



Coaches Education & Development

The Back Story



- In 2018, Bill Witcher was invited to a TSASRA meeting and asked what he could do to help the region develop a cohesive and collaborative program of coaches' development.
- Bill pitched the idea of a TSASRA coaches' development team that could travel to any member program in the region, and using a consistent educational curriculum, provide coaches with a solid foundation.
- Coaches interested in being part of the TSASRA Coaches Education and Development Committee were invited to take part in an on-snow evaluation process (29 coaches attended.)
- They were scored on knowledge, teaching ability and skiing skill. Selection was not determined based on Certification level, but rather overall coaching ability.

Who We are

A combined 200+ years of
Teaching and coaching



Bill Whitcher (Chair)

United State Ski & Snowboard Coach Developer Trainer
USSA L300, Ref1

Former 10th Mountain Div. Combat Instructor/US Military Ski Team member



Tom Chase

Butternut & Mohawk
USSA L300/Coach Developer, Ref2
PSIA Level 3, Children's Spc. 2 &
Examiner



Andy Lussier

Berkshire East
USSA L100, Ref1
2018 Tri-State Coach of the Year



Jennifer Coan-Mahmood

Mount Southington Ski Area
USSA L100, Ref1
Former Collegian D1 Racer



Ben Sullivan

Berkshire East (Program Dir.)
USSA L300, Ref2
23 years as a full-time alpine coach



Bruce Diamond (TSASRA Exec. Board)

Catamount Ski Area (Program Dir.)
USSA L300/Coach Developer, PSIA L2, Ref2
2017 USCSA National Coach of the Year



Rich Tingle

Mount Southington Ski Area
USSA L300, PSIA L3, TD2, Ref3
Coach Developer & SkillsQuest Evaluator



What We Do



Offer educational opportunities in the following areas:

Skiing skills
Movement analysis
Course setting
Language locker



Topics are covered through a series of clinics scheduled throughout the season.



2021-22 Season Kick off event:
Dec 4&5th 2021 – Tristate Pre-season Workshop Clinic at Berkshire East



Additional clinics posted to the Tristate website. To host one at your mountain, contact Bill Witcher (or another committee member.)