

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS
CERTIFICATION TESTING CRITERIA

SLED HANDLING

BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN ASSOCIATE STATUS:

Sled handling skills are a basic measure of a patroller's ability. The content of the sled-handling test relies on current snow conditions and available terrain. Terrain should be advanced. Less advanced terrain, if used, should incorporate terrain changes that are significant. The judges must run the course in order to gauge the relative difficulty of the day's conditions and terrain.

1. Proper checkout of the sled to be used. Doctoring of the sled is fair.
2. Knowledge of different sleds and their applications.
3. Approach to the rescue site is controlled and steady with an empty sled.
4. Proper anchoring of the sled at the rescue site.
5. Proper unanchoring of the sled. The judges should assist the candidate to ease the sled into the fall line.
6. Running with the loaded sled through a course that includes:
 - a) Fall line with course changes
 - b) Traversing
7. Running with the loaded sled should be controlled and steady. No excessive speed or stopping.
8. Losing the sled or blowing out of the course constitutes failure.

ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN CERTIFIED STATUS:

1. Know the advantages and disadvantages of different sleds.
2. Demonstrate proper patient loading position for specific injuries.
3. Candidate should have no problem running the course described above smoothly and with control.

REFERENCES USED:

NSPS Patrollers Manual, Sec. 800

