



# **PSIA - Rocky Mountain - AASI**

## **Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Educational Foundation**



## **TELEMARK ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRAINER INFORMATION and OVERVIEW**

Dear Applicant,

Listed here is the application information for the Telemark Rocky Mountain Trainer process. The heart of the process is in the completion of the RMT Checklist. The checklist involves elements of proficiency in skiing, clinicing and MA/technical as well elements of professional development. All elements are listed on the checklist. In order to begin the process please complete the prerequisites.

Prerequisites:

- Level III Telemark Certification
- A letter of application and intent to pursue a Telemark RMT Certificate. Address the letter to the Telemark Committee Chair and the PSIA-RM Education Director. Please submit via E-mail.  
Please include:
  - Your current ski school and level of involvement
  - Ski teaching experience
  - Training experience
  - Other pertinent experiences
- Complete the liability waiver

Upon completion of the prerequisite requirements you are invited to attend the Telemark Education Staff Training. Fees apply.

Completion of the professional development elements are your responsibility. Completion of the skiing, clinicing and MA/technical elements will require a "sign off" from at least 2 current Ed Staff as well as confirmation from the Telemark Committee Chair. This can be accomplished in 1 of 3 ways:

- Participate in and receive passing scores at the RMT/certification event. This 3 day event is currently scheduled every other year.
- Demonstration of proficiency at any time during clinics, audits, etc.
- Any combination of the above

To receive the Telemark RMT certificate the checklist must be completed within 2 consecutive seasons.

**You must submit the completed RMT Checklist to the office and pay an exam fee that is the equivalent of a one-day exam fee in order to be recognized by PSIA-RM as a Rocky Mountain Trainer. Please contact the office when you have completed the process for more detail.**

## **TELEMARK ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRAINER STANDARDS**

### **SKIING**

The instructor who wishes to achieve a Telemark RMT certificate must display skiing skills recognizably

above and beyond those normally displayed by qualified Certified III instructors. In addition to the skiing standards required as Certified III instructors, RM Trainers must be able to ski exceptionally demanding conditions. They must also be able to perform requested maneuvers within a highly structured situation. Demonstration maneuvers of all ability levels must be performed in an exacting manner. Adaptability to varying conditions and tasks must be second nature. In summary, those who achieve a Telemark RMT certificate must show skiing ability which is respected by peers and employers alike as being near the pinnacle within the profession.

## **TEACHING**

Since the Telemark Trainer is the substance of quality for the educational program within PSIA-RM, nowhere else in the educational process of ski instructors can the standards be as unyielding as here. The Telemark Trainer must have an absolutely thorough knowledge of the art of teaching, being able to readily demonstrate, use and vary the spectrum of teaching/learning styles. Once again, in summary, Telemark Trainers must be the persons recognized by peers and employers as having such abilities as educators that they rank among the very best in the profession.

## **MA/TECHNICAL**

Those holding a Telemark RMT certificate must have an equally high degree of proficiency in the areas of movement analysis and technical knowledge as they do in skiing and teaching. This is to say, they must possess an unquestionably clear and thorough knowledge of all aspects of contemporary skiing. They must be able to verbalize in an intelligent and clear manner at any and all levels of discussion relative to the technical aspects of skiing. Their ability to analyze and construct meaningful ski teaching situations based on accurate MA must cover the entire realm of possibilities. They must also be capable of completing a high quality written thesis on contemporary skiing.

The following is a list of recommendations to help you prepare. Your success will depend on familiarity and application of these concepts.

- Know and understand both Reference Maneuvers and the Fundamental Skills as a skiing concept/standard and as a teaching tool.
- Know and understand current trends in the industry and how they affect current teaching and skiing standards.
- Have a working understanding of various teaching models.
- Know the movement analysis model and be able to apply it.
- Understand models of motor skill development.
- Practice perfection in presentation skills, facilitation, demos and free skiing so that you present a picture of an accomplished clinician with the ability to impart knowledge, help peers and enjoy the sport.
- Remember that we work in an industry that is large in its scope. You will need to be current, informed, knowledgeable and thorough to help us make an informed decision.

Upon successful completion of the RMT Checklist you have the option of becoming part of the Telemark Education Staff by following these steps:

- To become an Apprentice Advanced Educator - successful interview process with the appropriate Nordic Education staff members.
- To become a Full Advanced Educator you must audit a minimum of one clinic, one Level 1 ITC, one level 2/3 ITC and you must lead a clinic group with a Full Advanced Educator as a mentor.

- Approval of an Apprentice Advanced Educator to a Full Advanced Educator is confirmed by a vote of the Nordic Education Staff using completed evaluation forms from your apprenticing experiences.
- Placement in the active Full Advanced Educator pool is determined by scheduling needs, your amount of involvement and commitment to the Nordic community and physical location of events.

Thank you for your interest and your participation. You are the assets of this organization and it is a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

The Nordic Education/Certification Committee

## **SKI SCHOOL TRAINER RECOMMENDATION and VERIFICATION**

1. I do hereby recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue a PSIA-RM Telemark RMT certificate. I believe he/she is a highly qualified and responsible person. Should this individual achieve a Telemark RMT certificate, I agree to allow him/her to attend events as requested by PSIA-RM during the season. This shall also apply if this Telemark Trainer is subsequently selected as a PSIA-RM Telemark Advanced Educator.

2. I do hereby verify that this instructor has accumulated a minimum of 25 hours as a clinic leader at the ski school level.

Ski School: \_\_\_\_\_

Ski School Director/Training Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_