

- 19.1 NOMINATIONS PROCESSING:<sup>26</sup> All award nominations are submitted to the Region Awards Advisor who is the Chair of the Region Awards Board. The Awards Advisor will be responsible for all documentation processing and assuring that the applications are complete and meet all administrative and documentation requirements. Forms and nomination letters that fail to meet the requirements will be returned to the originator. Award nominators are encouraged to ask questions and submit nominations well in advance of deadlines to permit time for corrections. The Awards Board will evaluate the nominations that meet all administrative requirements and make recommendations on the merits of the information presented. Names of Patrols and Patrollers are removed from the nominations of competitive awards to assure that the evaluations are based on the facts actually written in the forms and letters.
- 19.2 OUTSTANDING AWARDS: The following "Outstanding Award" categories are Region, Division, and National Level Awards and must be submitted on a current National Form:
- Outstanding Student Patroller
  - Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller
  - Outstanding Nordic Patroller (designated Robert D. Sherry Award in Ohio Region)
  - Outstanding Alpine Patroller
  - Outstanding National Chairman's Patroller, Administration
  - Outstanding Instructor
  - Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller
  - Outstanding Patrol Director
  - Outstanding Alpine Patrol
  - Outstanding Nordic Patrol
  - Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol<sup>27</sup>
- Nominations for any type outstanding patrol award shall include a statement on the nomination form, in the Training and Testing Section, indicating the percentages of patrol members who have completed the Basic Avalanche Course and the Basic Mountaineering Course.<sup>28</sup>
- 19.3 MERIT STARS: All nominations for NSP Merit Star Awards must be submitted on a current National Form along with the specified backup data.<sup>29</sup> They must be processed through Division and National Officers and require a minimum of four weeks process time.

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<sup>25</sup> *NSP Policies and Procedures*, Chapter 11, Awards Program  
*The Ski Patroller's Manual*, 13th edition, Chapter 24 and Appendix E  
*Ohio Region Operations Manual*, Awards Appendix

<sup>26</sup> *The Ski Patroller's Manual*, 13th ed., Appendix E lists the rating system for evaluating Outstanding Awards and provides an awards guide chart showing levels for National level award initiation, concurrence, approval, and presentation.

<sup>27</sup> The Outstanding Small Alpine Patrol is a Central Division Award for small alpine patrols having 39 or fewer members. The award was initiated in the 1996-97 season. A region Outstanding Small Alpine Award winner will be nominated for the division award.

<sup>28</sup> Basic Avalanche and Basic Mountaineering percentage statements requirement was added by the Ohio Region Board of Governors on October 13, 1996.

<sup>29</sup> NSP Merit Star criteria and documentation requirements are listed in *NSP Policies and Procedures*, in paragraphs 11.1.2 through 11.1.8.

- 19.4 REGION AWARDS: The following Region Award nominations are submitted in letter form:
- Outstanding Ski and Toboggan Trainer
  - Outstanding OEC Trainer
  - Wally James Outstanding Line Officer (see section 19.8)
  - Dick Schleicher Outstanding Advisorship (see section 19.7)
  - BRAVO - Patroller with most hours this season
  - Sage - Oldest Active Patroller in Region
  - Certificate of Appreciation
  - Angel Pin and Super Angel Awards
  - Region Director's Award
- 19.5 NATIONAL LEVEL APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS: The following appointments and awards are submitted on the current National Form through the Section and Region NSP Appointments Review Boards in accordance with provisions in Section 21.
- NSP National Appointment
  - Leadership Commendation Appointment
  - Distinguished Service Award
- 19.6 STANDARDS: Although awards are not to be handed out indiscriminately, neither shall the standards for NSP awards in the Ohio Region be set significantly higher than those established by National and/or Divisional standards.
- 19.7 DICK SCHLEICHER AWARD: There shall be a special award given by the Ohio Region to that Administrative Officer at any level who makes an outstanding contribution to the Ohio Region. That award is designated the Dick Schleicher Award, in honor of one of the founders of the Ski Patrol in Ohio. The award was established in 1974 and need not be given each season.
- 19.8 WALLY JAMES AWARD: There shall be a special award given by the Ohio Region to that line Officer at any level who makes an outstanding contribution to the Ohio Region. That award is designated the Wally James Award, in honor of one of the outstanding Region Directors of the Ohio Region. The award was established in 1975 and need not be given each season.
- 19.9 REGION DIRECTOR'S AWARD: An award for an Ohio Patroller selected by the Region Director for a special act or service performed during the term of the current Region Director. This award need not be presented each year.
- 19.10 ROBERT D. SHERRY AWARD: The outstanding Nordic Patroller award in the Ohio Region is designated the Robert D. Sherry Award in honor of a long time Nordic Patroller and Ohio Region Officer who was a member of the 10th Mountain Division.
- 19.11 AWARD SUBMISSIONS ENCOURAGED: All Patrols and Patrollers are urged to make and submit nominations for the various awards listed in this section and other awards that may be added to the current list as announced in issues of the *DOWNHILL*. 19
- 19.12 AWARD SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES: The procedures for submitting and judging nominations for awards are as follows:
- 19.12.1 **AWARD NOMINATIONS MUST MEET PUBLISHED DEADLINES.**  
The nominations must be received by the Awards Advisor to meet the deadline. Late submissions will be returned to the originator without action. The awards deadline is established by the Region Awards Advisor to meet Division deadlines and allow two weeks to process, copy, and distribute copies of all

awards nominations to the Awards Review Board Members, hold the review meeting, prepare the Region recommendations and forward the recommendations to the Division. Awards submission deadlines are established and published in the *DOWNHILL*.

- 19.12.2 **AWARD NOMINATION FILING DEADLINES:** Nominations for all "outstanding" awards and Ohio Region awards must be received by the Chair of the Awards Board by 5:00 PM on the second Saturday in March; for Certificates of Appreciation and Service Recognition by 21 days before date award materials are needed for scheduled awards ceremony; for Bravo and Sage awards by 15 days before needed date; for NSP Merit Stars four weeks before the needed date; and Angel Pins by 45 days before needed date to allow for processing through Division and National Offices.
- 19.12.3 **NOMINATION EVALUATION PROCEDURES:** The procedures for evaluating and judging "outstanding" nominations shall be as established by the Chair of the Board and agreed to by the members of the Awards Board. Those procedures and changes thereto shall be summarized in the *DOWNHILL*, included as an appendix to the *Ohio Region Operations Manual*, and issued to every P.D. and Officer of the Region.
- 19.12.4 **OUTSTANDING NOMINATIONS DISTRIBUTION:** The Board Chair will prepare copies of "outstanding" nominations and distribute them to the Awards Board for evaluation.
- 19.12.5 **NOMINATIONS PROCESSING:** The Board Chair will evaluate nominations for other awards and take appropriate action, passing on nominations for Division and higher-level awards to the Central Division Awards Advisor.
- 19.12.6 **OUTSTANDING AWARDS SELECTION MEETING DATE:** The Awards Board shall meet on the fourth Saturday in March to select winners of "outstanding" nominations.
- 19.12.7 **FORWARDING OUTSTANDING WINNERS:** The Board Chair will prepare and pass on to the Central Division Awards Advisor the Ohio Region winners of Division and National "outstanding" awards.
- 19.12.8 **ACCURACY AND AUTHENTICITY:** The accuracy and authenticity of the nominations is the responsibility of the originator preparer. A nomination containing a defect or a detected inaccuracy will be returned.
- 19.12.9 **EVALUATIONS CONFIDENTIAL:** All judging and evaluations are to be strictly confidential.