CSIA Level 2 Certification

Who Should Take This Program?

The Level 2 Certification Program is for any CSIA Member that has achieved the Level 1 or Snow Park Certification and is looking to advance their effectiveness and know-how in creating great learning experiences for Snow School guests. The Program is an opportunity to improve 'situational teaching' skills, and combine practical ski teaching methods, technical understanding and development, and improvement of guest service skills.

Skiing and Teaching "Tracks"

The Level 2 Program is offered in Skiing and Teaching "Tracks". To acquire the complete Level 2 Certification, Members must take the Development Course in each of Skiing and Teaching Tracks followed by the related Exam for each. Independent development in either of the Tracks is also possible.

For example, upon completion of the Level 2 Teacher Development (2 days), a Member is able to proceed to the Level 2 Teaching Exam (1 day) only, if they choose. The same is true of the Skiing Track.

Prerequisites:

- CSIA Level 1 OR Snow Park Certification OR ACA Entry Level Certified status OR ACA Development Level Trained status

Level 2 Skier Development Course Description:

The CSIA Level 2 Skier Development Course is designed to develop participants' skiing skills to a consolidated level of performance on groomed and ungroomed blue terrain in a variety of turn types. Participants will benefit from a solid two days of collaborative ski improvement through exploration of:

- CSIA Technical Concepts and 5 Skills Framework
- Long-term development strategies
- Level 2 Ski Exam performance criteria

Candidates will receive coaching on their skiing and help prepare you for the Level 2 Ski Exam. They will also receive suggestions and strategies for long-term development.

Duration:

2 days

Level 2 Teacher Development Course:

The two-day Level 2 Teacher Development Course is designed to give you the opportunity to develop and practice teaching approaches and strategies that address a broader range of student skill levels. With guidance from your Course Conductor, you will explore:

- Safe Teaching
- Canadian Teaching Approach
- Assessment and Development using CSIA Technical Concepts
- Level 2 Teach Exam performance criteria

Practice teaching opportunities within your group will help you try new ideas, gain insight into the effectiveness of your approach and prepare you for the Level 2 Teach Exam.

Duration:

2 days

Level 2 Skiing and Teaching Exam:

Duration: 2 days

Day 1 - Teaching

Day 2 - Skiing

Am I Ready?

In addition to the prerequisites listed above, some involvement with a Snow School is highly recommended, as the benefits of knowledge gained though first-hand teaching experiences are substantial. In preparation, consider attending a Pro Day or Pro Session, which offer training opportunities to hone your skiing and teaching skills.

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