



Welcoming former International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) patrol leaders to the NSP April 2018

Bike patrollers who are presently members of IMBA and affected by IMBA's change in strategy can become members of the NSP in one of three ways: joining as a traditional member of a patrol unit, joining as an associate member of a host unit, or joining as an independent associate member. All current bike patrol groups will need to form as Patroller Units or Bike Host Units.

NSP members pay dues on a calendar year basis (January 1 through December 31st). IMBA members can join the NSP at a prorated rate for the 2018 calendar year. Please note: current IMBA memberships do not transfer to the NSP.

Join in April: \$15.00

Join in May: \$10.00

Join in June: \$5.00

Billing for 2019 (Jan-Dec) begins in July 2018 and payments are due by Dec 31, 2018. NSP 2019 national dues differ based on the type of membership listed below.

New patrollers or hosts joining in 2018 will have until June 30, 2019 to complete their required courses. Please contact the NSP national office with any questions at 303.988.1111 or memberrecords@nsp.org

Join a conference call to learn more and ask questions:

Wednesday, April 11 5 pm MDT <https://zoom.us/j/799932506> Meeting ID 799-932-506

Friday, April 13 noon MDT <https://zoom.us/j/962881454> Meeting ID 962-881-454

1. Forming a bike Patroller Unit or Bike Host Unit
 - a. Establishing a patrol begins with a conversation with area or land management officials. In addition, conversations with the appropriate NSP division and region leadership needs to occur. Contact information may be found on the NSP website under About Us, Who's Who, Divisions and Patrols. The office will assist with connecting new patrols and host units to the appropriate NSP division and region leadership.
 - b. All current bike patrol groups will need to form as Patroller Units or Bike Host Units.
 - c. A bike patrol or host unit needs to be established using the new patrol or new host unit registration form, as applicable, available by emailing memberrecords@nsp.org.
 - d. Once the patrol or host unit is established, the patrol or host unit representative will add individual patrollers to the patrol roster.

2. Join a Patroller Unit
 - a. New members of bike Patroller Units need to create a personal account on the NSP website, then they will be added to the patrol roster by their patrol representative.
 - b. New bike patrollers are subject to all applicable provisions in the Policies and Procedures.
 - c. Completion of Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) is required for patrollers, along with annual refresher completion and demonstration of Professional level CPR skills. There is a \$60 course fee for OEC paid at the time of enrollment. If the bike patrol is not associated with an existing resort where certified OEC instructors patrol, the patrol representative needs to identify a local patrol or OEC instructor who will facilitate delivery of this course.
 - d. For the 2019 dues year, patrollers pay national dues of \$55 and may have division, region and local dues.
 - e. Patroller benefits include
 - i. An annual subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*.
 - ii. The ability to purchase all NSP Online Store items
 - iii. Access to all Pro Deals
 - iv. The ability to participate and be credentialed in NSP training or education programs.
 - v. Comprehensive support services.
 - vi. Online resources.
 - vii. Annual updates.
3. Join a Bike Host Unit (Pilot Program approved by the NSP Board)
 - a. New Bike Host Unit members need to create a personal account on the NSP website, then they will be added to the host unit by the unit representative.
 - b. Hosts are subject to all applicable sections of the Policies and Procedures.
 - c. Completion of Outdoor First Care (OFC) is required for hosts. There is a \$25 course fee paid at the time of enrollment. The host unit representative needs to identify a local patrol or OEC instructor who will facilitate delivery of this course. OFC must be taught by certified OEC instructors. Community level CPR is also required for hosts.
 - d. For the 2019 dues year, hosts pay national dues of \$55. Hosts do not pay division and region dues.
 - e. Host benefits include
 - i. An annual subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*.
 - ii. The ability to purchase all NSP Online Store items except ski patrol uniform-specific items.
 - iii. Access to all Pro Deals, excluding Black Diamond
 - iv. The ability to participate and be credentialed in NSP training or education programs.

- v. Comprehensive support services.
 - vi. Online resources.
 - vii. Annual updates.
4. Become an associate member
- a. Individuals who do not choose to join a traditional patrol or associate host unit, or whose prior IMBA patrol chooses not to become an NSP patrol or host unit, can become associate members.
 - b. Associates are subject to all applicable sections of the Policies and Procedures.
 - c. Associate member dues are \$60 annually. There are no division or region dues for associates.
 - d. Associate member benefits include
 - i. An annual subscription to *Ski Patrol Magazine*.
 - ii. The ability to purchase all NSP Online Store items except patrol uniform-specific items.
 - iii. Access to all Pro Deals, excluding Black Diamond and K2, and including limited Patagonia discounts.
 - iv. The ability to participate and be credentialed in NSP training or education programs.
 - v. Comprehensive support services.
 - vi. Online resources.
 - vii. Annual updates.

Other pertinent items:

- A. Instructor Training
 - 1. The current IMBA Patroller Instructor Training will not be continued at the NSP.
 - 2. New NSP bike patrollers or hosts are welcome to participate in the NSP instructor training process that begins with the Instructor Development course and associated mentoring/observation.
- B. Gear
 - 1. The NSP does not specify uniform requirements. Those are determined by area management.
 - 2. The NSP Online store offers a wide variety of bike jerseys, socks, helmets, jackets and other gear for purchase by members at substantial discounts. New cycling items will be available on May 1st.
 - 3. The NSP does not send out socks with membership, but there are plenty of savings available in the NSP Online store and NSP Pro Deals page.