



## **Snowsport Leadership courses - ASCL**

### Snowsport Course Organiser and Alpine Snowsport Course Leader Awards

#### Accreditation and Purpose of the Course

The Snowsport Course Organiser (SCO) award is a 1 day classroom based workshop covering all aspects of the safe organisation and management of a Snowsport course. It is certificated by Snowsport England through attendance and is now required of the lead teacher of the course by the majority of Local Authorities before they sanction such courses.

The SCO is a pre-requirement for moving on to the ASCL.

The Alpine Snowsport Course Leader (ASCL) award is a 6 day on-snow course held in an Alpine resort and accredited by Snowsport England. The course involves training and assessment in all aspects of leadership, navigation and personal performance on the piste, together with knowledge of the mountain environment. The course will focus on helping leaders make professional judgements in relation to the safety, learning and enjoyment of the group they are working with. The award qualifies teachers and youth leaders to lead young people from their own educational establishment or who are members of a club affiliated to a Home Nation Governing Body.

Neither the Snowsport Course Organiser nor the Alpine Ski Course Leader award is designed as a Snowsport teaching /instructing qualification and may not be used as such.

#### Who Is It For?

The awards are primarily aimed at teachers, youth group leaders and other responsible adults wishing to encourage and supervise young skiers and snowboarders. Snowboarders are able to attend the ASCL, but the majority of candidates attending the course must be skiers.

#### Pre-requisite skills/ability level

To gain the award, the candidate must:

- Be over the age of 21.

- Be a qualified school teacher or youth leader.

- Be a full member of Snowsport England

- Have completed the Snowsport Course Organiser award, have attended a 2-day HSE approved First Aid course, completed a Child Protection course and be CRB/DBS checked.

- Have organised or assisted in the organisation/leading of at least three alpine school/youth Snowsport courses.

Candidates should be able to perform rhythmically linked steered turns in control, showing appropriate balance and technique, and appropriate use of the equipment. 'Rhythmically linked' means that one turn will flow directly into the next without any traverse or undue skidding.

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They should show choice of line, speed and terrain appropriate to the prevailing conditions. This will be shown on a variety runs and in varied snow conditions and appropriate to leading groups down a slope. In the case of skiers the skis will be parallel throughout the majority of the arc.

Candidates who are uncertain of their performance level are advised to seek an informal assessment at their local slope.

It is unlikely that candidates will have reached the required level of performance with less than six weeks experience on snow, with tuition. Candidates must be able to ski/snowboard for a least 6 hours a day for 6 consecutive days. This is to ensure that they have the ability and fitness to complete the practical part of the course satisfactorily and meet the International protocols for coaches working abroad.

This award must be revalidated every 3 years.