

New M Ratings

The Outings Management Committee at its meeting on April 7, 2008, approved a motion to include new M-rock and M-snow ratings besides the traditional full M. Below are the M ratings and requirements.

M rating: Qualified to lead all currently-defined M-level outings, rock, snow or rock and snow combined

M-rock rating: Qualified to lead all currently-defined M-rated outings where M-level rock travel (but no M-level snow travel) is required

M-snow rating: Qualified to lead all currently-defined M-rated outings where M-level snow travel (but no M-level rock travel) is required

Training and certification for the new M-rock [snow] rating will be based on current standards for the M-rating, including

- Be an I-rated leader (or see below for new leader candidates and O-rated leaders)
- Pass an M rock or snow technical check-off
- Provide evidence in a climbing resume of experience on an appropriate number of rock [snow] experience trips at Class 3 or higher to reach provisional status, as assessed by the Provisional Lead Committee of LTC
- For M-rock: lead a provisional outing including at least 100 feet of 3rd class rock climbing
- For M-snow: lead a provisional outing consisting of at least 400 feet of elevation gain on a snow slope between 25 and 35 degrees and requiring the use of an ice axe
- Complete an M-level written exam.

If a leader candidate for M-rock or M-snow is not a rated leader or is an O-rated leader, these are the requirements:

- Be current in wilderness first aid and CPR
- Complete two days of environmental awareness training
- Pass the I/M-level navigation check-off
- Pass the M rock or snow technical check-off
- Provide evidence in a climbing resume of experience on an appropriate number of rock [snow] experience trips at Class 3 or higher to reach provisional status, as assessed by the Provisional Lead Committee of LTC
- Lead two provisional outings: one I- or M-level provisional outing that demonstrates navigation, and one for M-rock or M-snow (see above) (one provisional lead must be a back pack)
- Complete an M-level written exam.

The requirements for the full M (both rock and snow) remain the same.