ISIA Card Process

To qualify for the ISIA Card, a member must meet all requirements for the ISIA Stamp and complete an additional 130 hours of training, including an ISIA approved off-piste safety test and the ISIA Technique test. The required educational courses are intended to bring all levels of methodological, technical, and mountain safety/environment criteria to or beyond the ISIA Level 3 performance standards (comprehensive problem solving) and are courses that fall outside of the standard PSIA-AASI Level 3 processes.

3.0 - Required additional training and certification—78 hours total:

- Child Specialist 2 (30 hours total, 18 on-snow, 12 classroom or online)
- Freestyle Specialist 1 (24 hours)
- Level 2 in a second discipline (16 – 24 hours based on CEU’s)
- Completion of ISIA Card training portfolio (24 hours)

3.1- ISIA Technique test (4 hours)

- **Alpine** – Timed GS test conforming to FIS regulations and ISIA regulations, outlined in Appendix II of the ISIA Minimum Standards document

  - **Logistics:**
    - Event administration, including signup, advertising, tracking and payment to be managed by PSIA-AASI National Office.
    - In accordance with ISIA regulations, Cost for two runs will be $70 equaling $35/run.
    - Initial event will be hosted by the Aspen Skiing Company (ASC) and run by both the Aspen Valley Ski Club (AVSC) and ASC.
    - ASC will donate lane space and all required equipment for the event, including gates, drills, netting, etc.
    - ASC will donate labor for set-up, tear-down, and timing.
- PSIA-AASI will reimburse ASC up to the actual cost of labor for the event. The total amount of reimbursement will be based on event revenue and will not cause PSIA-AASI to run the event at a loss.

- Event details will be submitted to ISIA by mid-November, using official ISIA form.

- **Snowboard** – Timed boardercross course FIS regulations and ISIA regulations, outlined in Appendix II of the ISIA Minimum Standards document

### Logistics:

- Event administration, including signup, advertising, tracking and payment to be managed by PSIA-AASI National Office.

- In accordance with ISIA regulations, Cost for two runs will be $70 equaling $35/run.

- Initial event will be hosted by the Aspen Skiing Company (ASC) and run by ASC.

- ASC will donate use of the Buttermilk course and all required equipment for the event, including gates, drills, netting, etc...

- ASC will donate labor for set-up, tear-down, and timing.
  
  - PSIA-AASI will reimburse ASC up to the actual cost of labor for the event. The total amount of reimbursement will be based on event revenue and will not cause PSIA-AASI to run the event at a loss.

- Event details will be submitted to ISIA by mid-November, using official ISIA form.
3.2 - ISIA approved off-piste safety test (24 hours)
   o AIARE Level 2 or higher (equivalent qualification will be accepted)
      ▪ **Logistics:** Member must present proof of current certification to the office at the time of application for the ISIA Card. This must be done once; proof of AIARE current membership or equivalent is not required for renewal of the ISIA Card.
   o Candidate may provide proof of successful completion of ISIA approved off-piste safety test with another ISIA approved organization, i.e. BASI, NZSIA, or Swiss Snowsports.
      ▪ Hours must be provided by certifying association

4.0 - Should the balance of the 450 total required hours not be met by the combination of the ISIA Stamp and required elements of the ISIA Card processes, the remaining hours may be met through divisional courses that fall outside of or beyond the Level 3 process or logged and verified clinic leading hours at home resort (Hours Based on CEU’s).

   • ISIA Technique Test Training (8 hours)
   • Trainer-specific training based on divisional offerings beyond Level 3 certification (Hours Based on CEU’s)
   • Logged, successful back country (touring) expeditions (Up to 24, based on touring log)
   • Divisional training and assessments such as Senior Specialist, Resort Trainer, or other divisionally endorsed training outside of and beyond the Level 3 process (Hours Based on CEU’s)
   • Logged and verified clinic leading provided by a resort of individual snow-sports school (Actual hours as designated and verified by school or resort trainer/management)