

PSIA Adaptive Certification Standards

The PSIA adaptive certification standards are based upon the knowledge and application of information gained from the PSIA alpine manuals and the *PSIA Adaptive Manual* (PSIA, 1997). Additional disability knowledge from medical, organizational, and disability resources is also required.

Standards encompass the alpine certification requirements (shown on the PSIA website) and include the disability, medical, and special equipment knowledge and understanding, enabling an instructor to work with special populations at each certification level.

Adaptive classifications include:

- Visually Impaired
- Cognitively-related Disabilities
- Three-Track
- Four-Track
- Mono-ski
- Bi-ski

Level I Certified Member:

Performs and demonstrates a basic understanding of American Teaching System concepts and shows efficient movement and use of skis as outlined in the Alpine Level I standards. Additionally, the member will demonstrate a general conceptual understanding of the disabilities, medical, and equipment issues pertaining to at least one of the disability classifications.

Level II Certified Member

Performs and demonstrates a working understanding of American Teaching System concepts and shows efficient movement and use of skis as outlined in the Alpine Level II standards. Additionally, the member will demonstrate detailed understanding and working application of disabilities, medical, and equipment knowledge in all six disability classifications.

Level III Certified Member

Performs and demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of American Teaching System concepts and shows efficient movement and use of skis as outlined in the Alpine Level III standards. Additionally, the member will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding and thorough application of the disabilities, medical, and equipment knowledge pertaining to all disability classifications.