



NZSIA Ski

Race One Certification Outline

The NZSIA qualifications are recognised internationally as some of the best in the world.

The NZSIA Examining Team comprise the most talented Ski trainers in New Zealand. The courses and exams are designed to develop candidates in both Skiing and Teaching.

Learning is an active participation partnership between the teacher and the learner. The NZSIA examining staff endeavour to facilitate your development as much as you are capable of within the given time frame.

We aim to provide a fun, friendly educational environment that is non-threatening. If you have any problems with another candidate or your Examiner don't hesitate to approach me.

The following information is important, keep it handy during your course.

What you need to bring everyday:

- Your skis and boots. These should be well maintained and tuned. Have these kept off the mountain for the four days in case of a change in ski area due to weather.
- Helmets are highly recommended for all NZSIA courses and for **Snowplanet** Courses all candidates must wear a helmet for all on snow sessions
- Warm waterproof clothing including beanie and gloves. You'll be outside for all five days (if the mountain is open) for up to 6 hours per day.
- Sunglasses/goggles and sun cream.
- A packed lunch or lunch money.
- Money for lift tickets. NZSIA Course participants are eligible for 50% discounted lift tickets during NZSIA courses in NZ. Course participants names will be on the NZSIA Course list at the Ticket Office
- A notebook & pencil to take down notes/important points.

My cell phone number is 027 249 1765 and is for **URGENT** calls only please.

Good luck.

Stephanie Brown - NZSIA Ski Course Manager

Administration Matters

All matters concerning registration, payments etc. should be referred to the admin office. NZSIA exam process has been developed to ensure that each candidate is assessed in as fair and equitable manner. We appreciate feedback and you are encouraged to complete the evaluation forms provided on line after each course.

If you wish to personally discuss your results or any other matter relating to the course please contact the Ski Course Manager or write to NZSIA at the address below.

Email: admin@nzsia.org Phone: 03 4511534

Lift Tickets

Some participants may be eligible to apply for discounted lift tickets during courses. Please inform the Course Manager if lift tickets are required.

Daily Procedure

The days start at 9am when we meet at the designated meeting area at the bottom of the mountain. Meet on snow ready to ski -Meeting locations are as follows:

Coronet Peak - Outside on the café Deck near the clock

Remarkables - Outside uphill side of main building on snow to left of the deck

Cardrona - In front of the archway, uphill side

Treble Cone - Base of the six pack

Snowplanet – Inside Snowplanet at Restaurant

For information on Overseas Courses click [here](#)

Closed Days

If the mountains are closed gather at the designated meeting point at 9:00am. An indoor session will be organised and a full day's content covered. Locations are as follows:

Wanaka - Cardrona town office cnr of Helwick and Dunmore St

Queenstown - The Station building (corner of Camp St and Shotover St)

If the mountain opens during the day we will try to get up the hill but this is sometimes impossible due to transport issues. Please have your equipment off the mountain in case.

Fitness, Incidents and Accidents

Our Ski Certifications are intensive courses of skiing and learning.

It is therefore important that you are physically fit and in good condition to be able to take full advantage of the training and education provided and to perform at your best for the whole period.

Hence, if you are/or become physically impaired/injured please bring this to the attention of the Ski Course Manager. A solution at this point will be advised. In the interest of safety and fairness to yourself and others the advice will most likely be to withdraw from the course. If you choose to continue against the advice of the Ski Course Manager there can be no recourse on the NZSIA.

Safety is our number one concern. Please report any incidents/accidents to your examiner or directly to the Ski Course Manager with facts, witnesses, location etc.

Safety Policy

NZSIA exams will require you to ski on a variety of terrain and conditions and complete specific tasks on snow. If at any time you feel unsafe or at risk of injury you should tell your trainer that you wish to opt out of the particular task. Depending on the situation this may affect the results of your examination.

Course participants should be aware of and follow the Snow Responsibility Code at all times:

<http://www.nzsia.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/ACC-resource-alpine-snow-code-16.pdf>

Privacy Policy

In addition, we may at times use photos or videos taken during our courses for training, marketing or social media use. Please inform your course trainer if you do not want images of yourself used in this way.

For further info - <http://www.nzsia.org/privacy>

Attendance Policy

The learning on an NZSIA course is achieved through participation and interaction. There are elements of continual assessment and elements of specific assessment.

You will be expected to attend the course in full, including meeting at the correct time in the morning and participating in all activities.

As the daily outline might change due to weather and other unforeseeable considerations you should be prepared to have some flexibility as to where and when you need to be.

Not being able to attend the course in full may lead to you not being able to successfully pass the qualification.

Code of Conduct

As a member of the NZSIA we expect you to behave in a manner that adheres to the NZSIA Code of Conduct. See here for more info - <https://www.nzsia.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/NZSIA-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Ski Race One - Course Outline

The focus of this three-day qualification is to develop race coaching skills including course-setting, training environment and appropriate race demonstrations for ski instructors.

Race One is open to NZSIA Level 2 Certified Ski Instructors (or foreign equivalent) who are Full or Associate members of the NZSIA *or* NZSIA Level 1 members with proven Race or Coaching experience.

Candidates must join the NZSIA as an associate member to register for the Level One Exam this can be done on the NZSIA website www.nzsia.org.

The Race One Certification is held over three days.

- **Helmets are required for this event**
- **Race carving skis – radius 10-20 65-75mm under foot are highly recommended for this course.**
- **Optional equipment – range finder, drill, key, & tape measure, shin guards**

Course Philosophy:

This course will introduce and build on:

- Course setting – GS, Combi/Skills
- Training day structure – from warm up to wrap up
- The drills required to develop specific skills in race development

Candidates are required to:

1. Set an appropriate GS and/or Combi course according to SSNZ guidelines
2. Create a multi-day training plan
3. Demonstrate exercises which highlight and develop skills for child racer

The on snow topics covered during the Course:

- Safety in the training environment
- Warm-up & activation
- Course setting for Children's GS
- Course setting for Children's Combi
- Drills
- Multi-day planning
- Skill Development/Skill Acquisition

On Line Race Test to be completed before start of day one and emailed to Stephanie Brown at ski@nzsia.org

Race One Daily Outline

Day One:

- Warm Up
- Athletic stance/fore-aft movement and drills to develop
- Course setting GS
- Safety during course setting
- Skill acquisition and terrain based learning
- Class handling skills

Day Two

- Warm Up
- Lateral movement & drills to develop
- Setting for Children's Combi + obstacle/skill courses
- Course setting using terrain
- Rotational movements & drills to develop
- Off snow – planning multi-day camps/training
- Paired assessment – planning for a multi-day programme

Day Three

- Vertical Movement – role in racing and drills to develop
- Skill acquisition revisited
- Safety revisited
- Open environment – the role of free-skiing
- Course setting assessment
- Wrap Up

Results later in the day

Certification Scoring Criteria

The assessment for this course is made up of Five components.

Candidates must pass all components to pass the Race One Certification

Couse setting

1. Course set meets relevant SSNZ regulations
2. Course addresses relevant safety concerns

Off-Snow Planning

3. Candidates' plan satisfies the following:
 - Linear and logical skill development
 - Age-appropriate skills addressed
 - Understandable for other coaches

Online Exam

4. Candidates achieve 80% in online exam

Skiing

5. Candidates are able to demonstrate the following:
 - A versatile and stable athletic stance in multiple conditions
 - Use of fore-aft movement to maintain balance
 - Use of lateral movements to gain effective edge angle while maintaining balance towards the outside ski
 - Use of rotational movements of the legs separate from the upper body
 - Use of versatile vertical movements to facilitate turns of different shapes and sizes

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The assessment for this course is made up of five components as listed above.

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- Candidates' skiing maneuvers are assessed by the examiner throughout the course during drill exploration/demonstration
- Off snow planning is assessed on day 2 in a pair-based assignment
- Course setting is assessed on day 3 where candidates are given an assignment based on SSNZ criteria
- **If you haven't previously taken the paper/word course then this is to be completed before the beginning of Day One on snow. A minimum score of 80% is required to pass the online course**

Scoring Format

Scoring for NZSIA Race One will be in a pass/fail format with relevant comments provided as feedback.