

2016 Divisional Clinic Leader Tryout Packet

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Are you a Level III interested in becoming a Divisional Clinic Leader for PSIA-NW? DCLs are integral to PSIA-NW's ability to fulfill its Mission Statement, which is to:

"Provide high quality educational resources and well defined standards to aid our members in improving their teaching skills to better satisfy the needs and expectations of their customer in the enjoyment of Downhill and Nordic Snowsports."

Working as a DCL is a challenging and rewarding experience which allows you to interact with, and impact many, instructors around the Northwest division.

This season is another tryout season for becoming one of PSIA-NW's inspirational clinic leaders. We have made a few adjustments to the process this season and would like to let you know what to expect.

Eligibility Prerequisites:

An active member of PSIA-AASI and PSIA-NW in good standing, i.e. dues paid and current on educational requirements
Level III Certified Instructor for two years or longer specific to the discipline you are trying out for
Minimum 40 hours documented clinic experience in a ski or snowboard school or race program
Have completed a Children, Freestyle or Senior Specialist 1 or 2 or hold a Level I certification in another discipline
Primary membership is with the Northwest Division
Letter of commitment to become a PSIA-NW Divisional Staff, emailed to events@psia-nw.org , on or before the 1 st of January 2016 at 4pm Pacific time
Completed online registration for the tryout, on or before the 1 st of January 2016 at 4pm Pacific time (you can find the link for the registration on the psianw calendar on the 1 st of January), tryout fee is \$200

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Application Packet:

Due on or before February 8th, 2016 at 4pm Pacific time (the entire packet needs to be received in one email)

Cover letter – Address your ability to fulfill the role and responsibilities of a Divisional Clinic Leader and why you want to be a DCL (1 page maximum)
Resume – Highlight your snowsport industry experience as well as applicable experience from outside the industry, please include 3 professional and 2 personal references (2 pages maximum)
An article, which may be selected for publication in the Northwest magazine, topic of your choosing
Snow Pro Tip – Outline and explain one of your core beliefs that you teach to clinic participants regularly (1 page maximum)
Letter from a current Divisional Staff member stating they have reviewed the roles and responsibilities of a DCL with you
Letter from your School Director confirming your 40 hours of clinic experience and support of your pursuit in being a clinic leader

Season Assessment:

Applicants will be evaluated through a season long process, in doing so this will allow evaluation of:

- Time commitment in availability for training and events
- Knowledge about Division products and level of understanding regarding responsibilities as a DCL to ensure events run as directed
- Your desire to grow and improve your knowledge skills and abilities, your ability to accept and implement feedback, and your willingness to help others to do the same

To that end, a number of things are being asking of you during this season of evaluation.

Provide, no longer than one page, a letter of commitment to the tryout, emailed to events@psia-nw.org on or before the 1 st of January 2016 4pm Pacific time
Online registration is completed on or before the 1 st of January 2016 at 4pm Pacific time (find access to the online registration at psia-nw.org on the calendar on the 1 st of January)
Attend at least 5 days of the Tech Series training
Submit complete application packet electronically to events@psia-nw.org by February 8 th , 2016 before 4pm Pacific time
Attend and participate in the on snow assessment during the Stevens Pass Tech Series in March 2016
Have attended once in the last 3 seasons, or commit to attend this season, Divisional Academy

By fulfilling this list both you and PSIA-NW will learn more about each other and how effectively we could work together.

Thank you for your interest in working for the PSIA-NW division as a Divisional Clinic Leader. Good luck in the selection process and feel free to contact us with any questions you might have. Selections to PSIA-NW Divisional staff for the 2016-2017 season will be announced at the end of April.

DSIA-NW ETC Committee

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