



NSP Ohio Region

Snow Sports School Spring 2024-25 Report

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Summary

This season saw effective participation in SES events across the Region, with almost 70 participants attending various sessions. Feedback was positive at each event. Several SES events were offered with specific focuses, including training for Senior candidates, OET Candidates, Telemark, Alpine, and Snowboard-focused sessions. However, the number of instructors available to teach decreased compared to last year, which may pose a risk to the future success of the Snow Sports program. One instructor taught at three out of five events, contributing significantly to the success of the season program. Additionally, nine Patrollers in the Region earned new PSIA Certifications this year.

Event Attendance & Staff

Area/Patrol	SES & Sr. SES Attendance			Instructor Staff	
	2025	2024	+/-	Local	Visiting
Boston Mills	7	8	-1	0	1
Snow Trails	16	22	-7	0	3
Perfect North Slopes	15	25	-10	2	2
Mad River Mountain	23	16	+7	0	5
Paoli Peaks	8	2	+6	0	1
Totals	69	63	+6	2	12

SES Attendee Satisfaction

Attendees received a survey via email following their event, requesting feedback on various aspects. The average numeric rating was 4.9/5. Many comments from participants focused on the food and lunch provided, as well as the weather and snow conditions on the day of the event. Overall, the feedback on the level of training received was highly positive. The primary complaint was from individuals who did not register, questioning why they had to pay the \$25 registration fee for the SES while TES events were free. There were also complaints from last-minute registrants regarding the unavailability of Tele or Snowboard instructors for the event.



Instructor Staff

This season we struggled getting commitments from qualified instructors to teach at the SES events. There were a significant number of instructors who had injuries or illnesses this year and many others who only wanted to do OET events or had work or other commitments on the scheduled dates. The roster of qualified Region instructors who are willing to travel to teach is getting slimmer and is a threat to the long-term success of the program.

A very big "Thank you" to the following instructors who instructed at least one SES this season:

- Amy Arnold
- Scott Chmielecki
- Marty Collins
- Andrew French
- Stephen Jarboe
- Mark Misulich
- Staci Kaliner
- Brook Patten
- Chris Raudabaugh
- Jim Seeger
- Jay Zedak

There was a high commitment from Region patrollers to earning certifications this year, with a total of 9 new PSIA-AASI Certifications:

- Level 1 Alpine:
 - Ryan Vogelsberger – Snow Trails
 - Chris Ely – BMBWAV
 - Jenny Elliot – BMBWAV
 - Pidge Griffin – BMBWAV
 - Sheryl Reynolds – BMBWAV
 - Tyler Theiding – BMBWAV
- Level 1 – AASI Snowboard
 - Kyle Evans – Mad River
- Level 2 Alpine
 - Giampiero Grandi - PNS
- Level 3 Alpine
 - David McKinley - PNS

Next Season

NSP-C Snow Sports School hopes to expand both the attendance of patrollers at the Region SES events but also expand the number of different instructors that participate. If we can gain commitment from instructors early, we will also explore removing the registration fee to better align with the OET events. We will continue to develop our process, materials and additional events for helping patrollers progress through PSIA/AASI certifications with assistance from the division PSIA liaison.



Conclusion

Thank you to all of our instructor staff, Patrol Directors, and patrollers who attended SES events. These events could not happen without the commitment of everyone involved.