaded toboggan handling, slope traverse, direction change and safety maneuvers. Emphasis is on teamwork, communication, problem solving, and demonstration of ease, confidence, and apparent experience performing the tasks. A blended toboggan skills run shall be demonstrated and practiced to include static direction change, gliding wedge, sideslip/falling leaf, and transitions.

Control courses and a variety of equipment may be used to demonstrate and practice the skills and tasks.

Patrollers interested in the Senior Program who want to observe or 'audit' the OET clinic must contact the Division OET Supervisor assignee to coordinate at least two weeks prior to the clinic.

ADMINISTRATION:

Time shall be allowed for discussing and documenting individual feedback after the instructors have compiled their notes for each candidate's performance for Ski/Ride and Toboggan handling.

All participants **must complete and** submit a course feedback form. The form shall be distributed to all students and collected at the conclusion of the course. The Southern Division electronic feedback forms can be found here [event feedback](#). The event feedback form can be downloaded here: [Course Evaluation Form](#).

A candidate may be advised that they are not adequately prepared to participate in the evaluation at this time.



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SENIOR OET EVALUATION

OBJECTIVE:

The evaluation consists of two NSP OET credited courses, the Senior Alpine Skiing/Riding Evaluation (SAEE) and the Senior Alpine Toboggan Evaluation (SATE).

The SAEE provides Senior Alpine candidates an opportunity to demonstrate PSIA/ AASI defined skiing/riding fundamentals through a variety of turns. Skiing/riding and equipment carry will take place on difficult or most difficult and un-groomed and/or moguled terrain.

The SATE provides Senior Alpine candidates an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of toboggan handling skills, and the mechanics and components of various rescue toboggans. Candidates will demonstrate the operation of both an unloaded and a loaded toboggan in the front (handles) and rear (tail rope) positions. Skills are performed in a variety of snow conditions on more difficult and most difficult slopes

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GUIDELINES:

The IOR and the IT for the courses are typically the Division OET Supervisor, Region Senior Program Coordinator, and/or their assignees.

Scorecards, determination of pass or fail, course feedback forms, sign-off sheets and event releases shall be maintained by the IOR or the Instructor Trainer (IT).

All participants must be enrolled and all instructors as well as assistants must be listed on the course registration.

Standard event release, introduction and rules for any NSP clinic or workshop shall be completed by all students and instructors. The Southern Division electronic event release form can found here: [event release](#). The event release form can be downloaded here: [NSP Event Training Release Form](#).

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If possible, necessary paperwork (event release, scorebooks, etc.) can be filled out before the day of the evaluation. Numbers and bibs may be assigned to the candidates.

One Trainer/Evaluator or assistant should be designated as the candidate advocate a role that may also be fulfilled by the facilitator. Once the evaluation has begun, communication between the candidates and the evaluators should be through the advocate. The advocate will remain impartial and not score the candidates. The advocate may serve as the starter for the activities by the candidates.



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The safety of all participants is a priority. If anyone feels uncomfortable performing any aspect of the evaluation for whatever reason, they are not required to participate in that activity. Where possible, reasonable accommodations will be made. The candidate will not pass the module should they choose to not participate in any portion of course. During an evaluation, any accommodation must not appear to make the evaluation easier or give preference to a candidate requesting accommodation. Accommodations must maintain Senior level criteria.

Each of the skills and tasks to be evaluated shall be demonstrated by an evaluator or a qualified instructor at a performance level sufficient to meet evaluation standards. The demonstration should be provided for all skiing/riding and toboggan handling components of the evaluation. A demonstration may be omitted if **ALL** candidates agree.

A control course (i.e., gates, bamboo, whiskers) may be used if the evaluators feel the existing terrain is not adequate to demonstrate the tasks and skills at a Senior level. The equipment used for the equipment carry shall be the same for all candidates.

The candidates shall be scored by three evaluators who have been trained and calibrated through a division level Senior Alpine Trainer Evaluator Course. The SAEE or Ski/Ride evaluation may be scored by AASI/PSIA credentialed instructors if vetted and approved by the Division OET Supervisor. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of the available evaluators, the evaluation should be split and/ or rescheduled. Instructors in a mentorship role may serve as evaluators; however, their scores are not used to determine pass or fail for a candidate.

The evaluation will use the current Southern Division evaluation score cards. Grading will be done using a +, =, - scale.

- To be successful, the candidate must pass all components of the course/module.
- For Senior candidates who are unsuccessful in either the SAEE or the SATE course/module, they must complete the entire course/module in future evaluations.

ADMINISTRATION:

Following the evaluation, candidate performance shall be reviewed, evaluator conflicting opinions reconciled, and a majority consensus shall be reached. Any decision to rate a candidate below senior level (failure) must be clearly justified, documented, and related to established performance objectives and evaluation criteria for each of the SAEE and STE courses.

An opportunity must be provided for all candidates to discuss their performance with the evaluators. This is critical for any candidate not passing either of the evaluations. Positive feedback and future practice/training opportunities should be discussed and documented.

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At the end of the evaluation day, all instructors, evaluators, advocates and facilitator shall review the day's activities to include, but not be limited to, discrepancies, conflicts, opinions, instructor performance, candidate performance and general ways to improve the event for the good of the program and the members.

The results of an evaluation should be emailed to the candidate and their respective PR/PD within two weeks. The NSP courses shall be reconciled and completed in the NSP LMS within 10 days of the event. The IT shall mark successful candidates as "attended" and unsuccessful candidates remain as "enrolled".

The IOR and IT shall compile and prepare a written review of the evaluation to be submitted to the Division OET Supervisor within one week of the event.

The NSP description of the SAEE and SATE courses is available upon request from the Division OET Supervisor. A sample agenda for the Senior Clinic/Evaluation can be found below.

SAMPLE SENIOR OET CLINIC/EVALUATION AGENDA

Location: resort name

Date: month, day, year

Resources:

- Candidates – names
- Instructors/Evaluators – names
- Quality Assurance – name
- Candidate Advocate – name
- Admin/Facilitator – name

Agenda (subject to change based on resources, weather, and slope conditions):

- Sign in and waivers
- Overview and introductions
- Risk reminder:
 - Decline any activity that places you in an unsafe situation.
 - Stay to side of trail.
 - Look uphill before starting.
- Review agenda
- Demonstration and Evaluation - Alpine skills
- Lunch break
- Demonstration and Evaluation - Toboggan skills
- Administration
 - Participants complete course survey/feedback
 - Provide feedback to candidates