

PSIA/AASI-I Children's Specialist Program – CS1 Exemption Guidelines

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In an effort to maintain the integrity of the CS National Standards, the NCTF has established and approved guidelines for those professionals that wish to seek an exemption from taking the Children's Specialist 1 (CS1) course prior to taking the Children's Specialist 2 (CS2) course:

- Interested professionals must submit a letter to the Children's Program Manager (via the PSIA/AASI-I Office) petitioning for an exemption from taking the CS1 course. The Program Manager and a Children's DECL committee will review the letters.
- The letter must include the petitioner's qualifications and experience meriting the CS1 exemption:
 - *Minimum PSIA-AASI Level 2 certification*
 - *Exceptional experience in children's teaching, coaching or education – e.g., undergraduate and/or post-graduate training that is applicable to teaching Children's Snowsports*
 - *Minimum 3-to-5 years Snowsports teaching experience*
- In addition to the letter, petitioners must successfully complete the CS1 Workbook as part of the petition process. The petitioner must pass the Workbook with at least an 80% score.
- If the petitioner fails to pass the CS1 Workbook, the petitioner must complete the entire CS1 course before being allowed to attend a CS2 event. This includes resubmitting the CS1 Workbook, and successfully completing the CS1 indoor and on-snow sessions.
- If the petitioner meets the above requirements, he/she will be notified via email. After receiving this notification, the petitioner may then sign up for a CS2 event.
- When signing up for a CS2 event, the CS2 Workbook must be completed and returned to the PSIA/AASI-I office at least two (2) weeks prior to the event.
- If the petitioner fails any part of the CS2 course (80% score on the Workbook; "meets standards" at the on-snow event), he/she must restart the CS curriculum pathway by completing the entire CS1 course before attending another CS2 event. This includes re-submitting the CS1 Workbook, and successfully completing the CS1 indoor and on-snow sessions.
- Petitioners not directly accepted into the CS2 course will be eligible to participate in a CS1 event as long as the CS1 minimum requirements are met.

Questions? Please contact the PSIA/AASI-I Office.