

FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES USSA CONGRESS 2010 - PARK CITY, UT

Mountainview

The Yarrow Hotel & Conference Center, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Andy Wise – Present

USSA Freestyle Sports Committee

R&T Representative: Andy Hayes – Present

Judges Representative: Bill McNice - Present

Coaches Representative: Glenn Eddy – Present

Development Representative: Chris Haslock – Present

Membership Representative (EST): Deb Newson – Present

Membership Representative (RMD): Craig Matthews – Present

Membership Representative (INT): Caron Keim – Proxy Mick Berry

Membership Representatives (ASKA, CEN, FW, NOR, PNSA):

Alex Wilson – Not Present

Lewis Sundquist – Present

Eric Hickman – Present (Vote)

Mike Papke – Present

Pat Deneen – Present

FIS Representative: Jay Simson - Present

USSA BOD Athlete Representative: Curtis Tischler – Present

Athlete Representative: Jen Hudak – Proxy David Wise

Athlete Representative: Justin Henceroth – Present

Athlete Representative: Justin Peterson – Present

Ex-Officio: Jeff Lange – Present

At-Large: Konrad Rotermund – Present

At-Large: Jamie Kimball – Present

Head Coach: Scott Rawles – Present

Program Manager: Cheryl Bilisoly - Present = 18 votes + chair

1. Welcome and call to order: Andy Wise

The meeting was called to order 8:10 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval: Andy Wise

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

3. Executive Committee Report: Andy Wise

The Executive Committee reviewed and voted on athlete petitions for athletes' start rights for U.S. Selection Events and Junior Olympics during the 2010 competition season. The Committee approved halfpipe selection criteria for World Cup events.

4. USSA Board of Directors' Report: Glenn Eddy

Spring 2009 Meeting - Approval of FSC operating changes.

Fall 2009 Meeting - Review of financial status of the USSA and the plan for Vancouver.

5. Elections: Andy Wise

New motion #1: Election of new Chair for a two-year term

Nominations: Glenn Eddy, Craig Matthews, Chris Seemann

Chris Seemann - New Chair

New motion #2: Election for two At-large positions on the committee

Nominations: Jeff Lange, Konrad Rotermund, Jamie Kimball, Nick Preston, Tim Preston

Jeff Lange and Konrad Rotermund – At-large positions

New motion #3: Stagger term for both At-Large positions

Jeff Lange - 2 year term

Konrad Rotermund - 3 year term

Motion passes: Unanimously

6. Operating Procedures: Andy Wise

New motion #4: Allow the past chair a vote on the Freestyle Sports Committee

Motion passes: Unanimously

7. FIS Report: Jay Simson

The three priority topics being discussed at the FIS meetings in Turkey will be getting halfpipe into the Sochi Olympic Games, adopting the judges' program and preventing the decrease in team quota spots at World Cup events. All related issues and passed motions will be addressed at the North American Judges clinics this fall following the FIS meetings.

8. Staff Reports: Cheryl Bilisoly/ Scott Rawles

Addendum A

9. USSA Education: Cheryl Bilisoly/Tim Preston

Addendum B

10. Freeride Working Group Report: Jamie Kimball/Jeremy Forster

Addendum C

11. Membership Report: Sheryl Barnes

Addendum D

12. Subcommittee Motions:

All motions brought to the table were motions that were passed in each subcommittee.

Rules and Technical Subcommittee: Andy Hayes

Proposal Number:	R&T 1
Description:	Change the wording of Safety Committee to Advisory Committee
Current Rule:	<p>3034.1 The Competitor Safety Committee</p> <p>3034.1.1 All competitions shall have a safety committee formed prior to the start of competition to advise the jury on matters concerning safety. This committee shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ • One (1) representative from the area management (chief of course); _____ • Two (2) athlete or coaches' representatives. For national level events, these representatives must be from two different divisions. _____ There will be a separate safety committee named for each event (men and women). <p>3034.1.2 The members of the safety committee report in an advisory manner directly to the jury and are non-voting members of the jury.</p> <p>3034.1.3 It will be the safety committee's responsibility to ensure the arrangements made for the safe operation of all events during the preparation and competition. The safety committee shall exercise control over all aspects of the event pertaining to safety, and shall in the use of its power of discretion, consciously take all reasonable precautions against excessive and unreasonable risks.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3034.1 The Competitor Safety Advisory Committee</p> <p>3034.1.1 For each event in every All competitions there shall have be a safety Advisory committee formed prior to the start of competition to advise the jury on matters concerning safety. This committee shall consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ • One (1) representative from the area management (chief of course); _____ • Two (2) athlete or coaches' representatives. For national level events, these representatives must be from two different divisions. _____ There will be a separate safety advisory committee named for each event (men and women). <p>3034.1.2 The members of the safety advisory committee report in an advisory manner directly to the jury and are non-voting members of the jury.</p> <p>3034.1.3 It will be the safety advisory committee's responsibility to ensure the arrangements made for the safe operation of all events during the preparation and competition. The safety advisory committee shall exercise control over all aspects of the event pertaining to safety, and shall in the use of its power of discretion, consciously take all reasonable precautions against excessive and unreasonable risks.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	The FIS made this change a number of years ago and give a better representation of what this committee is.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 2
Description:	Rewording the Jump shaper rule for domestic use.
Current Rule:	<p>3034.2 Jump Shapers</p> <p>3034.2.1 For the express purpose of shaping and grooming the jumps, the team captains shall elect up to two shapers per special type of jump (i.e., floater, large kickers, small kickers). These individuals will be responsible for the final preparation of the jumps. In competitions other than World Cup, alternate jump preparation arrangements can be determined at the team captains' meeting.</p> <p>3034.2.2 These individuals must be prepared to perform this task at least one day prior to official training.</p> <p>3034.2.3 Two trainers will be appointed at the first team captains' meeting to monitor and advise on the development of air bumps on the moguls course.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3034.2 Jump and Air Bump Shapers</p> <p>3034.2.1 For the express purpose of shaping and grooming the jumps in Aerials and the air bumps in Moguls and Dual Moguls, the team captains shall elect up to two shapers per special type of jump (i.e., floater, large kickers, small kickers). These individuals will be responsible for the final preparation of the jumps. In competitions other than World Cup Junior Olympics, alternate jump preparation arrangements can be determined at the team captains' meeting.</p> <p>3034.2.2 These individuals must be prepared to perform this task at least one day prior to official training.</p> <p>3034.2.3 Two trainers will be appointed at the first team captains' meeting to monitor and advise on the development of air bumps on the moguls course.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	This wording follows the FIS rule and allows for other options at Divisional events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 3
Description:	Clarification of the definition of two different jumps in Aerials.
Current Rule:	<p>6008 Definition of Different Jumps A competitor shall be required to perform two different aerial jumps. Jumps shall be considered to be different if in:</p> <p>6008.1 Upright Maneuvers There is a change in the composition of components performed in each maneuver.</p> <p>6008.2 Rotational Maneuvers, Upright or Off Axis Different jumps mean: A) upright or off axis, B) change of 180° in rotation or C) a 180° in takeoff or landing.</p> <p>6008.3 Inverted Maneuvers There is a change from front to back or vice versa. There are a different number of maneuvers. There are a different number of twists but the number of somersaults remains the same. There are a different number of somersaults but the number of twists remains the same.</p> <p>6008.4 Special Provisions for Multiple Somersaults When there is the same number of twists and somersaults for both jumps, the number of twists done in a single somersault must differ by at least one twist. Can Do Lay-Full & Full-Lay Lay-doubleFull-Full & Half-Rudy-Lay Can't Do Lay-Full & Half-Half Half-RudyFull & Full-Full-Full</p> <p>6008.5 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults A Layout is different from a flip with position.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6008 Definition of Different Jumps A competitor shall be required to perform two different aerial jumps. <u>If two jumps are the same, only the first jump counts.</u> Jumps shall be considered to be different if in:</p> <p>6008.1 Upright Maneuvers There is a change in the composition of components performed in each maneuver.</p> <p>6008.2 Rotational Maneuvers, Upright or Off Axis Different jumps mean: A) upright or off axis, B) change of 180° in rotation or C) a 180° in takeoff or landing.</p> <p>6008.3 Inverted Maneuvers There is a change from front to back or vice versa. There are a different number of maneuvers. There are a different number of twists but the number of somersaults remains the same. There are a different number of somersaults but the number of twists remains the same.</p> <p>6008.4 Special Provisions for Multiple Somersaults When there is the same number of twists and somersaults for both jumps, the number of twists done in a single somersault must differ by at least one twist. Can Do Lay-Full & Full-Lay Lay-doubleFull-Full & Half-Rudy-Lay Can't Do Lay-Full & Half-Half Half-RudyFull & Full-Full-Full</p> <p><u>6008.1 Two jumps are different if any of the following are true:</u> <u>1) They have a different number of positions (p) or grabs (g)</u></p>

	<p><u>2) They have a different number of half rotations or half twists (horizontal, off axis.</u></p> <p><u>3) They have a different take-off or landing direction (-)</u></p> <p><u>4) They have a different direction of rotation (b,f,s)</u></p> <p><u>5) They have different upright components, or the components are in a different order. For nonrotational upright jumps.</u></p> <p><u>6) An inverted component in one differs by at least a full twist from the corresponding inverted component in the other</u></p> <p><u>6008.2 The following are considered equivalent components:</u></p> <p><u>a) All grabs</u></p> <p><u>c) Spread Eagle(S), Kosak(K), Zudnick(Z)</u></p> <p><u>d) Back Scratcher (B), Mule Kick(M), Iron Cross(I)</u></p> <p><u>Note: Positions (p) are upright components when included with a rotation</u></p> <p>6008.5 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults A Layout is different from a flip with position.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>The current 6008 section is too vague to be useful. For example, what does "There is a change in the composition of components performed in each maneuver" mean? Does that mean grabs or not? Are spreads different from kosacks?</p> <p>Also, 6008 is too incomplete to be useful. For example, 6008.2 only deal with rotational maneuvers. It wouldn't answer whether a Dg (Daffy grab) is different from a D (Daffy), or whether a bLg (back lay grab) is different from a bL (back lay grab). Are reverse takeoffs different? Etc.</p> <p>Currently Winfree does not give an error code when some jumps considered duplicate are entered</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 4
Description:	Adopt FIS Precision from 07-08
Current Rule:	3050.3.3 Protests During the Competition A competitor or team captain who protests against any action by another competitor or an official during the competition must take his protest to a Jury member within 15 minutes of completion of the last run.
Proposed Change:	3050.3.3 Protests During the Competition A competitor or team captain who protests against any action by another competitor or an official during the competition must take his protest to a Jury member within 15 minutes of <u>the distribution or posting of results</u> of the last run <u>of that round of competition.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This wording follows the FIS rule and prevents a protest from being filed at the end of the day, when it applies to the first round.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 5
Description:	Adopting the new FIS rule in regards to false starts in Moguls, and changing it from a DNS to an RNS.
Current Rule:	There is no current rule.
Proposed Change:	<u>USSA rule 3055.5</u> <u>Will adopt the approved new FIS rule 3058.6</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is to prevent any false starts, jumps starts, or moving starts. If a DNS is imposed the competitor would receive no placing in the event. RNS would mean the competitor losses that round.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T 6
Description:	Eliminate the “call your jump” in Aerials
Current Rule:	4008.4 The competitors should file a flight plan at the last team captains’ meeting before the event. They should provide a flight plan for each of the two jumps along with the jump number to be used. The flight plan can be changed until the competitor has announced his/her jump to the starter prior to performing his/her competition jump. The competitor shall announce his/her planned jump, by name, immediately prior to entering the starting gate. The planned jump will be announced to the judges, chief score keeper and the public.
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Discussion/Reason:	There is an enormous breakdown in communication between the Athlete, Starter and the judges. This is causing an event where the action lasts about 7-15 seconds to take longer to run then a 25-60 seconds long mogul run. Some runs at Junior Olympics lasted as long as 3.5 minutes and unfortunately this is consistent at every level from Regional to Nationals. The judges decide what the athletes are performing in every other aspect of freestyle skiing and are capable of doing it here as well. This also allows an athlete the freedom and ability to change the flight plan based on in adequate speed or other variations in conditions without being penalized as long as the maneuver remains different then their other jump. This is confusing to the spectators when an athlete performs a jump well but gets no score due to it being different from what was called. Also with development of younger skiers if they attempt a move but miss part of it the current rules would have that athlete RNS which is difficult for them to understand why they received no credit. I have had judges want to RNS an 8 year old for missing a grab even when they have made an effort to get it in. This makes the young athlete not want to compete in aerials anymore
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 11- 5 - 2

Proposal Number:	R & T 7
Description:	4008.5 Definition of Different Jumps
Current Rule:	4008.5 A competitor will be required to announce and attempt two different aerial jumps. Refer to section 6008 for information regarding which jumps are considered to be different.
Proposed Change:	4008.5 The competitor should inform the judges of the maneuver they are about to announce and perform . They will be required to perform two different aerial jumps. Refer to section 6008 for information regarding which jumps are considered to be different.
Discussion/Reason:	Assuming the prior proposal passes this keeps the integrity that athletes perform 2 different jumps but eliminates the required announcement of such jumps.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 17-0-1

Proposal Number:	R & T 8
Description:	Delete portion of RNS rule about announcement of maneuver
Current Rule:	6007 RNS/Rerun If a jump is announced (upright, rotational or inverted) and the number of maneuvers announced is not performed (too many or not enough) the score is RNS. Re-run granted for loss of ski(s) after takeoff and before landing, see Rules 3057.14 and 3058.1. Only one rerun granted for loss of ski(s) for each round. If the rerun is not used the score will be RNS. Loss of ski(s) during or after landing shall be evaluated by the judges in accordance with the judging criteria.
Proposed Change:	6007 RNS/Re-run If a jump is announced (upright, rotational or inverted) and the number of maneuvers announced performed that is the same as the first jump, performed (too many or not enough) the score is RNS. <u>Refer to section 6008 for information regarding which jumps are considered to be different.</u> Re-run granted for loss of ski(s) after takeoff and before landing, see Rules 3057.14 and 3058.1. Only one rerun granted for loss of ski(s) for each round. If the rerun is not used the score will be RNS. Loss of ski(s) during or after landing shall be evaluated by the judges in accordance with the judging criteria.
Discussion/Reason:	In concert with the first 2 proposals
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T 9
Description:	Adopt FIS approved rating standards on helmets
Current Rule:	3036.4.1 Competitors must wear a helmet in all Freestyle events when skiing in practice or competition. Helmets manufactured for ski racing are required for all competitors in all Freestyle competition and official training, for all age categories. USSA neither specifies nor recommends any particular helmet design or brand name and undertakes no responsibility or liability in connection with the requirement that helmets be utilized. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select an appropriate helmet. Caution: The protective quality of all safety helmets are affected by age and use. Some older helmets and any helmets that

	have been damaged either in a racing fall or from impact may no longer provide sufficient protection – even if there are no visible indications of damage. USSA neither specifies nor makes any warranties as to the fitness for use of any particular ski helmet nor assumes and responsibilities or duties to any competitor by requiring the use of a helmet. The helmet must be worn in the manner intended by the manufacture.
Proposed Change:	3036.4.1 Competitors must wear a helmet in all Freestyle events when skiing in practice or competition. Helmets manufactured for ski racing snow sports are required for all competitors in all Freestyle competition and official training, for all age categories. USSA neither specifies nor recommends any particular helmet design or brand name and undertakes no responsibility or liability in connection with the requirement that helmets be utilized. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select an appropriate helmet. has accepted the FIS recommendation of helmets with a standard of AST 2040 or CE 1077 rated helmets. Caution: The protective quality of all safety helmets are affected by age and use. Some older helmets and any helmets that have been damaged either in a racing fall or from impact may no longer provide sufficient protection – even if there are no visible indications of damage. USSA neither specifies nor makes any warranties as to the fitness for use of any particular ski helmet nor assumes and responsibilities or duties to any competitor by requiring the use of a helmet. The helmet must be worn in the manner intended by the manufacture.
Discussion/Reason:	It better suits us to follow the lead of FIS requirements for helmets used in our sport. The FIS is the governing body of our sport internationally if we do not meet or exceed their standards we may be found negligent in our recommendations. As athletes move up the competitive pipeline they will already have the proper protective gear and will not need to purchase a new helmet at their first FIS meet.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 10			
Description:	Update jump specs for upright aerials			
Current Rule:	Jump Dimensions:	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3
	Distance to knoll:	12.0m	8.0m	4.0m
Proposed Change:	Jump Dimensions:	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3
	Distance to knoll:	12.0m +/-1	8.0m +/-5	4.0m
Discussion/Reason:				
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous			

Proposal Number:	R&T 11																		
Description:	Consolidation and upgrading of specs for B level and Novice Invert Aerial Sites.																		
Current Rule:	<p>APPENDIX B</p> <p>Technical Specifications for “B Level” Courses Aerials</p> <p>Inrun: Length: 35m - 40m Width: 12m Pitch: 23° +/- 3°</p> <p>Transition: Length: 9m +/- 3m</p> <p>Table: Width: 12m Pitch: 2.5° +/- 1°</p> <p>Landing Hill: Length: 20m minimum Top Width: 6m Bottom Width: 12m Pitch: 30° minimum Course Pitch: 28° +/- 4° Finish Area: 30m - 60m</p> <p>The in-run must not be so long as to offer skiers speed that would place them too far down the hill. It must provide a smooth transition to outrun area large enough for the skier to come to a safe and controlled stop.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Jump Dimensions:</td> <td>Small</td> <td>Novice</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Distance to knoll:</td> <td>4.0m</td> <td>1.5m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Length of jump:</td> <td>5.0m</td> <td>3.0m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Height of jump:</td> <td>1.2m</td> <td>0.8m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Width of jump:</td> <td>1.2m</td> <td>1.2m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pitch of takeoff:</td> <td>32° +/- 2°</td> <td>28° +/- 2°</td> </tr> </table>	Jump Dimensions:	Small	Novice	Distance to knoll:	4.0m	1.5m	Length of jump:	5.0m	3.0m	Height of jump:	1.2m	0.8m	Width of jump:	1.2m	1.2m	Pitch of takeoff:	32° +/- 2°	28° +/- 2°
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Proposed Change:	<p>APPENDIX B</p> <p>TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR “B LEVEL” <u>DIVISIONAL AERIAL NOVICE DIFFICULTY COURSES*</u></p> <p><u>*Notes: 1. USSA-Eastern B events may exclude the Single Invert Kicker (Jump 3) and replace with a double block Small** as defined in the specs below.</u></p> <p>Aerials</p> <p>Inrun: Length: 35m - 40m Width: 12m Pitch: 23° +/- 3°</p> <p>Transition: Length: 9m +/- 3m</p> <p>Table: Width: 12m Pitch: 2.5° +/- 1°</p> <p>Landing Hill: Length: 20 <u>18</u> m minimum <u>15 meters chopped</u> Top Width: 6m Bottom Width: 12m Pitch: 30 <u>32+/-4</u>° minimum</p>																		

	<p>Course Pitch: 28° +/- 4° Finish Area: 30m - 60m</p> <p>The in-run must not be so long as to offer skiers speed that would place them too far down the hill. It must provide a smooth transition to outrun area large enough for the skier to come to a safe and controlled stop.</p> <p>Jump Dimensions: 1.Small **Small 2.Medium (7 meter) 3.Single 4.Novice(optional)</p> <p>Distance to knoll: 4.0m <u>4m</u> <u>7.0m</u> <u>4m</u> 1.5m</p> <p>Length of jump: 5.0m <u>5.0m</u> <u>4.5m</u> <u>5.5m</u> 3.0m</p> <p>Height of jump: 1.2m <u>1.2m</u> <u>1.6m</u> <u>2m</u> 0.8m</p> <p>Width of jump: 1.2m <u>2.4m</u> <u>2.0m</u> <u>1.5m</u> 1.2m</p> <p>Pitch of takeoff: 32° +/- 2° <u>47° +/- 2°</u> <u>36° +/- 2°</u> <u>50°</u> 28° +/- 2°</p> <p><u>**A Small may be offered as a double wide block with novice invert specs (Eastern B meets will offer these specs for non-scored events)</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>These specifications are designed to allow scored USSA Aerial meets to be more easily constructed and managed, thereby encouraging this discipline nationwide. Current specs for scored meets are cumbersome to most programs due to their size and scope, discouraging Aerials.</p> <p>These specs are essentially employing a landing hill 3 meters longer than a mogul pad and prepared similarly. Mogul pads have been shown to accept levels of difficulty that are proposed here.</p> <p>Since aerials difficulty is always limited by the size of the site, this site can offer athletes an opportunity to achieve scores exceeding 120 points, thereby offering opportunities to qualify for JO's, even US Championships without having to compete on a FIS size site, which are too rare in our country.</p> <p>USSA Eastern B Meets (non-scored) can also use the same set of specs, or may opt to limit the Single kicker to a double blocked Small.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 12
Description:	To allow Telemark ski equipment to be used in Freestyle
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	3036.4.4 To allow Telemark ski equipment to be used in freestyle events and ski straps will be allowed
Discussion/Reason:	
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 13
Description:	To make it possible to run as few as 2 men or 2 women and delete the use of 6 person heats.
Current Rule:	4505.1 Finals are based on 32 men / 16 women / 4 skiers per heat or 48 men / 24 women / 6 skiers per heat.
Proposed Change:	4505.1 Finals are based on <u>2 to</u> 32 men / <u>and 2 to</u> 16 women / <u>with 2 to</u> 4 skiers per heat or 48 men / 24 women / 6 skiers per heat.
Discussion/Reason:	Small domestic events may have very limited fields and all those that enter should have a chance to dual with another person.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T 14																																																																																					
Description:	Readjust the pairings to allow fewer skis.																																																																																					
Current Rule:	<p>4506 Ski Cross Finals Parings Pairings for the finals will be according to the following:</p> <p>4506.1 Finals Ranking for 8 heats/4 per heat (32) Men</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Heat #</th> <th>1st Pos</th> <th>2nd Pos</th> <th>3rd Pos</th> <th>4th Pos</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>16</td><td>24</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>17</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>6</td><td>11</td><td>19</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>13</td><td>21</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>14</td><td>22</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>5</td><td>12</td><td>20</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>7</td><td>10</td><td>18</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>2</td><td>15</td><td>23</td><td>31</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>4506.2 Ranking for 4 heats/4 per heat (16) Women</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Heat #</th> <th>1st Pos</th> <th>2nd Pos</th> <th>3rd Pos</th> <th>4th Pos</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>8</td><td>12</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>9</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>6</td><td>10</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>7</td><td>11</td><td>15</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Heat #	1 st Pos	2 nd Pos	3 rd Pos	4 th Pos	1	1	16	24	32	2	8	9	17	25	3	6	11	19	27	4	4	13	21	29	5	3	14	22	30	6	5	12	20	28	7	7	10	18	26	8	2	15	23	31	Heat #	1 st Pos	2 nd Pos	3 rd Pos	4 th Pos	1	1	8	12	16	2	4	5	9	13	3	3	6	10	14	4	2	7	11	15															
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R&T Consolidation

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 1
Description:	Delete the bib rule that is duplicated in each section and also in the 3036 equipment section
Current Rule:	<p>4002.1.5.5 Competitors not wearing their bibs will not be allowed to participate during official training.</p> <p>4106.1</p> <p>4202.1.5.5</p> <p>4302.1.5.5</p> <p>4602.1.5.6</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4002.1.5.5 Competitors not wearing their bibs will not be allowed to participate during official training. See 3036.1</p> <p>4106 Competitors Equipment</p> <p>4106.1 See 3036.1</p> <p>4202.1.5.5 See 3036.1</p> <p>4302.1.5.5 See 3036.1</p> <p>4602.1.5.6 See 3036.1</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Consolidation
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 2
Description:	Add 3036.4.2
Current Rule:	<p>4008.2 Equipment</p> <p>4008.2.1 There shall be no minimum or maximum restrictions on ski lengths.</p> <p>4008.2.2 Safety straps are prohibited in aerial events.</p> <p>4008.2.3 Bindings must be a recognized release system meeting DIN specifications.</p> <p>4206.1 Equipment</p> <p>4206.1.1 All competitors shall use a recognized release DIN binding system and devices to prevent runaway ski(s). Additional safety equipment is optional. General regulations concerning equipment can be found in rule 3036.</p> <p>4306.1 Equipment</p> <p>4306.1.1 All competitors shall use a recognized release DIN binding system and devices to prevent runaway ski(s). General regulations concerning equipment can be found in Section 3036.</p> <p>4608.2 Equipment</p> <p>4608.2.1 There shall be no minimum or maximum restrictions on ski lengths.</p> <p>4608.2.2 Run away straps are prohibited, in the training or the competition.</p> <p>4608.2.3 Bindings must be a recognized release system meeting DIN specifications.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>ADD; <u>3036.4.2 There shall be no minimum or maximum restrictions on ski lengths</u></p> <p><u>3036.4.3 All competitors in all events shall use a recognized release DIN binding system and devices to prevent runaway ski(s). Runaway straps are not allowed</u></p> <p>DELETE; All of the above current rules.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Consolidation
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 3
Description:	Move equipment rules to Equipment section.
Current Rule:	3054.6 Competitors should be prepared to wear goggles as necessary.
Proposed Change:	<p>3054.6 Competitors should be prepared to wear goggles as necessary.</p> <p>ADD; <u>3036.4.4 Competitors should be prepared to wear goggles as necessary.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	Consolidation
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 4
Description:	Delete rule reference to moved rules
Current Rule:	3056.2 DSQ for violating any rules on equipment according to sections 3036, 4008.2, and 4206.1.
Proposed Change:	3056.2 DSQ for violating any rules on equipment according to sections 3036, 4008.2, and 4206.1.
Discussion/Reason:	Consolidation
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 5
Description:	This rule is in both places and slightly different in each
Current Rule:	3070.6 Disqualifications An athlete who intentionally attempts, in a USSA event, a jump for which they are not properly qualified will receive a DSQ for that event. This includes any training jumps prior to the start of a competition unless the jump is being performed for a coach as part of the qualifying process.
Proposed Change:	Move to 3056.4 DSQ for attempting an aerial maneuver in competition which has not been qualified. 3070.6 Disqualifications <u>DSQ for</u> an athlete who intentionally attempts, in a USSA event, a jump for which they are not properly qualified will receive a DSQ for that event. This includes any training jumps prior to the start of a competition unless the jump is being performed for a coach as part of the qualifying process.
Discussion/Reason:	Consolidation
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 6												
Description:	Move two rules that are located in five different sections to the 3000 section.												
Current Rule:	<p>4002.1.4.2 Before training begins, on the first official training day, the competitors must inspect the course wearing their bib numbers in competition fashion and the bibs must be easily visible. The Jury shall determine the time of inspection.</p> <p>4002.1.4.3 Immediately after this inspection, the TD and other available members of the Jury shall be at the outrun to receive request and suggestions from the competitors and coaches regarding the aerial site.</p> <p>These same rules also show up:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Halfpipe</td> <td>Moguls</td> <td>Dual Moguls</td> <td>Slope Style</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4102.1.2</td> <td>4202.1.4.2</td> <td>4302.1.4.3</td> <td>4602.1.4.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4102.1.3</td> <td>4202.1.4.3</td> <td>4302.1.4.4</td> <td>4602.1.4.3</td> </tr> </table>	Halfpipe	Moguls	Dual Moguls	Slope Style	4102.1.2	4202.1.4.2	4302.1.4.3	4602.1.4.2	4102.1.3	4202.1.4.3	4302.1.4.4	4602.1.4.3
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Proposed Change:	<p><u>3065.5</u> <u>For all venues, before training begins, on the first official training day, the competitors must inspect the course wearing their bib numbers in competition fashion and the bibs must be easily visible. The Jury shall determine the time of inspection.</u></p> <p><u>3065.6</u> <u>Immediately after this inspection, the TD and other available members of the Jury shall be at the outrun to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and coaches regarding the venue.</u></p>												
Discussion/Reason:	Consolidate all of these rules and move to 3065.5 and 3065.6. This is the Meetings section. This consolidates 10 rules into two without changing the intent. It also removes bibs from five more rules, a second benefit to consolidating these rules.												
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous												

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 7
Description:	To remove all duplicated rules in the Half Pipe section 4100 that are already in other parts of the Competition Guide.
Current Rule:	<p>4107.2, 4108, 4108.1, 4109, 4109.1, 4109.2, 4110, 4110.1, 4111, 4112.4 4112.5, 4112.6, 4112.7.1, 4112.7.3, 4112.4, 4112.8, 4112.8.1, 4112.8.2 4112.8.3, 4112.8.4, 4112.8.5, 4112.8.6, 4112.8.7, 4112.8.8, 4112.8.9 4112.8.10, 4112.8.11, 4112.8.12, 4112.8.13, 4112.8.14, 4112.8.15 4112.8.16, 4112.8.17</p>
Proposed Change:	<u>Delete all of the above</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Every one of these rules are currently stated in the 3000 sections of the Competition Guide and are redundant, this continues our consolidation efforts.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 8
Description:	Move and consolidate rules referring to official training to the 3000 series for all events except Ski Cross. Ski Cross has its own unique official training procedure, which needs to stay in the Ski Cross section.
Current Rule:	AERIALS: MOGULS: DUALS: SLOPE STYLE: HALF PIPE: 4002.1.5.1 4202.1.5.1 4302.1.5.1 4602.1.5.1 4103 4002.1.5.2 4202.1.5.2 4302.1.5.2 4602.1.5.2 4002.1.5.3 4202.1.5.3 4302.1.5.3 4602.1.5.3 4002.1.5.4 4202.1.5.4 4302.1.5.4 4602.1.5.4
Proposed Change:	<u>3066 Official training for all events, excluding Ski Cross, see 4504.</u> <u>3066.1 Official training for any event is an inseparable part of the competition. The competitors are required to participate.</u> <u>3066.2 The official training should encompass at least one day before the event, although not necessarily the day prior to the competition. For National level events, the official training shall ideally encompass at least two days before the event, although not necessarily consecutive.</u> <u>3066.3 For Aerials/Slope Style, the official training shall be a minimum of one day (two hours of actual jumping time). The Jury may reduce this period if sufficient training is available the morning of the event.</u> <u>3066.4 The entire facility must be properly prepared and with proper medical services available.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Currently each event has an official training section. There are 21 rules that have now been consolidated to 5, without changing the content or intent of the rules.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T consolidation 9
Description:	To remove several misc. rules which are duplicated in the Competition Guide. Add new wording to 3036.4 Equipment
Current Rule:	3054.2 3054.5
Proposed Change:	Delete both of the above and add the wording below. 3036.4 Equipment Rules concerning competitor's equipment which are specific to the individual events can be found in section 4008.2 for aerials; 4608.2 for slopestyle, 4306.1 for dual moguls events; and section 4206.1 for moguls in this rule book <u>are all located here and are no longer in the specific event sections.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	These are now covered in other consolidated rules.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Consolidation 10
Description:	Course descriptions are in the Comp. Guide in two sections: 4200 Moguls, 4300 Dual Moguls. These need to be consolidated.
Current Rule:	4302.1.1, 4302.1.2, 4302.1.3, 4302.1.4, 4302.1.4.2, 4302.1.4.5, 4302.1.4.6
Proposed Change:	Delete above rules. 4302.1 Joint regulations for women's and men's dual moguls courses (see 4202) 4202 The Moguls/ Dual Moguls Course 4202.1 Joint regulations for men and women's mogul/ dual mogul courses. 4202.1.1 Moguls/ Dual Mogul courses for JO and US Championships etc. 4202.1.2 General Characteristics of the moguls/ dual moguls site. 4202.1.3 Layout of the moguls/ dual moguls site New 4302.1.1 Nine control gates (markers or Slalom poles) designating the outside of the course and the center line must be located on the course at equally spaced intervals. Moguls may be machine constructed an all care must be taken to assure the courses are equal in respect to lines and number and size of the moguls.
Discussion/Reason:	This simply consolidates course rules for Moguls and Dual Moguls. The specific rules for Duals are contained in 4302.1.1.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

R&T Housekeeping

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 1
Description:	Correct the rule quoted
Current Rule:	3050.1 Preconditions for a Protest The jury shall consider no protest unless the written protest has been made within the time limits indicated under 3050.3.3. The reason for the protest along with a \$20 protest fee must be given to the jury. If the protest is accepted, the protest fee will be reimbursed, if not, the organizing committee will retain the fee.
Proposed Change:	3050.1 Preconditions for a Protest The jury shall consider no protest unless the written protest has been made within the time limits indicated under 3050.3. 3 . The reason for the protest along with a \$20 protest fee must be given to the jury. If the protest is accepted, the protest fee will be reimbursed, if not, the organizing committee will retain the fee.
Discussion/Reason:	Wrong rule quoted
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 2
Description:	Missing one event.
Current Rule:	3041.4.7 Aerials Stock music will also be used during the Aerial event. A variety of exciting music is recommended.
Proposed Change:	3041.4.7 Aerials and Half Pipe Stock music will also be used during the Aerial and Half Pipe events. A variety of exciting music is recommended.
Discussion/Reason:	Music is also required at Half Pipe.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 3
Description:	Typo
Current Rule:	30.60.2.4 In the halfpipe event, all skiers will take two runs down the half pipe with the best score use for the results.
Proposed Change:	30.60.2.4 In the halfpipe event, all skiers will take two runs down the half pipe with the best score used <u>d</u> for the results.
Discussion/Reason:	Correction of simple typo
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 4
Description:	Correct wording
Current Rule:	4102 Fourth sentence states: All FIS/World Cup Half Pipes
Proposed Change:	4102 Fourth sentence should state: All FIS/World Cup USSA Half Pipes...
Discussion/Reason:	Correct wording
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 5
Description:	Typo
Current Rule:	4104 All competitors will make two runs down the half pipe with the best score to used for the results.
Proposed Change:	4104 All competitors will make two runs down the half pipe with the best score to <u>be</u> used for the results.
Discussion/Reason:	Correct typo
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 6
Description:	Inaccurate description
Current Rule:	4204.2 Pace Setters
Proposed Change:	4204.2 Pace Setters <u>Pace Time</u>
Discussion/Reason:	More appropriate heading – Alpine has Pace Setters, Freestyle has Pace Time.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 7
Description:	Refers to an incorrect rule
Current Rule:	4202.1.3 says, “See 3034.2.3” 4302.1.3 says “See 3034.2.3”
Proposed Change:	4202.1.3 says, “See 3034.2.3 <u>3034.1.3</u> ” 4302.1.3 Says “See 3034.2.3 <u>3034.1.3</u> ”
Discussion/Reason:	Correction of incorrectly stated rule.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 8
Description:	Junior Olympics Age limit definition
Current Rule:	The Junior Olympics brings together the top junior competitors from each division. Junior Olympics results determine who is the best overall junior competitor in each discipline:
Proposed Change:	The Junior Olympics brings together the top <u>J</u> junior competitors from each division. Junior Olympics results determine who is the best overall <u>J</u> junior competitor in each discipline:
Discussion/Reason:	If using junior skiers as a defined term from the age class competition section, then capitalize the J in Junior in the section.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 9
Description:	Clarify the meaning of Ranking versus Rating.
Current Rule:	Points List Procedures, page 14 and 15
Proposed Change:	<p>3. All slopestyle, halfpipe, mogul and dual mogul events that are sanctioned during the first competition period will utilize the fall FSP list for calculation of each competitor's events meet rating points.</p> <p>5. A competitor who does not have a ranking on the initial list receives his or her FSP rating ranking upon completion of the first event entered. After having entered two events, his or her FSP rating ranking will be the average of the FSP's earned in the first two events <u>for the next valid list</u>.</p> <p>6. A competitor who has a ranking from the prior season will average his/her carry over rating ranking points with points he or she receives in the first event entered.</p> <p>After competing in two events in the first competition period those competitions will be used to calculate their current FSP <u>for the next valid list</u>. If a competitor only competes in one event during the first two competition periods then that competitor will utilize the average of their final FSP rating ranking from the prior season and the FSP from their only event. This will be the FSP rating ranking this competitor will carry to the second event entered during the current season. After receiving FSP's from two events, the competitor's FSP rating ranking from the prior season is ignored and his or her new FSP will be the average of his or her two scores.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	The word rating refers to an event and the word ranking refers to a competitor as referred to in Points List Purpose number 1 and 2.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 10
Description:	Points and Rankings Point 5: Clarify we do not give new FSP's except when a new list is run.
Current Rule:	Point 5 second sentence: After having entered two events, his or her FSP ranking will be the average of the FSP's earned in the first two events.
Proposed Change:	Point 5 second sentence: After having entered two events, his or her FSP ranking will be the average of the FSP's earned in the first two events <u>on the next valid list.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Point 5 second sentence, what is said implies someone without a prior FSP ranking can get inter-list FSP's calculated to use for subsequent meets before a valid list is run.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 11
Description:	Correct Tie breaking rule reference.
Current Rule:	3045.4.1 Ties in any of the events will be broken by a judge by judge or complete score by complete score comparison. Refer to sections 4156.2, 6009, 6204.5 and 6304.2.1. If the tie cannot be broken, both competitors will receive the better place and the following place will be unused.
Proposed Change:	3045.4.1 Ties in any of the events will be broken by a judge by judge or complete score by complete score comparison. Refer to sections 4156.2 , 6009, 6204.5 and 6304.2.1. If the tie cannot be broken, both competitors will receive the better place and the following place will be unused.
Discussion/Reason:	Refers to a nonexistent rule.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 12
Description:	To correct inaccurate and/or missing verbiage in the Start section 3043.
Current Rule:	3043.4.3 The Moguls start signal begin with a warning 10 seconds before the start. Five seconds before the start, he shall count "3, 2, 1" and then give the start command. Dual Moguls – Comp Guide does not have the actual start command listed.
Proposed Change:	3043.4.3 The Moguls start command begins with a warning 10 seconds before the start. A start command will then be given: " <u>Competitor ready! ... 3, 2, 1, go!</u> " <u>3043.4.3.2 The Dual Moguls start command shall begin with a warning from the Announcer: "Blue Course Ready ... Red Course Ready!" The Starter or Gate Opener shall open both gates simultaneously within 3 seconds of this announcement. Should the gates fail to open for any reason, this procedure shall recommence.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is simply a housekeeping clean-up as we currently follow these FIS Start Commands; this just spells them out more clearly.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&T Housekeeping 13												
Description:	Consolidation of specs for B level and Novice Invert Aerial Sites												
Current Rule:	<p>APPENDIX C</p> <p>Technical Specifications for Novice Inverted Aerial Sites</p> <p>Inverted aerial sites may be constructed for the specific purpose of introducing water qualified USSA athletes to single somersaults. These sites require the supervision and attendance by at least 1 coach certified as level 3 aerials.</p> <p>Specifications: All specs are guidelines and may allow +/-1m regarding table, landing hill, knoll and finish area layout. All angles are also +/-1°.</p> <p>Inrun Specifications: pitch 20° - 25° length 20m minimum</p> <p>Table Specifications: length 10m minimum width 3m minimum</p> <p>Landing Hill Specifications: length 11m at 37° length softened 10m width – top 3m width – finish 6m transition from 37° to 0° for 8m</p> <p>Jump Dimensions: 1 front and 1 back at minimum FIS specifications Optional: 1 additional back and front jump at maximum FIS specifications All jump widths: 1.5m</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Max Distance to Knoll</th> <th>*</th> <th>Height</th> <th>Angle T/O</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Front: 4.0m</td> <td></td> <td>2.0</td> <td>62-65°</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Back: 4.0m</td> <td></td> <td>2.0</td> <td>55-58°</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knoll shall include a prepared snow landing surface filling between the crown of the knoll to each jump block. This “filled” area should gradually round from jump block to slope of landing hill at 37°. 	Max Distance to Knoll	*	Height	Angle T/O	Front: 4.0m		2.0	62-65°	Back: 4.0m		2.0	55-58°
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Back: 4.0m		2.0	55-58°										
Proposed Change:	<u>Delete this section</u>												
Discussion/Reason:	Revised in next section. Invert specs are now included in the next proposal. USSA Eastern B Meet Aerial specs are also included.												
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous												

Development Subcommittee: Chris Haslock

Proposal Number:	Development 1
Description:	Page 15
Current Rule:	US Selections is a 912 float point value
Proposed Change:	US Selections FSP point value will be set at: 956 (850 Floor) Float.
Discussion/Reason:	The US Selections events have been having an increasing number of international skiers with FIS points succeeding those that most US skier has. It is very possible and likely that a non US skier would point the event. Since there is no calculation to turn FIS Points into USSA Points this would eliminate Selections being pointed by a US skier with a lower international ranking.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 2
Description:	Mandatory flight plan filing for an athlete to be on the start list
Current Rule:	Nothing in currently in "Format" however rule 4008.4 states: Announcement of Maneuver: The competitors should file a flight plan at the last team captains' meeting before the event. They should provide a flight plan for each of the two jumps along with the jump number to be used. The flight plan can be changed until the competitor has announced his/her jump to the starter prior to performing his/her competition jump. The competitor shall announce his/her planned jump, by name, immediately prior to entering the starting gate. The planned jump will be announced to the judges, chief score keeper and the public.
Proposed Change:	Add to page 61 under Freestyle Championships – Format: FIS World Cup format. <u>In Aerials the competitors must file a flight plan using the proper jump DD codes at the last team captains' meeting before the event in order to be placed on the start list.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Aerials is the shortest event we run in Freestyle with the runs averaging 7-15 seconds and therefore should finish quicker than any of the other events. However with the requirement that the athlete announce the maneuver that they are going to perform and the process of announcing this jump to the Starter then communication from the starter to the Judges and then from the Judges to the scorer has caused considerable breakdown in the flow of this event causing it to run over allotted time on a regular basis. This year in a random timing it took anywhere from 67 seconds to 193 seconds (3 minutes 13 seconds) the low end is acceptable but the numerous 2 and 3 minute runs are definitely not acceptable. The reason cited for this time was communication breakdown. This should alleviate most of this problem.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 3
Description:	Revise criteria #10 the Personal invites based on results at High level non USSA events
Current Rule:	Listed in Comp Guide 2009 Page 54-55. #10. In halfpipe in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve U.S. finishers per gender in halfpipe at the Winter X Games and/or the U.S. Freeskiing Open.
Proposed Change:	Should have appeared in Comp Guide 2010 on Page 61 as #10. #10. In halfpipe in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve U.S. finishers per gender in halfpipe at the Winter X Games and/or the U.S. Freeskiing Open <u>Aspen Open, as well as, any US Skier ranked in the top 5, per gender, on the USSA Revolution Tour ranking list.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	After 11 years running the U.S. Freeskiing Open fell victim to the financial woes of the world that affected the sponsorship and marketing dollars available to continue to run the event. Aspen Open which has maintained its success and growth run by the Aspen Ski Corp has, for all intents and purposes, replaced the U.S. Freeskiing Open as the premier Open event held on US soil and was agreed to by the Executive Committee this spring to be a suitable replacement for the US Freeskiing Open in our selection criteria.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 4
Description:	Page 15
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>For the 2010-11 USSA Revolution Tour FSP point value will be set at 912 (700 Floor) Float.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	The Revolution Tour is designed to be a mid-level open tour hovering between NorAms and USASA and USSA Divisional event series. It is expected to attract those skiers at the NorAm Level as well as the top Divisional skiers from USSA and USASA circuits allowing those skiers to be ranked against each other head to head. Since many of our NorAm skiers are ranked in the 912 range the event points should be allowed to float there if those skiers attend the event. If the event is capped at 850 and the higher level skiers compete the results would be an unnatural compressing of the points and not allowing skiers a fair chance to use these events to spring board to Nationals or Junior Olympics.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 17-1-0

Proposal Number:	Development 5
Description:	The floor value for Junior Olympics' Dual Moguls should be 850.
Current Rule:	Currently, Junior Olympics' Moguls, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle all have an 850-point floor (pg. 15 of the Comp Guide). Dual Moguls and Aerials have no floor.
Proposed Change:	Jr. Olympics (MO, <u>DM</u> , SS, HP) 912(850 floor) Float list on pg. 15 of the Comp Guide.
Discussion/Reason:	Junior Olympics is a high-level competition that brings together the best junior skiers from the United States. It is highly competitive and the podium finishers deserve to receive a minimum number of points for the hard-fought victories.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 16-2-0

Proposal Number:	Development 6
Description:	Consolidate Development Group
Current Rule:	After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2011, based on the Final FSP list for the 2010-2011 season the top five men and women in moguls, the top five men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, and the top two men women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group. This will guarantee them starts on the NorAm tour. All development group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a development group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start. An athlete who is named to the development group has until June 1, 2011 to accept their spot in the USSA development group. Once the USSA office has been notified that the athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the FSP will be added to the development group.
Proposed Change:	After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2011, based on the Final FSP list <u>NorAm grand prix standing</u> for the 2010-2011 season the next five U.S. men and women in moguls/dual moguls, the top five men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, and the next two U.S. men and women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group. This will guarantee them these <u>athletes'</u> starts on the NorAm tour. All development group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a development group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start. An athlete who is named to the development group has until June 1, 2011 to accept their spot in the USSA development group. Once the USSA office has been notified that the athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the FSP will be added to the development group.
Discussion/Reason:	This will give more value to the development group. In addition, allow for more athletes to earn a NorAm spot at U.S. Selection Events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Coaches Subcommittee: Glenn Eddy

Proposal Number:	Coaches 1
Description:	Deleting the rule concerning submittal of qualification documentation required for non Rotational Jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 720 deg rotation or less.
Current Rule:	3070.3.1 Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 720° rotation or less. Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 720° rotation or less shall be successfully demonstrated on snow and approved by the athlete's coach prior to being used in competition. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). The approving coach shall be at least a Level 1 moguls/aerial coach. A USSA "C" provisional judge or USSA "C" Licensed TD may also approve these two classes of jumps. Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is not required for these jumps
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Discussion/Reason:	This entire language should be deleted from the comp guide. If there is no qualification submittal required, there is no need for a rule to enforce it.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Coaches 2
Description:	Upright Straight rotational jumps greater than 720 and all off axis jumps.
Current Rule:	3070.3.2 Upright Straight Rotational Jumps Greater than 720° and All Off-axis Jumps. Upright, straight rotational jumps greater than 720° of rotation and all off-axis jumps require qualification by a Level 2 moguls or aerial coach or better. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). For qualification, the athlete shall successfully perform the maneuver five consecutive times on water or snow for the qualifying coach. Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is required for these jumps.
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Discussion/Reason:	This language was extremely wordy and confusing. It needed to be updated to reflect foam being a valuable way to train and qualify jumps. It also needed to be updated to the new jump submittal process.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Coaches 3									
Description:	Update Inverted Jump Qualification wording									
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Discussion/Reason:	<p>Item #1 - At the 2009 Spring meeting it was decided to not to include all off axis maneuvers in the same manner as Inverts (requiring an on snow qualifier for moguls) A decision was made that only true inverted maneuvers were to be qualified on snow, categorizing loops as off axis (consistent with egg roll & D –spin). This language change was missed from last spring.</p> <p>Item #2 – By identifying a number of recommended jumps, it is my experience you are giving athletes and parents a potentially incorrect prediction of how many jumps it will take to have a maneuver ready for qualification. I believe it needs to be a case by case decision (usually more) by the coach for the number of recommended jumps.</p> <p>Item #3 – New facilities are becoming available for an athlete to safely demonstrate their maneuver before it is performed on snow. We need to allow the ability to use these new facilities (foam pits) to train and qualify jumps.</p> <p>Item #4 – The word “qualifying” creates contradiction with 3070.3.4 as we do not require these positions to be qualified once layout is qualified.</p> <p>Item #5 – Is old upright language that does not apply anymore.</p> <p>Item #6 – The qualification process is now online, this language change reflects the new procedure in 3070.4</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Coaches 4
Description:	Rewording of the On Snow Mogul Jump Qualifier
Current Rule:	<p>3070.3.3.1 For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump is allowed to be performed in competition it must be further qualified on snow by an independent certified coach designated by USSA specifically for this purpose. USSA shall designate one or more certified coaches for each division (not necessarily from that division) to independently qualify jumps on snow. The process shall be organized by each division. The divisions will be required to advertise the snow qualification day no less then two weeks prior. All qualification days must be opened to all athletes regardless of home division. The division will be responsible for collecting any and all fees from athletes. The division will also be responsible for paying any and all expenses for the qualifier to perform this task. Prior to the on snow qualifying process, athletes shall provide the independent certified coach with a copy of the USSA freestyle aerial qualification score sheet which was signed by their own coach during the first stage of the qualifying</p>

	<p>procedure under rule 3070.3.3. If the independent certified coach qualifies the jump on snow the jump will then be allowed to be performed in competition and the independent certified coach shall submit the on snow USSA freestyle aerial qualification score sheet along with the prior sheet to USSA.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3070.3.3.1 For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump is allowed to be performed in competition it must be further qualified on snow by a <u>level 3 or higher Aerial Coach. This qualification must use the on snow qualifier process as posted online at USSA.org under rules and regulations. Once the athlete successfully completes the on snow qualifier, the qualifying coach must enter the qualification as outlined in 3070.4.</u> independent certified coach designated by USSA specifically for this purpose. USSA shall designate one or more certified coaches for each division (not necessarily from that division) to independently qualify jumps on snow. The process shall be organized by each division. The divisions will be required to advertise the snow qualification day no less than two weeks prior. All qualification days must be opened to all athletes regardless of home division. The division will be responsible for collecting any and all fees from athletes. The division will also be responsible for paying any and all expenses for the qualifier to perform this task. Prior to the on snow qualifying process, athletes shall provide the independent certified coach with a copy of the USSA freestyle aerial qualification score sheet which was signed by their own coach during the first stage of the qualifying procedure under rule 3070.3.3. If the independent certified coach qualifies the jump on snow the jump will then be allowed to be performed in competition and the independent certified coach shall submit the on snow USSA freestyle aerial qualification score sheet along with the prior sheet to USSA.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>After administering the on snow mogul jump qualification process for two years now, I have concluded that the process itself is responsible for making inverts in the moguls safer and of better quality. I believe we should allow all level 3 aerial coaches or higher to snow qualify mogul athletes at any time.</p>
Pass/Fail:	<p>Passed: 14-1-3</p>

Proposal Number:	Coaches 5
Description:	Submitting Jump Qualifications
Current Rule:	<p>3070.4 When required by these rules, the qualifying coach shall submit the athlete's qualification to the USSA Freestyle office using the USSA Freestyle Aerial Qualification Score Sheet. This form, and instructions for completing it, can be found on the USSA website at: www.ussa.org. In addition to submitting qualifications to the USSA Freestyle office, a USSA freestyle division may, at its option, require coaches to submit a copy of the athlete's jump qualifications to the division office.</p>

Proposed Change:	3070.4 When required by these rules, the qualifying coach shall <u>enter submit</u> the athlete's qualification <u>information to the USSA Freestyle office</u> using the USSA <u>Online Jump list</u> . <u>Coaches will use the current Freestyle Aerial Qualification Score Sheet to qualify the jump</u> . This form, <u>and</u> instructions for completing it <u>and the link and instructions for the online Jump List</u> , can be found on the USSA website at: www.ussa.org . <u>In addition to submitting qualifications to the USSA Freestyle office, a USSA freestyle division may, at its option, require coaches to submit a copy of the athlete's jump qualifications to the division office. The Qualifying coach must retain all athlete qualification forms for a period of 7 (seven) years.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This change reflects the new process for a coach to submit an athlete's qualification.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Coaches 6
Description:	Coaches Certification Process
Current Rule:	<p>3070.9 Coach Certification Process</p> <p>Coaches shall prescribe to the following requirements for certification:</p> <p>Level 1: moguls or aerial certification: Shall attend a Level 1 clinic given by a certified Level 1 examiner.</p> <p>Level 2 moguls or aerial certification: Shall attend either a Level 2 moguls clinic or a Level 2 aerial clinic and perform 40 hours of internship.</p> <p>Level 2 Inverted certification: Shall attend a Level 2 aerial or moguls clinic and perform 40 hours of apprenticeship on water and 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow with a Level 3 or higher certified coach.</p> <p>Level 3 Inverted certification: Shall obtain a Level 2 Inverted certification and perform an additional 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow and 40 hours of apprenticeship on water with a Level 4 coach.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3070.9 Coaches shall prescribe to the following requirements for certification:</p> <p>Level 1: moguls or aerial certification shall attend a level 1 clinic given by certified level 1 examiner.</p> <p>Level 2 moguls or aerials certification: shall attend either a Level 2 moguls clinic or a level 2 aerial clinic and perform 40 hours of internship.</p> <p>Level 2 inverted certification: Shall attend a Level 2 aerial or mogul clinic and perform 40 hours of apprenticeship on water and 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow with a level 3 or higher certified coach.</p> <p>Level 3 inverted certification: Shall obtain a level 2 inverted certification and perform an additional 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow and 40 hours if apprenticeship on water with a level 4 coach.</p> <p><u>Mogul Coaching Level Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Level 1 - Level 100 clinic / First Aid / ASEP</u></p> <p><u>Level 2 - Level 200 clinic / Level 1 Mogul cert. / Level 2 Aerial cert. / min 2yrs.</u></p> <p><u>Professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 yrs, but not less than 2 yrs)</u></p>

	<p><u>Level 3 under development</u></p> <p><u>Aerial Coaching Level Requirements (this will also include Freeride off axis jumps)</u></p> <p><u>Level 2 - Attend a Level 200 clinic / Level 100 cert. (any USSA discipline, USASA or other snow sport which must include First Aid, CPR & ASEP / Must complete the level 2 Coaching knowledge / Skills Assessment / Must have 2 yrs professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 yrs, but not less than 2 yrs)</u></p> <p><u>Level 3 – Level 2 certification, Must complete the Level 3 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment. Must have 2 yrs professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 2 yrs, but not less than 2 yrs)</u></p> <p><u>Level 4 - Level 3 certification, Must complete the Level 4 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment, Must have 5 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 5 yrs, but not less than 5 yrs)</u></p> <p><u>Level 5 - Level 4 certification, Must complete the Level 5 Coaching Knowledge / Skills Assessment, Must have 10 years professional coaching (minimum of 25 days per year – days can be accumulated over more than 10 yrs, but not less than 10 yrs)</u></p> <p><u>What the coaching Levels allow:</u> <u>Coaching Certification levels:</u></p> <p><u>Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach may qualify upright and off axis aerial maneuvers. Rotational maneuvers of more than 1080 and single somersaults (including single twists and all loops)</u></p> <p><u>Level 3 Aerial Coach may qualify single flips with more than one twist and “standard” off axis jumps over 1080 (but not including “double” off axis) also minimum level to be a USSA designated on snow qualifier)</u></p> <p><u>Level 4 Aerial Coach may qualify double somersaults (including twists) and “double” off axis jumps.</u></p> <p><u>Level 5 is unlimited</u></p> <p><u>(Note that Level 2 Mogul cert requires Level 2 Aerial cert. As prerequisite)</u></p>
<p>Discussion/Reason:</p>	<p>These changes reflect changes to the Coaching certification process. I had shown that these changes were agreed upon last year but never made the comp guide.</p> <p>There have also been a few updates.</p> <p>#1 – Level 100 cert broadened to include any basic coaching cert</p> <p>#2 – All Practicum (Shadow hours) have been replaced with a Coaching Skills review. I have attached an example of the level 200 for your review</p>

	and input. I believe the adoption of this review will more accurately identify the practical skills necessary to be an inverted aerial coach. #3 – All Coaches certifications also require a certain number of year's professional coaching experiences to be eligible to attain the certification.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Coaches 7
Description:	3070 Jump Qualifications
Current Rule:	This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all moguls, dual moguls, aerial and slopestyle events. This section does not apply to half or quarter pipe venues. If there are conflicts regarding jump qualifications with any other section of this Competition Guide, this section shall have precedence.
Proposed Change:	This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all moguls, dual moguls and aerial and slopestyle events. This section does not apply to half or quarter pipe venues or slopestyle . If there are conflicts regarding jump qualifications with any other section of this Competition Guide, this section shall have precedence.
Discussion/Reason:	Delete slopestyle from qualification requirements
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12-2-4

Membership Subcommittee: Deb Newson

No motions were brought forth from the subcommittee.

Judges Subcommittee: Bill McNice

No motions were brought forth from the subcommittee. Committee plans to take officials' pay issues on travel and reimbursement to the NorAm Committee.

13. Old business: Andy Wise

No items.

14. New business: Andy Wise

New Motion #5: Make the Freeride Working Group a Subcommittee

Motion passes: 13-5-0 New name: Freeride Subcommittee

New Motion #6: Combining R&T and Judges' Subcommittee

Motion passes: 13-3-2 New name: Rules and Officials Subcommittee

New Motion #7: Stagger election for Athlete Representatives who sit on the FSC

Motion passes: Unanimously

New Motion #8: To elect the At-large member to vote on the Executive Committee

Nomination: Konrad Rotermund

Motion passes: Unanimously

Induction of Chairman: Andy Wise

Chris Seemann was inducted as the new chair of the committee.

15. Adjournment: Chris Seemann

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum A

USSA Freestyle Staff Reports Spring Congress 2010

Development Group

Criteria: 2010-2011 Development Group

After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2010, based on the final FSP list for the 2010-11 season, the top five women and men and in moguls and dual moguls, the top two women and men in aerials and the top three women and men in halfpipe, will be named to the USSA development group. This will guarantee them starts on the NorAm tour. All development group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a development group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start. An athlete who is named to the development group has until June 1, 2010 to accept their spot in the USSA development group. Once the USSA office has been notified that an athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the FSP will be added to the development group.

Athletes on Development Group

Aerials:

Allison Treleaven
Sami Palmer
Alex Bowen
Hans Gardner

Moguls/Dual Moguls:

Whitney Henceroth- Duals
Ali Kariotis- Moguls
Aspen Witt- Moguls/Duals
Nessa Dziemian- Moguls
Alison DiGravio- Moguls/Duals
Hannah Curtzweiler- Moguls
Brittany Loweree- Duals
Lindsey Cannon- Duals

Nicholas Keating- Moguls
Bradley Wilson- Moguls/Duals
Reed Snyderman- Moguls/Duals
Wade Parkinson- Moguls
Zak Watkins- Moguls/Duals
Bryan Zemba- Duals
Cody Tempel- Duals

National Team Coaching Contacts

Aerials: Brian Currutt; bcurrutt@ussa.org
Moguls: Lasse Fahlen; lfahlen@ussa.org
Halfpipe/SX: Cheryl Bilisoly; cbilisoly@ussa.org

Guidelines for Development Group

- Development athletes will **not** have use of USSA medical staff or physical therapy.
- Development athletes will **not** be granted waived UOP season passes this year for summer training.
- Team camps are invitation **only**, team coaches will be distributing all notifications; please do not contact Cheryl Bilisoly for camp schedules.

U.S. Junior World Championship Athletes

Cardrona, New Zealand August 20-31, 2010

Halfpipe:

Men

Wing Tai Barrymore
Tucker Perkins
Evan Schwartz
Walter Wood

Women

Devin Logan
Brita Sigourney
Hannah Haupt
Blake Peterson

Ski Cross:

Men

Kyle Smaine
Ethan Fortney
Penn Lukens

Women

Kourtney Mitchell

U.S. Selections & NorAm Update

USSA has reached an agreement with Mainstream Marketing granting them the right to schedule, market, and/or produce all U.S. based FIS Level Events below the FIS World Cup with the exception of the U.S. Freestyle Championships. U.S. Championships will continue to be managed by USSA's Events Department. Mainstream Marketing has been an innovative supporter of Freestyle, and we are very hopeful that this relationship will be able to create a marketable brand for our NorAms, Selections and other key FIS events.

It is very important to note, this does not mean other organizers wanting to host these types of events will no longer be allowed to do so; quite the opposite, if Mainstream is successful in this venture this will be a great benefit to all organizers in bringing a more cost effective model for hosting these events. Each organizer will be in charge of collecting fees, not Mainstream Marketing. Cheryl's focus will be athlete management including event selection criteria, invitations, enforcing rules, filling U.S. quota spots and any other event needs. In addition, Mainstream also agrees to a specific minimum number of US competitions.

Event Schedule

Division Championships

Divisional Championships should be held the first weekend of March.

Selection Events

Steamboat Springs, Colorado, December 16-22, 2010 for Moguls and Dual Moguls
Apex, December 17-21, 2010 for Aerials will be classified as a NorAm

Rev Tour

Dates and location are TBD.

NorAms

TBD, If interested in hosting a NorAm or FIS event, please contact Konrad Rotermund.
The NorAm events will be moving West to East this year and will take up every weekend in February. There may also be a couple in the month of January as well.

Junior Olympics

The Junior Olympics will be in Steamboat Springs, Colorado March 7-14, 2010.

US Championships

U.S. National Championships will be held March 31 – April 3, 2010 at Stratton Mountain Resort.

2010-2011 FSP List Schedule

Proposed Freestyle Points List Dates for 2010-2011:

Period	Close	Valid
Fall List	Nov. 9	Nov. 12
1 Apr. 1- Dec. 27	Dec. 27	Dec. 29
2 Dec. 28- Jan. 18	Jan. 18	Jan. 21
3 Jan. 19- Feb 22	Feb. 22	Feb. 25
4 Feb. 23- Mar. 8	Mar. 8	Mar. 11
5 Mar. 9- Apr. 5	Apr. 5	Apr. 8
6 Apr. 6- May 31	May 31	Jun. 3

Petition to Start

The "Petition to Start" form is now available on the USSA member web site. Please go to www.ussa.org, Freestyle, Competitions (Scroll down, on the right side of the page).

Deadlines

Selections

Submit to USSA by November 4, 2010; Exec meet November 12, 2010; Notification by November 19, 2010.

JOs

Submit to USSA by March 1, 2011; Exec meet March 3, 2011; Notification by March 4, 2011.

Nationals

Submit to USSA by March 15, 2011; Exec meet March 17, 2011; Notification by March 18, 2011.

2010- 2011 Competition Guide

TIMELINE:

May 31, 2010	Divisional Chairs will receive the Comp Guide for editing.
July 16, 2010	All divisional sections due to Cheryl at USSA, noting changes.
July 26, 2010	All final edits to Cheryl, no more changes! All divisional sections must be complete at this time or the Comp Guide will remain the same as the 2009-2010 version of the guide.

U.S. Aerial Team Staff Report – Matt Christensen

This was both an exciting and extremely challenging year as any I have had with the aerial team. The excitement that came with the results of our athletes, most notable were during the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver with Jeret “Speedy” Peterson winning the Silver Medal alongside Ryan St.Onge missing the podium with a respectable 4th place finish. It was also the first time having US Women in the finals since Nikki Stone in 1998. (Three of the four in the Finals who all performed triple twisting double back flips).

The challenges that we faced were poor World Cup results from both the Men’s & Women’s Teams. However, we focused on both the Men’s & Women’s Teams consistently performing / competing at a higher level of DD.

All of that said, from an athletic standpoint, there is a lot of excitement about the potential recruitment of young gymnasts coming over to Aerials. Ryan Snow will be working with the FLY Program to ensure elite level athletes make the move into Aerial Skiing. The same will go for the “Elite Aerial Program” in Lake Placid.

US Moguls Team Staff Report- Scott Rawles

This year was the culmination of a very exciting and challenging four years of preparation. With Hannah Kearney, Shannon Bahrke and Bryon Wilson all medaling at the Olympics, we were able to exceed our Olympic goal of two medals. This was historical in the fact that no mogul team had ever won that many medals at a single Olympic Winter Games.

As exciting as this was there were also additional successes within the program that indicate the next four years could be equally rewarding. The mogul team accumulated 21 podiums and the American women were second, third and fourth on the World Cup Grand Prix.

Heidi Kloser was also named Rookie of the Year by the FIS. We have a very talented group of athletes who are eager for success.

As the economic recovery is still slow and uncertain, we are operating on essentially the same budget as last year, but with the Olympic year completed there will be significant reallocation of funds and man hours. The team size has been slightly reduced to allow for more personal attention to athlete needs. We have submitted an initiative to increase funding for C-team athletes and all attempts are being made to reduce overall spending in an effort to provide all A, B and C Team members with the coaching necessary to reach their full individual potential. One result of the decrease in team size will be increased involvement with the development group.

The most significant change in our staff happened to be the departure of Jeff Wintersteen in March. The coaching staff has realigned duties in an attempt to absorb his functions and still provide athletes with the necessary coaching. At this time there is not a definitive decision regarding the re-hiring of a Head Coach. As always, the coaching staff appreciates all of the volunteer support and the work performed by Cheryl Bilisoly.

The next year and certainly next four years are a crucial re-building period for this team. We are not content to rely on our past successes, and are looking forward to the next challenges. This year we are going to Australia for the first time in August to ski and as well as conduct a conditioning camp. We will be re-focusing on building the depth of the National Team, as there was definitely a focus this year on the Olympic team. We will also continue to identify areas of improvement in the staff as people are given new responsibilities in their jobs.

Addendum B

USSA Education

Timothy Preston

Presentation Overview:

- The purpose of this short presentation is to open up a dialogue on how to create a long-term athlete development model for US Freestyle. To propose greater communication among all clubs in freestyle pertaining to athlete development.
- The presentation includes an overview of a Long-Term Athlete Development model created by FLY Freestyle and the Utah Athletic Foundation.
- It also showcases the Canadian Freestyle LTAD model which is made available on the Canadian freestyle website (freestyleski.com).

Active Start	Fundamentals	Learning to train	Training to Train
Males 0-6; Females 0-6	Males 6-9; Females 6-8	Males 9-12; Females 8-11	Males 12-16; Females 11-15
Introduction to Basic Movement Skills such as climbing, walking, running, skiing, skating, and swimming. First window of gaining flexibility and proper body positions in a playful manner.	FUNdamental Movement Skills; First window of speed for boys and girls Flexibility continues.	FUNdamental Sport Skills; Accomplish Physical Literacy; Major Skill Learning Opportunity; Flexibility Important devo window. Don't rush to teach new skills until the basics are mastered.	Aerobic Capacity with the onset of the growth spurt; Aerobic Power after growth decelerates; Strength with the onset of the menarche for females, 12 - 18 months after growth for Males; Second speed window 11-13 for females and 13-16 for males

Introduction

- LTAD is a framework for full sport system alignment, integrating health and education with sport and physical activity.
- LTAD focuses on the general framework of athlete development with special reference to growth, maturation, and development.
- LTAD is a training, competition, and recovery framework for individuals at all stages of life.

Addendum C
Freeride Working Group Report

Following the 2009 USSA Congress, the Freeride Working Group determined the World Cup halfpipe team selection criteria with approval by the Executive committee. The criteria currently listed on page 69 of the Freestyle Competition Guide will need to be updated for the 2010-11 season.

No halfpipe World Cups were held in the 2009/2010 season. USSA and the Freeride Working Group are working on criteria to choose a World Championship team if no World Cups are held prior to World Championships. We are waiting on the schedule from FIS meetings to confirm before any announcement will be made regarding the selection process for the World Championship team.

Junior World Championship selection criteria for halfpipe will be chosen from the Freestyle Competition Guide. Slopestyle criteria will include Junior Olympic champion, freestyle point list leader, AFP leader and if the quotas allow, the fourth athlete will be chosen from one of those three lists as discretion by the Freeride Working Group. The group will wait until after Turkey for FIS to announce if they will include slopestyle as a championship event. The Junior World Championship team will be invited to USSA Project Gold camps for halfpipe and ski cross coinciding with the Project Gold snowboard camps.

World Cup, World Championship halfpipe and 2011 Junior World Championship criteria will be drafted and sent to the working group for review. Once approved by the group, all criteria will be posted to www.ussa.org.

USSA Events department has committed to include ski halfpipe in the Copper Grand Prix in December of 2010. The decision whether it will be FIS sanctioned or USSA only is still being determined.

Nick Alexakos and Eric Webster from the USSA Events Department will attend the Freestyle Sport Committee meetings and will be available to discuss the Grand Prix and *Revolution Tour* concepts.

Access to the Center of Excellence for halfpipe and ski cross athletes will be confirmed in the next few weeks. Current requests from athletes are being handled on a case-by-case basis. Athletes are able to petition with Cheryl Bilisoly and Jeremy Forster for access.

We have eliminated the halfpipe development group until a real philosophy and support from USSA warrants having the group.

The 2010/2011 *Revolution Tour* will be run by the USSA Events department and will include a ski component for halfpipe and slopestyle. The tour will consist of four different locations, having the best two results comprising a Revolution Grand Prix list. Dates and locations are still being determined. There will be same day license opportunity for non-members of USSA. The *Revolution Tour* by no means is meant to replace divisional events. Incorporating this tour will only enhance the depth of freeride in the USA and support the event and development pipeline. The tour will be one step up from divisional events and one below NorAm events.

USSA judges will be invited to snowboarding judging clinics to share ideas.

Addendum D

Membership Competition Services Update

Event Insurance Information: Two concerns have surfaced lately regarding USSA events and insurance that I want to clarify for you:

1. Landowners (resorts) are "additional insured" for properly scheduled USSA Events.
2. Certificates of insurance are available and have been available upon request for properly scheduled USSA Events.

As you plan your USSA Competitions and Events with your resorts, who are all NSAA members, have confidence with the resorts as they discuss insurance concerns. NSAA and USSA have a very good relationship and have agreed to insurance documentation and language on behalf of the NSAA resorts and the USSA Clubs and Competitions, which was distributed to the resorts by NSAA in the fall of 2009.

You can find a copy of the USSA and NSAA's agreement on our website [here](#). It may be that you need to remind your resort operators of this agreement as you develop your USSA Event schedules.

Note: For additional insurance resources please go to USSA's American Specialties website: http://www.amerspec.com/ussa_cov/.

MEMBER SERVICE UPDATE

Membership Card: Last year we transitioned to a downloadable membership card. Overall, this worked well, but some members had challenges downloading the card. The 2010-11 membership card has been re-designed to help alleviate this challenge.

Online Registration: In 2009-10, 70% of members registered using the online system. We continue to work to improve the system. New this season, among other changes, we've renamed fields to remove some of the confusion for parents registering children. Registration is now open online for next season. We have sent a reminder postcard to alpine FIS athletes and will begin emailing all constituent groups as well.

Membership Dues: Dues will remain unchanged for the 2010-11 season.

Partner Offers: In the 2009-10 season, USSA introduced special offers from our partners including discounts from Audi, Sprint, High Sierra and Neve. We hope to grow these offers in the future. Our members can help keep the efforts moving forward by using the services of our valued partners. Members may access these special offers on the final page of online registration and through the Manage My Account link on www.ussa.org.

Renewal Plan: USSA will use a combination of emails, web postings and postcards to elicit renewals this season. We will evaluate the need for a September hard copy renewal as the season approaches, but hope to minimize the need for this in the future.