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### SEMI TECH ROTATIONS

Semi Tech belaying teams consist of three persons doing three tasks, through which they rotate, as belay points change. Below is a brief description of these tasks in the rotation order. Listing the tasks in this order also provides the neumonic of "BAS".

Title	Task
Belay	Belays the litter team
Assist	Going uphill, assists the rope going around the belay tree Going downhill, assists the stretcher, if needed
Select	Selects the next belay point (going uphill, carries end of rope)

### ROTATING BEARERS

There are two commands to rotating bearers "Rotate" and "Pass". PASS always means "pass the stretcher to me", the speaker being one of the next persons to receive the stretcher. In Laddering, the speaker will be in front of the stretcher, while in Walking Rotations the speaker will be at the back of the stretcher, ~~and~~ (the stretcher is, technically, passed backwards one bearer).

ROTATE may mean two different actions depending on the task at hand, but the speaker is always the stretcher captian. In Laddering, the last two members of the stretcher team break off and rotate around to the front. Note that with large numbers, multible PASSES can be made between ROTATE commands. In Walking Rotations, the command ROTATE means for the next two free members to step to the side of the trail and come in to take up the rear positions on the stretcher.

### TOE NAILING

Considering the KISS principle, eliminate Toe Nailing as a seperate action. Simply point out in the Laddering Section that one can rest the end of the stretcher against a stable object while waiting for personnel to get into position.