1. Introduction

This is an assessment checklist to use in assessing an applicant to gain a permit to lead snowsports. More details on the permit scheme, assessing, technical skills and snowsports can be found in resources listed on [scouts.org.uk/a-z](http://www.scouts.org.uk/a-z).

**Using this checklist**

This checklist is the syllabus that an applicant should be assessed against for the technical section of gaining a permit. The columns on the right of each skill show whether it is applicable for each type of permit:

* P – Personal permits
* L – Leadership permits
* S – Supervisory permits

Once an assessment is complete, the assessor should either submit a recommendation on Compass (if the assessor and applicant are from the same County/Area/Region) or fill in the back page and give it to the applicant to take to their Commissioner to be added to Compass.

1. Equivalent qualifications
2. If an applicant holds an award of the UK Snowsports or Snowsports Scotland from the table below, or equivalent or higher, and has up to date logged experience, then no practical assessment is likely to be required as they have already shown competence in all of the skills listed in this assessment checklist. They will still require a recommendation from an assessor for a Commissioner to grant them a permit.

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| **Qualification** | **Permit** |
| Snowlife Ski or Snowboard Award Level 4 | On Piste - Personal for green and blue runs |
| Snowlife Ski or Snowboard Award Level 6 | On Piste - Personal for red runs |
| Snowlife Ski or Snowboard Award Level 8 | On Piste - Personal for black runs |
| Alpine Ski Course Leader Award | On Piste - Leadership |
| Nordic Instructor Award Level 2 | On Piste – Leadership (restricted to ski touring only) |
| Alpine Ski Course Leader Award + relevant Terrain 1 or Terrain 2 Winter Hillwalking Permit | Off Piste – Leadership |

Technical publication

If you require any more technical information on any of the elements in the checklist, these can be found in the official technical manuals, which are:

**Alpine Ski Leader – Official Training Manual** *by Snowsport Scotland* ISBN 0-9567478-0-8

**Alpine Combination Manual** *by BASI­*

**Nordic Manual** *by BASI­*

**Snowboard Manual** *by BASI­*

**Telemark Manual** *by BASI­*

Snowsports Name:

| Core Skill | **On Piste** | | | Off Piste | | |
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| P | L | S | P | L | S |
| **Responsibilities** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Be aware of the limits of your own abilities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Choose objectives appropriate to the group. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Plan effectively in advance. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Know the International Ski Federation (FIS) Code of Conduct for skiers and snowboarders. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate a knowledge of etiquette and extra safety considerations in terrain parks and half pipes. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to identify when remote supervision is not appropriate in running snowsports activities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Group Management** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Manage and communicate with a group effectively. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Ensure the group is adequately briefed before snowsports activities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate group movement over slopes at potential risk of avalanche. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to identify group members with the skills and experience to be able to lead snowsports activities as a designated leader under supervision. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to set up appropriate monitoring systems to effectively supervise snowsports groups. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to ensure that designated leaders are aware of their responsibilities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Risk Assessment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Know how to complete a risk assessment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to effectively identify the hazards and risks and know how to reduce or remove them, during snowsports activities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate an understanding of the safety information provided by snowsports areas and how to identify isolated hazards On Piste. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Ability to change plans based on changing conditions and condition of the group. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Be able to investigate and identify snow profiles including those posing a risk of a slip or avalanche. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to train participants to carry out their own dynamic risk assessments. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to complete a risk assessment and identify those factors that are likely to change gradually or quickly. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Able to identify emergency procedures in a number of situations. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Weather** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of where to gain weather information. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of how weather conditions can affect snowsports activities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of where to obtain avalanche risk information. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of where to obtain information on snow conditions on runs. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Technical** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate a sound ability to navigate a snowsports area in any weather conditions, including using the piste map of that snowsports area. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate the ability to navigate accurately on skis / snowboards in the winter mountain environment (this is in addition to the navigation element of the winter hillwalking permit). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Be aware of and proficient in the use of the varied types of lifts and tows. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate the ability to ski comfortably on the highest level of run a permit is required for, with linked, smooth, rhythmic turns, making conscious decisions about direction and control of speed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate the ability to snowboard comfortably on the highest level of run a permit is required for, with linked, smooth, rhythmic turns, making conscious decisions about direction and control of speed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate the ability to use appropriate ski touring techniques (such as free heel walking). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate proficiency in varied snow conditions including powder, hard packed and crust, and to spot changes in snow type. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Hold a Terrain 1 Winter Hillwalking Permit. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Hold a Terrain 2 Winter Hillwalking Permit. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Experience in a variety of environments for snowsports. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Experience of working with a variety of different snowsports activity groups. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Emergency Procedures** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of relevant procedures in the event of an accident. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Know how to raise the ski patrol service in a snowsports area. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Know how to raise mountain rescue service outside a snowsports area. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Know how to stabilise and mark the location of a casualty on a slope pending arrival of the ski patrol. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate actions immediately following an avalanche and the use of a snow probe. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Equipment** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of personal equipment required and how it is used. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge of group equipment required and how it is used. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Understanding of additional equipment required by the leader. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge and ability to safely use skiing equipment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge and ability to safely use cross country skiing equipment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Knowledge and ability to safely use snowboarding equipment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Demonstrate the ability to use a variety of equipment within a snowpark environment safely. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 1. Notes: |
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**Snowsports - Permit Assessment**

DATA PROTECTION: This form is used to collect information about you for the purpose of approving your permit application, this is to be used by your Assessor and Commissioner. As part of this form we collect personal data about you, your Assessor and Commissioner, this detail is required so that we can log your permit onto Compass (the Scout’s membership database) and also follow up as necessary with your Assessor and Commissioner. We do not share your personal data provided in this form with any third parties. The data provided in this form is stored securely in Compass. We take your personal data privacy seriously. We will keep the data we capture from this form, in line with the Scout’s Data Retention Policy and it will be securely disposed of six months after the permit expires.

The applicant should keep this form once it has been completed by the assessor and take it to their Commissioner.

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| **Applicant’s name** | |  | | | | | **Membership No.** | | |  | |
| **Type** | | On Piste  / Off Piste Terrain 1  / Off Piste Terrain 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| **Category** | | Personal  / Leadership  / Supervisory | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. TECHNICAL COMPETENCE | | | | | | | | | | Done |  |
| **Description:** Technical assessment based on competence in all areas of the assessment checklist.  **To be completed by:** Either a County Assessor or an External Assessor with the appropriate NGB award. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Restrictions based on technical assessment: | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | | | | | Date | |  | |
| Assessor Signature | | |  | | | | | **Name** | |  | |
| County Assessor Membership Number | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| External Assessor Phone/Email | | | | |  | | | | | | |
| External Assessor Qualification | | | | |  | | | | | | |
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| 2. SCOUT ASSOCIATION RULES | | | | | | | | | | Done |  |
| **Description:** Check of knowledge of the appropriate Scout Association rules for running snowsports. Appropriate rules can be found in the snowsports section of [scouts.org.uk/a-z](http://www.scouts.org.uk/a-z).  **To be completed by:** Either a County Assessor, Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Restrictions based on knowledge of The Scout Association rules: | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Signature |  | | | Name | |  | | | Role |  | |
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| 3. SAFEGUARDING | | | | | | | | | | Done |  |
| **Description:** Check applicant has undertaken the necessary personal enquiry checks and received the appropriate safeguarding training.  **To be completed by:** Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Restrictions based on Child Protection: | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Signature** |  | | | Name | |  | | Role | |  | |

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| 4. PERSONAL SUITABILITY | | | | | | | | Done |  |
| **Description:** Check the applicant is suitable (attitude, etc.) based on the demands of snowsports.  **To be completed by:** Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner. | | | | | | | | | |
| Restrictions based on personal suitability: | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Signature** |  | | Name | |  | | Role |  | |
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| 5. PERMIT GRANTED | | | | | | Entered on to Compass | | |  |
| Restrictions: | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | Permit expiry date (max. 5 years) | | | |  | |
| Commissioner signature | |  | | | | Date | |  | |