

Association of Icelandic Mountainguides

Ski Guide Training

Description

Basic training in ski guidance takes six days and takes place in a varied mountain landscape. The aim of the course is to enable an individual to lead a group of skis up and down in a classic mountain skiing landscape. Be able to plan trips according to the size and ability of the group as well as increase skills in orienteering in demanding situations. Emphasis is placed on risk assessment and risk management and how landscapes can be used to travel safely in the mountains on skis.

Prerequisites

- Have completed Jökla 1 with a positive review
- Have completed ski skill screening with positive review
- Have completed avalanche companion rescue with positive review
- Have completed basic avalanche training at the Rescue School, CAA or a similar course from a private party (32 hours)
- Have completed basic first aid training (24 hours)
- Can ski safely in all snow layers in demanding conditions
- At least 3 years of experience in mountain skiing from different parts of the country and / or countries
- 40 mountain skiing trips on your own *
 - Of which 6 in glacial landscape
 - Of which 10 on mountains over 900m
 - Of which 2 trips during the winter (December to the end of February)
 - Including 2 longer trips where you stay in a cabin or tent on your own, not under the guidance of others, as a tour guide or with some kind of support from other professionals.

Evaluation

Students' ability is assessed during the course and according to the association curriculum. Students are assessed on skiing skills, route selection, location and weather knowledge, group management, risk assessment and risk management, avalanche risk assessment, ice search and rescue, as well as other aspects of ski guidance. Constructive and practical suggestions are given by instructors at the end of each course and after each day if needed. Students are expected to be able to convincingly demonstrate good knowledge in planning, conducting trips and concluding the course with a positive review.

Scope of Practice

Ski Guide Training is a basic training course and does not entitle the court participant to work as a certified ski guide under the AIMG logo.

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