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Fieldwork is an integral part of glaciological research, and managing the typical hazards (crevasses, avalanches etc.) encountered in the glacierized environment requires specific training and expertise. Oftentimes, field campaigns rely on the help of a variety of people with different levels of experience and training, particularly students, interns, or early career scientists. At the same time, education and training in the field is a key component for empowering VAW-GL team members at ETH. Here, we present a recently implemented field site rating that categorizes regularly visited field sites based on the necessary expertise and physical requirements. This rating system helps assign field sites to team members with an adequate level of experience. This procedure, as well as simple but effective procedures for fieldwork risk management, helps increase the safety of field campaigns and also allows less experienced persons to ease into glaciological fieldwork while increasing their expertise.