

FREESTYLE/FREESKIING SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

USSA CONGRESS 2011

Park City Marriott, 1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT &
USSA Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City, UT

Meeting Chair: Chris "Seedog" Seemann -Present

Committee Membership:

Cheryl Pearson, Park City, UT (Freestyle Program Manager) – Present
Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA (PNSA) **** – Present (non-voting this meeting)
Glenn Eddy, Carrabassett Valley, ME (Coaches and USSA BOD Rep) – Present
Chris Haslock, Park City, UT (Development) – Present
Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT (Rules & Officials) - Present
Justin Henceroth, Denver, CO (Athlete Rep) – Present
Eric Hickman, Tahoe Vista, CA (Far West) **** – Present (non-voting this meeting)
Alex Wilson, Anchorage, AK (Alaska) **** – Present (non-voting this meeting)
Jen Hudak, Salt Lake City, UT (Athlete Rep) (Proxy – David Wise) – Present
Caron Keim, Park City, UT (Intermountain) *** (Vote Proxy – Andy Ware) – Present
Jeff Lange, Kirkland, WA (At-Large) – Present (Friday only)
Craig Matthews, Frisco, CO (Rocky) ** (Vote) – Present
Deb Newson, Mendon, VT (Eastern/Membership)*(Vote) – Present
Mike Papke, Bozeman, MT (Northern) **** (Vote) – Present
Justin Peterson, Sun Valley, ID (Athlete Rep) (Proxy – Mikaela Matthews) – Present
Konrad Rotermond, Salt Lake City, UT (At Large) – Present
Jay Simson, Niskayuna, NY (FIS Rep) – Present
Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Central) **** - Present (non-voting this meeting)
Landon Gardner, Missoula, MT (Athlete BOD Rep) – Present
Todd Schirman, Oakley, UT (Freestyle Program Director) – Present
Andy Wise, Denver, CO (Past Chair) – Present
Tom Yaps, Los Angeles, CA (Freeride Subcommittee Rep) – Present = 18 Votes + Chair

1. Welcome: Seedog

Call to order, Identify sport committee members

2. Agenda Review and Approval: Seedog

Presented restructured subcommittee times for Friday, May 20
10 am – Noon Development; Noon – 1 pm Coaches
2 pm – 2:30 pm Membership; 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Freeride
Agenda was approved by acclamation

3. Approval of the May 2010 Minutes: Seedog
Wise moved; Rotermond 2nd; passed unanimously

4. Approval of R&O Committee members & Freeride Committee members Seedog
Simson moved; Wise 2nd; passed unanimously

5. Executive Committee Report: Seedog
Committee reviewed the current agenda, made edits to the subcommittee meeting times and discussed the restructure.
6. USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Staff Reports: Schirman, Forster, Pearson (See Addendum A)
7. USSA Updates / Membership / Education: Pearson/Barnes (See Addendum B)
USSA Sport Development/Concussion Legislation: Evans/Natt (See Addendum C)
8. FSC Restructure Discussion: Seedog
Motion: To create sport specific subcommittees; Haslock moved; Wise 2nd; Passed:16, 1, 1
9. Reconvene from Friday May 20, 2011: Seedog
Jeff Lange is absent, which brings voting members to 17 + chair
10. Additional Restructure Discussion: Seedog
Motion: To adapt revised committee structure decided by FSC; Yaps moved motion; Rotermund 2nd; Passes: 16, 0, 1
11. USSA Board of Directors' Report: Eddy

There were three meetings of the BOD since the last FSC meeting in 2010.

May 2010 - The bulk of the meeting consisted of the board hearing reports regarding the Olympics. The FSC proposal to have the "past chairman" position as a voting position was ratified unanimously.

October 2010 - FSC proposal creating "Rules & Officials" and "Freeride" subcommittees - Both proposals were ratified unanimously, discussion of the newly created winter Youth Olympics which will include halfpipe and SX in 2012.

December 2010 – Much discussion by the board regarding the U.S. Adaptive Skiing program being managed now by the USOC (more funding opportunities etc). Change in USSA executive structure. Marolt will focus on fundraising. Established Executive VPs for USSA Judelson (Business Enterprise), Bodensteiner (Athletics), Lampe (Finance).

Minutes of all the USSA BOD meetings are available online at the following:
<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/about/governance/meetings/minutes/>
12. FIS Report: Simson (See Addendum D)
13. World Cup Report: Rotermund (See Addendum E)
14. FSC to vote on the proposed restructure of the FSC and all Elections: Seedog

Name the members on FFSC - Motion to fill as many of the positions that were elected the previous year. Chairman – Seedog, R&O – Hayes, Past Chair- Wise, Freeride – Yaps, FIS-Simson, BOD Athlete – Gardner, At Large – Rotermond, At Large – Lange, Freestyle Director – Schirman, Freeskiing Director – Forster

Passed Unanimously

Regional Representatives – Motion for two regional representatives that will rotate on a year to year basis and rotate alphabetically. Divisions will be grouped as follows; Rocky, East and Intermountain group one, Alaska, Northern, Central, Farwest and Pacific Northwest group two. Rocky and Northern will hold votes for the 2012 meeting.

Passed Unanimously

Subcommittee Chairs – Motion to fill aerial, moguls and ski cross subcommittee chairs. Aerials and moguls will be on a two year term rotation. For ski cross first term will be for three years then move to a two year term rotation.

Aerials Nomination – Tim Preston, Passed Unanimously

Moguls Nomination – Chris Marchetti and Erik Skinner, Marchetti won by majority

Ski Cross Nomination – Mike Jaquet, Passed Unanimously

Athlete Representatives – Motion naming current athlete and BOD athlete reps. As terms expire each athlete representative will be voted in as sport specific rep.

BOD Athlete – Landon Gardner
Athlete – Jen Hudak
Athlete – Justin Peterson
Athlete – Justin Henceroth

Passed Unanimously

USSA BOD Representative – Motion to vote representative
Nominations: Seedog, Glenn Eddy, Chris "Hatch" Haslock, Eddy won by majority

Executive Committee – Motion to have positions being held by BOD Rep, BOD Athlete Rep, Sport Director Freestyle, Sport Director Freeskiing, At-Large, Past Chair, and Current Chair

Passed Unanimously

At-Large Members – Motion At Large members will be elected by the FFSC, not appointed by the Chair.

Passed Unanimously

15. Subcommittee Motions

All motions brought to the table were motions that were passed in each subcommittee. Motions have been re-numbered from the agenda to the minutes.
Development Subcommittee Motions/Minutes – Haslock

Proposal Number:	Development 1 (formerly #3)																								
Description:	Terrain park specifications for aerals.																								
Current Rule:	Appendix B Page 138																								
Proposed Change:	<p>APPENDIX B Technical Specifications for Divisional Aerial (<u>Terrain Park may be used</u>) Novice Difficulty Courses* *Note: USSA-Eastern B events may exclude the Single Invert Kicker (Jump 35) and replace with a double block Small** as defined in the specs below. <u>Aerials recommended guidelines</u></p> <p>Inrun: Length: 35 m – 40-70 m Width: 12m – 20m Pitch: 23° +/- 3°</p> <p>Transition: Length: 9 m +/- 3 m</p> <p>Table: Width: 12m – 20m Pitch: 2.5° +/- 1° 0° +/- 3.5°</p> <p>Landing Hill: Length: 18 m -30 m with a minimum 15 m chopped <u>for inverts</u></p> <p>Top Width: 6m – 20m Bottom Width: 12 m – 20m Pitch: 32° +/- 4° 30 minimum Finish Area: 30 m - 60 m</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. <u>Depending on the venue and the level of competitors appropriate combinations of these jumps may be used.</u></p> <p>Jump Dimensions:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Small *Small</th> <th>Med. (7 m)</th> <th><u>Large</u> Single Novice (optional)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Distance to knoll:</td> <td>4 m 4 m</td> <td>7 m</td> <td><u>14 m</u> 4 m 1.5 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Length of jump:</td> <td>5 m 5 m</td> <td>4.5 m</td> <td><u>7 m</u> 5.5 m 3 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Height of jump:</td> <td>1.2 m 1.2 m</td> <td>1.6 m</td> <td><u>3 m</u> 2 m 0.8 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Width of jump:</td> <td>1.2 m 2.4 m</td> <td>2 m – 5m</td> <td><u>2m-5m</u> 1.5 m 1.2 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pitch of takeoff:</td> <td>32° +/- 2° 50° 28° +/- 2°</td> <td>47° +/- 2°</td> <td>36° +/- 2° <u>36° +/- 4°</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*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)</p>		Small *Small	Med. (7 m)	<u>Large</u> Single Novice (optional)	Distance to knoll:	4 m 4 m	7 m	<u>14 m</u> 4 m 1.5 m	Length of jump:	5 m 5 m	4.5 m	<u>7 m</u> 5.5 m 3 m	Height of jump:	1.2 m 1.2 m	1.6 m	<u>3 m</u> 2 m 0.8 m	Width of jump:	1.2 m 2.4 m	2 m – 5m	<u>2m-5m</u> 1.5 m 1.2 m	Pitch of takeoff:	32° +/- 2° 50° 28° +/- 2°	47° +/- 2°	36° +/- 2° <u>36° +/- 4°</u>
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Discussion/Reason:	Terrain parks exist at most ski areas and have unique yet safe jumping available and happening every day. We should be able to use a terrain park jump with little or no modification to hold a competition with aerial rules and results.																								
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Discussion/Reason:	Off Axis doubles were performed this season at Junior Nationals and Off Axis triples were performed this year at the Jon Olson Invitational. A simple way to give these athletes more credit for getting their feet around their head is to just add another "o" to the code and give them a bonus each time it is added. This puts a double Off Axis flat 720 at a DD of 2.46 with a Double Lincoln Loop in Free position, (side flip) a very similar trick, with a DD of 2.60 for comparison.																																													
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous																																													

Proposal Number:	Development 3 (formerly #6)
Description:	Do not allow a repeat of any rotational jump regardless of the amount or order of their positions or grabs in Aerials.
Current Rule:	<p>6008.1 Two jumps are different if any of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They have a different number of positions (p) or grabs (g) 2) They have a different number of half rotations or half twists (horizontal or off axis) 3) They have a different take-off or landing direction (-) 4) They have a different direction of rotation (b,f,s) 5) They have different upright components, or the components are in a different order. <p>For nonrotational upright jumps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) An inverted component in one differs by at least a full twist from the corresponding inverted component in the other
Proposed Change:	<p>6008.1 Two jumps are different if any of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They have a different number of positions (p) or grabs (g) <u>They have a different orientation to the axis of the spin. (Off axis versus horizontal axis verses vertical axis).</u> 2) They have a different number of half rotations or half twists (horizontal or off axis) 3) They have a different take-off or landing direction (-) 4) They have a different direction of rotation (b,f,s, right and left) 5) They have different upright components, or the components are in a different order. <p>For non-rotational upright jumps <u>only</u>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) An inverted component in one differs by at least a full twist from the corresponding inverted component in the other
Discussion/Reason:	The intent of this rule in aerials was lost when we tried to make it the same verbiage as moguls and then changed from FIS rules to allow for a 360 and a 360 with position to be considered different in USSA moguls. In aerials a 7oXG and a 7o are the same jump as is a 3XG and a 3G yet both were allowed at Junior Nationals this year.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 4 (formerly #7)
Description:	Points & Rankings – Points List Procedures
Current Rule:	Any event with a properly completed schedule agreement that is in accordance with current USSA, FIS, and FSC policies will be entered into the FSP system.
Proposed Change:	Excluding Water Ramp Competitions
Discussion/Reason:	<p>A Water Ramp competition is not indicative of what scores an athlete can actually achieve on snow. More often than not, athletes compete with tricks in Water Ramp competitions that they have not qualified to perform on snow. The increased degree of difficulty throws the FSP out of whack when the way this has been set up, could be a very accurate rank of our athletes.</p> <p>Also we may have US competitors enter our water ramp competitions who haven't jumped on snow in many years and end up ranked very high on the FSP, but again that isn't necessarily indicative of what their ranking would be if they competed on snow.</p> <p>In reality our sport takes place on snow and water ramp competitions should be excluded. It's great that Water Ramp events can benefit athletes by accumulating FIS points, but our FSP list would be a better indication of where our athletes stand without them.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 5 (formerly #8)
Description:	Points & Rankings – Points List Procedures
Current Rule:	The Aerials points list is the average of a competitor's best two scores regardless of what events those scores occur in
Proposed Change:	Excluding Water Ramp Competitions
Discussion/Reason:	Please See Above Discussion/Reason in proposal # 7
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 6 (formerly #9)
Description:	Aerial US Selection Event Criteria, Page 57 Comp Guide – Selection/Quotas section 8.
Current Rule:	Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum qualification level in traditional aerials to include at least; for women a front flip and a back flip or a front flip plus a front flip with a twist or a back flip plus a back flip with a twist; for the men a single flip and a double flip. Supporting paperwork must be filed in the USSA Freestyle office no later than October 15th in the year of consideration.
Proposed Change:	Additional athletes may qualify to compete at the U.S. Selection Events in aerials by having a minimum of two different inverted jumps qualified, as defined in FIS Rule 4008.5 Definition of Different Jumps, qualification level in traditional aerials to include at least; for women a front flip and a back flip or a front flip plus a front flip with a twist or a back flip plus a back flip with a twist; for the men a single flip and a double flip. Supporting paperwork must be filed in the USSA Freestyle office no later than October 15th in the year of consideration.
Amendment:	Hatch amended his own proposal to strike "as defined in FIS Rule" from previous proposal.
Discussion/Reason:	This change would promote younger athletes to compete at US Selections and gain valuable training/competition experience.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development 7 (formerly #12)
Description:	Create age groups for each birth year for non-scored events.
Current Rule:	3046.3
Proposed Change:	Add <u>3046.3.3 Competitions that are non-scored embracing young developing athletes events may award age group categories for every birth year.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	LTAD models show that young developing athletes should compete with others their same age. This could be offered as an optional switch in non-scored events.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Coaches Subcommittee Motions – Eddy

No motions. There ensued discussion regarding Coaches' Education, Academy plans and developing curriculum and criteria for Moguls Level 300.

Membership Subcommittee Motions/Minutes – Newson

1. Action Item: R & O – Clean up verbiage for rule 4008.4 and 6007.

Proposal Number:	Membership 1 (formerly #2)
Description:	Freestyle Junior Nationals Page 58 – Quotas and Invitees – Aerials*
Current Rule:	Aerials any inverted aerialist who is on the aerials points list and has qualified an inverted jump but does not qualify for this event then that skier is granted a spot to the Junior Olympic aerial event above the current quota.
Proposed Change:	*Aerials – Any inverted aerialist who is on the aerials points list and has qualified <u>two</u> an inverted jumps but does not qualify for this event then that skier is granted a spot to the Junior Olympic aerial event above the current quota.
Discussion/Reason:	This change would promote younger athletes to compete at Junior Nationals and gain valuable training / competition experience.
Pass/Fail:	15 For; 1 Against

2. Keep, Stop and Start Discussion on Junior Nationals

Keep

- Level of competition high
- Same training times
- Overall qualification from FSP

Stop

- Overuse of courses

Start

- Age group qualification
- Using an additional judges' panel to increase quotas/events
- Separate gender days to increase quotas
- Add SX

3. USSA asked whether to include President's Weekend

Four Divisions were in favor. List #3 will include President's Weekend.

Freeskiing Subcommittee Motions/Minutes –

Action Items: Speed up the scoring process for halfpipe and especially in slopestyle. Some options to help are:

1. Better education
2. More active Head Judge (not in changing scores but in managing the event)
3. Split scoring so top panel is ready when athlete exits the course
4. 2 judging panels (different panel of judges for the women and men)

As many of the Freeskiing proposals were very similar, Yaps decided to combine all of the Overall Impression into proposal 10 and Deduction for falls/percent of deductions into proposal 11 below.

Proposal Number:	Freeride 1
Description:	Add wording for loss of ski(s) in Slopestyle
Current Rule:	4608.2 Loss of Ski(s) The Judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.
Proposed Change:	<u>4608.2 Loss of Ski(s)</u> <u>If a competitor loses a ski before the finish line, he may finish on one ski. He will be judged according to his performance. If the competitor does not continue his run and fails to put his ski back on in a ten second time limit, he/she will be judged up to that point. If a competitor stops for more than 10 seconds he/she will be scored to that point.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This rule applies to all other Freestyle disciplines. USSA rules pertain to the development of this sport and should not always follow FIS rules.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 2 (formerly #4)
Description:	Add the wording for the tie breaking procedures.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	ADD: 6154.2 Tie Breaking Ties will first be broken by the next highest scoring run. Then if there is still a tie a judge-by-judge comparison should be used, see rule 3045.4.1 In case this does not break the tie, the highest total scored run will determine the winner. If the tie cannot be broken by this procedure, both competitors will receive the same placing.
Discussion/Reason:	Currently we only have rule 3045.4.1 to break ties. To remain consistent with other sports we need an additional method.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 3 (formerly #6)
Description:	Upgrade the Specs for Slopestyle to have better quality events
Current Rule:	<p>Appendix A: Slopestyle Maximum of 5 features on site</p> <p>Jump height: min 1 m – max 3 m Distance to knoll: min 4 m – max 15 m Landing hill length: min 10 m Landing hill pitch: min 30° - 38° max Takeoff angle: min must equal landing hill pitch</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Slopestyle Maximum of 5 features on site <u>Course will be set up in a terrain park using multiple features. At least two of the features must be different nature (e.i. one rail and one jump). A difficult and an easy option on each feature is best. Judged features should be marked so it is obvious what is being used.</u></p> <p><u>Jump recommended guidelines:</u> Jump hHeight: min-1 m – max <u>35</u> m Distance to <u>knuckle</u> (knoll): min-4 m – max <u>1520</u> m Landing hill length = <u>double distance to knuckle:</u> min-10 m - <u>40 m</u> Landing hill pitch: min-32° -38° max <u>+/- 5°</u> Takeoff angle: min-must equal landing hill pitch <u>+/- 3°</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	The sport is constantly evolving using unique features is part of the appeal of Slopestyle. To put limitations on this is stifling to the growth and expression in this sport.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 4 (formerly #7)
Description:	Change the maximum available points to 100.
Current Rule:	<p>6152.0 Scoring</p> <p>The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 50.0 points. Judges score <u>all</u> categories combined (1 judge gives 10.0 points from all categories.)</p> <p>Official score sheets will be available.</p> <p>The judges' scores will be added for a total of 50.0 points maximum.</p> <p>Training</p> <p>All judges have to watch training to establish the scales for each event in all judges' criteria. These scales will vary from event to event and will be based on pipe, jump or other feature geometry, the snow conditions and the level of the competition.</p>
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Discussion/Reason:	Slopestyle currently uses a 100 point maximum and it looks like FIS will also change to a 100 point system. To allow for AFP and/or IJC judging criteria to be used eliminating 20 per category is valuable. Although they also have 4 primary categories there are several subcategories too.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 5 (formerly #8)																																							
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Discussion/ Reason:	<p>U.S. Revolution Tour events were proposed last year to have a floor of 850 but it was agreed that we would watch them for a year to assure the level of skiing was as high as expected.</p> <p>The skiing was at the Jr. Nationals, which left the RevTour greatly under valued causing the skiers who supported the circuit to be ranked far below their level of skiing.</p> <p>This caused a very lopsided points list. U.S. Grand Prix was a NorAm this year but it may be run not as a NorAm at any time but still should receive the same FSP value as a NorAm.</p> <p>Lastly a few years ago we voted that the lowest a Divisional event would be ranked was 100 so a small region or newly emerging region would still acquire some points even if no skiers were ranked. This</p>																																							

	practice is already happening so it should be reflected.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 6 (formerly #9)
Description:	Junior Nationals Formats for Halfpipe and Slopestyle should change to a Qualifying Heats and Finals system.
Current Rule:	<p>Page 57</p> <p>Format</p> <p>Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules, a qualifications/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals. The results from finals will be used for overall and age group awards. The results from finals will also be used for the FSPs, as explained in chapter 2 of this guide, FIS FSP adjustment for Moguls and Duals. Run order selection for dual moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympic selection, the top 16 Athletes will be seeded and the following Athletes will be randomly selected. Slopestyle at Junior Olympics should be run as a slopestyle event with multiple features. (Halfpipe and Slopestyle Format will be first run random second run reverse order of top 20 results then from the 21st place to the last place result. [This is the format used the last 3 years, missing from the current comp guide]). One day prior to the draw for each event there will be an entry meeting where the quota's for that event will be analyzed and filled with any alternates giving them due time to be notified, respond, commit, register and arrive.</p>

Proposed Change:	<p>Page 57 Format</p> <p>Junior <u>Olympics Nationals</u> is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules; a qualifications/finals format will be used for moguls, <u>halfpipe</u> and <u>slopestyle</u>.</p> <p>In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals.</p> <p><u>In halfpipe and slopestyle qualifications the athletes will be split into heats of up to 40 skiers, using all available ranking lists (FSP, AFP, USASA, RevTour, etc.); the athletes will be seeded into heats as evenly as possible then randomized. Each heat will have two (2) qualification runs.</u></p> <p><u>Each heat will have a separate warm-up time.</u></p> <p><u>Up to eight (8) athletes per heat will advance to finals then up to six (6) from the next highest scores, regardless of heats, advance to fill the remaining starts in the finals. The two (2) run final will consist of 20 athletes (women and men), or 50% of their field whichever is lower, running in reverse order of their qualifying scores.</u></p> <p>The results from finals will be used for overall and age group awards. The results from finals will also be used for the FSPs, as explained in chapter 2 of this guide.</p> <p>FIS FSP adjustment for <u>Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Moguls</u> and <u>Duals</u>. Run order selection for dual moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympic selection, the top 16 athletes will be seeded and the following athletes will be randomly selected.</p> <p>Slopestyle at Junior <u>Olympics Nationals</u> should be run as a Slopestyle event with multiple features. (<u>Halfpipe and Slopestyle Format will be first run random second run reverse order of top 20 results then from the 21st place to the last place result. [This is the format used the last 3 years, missing from the current comp guide]).</u></p> <p>One day prior to the draw for each event, there will be an entry meeting where the <u>quotas</u> for that event will be analyzed and filled with any alternates giving them due time to be notified, respond, commit, register and arrive.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	The Qualifying Heats and Finals format is the most common format used at championship events in Freeskiing events of halfpipe and slopestyle. We should be using this format at USSA's premier championship event Junior Nationals.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 7 (formerly #10)
Description:	Allow points adjustment for proper rankings where semis and finals are involved.
Current Rule:	<p>Page 18</p> <p>FIS FSP Result Adjustment for Halfpipe</p> <p>Logic = In halfpipe where there are a semis and finals system, it is possible that a score from one or more athletes that do not make the finals will be higher than that of a finalist. This happens by virtue of the absoluteness of the final results.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Page 18</p> <p>FIS FSP Result Adjustment for Halfpipe <u>and Slopestyle</u></p> <p>Logic = In Halfpipe <u>and Slopestyle</u> where there <u>is</u> a semis and finals system, it is possible that a score from one or more athletes that do not make the finals will be higher than that of a finalist. This happens by virtue of the absoluteness of the final results.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	We have made these accommodations for Halfpipe, Moguls and Duals so it is only appropriate to add Slopestyle to the text.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 8 (formerly #11)
Description:	Jr. Nationals qualification criteria – Halfpipe & Slopestyle
Current Rule:	<p>Quotas and Invitees</p> <p>1. The Junior Olympic invitations for all events are chosen from the most recent USSA Freestyle Points list #3. The registration procedure for Junior Olympics will be updated every year at the membership subcommittee meeting at the USSA spring congress with the specific dates and with what party will handle registrations</p> <p>2. If by virtue of criterion #1 a division does not have three athletes per gender, qualified in a discipline, then the division is guaranteed a maximum of three men and three women in each of the events (moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle and halfpipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost</p> <p>(50 per gender)</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Qualification to Jr. Nationals (Increase to approx 60 per gender with max field size of 120)</p> <p>1. 2010-11 USASA Age Class (13-15yr / 16-18yr / Open) Top 3 from each (9 men / 9 women total)</p> <p>-2010-11 USASA Age Class (10-12yr) Winner (1 men / 1 women total)</p>

	<p>(USASA Athletes will be above and beyond the quota)</p> <p>2. Top ranked USSA points list athletes - 50 men / 50 women (not including any athletes from criteria #1)</p> <p>3. 2011-12 Divisional quota Each Region is guaranteed Minimum 5 men / 5 women *each region determines how to qualify their athletes</p>															
<p>Amended version:</p>	<p>1. The Junior Olympic invitations for all events are chosen from the most recent USSA Freestyle Points list #3 <u>and in some cases USASA age class rankings at the most recent USASA nationals.</u></p> <p>The registration procedure for Junior Olympics will be updated every year at the membership subcommittee meeting at the USSA spring congress with the specific dates and with what party will handle registrations.</p> <p>For the 2010-2011 competition period the registration and invitation procedures will be as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Juniors invitation list will be published by <DATE> on www.ussa.org in the Freestyle Junior Olympics Section. Updates will also be posted in the same section. b. From the initial posting and as invitations are updated invitations must be accepted within 48 hours of posting. Invitations that are NOT accepted will become null and void. For example... c. Once an invitation is accepted.... d. The invitation updating process will continue online until.... <p>2. <u>For the Halfpipe and Slopestyle events, top finishers from each of the following age classes at the most recent USASA nationals shall be invited to Junior Nationals according to the following quotas:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="743 1331 1127 1549"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Age Class</u></th> <th><u>Men</u></th> <th><u>Women</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>10-12 years</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>13-15 years</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>16-18 years</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Open*</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> <td><u>3</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>* Athletes who are not eligible for Junior Nationals by virtue of their age are not included in the Open ranking.</u></p> <p>3. <u>The top athletes from the most recent USSA Freestyle Points List #3 are invited according to the below quotas. Any athletes who qualify by virtue of criterion #2, should not be included in the following quotas:</u></p>	<u>Age Class</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>10-12 years</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13-15 years</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>16-18 years</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Open*</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
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Discussion/Reason:	It is key to establish simple, sport-relevant criteria for Halfpipe & Slopestyle that athletes, coaches, parents etc. can easily understand. USASA is playing a role in the development of Halfpipe and Slopestyle skiing and we should encourage athlete development between organizations as athletes progress. Also important is seeing the immediate reward of qualifying from one event directly into another while balancing the overall importance of the various ranking lists.																		
Pass/Fail:	16 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstain																		

Proposal Number:	Freeride 9 (formerly #21)
Description:	Splitting of judging panels
Current Rule:	6603 Scoring procedures
Proposed Change:	<p>This is not a change but an addition.</p> <p><u>6603.3 (new rule number)</u></p> <p><u>The judging panel may be split between the features if needed. The jury will set the placement of judges. Content of the course must be considered in the process. Visibility, and the appropriate weighting, of each of the features needs to be carefully planned to allow for fair and even values for each section of the course.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	Some Slopestyle events the whole course cannot be seen from one place.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 10
Description:	Overall Impression
Current Rule:	Refers to Freeride 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17
Proposed Change:	Judging for Halfpipe and Slopestyle events will be based solely on Overall Impression
Discussion/Reason:	Best reflects the nature of the sport
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Freeride 11
Description:	Deductions for falls/Percentages of deductions
Current Rule:	Refers to Freeride 5, 16, 18, 19, 20
Proposed Change:	Eliminate any set guidelines for points deductions
Discussion/Reason:	Unnecessary now that scoring is based solely on Overall Impression
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Rules and Officials Subcommittee Motions/Minutes – Hayes

Meeting Review –

- All TD reports for the upcoming season will be emailed to Andy Hayes and the National office.
- R & O will be responsible to rewrite the rules for the freestyle competition guide per all committee rule changes.
- R & O has decided to add athletes to their committee.
- Thom Schafer and Don Ramirez will be updating the old written judging constitution.
- Thom Schaefer will be editing the video for the training guide that will be shared across the country as a training tool for all the judges.
- The Committee is interested in coming up with a level 1 training clinic that could be posted online for all officials.

Proposal Number:	R&O 1
Description:	Adjust the DNF rule to allow judging to that point
Current Rule:	3058.2 For skiing out of the course boundaries in Moguls and Ski Cross, which includes not passing crossing through the gate line control gates or the finish gate line. In Dual Moguls, crossing the middle line of the course. A competitor shall be deemed to have crossed the middle line if both feet cross the line.
Proposed Change:	3058.2 For skiing out of the course boundaries in Moguls and Ski Cross, which includes not passing or crossing through the gate line control gates or the finish gate line. In Dual Moguls, crossing the middle line of the course. A competitor shall be deemed to have crossed the middle line if both feet cross the line. <u>Except in the case of rule 6205.1, 6605.1</u>
Discussion/Reason:	With the adoption of the FIS rule 3058, we have a conflict with rules 4206.1 and 6605.1. For the development of the sport we need to still score up to the point of the fall for Moguls
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&O 2
Description:	Add the wording for judging to that point in Slopestyle.
Current Rule:	4608.2 Loss of Ski(s) The judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.
Proposed Change:	4608.2 Loss of Ski(s) <u>If a competitor loses a ski before the finish line, he may finish on one ski. He will be judged according to his performance. If the competitor does not continue his run and fails to put his ski back on in a ten second time limit, he will be judged up to that point (0 time points). If a competitor loses both skis he will be judged up to that point (0 time points). If a competitor stops for more than 10 seconds he/she will be scored to that point and receive 0 time points.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This rule follows what we do in the Mogul event and makes it clear what happens in all cases of lost ski(s).
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&O 3
Description:	Adding jury discretion to reduce training.
Current Rule:	4202.1.5.1 There will be a minimum of one hour of official training on the competition day.
Proposed Change:	4202.1.5.1 There will be a minimum of one hour of official training on the competition day. <u>The Jury may reduce the recommended one hour training if required by conditions.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	All of our other disciplines allow the jury to shorten the Official training if conditions require it.
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R&O 4 (formerly #5)
Description:	Add wording to the format section on page 57 for proper seeding of the Dual event at Junior Olympics <u>Nationals</u>
Current Rule:	Run order selection for Dual Moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympics <u>Nationals</u> selection, the top 16 athletes will be seeded and the following athletes will be randomly selected.
Proposed Change:	Run order selection for Dual Moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympics <u>Nationals</u> selection. The top 16 athletes will be seeded, but cannot be seeded against numbers 17 to 32 per FIS normal Dual bracketing. Remaining athletes will be randomly selected. WinFree has the correct bracketing choice to accomplish this in the Dual bracketing section.
Discussion/Reason:	This seems to be a point of confusion at all Jr. National Dual events. This added verbiage would provide better direction on how to bracket.
Pass/Fail:	15 For, 2 Against

Proposal Number:	R&O 5 (formerly #6)
Description:	Update the Officials Reimbursement policy on the USSA web site.
Current Rule:	<p>3013.3 The organizing committee must compensate the TD according to the current policy of the division or in the case of a national caliber event, the current policy of the USSA Freestyle subcommittee for rules and technical.</p> <p>3030.8.5 Reimbursement of travel expenses and all costs arising out of his duties at the inspections and competitions, as per the current policy of the USSA Freestyle subcommittee for rules and technical, or the division.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3013.3 The organizing committee must compensate the TD according to the current policy of the division or, in the case of a national caliber event, the current policy of the USSA Freestyle subcommittee for rules and technical <u>officials as stated on the USSA web site.</u></p> <p>3030.8.5 Reimbursement of travel expenses and all costs arising out of his duties at the inspections and competitions, as per the current policy of the USSA Freestyle subcommittee for rules and technical officials, <u>officials,</u> or the division.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>The Rules and Officials Chairman will coordinated with USSA staff and the head judge to update the reimbursement document on the USSA web site.</p> <p>USSA/members/Judges and Officials/education and training/Freestyle/Judges and Officials Reimbursement Policy</p>
Pass/Fail:	Unanimous

15. Motions not passed in subcommittees (See Addendum F)

16. New business: Seedog

Seedog proposes by August 1st that all new subcommittees are to populate their structure as well as list who will sit on the committees. By October 1st propose an agenda of each subcommittee's vision and how many times the subcommittee will meet throughout the year.

Hatch proposes a motion to add "moguls and dual moguls" to rule 12 on page 16 of the 2010-11 Freestyle Competition Guide. Rule will now read, "Athletes who do not meet divisional requirements will not be included on List 4 in moguls and dual moguls. A list of athletes who do not meet the requirements will be provided to USSA by the Divisional Chairs."

Passed Unanimously

Hatch states that if an athlete has earned a quota spot based off of the FSP list you cannot take that start away from them if they have not fulfilled divisional requirements. Athletes will not be eligible for divisional allocations for events.

17. Adjournment: Seedog

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum A: USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Staff Reports

Domestic Event Update - Cheryl Pearson

2010- 2011 Competition Guide Timeline

May 31, 2011- Divisional Chairs will receive the Comp Guide for editing.

July 15, 2011- 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 2010-2011 version of the guide.

2010-2011 FSP List Schedule

Dates will be published after review from Divisional Chairs in Membership Subcommittee, located in Competition Guide and posted to:

<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/sports/freestyle/rules.html>

Petition to Start

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

<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/sports/freestyle/advancement.html>

Deadlines

Selections: Submit to USSA by Tues November 1, 2011; Exec meet Fri November 4, 2011; Notify by Tues November 8, 2011

JO's-

Submit to USSA by Tues Feb 28, 2012; Exec meet Thurs March 1, 2012; Notify by Fri March 2

Nationals-

Submit to USSA by Tues March 13, 2012; Exec meet Thurs March 15, 2012; Notify by Fri March 16

Rev Tour/Grand Prix/Hole Shot Cross Tour

Dates and location TBD, updates will be located on:

<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/events/snowboarding.html>

Division Championships

Dates and locations TBD, updates will be published on respective divisional websites

Marriott Jr. Championships/USSA Freestyle Junior Nationals

The Junior Nationals will be held March 5-11, 2011 at Steamboat Springs

U.S. Championships

U.S National Championships will be held March 22-25, 2011 at Stratton Mountain Resort

U.S. Selections & NorAm Update – Konrad Rotermund

Selections/NorAm

All Selection and NorAm event information will be posted on www.urtur.com and

<http://www.ussa.org/magnoliaPublic/ussa/en/events/freestyle.html>

National Team Coaching Contacts

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Moguls: Scott Rawles; srawles@ussa.org

Halfpipe/Slope: Jeremy Forster; jforster@ussa.org

Ski Cross: Abbi Nyberg; anyberg@ussa.org

U.S. Team Staff Report – Todd Schirman

New Staff

Todd Schirman – Program Director
Todd Ossian – Aerials Head Coach
Eric 'Bergy' Bergoust – Head Development Coach
Jaroslav 'Jari' Novak – Assistant EADP Coach
Harald Marbler – Moguls Coach

New Programs

Young Guns (moguls) Jun 1-9, 2011
Aerial Recruitment Camp Jun 13-19, 2011
(Late summer camp TBD)

U.S. Aerial Team Staff Report – Todd Ossian

It was challenging for me as well as for our new head development coach, Eric Bergoust, as we started in the middle of August and did not have a lot of time to prepare for the season. Despite our starting toward the end of the water ramp season, I believe the national team as well as our elite aerial development program (EADP) both had productive and successful seasons.

The national team was awarded with five World Cup podiums this season (compared with 0 in the 2010 Season). Ashley Caldwell had her first career podiums with an exciting World Cup win in Lake Placid, as well as a 2nd Place finish at the World Cup in Minsk. Scotty Bahrke also achieved his first World Cup podium in Calgary with a 3rd place finish.

On the ladies side we achieved three World Cup podiums which is the most by the team since 1998 and with Emily Cook's World Cup win in Moscow, it was the first time in the history of the World Cup that two American women have won aerial World Cup events in the same season.

We fell short at World Championships. After Emily Cook and Ashley Caldwell finished in first and second position in the qualification, we were unable to secure a position on the podium. Though Ashley Caldwell's 4th place finish was respectable, we still felt we let a great opportunity slip away.

Much of our focus has been on development and recruitment. On the development side, we are in great hands and very lucky to have Eric Bergoust leading our program. National team athletes that were part of the elite aerial development program (EADP) achieved six NorAM podiums this season and won both the men's and ladies NorAM grand prix titles. I am really proud of the six NorAM podiums we achieved this past season, but am more excited that we are predicting an increase from six this season to 31 NorAM podiums next year and feel very confident that we will achieve that goal.

In addition to our EADP based in Lake Placid, we are hosting two recruitment camps this summer, one in Lake Placid and one in conjunction with Fly Freestyle in Park City. These camps are targeting elite level gymnasts, trampolinists, power tumblers, and divers. We are expecting 15 new aerialists at the camp in Lake Placid and 15-20 new aerialists at the camp in Park City. We also aim to host a camp in Park City later in the summer targeting regional freestyle clubs.

US Moguls Team Staff Report – Scott Rawles

This year was an excellent year as Hannah Kearney was the World Cup mogul grand prix champion and also won the overall freestyle World Cup title. She also had two medals at the Freestyle World Championships at Deer Valley. We had three women in the top ten in moguls (Kearney 1, McPhie 5, Outtrim 9) and three men in the top ten in moguls (Deneen 4, Cota 5, DiGravio 10). Jeremy Cota

also posted the first podium finishes of his career. We had a total of 17 World Cup podiums for the year.

As the economic recovery is still slow and uncertain we are operating with a decreased budget which presents challenges to offer the same amount of quality training with less resources. The team size has slightly increased 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. The development group has been invited to participate at the first U.S. team camp of the prep period at the end of May and will have increased access to national team resources. We will also be doing a camp with a 13-15 year old group called the Young Guns project that will take place the first week of June.

The most significant change in our staff was the hiring of Harald Marbler who was the former head coach from Austria. Harald brought a lot of experience to our staff and took on the scouting assignment for the Young Guns project at Junior Nationals. As always, the coaching staff appreciates all of the volunteer support and the appreciable work performed by new program director Todd Schirman and by program manager Cheryl Pearson.

The next year and certainly next three 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 second time in August for our summer mogul camp. We will use this camp to focus on our work with the C-team athletes as we have added 6 new athletes to the team including two athletes who made the team at the selection events last December. We will also continue to identify areas of improvement in the staff as people are given new responsibilities in their jobs.

U.S. Freeskiing Staff Report – Jeremy Forster

The past 12-months saw an amazing amount of work by many people and organizations helping progress the development of halfpipe, slopestyle, and ski cross. Below is a summary of those efforts:

Jr. World Championships

Hosted by New Zealand this event was a great launching point. The late addition of slopestyle skiing was a great opportunity and received a lot of positive coverage. The U.S. had tremendous results winning a combined eight (8) medals between the three events (hp, ss and sx).

Revolution Tour

Managed by USSA Events Department (Nick Alexakos) the Revolution Tour included halfpipe, slopestyle, and ski cross within the four events during the season. Strong athlete participation, resort partnerships, and industry sponsorships kicked off the tour in a positive way. As both USSA events and AFP (Association Freeskiing Professionals) Bronze level events the Revolution Tour helped bridge the gap between regional level and elite level competitions. Reviews were generally positive, however, for sure improvements can be made. Continued focus on providing the best possible venues and judging will be a priority during planning for next season.

Hole Shot Tour

A dedicated tour for snowboardcross and ski cross, the Hole Shot Tour (managed by Abbi Nyberg) was another success this past season. We need to continue our efforts in encouraging participation in ski cross and working with alpine clubs to let them know about this opportunity for athletes looking for other on-snow competition experiences. Ski cross will be scored to the USSA points list starting in

2011-12. The ranking system will be similar to the FIS ranking system and best of two results. For more details on the ranking system view the 2011-12 Freestyle Competition Guide.

Denver Big Air

A spectacle in downtown Denver, this event was held in conjunction with the SIA show mid-week. The event drew thousands of spectators and had a great impact on the athletes who were able to participate. The unique 'industry brand' format for the skiing event created a different feel that really engaged the companies and athletes competing. This event also served as the announcement location for our newly created U.S. Freeskiing brand (and long term partnership with The North Face) to represent our programs in halfpipe, slopestyle, and ski cross. The development of this brand was over 18-months in discussion and planning. Ultimately, it creates a new platform to represent these new Olympic sports and connect with the athletes and industry.

Grand Prix

The inaugural halfpipe skiing event at the Copper Grand Prix was the kick-off to World Championship qualifications with Jen Hudak, Jess Cumming, Simon Dumont, and Tucker Perkins qualifying for World Championships. Our partnerships with Copper Mountain, AFP, and Freeskier were huge to the success of the event and start of the competition season. URTUR provided live webcast of the event which greatly enhanced the reach of the event.

World Championships

Deer Valley/Park City hosted World Championships with the IOC closely watching the halfpipe and slopestyle competitions for potential Olympic inclusion. Much credit should be given to FIS for their cooperation in including the best hp/ss judges at the event, along with the late addition of slopestyle to the event. Our qualification criteria worked very well with the best athletes representing the U.S. in ski cross, halfpipe and slopestyle. Many thanks to the Freeskiing subcommittee who helped develop and implement the criteria for this important event. In addition, the best athletes in the world supported the event and presented a strong case for both halfpipe and slopestyle to be included in 2014. U.S. Freeskiing results contributed five (5) medals to the USA medal count during Worlds placing us in 2nd overall behind Canada.

2014 Olympics

The news we had all hoped for was finally announced in April with halfpipe skiing being included in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games. The halfpipe athletes have tirelessly represented themselves and their sport for many years with this goal in mind and should be proud of their accomplishment. We continue to hope for a positive announcement regarding slopestyle skiing by early June. For sure this begins an exciting new chapter in the development of freeskiing.

U.S. Freeskiing

In January USSA established U.S. Freeskiing as a new brand to represent halfpipe, slopestyle, and ski cross programs within USSA. This was done in cooperation with the athletes and industry and has been well received as a positive direction for USSA to engage with these sports. The brand creative was launched in early May. Many of you were involved in the brand development process and your time and input are appreciated.

U.S. Freeskiing, as part of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA), encompasses the sports of ski cross, halfpipe, and slopestyle skiing. It is dedicated to the progression of the sport from grassroots programs to elite level success with the ultimate goal of helping American freeskiers reach the Olympic podium.

USFST Nominations

A Team (5 Female, 5 Male)

Ashley Caldwell	aerials	Scotty Bahrke	aerials
Emily Cook	aerials	Jeremy Cota	moguls
Hannah Kearney	moguls	Patrick Deneen	moguls
Heather McPhie	moguls	David DiGravio	moguls
Eliza Outtrim	moguls	Bryon Wilson	moguls

B Team (1 Female, 2 Male)

Heidi Kloser	moguls	Joe Discoe	moguls
		Dylan Ferguson	aerials

C Team (6 Female, 13 Male)

Alexa Devereaux	aerials	Nevin Brown	aerials
Ali Kariotis	moguls	Alex Bowen	aerials
Allison Lee	aerials	Shane Cordeau	moguls
Brittany Loweree	moguls	Jimmy Discoe	moguls
Mikaela Matthews	moguls	Ryan Dyer	moguls
KC Oakley	moguls	Hans Gardner	aerials
		Landon Gardner	moguls
		Sho Kashima	moguls
		Jonathon Lillis	aerials
		Nate Roberts	moguls
		Mike Rossi	aerials
		Bradley Wilson	moguls
		Bryan Zemba	moguls

EADP Athletes

Mac Bohannon, Eric Loughran, JJ Boyczuk, Kiley McKinnon, Nicholas Novak, Tommy Coe, Jack Langford, Joe Kardamis

Development Group Moguls

Alison DiGravio, Alyssa Lawson, Lane Stoltzner, Annie Serra, Kelsey Albert
Jay Panther, Michael DiGrandis, Reed Snyderman, Cody Tempel, Zak Watkins

Development Group Aerials

Adriana Pickering, Madison Olsen
Mac Bohannon, Eric Loughran

Young Guns

Anna Park, Lynne Hickman, Taryn Baker, Kaitlin Harrell, Kealey Zaumeil, Page McCargo
Hunter Bailey, Morgan Osborne, Holden Largay, Emerson Smith, Bruce Perry Jr.

Addendum B: Membership Update

USSA UPDATE

Launch of Freeskiing

- Freeskiing Competitor offering – for those participating in skicross, slopestyle, skier halfpipe only
- Freestyle Competitor offering continues – for those participating in Freeskiing events as well as moguls and aerials
- *Freeskier* magazine available for Freeskiing and Freestyle members

Background Screening Turnaround Time

- Turnaround time is increasing
- Approximate turnaround time for those residing in the U.S. for 7 years or more can be 2-3 weeks
- Foreign coaches and officials who have lived abroad can take several months
- Inactivation – No more \$25 reactivation fee. However, those who fail to complete the screening process will simply be inactivated until USSA receives a green light determination

Online Registration

- Live for 2011-12 season
- Concussion Policy acceptance required for all members

2011 Fees

- No change in USSA fees
- \$5 increase in FIS registration fees across the board

MEMBER SERVICE INNOVATIONS

New User Account System

- Will allow members to associate and manage multiple memberships with one user account
- Requires members to create a new user account this season
- Email may now be used as a username

Data Security / Member Tools

- Parents are concerned about safety of their children and seek to keep their information secure
- Securing Member Tools behind account login for both individual members and clubs
- Member Tools – Club Roster, Member Lookup, Member List, Card Print will require login access

Online Chat Support

- Chat support is now available within online registration
- Giant step forward in supporting online registration questions

New Member Sites

- Will launch in fall

Addendum C: Sport Development Report and Concussion Legislation

The concussion policy is part of the USSA Membership renewal procedure. Information is located at the following:

http://media.ussa.org/forms/athletics/2011-2012/membership/Concussion_Policy_Final_Printed.pdf
http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Addendum D: FIS Report – Jay Simson

1. Moguls - Several mogul proposals that include making an overall scoring system, changing to only 4 air categories (including penalizing any jump that does not have a grab), have 6 judges so there is no hi-low throw out, and modifying the scoring system to a 100 point system. There is no proposal to change from 50/25/25 - turns/speed/air- but an overall system would change the entire process.
2. Aerials - there are both procedural and rules proposals. Procedurally there is a new finals qualifying format which would result in the top 4 jumpers having a third jump. There is some question as to how points would be accumulated, if at all. There is also a team proposal and a summer grand prix proposal. On rules, there is a proposal for an overall 6 judge system, the use of replay, and the identification of a specialist to identify twists and timing.
3. Pipe/Slope - There is a proposal to formally adopt the overall system of judging (it's currently allowed as is category judging), move to 100 points, and modify the finals run orders to coordinate the event better for athletes and officials.
4. Ski cross - there is a proposal to make Olympic qualifications be a two-person event rather than single run qualifiers.

Addendum E: World Cup Report – Konrad Rotermund

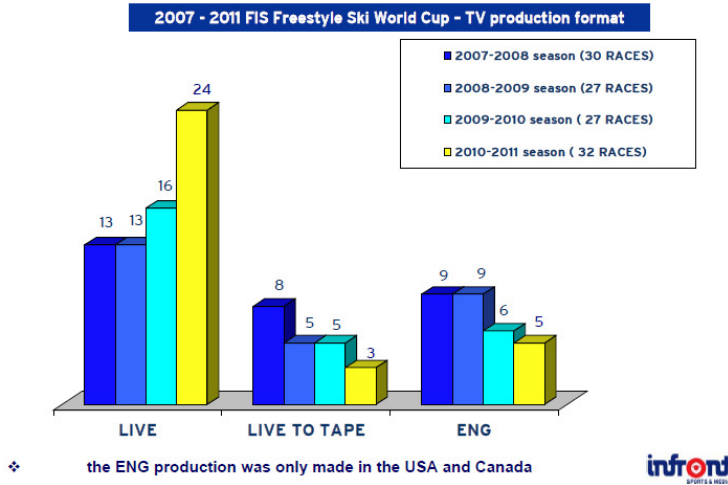
What has FIS Freestyle Become?

- 8 Year Growth - 2003 to 2011 - Freestyle Skiing - Comparison Deer Valley 2003 to Deer Valley 2011 (% difference):
- Total various Nations 23 → 35 + 52%
- Total various Ladies 56 → 99 + 76%
- Total various Men 71 → 178 +150%
- Total various athletes 127 → 277 +118%
- Total Number of events 6 → 12 +100%
- There is one number that is amazingly big and that is the difference in playing field in square meters....:2003 = 18,200 sq.M
- **2011 = 114,175 sq.M +527%**

The Obvious

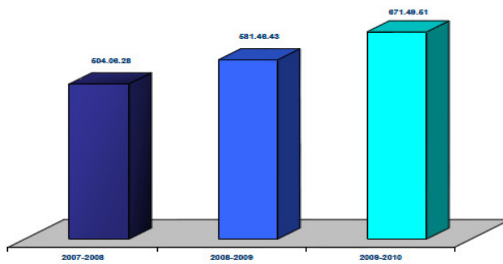
- This growth has stressed our system significantly.
- TDs and Judges – Aging, Age Gap in new, most new Officials are from “New” freestyle countries.
- Budget is stressed with this growth because of lack of sponsor

TV Worldwide



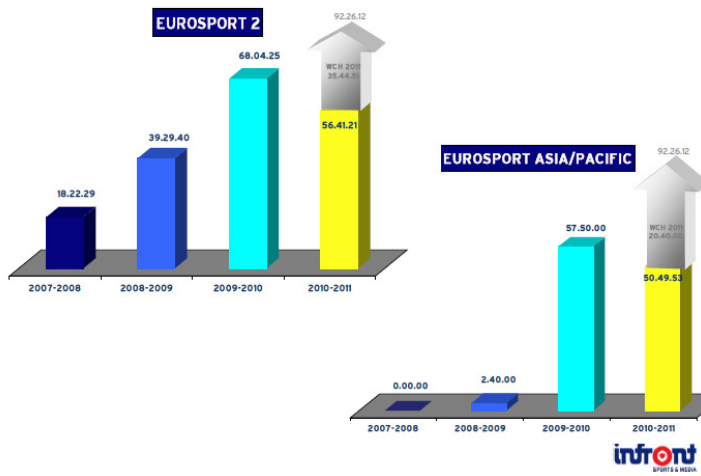
TV Exposure

total transmissions hours per season



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SPORT & MEDIA

Europe + Asia Love Freestyle



Addendum F: Motions that were not passed in subcommittees

Proposal Number:	Development 1
Description:	Change the speed calculation
Current Rule:	<p>6204.3.2 Speed Calculation (same for 5 or 7 judges in split scoring)</p> <p>Speed points will be based upon the FIS speed formula using Course distance.</p> <p>The pace set time shall equal a point value of 6.0 points. This is based upon 80% value of the maximum time points available to the competitor (three judges' scores at 2.5 points each, equals 7.5 points maximum speed score). Each skiers time will be used to calculate that skiers time points based upon the following formula:</p> <p>Each 1.0 percent increment of time difference greater or lesser than The pace set time shall be equal to 0.12 points Times faster than the pace set time will be awarded scores greater than 6.0 but in no event greater than 7.5 Times slower than the pace set time will be awarded scores lower than 6.0 but in no event less than 0 points.</p> <p>The result of this formula will be truncated to two decimal places.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Length of course = 220 m</p> <p>Pace time value men = 9.7 m/s</p> <p>Pace set time = 22.68 seconds</p> <p>22.68 seconds = 6.0 points (80 % of maximum points available)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Difference of competitor time to pace set time. 2. 1.0 % time increment calculated on pace set time. 3. Each 1.0 % time increment equal to 0.12 points, plus or minus from 6.0. <p>Formula:</p> <p>The time points can be easily calculated by using the following formula, known as the "Grange Formula":</p> <p>Time Points = 18.00 - 12 X Competitor's Time/Pace Set Time</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6204.3.2 Speed Calculation (same for 5 or 7 judges in split scoring)</p> <p>Speed points will be based upon the FIS speed formula using Course distance.</p> <p>The pace set time shall equal a point value of 6.0 points. This is based upon 80% value of the maximum time points available to the competitor (three judges' scores at 2.5 points each, equals 7.5 points maximum speed score). Each skiers time will be used to calculate that skiers time points based upon the following formula:</p>

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Discussion/Reason:	Because USSA rules and domestic competition need to support the development of the sport, we need a better formula that will allow more competitors to be able to use some of the 25% of the total score that includes speed.
Pass/Fail:	

Proposal Number:	Development 2
Description:	Return to the use of pacesetters to establish the pace time
Current Rule:	<p>6204.3.2 Speed Calculation (same for 5 or 7 judges in split scoring) Speed points will be based upon the FIS speed formula using course distance.</p> <p>The pace set time shall equal a point value of 6.0 points. This is based upon 80% value of the maximum time points available to the competitor (three judges' scores at 2.5 points each, equals 7.5 points maximum speed score). Each skier's time will be used to calculate that skier's time points based upon the following formula:</p> <p>Each 1.0 percent increment of time difference greater or lesser than the pace set time shall be equal to 0.12 points. Times faster than the pace set time will be awarded scores greater than 6.0 but in no event greater than 7.5 times slower than the pace set time will be awarded scores lower than 6.0 but in no event less than 0 points.</p> <p>The result of this formula will be truncated to two decimal places.</p> <p>Example: Length of course = 220 m Pace time value men = 9.7 m/s Pace set time = 22.68 seconds 22.68 seconds = 6.0 points (80 % of maximum points available)...</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>6204.3.2 Speed Calculation (same for 5 or 7 judges in split scoring) Speed points will be based upon the FIS speed formula using course distance. The time of the highest raw score of the top 3 ranked skiers, who will ski a pace set run, which will be used as the pace set time.</p> <p>The pace set time shall equal a point value of 6.0 points. This is based upon 80% value of the maximum time points available to the competitor (three judges' scores at 2.5 points each, equals 7.5 points maximum speed score). Each skier's time will be used to calculate that skier's time points based upon the following formula:</p> <p>Each 1.0 percent increment of time difference greater or lesser than the pace set time shall be equal to 0.12 points. Times faster than the pace set time will be awarded scores greater than 6.0 but in no event greater than 7.5 times slower than the pace set time will be awarded scores lower than 6.0 but in no event less than 0 points.</p> <p>The result of this formula will be truncated to two decimal places.</p> <p>Example: Length of course = 220 m Skier A has a score of 18.1 with a speed of 24.22 Skier B has a score of 18.3 with a speed of 22.68 Skier C has a score of 12.1 with a speed of 19.41 Pace time value men = 9.7 m/s The highest raw score is Skier B so their time is used for the pace. Pace set time = 22.68 seconds 22.68 seconds = 6.0 points (80 % of maximum points available)</p>

Discussion/Reason:	There are many variables that come into play on each course and field of skiers. Using the arbitrary pace set value designed for the highest level of competition almost guarantees that the 25% of the score awarded for speed will not be used by a lower level field of skiers making the percentage available to skiers far less than 25% sometimes even 0% changing the integrity of the scoring system.
Pass/Fail:	

Proposal Number:	Development 4
Description:	It should state in the layout of the site that a terrain park might be used. Also if the terrain park is set up in such a way that flow and the visibility are appropriate both jumps should be able to be performed in succession.
Current Rule:	4002.1.3 Layout of the Aerial Site Aerial sites should be constructed from earth whenever possible. If not practical, then a natural location should be chosen, and in the last choice, the facility could be constructed solely of hay bales or snow. In order to assure the correct facility is available, this construction should precede the competition by a reasonable period of time as indicated by the TD.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.3 Layout of the Aerial Site Aerial sites should be constructed from earth whenever possible. If not practical, then a natural location should be chosen, and in the last choice, the facility could be constructed solely of hay bales or snow. <u>A terrain park may be used for an aeriels competition see addendum E. DD of jumps performed may need to be limited to t he type and quality of the site available. If visibility allows both jumps may be performed in succession.</u> In order to assure the correct facility is available; this construction should precede the competition by a reasonable period of time as indicated by the TD.
Discussion/Reason:	These were the roots of our sport and with the new facilities catering to flow we should be able to run divisional aeriels events in succession to help develop more participation in the sport.
Pass/Fail:	

Proposal Number:	Development 10
Description:	Development Group 2012-13
Current Rule:	After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2011, based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the 2010-11 season the top five men and women in moguls/dual moguls and the top two men women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group. This will guarantee these athletes 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 an athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the NorAm Grand Prix standings will be added to the development group.
Proposed Change:	Based on the final USSA points list standings for the 2011-12 season the top five men and women in singles moguls 21 years of age and under below the United States Ski Team will be named to the USSA development group. An athlete who is named to the development group has until May 1, 2012 to accept their spot. 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 USSA singles points list will be added to the development group.
Discussion/Reason:	The idea of development should include youth that have potential to be our next top athletes. With the addition of Young Guns this would be the next step for athletes to qualifying for the USFST. We need to focus on the next generation to stay competitive with the rest of the world. The Pipeline would be Young Guns(13-15), Development Group(21 and under). Athletes would then qualify for NorAm group or USFST.
Pass/Fail:	

Proposal Number:	Development 11
Description:	NorAm Group 2012-13
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<p>2011-12 NorAm Group</p> <p>After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2012, based on the final NorAm Grand Prix standings for the 2011-12 season the top five men and women in moguls/dual moguls and the top two men women in aerials, will be named to the USSA NorAm group. This will guarantee these athletes' starts on the NorAm tour. All NorAm group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a NorAm 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 NorAm group has until June 1, 2011 to accept their spot in the USSA NorAm 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 NorAm Grand Prix standings will be added to the NorAm group.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Athletes of any age will earn NorAm starts from their performance on the previous year's NorAm Tour Grand Prix.
Pass/Fail:	

Proposal Number:	Membership 1
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 59 under Junior Olympics – Format: Aerials will consist of 2 different jumps. 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.
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 break down. This should alleviate most of this problem.
Pass/Fail:	

Proposal Number:	R&O 4
Description:	Air bump width change, Page 137 – USSA Comp. Guide
Current Rule:	Air bump width (not less than 120 cm)
Proposed Change:	Air bump width (not less than 120 cm 130 cm)
Discussion/Reason:	FIS precisions for Freestyle 2010/2011 Rule # 4202.1.3.2 changed to 130 cm width of air jumps.
Pass/Fail:	