



IASA POSITION STATEMENT
- *Snowmobile Trail Groomer Operator Training* -

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While the mechanical grooming of snowmobile trail snow cover contributes greatly to the overall enjoyment of riders, it is typically the largest budget item for organizations that operate snowmobile trail networks.

As the lead organization promoting excellence in the management of organized recreational snowmobiling, the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA), has developed "*Guidelines for Snowmobile Trail Groomer Operator Training - A Resource Guide for Trail Grooming Managers and Equipment Operators*"

The purpose of this resource guide is to provide snowmobiling agencies, associations, and clubs with guidelines that are a resource for:

- grooming recreational snowmobile trails to help improve the quality of trails and the effectiveness of grooming efforts and expenditures;
- training snowmobile trail groomer operators on the proper operation and maintenance of grooming equipment; proper trail grooming objectives, principles, and practices; and trail grooming safety issues; and
- increasing community awareness of snowmobile trail grooming requirements and practices, including the need for the public to allow proper set up time on freshly groomed trails and safe operating procedures for snowmobilers when encountering groomers on the trail.

While this resource provides organizations involved with snowmobile trail grooming a framework to train and certify their equipment operators, it is explicitly recognized that all decisions on local operator training content, as well as certification requirements, are reserved for implementation by local jurisdictions and local trail grooming managers consistent with local priorities and resources.