

SEASON 2021 AOEWG CLINICS

On September 21, regardless of current CDC and local health authority COVID-19 guidelines, it was confirmed that all meetings - including education clinics - may only be held on a virtual platform.

In addition, if a meeting (e.g. for an exam), is required, it has to be limited to 25 or less attendees (proctors must be included in total), and must be held outdoors.

This last edict directly impacts our ability to administer certification exams in an acceptable environment and eliminates the options contained in a previously distributed Clinic Plan.

Your health and well-being and the ability to provide you with quality officials' education are our primary concerns. Based on these concerns, together with the inability to provide you with a secure environment to complete upgrades or specialty-area certification requirements, the following changes to Alpine Officials' Education are being implemented for Season 2021:

- 1) Online Competition Official (CO) certification will be available. Required quiz is available and must be emailed to applicable division AO Chair
- 2) Continuing Education (Update & Review) will be available for online presentation. Document and PowerPoint presentation will be available for use; additional PowerPoint presentations must also be viewed. (Officials whose last clinic attendance was Season 2019 must attend a Continuing Education Clinic prior to officiating during Season 2021. No exam is required for CE.)
- 3) U.S. Technical Delegate Workshop will be available for online presentation. (Technical Delegates are required to attend a Workshop every season. No exam is required.)
- 4) No additional clinics and/or exams; e.g. those required for update to Level 3 TC or Level 3 TD, or specialty area certifications for new coaches and officials, will be provided until Season 2022

Inasmuch as the COVID-19 landscape is extremely fluid, please be assured the AOEWG is ready to adapt and respond as dictated by updated guidelines and protocols.

All education materials will be posted on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard website and will also be made available in the Alpine Officials' Dropbox. We encourage current and future officials to review the available materials in preparation for a non-COVID-19 future.

We are ski race officials. We are resilient, we are strong-minded, we are tough...we will survive!