

Toboggan Checkoff List

Patroller Name: _____

Evaluator: _____

Date: _____

Sled Type: Cascade Akja

Position Evaluated:

Akja: Front Handles Rear Handles

Cascade: Tail-rope Handles

1. Equipment & Setup (Review)

- Tail rope present, has a loop at the end and is in good condition.
- Burrito secured correctly; all supplies inside.
- Handles clear of snow/ice and deploy freely.
- Handles down & unlocked when empty.
- Handles LOCKED when loaded. MANDATORY
- Bolts, straps, chain, and attachment points in good condition.
- Gate rope left open (closed only for approved hands-free towing).
- Inspect fins each day on opening routes.

2. Route Selection & Planning (Pass / Needs Improvement)

- Stops before committing downhill.
- Selects safest, smoothest route appropriate to sled type.
Cascade: fall line. Akja: GS type line.
- Identifies and avoids hazards, rollovers, and congested areas.
- Visualizes and maintains a lane ~2 ski poles wide.
- Communicates route plan clearly to tail-roper before moving.

3. Communication (Pass / Needs Improvement)

- Maintains good communication with tail-roper.
- Communicates with patient appropriately.
- Calls out transitions, speed changes, and hazards.

4. Speed & Sled Control (Pass / Needs Improvement)

- Maintains steady downhill pace (moderate walking speed).
- Demonstrates smooth, controlled braking.
- Uses handle pressure to weight/unweight chain appropriately.
- Demonstrates control with step turns and falling leaf.
- Shows left and right turn control (conditions permitting).

5. Transitions & Turning (Pass / Needs Improvement)

- Demonstrates frequent, smooth transitions.
- Recommend two-step edge change (edge → snowplow → pause → opposite edge).
- Driver and tail-roper should not transition at the same time.
- Driver and tail generally face the same direction.

6. Tail-Rope Technique (Pass / Needs Improvement)

- Tail rope to be used unless no assistance is available.
- Tail stays aligned behind sled in fall line.
- Tail positions uphill on double fall line/traverses.
- Maintains proper rope tension. Don't let tail rope hit the ground. Do not slow the toboggan "water skiing" unless driver requests it.
- Uses Rope-a-Dope technique with anchored at the hip.
- Avoid hand-to-hand rope swapping. Fold rope at hip instead (Rope a Dope).

7. Advanced Technique (If Applicable)

- Demonstrates "Walking the Dog" appropriately and safely.

8. Safety & Professionalism (Pass / Needs Improvement)

- Patient well-being prioritized at all times.
- Movements smooth and predictable.
- Demonstrates good judgment and terrain awareness.

Evaluation Runs

- Upper Bowl (skier's right preferred) to Face.
- Upper Sage to Face.
- Moose Face (conditions permitting).

Final Evaluation

Overall Result: Pass Needs Additional Training

Evaluator Comments:

Evaluator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____