



NZSIA Ski

Level 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 contact me.

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

What you need to bring everyday:

- Your skis, boots & poles. These should be well maintained and tuned. Have these kept off the mountain for the five days in case of any changes.
- Helmets are highly recommended for all NZSIA courses and for **Snowplanet** all candidates must wear a helmet for all on snow sessions.
- Warm waterproof clothing including beanie and gloves.
- Sunglasses/goggles and sun cream.
- A packed lunch or lunch money.
- Money for lift tickets.
- A notebook & pencil to take down notes/important points.

To contact me, the best way would be via email (nhski@nzisa.org). Otherwise for **URGENT** calls only please, my cell phone number until 12 December is +86-152-2198-1251 and after this it will be +64-21-255-5929 (you can use the 2nd number to contact via WhatsApp also).

Good luck and I hope you have an amazing week!

Yolinde Magill - NZSIA Northern Hemisphere 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 a fair and equitable manner. We appreciate feedback and you are encouraged to complete the evaluation forms provided online 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: +64-3-451-1534

Lift Tickets

Snowplanet offer discounted lift tickets for exam days only and your name will be on a list at the front desk to attain this.

All other locations, please purchase the appropriate pass prior to meeting the group (there are no discounts for NZSIA courses overseas sorry).

Daily Procedure

For meeting times and places, please refer to the information on Overseas Courses: [click here](#)

For **Snowplanet**, please meet at 9am in the foyer unless advised otherwise.

Closed Days

If the mountains are closed an indoor session will be organised and a full day's content covered. Either myself or the course leader will email you with the meeting place and time on the day.

If the mountain opens during the day we will try to get up the hill.

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 rules of the resort you are at plus the [Snow Safety Code](#) at all times.

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 ongoing 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. [Click here](#) for more info

Ski Level One Course Outline

The Ski Level One Certification is held over five days.

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 NZSIA Level 1 Certification is primarily an educational course with assessments in skiing & teaching.

Ski Level One sessions will cover and assess

- NZSIA technique and mechanics
- NZSIA progression for from first time skiers to advanced wedge turns
- Basic teaching methodology
- Personal skiing skills and Fundamental Skill Demonstrations - Wedge Turns

For qualification courses & exams (except Free Ski) the Ski Division recommends using a Front -Side ski within this range, a radius of 14 - 19 m & under foot width of 67- 84 mm

Successful participants will have a basic understanding and ability to apply the above to introduce new skiers to the sport of skiing.

Course philosophy

This course is first and foremost designed to be an education experience.

Participants will be introduced to and gain a degree of ownership of foundational NZSIA methodological and technical principles through structured layering and practice of basic concepts.

The teaching portion of this course will focus more on how to teach than what to teach.

Candidates are required to:

1. **Complete e-Learning** - This covers theory, movement analysis and lesson planning
2. **Teach skiing** - To Adults and Children from first timers to advanced wedge turns.
3. **Skiing** - Ski making round parallel turns of various radius on most groomed terrain as well as on green and blue ungroomed terrain
4. **Fundamental Skill Demonstrations** - Wedge Turns - make round wedge turns where speed is controlled by guiding the ski through a steered round turn

Please view the NZSIA Progression and Fundamental Skill Demonstrations online at

<https://vimeo.com/nzsia>

Please ensure that you are familiar with the NZSIA Instructor's Manual.

This will help you to understand the teaching progressions as they are presented. Manuals may be purchased online. The Ski Manual is available as a FREE download <https://www.nzsia.org/downloads/>

Please ensure that you are familiar with Ski Beginner Progression- Class Levels 1 & 2 at:

<https://www.nzsia.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Ski-Beginner-Progression-Class-1-2-2018.pdf>

NZSIA Ski Level One Skiing Examples are also available at <https://vimeo.com/album/5592487>

e-Learning

The e-Learning course must be **completed 48 hours before the Level One starts on snow** on day one.

The e-Learning course is part of the Level One, it is an open book assessment.

To complete the online e-learning course log onto the NZSIA website <http://www.nzsia.org/member/>

If you're unsure of username and/or password, click on forgotten username/password.

Once in profile page click on Ski E-learning, you will then need to re-enter username and password to access e-learning.

Ski Level 1 - Daily Outline

Day One

- **Personal Skiing Skills Development & Fundamental Skill Demonstrations** - Wedge Turns
- **Teaching Skill Development and Understanding** - Teaching Model and teaching beginner adults and children
- **Review / Prepare** - Beginner teaching and prepare Teaching Model Lesson for assessment tomorrow

Day Two

- **Personal Skiing Skills Development & Fundamental Skill Demonstrations** - Wedge Turns
- **Teaching Skill Development and Understanding** - Progression Building and learning to turn for adults and children
- **Teaching Assessment** - Teaching Model Presentation (10 min per candidate). Candidates choose a topic that is movement based, the topic doesn't necessarily need to be skiing
- **Review / Prepare** - Learning to Turn and prepare ski lesson demonstrating use of progression building skills

Day Three

- **Personal Skiing Skills Development & Fundamental Skill Demonstrations** - Wedge Turns
- **Teaching Skill Development and Understanding** - Communication modes and advancing wedge turns for adults and children
- **Teaching Assessment** - Progression Building Presentation (10 min per candidate) on an assigned part of the progression for children or adults
- **Review / Prepare** - Advancing Wedge Turns and prepare ski lesson demonstrating use of the VAK model (communication modes)

Day Four

- **Personal Skiing Skills Development & Fundamental Skill Demonstrations** - Wedge turns
- **Teaching Skill Development and Understanding** - Communication modes and advancing wedge turns for adults and children
- **Teaching Assessment** - Communication Modes Teaching presentation (10 min per candidate) Teaching using an assigned portion of the progression for adults or children

Day Five

- **Personal Skiing Skills Development & Fundamental Skill Demonstrations** - Wedge Turns
- **Teaching Skill Development and Understanding** - Consolidate learning on teaching mechanic
- **Teaching Re-Assessment** - If needed for any candidates not yet passing the teaching
- **End of day** - presentation of results and certificates

Please Note: Due to closed or delayed start days, the guidelines may be adjusted to create the best result for the situation. Closed days will be used to cover teaching topics.

Assessment Areas

Please refer to the NZSIA Standards Documentation for greater details

<https://www.nzsia.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Skiing-Standards-Doc-2019-.pdf>

(1) Skiing

Skiing Tactics

- Ski making parallel turns in a variety of sizes, on blue and green terrain
- Ski making parallel turns on easy off piste
- Turns should generally be round and speed controlled by steering the skis through the turn (terrain and speed dependent).

Skiing Standards

- Please refer to the Standards Document - [here](#)

(2) Fundamental Skill Demonstrations - Wedge Turn

Candidates will be internally assessed during the training sessions.

Wedge turns should be generally round and speed controlled by steering the skis through the turn.

Fundamental Skill Demonstrations - Wedge Turn Standards

- Please refer to the Standards Document - [here](#)

(3) Teaching Assignments

Candidates are assessed on their basic ability to:

- Apply the Teaching Model
- Recognize and be able to build step by step progressions
- Organize skill-specific lessons from simple to more complex using NZSIA technique
- Identify and use Communication Modes - VAK
- State the NZSIA beginner progression and demonstrate multiple portions of progression

(4) e-Learning - an open book Course - assessment

Manual knowledge and Skier Analysis and Lesson Planning.

Certification Scoring Criteria

Candidates must pass all components to pass the Ski Level One Certification.

- (1) Your skiing will be internally assessed by your trainer during the 5 days. A minimum score of 6 out of 10 is required to pass skiing.
- (2) Your fundamental skill demonstrations - wedge turns - will be internally assessed by your trainer during the 5 days. A minimum score of 6 out of 10 is required to pass wedgeturns.
- (3) Teaching Presentations are assessed on days 2, 3 and 4. A pass for each of the teaching sections is required, the teaching skills identified in each teaching section will be assessed.
- (4) e-Learning course to be completed 48 hours before the beginning of Day One on snow. A minimum score of 70% is required to pass the e-Learning course.

Scoring Format

Range: 1 – 10

Pass: 6 – 10

Not Pass: 1 – 5

10 - A Performance showing perfect technique and form at the assessed level that would be exemplary to all instructors.

9/8/7 - Performances showing varying degrees of improvement on 6, whether they are in technique or form, but neither combined reach 10.

6 - A Performance that shows the required technique with satisfactory form that would be acceptable for a clear and comfortable looking demonstration in front of a real class.

5 - A Performance that shows the required technique roughly with an unsatisfactory form that would be unacceptable as a clear and comfortable looking demonstration in front of a real class.

4/3/2 - Performances showing varying degrees of improvement on 1, whether that be in technique or form, but neither combined reach 5.

1 - A Performance showing nothing of the required technique or form, or can do the maneuver no better than one would expect of a student of that level of skiing.

0 - Absent.

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Closed days will be used to cover teaching topics.

All results are final. Unsuccessful candidates will need to re-sit the 5-day exam

Level One Re-sits

Level One RESIT Policy:

- Must pass all of the Skiing section or Teaching section to be eligible for a re-sit. This will be valid for 12 months from attaining the partial pass.
- Level One Re-sit members pay full course fees and attend the 5 days.
- The candidate is required to attend all portions relating to the section they are re-sitting (optional to attend clinics &/or assessments for the previously passed section)
- Resits are on a space available basis at another calendared Level One Exam

Ski Level One -Skier Analysis and Lesson Planning

Level 1 candidates will be assessed at a basic level of Skier Analysis including observation/description skills & lesson planning through use of videos included in the e-Learning course

Level one Practice Videos are at <https://vimeo.com/341307118>

Skier Analysis is the process of identifying and understanding how to effect key areas for improvement in students to enhance their skiing skills & overall enjoyment of the sport. Instructors need to effectively identify skiers needs & create effective, relevant lesson plans.

In order to identify student's needs, it is recommended to use the following structure:

Overall Impression

Give a good overall impression of the skier. This should include and assessment of athletic ability, & how comfortable they appear on the terrain.

Describe Ski Performance

- Describe the turn shape and turn type.
- Identify and describe what you consider to be the most important areas of the skis performance.
- Be phase and outcome specific when describing the skis performance.

Relate the skis performance to the body's movements

- Describe the stance of the skier being specific to the joints of the body.
- Identify and describe what you consider to be the most important areas of body movements that are causing the skis to do what they are doing.
- Be phase, movement, and body part specific when describing movements of the body.
- Create cause and effect relationships between the ski performance and the movements of the body.

Compare to the Ideal

How does that skier and their ski's performance and body movements compare to the ideal?

Goal

State a goal for the skier that will develop them.

Lesson Plan

Prioritise the skier's technical needs to achieve the stated goal (compare to the ideal)
Step by Step lesson plan that is relevant to analysis of the skier and facilitates the goal.

