



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION**

Professional Ski Instructors of America

American Association of Snowboard Instructors

## **TELEMARK TRAINER INFORMATION and OUTLINE**

Dear Applicant,

This is the application information for the Telemark Trainer process. The heart of the process is the completion of the Telemark Trainer Checklist. The checklist involves elements of proficiency in skiing, clinic leading, MA/technical, as well as elements of professional development. All elements are listed on the checklist. To begin the process, please complete the prerequisites.

Prerequisites:

- Level III Telemark Certification
- A letter of intent and application to pursue a Telemark Trainer certificate. Address the letter to the Telemark Committee Chair and the PSIA-RM Education Director. Please submit via e-mail and 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. The culmination of the skiing, clinic-leading, and MA/technical elements will require a “sign off” from at least 2 current Telemark Education Staff (Tele Ed Staff) Members and confirmation from the Telemark Committee Chair. This can be accomplished in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Participate in and receive passing scores at the Telemark Trainer assessment event. This 2-day event is currently scheduled every other year
2. Demonstration of proficiency at any time during clinics, audits, etc.
3. Any combination of the above

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

**You must submit the completed Telemark Trainer Checklist and Workbook to the office and the Telemark Committee Chair. There will be a fee that is the equivalent of a one-day assessment fee to be recognized by PSIA-RM as a Telemark Trainer. Please contact the office for more details when you have completed the process.**

# **TELEMARK TRAINER STANDARDS**

## **SKIING**

The instructor who achieves a Telemark Trainer certificate must display skiing skills recognizably more refined than those normally displayed by qualified Telemark Certified III instructors. In addition to the skiing standards required as Telemark Certified III instructors, Telemark Trainers must be able to ski exceptionally demanding conditions. They must also be able to perform requested tasks within a highly structured situation. Demonstration tasks 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 Trainer certificate must show skiing ability which is respected by peers and employers alike as being near the pinnacle within the profession.

## **TEACHING and CLINIC LEADING**

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 and demanding as here. The Telemark Trainer must have a thorough knowledge of the art of teaching, being able to readily demonstrate, use and vary the spectrum of teaching/learning styles. In summary, Telemark Trainers must be the persons recognized by peers and employers as having such abilities as educators that they rank among the absolute best in the profession.

## **MA/TECHNICAL**

Those holding a Telemark Trainer 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. 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 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 the following concepts:

1. Know and understand both the Assessment Activities and the Telemark Fundamentals and Skills, as a skiing concept/standard and as a teaching tool
2. Know and understand current trends in the industry and how they affect current teaching and skiing standards
3. Have a working understanding of various teaching models and their usage in clinic leading
4. Know the movement analysis model and be able to apply it
5. Understand models of motor skill development
6. Practice perfection in presentation skills, facilitation, demos, and free skiing to present a picture of an accomplished clinic leader with the ability to impart knowledge, help peers, and enjoy the sport
7. 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 informed decisions
8. Attend the Telemark Trainer Prep Clinic.

9. Accumulate of a minimum of 25 verifiable hours as a clinic leader at the ski school level in any discipline.
10. Ski School Director's/Training Manager recommendation

When successful in becoming a Telemark RMT you have met one of the important requirements needed to become part of the Telemark Education Staff (Tele Ed Staff).

Following are the steps:

1. To become an Apprentice Advanced Educator – Complete a successful interview process with the appropriate Telemark Education staff member(s), Telemark chair and the RM Director of Education.
2. To become a Full Advanced Educator you must have a successful reverse audit of one Level 1 Assessment with a Full Advanced Educator as a mentor.
3. Placement in the active Full Advanced Educator pool is determined by scheduling needs, your amount of involvement and commitment to the Telemark 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 Telemark Education Staff / Certification Committee