

2024 MSS Program Description & Guidelines

The MSS Certification system is a professional development program that allows the individual instructor to gain skills and competencies to attain excellence as a Mountain Sports School ski/SB professional. Additionally, it acts as a mechanism to increase an instructor's points while working within the framework of our in-house clinics. You can find the clinics on ProCard. You must complete the MSS certifications in order.

MSS 1 – Corresponds with the Entry-Level instructor cohort.

Outcome: At completion, this instructor is ready to teach Levels 1 through 7 in their primary product zone.

Criteria– Must complete all.

- Park Etiquette 101
- PSIA/AASI Children's Specialist CS1
- PSIA/AASI L1
- Guest Service- prescribed digital tutorial/chalk talk (Phillip LaJeunie material?)
- Operations- Supervisor check off for Basic Operational Competence-needs definition
- Professionalism- Must complete 3 clinics in Intro to L2 prep or L2 Cert prep

MSS 2 -Corresponds with the Next Level and Versatility instructor cohorts

Outcome: At completion the instructor is ready to teach in camps, all level group lessons, some multi-level privates

Criteria–

- PSIA/AASI L2
- PSIA/AASI Children's Specialist CS2
- Guest Service- Must Complete 3 Advanced Coaching Clinics
- Operations- Supervisor Check off for Intermediate Operational Competence- needs definition
- Professionalism: must Complete one elective component.
 - Freestyle
 - Freestyle FS1 or
 - Participant completes 18 hours of clinics in Freestyle
 - IFSA L200
 - Performance/Racing
 - USSA L100 race coaching or
 - Participant completes 18 hours race/performance clinics
 - Backcountry
 - Participant completes 18 hours backcountry-based clinic or Steep and Deep backcountry shadow at L2 standard.
 - AAI or AAA avalanche 2 certification or AAI or AAA Pro 1
 - Alternate Discipline-
 - PSIA AASI L1 in alternate discipline (must be in prescribed discipline- alpine, adaptive, other?)
 - 8 hours of clinics in alternate discipline and skiing/riding at L1 standard