

The Technical Trip Leader – Transition to the New Policy

Interested in leading technical trips on rock or steep snow? The NoCo Group Council has announced a new policy to ease the transition to the new approval process for technical trip leaders.

As previously announced in this newsletter, the NoCo Group has initiated a process to approve leaders that want to lead trips on technical terrain, including sport and trad rock climbing and trips in the alpine that involve climbing rock and snow. The details, including a definition of the scope of terrain, can be found [here](#).

One piece of the approval involves organizing and leading a technical leader-in-training trip (TLIT). While the new policy officially went into effect on January 1st, 2025, we realize that scheduling the TLIT over the next few months is going to be challenging, given Colorado weather. In light of that, the Council has approved the following policy to manage the transition over the next few months.

1. Leaders wishing to lead technical trips between Jan. 1, 2025 and June 1, 2025 should submit a Technical Trip Leader (TTL) application and climbing resume. You can find the application form and further details [here](#).
2. The Technical Trip Leader Committee will provide conditional approval to TTL candidates that meet the experience requirements for TTL based upon a review of the application and climbing resume.
3. The conditional approval will be sufficient to lead technical trips up through June 1, 2025. After June 1st, technical trip leaders must have completed the TTL approval process and receive approval from the NoCo Council to be approved to lead technical trips.
4. After June 1, 2025 the new TTL approval policy will be in full effect.

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We look forward to receiving your application materials!