As an Olympic sports organization, the USSA has a great passion for our American athletes. Our organization has long been guided by a Best in the World vision, providing an opportunity for young athletes to chase their Olympic dreams. Since Ted Ligety and Lindsey Vonn opened the 2012 season with wins in Soelden, each weekend athletes across every sport found their way to the top with World Cup, Grand Prix or X Games wins in every USSA sport. 10 U.S. Athletes took home 14 season long titles!

At the same time, we have made dramatic changes to our domestic programs to ensure that our 425 USSA affiliate clubs have the tools necessary to help athletes pursue those Olympic dreams. With a renewed focus on sport development and talent-ID programs, our commitment to building a strong pipeline is top of mind. Through mandating coach certification at the grassroots levels and the introduction of the new Club Development Program and SkillsQuest, we are inherently invested in the systematic development of the next generation of elite athletes.

Our new USSA athletic program and brand, U.S. Freeskiing, has been a tremendous success. U.S. Freeskiing athletes have long only hoped to be a part of the Olympic Winter Games. They have proven through a season of immense success that there is tremendous medal potential in 2014.

Our pursuit of greatness is not just achieved on the hill. Through innovative infrastructure projects like the U.S. Ski Team Speed Center at Copper and the new USSA TEAM Academy we are taking a strong look at future success.

The U.S. Ski Team Speed Center at Copper was a game-changing opportunity, emerging after over a decade of planning and teamwork that benefits elite athletes and domestic clubs.

We also finalized plans for the USSA TEAM Academy, which opened its doors this August. With the expanding number of high school aged national team athletes, we have a growing need to help them with a unique educational solution that maintains athletics as its core. With a focus of advancement in athletics, this innovative program will significantly enhance our efforts to establish an educational pipeline for each of our athletes that is fully integrated with, and effectively facilitates, our athlete development pipeline.

The ongoing success of our organization is greatly attributed to your continued support. We are also fortunate to have strong leadership on our boards, including USSA Chairman Dexter Paine and U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation President John Cumming.

Thank you for making 2012 a Best in the World season. We need to continue this momentum together into the future to provide every athlete with the opportunity to achieve greatness.

Sincerely,
Bill Marolt

President and CEO
U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association
ABOUT THE USSA

USSA VISION
The vision of the USSA is to make the United States of America the best in the world in Olympic skiing and snowboarding.

USSA MISSION
The mission of the USSA is to provide strong leadership that establishes and supports athletic excellence, in accordance with USSA core values.

USSA GOALS
- Athletic excellence
- Financial strength
- Organizational growth
- Positive organizational image
- Strong partnerships

USSA CORE VALUES
Team – Constituent groups within USSA working in partnership to be the best in the world
Loyalty – Steadfast allegiance to USSA’s Vision, Mission, Goals and Values
Integrity – Steadfast, incorruptible adherence to truth and USSA’s Core Values
Respect – Willing demonstration of care and concern toward others and an open-mindedness toward others’ ideas
Accountability – Responsibility of every individual to conduct themselves in accordance with USSA values and expectations
Perseverance – Unwavering commitment to the core values in pursuit of USSA’s Vision and Mission

“Mikaela has been fortunate in having had a coach who views skills acquisition and quality training, particularly during key developmental years, as critical elements to future success. Racing was always secondary to mastery.”

Jeff and Eileen Shiffrin (Parents of World Cup racer Mikaela Shiffrin)
As the National Governing Body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding, the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) is a Best in the World sports organization providing a positive environment for young athletes to chase their Olympic dreams. We are performance-based. As such, our programs are specifically designed to provide those athletes with performance opportunities in keeping with our Best in the World vision.

The USSA facilitates participation in national and international competition, providing structure for competitive skiing and snowboarding. From grassroots programs to governance of sport, management of rules, competitions and athletic rankings, the USSA oversees athletic pipelines for sport development. The USSA provides leadership and direction for tens of thousands of young skiers and snowboarders who share an Olympic dream while maintaining a strong adherence to core values.

The USSA is fueled by the passion of Olympism – family, friends, volunteers and partners united to help young athletes follow their dreams in the spirit of the values and ideals symbolic of the Olympics.

The USSA’s over 425 clubs are the starting point of the Olympic journey. A strong sport development program provides consistent knowledge and insight to clubs nationwide. The USSA’s National Training System provides club leaders and volunteers with a roadmap through the athletic pipeline. Talented athletes are identified through the National Development System in each sport and further their progress through participation in USSA development projects.

Elite athletes who have achieved a high level of success can further their abilities through coaching and integration with the USSA’s High Performance athletic programs. Elite athletes have complete access to world class programs in sports science, sports medicine and nutrition, as well as an opportunity to train in the USSA Center of Excellence, a national training and education center at the organization’s home in Park City, UT.

While athletics is the primary focus of the USSA, it also takes a broad approach in providing guidance and support to athletes with a “complete person” approach. Career counseling and scholastic education are integral components of the USSA’s support.

Established in 1905, the USSA receives no direct government support, relying on the generosity of corporations and private individuals to fund athletic programs to assist athletes in reaching their dreams.
The 2012 season saw great advancements in sport from the addition of freestyle skiing, snowboarding and women’s ski jumping to the Olympics to introduction of innovative new programs in skills training and coaches education, a first ever national U16 alpine ski racing camp and debut of new programs to provide education and recognition for USSA clubs. The opening of the U.S. Ski Team Speed Center at Copper is a game changer, providing elite and development athletes with the only early season access to a full length downhill training run.

“...When my daughter entered freestyle as a junior, I wanted to help. I wasn’t about to replace her coaches. But I volunteered with thousands of other coaches, judges and officials to help make it an organized sport that would have an Olympic podium. As officials, we find a deep satisfaction providing a fair, safe, responsible platform for USSA competitors to achieve their dreams.”

Dick Stone, Freestyle Official (father of Olympic champion Nikki Stone)
COMPETITION SERVICES

Competition is the core of USSA membership with an average of over 100 USSA competitions taking place around the country every Saturday or Sunday during the winter season.

- 1,062 sanctioned events including 4,437 actual competitions with 185,521 athlete starts

SPORT EDUCATION

The USSA dramatically expanded its Sport Education programs in all sports with a focus on providing more value to clubs and athletes through certification of coaches.

- Over 30 percent increase in coaching clinics
- 5 percent increase in certified coaches
- Re-vamped Level 100 curriculums in alpine, freestyle and cross country with focus on long-term athlete development and age-appropriate training principles consistent with USSA Training Systems.
- Spring and fall Alpine National Coaches Academies for upper level coaches featuring week of intensive on-snow and classroom work led by U.S. Ski Team coaches and USSA High Performance staff.
- USSA Fast Start was created for 2012-13 deployment providing required baseline education for all USSA member coaches and serving as a lead-in to certification programs.

SKILLSQUEST

One of the most important elements of development is strong basic skills. SkillsQuest was created for 2012-13 alpine deployment, providing clubs with new education tools focused on development of very basic skiing skills.

USSA MEMBERSHIP

A move to full online registration has been very successful with over 90% of the USSA’s 30,000 members signing up online. Online event registration will rollout in 2012-13.
FREESKIING/SNOWBOARDING
The IOC’s addition of halfpipe skiing plus slopestyle skiing and snowboarding for the 2014 Olympics in Sochi provides a great new opportunity for the USSA
- Extended potential medals in snowboarding and freeskiing from 24 to 48.
- New U.S. Freeskiing Pro Teams in halfpipe and slopestyle skiing along with a new U.S. Snowboarding Slopestyle Pro Team.
- U.S. Freeskiing Rookie Team is on tap for 2013.

CROSS COUNTRY
A move to gender-specific team programs was a factor in a strong season for the U.S. Cross Country Ski Team women including a top-five relay finish in Nove Mesto, Czech Republic.
- Restructured national team into men’s and women’s programs to provide better service to athletes including first gender-specific camps.
- Created and implemented comprehensive new Level 100 Coaches Education curriculum.
- National Coaches Education Symposium featuring global cross country presenters.

FREESTYLE
Expanded training partnerships with venues, such as early season moguls training at Colorado’s Wolf Creek, have been vital to athletic success.
- Expanded moguls and aerials Coaches Education with consistent level 100-500 featuring online tests and collaboration with regional proctors to increase participation.
- Improved National Development System with increased regional participation from coaches and athletes with focus on recruitment and talent ID, stressing values and knowledge to all sport levels.
- Restructured sport committee to reflect the diversity of new Olympic events, with sub-committees for freestyle and freeskiing.
- Expanded summer and winter contact days for moguls and aerials in collaboration with venue partners ORDA, Utah Olympic Park, Steamboat and Wolf Creek.
ALPINE

Highly impactful changes were initiated to the USSA's development structure to provide a more consistent national approach to development.

- Over 60 top junior racers and their club coaches were invited to a first-time national U16 development and talent ID camp at the USSA Center of Excellence where they had an opportunity to learn new skills and get a headstart on the elite pipeline.
- A development director was appointed to oversee a consistent national development across all regions of the country.
- Additional development staffing and projects were initiated to provide stronger national support for both U16 and U18 athletes.

EVENTS

After integrating freeskiing into the Sprint U.S. Grand Prix, the USSA worked strategically with FIS to elevate the events to World Cup status to provide home-country Olympic qualifying for U.S. Freeskiing athletes.

- The Sprint U.S. Grand Prix, with fully integrated Visa U.S. Freeskiing Grand Prix, completed its 16th season.
- The USSA worked strategically with 2015 World Championships organizers in Beaver Creek to stage a last minute makeup for canceled races in Val d’Isere resulting in an Audi FIS World Cup win for Lindsey Vonn.

2011-12 Season Highlights

The 2011-12 season was a Best in the World season filled with globes, overall season titles and X Games gold. USSA athletes proved their athletic dominance each and every weekend on the international stage. U.S. athletes won major events in every sport program for first time in USSA’s history.

ALPINE

- Lindsey Vonn won 12 World Cups en route to four Audi FIS World Cup titles including her fourth overall crown and discipline titles in downhill, super G and super combined.
- U.S. women won the downhill Nations Cup by a dominating margin over Austria.

CROSS COUNTRY

- Kikkan Randall won the FIS Cross Country World Cup sprint title – first American crown since Bill Koch in 1982 with two World Cup wins and was fifth overall.

FREESKIING

- Torin Yater-Wallace took the AFP halfpipe title
- Tom Wallisch, took the AFP slopestyle title
- Devin Logan took the overall AFP season title for the women
- Gus Kenworthy took the overall AFP season title for the men

FREESTYLE

- Hannah Kearney repeated as both overall and moguls FIS Freestyle World Cup champion winning nine of 11 moguls competitions.
- USA won the moguls Nations Cup.

SKI JUMPING

- Sarah Hendrickson won nine of 13 FIS Ski Jumping World Cups to take inaugural title.
- USA won the women’s ski jumping Nations Cup.

SNOWBOARDING

- Chas Guldemond won the TTR World Championships slopestyle and Sprint Grand Prix.
- Kelly Clark ran out a string of 16 major event wins including the Dew Cup title and led the TTR World Rankings in halfpipe.

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WHOLE PERSON DEVELOPMENT

While the USSA is a Best in the World athletic organization, focus on development of the whole person helps establish lifelong benefits from participation in athletic programs from the club level to elite teams. An emphasis on academics is also a key to athletic success! USSA club and development programs are an introduction to strong personal values that serve athletes a lifetime. USSA programs from its annual Rookie Camp to career mentoring and college support, as well as the new USSA TEAM Academy for high school-aged national team athletes, all play a key role in the development of USSA athletes as whole persons.

ATHLETE CAREER EDUCATION

Development of whole person athletes is vital for the USSA with Athlete Career Education programs linked closely with athletics.

- 94 current athletes and 44 alumni using USSA's Athlete Career Education Services including 14 mentor pairings.
- 83 alumni and current athletes in the USSA's unique Westminster College program.
- Compulsory education plan in place for all rookies.

TEAM ACADEMY

The new USSA TEAM Academy provides an athletic-academics program for select national team and development athletes addressing the unique situations they face as world class athletes.

ROOKIE CAMP

Dozens of new national team athletes attend the three-day Rookie Camp each June, learning about opportunities they have as elite USSA athletes.

Photo: Sarah Brunson/USSA
There are many factors that weigh into elite athletic success. One of the most vital is a strong introduction to the sport and the development opportunities offered through the USSA’s 425 local clubs. As a Best in the World athletic organization, the USSA provides opportunities for aspiring athletes to achieve their dreams. The success of that vision of greatness is directly contingent on the support and leadership at those grassroots clubs across the nation.

“Future stars compete at the Marriott Junior Cross Country Championships on the Olympic venue at Soldier Hollow.”

“Photo: Sarah Brunson/USSA

“The USSA continues to expand the support and development opportunities necessary to achieve excellence as a club. Without the leadership and partnership of the USSA, the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation would not be able to excel as a club and fulfill its mission.”

Don Wiseman, Executive Director, Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation
Clubs are an essential resource for parents and an introductory point for kids to get engaged in competitive skiing and snowboarding. Clubs provide an invaluable service in helping young athletes along the pathway to the top.

The USSA’s new Club Development Program provides clubs with a succinct roadmap and evaluation process to provide the best possible programs that will lead to elite athlete success.

Certification provides a checklist of key services each club should provide for athletes, assuring parents that their local club meets established standards of safety and athletic excellence. Any club has the ability to also aspire to higher levels of certification based on achieving program standards and proven athletic success.

Education provides resources for USSA clubs and establishes standards to allow athletes to develop along a common pipeline towards elite athletic success.

Recognition is important for clubs just as it is for athletes! The Club Development Program provides recognition to clubs for their achievements within their sports based on program standards and proven success of athletes within the club.

FLY Freestyle has consistently grown from year to year and continues to place their club athletes on the national team. This past year the program recruited dozens of new athletes into aerials and worked with the U.S. Ski Team to establish itself as a major developmental center for the sport. FLY Freestyle is not only making a difference in its own Olympic community, but is dramatically impacting the sport of freestyle aerials nationally.

USSA Club of the Year Award – FLY Freestyle (Park City, UT)

FLY Freestyle’s Madie Gorelik soared to a U.S. title. Photo © Getty Images
Alaska
Alaska Nordic Racing
Alaska Winter Stars
Alyeska Ski Club
Alyeska Ski Club Freestyle Team
APU Nordic Ski Center
Chugach Eagle River Nordic Ski Club
Juneau Ski Club
Kachemak Nordic Ski Club
Moose Mountain Alpine Sports Club
Norotic Ski Club of Fairbanks
Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage
Tsatselah Trail Association
University of Alaska Anchorage Ski Team
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Arizona
Flagstaff Ski Club Incorporation
Scottsdale Ski Team

California
Alpine Meadows Ski Area
Auburn Ski Club
Bear Valley Snowsports Ed Foundation
China Peak Race Team
Dodge Ridge Race Team
Donner Express Team
Far West Skiing
Heavenly Ski Resort
Homewood Mountain Resort
Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation
Lake Tahoe Racing
Lake Tahoe Ski Club Foundation
Mammoth Mountain Ski Club
Mount Shasta Ski & Snowboard
Northstar California
Olympic Valley Freeride & Freestyle Team
Snow Summit Race Team/Big Bear
Square Valley Academy
Square Valley Ski Team
Sugar Bowl Academy
Tahoe Select Snowboard Team
Team Mountain High
Yosemite Winter Club

Colorado
Aspen Valley Ski/Snowboard Club
Casper Mountain Racers
Cloud City Ski Club
Colorado Mountain College Ski Team
Copper Mountain Competition Dept.
Crested Butte Mountain Sports Team
Crested Butte Nordic Team
Crested Butte Ski Club
Durango Nordic Ski Club
Eldora Mountain Ski Club
Hinckley Ski Team
International Snowboard Training Center
Keystone Resort
Laveland Ski Club
MacConnell Division
National Sports Center Disabled
Powderhorn Racing Club
Purgatory Ski Club
Rocky Mountain Division
Rocky Mountain Freestyle
SC Freeride
Ski & Snowboard Club Vail
Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club
Summit Nordic Ski Club
Sunlight Winter Sports Club
Team Breckenridge Sports Club
Team First
Team Gerionimo
Team Summit
Telluride Ski & Snowboard Club
United States Olympic Committee
University of Colorado Ski Team
University of Denver Ski Team
USCSA Ski Team at CU Boulder
Vail Development Team
Winter Park Competition Center

Connecticut
Connecticut Youth Ski League
Mohawk Ski Team
Mount Southington Ski Team
Salisbury Winter Sports Assoc.
Sundown Ski Team

Idaho
Bogus Basin Nordic Team
Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation
Independence Racing Team
Intermountain Masters Club
Kelly Canyon Ski Team
Lookout Pass Race Team
McCall Ski Racing Team
Outlaw Ski Team
Payette Lakes Sports
Peblee Creek Racing Foundation
Schweitzer Alpine Racing School
Silver Mountain Alpine Race Team
Soldier Mountain Alpine Racing
Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation
Teton Valley Ski Education Foundation

Illinois
Norge Ski Club
Norsemountain Alpine Race Team

Massachusetts
Berkshire East Ski Club
Berkshire Interclub
Berkshire School Ski Team
Blandford Ski Area
Boosquet Ski Club
Bradford Alpine Race Team
Bradford Ski Team
Butternut Ski Club
Cambridge Sports Union
Catamount Racing
Eaglesbrooke School Club
Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference
Jiminy Peak Race Team
Nashoba Valley Ski Area
Nashoba Valley Ski Club
Otis Ridge Ski Club
Prospect Hill Ski Team
Ski Ward Race Team
Wauhatchie Mountain Race Team
Williams College Outing Club
Youth Enrichment Services

Maryland
Disabed Sports USA

Maine
Camden Snow Bowl
Carrabassett Valley Academy Athletics
Chisholm Ski Club
Cumberland County Nordic Ski Club
Farmington Ski Club
Gould Academy Competition Programs
Gould/ Sunday River
Kents Hill Ski Club
Lost Valley Racing Club
Maine Winter Sports Center
Mount Abram Race Club
New England Nordic Ski Association
Planet Ski International
Ragged Mountain Ski Club of Maine
Saddleback
Shawnee Peak
Sugarloaf mountain
University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maine at Presque Isle

Michigan
Big Powderhorn Mountain Race Club
Boyne Mountain
Central Region II
Central Region III
Copper Island X-C Ski Club
Grand Traverse Race Team
Great Lakes Ski Academy
Ishpeming Ski Club
Keweenaw Ski Club
Michigan Tech
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North Coast Snow Sports Club
Northern Michigan Ski Academy
Northern Michigan University
Northwestern Alpine Ski Academy
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Pinnacle Racing
Team Norway - Central
Win Alpine
Wolkenite Ski Club

Minnesota
Afton Alps Alpine Club
Buck Hill Ski Team and Club
Central Region I
City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation
Croquet Ski Club Incorporation
Duluth Superior Alpine Club
Itasca Ski & Outing Club
Midwest Freestyle Association
Midwest Masters
Minnesota Ski Club
Minnesota Valley Ski Team
Saint Paul Ski Club
Sioux Nordic Ski Foundation
Team Gilboa
Three Rivers Ski Racing
Welch Ski Team

Missouri
Hidden Valley Ski Team

Montana
Big Sky Ski Education Foundation
Blacktail Mountain Alpine Racing Team
Bridge Ski Foundation
Discovery Race Team
Flathead Valley Ski Foundation/Whitefish Mountain
Great Divide Ski Team
Lost Trail Freestyle Ski Team
Missoula Freestyle Ski Team
Missoula Ski Education Foundation
Montana State University Ski Team
Snowdown Ski Team/ Central MT Ski Education Foundation
Silver Run Ski Foundation
Thunderbolt Training Centers
USCSA Grand Teton Conference
West Yellowstone Ski Ed Foundation

New Hampshire
Abenaki Ski Team
Andover Outing Club
Attitash Alpine Ed Foundation
Attitash Mountain Resort
Black Mountain Race Team
Blackwater Ski Club
Bretton Woods Ski Team
Cardigan Mountain School Ski Club
Colby-Sawyer College
Cranmore Race & Freestyle Team
Crested Mountain Race & Competition Center
Dartmouth Ski Team
Ford Sayre Ski Club
Franconia Ski Club
Freestyle America
Gunstock Freestyle Academy
Gunstock Ski Club
Holderness Ski Team
Kimball Union Academy
King Pine Race Team
Lebanon Outing Club
Loon Freestyle Incorporation
Loon Ski Club Incorporation
Mont Holyoke Ski Team
Mount Snow Alpine
Mount Washington Valley Ski Team
New Hampshire Alpine
Pats Peak Ski Club
Plymouth State University
Proctor Academy
Ragged Mountain Ski Team of NH
The White Mountain School
University of New Hampshire
Waterville Valley BRTS
Whaleback Mountain Club
Wildcat Mountain Alpine Education Foundation

New Jersey
ARCS USA
Hidden Valley Alp Racing Association
Mount Peter Race Team of NJ
Skylands Ski Club
Team Campgaw
New Mexico
Los Alamos Ski Racing Club
Red River Ski Team
Santa Fe Ski Team
Taos Ski Academy
Taos Winter Sports Team
University of New Mexico Ski Team

Nevada
Diamond Peak Ski Team
Heavenly Ski & Snowboard Foundation
Independent Ski Racing
Sierra Nevada College Ski Team
Sky Tavern Race Team
Team Falcons Mount Rose

New York
Bellevue Mountain Racing Association
Brantling Ski Racing Association
Bristol Mountain Race Club
Bristol Mountain Snow Sports Club
Buffalo Ski Club
Cazenovia Competition Ski Club
Dry Hill Ski Club
Findley Lake Junior Ski Race Team
Fli Team
Greek Peak Ski Club
Holiday Mountain Ski Club
Holiday Valley Training Center
Helimont Freestyle
Helimont Racing Club
Hunt Hollow Race Team
Hunter Mountain Racing Foundation
Kissing Bridge
Ludington Mountain Ski Club
Metro New York Ski Council
Mehawk Valley Ski Team
National Sports Academy Lake Placid
New York Masters
Northeast Nordic Racing
Saint Lawrence University
Ski West Mountain Education Foundation

CLUBS OF THE YEAR
Adaptive Club of the Year
Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club
Alpine Club of the Year
Mt. Washington Valley Ski Team (NH)
Cross Country Club of the Year
Central Cross Country (CXC)
Freeskiing Club of the Year
AXIS Freeride (Park City, UT)
Freestyle Club of the Year
FLY Freestyle (Park City, UT)
Jumping/Nordic Combined Club of the Year
Norge Ski Club (Fox River Grove, IL)
Snowboarding Club of the Year
Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club

Snow Ridge Ski Club
Song Mountain Race Team Incorporation
Swain Ski Club
Thunder Ridge Race Team
Toggenburg Jr. Race Association
Windham Mountain Resort
Woods Valley Alpine Racing Foundation
Ohio
Central Region IV
Mad River Racing
Possum Run Racing Club
Stampede Race Team
Oregon
Ashley Lakes Ski Racing Association
Bend Endurance Academy
Bend Ski Club
Cascade Winter Sports Club
Cooper Spur Race Team
Masters Summer Fun Club
Meadows Race Team
Mount Ashland Racing Association
Mount Bachelor Sports Ed Foundation
Mount Hood Academy Ski Ed Foundation
Multnomah Athletic Club
Skiyente Ski Club
Williamette Alpine Race Program
XC Oregon
Pennsylvania
Blue Knob Race Club
Blue Mountain Race Team
Possum Run Racing Club
Stampede Race Team
Virginia
Bryce Resort
Massanutten Ski Team
Wintergreen Race Team
Vermont
Bolton Valley Race Club
Bromley Outing Club Incorporation
Burke Mountain Academy
Cochran Ski Club
Craftsburry Nordic Ski Club
Green Mountain Valley School
Harris Hill Ski Jump Incorporation
Jay Peak Ski Club
Kelly Brush Foundation
Killington Mountain School
Killington Winter Sports Club
Mad River Ski Club
Magic Mountain Alpine Training Center
Middlebury College Ski Team
Middlebury Ski Club
Mount Mansfield Ski & Snowboard Club
Mount Snow Academy
Mount Snow Racing Center
Okemo Mountain School
Okemo皑皑Team Ski Club
Pico Ski Club
Quechee Alpine Ski Club
Ski & Board Club at Stratton
Smugglers Notch Ski Club
Stratton Mountain School
Stratton Training Center
Sugarbush Diamond Dog Team
University of Vermont Ski Team
Vermont Academy
Willard Mountain Ski & Snow Sports Club
Woodstock Ski Runners
West Virginia
Snowshoe Junior Ski Team
Timberline Race Team
Winterplace Ski Team
Wisconsin
Auburndale Ski Racing
Blackhawk Ski Club
Eau Claire Ski Team
Eau Claire Ski Striders
Flying Eagles Ski Club
Heiigel Hugel Ski Club
Iola Winter Sports Club
Knicker Nordic
Madison Alpine Race Team
Mont du Lac Alpine Club
Mount LaCrosse Ski Team
Parks Junior Ski Foundation
Russian Style Ski School
S.W.A.T. Team Racing
Shelley Glover Sports Ed Foundation
Snowflake Ski Club
Tri-Norse Ski Club

West Virginia
Snowshoe Junior Ski Team
Timberline Race Team
Winterplace Ski Team
Wyoming
Black Hills Ski Team
Casper Nordic Club
High Plains Nordic Ski Ed Association
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club
Pinedale Junior Nordic Ski Program
Ski Team Sunny
Sublette County Ski & Snowboard Association
It’s an exciting time in our sport right now with the start of the Olympic qualifying period. I’m happy that my teammates and I have an opportunity to keep the Olympic nations’ quota rolling on home soil at the Grand Prix and FIS World Cups. These events are vital to the success of freestyle skiing to help keep our sport growing and progressing.

Tom Wallisch, 2012 AFP Slopestyle Champion
Key highlights for FY12:

- Maintained small annual operating surplus while maximizing funding for athletic programs
- Revenue trends are increasing after the decline experienced from the economic downturn in 2008-09.
- Marketing revenue has weathered the decline and with all major sponsors renewed for multiple years ranging to 2014 to 2019, it is well positioned for growth in FY13.
- Foundation’s annual fundraising programs have begun to climb again with FY12 raising the second most net revenue since the FY08 record year. The programs are positioned to break the fundraising record in FY13 to provide critical financial support to the athletic programs.
- Athletic programs (elite, development and events) bottomed in FY10 and funding is beginning to grow again. Financial needs for programs still exceed available funds when considering the increase in Olympic sports, increase in number of athletes, increasing travel costs and the need to begin expanding development funding. The chart below illustrates the combined funding in the USSA athletic programs.

Operating activities include the combined operations of the USSA, U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation, Center of Excellence Properties Fund and U.S. Skiing Foundation. It does not include USSA Investment Fund which is a separate 501(c)3 organization and its assets and operations are stated separately.

### Combined Balance Sheets
As of April 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010

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### Summary of Combined Operating Activity
For the Years Ended April 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010

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<td>General and administrative expenses</td>
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USSA INVESTMENT FUND
[a separate 501(c)3 organization]
Balance Sheets
As of April 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010

### Assets:

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Endowment Fund Activity
For the Years Ended April 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010

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<td>Fund Balance, beginning of year</td>
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<td>Investment earnings (loss)</td>
<td>(626,000)</td>
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<td>Change in net assets</td>
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<td>Fund Balance, end of year</td>
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USSA Investment Fund was formed to manage endowment gifts made for the benefit of supporting the development, training, and competition of elite and development athletes in skiing and snowboarding. It also manages endowment gifts for educational purposes and other purposes designated by donors. Certain funds of USSA or its affiliates are also managed by the Fund from time to time. The Board of the Fund approves annual grants from the endowments to support the desired programs. Contributions reflect actual contributions made during the year and do not include pledged amounts.
The USSA receives no direct government support, relying on the generosity of corporations and private individuals to fund athletic programs to assist athletes in reaching their dreams. It’s the only team in the world that relies on the generosity of its fans to provide direct support to help Best in the World goals come true.

“I am honored to be a part of this Board. After treating numerous USSA athletes I am extremely impressed with the caliber of person and athlete the USSA supports. I am very proud to be a part of this team and to help athletes optimize their training and medical care.”

Dr. Marc J Philippon, USSA Trustee
Legacy Campaign Donors
The Legacy Campaign is the endowment for USSA’s future. The $60 million campaign was completed this past year and will provide continued support for the U.S. Teams.

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The support of these key donors is crucial to allowing our young U.S. athletes achieve their dreams. These members contribute to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation annual fund.

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American fans provided record support for USSA athletes in 2012

- Donor programs brought in over $5 million for athletics – one of the best years in history!
- Prestigious New York Ski and Snowboard Ball raised a record of nearly $900,000.
- The popular Gold Pass saw its biggest net revenue in history.

Borgen Swartz Athlete Education Endowment
The following donors have initiated an endowment to support the annual educational tuition programs for athletes:

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Team Sochi members ensure consistent programming by committing to a four year donation to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation. Team Sochi is our highest contribution to the annual fund and we greatly appreciate these valued benefactors.

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Watch for the new digital Gold Pass in 2013, featuring latest industry technology to allow direct-to-lift access at nearly all U.S. resorts.
The resort industry is honored to be an integral part of the success that USSA athletes at all levels have achieved. From grassroots club programs at local resorts to the highest level competitions, the relationships between the USSA, resorts and local clubs have been true partnerships based on common goals of success.

Bob Fries, President, Waterville Valley Resort

USSA partners are the backbone of support for athletic programs, allowing athletes to train in best in the world facilities with world class trainers, nutritionists and physical therapists. They play a vital role, providing technical support, advanced research and development and a playing field for U.S. athletes to compete at America’s finest resorts. Some of the biggest brand names in the world are partners with the USSA, helping tell a story of athletic success and the strong values of Olympic athletes.

Without the USSA’s partners, greatness would not be possible.

U.S. Snowboarding rider Paul Brichta at the Sprint U.S. Snowboarding Grand Prix at Copper Mountain. Photo © Tom Zikas
U.S. Ski Team, U.S. Snowboarding and U.S. Freeskiing Medical Suppliers

USSA Elite Event Resort Partners
The spirit of Olympism provides the backbone of support for USSA athletes. Volunteers including parents, officials and passionate skiers and snowboarders form the nucleus of the governance that provides the vision for USSA as a professional sports organization.

“The COE has been instrumental in taking my training and competition to the next level. The more I work out there, the more I love and appreciate both the building and the staff.”

Heather McPhie, Freestyle Moguls
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The USSA’s awards honor athletes, as well as coaches, officials and volunteers for their service on behalf of those athletes. From grassroots coaches to elite level athletes, USSA awards aim to shed light on those who are imperative to the ongoing best in the world success of the organization.

“The U16 National Assessment Project not only provided our daughter Storm with the opportunity to race against the top U16 alpine skiers in the country, but also to demonstrate her overall skiing ability that she developed through countless hours of open environment drills and freeskiing in addition to gate training.”

Jaime and Trisha Klomhaus (parents of Storm)
Diamond Award

Julius Blegen Award
Presented to a dedicated USSA volunteer for a lifetime of service to the sport.

John Garnsey (Vail, CO)
As a ski area manager and a FIS technical delegate, few have done more to impact the sport of ski racing in the USA than John Garnsey of Vail/Beaver Creek. As a key leader of two FIS Alpine Ski World Championships (1989 and ’99), and a lightning rod for Vail/Beaver Creek’s successful 2015 bid, Garnsey has made a vital difference.

Gold Awards

USSA Development Coach of the Year Award – Ashley Berger (Steamboat Springs, CO)
In her second year as Head Coach for the SSWSC Snowboard Freestyle Program, Ashley Berger has quickly risen to the top ranks of coaching and is a fixture at the top of every pipe in the world. She sets high standards for her riders and they have responded with great results at every level of the sport. Her female crew swept the top three spots in the overall standings of the Revolution Tour and were all nominated for Junior World Championships spots.

USSA Coach of the Year Award – Chip White (Mammoth Lakes, CA)
As a U.S. Alpine Ski Team coach for 15 seasons, women’s speed Head Coach Chip White’s dedication and passion creates an unprecedented environment for success. The 2012 season was no exception as he guided the women’s speed team to become best in the world by winning the nation’s standings for downhill by a blistering 636 point margin over Austria.

USSA Club of the Year Award – FLY Freestyle (Park City, UT)
FLY Freestyle has consistently grown from year to year and continues to place their club athletes on the national team. This past year the program recruited dozens of new athletes into aerials and worked with the U.S. Ski Team to establish itself as a major developmental center for the sport. FLY Freestyle is not only making a difference in its own Olympic community, but is dramatically impacting the sport of freestyle aerials nationally.

Beck International Award (top USSA athlete) – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO)
The U.S. Alpine Ski Team’s Lindsey Vonn was selected as the USSA’s Beck International Award recipient, the USSA’s highest athletic honor. Her record smashing season included an American record 12 World Cup wins en route to a fourth Audi FIS Alpine World Cup overall title, a fifth straight downhill globe and fourth consecutive super G crown and third straight super combined title.

Westhaven Award (top USSA official) – Jack Nantz (Portland, OR)
A veteran of 29 years as an International Ski Federation technical delegate, Jack Nantz received the USSA’s Westhaven Award – the organization’s highest honor for competition officials. Nantz has been one of America’s most notable international officials, having worked over a dozen FIS World Cup events in his career.
50 AWARDS

**USSA SILVER AWARDS**

Paul Bacon Award – Stratton Mountain Resort
Presented in recognition of contribution to event organization

John J. Clair Jr. Award – Jim Goff (Lake Placid, NY)
Presented in recognition of service to the U.S. Ski Team and U.S. Snowboarding

Bud and Mary Little Award – Jim Roberts (Vail, CO)
Presented in recognition of service to the International Ski Federation or U.S. Olympic Committee

Buddy Werner Award – Sarah Schleper (Vail, CO)
Presented to an outstanding USSA athlete who demonstrated leadership and good sportsmanship

Russell Wilder Award – USA Snowboard Association (USASA)
Presented in recognition of contributions to youth

J. Leland Sosman Award – Dr. Vernon Coskey (Park City, UT)
Presented in recognition of service to the USSA’s Physician’s Pool

West Family Award – Bill Gaylord (Flagstaff, AZ)
Presented in recognition of service as a USSA official

**Coaches of the Year**

Adaptive International Coach of the Year Award – Jonathan Mika (Aspen, CO)
Adaptive Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Diane Barras (Sunday River, ME)
Alpine International Coach of the Year Award – Chip White (Mammoth Lakes, CA)
Alpine Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Konrad Rickenbach (Squaw Valley, CA)
Cross Country International Coach of the Year Award – Matt Whitcomb (Park City, UT)
Cross Country Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Rob Bradlee (Reading, MA)
Freeskiing Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Ben Verge (Sun Valley, ID)
Freeskiing International Coach of the Year – Evan Raps (Long Island, NY)
Freestyle International Coach of the Year Award – Garth Hager (Red Salmon, WA)
Freestyle Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Jere Crawford (South Lake Tahoe, CA)
Freeskiing/Nordic Combined International Coach of the Year Award – Alan Alborn (Park City, UT) and Paolo Bernardi (Predazzo, ITA)
Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Dan Bevington (Anchorage)
Snowboarding International Coach of the Year Award – Tommy Czeschin (Mammoth Lakes, CA)
Snowboarding Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Ashley Berger (Steamboat Springs, CO)

**Clubs of the Year**

Adaptive Club of the Year Award – Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club
Alpine Club of the Year Award – Mt. Washington Valley Ski Team (NH)
Cross Country Club of the Year Award – Central Cross Country (CXC)
Freeskiing Club of the Year Award – AXIS Freeride (Park City, UT)
Freestyle Club of the Year Award – FLY Freestyle (Park City, UT)
Jumping/Nordic Combined Club of the Year Award – Norge Ski Club (Fox River Grove, IL)
Snowboarding Club of the Year Award – Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club

**USSA ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**

Adaptive – Tyler Walker (Franconia, NH)
Alpine – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO)
Cross Country – Kikkan Randall (Anchorage)
Freeskiing – Tom Wallisch (Pittsburgh, PA)
Freestyle – Hannah Kearney (Norwich, VT)
Nordic Combined – Bryan Fletcher (Steamboat Springs, CO)
Ski Jumping – Sarah Hendrickson (Park City, UT)
Snowboarding – Kelly Clark (Mt. Snow, VT)
Tom Wallisch soars to a win in the Visa U.S. Freeskiing Grand Prix at Mammoth Mountain. Photo: Sarah Brunson/USSA