

**FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES
USSA CONGRESS 2008 - PARK CITY, UT**

Meeting Chair: Andy Wise - **Present**
May 16-17, 2008

R&T Rep: Andy Hayes – **Present**
Judges Rep: Bill McNice – **Proxy: Thomas Schaefer - Present**
Coaches Rep: Glenn Eddy – **Present**
Development Rep: Chris Haslock – **Present**
Membership Rep: Deb Newson – **Present**
Membership (CEN, RMD): Lewis Sundquist – **Proxy: Thomas Schaefer - Present, Craig Matthew - Present (1 vote)**
Membership (NOR, FW, INT, PNSA): Mike Papke – **Excused**, Kate Duhamel (1 vote) – **Present**, Caron Keim – **Present**, Pat Deneen – **Present**
FIS rep: Jay Simson – **Present**
USSA BOD Athlete Rep: Curtis Tischler – **Present**
Athlete Rep: Mike Macomber – **Excluded**
Athlete Rep: Jen Hudak – **Present**
Athlete Rep: Jenny Haywood – **Proxy: Justin Henceroth - Present**
Ex-Officio: Jeff Lange – **Present**
At-Large: Konrad Rotermund – **Proxy: Jamie Kimball – Present**
Head Coach: Jeff Wintersteen – **Present**
Program Manager: Cheryl Bilisoly – **Present** = 16 votes + chair

Friday, May 16, 2008

1. Welcome and call to order- Wise

Andy Wise called the meeting to order, and he asked everyone to introduce themselves who were present on the FSC.

2. Agenda Approval- Wise

Wise asked for a motion to change the agenda to have the Chairman election postponed until Saturday May 17, 2008. Motion was passed.

3. Executive Committee Report- Wise

The committee held many phone and email conferences regarding petition to start for US Selections and Junior Olympics. Emailed back and forth regarding new mogul jump codes and which to adopt in competition. The executive committee held a meeting on May 15, 2008 to discuss the operating procedures and, once finalized, procedures will be presented to the FSC board, 30 days later vote for approval by the board. Approved operating procedures will then need final approval from the USSA Board. Asked for subcommittee chairs to review their own job description and members. Bring revised description to FSC meeting on May 17, 2008 in their subcommittee reports. Wise reviews the membership vote rotates via alphabetically, unable to attend proxy vote to next membership vote.

4. USSA Board of Directors' Report- Eddy

Glenn as representative for USSA board and freestyle had no action items or reports. December meeting touched on financials, new items from FIS, USOC the Olympic network, and awards.

5. Elections- Wise

Open up floor for nominations for Chairman:

- Justin Henceroth nominates Andy Wise. Andy Hayes nominates Glenn Eddy. Motion to close nominations by Jay Simpson second by Chris Haslock.
- Open up floor for nomination for At-Large:
- Jay Simpson nominates Jeff Lange and Glenn Eddy seconds Jeff's nomination. Andy Hayes nominates Konrad Rotermond and Glenn Eddy seconds Konrad's nomination. Motion to close nominations by Justin Henceroth second by Jay Simpson.
- Wise requests that subcommittee chairs have elections in their own subcommittees if term had expired. Athlete elections will be done summer 2008 via website and email.

6. Staff Report

- Sheryl Barnes – see Addendum A
- PJ Clark, Cheryl Bilisoly, and Jeff Wintersteen – see Addendum B

Ski cross:

- Preston: How is ski cross being funded, max team size, and how did they become a part of freestyle?
- Wintersteen/Clark: Ski cross is being incorporated into USSA funding. FIS has raised the cap for max team size but it still won't cover all possible starts. So there are only 24 starts but we are allowed 18 as a max team size. FIS incorporated ski cross as a freestyle sport so USSA followed suit. We are managing what was giving to us to the best of our ability.
- Open discussion from all participants at the FSC meeting having pro and con opinions towards ski cross.

Executive committee explanation on development group:

There is not an injury clause in place for a nominated/named development group athlete who is injured during the season and unable to re-qualify from the criteria listed in the competition guide. As a whole the committee feels that those injured athletes will have the opportunity the next season to be able to qualify for NorAms via Selections.

Recommendation to staff:

- McKenzie: To combine half-pipe NorAm events with other open events such as Big Bear Open, Breckenridge Open, and Mt. Snow Open.
- Bilisoly: Good idea, and we will contact Dan Skivington.

JO Bid:

Preston: Corrected bid as to only a one-year bid not two year bid.

Nationals:

- Henceroth: Requests that National Championships be only two weeks after divisional championships not three weeks.
- Clark/Bilisoly: There are many moving parts at to making the schedule. We have to follow what the World Cup does. Most importantly what weekend is open to host the event and what bids were received.

Point List Dates:

- Newson: Proposes based upon when USSA schedules Jr. Olympics if it is the second weekend of March to then have list 3 close a week later than what you have listed. It would be nice to allow divisional events to apply to list 3.
- Bilisoly: Understands your concern however we need to give the athletes and the families ample time to make reservations to get to Jr. Olympics

Proxy for FSC:

- Wise: If you are the voting member for membership committee and you are unable to attend the FSC then you need to proxy your vote to the next division in line remembering the rotation is alphabetical.
- Newson: Can we hear the history as to why not all divisions get a full vote.
- Wise: see page 38 for explanation.

Organizers/Sanctioning events:

- Kimball: How does the "open" half-pipe events become USSA events and does that happen in subcommittee or internally with USSA? How does it affect other USSA events?
- Clark: If someone comes to USSA and wants to know how to sanction an event then we help them sort that out, if it's an old organizer or new organizer. There are many departments at USSA involved getting an organizer started. There was a lot of information that needed to get to them not just the logistics of how to run the event but all the rules that need to be followed by USSA standards. There is always a learning curve for new organizers. As for the open half-pipe organizer, they are new to our system and they came to us wanting to be a part of what we do.
- Duhamel: Where does the decision get made if those events can be a NorAm event or not?
- Clark: That organizer was interested in holding a NorAm last year but it was too late to get that going. They can bid for a NorAm and that information will then go back and forth with Canada and the NorAm committee for approval. There are opportunities to be able to have those events sanctioned as a NorAm.

Elite Aerial Program:

- Lange: What age category are you looking at for these athletes?
- Wintersteen: We are primarily looking for 14-16 years old since in freestyle they are just getting started. We are only accepting very few into our program but we have already looked at around 40-50 athletes. If they are still interested in a career of aerials then we will push them towards our club programs.
- Preston: When did the training camps start?
- Wintersteen: We started the program Jan 1, 2008 building partnerships and relationships with gymnastic organizations.
- McKenzie: You have a technical test to pick athletes but do you have a mental test?
- Wintersteen: There are various levels and categories that the athletes need to progress through. If they don't complete all levels then they won't remain in the program and go into a club program. A brief overview is there are four general categories, 7 larger levels, and 3 sub-levels. All looked at athletes are level 10 gymnasts so they are very accomplished athletes at what they do. No they may not have the passion right away for freestyle skiing but they demonstrate the ability to compete, train, and be competitive.
- Hatch: I'm just afraid since you are looking at a large number of athletes that you may miss someone with passion.
- Wintersteen: You missed my point that this program will run parallel to the system and domestic club programs.
- Preston: How much does this program cost the athlete? What about all the other athletes already in the pipeline that will be training alongside these athletes and have to pay their own way? They are not being recognized to be able to be in the Elite Aerial Program.
- Wintersteen: I understand the hardships of that but the reality is the Olympics are not fair. It is not about how long someone has trained, how much money they have spent, it is about basic fundamental aerial acrobatic skills. It is about who is best on that day to win the Olympic gold medal.
- Preston: One point is that you have these athletes staying at the OTC, train for free, and qualify a back layout. What happens when they are not making the cut and have to go back to a club level? That is a concern of mine. Skiing is a really important component to this as well. Are there skiing requirements for the program?
- Wintersteen: Yes, there are skiing requirements and those who don't know how to ski we will train them. This is a year-round program so they will train at Whiteface in the winter. Other

nations are adopting this program as well so for us to be competitive with them this is what we need to do.

- Continued discussion pro and con about this program.

7. FIS Report- Simson

- The chairman of FIS has stated that we need to stand behind the commitment to support half-pipe if we want to achieve the goal to add the event to 2014 Olympics. FIS has identified a better description on jump identification that will be printed and used for Judges' education and distributed to coaches and athletes as well.
- Proposals for Spring FIS Meeting 2008: There is a proposal to review helmet standards. In Judges' education, to implement better judges' training. For World Cup mogul training and inspection to limit the amount of traffic on the courses.
- Discussion: Much discussion regarding helmet safety, and everyone agrees a change needs to be made to reduce the amount of concussions in our sport.

8. New Business- Wise

Wise reviewed and distributed proposals from the development subcommittee to the appropriate subcommittees. Please see development subcommittee meeting minutes to see which proposals were moved to the appropriate specific subcommittee.

9. Adjournment- Wise

Saturday, May 17, 2007

Wise welcome and call to order followed by Subcommittee Reports

Membership–Newson

Newson informed that there were four division chairs represented at the meeting East, Rocky, Far West, and Intermountain.

Proposals from Development Committee for consideration by the Membership Committee.

Proposal Number:	Development - 9
Description:	Have the event format for SS and HP at Junior Olympics be more in line with the successful format used for the mogul event during Junior Olympics while still allowing opportunity for our developing events and athletes to have a second chance also keeping the integrity of the open formats that are so popular.
Current Rule:	<p>Pg53 Junior Olympics "Format"</p> <p>Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules*, a qualification/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals.....</p> <p>* Pg91 USSA Rules for HP;</p> <p>The rule is to follow FIS rules and format. But in reality, this was the format run at Junior Olympics at 2008;</p> <p>The format for Halfpipe and Slopestyle at Junior Olympic is a two run format. Best of two runs. Same run order for both runs.</p>

Proposed Change:	<p>Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules, a qualification/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals.....</p> <p><u>In Halfpipe and Slopestyle the first run will be run by random draw. The second run will be seeded by the first run results, with the top 20 running first, within gender, in reverse order of their first run finish, the remaining competitors (21 and up) will run immediately afterwards in order of their first run finish, within gender.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>SS and HP at JO's would be better served by having the top 20 skiers grouped together in the afternoon finals – similar to moguls. The reasoning is five fold;</p> <p>One, to help the judges. It is questionable that this year's JO's Men's HP winner wasn't the true winner. But we are not blaming the judges. If the judges could have seen the top 20 in a reverse order it would have been much easier to identify the true winner. I think we owe it to the top skier to accurately assess their talent.</p> <p>Two, all championship events have performance cuts and reverse order starts list for finals. However, since JO's is also an event about celebrating participation from junior athletes around the nation, I feel this proposal is a fair compromise.</p> <p>Three, this would force the event organizers to produce results between runs 1 and 2 like a semis and finals. At JO's this year, the mogul event scores were announced quickly and results for both women and men were produced after each round. That was not true for the freeride events at JO's 2008.</p> <p>Four, as in other high level events, the first run (aka Semi Finals) has a purpose. One purpose is to seed finals. Again a format that our athletes need to become familiar with.</p> <p>Five, I think a top 20 cut, without allowing the other HP and SS participants a second run, would leave a bad impression in the minds of freeriders' parents and athletes. We are still trying to welcome this group into the fold; many of them are newly licensed competitors.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous 16-0-0

Wise: Called to question. No discussion

Proposal Number:	Development - 11
Description:	Better clarification of All Event Skiers vs. Combined Skiers for the Junior Olympics to manage the numbers and lists of athletes at the Junior Olympics
Current Rule:	4. If an athlete qualifies to compete in 3 disciplines at the Junior Olympics then they will be considered a combined skier. A combined skier may start in all 5 disciplines and will be added above the quotas in all 5 disciplines. A combined skier is welcome to start in all 5 disciplines but can choose which events to ski. If a combined skier chooses to not ski in a discipline, an alternate is not placed into the event since combined athletes are added above the current quota.
Proposed Change:	4. If an athlete qualifies, <u>from points list number 3 from the initial posting,</u> to compete in 3 <u>disciplines or more events</u> at the Junior Olympics then they will be considered <u>a combined an All Event skier</u> . <u>A combined An All Event skier</u> may start in all 5 <u>disciplines events</u> and will be added above the quotas <u>in all 5 disciplines only in the events that they have not already qualified in</u> . <u>A combined An All Event skier</u> is welcome to start in all 5 <u>disciplines events</u> but can choose which events to ski. If <u>a combined an All Event skier</u> chooses not <u>to</u> ski in <u>a discipline an event that they have not qualified in</u> , an alternate is not placed into the event since <u>combined these</u> athletes are added above the current quota.
Discussion/Reason:	This is the way many of us viewed this proposal when it was passed last year. Because of the way it was written and consequently interpreted we grossly increased the number of athletes and the manageability of the entrants of the skiers in the Junior Olympics this past season.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: For 15, against 1

- Hatch seconds the motion. Wise called the question open for discussion
- Henceroth: Wants alternates to be able to qualify to be all event skiers and take advantage of the rule.
- Lailla Matthews: Stick with the set allotted qualified quota.
- Hatch: Agrees with Justin to allow alternates to be able to qualify to be an all event skier.
- Bilisoly: Quality of the event and need to fill the quota spots but with athletes that qualify via the rulebook.
- Newson: Original intent of the motion last year was to award the athlete that qualifies from the first posting the opportunity to compete in all five.
- Henceroth: For the alternates that come up, to deny them is a philosophical issue.
- Newson: Will not accept an amendment to this motion, and it was passed unanimously in subcommittee.
- Newson: Interested In creating a working group to help guide marketing direction with USSA.
- Membership subcommittee minutes - see attached Addendum C

Rules and Tech-Hayes

Andy Hayes with proposals. Wise will ask for discussion after each proposal but **vote all proposals at the end.**

Proposal Number:	R & T – 3 Passed in R&T unanimously.
Description:	Change old rule referencing FIS ICR
Current Rule:	3056.7 DSQ if not qualified according to rules 208 and/or 212 of the FIS ICR.
Proposed Change:	3056.7 DSQ if not qualified according to rules 208 and/or 212 of the FIS ICR.
Discussion/Reason:	This rule was replaced with rule 203 – Licenses in the FIS ICR long ago. Since we do not have a 200 section this is the best we can do.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

It was a reference to FIS and wanted to clean out our comp guide, no discussion.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 4 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Change old rule referencing FIS ICR
Current Rule:	3065.1 Team Captains' meeting The team captains' meeting will be held according to FIS ICR rule 216 of the joint regulations for all ski competitions.
Proposed Change:	3065.1 Team Captains' meeting The team captains' meeting will be held according to FIS ICR rule 216 of the joint regulations for all ski competitions.
Discussion/Reason:	Since USSA does not have a 200 section in our comp guide we just delete the reference.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

Reference to FIS rulebook and want to clean out our comp guide, no discussion.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 5 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Correct the rule for Halfpipe format
Current Rule:	4104 Competition format – Single format Qualifications One run for all competitors. Top 50% from the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals. Finals – 6 or 12 competitors qualified, 2 runs each, best score of the 2 runs to make the results list.
Proposed Change:	4104 Competition format –Single format Qualifications

	<p>One run for all competitors.</p> <p>Top 50% from the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run.</p> <p>The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals.</p> <p>Finals — 6 or 12 competitors qualified, 2 runs each, best score of the 2 runs to make the results list.</p> <p><u>All competitors will make two runs down the halfpipe with the best score used for the results.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	This is the current format used and it needs to be reflected in the rulebook.

No discussion on this change.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 6 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Add new FIS rule on mogul air specs.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<p><u>4202.1.4.5 Some moguls may be modified for use as air bumps (see 4202.1.3). There should be air bumps at the top and bottom of each course in approximately the same positions. The takeoff of the top air bumps should be placed at 15% of the course length and the takeoff of the bottom air bumps should be placed at 20% from the finish line.</u></p> <p><u>4302.1.4.6 Some moguls may be modified for use as air bumps (see 4302.1.3 and 3034.2.3). There should be air bumps at the top and bottom of each course in approximately the same positions. The takeoff of the top air bumps should be placed at 15% of the course length and the takeoff of the bottom air bumps should be placed at 20% from the finish line.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	This is the new wording from FIS. If this is passed, it also needs to be added into 4302.1.4.6
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

- Henceroth: Why do we want to regulate? Why don't we just allow clubs to create mogul courses?
- Hayes: To allow all competitors to have the opportunity compete on FIS guideline courses.
- Wintersteen: Want to have the mogul skiing be more relevant and not just be an air show.
- Hayes: We need to apply this rule for safety reasons.
- Lange: Since we are on a points system, we need to stay as close to the FIS standards as possible.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 8 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Change definition of Slopestyle to be multiple hits 2 or more not limiting to 5.
Current Rule:	<p>4601 Definition</p> <p>Competitions shall consist of one to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features)</p> <p>4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.</p> <p>6601 Definition</p> <p>A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform from one to five hits. All designated hits of the terrain features will be scored.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4601 Definition</p> <p>Competitions shall consist of one multiple to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features)</p> <p>4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one to five multiple features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score <u>being the judges overall assessment of the run. proportioned equally between the features if more than one.</u></p> <p>6601 Definition</p> <p>A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform from one multiple to five hits. All designated hits of the terrain features will be scored. <u>The head judge may decide which features each judge will score. All judges give an overall score with a range of 0-100.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	The trend of the event is to allow as many features as are feasible in a run. We should not limit it to an arbitrary number like 5. All judges are scoring overall and may see all or part of the course but still contribute to the event equally.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

- Duhamel: Will this prohibit a jury decision to allow a one hit event due to weather?
- Hatch: Jury can always base a decision on safety.
- Lange: You wouldn't do that with a mogul course, since you can't see the top air, just take it out.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 9 Passed in R&T 6 for and 1 abstaining. Passed in FSC
Description:	
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<p>ADD to Appendix A, Technical Specifications for Courses Moguls and Dual Moguls</p> <p><u>Air Bumps</u></p> <p><u>Air Bump Criteria and Specifications recommendations</u></p> <p><u>Measurement</u></p> <p><u>1. Maximum Distance – the end of the last bump to the take off (m) 4.0 – 5.0m</u></p> <p><u>2. Maximum Distance – airbump takeoff to end landing (m) (LZ) 15.0m</u></p> <p><u>3. Jump Height (JH) (cm) 50 – 60 cm</u></p> <p><u>4. Landing Zone Angle (LZ) in degrees (°) Greater than 26°</u></p> <p><u>5. Takeoff Angle (TA) in degrees of jump (°) 26° to 30°</u></p> <p><u>6. Air Bump Width (not less than in cm) 120 cm</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>These are the new FIS specifications which allows us to simplify the wording in 4202.1.3 and 4302.1.3. If this rule is passed we will need to add <u>conform to Course Specifications for Moguls</u> to 4202.1.3 and delete not excessively exceed the height and average shape of the moguls contained in the existing mogul terrain. In addition, there should be no removal of moguls or alterations of terrain in the landing area.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

- Hatch: At some point we need to make sure that we do not have an aerial hill in the middle of a mogul course.
- Wintersteen: Proposal to FIS to have regulations not to have tables on steeper courses since that doesn't work.
- Kimball: Have regulation with landing pads as well.

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 1
Description:	Divisional championship requirement
Current Rule:	All athletes, except current U.S. Freestyle Ski Team members, must compete in their divisional championships to appear on list 4.
Proposed Change:	Remove the requirement of competing at divisional championships.
Discussion/Reason:	<p>The current system requires a lot of manual intervention from both USSA and the divisional representatives. A list of championship events (18 separate events in season '08) and a list of individual exceptions (91 individuals in season '07 and 81 individuals in season '08) must be compiled. Those exceptions must be programmed prior to running the list. We regularly learn later that an event or individual was missed and so we have to go back and do it again. From our perspective, it would be easier, and more straightforward for the athletes, to leave everyone on the list. Any criteria that use this list could then have the first point say</p>

	'has competed in divisional championships (exceptions members of the U.S. Ski Team)'. Alternately, the Competition Guide needs to explain the reason behind this rule so that we can direct parents and athletes to that section.
Pass/Fail:	Amended for rewording

USSA - CS 1 needs to be rewritten with the help of Hatch (development) and brought to FSC executive for voting prior to the writing of the comp guide. All athletes will be left on list 4 of the points list. Regarding any national event invitation, each division chair needs to provide a list of names to the freestyle program manager as to who will not be allowed to compete due to not competing in their divisional championship.

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 3 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Junior Olympics Mogul Scoring
Current Rule:	“The results from the finals will be used for overall and age group awards. The FSPs will be based on the best result.” – p. 53 Freestyle Competition Guide
Proposed Change:	Use the results from finals as results for the FSPs, as applied on page 14-16, FIS FSP adjustment for Moguls and Duals
Discussion/Reason:	Parents and athletes do not understand why they may have received a medal at the Junior Olympics for their performance, but then when they view the results on the USSA website, the result is listed differently. We cannot process two sets of results. This would eliminate the confusion.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

This needs to be stated in both the JO section and in the Points and Ranking section.

- Wise: To have a true final in moguls at Juniors.
- Newson: Doesn't like this rule, we have been doing it one way for years why change now?
- Henceroth: What is on the USSA website needs to be the awards handed out at the event.

Proposal Number:	Development – 7 This was passed by the R&T and the FSC in 2007
Description:	Get rid of split scoring for Slopestyle
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	Get rid of split scoring for Slopestyle
Discussion/Reason:	This is confusing for new scoring persons and organizers. Once you have accidentally opened split scoring you can't go back to regular. It messes up the scores and compresses them. We voted to have all judges score all criteria/categories for a total of 100 each last year; there is no longer a need for split scoring.

No discussion

Proposal Number:	Development – 8 Passed in R&T 6 for and 1 abstaining. Passed in FSC.
Description:	Give elite level events appropriate FSP points.
Current Rule:	Pg.13 Maximum Event Ratings U.S. Selections Events /Jr.Worlds /Jr.Olympics Max Pts 912 Type Float
Proposed Change:	Maximum Event Ratings Jr.Olympics (Moguls, SS, HP) Max Pts 912 <u>(850 Floor)</u> Float
Discussion/Reason:	SS, HP, and Moguls points for JO's and Nationals may need a Floor. JO's 2008 Halfpipe for men was only worth 848.00pts. JO's 2008 Moguls for men was only worth 847.00pts. In 2007, JO's for Slopestyle for men was ranked below 800.00pts (Less than many regional events)
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 12 for, 1 against 3 abstaining

Henceroth: Opposed to all caps to points system.

Proposal Number:	Development – 15 Bring before the FSC for a vote
Description:	Recommend a change to FIS that for next season 08-09, the Halfpipe format should have a 2 round qualification, where every competitor (male and female) receives two runs and the athlete's highest scoring run will advance them to a ten athlete, per gender, finals. The finals will consist of a two run final, athlete run in a reverse order -10 to 1.
Current Rule:	Qualifications One run for all competitors. Top 50% of the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals.
Proposed Change:	Qualifications One run <u>Two runs</u> for all competitors. Top 50% of the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals.
Discussion/Reason:	Currently in USSA we follow FIS rules, and since FIS didn't follow their OWN rule at a single World Cup Halfpipe event this year, there must be something wrong with it... The ONLY event that, almost, followed the FIS rule exactly was US Freestyle Halfpipe Nationals. ...and it was very confusing for those not familiar with the format.

- Proposal recommendation to take to FIS.
- Wintersteen: FIS does want to consolidate and talk about this at the FIS level.
- Chase: Knows that there is a working group at developing formats for HP.
- Clark: We did have someone on this in the past and it didn't work out. We can propose to have someone added to the working group for the future.
- Motion to vote.

All of the above were voted upon and approved as one group, 12 for, 1 against, 3 abstaining.

All housekeeping will be voted upon at the end as one group.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 2
Description:	To follow through with the new events that have been added to Freestyle.
Current Rule:	3032.2.3 The jury must inspect the courses prior to the beginning of official training and ensure that they conform with all specifications and characteristics outlined in 4002, 4102, 4202, and in the USSA Freestyle technical specifications (appendix C).
Proposed Change:	3032.2.3 The jury must inspect the courses prior to the beginning of official training and ensure that they conform with all specifications and characteristics outlined in 4002, 4102, 4202, 4302, 4502, 4602 and in the USSA Freestyle technical specifications (appendix C).
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 3
Description:	Jump Shapers
Current Rule:	3034.2.1 For the express purpose of shaping and grooming the jumps, the team captains shall elect up to two jumpers per special type of jump
Proposed Change:	3034.2.1 For the express purpose of shaping and grooming the jumps, the team captains shall elect up to two jumpers <u>shapers</u> per special type of jump
Discussion/Reason:	Typographical error
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 4
Description:	References to FIS rule numbers
Current Rule:	3054.5 Competitors should be familiar with rule 222 of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) for all ski competitions concerning the competitors' obligations.
Proposed Change:	3054.5 Competitors should be familiar with rule 3036 – 3036.4 222 of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) for all ski competitions concerning the competitors' obligations.
Discussion/Reason:	Very few, if any, TDs who work DEVO events, B events or A events, have ever seen or read the FIS/ICR. They would most likely not even have a copy with them at a meet that they are working. Higher-level TD's have both sets of rules and can reference one to the other. Removing the reference to FIS rules and adding the verbiage will clarify our rulebook for this level TD.

Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous
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Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 5
Description:	References to FIS rule numbers
Current Rule:	3056.5 DSQ if a competitor does not observe rule 211 of the FIS ICR.
Proposed Change:	3056.5 DSQ if a competitor does not observe rule 211 of the FIS ICR.
Discussion/Reason:	This rule is not in the FIS ICR and references rules about the Organization.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 7
Description:	Correct 3060 Competition Protocols
Current Rule:	<p>3060.1 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events: moguls, duals moguls, aerials, halfpipe and big air events. Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete. A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four, or five event competition. Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all five events. A combined event is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe.</p> <p>3060.2 Competition Procedures</p> <p>In all USSA authorized competitions, aerial results will be the total of two jumps, and moguls will be the best of two runs unless only one run is taken, then it will be the score from the single run except at the Junior Olympics, where it will be the final run except for those only taking one run, then it will be the placings from that run. Dual moguls is an elimination format and is covered in 3060.2.1. The jury may alter this format to one run in the following circumstances: inclement weather or adverse conditions. Etc.</p>

Proposed Change:	<p>3060.1 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events: moguls, duals moguls, aerials, halfpipe, <u>ski cross</u> and big-air <u>slopestyle</u> events. Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete. A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four, or five event competition. Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all five events. A combined event is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe.</p> <p>3060.2 Competition Procedures</p> <p>In all USSA authorized competitions, aerial results will be the total of two jumps, and moguls, slopestyle and halfpipe will be the best of two runs unless only one run is taken, then it will be the score from the single run except at the Junior Olympics, where it will be the final run except for those only taking one run, then it will be the placings from that run. Dual moguls is an elimination format and is covered in 3060.2.1 3060.2.2. The jury may alter this format to one run in the following circumstances: inclement weather or adverse conditions, or to seed for dual <u>moguls</u>. Etc.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	As we have changed the Freestyle events, we have to keep this document up to correctly show the formats of these events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number	Housekeeping – 8
Description:	Competition Protocol 3060
Current Rule:	3060.1.1 Ski cross is a non-scored discipline of Freestyle. It is run according to FIS rules.
Proposed Change:	3060.1.1 Ski cross is a non-scored discipline of Freestyle. It is run according to FIS rules.
Discussion/Reason:	Competition protocol is now included in 3060.1 and we now have a Ski cross section and all rules are clearly defined for USSA.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 9
Description:	Correcting the rule number to match FIS ICR
Current Rule:	3060.2.1 Dual Moguls Dual Moguls is a series of one-run duals with the winner advancing to the next round. Ultimately, the last two remaining will ski against each other for first place.
Proposed Change:	3060.2.1 Dual Moguls Dual Moguls is a series of one-run duals with the winner advancing to the next round. Ultimately, the last two remaining will ski against each other for first place 3060.2.1 <u>Moguls</u> <u>In the Mogul event, all skiers will make two runs down the course with the best score used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This better follows FIS rule book
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping - 10
Description:	Correcting the rule number to match FIS ICR
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>Add: 3060.2.2 Dual Moguls</u> <u>Dual Moguls is a series of one-run duals with the winner advancing to the next round. Ultimately, the last two remaining will ski against each other for first place.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This corrects the rule numbering to reflect FIS
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 11
Description:	Adding competition procedures for Aerials
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>ADD: 3060.2.3 Aerials</u> <u>In Aerials all competitors shall have two rounds. The rounds are run as individual competitions. The results from both rounds are added together and ranked. If both rounds cannot be completed then the results from the first round will be valid.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is an adoption of FIS rule 3060.2.4.2 for Standard format
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	House keeping – 12
Description:	Adding the rules for the format of each event
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>3060.2.4 Halfpipe</u> <u>In the Halfpipe event, all skiers will make two runs down the halfpipe with the best score used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This better follows the FIS rule book as well as gives a very clear description of the format of these events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 13
Description:	Changing the rule to reflect what is being done.
Current Rule:	3061.1 The TD is responsible for immediately notifying the USSA Freestyle office and the sports medical advisory committee chairman, by phone and in writing, of any accidents or injuries in full detail (see rule 3030.7.1).
Proposed Change:	3061.1 The TD is responsible for immediately notifying the USSA Freestyle office and the sports medical advisory committee chairman, by phone and in writing, <u>filling out a USSA injury report form for</u> any accidents or injuries in full detail (see rule 3030.7.1).
Discussion/Reason:	I doubt the USSA Freestyle office or the sports medical advisory committee chairman would have appreciated 13 phone calls from JO's.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 14
Description:	Cleans up the wording Big Air
Current Rule:	3070 Jump Qualifications This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all mogul, dual mogul, aerial, slopestyle and big air events.
Proposed Change:	3070 Jump Qualifications This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all mogul, dual mogul, aerial <u>and</u> slopestyle <u>and big air</u> events.
Discussion/Reason:	Removes the wording Big Air
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 15
Current Rule:	4002.1.4.1 The aerial site should be completely prepared for jumping at least three days before the aerial event, and should be available for training. 4002.1.5.2 The official training shall ideally encompass at least three days before the event, although not necessarily consecutively.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.4.1 <u>For National level events</u> the aerial site should be completely prepared for jumping at least three days before the aerial event, and should be available for training. 4002.1.5.2 <u>For National level events</u> the official training shall ideally encompass at least three days before the event, although not necessarily consecutively.
Discussion/Reason:	In 2007 we voted to change official training for USSA divisional events to one day.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 16
Description:	Add the section for Halfpipe on inspection and training
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	Add <u>4102.1 Preparation and Inspection of the Halfpipe site.</u> <u>4102.1.1 At National level events the Halfpipe site should be completely prepared at least two days before the Halfpipe event, and should be available for training.</u> <u>4102.1.2 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.</u> <u>4102.1.2 Immediately after inspection the TD and other members of the jury shall be available at the outrun to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and coaches regarding the Halfpipe site.</u>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 17
Description:	Delete FIS rule on qualification and finals for Halfpipe
Current Rule:	4105 Execution The qualification run is part of the halfpipe competition. The official results of the qualification run shall determine the qualified athletes for the finals. Only the finals shall determine the final ranking for the qualified athletes. The official results will include: the ranking list from the qualification run.
Proposed Change:	4105 Execution The qualification run is part of the halfpipe competition. The official results of the qualification run shall determine the qualified athletes for the finals. Only the finals shall determine the final ranking for the qualified athletes. The official results will include: the ranking list from the qualification run.

Discussion/Reason:	We do not use this format in USSA events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 18
Description:	Change to the correct numbering in Halfpipe
Current Rule:	4605.1, 4607.1, 4607.2, 4608.1, 4610.1, 4612.8.4
Proposed Change:	4105.1, 4107.1, 4107.2, 4108.1, 4110.1, 4112.8.4
Discussion/Reason:	Mistakes from last year
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 19
Description:	Changes to allow for a three judge format at Divisional Halfpipe events
Current Rule:	4112.1 For each halfpipe event, there will be five scoring judges plus a Head Judge.
Proposed Change:	4112.1 For each halfpipe event, there will be five scoring judges plus a Head Judge <u>at National level events and can be three or five judges at Divisional events.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	In 2007 we voted to allow a three-judge format in halfpipe.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 20
Description:	Add a reference to mogul air development
Current Rule:	4202.1.3 Layout of the mogul site End of second paragraph “Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns.”
Proposed Change:	4202.1.3 Layout of the mogul site End of second paragraph “Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns (<u>see 3034.2.3</u>)”
Discussion/Reason:	Reflects what is in the FIS ICR’s.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	House keeping – 21
Description:	Correct Pace Setters times
Current Rule:	4204.2 Pacesetters The paceset time will be calculated at 9.5 meters/second for men and 7.7 meters/second for women.
Proposed Change:	4204.2 Pacesetters The paceset time will be calculated at 9.5 <u>9.7</u> meters/second for men and 7.7 <u>8.2</u> meters/second for women.

Discussion/Reason:	Rule is written incorrectly – it should match 6204.3.1 on page 125
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	House keeping – 22
Description:	Training days – dual moguls
Current Rule:	4302.1.4.1 The dual mogul site must be completely prepared for skiing at least three days before the dual mogul event, and must then be available for training.
Proposed Change:	4302.1.4.1 The dual mogul site must be completely prepared for skiing at least three <u>one days</u> before the dual mogul event, and must then be available for training.
Discussion/Reason:	Thus rule will now be consistent with mogul training days 4202.1.5.3, page 95
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 23
Description:	Correct wording
Current Rule:	4305 Competition Procedure Either that morning or the previous day. Seeding will be done according to either the most recent USSA points list for dual moguls or the most recent mogul event.
Proposed Change:	4305 Competition Procedure Either that morning or the previous day. Seeding will be done according to either the most recent USSA points list for dual moguls or the most recent mogul event <u>either that morning or the previous day.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Wording correction.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 25
Description:	Format of Slopestyle event, see Housekeeping 3
Current Rule:	4601 Definition The last sentence reads “All Skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final round”
Proposed Change:	4601 Definition The last sentence reads “All Skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final round” <u>In all USSA sanctioned competition, Slopestyle will be the best of two runs.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	For consistency
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	House keeping – 26
Description:	Reword judging procedures for Slopestyle
Current Rule:	<p>4603 Judges Scoring</p> <p>The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. The competitor's performance will be judged on the following basic components. Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge gives 100 points from all categories). Refer to USSA Freestyle Judges Manual, 6150 Scoring Procedures.</p> <p>The competitors performance will be judged on the following basic components:</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4603 Judges Scoring</p> <p>The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. The competitor's performance will be judged on the following basic components. All Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge give 100 points from all categories). <u>All judges will judge all categories with a total maximum of 100 points.</u> Refer to USSA Freestyle Judges Manual, 6150 <u>6603</u> Scoring Procedures.</p> <p>The competitors performance will be judged on the following basic components:</p>
Discussion/Reason:	To reflect what was voted on in May 2007
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 27
Current Rule:	4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.
Proposed Change:	4608.1.1 The competition format shall be <u>consist of two runs with</u> the best scored run <u>counting</u> . A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.
Discussion/Reason:	See Housekeeping #3
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 28
Current Rule:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)</p> <p>The judges in accordance with the judges' criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.</p> <p>Big Air course specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maximum of 5 jumps on site -Jump height min. 1m – max 3m -Distance to knoll min 4m – max 12m -Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min – 38 degree max. -Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch

	Quarterpipe course specifications: Etc.
Proposed Change:	4608.3 Loss of Ski(s) The judges in accordance with the judges' criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing. <u>Big Air Slopestyle course specifications:</u> <u>-Maximum of 5 jumps on site</u> <u>-Jump height min. 1m – max 3m</u> <u>-Distance to knoll min 4m – max 12m 15m</u> <u>-Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min – 38 degree max.</u> <u>-Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch</u> <u>Quarterpipe course specifications:</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Move the course specifications to 4602.1.1
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 29
Description:	Half Pipe
Current Rule:	6152.1.4, page 120, last sentence – “...this means if you take off and perform at trick on or before the line.”
Proposed Change:	6152.1.4, page 120, last sentence – “...this means if you take off and perform at the trick on or before the line.”
Discussion/Reason:	Typographical error
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number	Housekeeping – 30
Description:	US Selection Events, page 52
Current Rule:	US Selection Events, third sentence says, “...and select the USSA development group.”
Proposed Change:	US Selection Events, third sentence says, “... and select the USSA development group. ”
Discussion/Reason:	Page 52 on naming the Development Group is not correct – page 58 is.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

All housekeeping proposals were passed 16-0 with NO discussion.

Brought to the table for discussion

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 24 Failed 3 against, 1 for and 4 abstaining
Description:	Competition/Scorer Procedure
Current Rule:	4305 Second Paragraph All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing.

Proposed Change:	4305 Second Paragraph All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing. <u>In Dual Moguls seeding will be done using a normal performance seed for all skiers.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	FIS is very clear to state that skiers 1 to 16 are seeded, but they cannot be seeded against 17 to 32; unless of course, the field is less than 32. Skiers 1 to 16 should only be seeded against skiers 32 to 48. In a large event you will often see seeded skier #10 or 11 dualing seeded skier #17 or 18. When this happens, this is not an appropriate seed. I find this stems from the WinFree scoring program and the scorer not selecting the correct drop-down options to correctly seed an event with a large number of competitors. This issue is even worse when the dual event is not seeded from the prior day's results. Example: Championship events are seeded from the FSP list and not the prior day's finish.
Pass/Fail:	The rule will stay the same as it states in the comp guide.

- Stone: Would like to get straight performance seed. So 1 against 32, 2 against 31, etc.
- Albert: This is only for Juniors and divisional meets to follow FIS system.
- Stone: Replace current rule with straight performance seeding and I'll change the system to follow this rule.
- Berry: For divisional level you will push kids out of duals if the little J5 always is getting beat by the J1 skier. If you seed the top 16 you will give the athletes the advantage who deserve the advantage. Have the rest be random and hope that J3 will get to go against another J3. Feels like they should only seed the top 16.
- Hayes: The negative to only seed 16 is the national point list and the lower level athlete may be ranked higher on the dual list when and they are not really qualified to be ranked so high.
- Newson: Just clarification to make sure that this motion is an effort to make sure we will follow the FIS bracketing.
- Hayes: Correct.
- Albert: In the scoring system there are a few options as to what a scorer can choose from. It will leave it up to what a scorer knows and if they choose the wrong one then they are not applying the rules.
- Lange: This proposal failed in subcommittee yesterday so there is no need for more discussion.
- The rule will stay the same as it states in the comp guide.

R&T subcommittee minutes – see Addendum D

Development-Hatch

- Job Description: Recommend rules/policy for the US Selection Events and the NorAms and help to define the programs in the middle of the pipeline.
- Much discussion lead to the realization that we were not prepared to make such a decision with such important wording on such short notice. Discussed that the job description should embody:
 - Events such as the US Selections, Freestyle Championships, NorAms/Continental Cup
 - The pipelines into, between, and out of these development-type events
 - Examination of the function of these events
 - Overviews of participation in the freestyle disciplines and the direction of these
 - Maintaining a Think Tank component
 - Asks FSC to give more time for a more clear job description.

Proposal Number:	Devo #9 – 2007
Description:	Education /Advertising Campaign for HP, SS, and SX
Current Rule:	There is no rule or budget.
Proposed Change:	A small budget dedicated to informing people how to be involved, with USSA when USSA/FIS events are, how to plan ahead to qualify properly, what is required of them as an athlete, the benefits of being involved, if there is prize money at an event (how much) and etc. All done in advance i.e. the summer.
Discussion/Reason:	I know the information is on ussa.org - but, who knows what that is? Just people already in the fold. That's not good enough in order to get the independent athletes "in the fold". Go to the athletes instead of letting them come to us. There are too many distractions along the way... too many other event organizers are advertising their events. Even a simple ad or post on Newschoolers.com and Freeskier.com would do the trick. It's a form of recruiting just as we do for aerials. Think outside the box.

Recommendation to staff:

- There is a lot of discussion on ways to get freestyle more recognizable to the public. A working group was established with assistance from USSA staff.
- Wise: Hatch will form a working group and inform the FSC. If you would like to be on the working group please in touch with him.

Proposal Number:	Devo #6
Description:	Provide a Halfpipe coach during the Junior Worlds competition. Also offer official Junior Worlds training for the US Halfpipe athletes named to the US Freestyle Junior Worlds Team.
Proposed Change:	USSA to send a halfpipe coach to Junior Worlds at a cost to the athletes. This would be the same as we do for aerials and moguls.
Amended Motion:	USSA will send a halfpipe and a ski cross coach to Junior Worlds at a cost to the athletes, as USSA does for aerials and moguls.
Discussion/Reason:	This was brought forward by Brian Lake, former US Freestyle Development Group Coach. Brian has been involved with the US Ski Team since the first Junior Worlds that included Halfpipe four years ago. USSA should send a Halfpipe coach to Junior Worlds at a cost to the athletes, which would be the same as we do for aerials and moguls. This event is at the athlete's expense and it is wrong that there were 2 mogul coaches and no Halfpipe coaches at the last Junior Worlds competition in Switzerland. All the invited athletes (Mogul, Aerial, Halfpipe, and Ski Cross) are paying the same amount to go to the Junior Worlds events, but 2 out of 4 freestyle disciplines are not getting any coaching assistance while at the event.

Recommendation to staff:

- Lange: This all needs to be a recommendation, not a motion, should be a topic of discussion.
- Hatch: Aware that this is funded not by USSA but by the athletes who go.
- Lange: Want a better way to address these issues but this may not be the right format.

Proposal Number:	Development - 2
Purpose:	To avoid conflicts during busy competition weeks like US Nationals and Junior Olympic.
Current Rule:	No current rule.
Proposed Change:	FSC Agenda Meetings aren't due until April 1st or the first Friday after US Freestyle Nationals.
Discussion/Reason:	Currently it's in the middle of our championship and the proper attention cannot be given to these important items. Open discussions at these events are where we can better flush out many of these thoughts, ideas and solutions.

Recommendation to staff:

- Hatch: Wants the company to be aware of the timelines that information is due during the two largest events of the year. At those events, it is the only time all coaches are face to face to bring up discussion topics to bring forth.
- Wise: the board sets the timeline and operating procedures. Information must be presented to them 30 days in advance. So depending on when this meeting is scheduled, we need to follow the timeline and if it falls during an event there is not much we can do. We need to learn to work around it. Do what you can in advance and bring the other items in as new business in your subcommittee.
- Clark: Not all proposals need to be reviewed by the board. Examples of proposals that will need to be reviewed and approved by the board would be to change membership category or change an age range for our sport. Liability or company changes that we do not want to implement any longer must go to the board for review also. Everything else we can look at and be flexible with in the constraints that we have.

Proposal Number:	Development – 6 - Housekeeping
Description:	Clean up language about age limits for jumps at US Championships
Current Rule:	Page 55, Format FIS World Cup format (no age limitations in Aerials).
Proposed Change:	Page 55, Format FIS World Cup format (No age limitations on degree of difficulty in Aerials).
Amended Motion:	Page 55, Format FIS World Cup format (the degree of difficulty limitations in Aerials shall follow USSA age restriction).
Discussion/Reason:	The intent was always skiers can compete with any jump they have qualified but now with sticking to the hard FIS age rule of must be 14 then we can not let this be misinterpreted and have the entire meet thrown out.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

- Wintersteen: We will still keep age limitation from USSA rules?
- Hatch: Correct. Will amend proposal if committee desires to say will follow USSA age limitations.
- Wise: Yes we should change it, Hatch, please do.

Proposal Number:	Development - 12
Purpose:	To make sure athletes attending FIS HP World Cups are not left out of US Freestyle Nationals.
Current Rule:	Page 54-55. None
Proposed Change:	Page 54-55. Insert between #1 and #2 Any athlete currently ranked in the Top 10 of either women or men on FIS Halfpipe World Cup standings.
Discussion/Reason:	In lieu of any National Team for Halfpipe (which would be included in #1 or #2), it seems appropriate to include a quota for Halfpipe athletes, who are attending and having success at FIS World Cup events, to ensure they are able to compete at US Nationals. These athletes are paying their own way to attend FIS World Cups. Currently this issue is not a problem, but I see there may be a need for this criteria/quota in the future.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

No discussion

Proposal Number:	Development - 13
Description:	Revise criteria #9 the "Open" Component for Halfpipe at the US Championships. Change the "Open" Components to personal invites based on results.
Current Rule:	Page 54-55. #9. In Halfpipe an open group of 30 athletes per gender will be allowed entry into a 2 run qualification round.
Proposed Change:	Page 54-55. #9. In Halfpipe an open group of 30 athletes per gender will be allowed entry into a 2 run qualification round. <u>10 personal invitations per gender will be given and filled with US Halfpipe skiers that have achieved a top three podium placing in a major open Halfpipe event. Open halfpipe events considered are to include the following but not limited to: Winter X-Games, US Freeskiing Open, Aspen Open, New Zealand Open, Nippon Open, North American Opens, European Open, World Ski Invitational, World SuperPipe Championships, Big Bear Open, and other high level open events to be considered.</u>
Amended Motion:	<u>In addition to the above criteria six spots per gender will be given to US skiers that achieve podium spots in the Winter X-Games and/or the US Freeskiing Open. If an athlete that places in both events, no more athletes will be named.</u>

Amended Motion #2:	Page 54-55. #9. In Halfpipe an open group of 30 athletes per gender will be allowed entry into a 2 run qualification round. <u>in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve US finishers per gender in Halfpipe at the Winter X-Games and/or the US Freeskiing Open.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>There seems to be a big interest by USSA members and the freeride community to get higher caliber skiers to compete at this event. USSA is currently considered to be a feeder to the “Open” circuit rather than the other way around. Since our “Open” component wasn’t hugely successful at US Champs 2008, maybe it should be revised.</p> <p>One reason to revise the “Open” component under the current rules (Page 54-55. #9 and Format #4) is the current format could create a maximum of 238 scored runs in one day for the Halfpipe event at US Freestyle National.</p> <p>Maybe an invite quota would be another way to go. It would allow for some of the “big names” to be brought into the fold with a more personal invitation.... Helping give the event better clout, exclusiveness, and viability. With the invite component we can control the size of the field better, but still allowing the “Open” concept that we were trying to achieve this year.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passes: Unanimous

- Hatch: This has changed from the original proposal. This is for athletes who are too busy to be in our pipeline but at the top of their sport. I would like to amend the motion to clarify the proposal.
- Beck: Communication needs to be established with both events and we're jumping the gun a little.
- Hudak: We don't need to run it by the organizers, we are giving invitations to the top guys to our nationals. These two events are the biggest events in half-pipe.
- Henceroth: If this does or doesn't work we can amend it at the next spring meeting.
- Chase: Want to remind everyone that we can't vote this down. Something needs to be done so we don't have 238 scored runs.
- Clark: This is a good idea, and it is just a start and can generate some interest to join USSA.
- Beck: There are a lot of scenarios out there and I want to make sure when it comes to petitions those aren't overlooked.
- Nate: Why should this limit to just podium, what about athletes that get fourth or fifth? Someone making finals at the X-Games to any freerider is extraordinary. Give the skiers the opportunity to compete.
- Duhamel: Is it a possibility to limit instead of open 30 to 20, or something more reasonable?
- Hudak: I agree to extend the list since anyone who is invited to compete in X-Games, it would be an honor to have them compete in our nationals.
- Lange: To cut from the possibility of 60 open athletes to just down to max of 6. The odds are it will be a lot less than that due to foreign competitors. It is an extreme cut, and a lot of are in agreement that it needs to be a larger number. There is so much to consider and the working group can come up with a recommendation. At best right now all we're going to come up with is a rough number of how many people we want to come from those events.
- Hatch: What is valuable to this is to have actual invitations.
- Clark: We need to make a decision now and not delay this.
- Hatch: Is someone proposing an amendment?
- Duhamel: I propose to that the number be top twelve per gender of US skiers only. Amendment was seconded and Hatch accepted the amendment.

Proposal Number:	Development - 17
Description:	Recommendation to FIS committee to add quotas in Halfpipe at the FIS World Cup events, starting with next season 2008-09.
Current Rule:	No quotas
Proposed Change:	Development Sub-Committee recommends that the quotas for halfpipe World Cup events be 12 per gender with a maximum team size of 24.
Discussion/Reason:	Time to begin to regulate the entries at this top level event which will allow us to have a better format.

Recommendation to staff:

- Hatch: Would like staff to take this as a recommendation to take to the FIS meeting.
- Wintersteen: What is the compelling reason to add the quota? Are they filling up or are too many people showing up?
- To start to build a structure to the half-pipe.

Proposal Number:	Development #20
Description:	To reinstate the 2007-08 Development Group numbers
Current Rule:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list...
Proposed Change:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals top 5 U.S. men and top five U.S. women not previously named from the moguls and dual moguls list, the top two men and top two women in duals ...
Discussion/Reason:	Development Group: There is no mention in the 2007 USSA FSC Spring minutes about changing the size of the development group. Why was it changed? When was it changed? Who has the ability to change it?
	2007-2008 Development Group numbers reinstated

- Clark: It took some investigating and there was a disconnect, so we will go back to the old rule of five and five for the NorAm safety net. Anything else we do with the development group will be limited. There are just too many people to manage, and staff will decide invitations to camps. We will re-do the development group list so it will state five mogul athletes, five dual mogul athletes, and two aerial athletes.
- Newson: Recommends to staff to maintain what has been done previously. Require all athletes come with a coach and if an athlete's coach cannot come, the athlete won't be allowed to participate. Recalling what was done last year, it is not fair to an athlete whose coach will follow the rules.
- Rawles: If all the athletes and all the coaches did come, that number is still just too large for the athletes to intermingle with my staff and get something from the camp. Having that many people at that site was just too much and the number of people was too hard to manage.
- Clark: Only instituting this last year, we learned that it was just too many people to manage and for it to be effective with the national team and development group. It needs to be beneficial to all the groups and we know what our limitations are.

- Hatch: The team has to decide what is best for the team and they will do that. They need to decide what that number is. That is not our place to tell them what that number is.
- Wintersteen: Invitations to camps is not in the comp guide so we are going beyond the comp guide scope. As far as the comp guide we are expanding it to what was originally done.

Revised Development Group:

- Mogul - Men
1. Shane Cordeau
 2. Nick Hanscom
 3. Jeremy Cota
 4. Jay Panther
 5. Joe Discoe

- Mogul - Women
1. Lindsey Cannon
 2. Mikaela Matthews
 3. Jordan Poyfair
 4. Whitney Henceroth
 5. Annie Serra

- Dual Mogul - Men
1. Cody Temple
 2. Jay Panther
 3. Joe Discoe
 4. Shane Cordeau
 5. Jeremy Cota

- Dual Mogul - Women
1. Alison DiGravio
 2. Mikaela Matthews
 3. Whitney Henceroth
 4. K.C. Oakley
 5. Kelsey Albert

Proposal Number:	Development #21
Description:	To establish a Development Group for half pipe
Current Rule:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, the top two men and the top two women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, and the top two men and women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group.
Proposed Change:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, the top 3 men and top 3 women in halfpipe, and the top two men and women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group.
Discussion/Reason:	We need to begin to track these top halfpipe skiers and begin to extend the same training and competition opportunities offered to them as we do to their counter parts in moguls and aerials.
Pass/Fail:	Passes: Unanimous

Hatch: Would like to extend some of the same training opportunities that the other disciplines have.
Hudak: see Addendum E

New Business:

- Hatch: Proposes to reinstate the fall meetings to the FSC. As a freestyle community, we are not following through with the things we set to accomplish in the spring. We need to get together to review and reprioritize and reassign what needs to get done before the winter is upon us. Conference calls are possible as well.
- Wise: In the past we incurred a lot of proxy voting.
- Matthews: If we have a fall meeting it should be by teleconference, we do not need to actually meet.
- Clark: Remember no rule changes can be made during the fall meeting. We would be getting prepared for the spring meeting. There are better ways to track our tasks. Create a list with

- people who are responsible listing what the task is, deadline, who is supposed to be doing it. Someone on the FSC needs to follow up with the working group responsible for that task.
- Hatch: Looking at ways to do new things is always a good idea.
 - Lange: Immediate step is to set up a phone conference for the fall.
 - Hayes: Subcommittees need to collect agenda items to see if we even need a meeting.
 - Hatch: We cannot change rules but still can bring forward issues to work on.
 - Hayes: We have many evolving parts and I'm for a fall meeting.
 - Schirman: Not sure if we need a fall meeting but the subcommittees need to communicate more.
 - Hatch: At the end of this meeting we can decide whether we want to have a fall meeting.

Selections:

- Hatch: Should half-pipe selections be in January since there is only one pipe available in December? My biggest concern is aerials. Not sure aerials can stand on its own due to participation and the cost that occurs.
- Clark: Regarding the bids, those were what we received. It is unrealistic to have half-pipe in December. Aerials is in a difficult spot right now. What is the direction from this group to support aerials? Right now no one in the U.S. is stepping up to hold that event. We need to discuss if half-pipe should be in January or look to have it in March or April. Everyone finds spots for moguls and everything else just tags along.
- Duhamel: Can the working group for half-pipe take up that issue and come up with an overall logical structure?
- Hatch: Clay Beck is heading up the working group, can you take on that task?
- Beck: It is taking on a bit much for the working group, but we can talk about it and see what develops. We are talking about selections so what are we selecting for? The working group is focusing on the key events such as NorAms. We are going to put together a calendar that will work with the other pro events to help integrate the open events into our own.
- Hatch: Joins the working group.

NorAms:

- Hatch is requesting rough draft of the NorAm schedule to be presented to the FSC and have input to offer guidance on the schedule.
- Clark: We can figure out a way to do a better job of communicating that information. The hard thing is that there are so many moving parts, especially with Canada.

Ski cross:

- Hatch wants specifications to run a regional ski cross event. Right now it is going top down and we need to develop the grass roots system.
- Satis: Holding a camp this summer for ski cross training, call him.

Development meeting minutes - see Addendum F

Coaches-Eddy

Review of Coaches' Education 07/08 and Plans for 08/09

- Level 100 mogul clinics combined with Level 200 aerials were held In November 2007 in A Basin, CO & Killington, VT
- Curriculum for Level 200 moguls to be completed this summer with clinics to be scheduled for next fall; details will be posted to USSA coaches' education part of the website - Rawles & Eddy will coordinate this.
- Elana will spearhead half-pipe curriculum.

Proposal on Jump Qualification Procedure

Proposal Number:	Coaches Subcommittee - 1
Description:	Jump Qualifications
Current Rule:	Entire 3070 section
Proposed Change:	<p>Add 3070.3.5</p> <p>For Moguls and Dual Moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.3, before a 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 to directly precede selected scheduled competitions (for example, the day prior) and athletes needing to qualify jumps may be required to pay a fee set by USSA to defray the cost of the independent Certified Coach. 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>
Amended Motion:	<p>Add 3070.3.5</p> <p>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 to directly precede selected scheduled competitions (for example, the day prior) and athletes needing to qualify jumps may be required to pay a fee set by USSA to defray the cost of the independent Certified Coach. 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>Due to the potential serious consequences of performing inverted jumps in the moguls without a mastery of the appropriate skills, an additional level of scrutiny needs to be put in place to insure the safety of the athletes. Under the current rule a jump is typically qualified on water in a very controlled setting. Although it is a valuable process, the setting is very different than the jumps athletes will encounter on snow in the moguls. Adding an on snow component to the qualifying procedure will test whether the athletes have mastered the necessary</p>

	<p>skills sufficiently to maintain proper form and safety under much more difficult conditions. In addition, adding an independent qualifier without a coaching relationship to the athlete (or the athletes' parents) will add a level of objectivity and uniformity to the process ensuring that all athletes possess the same minimum skill level to perform jumps safely. As a side effect, having a secondary level of review will empower all coaches to demand a higher level of performance from athletes to ensure that the jumps will pass scrutiny and be allowed on snow. Finally, having designated USSA qualifiers with the responsibility of submitting reports will simplify the record keeping process as there will be far fewer contact persons involved to confirm qualifications in the event records are missing.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passes: For- 9, against 3, abstain 2

- Eddy: This will add to the mogul and dual mogul qualification procedure that already exists. Each division will establish a series of events so that this will happen. Athletes will need to present their on-water certifications to the independent coach, which is what they have now prior to qualifying on snow. There is a lot of risk involved with inverted jumping. We want to tighten up and raise the standards. There is a working group that will handle the logistics and coordinate with staff. The independent qualifier must be a level 3 certified aerial coach who is not connected to the programs or division. Then there will be a central database with all of the qualifications and the qualifier will be responsible for collecting all certifications.
- Henceroth: Who will be the qualifier?
- Wintersteen: Chris Seeman, Matt Christensen, Brian Currutt, Brian Lake
- Henceroth: My understanding is that there is not a water component you can qualify on snow or water.
- Eddy: Anyone who starts to learn his or her inverted trick on snow is asking for an injury.
- Henceroth: With the names you listed they already have jobs and they are not going to be able to drop what they are doing to go and qualify athletes in seven different divisions.
- Eddy: There will be designated dates of when you will be able to qualify. It will not be a free for all. Each division will propose dates to have qualifications. We can come up with about 15 names of people who would be certified to qualify these athletes.
- Wise: Reason he is going to an independent coach is the fact that some coaches who specialize in certifying athletes are doing it before the athlete is ready. At selections there was an athlete who shouldn't have been performing the trick and the coach of the athlete said it was taken care of. The athlete continued to perform the trick unsafely.
- Henceroth: We as the FSC need to hold the coaches accountable.
- Wintersteen: What expertise does this board have qualifying maneuvers?
- Henceroth: We are just the reporters to the certified coach.
- Preston: The problem is that the coaches' education is behind the time. I would be willing to add my name to the working group.
- Schirman: We are undermining our program coaches by just going to the independent qualifier. Where is the liability? We shouldn't just by pass and rely on the independent coach.
- Eddy: Liability goes back to USSA as it always has. The independent coach is a different perspective, to raise the bar for the athlete, a higher standard that the athletes need to meet.
- Matthews: This is overly restrictive, hard to manage, and logistically complex a solution. This is way overkill to the rules that are being ignored. I speak against the motion. The TD needs to step up and pull the certification for the day.
- Eddy: The TD has the power to pull certifications but they do not have the knowledge and aren't a level 3 aerial coach.
- Zuck: Is this just for inverted maneuvers or is off axis to follow this rule, too?

- Eddy: We can change it to make it straight inverted maneuvers. I amend the motion and add "inverted" as the proposed change to the motion.
- Duhamel: Can you speak as to why everyone needs to do this and not just the few people that are really not following the current rule?
- Eddy: There are just way too many athletes that are doing inverts who aren't ready or have the skills yet. The athletes and coaches feel they have to do these tricks but they aren't ready. You only need to fall on your head once for it to be all over. This never happens on an aerial site because they have a lot more training. We see this in nearly every event.
- Berry: This is great, it makes the coaches and athletes more accountable for their actions. Having the independent coach takes away from a coach that has their level 3. We just need to help with the logistics of it.
- Clark: This is not just for competitions, this is all the time, even during training at home resorts.
- Albert: We have a major contradiction to the current rule in the comp guide. That needs to be addressed.
- Hatch: My concern is that it may be a challenge to have the certification happen in a realistic manner. Maybe we need to create a certification process itself that is outside the coaches' education process. The jury always has the ability to take away the qualification if they see something is unsafe.
- Lange: The TD and/or Jury would only respond in an extreme reactionary situation in a case that is totally inappropriate. It is not possible for the TD to see every athlete's training or jumps to make a logical decision.

New Business:

- Elana Chase and Mick Berry elected as Development Subcommittee reps – no opposition.
- Chairman's position up for election this summer. Nominations due to USSA by 6/1.
- Electronic voting of the coaches' membership to follow.
- Proposal originally labeled Development 1: No time to discuss this, but it is not something the committee can require staff to do – that said, all agree it is a desirable plan.

Proposal Number:	Verbal Motion
Description:	Change "should" to "shall"
Current Rule:	3070.3.3
Proposed Change:	To receive qualification for an inverted jump, the recommended minimum number of jumps shall should first be performed on water and the 5 jump qualification procedure successfully completed before attempting the jump on snow.
Discussion/Reason:	To clear up any ambiguity on whether water ramping is a requirement prior to performing maneuvers on snow.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: For-7, against 5, abstaining 0

Coaches' subcommittee minutes - see Addendum G

2. Old business

- Elections for Chairman position – Wise and Eddy were nominated Wise won 7 to 6 and stated that this will be his last two year term as Chairman.
- Lange withdrew his At-Large position nomination.
- Wise nominated Jamie Kimball for the other At-Large position in addition to Konrad. FSC voted and passed 13-0.

3. New business

- Motion was brought forward that dual mogul seeding of 24 will only apply to nationals. FSC voted and passed: Unanimous
 - Wintersteen: Motion was made to change verbiage in rule 3070.3.3 to "shall first be performed on water" **Still waiting on formal writing from Flash** FSC voted and passed: For-7, against 5, abstain 0
 - Hatch: Motion made to eliminate part of the rule 3070.3.3 "That athletes must qualify a back layout without position before qualifying other back flips with position" FSC voted and failed: For- 2, against 8, abstaining 3
 - Jeff Sadis brought forward ski cross ideas and proposals.
 - Wise requests for Sadis to write up proposals and turn them in to Wise and Bilisoly two weeks post spring 2008 meeting. From there, the executive will review proposals.
 - Duhamel: Requests explanation of the history as to how membership was divided up into the four voting groups.
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- Lange responded: At the time of USSA and US Ski Team merger the entire structure and all committees were reorganized. We were given a model to structure the committee. In the proposed layout they included only one member for membership to be on each sport committee and, at that time we had seven, one per division. Alpine had a structure that included regions that included western, rocky/central, and eastern. As a compromise we went to one representation for each region. There was some justification as to the amount of numbers that balanced each region. The idea also is that membership doesn't have one but three voting members sitting on the committee. The rotation of the vote between divisions is done alphabetically. If you are interested in proposing a change, then you must take it to the USSA board and other ramifications will include a larger FSC board size with the appropriate number of athlete representation.
 - Proposal for fall meeting to the Chairman, Wise accepts motion.
 - Agenda items by subcommittees due to Wise by Aug 1, 2008
 - FSC will be notified by Aug 4, 2008 if there will or will not be a phone conference
 - Conference call for Sept 18, 2008 at 10 am MST
 - FSC voted and passed 13-0

4. Adjournment

Addendum A

Membership Update - May 2008

Multi-Sport Youth Discount

We have been working with our club partners to bring a meaningful program to membership that fosters participation in multiple sport programs at the youth level. The discount will be offered for both new and existing members this season.

Beginning with the May renewal for the 2008-09 competition season, those athletes holding more than one youth membership will receive a \$25 discount on their second and subsequent youth memberships. Parents of youth athletes will see a line item for the discount on the upcoming renewal.

Youth memberships include the following categories:

Alpine Youth / Freestyle Youth / Cross Country Kid / Jumping Nordic Combined Kid / Freestyle Rookie / Snowboard Regional Competitor

Dues/Fees 2008-09 Season

USSA membership fees for the 2008-09 competition season remain unchanged. There are some changes to FIS fees as noted below:

- Alpine FIS - \$80, \$150 late
- Freestyle FIS - \$60, \$100 late
- Cross Country FIS - \$80, \$150 late
- Snowboard - \$80
- Jumping FIS - \$25
- Nordic Combined FIS - \$25
- IPC Alpine Skiing Disabled - \$100, \$200 late

Member List Tool

A new tool is available on www.ussa.org to provide USSA clubs and event organizers easier access to membership lists. The Member List tool provides a method for downloading lists of current USSA members in specified categories and sports. This is a real-time, dynamic tool.

The tool is located in the dropdown menu on the right side of www.ussa.org. Simply select Membership Tools and then choose Member List.

Just choose the current season, your division and the appropriate inventory item or items from the list of memberships. You may choose multiple membership categories such as alpine youth, alpine non-scored student and alpine competitor for one division. If multiple divisions are needed, you'll need to run multiple lists.

The list will provide the members' names, USSA membership numbers, year of birth, gender and membership category.

Online Registration

USSA will be launching online registration and renewal soon. The system will support registration of new and existing members. Additional tools will include the ability for members to update their personal information such as address, email address and phone numbers, as well as changes to the Medical Insurance.

Communication has been ongoing about the launch and will continue. We'll be sending email notifications of launch date to clubs, parents, coaches, officials and athletes of the specific launch date in the next coming weeks. We'll also post information and a link to the system on www.ussa.org.

We're looking forward to providing this exciting new service to aid in the registration process.

Here are some details:

Who can register online?

- New and renewing members 18 & over including athletes, coaches and officials may register online.
- Parents of new and renewing members under 18 may register their children.
- Exceptions include foreign members of any membership category and those who wish to register as associate members.

What transactions may be done online through the registration and renewal program?

- New and renewing members may register online, including paying for division dues, state dues and corresponding late fees for those divisions and states participating in the Dues Management program.
- Athletes may register for FIS and/or IPC AS.
- Purchase multiple memberships and receive the appropriate discounts.
- Background screening registration may be concluded where applicable via the online registration tool.
- Opt-in to division or state email communication lists.

What transactions may be done online through my account?

- Member may update their personal information such as address, phone, email and password.
- Background screening registration may be concluded where applicable via the Member Dashboard.

When will the new tools be available?

We are currently beta testing and conducting some managed testing with real users. We anticipate the system will be in June.

When will my membership be active?

Your USSA membership will be active immediately unless you are a coach or official for whom background screening is required. However, FIS and IPC AS license processing can take up to 14 business days. So athletes registering for FIS or IPC AS should register early to avoid delays.

Where will online registration be available?

- Initially, the link to create an account and register online will be located in the black navigation bar next to the "contact us" link.
- In addition, a link will also be available through the Membership Tools menu on the right-hand side of the homepage on www.ussa.org.

How will I be able to register or renew my membership online?

Just go to the one of the online links on www.ussa.org, create an account and then click to register for membership and the program will guide you through the process.

Other Potential Online Projects:

- Club Registration
- Changes and upgrades to existing memberships
- Online Classifieds
- Associate Renewal
- Expanded Membership Merchandise Offerings

Addendum B

USSA Freestyle Staff Report Spring Congress 2008 - May 15, 2008 PJ Clark Fall/Winter 2007/2008 Staff Report

We had a bit of a challenge in November when Emily Fisher left and we needed to hire a replacement. We decided to hire Cheryl Bilisoly from one of our club programs. Cheryl had only two days to orient with Emily and learn from the 10 years of experience that Emily had.

Ski cross-

FIS settled in and defined ski cross as a freestyle sport. We did add a ski cross program with the addition of a coach as well as getting criteria written for starts and team nominations. We nominated and named a national team with the focus towards the Olympics and medals at the Olympics. The athletes are former alpine national team athletes or athletes who are active in the alpine system.

Aerial talent ID program-

Is another program that freestyle developed and Flash will talk more about it in his report.

Looking ahead-

Coaches' Education-

Coaches' Education is one of our main focuses and is being reviewed by Glenn Eddy, the freestyle staff, and Dave McCann, USSA coaches' education department. We have done test programs and clinics in the past that have been successful. We have set goals to evaluate and complete this program.

Judge/Official Education-

Judges' and Officials' Education both at the national level and FIS level are being reviewed and much work needs to be done. Justin Henceroth did an internship with us at the USSA office last summer. One project he worked on was an inventory nationally of what is going on in judges' education and programs in each division. I need to understand what is going on in the field to better understand what direction the education needs to go. This is not just to train judges at a national level, but leadership that we can take to each divisional level. Most of the material that judges use at the divisional level is for the international judges' clinic, so that will be reviewed. We are severely lacking in slopestyle and half-pipe material for education and need to generate useful information to use at all levels including FIS.

Andy Hayes and I are currently reviewing officials' education. Our focus is how to set up the education and what is the best way to be productive through clinics and/or our website. This will help our current organizers, future organizers, and new people who want to get involved with freestyle.

Parent Education-

Parent communication and education needs to be provided to our members. A good place to start is at Junior Olympics or other key events. Have a parent meeting that provides information about USSA as an organization and freestyle program. In addition, find out what information the parents are missing or what they don't know. This will give them an opportunity to be more informed as to what their child is partaking in.

Pipeline-

The USSA pipeline is a competition pipeline and is dictated by the U.S. Olympic Committee. The pipeline is used to show visually how athletes not only come through our system but will also become a lifetime skier. It starts at a recreational learn to ski level with basic fundamentals and works all the way up to competitive level of World Championships and Olympics. We are going to reevaluate and rebuild the pipeline and use it as a communication tool for our programs and interest of our sport.

World Championships-

In the next four years we will have two World Championships. This coming year in 2009 they will be in Inawashiro Japan and in 2011 at Deer Valley. It will be the second time that Deer Valley will host World Championships with the first back in 2003. Both sites will host moguls, dual moguls, aerials, ski cross, and half-pipe. In 2011 the half-pipe event will take place at Park City Mountain Resort but will still be part of the World Championships program for Deer Valley. Deer Valley is the best stop on the World Cup tour and we are extremely excited that they will be hosting World Championships. Deer Valley is a great supporter of freestyle skiing at domestic and World Cup levels.

Communication-

We are going to be doing a better job of communicating via our website. The site was rebuilt last year and Emily repopulated it in September/October and the new site was up and running in early November. We are aware we have not utilized the site to its fullest capacity. It is a focus of staff this coming season to add more information and for the site to be the primary form of communication to the community.

We will also be using Bluehornet, which is our mass email system to send information to specific groups and/or all of membership.

We are searching for feedback from our members are sending out surveys to be filled out via the web. If you receive a survey or know of someone who has received one, please take the time to reply. This is a great tool established to get mass input from the community to build upon programs.

Development Group-

This group is a number of nominated athletes just below the national team. The original intent was to give these athletes a safety net at U.S. Selection events. If those athletes do not perform at Selections they will still have the ability to compete on the NorAm tour. Last year we built structure of this group to have all nominated athletes accepting or decline their nomination. If an athlete retires or declines the spot, then that would open up opportunity for someone else.

The athletes are now being invited with their coach to participate in national training camps depending upon what the staff can manage at specific locations. It is critical that the domestic coaches go with their athletes to invited camps. This is a benefit not only to the athlete but the coaches as well to learn from the national team staff.

Another perk for the athletes is the access to the USSA national team gym. It gives them the chance to train alongside national team athletes in all USSA sports. These opportunities make the transition from development athlete to national team athlete much easier. Another way to build out this program is to do a bit of an orientation with each. I will give the athletes a one-page letter with an official notification of nomination, lay out their expectations, and lay out what benefits they receive being part of the development group. I will be looking in to the logistics as to what we can build for slopestyle and half-pipe development group.

Olympic Games and Olympic Planning-

The Olympics are 18 months away and we have been planning for it since last year. The success of freestyle at the Olympics will benefit the rest of our domestic programs. With success in winning medals will come interest from sponsors, trustees, parents, and new athletes.

We have submitted our U.S. candidate to judge at the Olympics and it is Jim Bates. The FIS freestyle committee needs to approve our candidate and then the FIS council needs to approve the candidate as well. The TD for the Olympics is Jeff Lange.

Athlete FSC Elections-

We will be conducting athlete elections this summer. All information will be communicated via Bluehornet and our website.

JO, National, and NorAm Bids-

Our goal is to have organizers submit a two-year bid for events. We find that the second year is less intimidating and easier for the organizer. We also would like to move towards getting a commitment from organizers a year in advance for a two-year bid.

Membership-

Our membership in freestyle has continued to grow and increase each year that I have been part of freestyle. Last year we had just over 3,000 members and this year we are up to 3,500. Retention is important and once we get an athlete in our program we need to have ways to keep them interested. Of that 3,500, 1,000 or more of those members are kids the ages 12 and under. We need to hang on to those kids and make sure they have the right support throughout the pipeline from domestic programs up to national team.

Executive Committee-

Executive managed action item or to do lists that need to be accomplished between meetings. Someone will be appointed from the committee to follow up on these action items, tasks; know who is responsible for tasks, and what is the deadline is. This is a good tool to keep us on track.

Cheryl Bilisoly- Development Group Report

The following group of athletes is the 2008-2009 USSA Development Group. Athletes are guaranteed starts for NorAms in the '08-09 season, for both moguls and dual moguls. They must participate in US Selection events to retain their start rights. An athlete who is named to the development group has until June 1, 2008 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.

Men's Moguls

- 1- Shane Cordeau
- 2- Nick Hanscom
- 3- Jeremy Cota
- 4- Jay Panther

Women's Moguls

- 1- Lindsey Cannon
- 2- Mikaela Matthews
- 3- Jordan Poyfair
- 4- Whitney Henceroth

Men's Dual Moguls

- 1- Cody Tempel
- 2- Joseph Discoe

Women's Dual Moguls

- 1- Alison DiGravio
- 2- KC Oakley

Men's Aerials

- 1- Zac Amidan
- 2- Matt Flesher

Women's Aerials

- 1- Ashley Caldwell
- 2- Jillian Kazley

US Selections Update

Location is TBD with interest from Winter Park, CO and Keystone, CO to hold mo/dm competition. Still seeking bids for ae/hp competition. Event will be held the week of December 15-21, 2008.

NorAm Schedule Update

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, the NorAm committee still needs to approve this schedule and events listed are in no particular order:

Killington, VT Jan 3-5, 2009 mo/dm

Eastern Canada (Quebec) Jan 8-11, 2009 ae/ae/mo/mo

Arapahoe Basin, CO Feb 11-13, 2009 mo/mo

COP, Canada Feb 18-22, 2009 ae/ae/hp/mo/dm

As a reminder for the 2008-2009 NorAm tour, FIS has decided to continue one mogul grand prix list. Both moguls and dual mogul events will be calculated on the same grand prix, mimicking the World Cup tour.

Junior Olympics

The Junior Olympics is a two- year bid, 2009/2010 event will be located at Waterville Valley, NH. The date still TBD.

US Championships

Location/date TBD.

2008-2009 List Schedule

Proposed Freestyle Points List Dates for 2008-2009:

Period		Close	Valid
Fall List		Nov. 11	Nov. 14
1	Mar 31- Dec. 23	Dec. 23	Dec. 29
2	Dec. 24- Jan. 20	Jan. 20	Jan. 23
3	Jan. 21- Feb 17	Feb. 17	Feb. 20
4	Feb. 18- Mar. 4	Mar. 3	Mar. 6
5	Mar. 7- Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Apr. 3

Please review the closing and valid dates of the 2008-2009 points list. Once they are approved at this meeting they are set for the season.

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). The next deadline for Petitions to start for US Selection Events is July 1, 2008. All petitions submitted by July 1, will hear a response from the Executive Committee by July 21, 2008. The fall deadline for petitions is October 1, 2008. All petitions submitted by October 1, will hear a response from the Exec. Comm. by October 21, 2008.

2008- 2009 Competition Guide

Each summer the Comp Guide is edited from the year before. Anyone wishing to get a jump start on it can use the 2007-2008 comp guide, however changes must be noted when the original is sent to you, please don't just send the new text, note how it has changed from the previous year. Jeff Weinman, Competition Services Assistant Director, will be sending out the divisional sections. After that Cheryl Bilisoly will be coordinating the comp guide editing.

TIMELINE:

June 16, 2008 - Divisional Chairs will receive the Comp Guide for editing.

July 14, 2008 - All divisional sections due to Cheryl at USSA, noting changes.

July 28, 2008 - Final draft of divisional sections sent back to divisional chairs for final edits.

August 11, 2008 - 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 2007-2008 version of the guide.

US Team Staff Report – Jeff "Flash" Wintersteen

Heading into the World Championships season, I want to update everyone on staff changes since the last meeting in the spring.

Our new C Team Aerial coach was hired this past August, Ryan Snow. Ryan was a member of the Canadian Aerial WC Team for a number of years and coached with the Australians before joining our staff. Ryan is a great addition and brings some new perspectives and enthusiasm. Already a good season in working with these athletes, most notable was the success with Allison Treleaven; we are looking forward to next season.

We are also pleased to announce the addition of Dmitriy Kavunov to the Aerial staff in the role of Aerial Program Supervisor. This is a new position and Dmitriy's role will be developing a comprehensive aerial program from bottom to top in the US. This will initially consist of a talent ID and transfer program that he has overseen very successfully in both Russia and Canada. This is an entirely different approach to attracting talent for our sport. This program has generated a great deal of excitement far outside Freestyle. It has garnered a great deal of interest and support from the USOC which views this as a pilot program where its application can then be applied to other NGBs. A number of coaches and parents have asked how their athletes might be involved with the "Elite Aerial Program", please contact myself or Dmitriy for details.

The other noteworthy addition to our staff is Tyler Shepherd who was named as the Head Ski Cross Coach in November. Shep hails from an alpine background, but is also one of the pioneers of this emerging sport. Team selection criteria were made available in the fall and Shep did a great job of recruiting and organizing some of our national talent to be successful. Obviously there is a great deal of work to be done in this regard, and it continues to be an ongoing process as we look to ramp up this program as rapidly as possible for success in 2010. For those who are interested, don't hesitate to contact Shep or me with questions.

I am happy to report other than the staff additions, the national team has no changes. We have a typical prep period with some slight modifications as we run up to the World Championship season in Inawashiro Japan.

Addendum C

Freestyle Membership Subcommittee Minutes

Friday May 16, 2007

Chair: Deb Newson (East) - Present
Rocky: Craig Matthews -Present
PNSA: Pat Deneen – Absent (at R&T)
Far West: Kate Duhamel - Present
Northern: Mike Papke - Absent
Intermountain: Caron Keim - Present
Central: Lewis Sundquist - Absent
Discussion Topics/Round table discussion

New Business: Proposals brought forth from Development Committee for consideration by the Membership Sub-Committee:

Proposal Number: Development - 9

Description: Have the event format for SS and HP at Junior Olympics be more in line with the successful format used for the mogul event during Junior Olympics while still allowing opportunity for our developing events and athletes to have a second chance also keeping the integrity of the open formats that are so popular.

Current Rule: Pg53 Junior Olympics “Format”

Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules*, a qualification/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals. * See page 91 USSA Rules for HP. The rule is to follow FIS rules and format. But in reality, this was the format run at Junior Olympics at 2008; the format for Halfpipe and Slopestyle at Junior Olympic is a two run format: Best of two runs where the same run order is used for both runs.

Proposed Change: Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules, a qualification/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals.

In Halfpipe and Slopestyle the first run will be run by random draw. The second run will be seeded by the first run results, with the top 20 running first, within gender, in reverse order of their first run finish, the remaining competitors (21 and up) will run immediately afterwards in order of their first run finish, within gender.

Discussion/Reason: SS and HP at JO's would be better served by having the top 20 skiers grouped together in the afternoon finals –similar to moguls. The reasoning is **five** fold;

One, to help the judges. It is questionable that this year's JO Men's HP winner wasn't the true winner. But we are not blaming the judges. If the judges could have seen the top 20 in a reverse order it would have been much easier to identify the true winner. I think we owe it to the top skier to accurately assess their talent.

Two, all championship events have performance cuts and reverse order starts list for finals. However, since JO's is also an event about celebrating participation from junior athletes around the nation, I feel this proposal is a fair compromise.

Three, this would force the event organizers to produce results between runs 1 and 2 like a semis and finals. At JO's this year, the mogul event scores were announced quickly and results for both women and men were produced after each round. That was not true for the freeride events at JO's 2008.

Four, as in other high level events, the first run (aka Semi Finals) has a purpose. One purpose is to seed finals. Again, this is a format that our athletes need to become familiar with.

Five, I think a top 20 cut, without allowing the other HP and SS participants a second run, would leave a bad impression in the minds of freeriders, parents and athletes. We are still trying to welcome this group into the fold; many of them are newly licensed competitors.
Development 9 passed unanimously. Motion carries.

Proposal Number: Development – 10

Description: Change the current combined categories at the US Freestyle JO's

Current Rule: Page #54 If an athlete qualifies to compete in 3 disciplines at Junior Olympics then they will be considered a combined skier. A combined skier may start in all 5 disciplines and will be added above and beyond the quotas in all 5 disciplines. A combined skier is welcome to start in all 5 disciplines but can choose which events to ski. If a combined skier chooses not to ski in a discipline, an alternate is not placed into the event since combined athletes are added above the current quota.

Proposed Change: Combined skiers at US Freestyle Junior Olympics:

A. If an athlete qualifies to compete in 3 disciplines at the Junior Olympics then they will be considered a combined skier. A combined skier is considered combined if skiing in at least 3 of the 5 disciplines. (moguls, Dual Moguls, Aerials, slope style and half pipe.) A combined skier may only start in the disciplines in which they qualified. If a combined athlete is injured or chooses to not ski in a discipline, the unused spot will be filled by the FSP List #3.

B. Each Division will conduct combined at the divisional championships. The combined champion at divisional championships will be added above the current quota. Combined is considered as the highest ranked skier after the event in at least 3 of the 5 disciplines.

C. If by Virtue of criteria #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, Slope style and half pipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost.

Discussion/Reason:

1. The current rule as it is written allows too many athletes in each Discipline. It dilutes the field and it makes it extremely difficult for event organizers and officials to run a successful event.
2. The philosophy of JO's is to bring the top athletes in each discipline to compete against each other.
3. By creating "combined" as **any** three events, it gives athletes the opportunity to choose which events they wish to compete in. Athletes are considered combine by competing in at least 3 of the 5 disciplines for which they have qualified from FSP list #3.

Development 10 failed unanimously. Motion denied.

Proposal Number: Development - 11

Description: Better clarification of All Event Skiers vs. Combined Skiers for the Junior Olympics to manage the numbers and lists of athletes at the Junior Olympics

Current Rule: If an athlete qualifies to compete in 3 disciplines at the Junior Olympics then they will be considered a combined skier. A combined skier may start in all 5 disciplines and will be added above the quotas in all 5 disciplines. A combined skier is welcome to start in all 5 disciplines but can choose which events to ski. If a combined skier chooses to not ski in a discipline, an alternate is not placed into the event since combined athletes are added above the current quota.

Proposed Change: If an athlete qualifies, from points list number 3 from the initial posting, to compete in 3 disciplines or more events at the Junior Olympics then they will be considered a combined an All Event skier. A combined An All Event skier may start in all 5 disciplines events and will be added above the quotas in all 5 disciplines only in the events that they have not already

qualified in. ~~A combined An All Event~~ skier is welcome to start in all 5 ~~disciplines events~~ but can choose which events to ski. If ~~a combined an All Event~~ skier chooses not to ski in ~~a discipline an event that they have not qualified in~~, an alternate is not placed into the event since ~~combined these~~ athletes are added above the current quota.

Discussion/Reason: This is the way many of us viewed this proposal when it was passed last year. Because of the way it was written and consequently interpreted we grossly increased the number of athletes and the manageability of the entrants of the skiers in the Junior Olympics this past season.

Development 11 passed unanimously. Motion carries.

Discussion about Kicker Magazine and other marketing possibilities such as digital Marketing possibilities and we talked about creating a Working group to help guide the marketing direction of USSA and utilizing some new thinking in the digital world.

Addendum D

Freestyle Rules and Technical Sub-committee Minutes

Saturday, May 17, 2007

Chair: Andy Hayes
PNSA: Pat Deneen
Intermountain: John Zuck for Chris Haslock
Rocky: Lailla Matthews for Matti Wade
Northern: Andy Hayes
FIS Rep: Jay Simpson
East: Ed Albert
Central: Thom Schaefer
Far West: Eric Hickman
Head Judge: Thom Scheaffer for Bill McNice

1- Declaration of voting members

2- Discussion topics:

- A. Officials payment structure for USSA events. USSA will post latest document on Officials web site.
- B. Ski Cross
- C. Freestyle TD's on jury. FIS has used Freestyle TD's exclusively
- D. Inclusion at the US Championships. Not in the next few years
- E. Criteria for naming a team. Being written at this time
- F. Combined - Are we trying to promote it? And what is it? A development tool up through JO's.
- G. 200 section, Joint Regulations for all Competitions. USSA has no 200 section of joint regulations and we will continue referencing FIS.
- H. Compare all rules in the USSA Comp Guide to all rules in the FIS ICR for spring of 2009
- I. Injuries related to out jumping the landing area in Moguls and Dual Moguls. Have added the FIS specs for moguls airs and will continue to monitor this issue.

USSA Rule Change Proposals

Proposal Number:	R & T – 3 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Change old rule referencing FIS ICR
Current Rule:	3056.7 DSQ if not qualified according to rules 208 and/or 212 of the FIS ICR.
Proposed Change:	3056.7 DSQ if not qualified according to rules 208 and/or 212 of the FIS ICR.
Discussion/Reason:	This rule was replaced with rule 203 – Licenses in the FIS ICR long ago. Since we do not have a 200 section this is the best we can do.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 4 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Change old rule referencing FIS ICR
Current Rule:	3065.1 Team Captains' meeting The team captains' meeting will be held according to FIS ICR rule 216 of the joint regulations for all ski competitions.
Proposed Change:	3065.1 Team Captains' meeting The team captains' meeting will be held according to FIS ICR rule 216 of the joint regulations for all ski competitions.
Discussion/Reason:	Since USSA does not have a 200 section in our comp guide we just delete the reference.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 5 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Correct the rule for Halfpipe format
Current Rule:	4104 Competition format – Single format Qualifications One run for all competitors. Top 50% from the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals. Finals – 6 or 12 competitors qualified, 2 runs each, best score of the 2 runs to make the results list.
Proposed Change:	4104 Competition format – Single format Qualifications One run for all competitors. Top 50% from the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals. Finals – 6 or 12 competitors qualified, 2 runs each, best score of the 2 runs to make the results list. <u>All competitors will make two runs down the halfpipe with the best score used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is the current format used and it needs to be reflected in the rulebook.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 6 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Add new FIS rule on mogul air specs.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>4202.1.4.5 Some moguls may be modified for use as air bumps (see 4202.1.3). There should be air bumps at the top and bottom of each course in approximately the same positions. The takeoff of the top air bumps should be placed at 15% of the course length and the takeoff of the bottom air bumps should be placed at 20% from the finish line.</u> <u>4302.1.4.6 Some moguls may be modified for use as air bumps (see 4302.1.3 and 3034.2.3). There should be air bumps at the top and bottom of each course in approximately the same positions. The takeoff of the top air bumps should be placed at 15% of the course length and the</u>

	<u>takeoff of the bottom air bumps should be placed at 20% from the finish line.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is the new wording from FIS. If this is passed, it also needs to be added into 4302.1.4.6

Proposal Number:	R & T – 8 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Change definition of Slopestyle to be multiple hits 2 or more not limiting to 5.
Current Rule:	<p>4601 Definition Competitions shall consist of one to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features)</p> <p>4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.</p> <p>6601 Definition A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform from one to five hits. All designated hits of the terrain features will be scored.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4602 Definition Competitions shall consist of <u>one multiple to five</u> features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features)</p> <p>4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of <u>one to five multiple</u> features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score <u>being the judges overall assessment of the run. proportioned equally between the features if more than one.</u></p> <p>6601 Definition A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform from <u>one multiple to five</u> hits. All designated hits of the terrain features will be scored. <u>The head judge may decide which features each judge will score. All judges give an overall score with a range of 0-100.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	The trend of the event is to allow as many features as are feasible in a run. We should not limit it to an arbitrary number like 5. All judges are scoring overall and may see all or part of the course but still contribute to the event equally.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 9 Passed in R&T 6 for and 1 abstaining. Passed in FSC
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<p>ADD to Appendix A, Technical Specifications for Courses Moguls and Dual Moguls</p> <p><u>Air Bumps</u></p> <p><u>Air Bump Criteria and Specifications recommendations</u></p> <p><u>Measurement</u></p> <p><u>1. Maximum Distance – the end of the last bump to the take off (m) 4.0 – 5.0m</u></p> <p><u>2. Maximum Distance – airbump takeoff to end landing (m) (LZ) 15.0m</u></p> <p><u>3. Jump Height (JH) (cm) 50 – 60 cm</u></p> <p><u>4. Landing Zone Angle (LZ) in degrees (°) Greater than 26°</u></p> <p><u>5. Takeoff Angle (TA) in degrees of jump (°) 26° to 30°</u></p> <p><u>6. Air Bump Width (not less than in cm) 120 cm</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>These are the new FIS specifications which allows us to simplify the wording in 4202.1.3 and 4302.1.3. If this rule is passed we will need to add <u>conform to Course Specifications for Moguls</u> to 4202.1.3 and delete not excessively exceed the height and average shape of the moguls contained in the existing mogul terrain. In addition, there should be no removal of moguls or alterations of terrain in the landing area.</p>

USSA Competition Services Proposals

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 3 Passed in R&T unanimously. Passed in FSC
Description:	Junior Olympics Mogul Scoring
Current Rule:	“The results from the finals will be used for overall and age group awards. The FSPs will be based on the best result.” – p. 53 Freestyle Competition Guide
Proposed Change:	Use the results from finals as results for the FSPs, as applied on page 14-16, FIS FSP adjustment for Moguls and Duals
Discussion/Reason:	Parents and athletes do not understand why they may have received a medal at the Junior Olympics for their performance, but then when they view the results on the USSA website, the result is listed differently. We cannot process two sets of results. This would eliminate the confusion.

This needs to be stated in both the JO section and in the Points and Ranking section.

Proposal Number:	Development – 7 This was passed by the R&T and the FSC in 2007
Description:	Get rid of split scoring for Slopestyle
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	Get rid of split scoring for Slopestyle
Discussion/Reason:	This is confusing for new scoring persons and organizers. Once you have accidentally opened split scoring you can't go back to regular. It messes up the scores and compresses them. We voted to have all judges score all criteria/categories for a total of 100 each last year; there is no longer a need for split scoring.

Proposal Number:	Development – 8 Passed in R&T 6 for and 1 abstaining. Passed in FSC.
Description:	Give elite level events appropriate FSP points.
Current Rule:	Pg.13 Maximum Event Ratings U.S. Selections Events /Jr.Worlds /Jr.Olympics Max Pts 912 Type Float
Proposed Change:	Maximum Event Ratings Jr.Olympics (Moguls, SS, HP) Max Pts 912 (850 Floor) Float
Discussion/Reason:	SS, HP, and Moguls points for JO's and Nationals may need a Floor. JO's 2008 Halfpipe for men was only worth 848.00pts. JO's 2008 Moguls for men was only worth 847.00pts. In 2007, JO's for Slopestyle for men was ranked below 800.00pts (Less than many regional events)

Proposal Number:	Development – 15 Bring before the FSC for a vote
Description:	Recommend a change to FIS that for next season 08-09, the Halfpipe format should have a 2 round qualification, where every competitor (male and female) receives two runs and the athlete's highest scoring run will advance them to a ten athlete, per gender, finals. The finals will consist of a two run final, athlete run in a reverse order -10 to 1.
Current Rule:	Qualifications One run for all competitors. Top 50% of the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals.
Proposed Change:	Qualifications One run Two runs for all competitors. Top 50% of the first run (to maximum of 25) qualify for a second run. The best score of the two runs is used to qualify for the finals.
Discussion/Reason:	Currently in USSA we follow FIS rules, and since FIS didn't follow their OWN rule at a single World Cup Halfpipe event this year, there must be something wrong with it... The ONLY event that, almost, followed the FIS rule exactly was US Freestyle Halfpipe Nationals. ...and it was very confusing for those not familiar with the format.

Duly noted and passed by FSC.

All of the above were voted on and approved as one group, 12 for, 1 apposed, 3 abstaining.

Housekeeping rule changes (All of the below were passed in R&T and FS)

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 2
Description:	To follow through with the new events that have been added to Freestyle.
Current Rule:	3032.2.4 The jury must inspect the courses prior to the beginning of official training and ensure that they conform with all specifications and characteristics outlined in 4002, 4102, 4202, and in the USSA Freestyle technical specifications (appendix C).
Proposed Change:	3032.2.4 The jury must inspect the courses prior to the beginning of official training and ensure that they conform with all specifications and characteristics outlined in 4002, 4102, 4202, 4302, 4502, 4602 and in the USSA Freestyle technical specifications (appendix C).

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 3
Description:	Jump Shapers
Current Rule:	3034.2.1 For the express purpose of shaping and grooming the jumps, the team captains shall elect up to two jumpers per special type of jump
Proposed Change:	3034.2.1 For the express purpose of shaping and grooming the jumps, the team captains shall elect up to two jumpers <u>shapers</u> per special type of jump
Discussion/Reason:	Typographical error

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 4
Description:	References to FIS rule numbers
Current Rule:	3054.5 Competitors should be familiar with rule 222 of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) for all ski competitions concerning the competitors' obligations.
Proposed Change:	3054.5 Competitors should be familiar with rule 3036 – 3036.4 222 of the FIS International Competition Rules (ICR) for all ski competitions concerning the competitors' obligations.
Discussion/Reason:	Very few, if any, TD's who work DEVO events, B events or A events, have ever seen or read the FIS/ICR. They would most likely not even have a copy with them at a meet that they are working. Higher-level TD's have both sets of rules and can reference one to the other. Removing the reference to FIS rules and adding the verbiage will clarify our rulebook for this level TD.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 5
Description:	References to FIS rule numbers
Current Rule:	3056.5 DSQ if a competitor does not observe rule 211 of the FIS ICR.
Proposed Change:	3056.5 DSQ if a competitor does not observe rule 211 of the FIS ICR.
Discussion/Reason:	This rule is not in the FIS ICR and references rules about the Organization.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 7
Description:	Correct 3060 Competition Protocols
Current Rule:	<p>3060.2 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events: moguls, duals moguls, aerials, halfpipe and big air events. Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete. A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four, or five event competition. Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all five events. A combined event is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe.</p> <p>3060.3 Competition Procedures</p> <p>In all USSA authorized competitions, aerial results will be the total of two jumps, and moguls will be the best of two runs unless only one run is taken, then it will be the score from the single run except at the Junior Olympics, where it will be the final run except for those only taking one run, then it will be the placings from that run. Dual moguls is an elimination format and is covered in 3060.2.1. The jury may alter this format to one run in the following circumstances: inclement weather or adverse conditions. Etc.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3060.3 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events: moguls, duals moguls, aerials, halfpipe, <u>ski cross</u> and big air <u>slopestyle</u> events. Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete. A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four, or five event competition. Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all five events. A combined event is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe.</p> <p>3060.4 Competition Procedures</p> <p>In all USSA authorized competitions, aerial results will be the total of two jumps, and moguls, slopestyle and halfpipe will be the best of two runs unless only one run is taken, then it will be the score from the single run except at the Junior Olympics, where it will be the final run except for those only taking one run, then it will be the placings from that run. Dual moguls is an elimination format and is covered in 3060.2.1 3060.2.2. The jury may alter this format to one run in the following circumstances: inclement weather or adverse conditions, or to seed for dual <u>moguls</u>. Etc.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	As we have changed the Freestyle events, we have to keep this document up to correctly show the formats of these events.

Proposal Number	Housekeeping – 8
Description:	Competition Protocol 3060
Current Rule:	3060.1.1 Ski cross is a non-scored discipline of Freestyle. It is run according to FIS rules.
Proposed Change:	3060.1.1 Ski cross is a non-scored discipline of Freestyle. It is run according to FIS rules.
Discussion/Reason:	Competition protocol is now included in 3060.1 and we now have a Ski cross section and all rules are clearly defined for USSA.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 9
Description:	Correcting the rule number to match FIS ICR
Current Rule:	3060.2.1 Dual Moguls Dual Moguls is a series of one-run duals with the winner advancing to the next round. Ultimately, the last two remaining will ski against each other for first place.
Proposed Change:	3060.2.1 Dual Moguls Dual Moguls is a series of one-run duals with the winner advancing to the next round. Ultimately, the last two remaining will ski against each other for first place 3060.2.1 <u>Moguls</u> <u>In the Mogul event, all skiers will make two runs down the course with the best score used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This better follows FIS rule book

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping - 10
Description:	Correcting the rule number to match FIS ICR
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	Add: 3060.2.2 Dual Moguls Dual Moguls is a series of one-run duals with the winner advancing to the next round. Ultimately, the last two remaining will ski against each other for first place.
Discussion/Reason:	This corrects the rule numbering to reflect FIS

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 11
Description:	Adding competition procedures for Aerials
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	ADD: 3060.2.3 Aerials In Aerials all competitors shall have two rounds. The rounds are run as individual competitions. The results from both rounds are added together and ranked. If both rounds cannot be completed then the results from the

	<u>first round will be valid.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is an adoption of FIS rule 3060.2.4.2 for Standard format

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 12
Description:	Adding the rules for the format of each event
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>3060.2.4 Halfpipe</u> <u>In the Halfpipe event, all skiers will make two runs down the halfpipe with the best score used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This better follows the FIS rule book as well as gives a very clear description of the format of these events.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 13
Description:	Changing the rule to reflect what is being done.
Current Rule:	3061.1 The TD is responsible for immediately notifying the USSA Freestyle office and the sports medical advisory committee chairman, by phone and in writing, of any accidents or injuries in full detail (see rule 3030.7.1).
Proposed Change:	3061.1 The TD is responsible for immediately notifying the USSA Freestyle office and the sports medical advisory committee chairman, by phone and in writing, <u>filling out a USSA injury report form for</u> any accidents or injuries in full detail (see rule 3030.7.1).
Discussion/Reason:	I doubt the USSA Freestyle office or the sports medical advisory committee chairman would have appreciated 13 phone calls from JO's.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 14
Description:	Cleans up the wording Big Air
Current Rule:	3071 Jump Qualifications This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all mogul, dual mogul, aerial, slopestyle and big air events.
Proposed Change:	3070 Jump Qualifications This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all mogul, dual mogul, aerial <u>and</u> slopestyle and big air events.
Discussion/Reason:	Removes the wording Big Air

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 15
Current Rule:	4002.1.4.1 The aerial site should be completely prepared for jumping at least three days before the aerial event, and should be available for training. 4002.1.5.2 The official training shall ideally encompass at least three days before the event, although not necessarily consecutively.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.4.1 <u>For National level events</u> the aerial site should be completely prepared for jumping at least three days before the aerial event, and should be available for training. 4002.1.5.2 <u>For National level events</u> the official training shall ideally encompass at least three days before the event, although not necessarily consecutively.
Discussion/Reason:	In 2007 we voted to change official training for USSA divisional events to one day.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 16
Description:	Add the section for Halfpipe on inspection and training
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	Add <u>4102.1 Preparation and Inspection of the Halfpipe site.</u> <u>4102.1.1 At National level events the Halfpipe site should be completely prepared at least two days before the Halfpipe event, and should be available for training.</u> <u>4102.1.2 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.</u> <u>4102.1.2 Immediately after inspection the TD and other members of the jury shall be available at the outrun to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and coaches regarding the Halfpipe site.</u>

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 17
Description:	Delete FIS rule on qualification and finals for Halfpipe
Current Rule:	4105 Execution The qualification run is part of the halfpipe competition. The official results of the qualification run shall determine the qualified athletes for the finals. Only the finals shall determine the final ranking for the qualified athletes. The official results will include: the ranking list from the qualification run.
Proposed Change:	4105 Execution The qualification run is part of the halfpipe competition. The official results of the qualification run shall determine the qualified athletes for the finals. Only the finals shall determine the final ranking for the qualified athletes. The official results will include: the ranking list from the qualification run.
Discussion/Reason:	We do not use this format in USSA events.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 18
Description:	Change to the correct numbering in Halfpipe
Current Rule:	4605.1, 4607.1, 4607.2, 4608.1, 4610.1, 4612.8.4
Proposed Change:	<u>4105.1, 4107.1, 4107.2, 4108.1, 4110.1, 4112.8.4</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Mistakes from last year

Proposal Number:	House keeping – 19
Description:	Changes to allow for a three judge format at Divisional Halfpipe events
Current Rule:	4112.1 For each halfpipe event, there will be five scoring judges plus a Head Judge.
Proposed Change:	4112.1 For each halfpipe event, there will be five scoring judges plus a Head Judge <u>at National level events and can be three or five judges at Divisional events.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	In 2007 we voted to allow a three-judge format in halfpipe.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 20
Description:	Add a reference to mogul air development
Current Rule:	4202.1.3 Layout of the mogul site End of second paragraph “Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns.”
Proposed Change:	4202.1.3 Layout of the mogul site End of second paragraph “Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns (<u>see 3034.2.3</u>)”
Discussion/Reason:	Reflects what is in the FIS ICR’s.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 21
Description:	Correct Pace Setters times
Current Rule:	4204.2 Pacesetters The paceset time will be calculated at 9.5 meters/second for men and 7.7 meters/second for women.
Proposed Change:	4204.2 Pacesetters The paceset time will be calculated at <u>9.5 9.7</u> meters/second for men and <u>7.7 8.2</u> meters/second for women.
Discussion/Reason:	Rule is written incorrectly – it should match 6204.3.1 on page 125

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 22
Description:	Training days – dual moguls
Current Rule:	4302.1.4.1 The dual mogul site must be completely prepared for skiing at

	least three days before the dual mogul event, and must then be available for training.
Proposed Change:	4302.1.4.1 The dual mogul site must be completely prepared for skiing at least three <u>one</u> days before the dual mogul event, and must then be available for training.
Discussion/Reason:	Thus rule will now be consistent with mogul training days 4202.1.5.3, page 95

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 23
Description:	Correct wording
Current Rule:	4305 Competition Procedure Either that morning or the previous day. Seeding will be done according to either the most recent USSA points list for dual moguls or the most recent mogul event.
Proposed Change:	4305 Competition Procedure Either that morning or the previous day. Seeding will be done according to either the most recent USSA points list for dual moguls or the most recent mogul event <u>either that morning or the previous day.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Wording correction.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 25
Description:	Format of Slopestyle event, see Housekeeping 3
Current Rule:	4601 Definition The last sentence reads “All Skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final round”
Proposed Change:	4601 Definition The last sentence reads “All Skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final round” <u>In all USSA sanctioned competition, Slopestyle will be the best of two runs.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	For consistency

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 26
Description:	Reword judging procedures for Slopestyle
Current Rule:	4603 Judges Scoring The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. The competitor’s performance will be judged on the following basic components. Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge gives 100 points from all categories). Refer to USSA Freestyle Judges Manual, 6150 Scoring Procedures. The competitors performance will be judged on the following basic components:
Proposed Change:	4603 Judges Scoring

	<p>The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. The competitor's performance will be judged on the following basic components. All Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge give 100 points from all categories). <u>will judge all categories with a total maximum of 100 points.</u> Refer to USSA Freestyle Judges Manual, 6450 <u>6603</u> Scoring Procedures.</p> <p>The competitors performance will be judged on the following basic components:</p>
Discussion/Reason:	To reflect what was voted on in May 2007

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 27
Current Rule:	4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.
Proposed Change:	4608.1.1 The competition format shall <u>consist of two runs with be</u> the best scored run <u>counting</u> . A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.
Discussion/Reason:	See Housekeeping #3

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 28
Current Rule:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)</p> <p>The judges in accordance with the judges' criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.</p> <p>Big Air course specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Maximum of 5 jumps on site -Jump height min. 1m – max 3m -Distance to knoll min 4m – max 12m -Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min – 38 degree max. -Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch <p>Quarterpipe course specifications: Etc.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)</p> <p>The judges in accordance with the judges' criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.</p> <p><u>Big Air Slopestyle course specifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>-Maximum of 5 jumps on site</u> <u>-Jump height min. 1m – max 3m</u> <u>-Distance to knoll min 4m – max 12m 15m</u> <u>-Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min – 38 degree max.</u> <u>-Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch</u> <p><u>Quarterpipe course specifications:</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	Move the course specifications to 4602.1.1

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 29
Description:	Half Pipe
Current Rule:	6152.1.4, page 120, last sentence – “...this means if you take off and perform at trick on or before the line.”
Proposed Change:	6152.1.4, page 120, last sentence – “...this means if you take off and perform at <u>the</u> trick on or before the line.”
Discussion/Reason:	Typographical error

Proposal Number	Housekeeping – 30
Description:	US Selection Events, page 52
Current Rule:	US Selection Events, third sentence says, “...and select the USSA development group.”
Proposed Change:	US Selection Events, third sentence says, “... and select the USSA development group. ”
Discussion/Reason:	Page 52 on naming the Development Group is not correct – page 58 is.

Failed in R&T

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 2 Failed in R&T 6 against and 1 for
Description:	Add end of season list to capture spring results
Current Rule:	All events after the 5 th USSA list is valid are moved to the following season and included on list 1 (December) for calculation.
Proposed Change:	Create a 6 th list to score these events to the current season. List 5 would then use the same calculations as currently on list 4 and the new list 6 would use the calculations currently on list 5.
Discussion/Reason:	Results should be scored and counted to the season in which they are run. Athletes have paid their membership fees, paid their entry fees, and head tax has been paid for the current season, not the next. Currently, we have to manually move these results to the new season, create new race codes and score the results again. Adding an additional list to the season to capture those results is much easier for athletes and parents to understand. This would eliminate the contact we receive on this issue. Alternately a clear explanation and reason needs to be included in the competition guide.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 2 Failed in R&T 5 against, 1 for and 1 abstained
Description:	Delayed Start
Current Rule:	3043.6 A competitor who is not ready to start in the position indicated on the official start list will receive a DNS. The starter may, however, excuse such a delay if, in his opinion, it is due to “force majeure” or the competitor can prove that he is having equipment problems. He may run at a later time as determined by the starter. In the case of doubt, the starter may allow a start provisionally, but must inform the jury.
Proposed Change:	3043.6 A competitor who is not ready to start in the position indicated on the official start list will receive a DNS. The starter may, however, excuse such a delay if, in his opinion, it is due to “force majeure” or the competitor can prove that he is having equipment problems. <u>For example, the breakdown of competitors’ personal equipment or minor sickness of a competitor does not constitute a “force majeure”.</u> In the case of doubt, the starter may allow a start provisionally, but must inform the jury.
Discussion/Reason:	This is the wording in the FIS rulebook and gives more consistency between FIS and USSA and reduces the abuse of the rule for late starts.

Withdrawn motions

Proposal Number:	House keeping – 1 Withdrawn in R&T
Description:	Changing the rule to reflect what is being done for the Assistant TD
Current Rule:	3030.9.3 For national level events, the cost for food and lodging shall be born by the host organizing committee. Transportation is the responsibility of the TD candidate himself.
Proposed Change:	3030.9.3 For national level events, the cost for food and lodging shall be born by the host organizing committee. Transportation is the responsibility of the TD candidate himself.
Discussion/Reason:	To my knowledge the host organizing committee has never paid for food and lodging of the Assistant TD.

Proposal Number:	R&T – 1 Withdrawn in R&T
Description:	3030 The Technical Delegate
Current Rule:	Current rule does not adequately state the “ultimate” responsibilities of a TD.
Proposed Change:	Add rule 3030.2.2 The Technical Delegate is responsible for safety and fairness of the events they work.

Discussion/Reason:	In the whole Technical Delegate section the proposed change is only subtly mentioned. This would be very direct and the two most important functions of a TD would be clearly stated.
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Proposal Number:	R&T – 1 Withdrawn in R&T
Description:	3030 The Technical Delegate
Current Rule:	Current rule does not adequately state the “ultimate” responsibilities of a TD.
Proposed Change:	Add rule <u>3030.2.2 The Technical Delegate is responsible for safety and fairness of the events they work.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	In the whole Technical Delegate section the proposed change is only subtly mentioned. This would be very direct and the two most important functions of a TD would be clearly stated.

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 1 Withdrawn to be rewritten by Comp Services for FSC
Description:	Divisional championship requirement
Current Rule:	All athletes, except current U.S. Freestyle Ski Team members, must compete in their divisional championships to appear on list 4.
Proposed Change:	Remove the requirement of competing at divisional championships.
Discussion/Reason:	The current system requires a lot of manual intervention from both USSA and the divisional representatives. A list of championship events (18 separate events in season '08) and a list of individual exceptions (91 individuals in season '07 and 81 individuals in season '08) must be compiled. Those exceptions must be programmed prior to running the list. We regularly learn later that an event or individual was missed and so we have to go back and do it again. From our perspective, it would be easier, and more straightforward for the athletes, to leave everyone on the list. Any criteria that use this list could then have the first point say 'has competed in divisional championships (exceptions members of the U.S. Ski Team)'. Alternately, the Competition Guide needs to explain the reason behind this rule so that we can direct parents and athletes to that section.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 7 Withdrawn
Description:	Change definition of Slopestyle to be two to five hits
Current Rule:	<p>4601 Definition</p> <p>Competitions shall consist of one to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features)</p> <p>4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one.</p> <p>6601 Definition</p> <p>A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform from one to five hits. All designated hits of the terrain features will be scored.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4601 Definition</p> <p>Competitions shall consist of one <u>two</u> to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features)</p> <p>4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run consists of one <u>two</u> to five features made up of Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally among the features if more than one.</p> <p>6601 Definition</p> <p>A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform from one <u>two</u> to five hits. All designated hits of the terrain features will be scored.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Allowing Slopestyle to consist of just one terrain feature makes it look the same as an Aerial event. The current rules for deductions do not work for a single hit event.

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 24 Failed 3 against, 1 for and 4 abstaining
Description:	Competition/Scorer Procedure
Current Rule:	<p>4305 Second Paragraph</p> <p>All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4305 Second Paragraph</p> <p>All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing.</p> <p><u>In Dual Moguls seeding will be done using a normal performance seed for all skiers.</u></p>

Discussion/Reason:	FIS is very clear to state that skiers 1 to 16 are seeded, but they cannot be seeded against 17 to 32; unless of course, the field is less than 32. Skiers 1 to 16 should only be seeded against skiers 32 to 48. In a large event you will often see seeded skier #10 or 11 dualing seeded skier #17 or 18. When this happens, this is not an appropriate seed. I find this stems from the WinFree scoring program and the scorer not selecting the correct drop-down options to correctly seed an event with a large number of competitors. This issue is even worse when the dual event is not seeded from the prior day's results. Example: Championship events are seeded from the FSP list and not the prior day's finish.
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Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 6 Withdrawn
Description:	DSQ
Current Rule:	3056.9 DSQ if a competitor accepts outside assistance of any form.
Proposed Change:	3056.9 DSQ if a competitor accepts outside assistance of any form <u>before the run has ended.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	As currently written, someone could be disqualified from the first and second run when receiving emergency help after timing out. This is not the intent of the rule. Adding this verbiage will make the rule clearer.

Addendum E

Jen Hudak

Motion to create a “Development Group” for halfpipe, which would include the top 3 men and the top 3 women from the FSP List 5.

- This would provide acknowledgement and encouragement from the US that halfpipe is respected and that the athletes are viewed as hard working and deserving of the “best” available training out there (for now coaching will be entirely left out of the equation).
- Access to the US Team Gym, water ramps. Period.

***I have been a member of USSA for 9 years, coming up on my 10th. I have been competing in halfpipe for 6 of those years, coming up on my 7th. I attended the first World Cup that was sanctioned...I’ve competed in dozens of world cups over those years, in fact, I traveled on two separate occasions to Europe to have halfpipe World Cups be cancelled—all on my own dime. Over the past 6 years I have trained, received coaching, traveled, had surgeries—all on my own dime. I have been the US National champion for 3 years running. I am ranked #1 in the country, I won the World Cup Finals in Valmalenco this year while bunking up with an Aussie girl because my name wasn’t entered to receive lodging, AND I am ranked #2 in the world for halfpipe...only behind the leader by 20 points. Furthermore, I was the top US skier regardless of discipline, (mogul, dual moguls, aerials, halfpipe, and ski cross) on the final FIS standings. The entire winter I traveled with my team (coached by Elana), we dubbed ourselves Team America. We created a rival with Team Canada and everywhere they were we were, all winter long. We literally had wax offs—we would laugh if they were scraping their skis at the top of the halfpipe, because all of ours were ready to go. It fueled me. It motivated me at every contest and through all of this, the US had the ability to claim me as one of their own and it cost them nothing. The exposure was greatly appreciated because it brought more awareness to halfpipe, however it is time for more.

***The US Team uses the slogan “Best In the World” to classify the caliber of athletes that are currently on the team. There are also a number of other athletes, namely who compete in halfpipe, who are also the best in the world. To hold “typical” of American standards, we could win the “space race” per say, by being one of the first nations to add a halfpipe national team to the current line-up. Though we may not be there yet, it seems we should prepare for the future. I don’t think that there is much doubt that halfpipe will be in the Olympics in 2014 and there already is a very strong World Cup circuit in existence. We all believe in halfpipe. I know that everyone of you in this room right now sees the potential and the promise that halfpipe skiing possesses, supporting this halfpipe group of a mere 6 skiers would be a small acceptance for USSA but a huge step forward for our sport.

Addendum F

Freestyle Development Subcommittee Minutes

Friday, May 16, 2007

Chair: Chris Haslock

Freestyle Program Manager (non-voting): Cheryl Bilisoly - Present

Athlete Representative: Jen Hudak - Present

Membership Representative: Deb Newson - Present

US Freestyle Ski Team Representative: Todd Schirman - Present

NorAm Committee Representative: Konrad Rotermund , proxy Jamie Kimball

Coaches Representative: Elana Chase - Present

Coaches Representative: Clay Beck - Present

1. Open Meeting Called to order 1:00pm

Job Description: Recommend rules/policy for the US Selection Events and the NorAms and help to define the programs in the middle of the pipeline.

Much discussion led to the realization that we were not prepared to make such a decision with such important wording on such short notice. We did discussed that the job description should embody:

- Events such as the US Selections, Freestyle Championships, NorAms/Continental Cup
- The pipelines into between and out of these development type of events
- Examination of the function of these events
- Overviews of Participation in the freestyle disciplines and the direction of these
- Maintaining a Think Tank Component

2. Old Business

Proposal Number:	Devo #9 – 2007
Description:	Education /Advertising Campaign for HP, SS, and SX
Current Rule:	There is no rule or budget.
Proposed Change:	A small budget dedicated to informing people how to be involved, with USSA when USSA/FIS events are, how to plan ahead to qualify properly, what is required of them as an athlete, the benefits of being involved, if there is prize money at an event (how much) and etc. All done in advance i.e. the summer.
Discussion/Reason:	I know the information is on ussa.org - but, who knows what that is? Just people already in the fold. That's not good enough in order to get the independent athletes "in the fold". Go to the athletes instead of letting them come to us. There are too many distractions along the way... too many other event organizers are advertising their events. Even a simple ad or post on Newschoolers.com and Freeskier.com would do the trick. It's a form of recruiting just as we do for aerials. Think outside the box.

Motion carries 5 in favor 1 opposed

Proposal Number:	Devo #6
Description:	Provide a Halfpipe coach during the Junior Worlds competition. Also offer official Junior Worlds training for the US Halfpipe athletes named to the US Freestyle Junior Worlds Team.
Proposed Change:	USSA to send a halfpipe coach to Junior Worlds at a cost to the athletes. This would be the same as we do for aerials and moguls.
Amended Motion:	USSA will send a halfpipe and a ski cross coach to Junior Worlds at a cost to the athletes, as USSA does for aerials and moguls.
Discussion/Reason:	This was brought forward by Brian Lake, former US Freestyle Development Group Coach. Brian has been involved with the US Ski Team since the first Junior Worlds that included Halfpipe four years ago. USSA should send a Halfpipe coach to Junior Worlds at a cost to the athletes, which would be the same as we do for aerials and moguls. This event is at the athlete's expense and it is wrong that there were 2 mogul coaches and no Halfpipe coaches at the last Junior Worlds competition in Switzerland. All the invited athletes (Mogul, Aerial, Halfpipe, and Ski Cross) are paying the same amount to go to the Junior Worlds events, but 2 out of 4 freestyle disciplines are not getting any coaching assistance while at the event.

Motion carries unanimously.

3. New Proposals

Proposal Number:	Development - 2
Purpose:	To avoid conflicts during busy competition weeks like US Nationals and Junior Olympic.
Current Rule:	No current rule.
Proposed Change:	FSC Agenda Meetings aren't due until April 1st or the first Friday after US Freestyle Nationals.
Discussion/Reason:	Currently it's in the middle of our championship and the proper attention cannot be given to these important items. Open discussions at these events are where we can better flush out many of these thoughts, ideas and solutions.

Motion Carries unanimously

Proposal Number:	Development – 6 - Housekeeping
Description:	Clean up language about age limits for jumps at US Championships
Current Rule:	Page 55, Format FIS World Cup format (no age limitations in Aerials).
Proposed Change:	Page 55, Format FIS World Cup format (Will follow USSA age limitations on degree of difficulty in Aerials).
Discussion/Reason:	The intent was always skiers can compete with any jump they have qualified but now with sticking to the hard FIS age rule of must be 14 then we can not let this be misinterpreted and have the entire meet thrown out.

Motion passes unanimously.

Proposal Number:	Development - 12
Purpose::	To make sure athletes attending FIS HP World Cups are not left out of US Freestyle Nationals.
Current Rule:	Page 54-55. None
Proposed Change:	Page 54-55. Insert between #1 and #2 Any athlete currently ranked in the Top 10 of either women or men on FIS Halfpipe World Cup standings.
Discussion/Reason:	In lieu of any National Team for Halfpipe (which would be included in #1 or#2), it seems appropriate to include a quota for Halfpipe athletes, who are attending and having success at FIS World Cup events, to ensure they are able to compete at US Nationals. These athletes are paying their own way to attend FIS World Cups. Currently this issue is not a problem, but I see there may be a need for this criteria/quota in the future.

Motion carries unanimously.

Proposal Number:	Development - 13
Description:	Revise criteria #9 the “Open” Component for Halfpipe at the US Championships. Change the “Open” Components to personal invites based on results.
Current Rule:	Page 54-55. #9. In Halfpipe an open group of 30 athletes per gender will be allowed entry into a 2 run qualification round.
Proposed Change:	Page 54-55. #9. In Halfpipe an open group of 30 athletes per gender will be allowed entry into a 2 run qualification round. in addition to the above criteria invitations will be given to the top twelve US finishers per gender in <u>Halfpipe at the Winter X-Games and/or the US Freeskiing Open.</u>

Discussion/Reason:	<p>There seems to be a big interest by USSA members and the freeride community to get higher caliber skiers to compete at this event. USSA is currently considered to be a feeder to the "Open" circuit rather than the other way around. Since our "Open" component wasn't hugely successful at US Champs 2008, maybe it should be revised.</p> <p>One reason to revise the "Open" component under the current rules (Page 54-55. #9 and Format #4) is the current format could create a maximum of 238 scored runs in one day for the Halfpipe event at US Freestyle National.</p> <p>Maybe an invite quota would be another way to go. It would allow for some of the "big names" to be brought into the fold with a more personal invitation.... Helping give the event better clout, exclusiveness, and viability. With the invite component we can control the size of the field better, but still allowing the "Open" concept that we were trying to achieve this year.</p>
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Motion carries unanimously

Proposal Number:	Development – 17
Description:	Recommendation to FIS committee to add quotas in Halfpipe at the FIS World Cup events, starting with next season 2008-09.
Current Rule:	No quotas
Proposed Change:	Development Sub-Committee recommends that the quotas for halfpipe World Cup events be 12 per gender with a maximum team size of 24.
Discussion/Reason:	Time to begin to regulate the entries at this top level event which will allow us to have a better format.

Motion carries 4 in favor 2 abstentions

4. New Business / For Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Development #20
Description:	To reinstate the 2007-08 Development Group numbers
Current Rule:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list,...
Proposed Change:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals top 5 U.S. men and top five U.S. women not previously named from the moguls and dual moguls list, the top two men and top two women in duals...
Discussion/Reason:	Development Group: There is no mention in the 2007 USSA FSC Spring minutes about changing the size of the development group. Why was it changed? When was it changed? Who has the ability to change it?

Motion Carries 5 in favor 1 absent

Proposal Number:	Development #21
Description:	To establish a Development Group for half pipe
Current Rule:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the 2007-2008 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, the top two men and the top two women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, and the top two men and women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group.
Proposed Change:	After the US Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2008, based on the final FSP list for the '07-08 season the top four men and women in moguls, the top two men and women in duals not previously named from the moguls list, the top 3 men and top 3 women in halfpipe, and the top two men and women in aerials, will be named to the USSA development group.
Discussion/Reason:	We need to begin to track these top halfpipe skiers and begin to extend the same training and competition opportunities offered to them as we do to their counter parts in moguls and aerials.

Motion Carries 5 in favor 1 absent

Reinstate the fall meetings: We as a freestyle community are not following through with the things we set forth to accomplish in the spring. We need to get together to review and re-prioritize and reassign what needs to get done before the winter season is upon us. Conference calls are possible as well.

Selections: Should we split the venues and/or the events permanently? Can they all stand alone?

Ski Cross: We have a coach now and quotas moving towards a team? A couple of divisions ran regional events. Should we propose smaller standards to get it off the ground safely? Currently just have world cup specs, etc.

North American Open and other Freeskiopens.com events: We have set up a working group headed by Clay Beck to start to work better with these events to help USSA and the Opens fit together in a better manner.

5. Adjournment - Hudak motions to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Addendum G

Freestyle Coaches Subcommittee Minutes

Friday, May 16, 2007

Chair: Glenn Eddy - PRESENT
Far West: Clay Beck, Alpine Meadows - ABSENT
PNSA: Pat Deneen, Silver Mountain - PRESENT
R&T: Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT - PRESENT
US Freestyle Ski Team: Todd Schirman – Scott Rawls Proxy
Judges: Bill McNice – Thom Schaefer Proxy
Intermountain: Jon O'Brien, Wasatch Freestyle – Mick Berry Proxy
Northern: Mike Papke, Bridger Bowl - ABSENT
Central: Lewis Sunquist, Minneapolis, MN - ABSENT
Rocky: Brian Baker, Vail, CO – Laila Matthews Proxy

1 - Review of Coaches' Education '07/08 and Plans for '08/09

Level 100 mogul clinics combined with Level 200 aerials held in November 2007 in A Basin, CO & Killington, VT; Curriculum for Level 200 moguls to be completed this summer with clinics to be scheduled for next fall – Rawles & Eddy to coordinate this

Input solicited for halfpipe curriculum – Elana to spearhead this working group of Eddy, Berry, Schaefer & 1 staff member to coordinate the process with the divisions and USSA

2 - Proposal on Jump Qualification Procedure – passed 5-0-1

Proposal Number:	Coaches Subcommittee 1
Description:	Jump Qualifications
Current Rule:	Entire 3070 section
Proposed Change:	<p>Add 3070.3.5</p> <p>For Moguls and Dual Moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.3, before a 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 to directly precede selected scheduled competitions (for example, the day prior) and athletes needing to qualify jumps may be required to pay a fee set by USSA to defray the cost of the independent Certified Coach. 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>Due to the potential serious consequences of performing inverted jumps in the moguls without a mastery of the appropriate skills, an additional level of scrutiny needs to be put in place to insure the safety of the athletes. Under the current rule a jump is typically qualified on water in a very controlled setting. Although it is a valuable process, the setting is very different than the jumps athletes will encounter on snow in the moguls. Adding an on snow component to the qualifying procedure will test whether the athletes have mastered the necessary skills sufficiently to maintain proper form and safety under much more difficult conditions. In addition, adding an independent qualifier without a coaching relationship to the athlete (or the athletes' parents) will add a level of objectivity and uniformity to the process ensuring that all athletes possess the same minimum skill level to perform jumps safely. As a side effect, having a secondary level of review will empower all coaches to demand a higher level of performance from athletes to ensure that the jumps will pass scrutiny and be allowed on snow. Finally, having designated USSA qualifiers with the responsibility of submitting reports will simplify the record keeping process as there will be far fewer contact persons involved to confirm qualifications in the event records are missing.</p>
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3 - New Business

Elana Chase and Mick Berry elected as Development Subcommittee reps – without opposition.

Chairman's position up for election this summer. Nominations due to USSA by 6/1. Electronic voting of the coaches' membership to follow.

Proposal originally labeled Development 1: No time to discuss this, but it is not something the committee can require staff to do – that said, all agree it is a desirable plan.

4 - Old Business

5 - Adjourn