

# 2017 Technical Team Tryout Packet



28-30 April 2017  
Location TBD





# Professional Ski Instructors of America - Northwest **TECHNICAL TEAM**

Dear Applicant:

Please review the information contained in this packet. If you have any questions about the tryout, please refer them to Rick Lyons via email at [Rick@psia-nwtechteam.org](mailto:Rick@psia-nwtechteam.org). If you have questions as to the application and packet, please refer them to Kirsten Huotte via email at [kirsten@psia-nw.org](mailto:kirsten@psia-nw.org). The goal of the information packet is to give you an idea what the team is, the dedication and commitment the team member position holds and the importance of its role to the Northwest Division.

The team began its history in the late 70's and throughout the years since, has remained a consistent group of individuals driven to work together as a team and to push themselves in their own growth as skiers and master teachers. They also, and maybe more importantly, have continued to inspire the membership to continue on their pathway to becoming the best Snowsports instructors they can be.

Technical Team Tryouts are open to members who have been Level III alpine instructors for two years or more and are seeking opportunities to actively contribute to the alpine programs of the Northwest. Applicants must be motivated by a strong desire to share knowledge, contribute and participate in the development of division activities and programs. Team members are focused on being an effective research and development group for the division as well as being some of the top Snowsports professionals in the Northwest.

Selection of new Team members is based on overall performance derived from directed task skiing, free skiing, on snow teaching evaluations, indoor presentations and personal interviews.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Lyons", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Rick Lyons  
Technical Team Head Coach

*Learn, Teach, Inspire*

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### Eligibility Prerequisites:

- ☐ Alpine Level III certified member in good standing for the past two seasons, i.e. membership paid, current on education and primary membership is with NW
- ☐ 21 years of age or older
- ☐ Hold a Level I certification in another discipline OR hold a Children, Freestyle or Senior Specialist 1 or above, at the time of packet submittal, no exceptions
- ☐ Excellent working knowledge of PSIA manuals, certification standards and industry trends
- ☐ Able to regularly and consistently (at least once a day) access and most importantly REPLY to email

### Tryout Requirements for Applicants Not Currently On the Team:

- ☐ Resume including ski industry related experience as well as experience beneficial to the position outside the ski industry, not longer than one page
- ☐ Cover letter detailing:
  - Why do you want to be on the team;
  - What do you hope to contribute to the team and the membership at large if you are selected;
  - Commitment to a four-year term and to working and/or attending trainings of approximately 20 days per season
- ☐ A personal editorial on the Team's history and what the Team is to you
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation
  - One letter from a PSIA member in good standing (executive director and coaches excluded)
  - One letter from a professional outside PSIA-NW
- ☐ Letter of support from School Director/Manager, understanding the time commitment for being on the team
- ☐ \$210 non-refundable tryout fee

### Tryout Requirements for Returning Team Members:

- ☐ Cover letter detailing:
  - Your plans for the next term
  - How you plan to develop new teammates and successors.

### Tryout Requirements for Everyone:

- ☐ Two written documents suitable for journal publishing, including photos or graphics:
  - One article to be on a Snowsports instruction topic of your choice, that you may also be asked to present as an indoor or on-snow topic
  - What is your favorite quick tip you've had resounding success using, citing examples of its use and why it has been successful
- ☐ Completed packet, **in its entirety** (meaning one email), received electronically to [events@psia-nw.org](mailto:events@psia-nw.org), no later than Noon (Pacific Time) Friday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Late packets will not be accepted and incomplete packets will be returned to applicant. It is strongly encouraged to send in your information early to ensure receipt.

## Education & Certification Event Application

### Participant Information

☐ update my records with this info

☐ Alpine ☐ Snowboard ☐ Nordic ☐ Adaptive

Name	Member #	Discipline	
Email Address	Snowsports School	Certification Level	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Cell Phone #	Alternate Phone (please indicate type) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work		

### Event Information

#### Education Event

Complete this area for all Educational Events. Please consult the Season Guide or PSIA-NW.ORG Website for event information then complete the form below with the event name, date and location.

Event Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise stated, all events check-in at the Day Lodge. Day Clinics begin promptly at 9:00am. Event confirmations with event details will be sent via email prior to the event.

### Exam Information

#### Certification Exam

Exam Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exam Location \_\_\_\_\_

EXAM LEVEL ☐ LEVEL II ☐ LEVEL III

EXAM MODULES (choose one or both)

- ☐ Skiing or Riding (Saturday)  
☐ Teaching/Professional Knowledge (Sunday)

WRITTEN EXAM

Exam Passed on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Written Exam Location (proctor or ski school) \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE  
(required for exams)

X \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Details

#### Event Fee

BASE FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LATE FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TO AVOID A LATE FEE, registration is required 14 days prior to an exam or education event.** If space is available, less than two weeks prior add \$15 for a single day event and \$40 for a multi-day event.

**REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations two weeks before event - full refund LESS \$25 admin fee. Cancellations less than two weeks before event - no refund. If injured, please provide doctors note - full refund LESS \$25 admin fee.

MAIL WITH CHECK TO:  
PSIA-NW

338 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801

FAX WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT TO:  
FAX 206.241.2885

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL:  
206.244.8541  
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### LIABILITY RELEASE FORM (you must sign this release before attending any PSIA-NW event):

Recognizing that skiing/boarding can be a hazardous sport, I hereby RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE PSIA-NW, PNSIA-EF, ASEA, the host area and their agents and employees and contractors from liability for any and all injuries of whatever nature arising during or in connection with the conduct of the event for which this application is made. Applicant hereby relinquishes and assigns to PSIA-NW and PNSIA-EF all rights to the use of Applicant's name and likeness or pictorial representation in photographs, motion pictures or other representations concerning Applicant's participation in said Event.

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Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Payments

PLEASE READ LATE FEE AND CANCELLATION POLICY ABOVE IN PAYMENT DETAILS BOX.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

CREDIT CARD TYPE ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DIS

3 or 4 Digit  
CVC Code

EXP. DATE  
(MM/YY)

X

YOUR SIGNATURE