



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BICYCLING ASSOCIATION

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IMBA is excited to share more information with patrollers about the partnership with the National Ski Patrol (NSP). IMBA announced this partnership in late January and patrollers can refresh their memory on the details [here](#). This partnership will bring more support, resources, and professionalism to bike patrolling. IMBA's NMBP Patrol Advisory Committee has been involved in working on the partnership, is in 100% support of this direction, and is excited about the possibilities this presents for the growth of mountain bike patrolling.

NSP is ready to begin forming patrol units and accepting bike patrol members into those units. A summary of new information is below, and more detailed information from NSP will follow in early April. Please read materials thoroughly as they come, and plan to join an upcoming conference call with NSP (times listed below) if you have additional questions.

### **Joining NSP as groups and individuals**

Patrol group leaders will need to establish their local bike patrol as one of two units: a Patroller Unit or a Bike Host Unit. The decision to establish as a Patroller Unit or a Bike Host Unit should begin with a conversation between the patrol group and the area or land management officials, and is based on the location's needs. Once you have worked to determine your unit type, email [memberrecords@nsp.org](mailto:memberrecords@nsp.org) to obtain the appropriate forms for establishing the desired unit.

Individual patrollers can begin the membership process with NSP now by [creating an account](#). When your Patroller Unit or Bike Host Unit is established, that patrol unit leader will add you to its roster. Once you are added to a unit's roster, you will be billed and receive an email with a link to pay dues.

### **Membership types and dues with NSP**

IMBA NMBP memberships will not automatically transfer to NSP. Each patroller will need to begin the membership process with NSP as described above. Going forward, patrollers are encouraged to continue supporting IMBA through membership with your local mountain bike organization that is affiliated with IMBA Local. IMBA NMBP members can change their membership type by emailing [membership@imba.com](mailto:membership@imba.com).

Unlike IMBA's individual-renewal-date structure, NSP members pay dues on a calendar year basis. Billing for 2019 membership begins in July 2018 and payments are due by Dec 31, 2018. IMBA NMBP members can join the NSP at a prorated rate for the 2018 calendar year:

Join in April: \$15.00  
Join in May: \$10.00  
Join in June: \$5.00



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There will be three types of membership in NSP for NMBP members:

- **Patroller Units:** For the 2019 dues year, members associated with Patroller Units will pay national dues of \$55 and may have [division, region](#) and local bike patrol group dues.
- **Bike Host Units:** For the 2019 dues year, members associated with Bike Host Units will pay national dues of \$55. Hosts do not pay division and region dues.
- **Associate Members:** For the 2019 dues year, Associate Member dues are \$60. There are no division, region or local dues for associates.

All active NMBP patrollers associated with a patrol group that continues as a unit under NSP can expect to fall into one of the first two membership categories, based on your patrol's decision. Associate membership is a general membership type, ideal for mountain bikers who want to support patrolling efforts and receive access to benefits without being an active patroller.

### **Certifications and course fees with NSP**

Bike patrol members joining in 2018 will have until June 30, 2019 to complete required courses:

- **Patroller Unit** members will be required to complete Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC). There is a \$60 course fee for OEC paid at the time of enrollment. Professional level CPR is also required for Patroller Unit patrollers.
- **Bike Host Unit** members will be required to complete Outdoor First Care (OFC). There is a \$25 course fee paid at the time of enrollment. Community level CPR is also required for Bike Host Unit members.
- **Associate Members** are not required to complete any certifications.

The current IMBA Patroller Instructor Training will not be continued at NSP. Along with the above certifications, NSP offers a myriad of additional optional trainings. This includes an NSP instructor training process that begins with the Instructor Development course.

### **Additional Information**

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 1<sup>st</sup>. Patrol uniform requirements are determined by area management.

NSP will be hosting conference calls throughout April to answer additional questions for you. Expect an email from NSP in early April with call-in details for the following call times:

Wednesday April 11th, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. MST: call for Patrol Group Leaders  
Friday April 13th, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. MST: call for Patrol Group Leaders  
Tuesday April 17th, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. MST: call for any/all Patrollers  
Wednesday April 25th, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. MST: call for any/all Patrollers