

## Membership Dates

With the implementation of YETI, our new membership management platform, accurate, 'hard' dates for term of membership and qualifications were introduced and the membership term was separated from the first-aid/on-snow qualification term. There have been some questions about the effect of this change. Previously, 'set' dates were not used, usually focusing on a snow season. The use of set dates is consistent with other qualifications in many industries.

The membership expiry date is not set for full term of a patroller's membership. An individual who first joins in January and subsequently registers in September for the upcoming season will have their membership expiry date reset to 365 days from the date their fall registration is updated in YETI.

Most registrations will be coincident with qualification dates or close enough that there will be no material difference in dates. The majority of our members register prior to the season each year and undergo their annual qualification in the same time period. They are then qualified to perform patroller duties for the upcoming winter and summer season before either their membership or qualifications lapse.

Regular Member On-Snow First have their on-snow qualification date set on the date that it is entered into YETI. It is then good for three years as per normal, if they complete their AFA qualification. If on-snow qualifications and re-qualifications are performed at the beginning of the on-snow season, the original date will have no impact on their eligibility to patrol while they are undergoing on-snow re-qualification in the third year. If your Zone performs on-snow requalification in the March-April timeframe and initial qualification was prior to that date, the original qualification can be ended and the new qualification date becomes the three-year period – thus a manual adjustment may be required in YETI. Division and Zone Presidents will establish the procedure and policy regarding these annual adjustments as required, based on actual situations.

An individual trained in AFA in the January-March timeframe of their first year as a regular member is in a similar situation. At the end of their first year they would be ineligible to patrol summer events or possibly the remainder of the snow season, unless they requalified prior to the summer or undertook appropriate refresher training in the fall of their first year.

One question asked: 'is a person insured'. Paid-up members of the CSP are provided insurance coverage through our various policies. Non-members or persons who let their membership lapse are not. To patrol as a member of the CSP, a person must have their membership and qualifications current for the period required.

Instructors who perform their patroller requalification as part of their Instructor Yearly Update in the April through June period will need to be registered with YETI prior to their IYU so that

they can access training material. Instructors who choose not to renew their status have the option of continuing to register prior to the season (with the current instructors) or they can move to a sequence with the rest of the zone. If they choose this option, then should the member change their mind the following year (such as an “instructor sabbatical”) then administratively they’re ready to go, rather than make a second adjustment.

Zones will continue to be invoiced for membership fees on a pro rata basis, based on 20% of the prior year membership as of March 31 each year, over five payments with a final reconciliation in January based on registrations filed by December 15. In that manner, first year patrollers registering in January-March will be captured. Those patrollers may have to pay their next period registration fee early to minimize the administrative burden to the Zone.