

**ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS**  
**CERTIFICATION TESTING CRITERIA**

**SKIING**

**BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN ASSOCIATE STATUS:**

Good skiing ability is a necessary skill to all patrol work. Basic skills, competence, and confidence should be emphasized.

1. Testing will be in the following areas.
  - a) Snowplow – turns and stops
  - b) Kick turns – both directions in steep terrain
  - c) Side slipping – both forward and backward in the bumps
  - d) Moguls – show control in the fall line
  - e) Groomed run – G.S. turns in control, not too fast
  - f) Powder/Crud – strength and control in the fall line
  - g) Discuss self arrest after a fall on steep ice

The content of the skiing test obviously depends on current snow conditions and available terrain. All of the above may not be available on a given day. Still, the test can be given fairly no matter what the current conditions are. The judges must ski with the candidates in order to gauge the relative difficulty of the day's conditions and terrain.

**ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN CERTIFIED STATUS:**

1. Capable, confident and strong in all of the above.

NO: Double pole plants, inability to stop, excessive falling. Control should be emphasized. Equipment problems will not be tolerated.