

# **CASCADE BACKCOUNTRY SKI PATROL**

## **Bylaws**

*Effective December 6, 2008*

### **Article 1 – Name, Authority, & Patrol Areas**

- Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol (formerly known as Cascade Nordic Ski Patrol).
- Section 2: This volunteer, not-for-profit ski patrol organization shall operate under the by-laws of the Northwest Region, Pacific Northwest Division, National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the National Charter of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
- Section 3: The principal areas of service for the Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol shall be the Northwest Region of the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and outside the boundaries of developed ski areas. These shall include backcountry areas served by Sno-Park parking in the Interstate 90 corridor; backcountry areas off US 2, Stevens Pass; and, in the spring ski season after the highway opens, backcountry areas off SR 20, known as the North Cascades Highway. Areas of coverage may be changed from time-to-time in response to land managers' needs and the capability of CBSP.

### **Article II - Purpose**

- Section 1: To serve the public in a courteous manner, without charge, for the rescue and first-aid treatment of lost, injured, sick, or disabled skiers, snowshoers and other backcountry enthusiasts.
- Section 2: To promote safety and accident prevention in the sport of Nordic and backcountry skiing and other winter sport activities.
- Section 3: To provide education and information on winter recreation activities to the public.
- Section 4: To maintain an organized and trained ski patrol with a demonstrated proficiency in first aid, winter travel and rescue techniques.

## Article III - Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to persons 15 years of age and older on or before the opening of the patrol season.

Section 2: There are four (4) classifications for membership, recognizing the differences in needs, interests, and abilities of its members:

**Candidate:** An individual who seeks initial membership. Candidates shall demonstrate Nordic, AT/Randonee skiing, or backcountry Snow Boarding proficiency and sufficient knowledge of personal winter survival techniques to be a candidate.

**Patroller:** An individual who has demonstrated Nordic, AT or Randonee skiing or backcountry Snowboarding proficiency; and has completed the National Ski Patrol's Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) class and American Red Cross's Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the professional rescuer course, or equivalent courses accepted by the National Ski Patrol. Patrollers shall complete refreshers for such courses before each ski season. To be registered as a Nordic patroller with the Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol, members must also complete the National Ski Patrol Basic Mountaineering Travel and Rescue Course and the Basic Avalanche course. Patrollers shall be classified as Nordic per the National Ski Patrol.

**Inactive Patroller:** An individual who has been an active patroller, but wishes to temporarily discontinue patrolling. This is a short-term status and patrollers must complete OEC and CPR refreshers before the season in which they are inactive, and continue to pay annual dues to maintain membership.

**Alumni Patroller:** An individual who no longer wishes to actively participate in patrol activities, but wishes to maintain a relationship with the organization and who registers as an Alumni Patroller with the National Ski Patrol.

Section 3: As noted above, patrollers must possess current OEC Technician and NW Region NSP sanctioned CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer cards.

Section 4: Patrollers must complete annual NW Region NSP sanctioned training requirements, including the annual CBSP "On-the-Hill" before the ski season.

Section 5: Patrollers must complete ten (10) duty days per ski season.

- 1) A normal Duty Day is broadly defined as the time a Patroller or Candidate is providing coverage and is considered available to serve the public as

stated in our purpose. A duty Day credit is defined as consisting of a minimum of 6 hours of coverage and the patroller:

- a) Must sign in at the start of the day per operational guidelines
  - b) Must sign out any patrol equipment taken per operational guidelines
  - c) Must carry a radio in an operational manner such that there exists a reasonable chance of communication
  - d) Must wear identification suitable to be recognized by the public as a patroller "on patrol"
  - e) Must be available during that time to assist the public as per the patrols stated purpose
  - f) Must complete all reports and data forms per operational guidelines
- 2) Duty days may be earned any day of the week during the patrols operational season which officially begins the day of the On-the-hill refresher unless otherwise specified and ends Memorial Day weekend or when the caches are closed.
- a) Additional Duty Day credits, up to a limit of 4 days, may be earned by:
  - b) Attending the CBSP On-The-Hill (one day credit)
  - c) Operational Personnel (by title) who interact with Forest Service or other management agencies, set up and maintain operational caches (one day credit)
  - d) Participating in an out of town Ski Patrol Rescue Team (SPART) mission during the patrols operational season (one duty day credit per mission day)
  - e) Serving as the Webmaster and/or significant web re-design efforts (one duty day credit)
  - f) Serving as Instructor of Record for OEC, MTR or AVY course (2 duty day credits per course)
  - g) Teaching or assisting with any OEC, MTR or AVY course providing a combined in-class time of three hours of instruction/assistance (one duty day per course).
  - h) Prior negotiation with Patrol Director for special consideration of duties significantly above and beyond normal patrol membership efforts

Section 6: Patrollers must attend the annual CBSP On The Hill refresher. If the patroller cannot attend the OTH refresher, then they must attend and / or instruct at both an Avalanche class field trip and a Mountain Travel and Rescue class field trip.

- Section 7: Patrollers must abide by the by-laws of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
- Section 8: Patrollers must abide by the rules and regulations of this patrol and National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
- Section 9: Any member who does not comply with the rules of the patrol may be subject to a disciplinary action after a hearing by the officers of the patrol.
- Section 10: Membership may be terminated for just cause as established by the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.

#### **Article IV - GOVERNING BODY**

- Section 1: A Patrol Director, Assistant Patrol Director and Treasurer/Registrar shall be elected by vote of the attending membership each year.
- Section 2: The Patrol Director shall be responsible for the activities of the patrol.
- Section 3: The Patrol Director shall call for a fall membership meeting to prepare for the ski season and to appoint coordinators for various patrol functions (Awards, On-the-Hill, etc.).
- Section 4: The Director has an option to call for a spring or summer meeting at which time officers for the next ski season shall be elected, candidates approved for membership, and awards conferred. This election may occur via electronic or proxy vote.
- Section 5: The Patrol Director shall chair the fall and spring meetings. In the event that the Patrol Director is unavailable for such duties, the Assistant Patrol Director shall chair the meetings.
- Section 6: To be elected Patrol Director, a member must have been a Patroller with the Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol for at least three (3) years. The Patrol Director must register and maintain CBSP as his / her primary patrol.
- Section 7: To be elected Assistant Patrol Director or Treasurer/Registrar, a member must have been a - Patroller with the Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol for at least one (1) years. This position is open to both Primary and Secondary CBSP Patrollers.
- Section 8: The maximum term of office shall be three (3) consecutive years. No patroller shall serve in the three elected positions for more than five (5) consecutive years without a break in service.

## **Article V -Elections**

- Section 1: All members of the Cascade Backcountry Ski Patrol, with the exception of Candidates and Alumni, are eligible to vote in elections and business matters that are subject to patrol membership vote.
- Section 2: The Patrol Director, Assistant Patrol Director/Secretary, and Treasurer/Registrar shall be elected by voice or electronic vote of the membership during the spring or summer meeting. The Patrol Director shall prepare a slate of officers at least four weeks prior to the meeting and announce to the membership to the date of the meeting. Before the vote, the Director shall call for nominations to allow for other patrollers to compete for office. Patrollers shall be elected to office by simple majority of the membership voting at the meeting.
- Section 3: Candidates should be elected to patrol membership by voice or electronic vote of the members at either the fall or spring/summer general meetings once the candidate has completed the OEC, CPR, Basic MTR and Basic Avalanche courses and fulfilled at least ten (10) duty days with a patroller.
- Section 4: Candidates receiving a simple majority yes vote from the voters shall become full members. Candidates not receiving a simple majority shall be subject to immediate open discussion after which a second vote shall be conducted.
- Section 5: Candidates not receiving a simple majority vote after the second vote shall be informed of the vote by the Patrol Director and the reason for failure. The Candidate shall have the opportunity to re-apply for membership following the next ski season.

## **Article VI - Meetings**

- Section 1: Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all in person meetings.
- Section 2: As noted above, there shall be two general meetings per year, at a time and place arranged by the Patrol Director.
- Section 3: Special patrol meetings may be called by the Patrol Director, provided electronic or voice mail notification is provided to all patrollers at least ten (10) days in advance of such.
- Section 4: In case of conflict that cannot be reached at the patrol level, a majority of the membership may appeal to the Regional level for assistance.

## **Article VII - Budget**

- Section 1: The Treasurer/Registrar shall prepare a budget of expected income and expenses for the upcoming ski season.
- Section 2: The proposed budget shall be submitted to the membership for approval by voice vote at the fall meeting.
- Section 3: The Patrol Director should call for an annual audit of the patrol income and expenses at the conclusion of each ski season. The audit shall be conducted by at least three members of the patrol.
- Section 4: Annual dues for all members shall include annual dues to the Northwest Region, Pacific Northwest Division, and National Ski Patrol.
- Section 5: The Patrol Director may suggest a levy of additional fees to support the costs of the patrol operation. Any levy must be approved by a majority of the membership at a general meeting.
- Section 6: The Patrol Treasurer/Registrar shall prepare the Patrol's annual IRS tax statement at the conclusion of the fiscal year (June 30) for submittal to the Pacific Northwest Division.

## **Article VIII - Amendments**

- Section 1: Proposed changes to the by-laws shall be submitted to the Patrol Director in writing. The changes are then to be forwarded to all members for consideration at the next general meeting.
- Section 2: Any amendment to the by-laws must be adopted by voice or electronic vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the membership voting.