



# PSIA – Rocky Mountain Division – AASI

**ADAPTIVE ALPINE LEVEL 1: NEW TO CERTIFICATION PROCESS AS OF SEPT. 2022**  
**ADAPTIVE ALPINE LEVEL 1 & 2: BEGAN CERTIFICATION PROCESS PRIOR TO JUNE 2022**  
**BI-SKI & MONO-SKI**



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*Instructions: This development log is a tool for you to develop your skiing, teaching, and technical skills in preparation for your Adaptive assessment. As you are preparing for your assessment, include comments and notes that you find beneficial, including notes from previous training and clinics. This form is set up so that you may either print it out and fill it in by hand or fill it in electronically and then print it out. Please note that if you fill it in electronically and write more than what is visible on the screen, it will only print what is visible on the screen. There is space at the end to put in additional comments.*

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✓	<b>Adaptive Level 1 &amp; 2 Technical Knowledge</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
<p><i>Your guests expect you to provide them with something they don't have: the technical knowledge needed to improve their skiing performance. Do you understand the technical aspects of skiing well enough to communicate this knowledge to your guests?</i></p>		
	<p><b>Identify, describe and relate the Skills Concept to the Five Fundamentals of Alpine Skiing.</b> <i>How are they used in various skiing conditions? How are they used in the adaptive environment? Discuss similarities and differences in skill usage as the skier progresses from level 1 to 6. Identify situational variations of skill application.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Understand and use Movement Analysis.</b> <i>You can practice on your peers or by watching videos. (YouTube.com and vimeo.com have some adaptive skiing videos.)</i></p>	
	<p><b>Understand Cause and Effect relationships.</b> <i>How is this used in movement analysis? Can you use this in your lessons?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Identify body-part specific Rotary Movements.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Identify body-part specific Pressure Control Movements.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fore/aft pressure</b></li> <li>• <b>Lateral pressure</b></li> <li>• <b>Magnitude of pressure</b></li> </ul>	

✓	<b>Adaptive Level 1 &amp; 2 Technical Knowledge (cont.)</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
<p><i>Your guests expect you to provide them with something they don't have: the technical knowledge needed to improve their skiing performance. Do you understand the technical aspects of skiing well enough to communicate this knowledge to your guests?</i></p>		
	<p><b>Identify body-part specific Edging Movements.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Understand how skills are blended.</b> <i>How are the skills blended differently for various snow and terrain conditions?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Read the <i>Alpine Technical Manual</i>.</b> <i>What new ideas can you incorporate in your lessons?</i></p>	

✓	<b>Adaptive Level 1 &amp; 2 Teaching Knowledge</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
<p><i>Your teaching knowledge allows you to effectively translate your technical knowledge to your guests. Are you offering your guests the most positive and safe skiing experience?</i></p>		
	<p><b>Learn to recite “Your Responsibility Code.”</b> How can you effectively apply this throughout all aspects of your skiing and lessons?</p>	
	<p><b>Learn to recite the Smart Style Points.</b> <i>When do you use this? How can you get your guests to understand these points? How can you effectively apply this throughout all aspects of your skiing and lessons?</i>  <a href="http://www.nsaa.org/nsaa/safety/smart%2Dstyle/">http://www.nsaa.org/nsaa/safety/smart%2Dstyle/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Understand the Teaching Cycle.</b> <i>How does this relate to a lesson plan?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Understand the various models for Learning Styles.</b> <i>Which models work best for you? If you typically rely on one model, you may want to explore other models.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Understand Teaching for Transfer.</b> <i>What movement patterns transfer to skiing from some of the most common experiences/sports/activities?</i></p>	

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<p><i>Your teaching knowledge allows you to effectively translate your technical knowledge to your guests. Are you offering your guests the most positive and safe skiing experience?</i></p>		
	<p><b>Understand Lateral Learning.</b> <i>You can practice by creating lesson plans with the lateral learning concept. (Hint: this will help with movement analysis.)</i></p>	
	<p><b>Understand goal setting for guests.</b> <i>Notice that some adaptive guests may not progress as quickly as other guests. Practice setting goals for a variety of guests.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Learn to use the Guest Centered Teaching model.</b> <i>You can find the GCT Planning Worksheet in the PSIA-RM-AASI Adaptive Alpine Exam Material.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Read Teaching Snowsports Manual and Core Concepts for Snowsports Instructors.</b> <i>What new ideas can you incorporate in your lessons?</i></p>	

✓	<b>Adaptive Specialty: Bi-Ski</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
	<b>Become familiar with the different kinds of bi-skis.</b> <i>What are the strengths and challenges of each piece of equipment? Under what circumstances would you use each type of bi ski? When would you use the bi ski accessory equipment (kidney belt, padding, handlebar, etc.)?</i>	
	<b>Practice setting up the bi-ski with fixed and hand-held outriggers.</b> In what situations would you use each?	
	<b>Understand fixed and handheld rigger adjustments.</b> <i>Under what circumstances would you make these adjustments?</i>	
	<b>Practice loads/unloads and safety protocols.</b> <i>What additional safety concerns should you address with a bi-ski guest?</i>	
	<b>Practice seat assists.</b> <i>Can you safely perform a seat assist? What additional safety concerns need to be addressed with a seat assist? When might you use a seat assist?</i>	

✓	<b>Adaptive Specialty: Bi-Ski (cont.)</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
	<p><b>Practice tethering a bi-ski.</b> <i>Can you safely tether a bi-ski? Which positions and techniques work best and why? Can you perform an emergency stop</i></p>	
	<p><b>Ski in the bi-ski with hand-held and fixed outriggers.</b> <i>One of the best ways to understand the bi-ski is to practice skiing in it. How does it feel to load the chairlift in a bi-ski? How does it feel to depend on someone else for your speed control?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Read the PSIA-RM-AASI Adaptive Information Guide for Bi-Ski.</b> How can you use the progressions to help your guests improve their skiing?</p>	
	<p><b>Audit an experienced instructor in a bi-ski lesson.</b> <i>What did you learn that you can use in your own bi-ski lessons?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Write out bi-ski progressions for hand-held and fixed outrigger skiers.</b> <i>Create sample scenarios and then write out sample progressions to fit your scenarios. Try thinking of unique scenarios! How do bi-ski progressions differ from mono-ski progressions? <b>How can you give your guest greater independence?</b></i></p>	

✓	<b>Adaptive Specialty: Mono-Ski</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
	<p><b>Become familiar with the different kinds of mono-skis.</b> <i>What are the strengths and challenges of each piece of equipment? Under what circumstances would you use each type of mono-ski?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Learn how to assess and fit a mono-ski.</b> <i>Can you perform a dowel test? What other modifications are needed to give your guest the best ski performance? When would you use the mono-ski accessory equipment (kidney belt, padding, etc.)?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Understand handheld rigger adjustments.</b> <i>Under what circumstances would you make these adjustments?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Learn how to pick an appropriate ski for a mono-ski guest.</b> <i>How do you pick the best length and shape?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Practice various hands-on assists.</b> <i>In what situations would you use these assists?</i></p>	

✓	<b>Adaptive Specialty: Mono-Ski (cont.)</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
	<b>Practice loads/unloads and safety protocols.</b> <i>What additional safety concerns should you address with a mono-ski guest?</i>	
	<b>Ski in the mono-ski.</b> <i>One of the best ways to understand the mono-ski is to practice skiing in it. What ineffective skiing habits do you have when you are in the mono-ski? Do you have these same ineffective habits in your stand-up skiing?</i>	
	<b>Read the PSIA-RM-AASI Adaptive Information Guide for Mono-Ski.</b> <i>How can you use the progressions to help your guests improve their skiing?</i>	
	<b>Audit an experienced instructor in a mono-ski lesson.</b> <i>What did you learn that you can use in your own mono-ski lessons?</i>	
	<b>Write out mono-ski progressions.</b> <i>Create sample scenarios and then write out sample progressions to fit your scenarios. Try thinking of unique scenarios! How do mono-ski progressions differ from bi-ski progressions? <b>How can you give your guest greater independence?</b></i>	

✓	<b>Disability Awareness</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
<i>As an adaptive ski instructor, you are expected to understand the concepts of alpine skiing and be aware of the disabilities that might affect your guests.</i>		
	<b>Read the PSIA Adaptive Snowsports Instruction Manual, Adaptive Instruction Supplement: Diagnoses and Medications Classifications, and the PSIA-RM-AASI Adaptive Alpine Level 1 &amp; 2 Exam Material.</b> What other references are available?	
	<b>Study the disabilities that might cause a person to ski as a bi-skier or mono-skier, as well as the medications that these individuals might use.</b> <i>The disabilities and medications you are expected to know are listed in the PSIA-RM-AASI Adaptive Alpine Level 1 &amp; 2 Exam Material. Do you understand the symptoms and the special considerations for each disability? For each class of medication, do you know its purpose and common side effects? (Hint: Try creating flash cards for studying disabilities and medicines.) You will be tested on disabilities and medications application the exam.</i>	
	<b>Know basic Disability Etiquette.</b> <i>Incorporate this etiquette into your lessons and interactions with your guests.</i>	
✓	<b>Prepare for your Level 1 &amp; 2 Exam</b>	<b>Comments/Notes</b>
	<b>Become a PSIA member</b> <i>if you are not currently a member.</i>	
	<b>Be an employee or volunteer of a recognized ski school or adaptive ski program</b> <i>and complete a minimum of ten hours of in-house and on-hill training, actual on-hill adaptive teaching.</i>	
	<b>Schedule and pass Alpine Level 1 Certification Assessment if new to adaptive alpine as of September 2022.</b> <i>Adaptive Level 1 Functional Skiing assessment module attained prior to June 2022 is valid for completing adaptive certification L 1 through May 2024.</i>	
	<b>Schedule and pass the Adaptive Alpine Functional Skiing Assessment Level 2</b> <i>for candidates who began the adaptive alpine certification process prior to June 2022 and plan to complete adaptive alpine Level 2 prior to May 2024.</i>	
	<b>Download and complete the PSIA-RM-AASI Adaptive Alpine Level 1 &amp; 2 Study Guides</b> <i>for bi-ski and mono-ski.</i>	
	<b>Register for the Adaptive Alpine Level 1 or 2 On-Hill Assessment</b> <i>for the Bi-ski/Mono-ski module.</i>	
	<b>Take the Adaptive Alpine Level 1 or 2 online assessments for Bi-ski and Mono-ski</b> <i>at least one week before the on-hill assessment.</i>	
	<b>It is your responsibility to work with your fellow examinees and bring all equipment that is needed for your on-hill exam.</b>	

**Additional Notes**

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