

## USSA FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Chair: Andy Wise - Present  
May 14–16, 2009

R&T Rep: Andy Hayes- Present  
Judges Rep: Bill McNice- Present  
Coaches Rep: Glenn Eddy- Present  
Development Rep: Chris Haslock- Present  
Membership Rep: Deb Newson- Present  
Membership (CEN, RMD): Lewis Sundquist - (1 Vote) Proxy: Thomas Schaefer, Craig Matthews -  
Proxy: Lailla Matthews  
Membership (NOR, FW, INT, PNSA): Mike Papke - (1 vote) Present, Eric Hickman - Present, Caron  
Keim- Present, Pat Deneen- Proxy: Johann Furr  
FIS rep: Jay Simson- Present  
USSA BOD Athlete Rep: Curtis Tischler- Present  
Athlete Rep: Jen Hudak- Present  
Athlete Rep: Justin Henceroth- Present  
Athlete Rep: Justin Peterson- Present  
Ex-Officio: Jeff Lange- Present  
At-Large: Konrad Rotermund- Present  
At-Large: Jamie Kimball- Present  
Head Coach: Jeff Wintersteen- Present  
Program Manager: Cheryl Bilisoly- Present = 17 votes + chair

### Friday, May 15, 2009

#### 1. Welcome and call to order- Wise

Andy Wise called the meeting to order and asked everyone from the FSC to introduce themselves.

#### 2. Agenda Approval- Wise

Andy Wise asked for an agenda approval and it was passed by acclamation.

#### 3. Executive Committee Report- Wise

The committee held many phone and email conferences regarding petitions to start for US Selections and Junior Olympics. The executive committee held a meeting on May 14, 2008 to discuss the events from this last season and all of the appeals that were made. We reviewed the motions that are on the agenda as well. Dates and deadlines were set for accepting appeals for the 2009-10 season. It will be critical to follow all appeal deadlines due to the tight competition schedules for the year. Andy reminded the committee that next year the chairman position will be up for election. Jeff Wintersteen, head coach, and Cheryl Bilisoly, freestyle program manager, will continue to be the leaders of USSA freestyle and step in to accomplish all director tasks. USSA will be looking to fill the director's position in the spring of 2010.

#### **4. USSA Board of Directors' Report- Eddy**

The Board met three times since the FSC meeting (in 2008); the annual meeting in May as well as two conference calls. One call was in the fall and another in mid-winter. Freestyle did not have any specific items to report or vote on during those meetings. The only items to report were our operations and particularly the new on snow mogul air qualifying process. The bulk of those meetings were spent on discussing USSA's financial conditions and plans for dealing with the economic situation. Also, during the mid-winter meeting the Board voted to renew Bill Marolt's contract.

#### **5. Alaska Division- Wise**

Andy informed everyone that, since Alaska is already an active division with other USSA disciplines, all that is required from Alaska is to come up with a committee/board for their division. Wise asked Deb Newson to look to realign the membership votes during her subcommittee meeting if need be.

Hayes asked if there had been any interest from Alaska to become an active division.

Wise informed the committee that Alaska showed interest in using divisional allocation spots for JOs. They were denied for the 2009 event but will be granted allocations if they become an active division.

Wilson informed the committee that there are about 20 athletes in his program. He also has parent support to form a board and activate his division.

#### **6. Elections- Wise**

- Subcommittees

Andy Wise requested subcommittee chairs to have their elections during their meeting and report back to the FSC with the results.

- Athlete

Andy Wise informed the committee that the three athlete reps were elected via acclamation due to the fact that they were the only three athletes who showed interest in holding the athlete position on the FSC.

- Freestyle Representative to the Board

Andy Wise opened the floor up for nomination. Flash nominated Glenn and there were no other nominations so Glenn was elected via acclamation for another term.

- **Staff Report-** Bilisoly/Wintersteen (see Addendum A)

#### Development Group

Hatch asks if the development group will have access to the team nutritionist.

Bilisoly replies not at this time. Benefits the development group athletes have is the published information in the freestyle competition guide. Currently the USSA Executive staff is sorting out the fee the athletes will need to pay for use of the Center of Excellence. Executive staff will not open the doors to non-National teams for a few months to be able to work out the facility flow.

#### U.S. Selections and NorAm Updates

Konrad wants to build a strong tour. He is not looking to run all of the events or take the entry fees, just looking to find the best venues to host the best events. Konrad wants to bring a common feel/look to the tour and provide support to all the organizers. All U.S. bids will not go to Mainstream Marketing.

### Nationals

Henceroth requests that National Championships be only two weeks after divisional championships not three weeks. Bilisoly informs there are many moving parts to make the schedule. We need to follow what the World Cup does and the rest of the championships during the month of March.

### U.S. National Team Report

Lange asks Flash if he can comment on reducing team size and will that happen this year? Wintersteen informs there will not be any changes to this year's team. However, there will be changes for the future. We have been directed by our leadership to reduce team size. There has always been a cap for A and B team but never for C team. We are working on the criteria now and it will be posted in the 2009-10 freestyle competition guide. For aerials we are completely revamping criteria and it will be on a point-driven basis. We are planning on keeping as many avenues open to make the National team as possible.

### **7. FIS Report- Simson**

Simson commented that the 2009 FIS Congress meeting will take place in Croatia. The U.S. lost a voting member for this Congress meeting due to the loss of PJ, however Simson will gain that vote at the 2010 Congress meeting. Simson has been appointed by the FIS to be in charge of Judges' Education and revamping the system. Simson informed the committee that one of the key proposals that will be talked about is Mogul Quotas for World Cups. Proposal would change max team size from 12 to 10 and gender from 7 to 6. If this passes, it will affect the U.S. tremendously.

Konrad: I would like to give you a website that you can blog on that Ryan Blais, Canadian aerialist, has formed; [www.democraskiing.com](http://www.democraskiing.com). It is a great site for upper level athletes to communicate and stay in touch with FIS level events.

### **8. Judges Report- Bill McNice (see Addendum B)**

Hatch informs the committee that high level judges come to him for input and where they can get the training tools to judge freeride events. The USA is driving the education especially in slopeside.

Konrad states that we need to get materials and the USA needs to drive this with the FIS and freeride is growing and we need to support it.

McNice/Simson restated that they are working with the FIS to get better education tools for clinics.

### **9. Freeride Working Group Report- Forster/Kimball (see Addendum C)**

### **10. Membership Report- Sheryl Barnes (see Addendum D)**

### **11. USSA Education- Bilisoly**

- Bilisoly: Will continue to populate the freestyle portion of the USSA website with information. During the year, we will also send out emails with pertinent information.
- Gundersen: Informed the committee that the Coaches' Education department at the USSA will start using the Dartfish system. Visit [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) for more information.
- Newson/Wise/Bilisoly: Get proposals for the agenda in on time so USSA staff can publish the agenda early. This will give the community enough time to education themselves on all of the proposals prior to Congress.

### **12. Adjournment- Wise – Motion to adjourn, by acclamation.**

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**

Wise welcomed and called the meeting to order followed by Subcommittee Reports

**Membership–Newson** (see Addendum E)

Newson won by acclamation to serve as subcommittee chair for another term.

Proposals from Development Committee.

Proposal Number:	Membership - 5
Description:	Clarifying the 3 person per sex and discipline rule
Current Rule:	Junior Olympics, Quotas and Invitees, #2  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, slopestyle, and halfpipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost.
Proposed Change:	Junior Olympics, Quotas and Invitees, #2  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, slopestyle, and halfpipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost.
Discussion/Reason:	When qualified athletes choose not to compete, then a division should still be allowed to have a minimum of three athletes in each event. Qualified athletes may choose to compete only at the US Championships if they qualify for both.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

- Newson: Clarifies motion by stating that each division will be guaranteed 3 spots per gender per event regardless of how many athletes qualified for the event.

Proposal Number:	Membership - 7
Description:	Change Junior Olympic Selection Criteria (Reduce Number of Invitations)
Current Rule:	Summarized from pages 53-54 of the 2009 Competition Guide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moguls Quota: 60 Athletes per gender.</li> <li>2. Alternates: Line continues to drop as invited athletes decline.</li> <li>3. All Event skiers: Can ski all events after qualifying in three disciplines, regardless of ranking in their non-qualifying events.</li> <li>4. Divisional Combined: Moguls, Aerials, &amp; Halfpipe.</li> <li>5. Each division is guaranteed a minimum of three athletes per gender in each event.</li> </ol>
Proposed Change:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quotas: Remains unchanged.</li> <li>2. Alternates: Similar to nationals, an initial alternates' list is created and the line does not drop any lower as athletes decline their spots. Ten (10) alternates will be named per gender per event (as opposed to five (5) for nationals).</li> </ol>

	<p>3. All Event skiers: Can ski in events in which they did not qualify for Junior Olympics only if they are ranked in the top half of juniors from the Junior Olympic invitation points list (i.e. Points List #3).</p> <p>4. Divisional Combined: Remains unchanged.</p> <p>5. Each division is still guaranteed a minimum of three athletes per gender in each event.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>The quality of competition has suffered at Junior Olympics with too many athletes being invited to the events. Many of the athletes are not qualified to ski in some of the events. More stringent selection criteria will reduce the numbers of competitors and hopefully raise the quality of the competition, as well as improve the ability of officials and host resorts to complete event-day competitions within a reasonable time.</p> <p>Newson Additional Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Juniors are all about participation and it is for the athletes to celebrate our sport. Reducing quota to improve the “quality of the event” goes against what Junior Olympics is all about. Quotas should be set according to what the event schedule can handle and “truly qualified” athletes should be given precedence.</li> <li>2. Having a fixed line for alternates at Juniors would imply that we believe that the FSP list is a valid representation of where our athletes should be ranked. I would maintain that when you get to the area of where the current line is drawn that it is anything but a true representation of where our athletes are ranked.</li> <li>3. All event skiers create the additional quota that seems to be troubling some. This rule was created to encourage participation in all disciplines of freestyle during the regular season. We should examine the numbers of athletes that are all event skiers now versus when we created this rule (3 years ago) and see if our objective has been served.</li> </ol>
Amended Motion:	<p>If an athlete qualifies from points list #3 from the initial posting, to compete in 3 or more events at Junior Olympics then they will be considered an all-event skier. An all-event skier may start in all 5 events only if they are ranked on Points List #3 and will be added above the quotas only in the events in which they have not already qualified. An all-event skier can choose which events to ski. If an all-event skier chooses not to ski in an event that they have not qualified in, an alternate is not placed into the event since these athletes are added above the current quota.</p>
Pass/Fail:	<p>Passed: 14 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstain</p>

Hatch proposes to amend motion and only #3 referring to all event skiers.

Lange inquired the reason for changing this rule, was it a safety issue?

Newson informed that it is to reduce the field size.

Bilisoly reviewed the field sizes for the 2009 Junior Olympics by gender and discipline; 59 male AE, 20 female AE, 54 male DM, 57 female DM, 71 male MO, 69 female MO, 58 male SS, 25 female SS, 53 male HP, 27 female HP.

Preston speaks against the motion because it is really only targeting a slim number of athletes. Allowing athletes to compete in disciplines other than the ones they are ranked on the FSP allows for sport development. Also helps infuse athlete participation.

Amendment was seconded and Newson accepted the amendment.

Voting for amendment: Passed: 14 for, 1 against, 0 abstain

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:	All athletes remain on List 4, only athlete names not meeting divisional requirements supplied by the Divisional chairs to USSA will be removed.
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 so List 4 needs to be re-run. It is easier to delete names versus re-running lists. Then divisions would just supply USSA with a list of athlete names that should be taken off of list 4, i.e.: reverse of what the rule is now.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Membership - 8
Description:	Re-align Membership vote on FSC and to include Alaska.
Current Rule:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership (East)</li> <li>2. Membership (Rocky, Central)</li> <li>3. Membership (PNSA, INT, FW, NORTHERN)</li> </ol>
Proposed Change:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership (East)</li> <li>2. Membership (Rocky)</li> <li>3. Membership (INT)</li> <li>4. Membership (PNSA, CENTRAL, ALASKA, FW, NORTHERN)</li> </ol>
Discussion/Reason:	To incorporate Alaska into the membership vote.
Pass/Fail:	Passes:12 For, 3 Against, 1 Abstain

Wise asked Newson to discuss the alignment of the membership vote from the subcommittee meeting.

Newson proposes to add another membership seat on the FSC. The largest divisions would have their own vote (East, Rocky and Intermountain) and the other five smaller divisions would share a vote.

Wise discussed if the alignment would change and if the committee adds an additional vote then we would need to take it to the USSA Board since it would change the operating procedures. There would also be a need to add an additional athlete vote. This would not be approved until the executive committee meets from the USSA Board.

Konrad suggests moving the judges' vote into rules and tech and the result would not affect the number of votes.

Lange feels more thought needs to go into this motion before the change is made.

Simson asks to hear the division numbers before the committee votes on the motion.

Newson states numbers in each division; East 1342, Rocky 838, Intermountain 675, Alaska 1, Central 70, Farwest 264, PSNA 37, Northern 79

Lange expresses that two issues are being discussed; first is the proper alignment of the three seats that are current for this committee, second how many votes membership has on this committee.

Konrad feels the voices of the population are not being heard. The issues that each division incurs are different now.

Wise states again this is an action item that Glenn needs to take to the Board.

New Business:

Bilisoly discussed with the committee the dates for all division championships. All divisions agree to be flexible with their dates due to the tight competition schedule during the season.

**Rules and Tech-Hayes** (see Addendum F)

Andy Hayes won by acclamation to serve as subcommittee chair for another term. In subcommittee they agreed that there will be representation next year by Alaska and someone from ski cross will join the committee, too. Ed Albert was voted as assistant chairman of the Rules and Tech subcommittee. The plan is to redo the entire competition guide and clean it up for next year. A new TD document was designed this past season to help with per diem and updated version of the TD report. It will be populated on the USSA website for this year. There was conversation about adding ski cross to the FSP. Reason to add is to assist with the domestic side and build the ski cross basis. A working group for ski cross was formed in subcommittee with Matti Wade, as chair; needs to come up with specifications for regional-level ski cross events. Goal is to have this accomplished is by July 1, 2009 and if not then by next year.

Proposals from Rules and Tech.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 1
Description:	Change rule saying host organizing committee is responsible for meals and lodging for Assistant TD.
Current Rule:	3030.9.3 For National level events, the cost for food and lodging shall be borne 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 <b>not</b> be borne by the host organizing committee. Transportation is the responsibility of the TD candidate himself.
Discussion/Reason:	Adopt the FIS rule No organizer to my knowledge has paid these expenses in the past nor should be expected to.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 2
Description:	Update rule about start gates.
Current Rule:	3041.2.2 The photo electric cells will be placed at a height of 1.0 meters on the start light beam or at approximately 0.5m on the starting gate. The starting gate must be placed in such a way that starting is impossible without the gate opening. The finish beam on the moguls and dual moguls course should be at one meter high and the auxiliary beam at .75m.
Proposed Change:	3041.2.2 The photo electric cells will be placed at a height of 1.0 meter on the start light beam <del>or at approximately 0.5m on the starting gate. The starting gate must be placed in such a way that starting is impossible without the gate opening.</del> The finish beam on the moguls and dual moguls course should be at one meter high and the auxiliary beam at .75m.
Discussion/Reason:	We have not had starting gates for 15 years and this just adds to the confusion about the starting and finish beam height.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 4
Description:	Add the competition protocol for Slopestyle.
Current Rule:	No current rule
Proposed Change:	<u>3060.2.5 Slopestyle</u> <u>In the slopestyle event all competitors will make two runs down the course with the best scored used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	If we have a sport of Slopestyle we need the competition protocol here.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous



Proposal Number:	R & T – 6
Description:	Clarify that the jury will inspect the courses before the Head Judge arrives with whoever is available from the jury.
Current Rule:	4002.1.4.3 Immediately after this 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 aerial site. 4102.1.3 4202.1.4.3 4302.1.4.3 4602.1.4.2
Proposed Change:	4002.1.4.3 Immediately after this inspection the TD and other <b>available</b> members of the jury shall be <del>available</del> at the outrun to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and coaches regarding the aerial site Add the word <b>available</b> in the appropriate location for all the above rules.
Discussion/Reason:	The head judge is not on site until the evening before competition day. This makes it impossible to inspect the course with the full jury until the day of competition.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 7
Description:	Move the new rule on qualification for mogul and dual mogul inverts to 3070.3.3.1
Current Rule:	It currently is added on to 3070.5 New Maneuvers.
Proposed Change:	<b><u>Move to 3070.3.3.1</u></b>
Discussion/Reason:	It does not fit under New Maneuvers and is part of our Invert jump qualification 3070.3.3
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 8
Description:	Clarify the suspension/annulment procedure.
Current Rule:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by the TD (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manor for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.
Proposed Change:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension <del>or annulment for that competition</del> of their qualifications by <b><u>with agreement of the jury, (see rule 3030.4.4)</u></b> if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manner for which they have been qualified. <del>This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.</del>

Discussion/Reason: Reference from rule 3030.4.4	For the TD to properly assess a competitor's ability to do a qualified maneuver is difficult and necessary. It would be much easier and safer for a TD to be able to just suspend a competitor's qualification for a maneuver they are having trouble with for that event only. A suspension would not require re-qualification only an annulment would.
Amended Motion:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension <del>or annulment</del> <u>for that competition</u> of their qualifications by <u>any member of the jury with agreement of the jury.</u> <del>(see rule 3030.4.4)</del> if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manner for which they have been qualified. <del>This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.</del>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

There was much conversation saying that the TD cannot be the only one to suspend a qualification. The TD cannot be in every location and see all of training, however, having the ability to allow any member of the jury make that call is important for the safety of the athlete.

Amendment was proposed to add "any member of the jury" seconded and Hayes accepted the amendment.

Voting on amendment: Passed.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 9
Description:	Add the definition of halfpipe to the 4100 section.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	4101 <b>Definition</b> <u>Halfpipe competition shall consist of two runs down a halfpipe conforming to specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Guidelines (see appendix D). A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon criteria stressing Execution, Difficulty, Amplitude and Overall.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This makes the definition for halfpipe consistent with our other disciplines.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 10
Description:	Add a statement about falls not being factored in for Amplitude
Current Rule:	6152.1.3 see rule book page 117
Proposed Change:	6152.1.3 add just before "Criteria consideration": <u>Falls will not factor in the overall evaluation of this category only in completion of the individual trick.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This statement is shown in each of the other criteria where falls are not factored in except for Amplitude. Falls are only factored in for Overall.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 11
Description:	Change the wording so that paddles are not required in the Dual Mogul judging system.
Current Rule:	6304.2
Proposed Change:	Add: <u>or cards</u> after each time the word paddles occurs Delete: <del>on a handle of approximately 50cm in length.</del>
Discussion/Reason:	This is an archaic system that has not been used in years and causes organizers heartache and head judges scrambling.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 12
Description:	Add flow into the description of the Show category.
Current Rule:	6604.4 Show: Consisting of 40% of the score. The judges will score the run by evaluating the athletes' showmanship and precision including the execution of the run and the routine attempted. The judges evaluate the precise nature of the run in relation to maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence. The overall composition of the run is most important as the judges evaluate the sequence of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine and how the skier uses the features. The judges do take falls into consideration and can deduct up to 50% of the points of the run/judge for falls.
Proposed Change:	6604.4 Show: Consisting of 40% of the score. The judges will score the run by evaluating the athletes' showmanship, <u>flow</u> and precision including the execution of the run and the routine attempted. The judges evaluate the precise nature of the run in relation to maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence. The overall composition of the run is most important as the judges evaluate the sequence of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, <u>the flow</u> and how the skier uses the features. The judges do take falls into consideration and can deduct up to 50% of the points of the run/judge for falls.
Discussion/Reason:	The flow of the routine has become a very important consideration for the Show category. This is not currently a FIS event so we are not limited in changes.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

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Discussion/Reason:	We have coaches in many divisions that are building single and double invert jumps. Inverted aerials is part of aerials and needs to have the specifications available someplace besides the FIS site.																								
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous																								

Proposal Number:	R & T – 14
Description:	Change Air Bump specifications to required
Current Rule:	Appendix A, Air Bumps Air Bumps Criteria and Specifications recommendations
Proposed Change:	Appendix A, Air Bumps Air Bumps Criteria and Specifications <b>recommendations</b>
Discussion/Reason:	It is a safety issue to have air bumps and landing pads that do not meet these specifications
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

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Description:	Standardize Halfpipe specification																								
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Hudak: I feel that every pipe should be a minimum of twelve (12) foot walls. However, I don't want to exclude anyone from having a competition.

Hayes: Amendment was proposed to change wall height "3.5m to 7m" seconded and Hayes accepted the amendment.

Voting on amendment: Passed: 13 For, 3 Against

Proposal Number:	R & T – 17
Description:	Require the layout of the Moguls Site to meet FIS specs for air bumps and landing pads.
Current Rule:	<p>4202.1.3 Layout of the Moguls Site</p> <p>The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.</p>
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Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change is critical to provide our upper level athletes with a consistent jump and landing to perform safely on. The athletes are training for these FIS specifications and need to be confident those specifications will be available at all upper level events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 18
Description:	Require the layout of the Duals Moguls Site to meet FIS specs for air bumps and landing pads.
Current Rule:	<p>4302.1.3 Layout of the Duals Moguls Site</p> <p>The dual moguls site should be a constant pitch with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in pitch. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a dual moguls competition. Nine control gates (markers or slalom poles) designating the outside of the course and center line must be located on the course at equally spaced intervals.</p>
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Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	New Business – 2
Description:	Helmets
Current Rule:	<p>3056.2 DSQ for violating rules on equipment according to sections 3036, 4008.2 and 4206.1.</p> <p>3054.8 All competitors must wear a helmet during competition and official training.</p> <p>3056.9 DSQ if a competitor does not wear a helmet.</p> <p>4206.1.1, 4306.1.1, 4511.3</p> <p>4306.1.2 Competitors must wear a helmet in the moguls event when skiing in practice or competition.</p> <p>Helmets manufactured for ski racing are required for all competitors in dual moguls competition and official training, for all age categories. USSA neither specifies nor recommends any particular helmet design or brand name and undertakes no responsibility or liability in connection with the requirement that helmets be utilized. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select an appropriate helmet. Caution: The protective quality of all safety helmets are affected by age and use. Some older helmets and any helmets that have been damaged either in a racing fall or from impact may no longer provide sufficient protection – even if there are no visible indications of damage. USSA neither specifies nor makes any warranties as to the fitness for use of any particular ski helmet nor assumes and responsibilities or duties to any competitor by requiring the use of a helmet.</p>
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Discussion/Reason:	Stop helmets from being altered so that thick ski caps can be worn underneath. Totally unsafe and the practice must be stopped for the safety of our competitors.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	New Business – 5
Description:	Allowing Back Lay, Back Pike, and Back Tuck to have separate DD's and be competed as separate categories.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>6008.5 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults</u> <u>Any different positions during the flip.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Back Pikes, Back lays and Back Tucks are all crucial skill elements in other gymnastic sports. In aerials we only provide incentive for an athlete to learn a layout. Incentive to learn the other tricks will enrich learning aerials at the development stage. Most athletes only learn one flip in their first year. They must compete a spread or an upright maneuver as their second jump, instead of executing a different flip position. Other countries are beginning to emphasize these skills to their athletes. Allowing them in competition will create greater incentive for an athlete to learn these skills. It will also provide incentive for athletes to stay in traditional aerials.
Amended Motion:	<u>6008.5 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults</u> <u>A Layout is different from a flip with position.</u>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 15 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

There was much conversation regarding the intent of the rule to allow single flips and single flips with positions to be scored and not counted as a repeat.

Proposal was amended to state "A layout is different from a flip with position" and was seconded.

Voting on amendment: Passed: 14 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstain

New Business Proposal – 6 was Tabled in FSC – See Addendum

Proposal Number:	New Business – 7
Description:	Sets a minimum number of skiers in Duals for an event to be scored.
Current Rule:	4305 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right side will be the red course. The ranking to the eight place will be determined by skiing. Points will be awarded as follows:
Proposed Change:	4305 In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right side will be the red course. The ranking to the eight place will be determined by skiing. <u>A minimum of 4 athletes is required in Duals for an event to be scored.</u> Points will be awarded as follows:
Discussion/Reason:	Duals is defined as pairs of skiers.
Amended Motion:	4305 In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right side will be the red course. The ranking to the eight place will be determined by skiing. <u>A minimum of 2 athletes is required in Duals for an event to be scored.</u> Points will be awarded as follows:
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 14 For, 2 Against, 0 Abstain

There was some discussion as to the definition of a dual event and how many skiers would classify an event as a dual event. There was a proposed amendment to the proposal instead of "A minimum of 4 athletes" to say "A minimum of 2 athletes is required".

Voting on amendment: Passed: 15 For, 1 Against

## Housekeeping rule changes

**All passed in R&T unanimously, all passed in FSC unanimously**

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 1
Description:	Update references to appendices
Current Rule:	4002.1 Aerial sites for all events in the USSA Freestyle calendar must conform to the current USSA standards for aerial courses (see appendices C and D).
Proposed Change:	4002.1 Aerial sites for all events in the USSA Freestyle calendar must conform to the current USSA standards for aerial courses (see appendices <b>A, B and C and D</b> ).
Discussion/Reason:	We have added more and better appendices in the past few years.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 2
Description:	Correct the codification sequence
Current Rule:	4002.1.3.4 Three wind indicators must be on the aerial site, one on the start and two on the knoll.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.3. <b>1</b> Three wind indicators must be on the aerial site, one on the start and two on the knoll.
Discussion/Reason:	Typo, wrong numbering
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 3
Description:	Correct the reference number
Current Rule:	4002.1.5.6 There will be a minimum of one hour of official training on the competition day. Prior to performing any specific maneuver in competition, the competitor must show evidence of having qualified the maneuver in accordance with the aerial qualification procedure as explained in 4007.3.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.5.6 There will be a minimum of one hour of official training on the competition day. Prior to performing any specific maneuver in competition, the competitor must show evidence of having qualified the maneuver in accordance with the aerial qualification procedure as explained in <b>3070 4007.3</b> .
Discussion/Reason:	4007.3 refers to the FIS rule book and we have changed these qualification procedures and put them in the 3070 section so they can pertain to all events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 7
Description:	Move Slopestyle course specifications to appendix A
Current Rule:	<p>4608.3 Loss of ski(s)  The judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski (s) during or after landing.</p> <p>Slopestyle course specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Maximum of 5 jumps on site</li> <li>-Jump height min 1m – max 3m</li> <li>-Distance to knoll min 4m – max 15m</li> <li>-Landing Hill length – min 10m</li> <li>-Landing Hill pitch 30° min – 38° max</li> <li>-Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch</li> </ul> <p>Quarterpipe course specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pipe height – min 4m</li> <li>-Take-off angle – min 1.2m wide at 88° last 1m</li> <li>-Transition – min 6m</li> <li>-Base width – min 6m</li> <li>-Recommended sloping back deck</li> <li>-Optional hip take-off</li> </ul>
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Discussion/Reason:	It makes no sense to have put the course specs here when we have them all in the appendices. Move all the above deleted stuff to appendix A.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 8
Description:	Adding the point values for the Overall judge
Current Rule:	6152.1.4 Overall: Consisting of 40% of the score – 2 judges.
Proposed Change:	6152.1.4 Overall: Consisting of 40% of the score – 2 judges. <u>0.1 – 10.0 points per judge</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This makes it easier to understand where the 50 point total comes from.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 9
Description:	Clarify the timing differential for Duals.
Current Rule:	6304.2.3 Timing Electronic timing has to be used at all events. Timing systems should be mounted for both courses so that the time difference between the competitors can be calculated.
Proposed Change:	6304.2.3 Timing Electronic timing has to be used at all events. Timing systems should be mounted <u>at the finish of</u> <del>for</del> both courses so that the time difference between the competitors can be calculated.
Discussion/Reason:	Organizers have a hard time understanding that the time difference is calculated only at the finish and not the whole course.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 10
Description:	Reword Appendix A Slopestyle maximum number of features.
Current Rule:	Appendix A - Slopestyle Maximum of 5 jumps on site
Proposed Change:	Appendix A - Slopestyle Maximum of 5 <u>jumps features</u> on site
Discussion/Reason:	Since Slopestyle uses a combination of jumps, rails, boxes, grinds, tanks and lots of other features, the maximum of 5 refers to all the features and not just the jumps.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	New Business – Housekeeping - 1
Description:	Formats for nationals on page 55
Current Rule:	
Proposed Change:	2. Field sizes for finals: mogul 16/16, aerials two jumps, dual moguls seeding will be to <u>16</u> .
Discussion/Reason:	This was voted on last year at FSC and added to comp guide but its execution is very unclear. You could seed to 24 but only run 16 which does not make any sense.

Proposal Number:	New business – Housekeeping – 3
Description:	Change index on page 66
Current Rule:	n/a
Proposed Change:	<u>Add 3070 jump qualification to index</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Not currently listed in index
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	New business – Housekeeping - 4
Description:	rule 4604.2
Current Rule:	4604.2 says see 6603.3
Proposed Change:	Remove
Discussion/Reason:	There is no longer a rule 6603.3

Proposal Number:	New business – Housekeeping - 5
Description:	Correct groomed finish area specs.
Current Rule:	3044.1.3 The finish area for the mogul event must be a smoothed area equal to the width of the course, for at least 20 meters from the finish line.
Proposed Change:	3044.1.3 The finish area for the mogul event must be a smoothed area equal to the width of the course, for at least <del>20</del> <u>30</u> meters from the finish line.
Discussion/Reason:	Current stated specs are incorrect.

**Housekeeping rule changes passed, spring 2008 - not in comp guide**

Proposal Number:	R & T – 8
Description:	Change definition of Slopestyle to be multiple hits 2 or more.
Current Rule:	<p>4601 Definition Competitions shall consist of multiple 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 consist of two runs with the best scored run counting. A run consists of 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 being the judges overall assessment of the run.</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>4601 Definition Competitions shall consist of multiple features (<del>Big Air</del>, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, <del>just a Quarter Pipe</del> 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 consist of two runs with the best scored run counting. A run consists of multiple features made up of <del>Big Air</del>, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score being the judges overall assessment of the run.</p> <p>6601 Definition A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform <u>multiple from one 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:	Passed Spring 2008 and missed in the comp guide.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 9
Description:	Add; conform to Course Specifications for Moguls to 4202.1.3 and 4302.1.3
Current Rule:	4202.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.  4302.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to air bumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”, chopping, or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.
Proposed Change:	4202.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps” <u>and should conform to Course Specifications for Moguls.</u> Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.  4302.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to air bumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps” <u>and should conform to Course Specifications for Moguls.</u> Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.
Discussion/Reason:	Passed Spring 2008 and missed in the comp guide.

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 3
Description:	Junior Olympics Mogul Scoring
Current Rule:	Under Junior Olympics, Page 53, Format, half way down; The results from the finals will be used for overall and age group awards.  POINTS & RANKING, Page 14, Competition Rules number 5. In FIS moguls events, FSP’s are calculated using the final score or as follows:
Proposed Change:	Under Junior Olympics, Page 53, Format, half way down, ADD: <u>The results from finals will also be used for the FSPs, as applied on page 14-16, FIS FSP adjustment for Moguls and Duals</u>  POINTS & RANKING, Page 14, Competition Rules number 5. In FIS moguls events, <u>and the Junior Olympics,</u> FSP’s are calculated using the final score or as follows:
Discussion/Reason:	This was passed at the Spring 2008 meeting and never made it into the comp guide. Remember Junior Olympics are not an FIS event.



Proposal Number:	House Keeping – 28
Description:	
Current Rule:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)  The judges in accordance with the judges criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.  Slopestyle course specifications:  -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.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)  The judges in accordance with the judges' criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.</p> <p>4602.1.1 Guidelines for Competition Sites  Competition sites must generally conform to the measurements as outlined in the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Specification guidelines.  _Slopestyle course specifications:  -<del>Multiple Maximum of 5</del> jumps on site  -Jump height min. 1m – max 3m  -Distance to knoll min 4m – max <del>12m</del> 15m  -Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min – 38 degree max.  -Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch  Quarterpipe course specifications:</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Passed at the Spring 2008 meeting. Move the course specifications to 4602.1.1

New Business:

Proposal Number:	New Business
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 <u>At all USSA events, at the discretion of the meet organizers, All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing or straight performance seeding.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This was discussed under New Business and passed by the FSC.

**Development-Haslock** (see Addendum G)

Hatch won by acclamation to serve as subcommittee chair for another term.

Proposals from Development

Proposal Number:	Development - 2
Description:	US Championships Criteria
Current Rule:	See page 54-55
Proposed Change:	Add: 13. If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every Nor Am event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot in that discipline at US Championships.
Discussion/Reason:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This will allow this caliber of developing athlete to focus on their training and the NorAm Tour without having to “chase” USSA points during the regular season.</li> <li>2. There are NorAm seasons when the World Cup athletes from the US and other countries use the NorAm tour for training. In this scenario athletes that consistently finish in the top 10 are not rewarded with FSP points due to the point spread between a NorAm athlete and a World Cup athlete. As a result, due to the attainment of low FSP points, these athletes sometimes do not qualify for US Championships.</li> <li>3. In practice, most athletes DO make it in the end, but it is a huge concern for some during the season. This is what we used to do for the US Qualifier that no longer exists, and would be appropriate to have as a back-up for these athletes who are making the commitment to the NorAm Tour.</li> </ol>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 16 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain

There was conversation deciding if this rule would give an out to an athlete to not have to compete in their divisional championships. This rule in some ways is replacing the old Qualifier rule. This rule would be an incentive for an athlete to compete in all of the NorAm events.

### House Keeping Proposals:

Proposal Number:	Development - 6
Description:	Clean up after additions and subtractions were made last year
Current Rule:	<p>Page 54</p> <p>7. The top 37 athletes per gender in moguls and dual moguls from the March 6, 2009 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above.</p> <p>8. The top 21 athletes per gender in aerials from the March 6, 2009 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above.</p> <p>9. The top 30 athletes per gender in Halfpipe from the March 6, 2009 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above would be entered into the semi-final.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Page 54</p> <p>7. The top 37 athletes per gender in moguls and dual moguls from the March 6, <del>2009</del>2010 FSP list in addition to the athletes' list in points 1-<del>5</del>6 above.</p> <p>8. The top 21 athletes per gender in aerials from the March 6, <del>2009</del>2010 FSP list in addition to the athletes' list in points 1-<del>5</del>6 above.</p> <p>9. The top 30 athletes per gender in Halfpipe from the March 6, <del>2009</del>2010 FSP list in addition to the athletes listed in points 1-<del>5</del>6 above. <del>would be entered into the semi-final.</del></p>
Discussion/Reason:	We added point 2 last year with top 10 World Cup Halfpipe skiers but forgot to change the wording to add an additional point bringing it to 6. We also eliminated the semi-final when we eliminated the "open" component to getting in the event.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Development - 7
Description:	Page 54 Formats. Remove paragraph 4. about the semi-final.
Current Rule:	<p>Page 54</p> <p>4. In Halfpipe a semi-final will be added between qualifications and....</p>
Proposed Change:	Delete the entire point
Discussion/Reason:	It is irrelevant since we eliminated the "open" option last year this should have been removed also.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

#### New Business:

Hatch formed a working group to discuss if there is a need to combine the single moguls and dual moguls points list. The duals points list needs to be cleaned up before thinking about combining the two lists. The working group is Hatch, Justin Henceroth, Konrad Rickenbach, Mike Papke, and Nick Preston.

#### Coaches-Eddy (see Addendum H)

Eddy won by acclamation to serve as subcommittee chair for another term.

Proposals from Coaches.

This proposal was broken up into four different parts in the subcommittee and each part was voted on. Only section 1 and 3 were passed in subcommittee and brought forward to the FSC.

Proposal Number:	Coaches – 1
Description:	3070.5 New Maneuvers
Current Rule:	To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athletes may submit a video to both the chair of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judges for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2. 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 further be 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 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.
Proposed Change: #1 Passed in subcommittee  #2 Failed in subcommittee  #3 Passed in subcommittee  #4 Failed in subcommittee	<del>To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athletes may submit a video to both the chair of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judges for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2.</del> For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.2 and 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump or off-axis jump is allowed to be performed in competition it must further be 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. <del>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 help defray the cost of the independent certified coach.</del> The process shall be organized by each division. The division will be required to advertise the snow qualification day no less then two weeks prior. All qualification days must be open to all athletes regardless of home division. The division will be responsible for collecting any and all fees from athletes. The division will also be responsible for paying any and all expenses for the qualifier to perform this task. <b>Back layout must be qualified on snow before any other back inverted maneuver may be qualified. Once back layout is qualified on snow, pursuant to 3070.3.4, it would not be necessary to qualify other body positions or grabs. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation, they must qualify that rotational upgrade.</b> 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.
Discussion/Reason:	<p>The first deleted section is an outdated process that is no longer used any more.</p> <p>The addition of off-axis maneuvers needing to be qualified on snow for moguls will also help to assure athlete safety when performing these advanced maneuvers.</p> <p>The final deletion and addition would allow more flexibility for the divisions to set qualifying days as their athletes and coaches find necessary, while still maintaining an over sight of USSA designated certified coaches and qualifying criteria. I think it will also streamline the process as it pertains to the collection of fees and athlete sign ups.</p>
Pass/Fail:	<p>#1 – Passed: Unanimous</p> <p>#3 – Passed: Unanimous</p>

Proposal #1 – No discussion

Proposal #3 – Each division will need to cover all fees and manage all costs. Each division can have as many qualifiers as they choose. The definition of independent qualifier is a person that has no connection with clubs in that division and that person will still be appointed by USSA.

Clarification of qualified moguls tricks:

All U.S. athletes need to abide by USSA rules for every event they enter including FIS events. All aerial maneuvers must be qualified prior to the athlete performing the maneuver in competition. If athletes perform non-qualified aerial maneuvers USSA can and will not enter that athlete in future FIS events along with disqualifying the athlete from the present FIS event at which they are competing. USSA will appoint a representative for each FIS event to monitor all aerial maneuvers and be the manager of the athlete qualified jump list.

Proposal Number:	Coaches – 7
Description:	Propose that straight rotational jumps greater than 720° be qualified according to rule 3070.3.2
Current Rule:	<p>3070.3.1 Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 1080° rotation or less. Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 1080° rotation or less shall be successfully demonstrated on snow and approved by the athlete’s coach prior to being used in competition. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). The approving coach shall be at least a level 1 moguls/aerial coach. A USSA “C” provisional judge or a USSA “C” licensed TD may also approve these two classes of jumps.</p> <p>Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is not required for these jumps.</p>

Proposed Change:	<p><del>3070.3.2 Upright straight rotational jumps greater than 1080° and all off-axis jumps. Upright, straight rotational jumps greater than 1080° of rotation ect. Ect.</del> Proposed Change: 3070.3.1 Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of <del>1080°</del> <b>720°</b> rotation or less. Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of <del>1080°</del> <b>720°</b> rotation or less shall be successfully demonstrated on snow and approved by the athlete's coach prior to being used in competition. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). The approving coach shall be at least a level 1 moguls/aerial coach. A USSA "C" provisional judge or a USSA "C" licensed TD may also approve these two classes of jumps.</p> <p>Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is not required for these jumps.</p> <p>3070.3.2 Upright straight rotational jumps greater than <del>1080°</del> <b>720°</b> and all off-axis jumps. Upright, straight rotational jumps greater than <del>1080°</del> <b>720°</b> of rotation. Etc.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Rotations of more than 720 degrees is a dangerous jump and we need to have some kind of documentation that it has been qualified correctly.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 14 For, 1 Against, 2 Abstain

Newson: Next year there will be a website available that will list all qualified jumps for moguls and aerial athletes. Level 2 aerial coaches and greater will have access to this site to upload new athlete qualifications. Once the site populates USSA will have a link from [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) to the athlete qualification site.

The Coaches subcommittee has formed a working group to review the degree of difficulty of off-axis maneuvers, chaired by Tim Preston with Nick Preston and Chris Seeman as members.

**2. Old Business- Wise**

No old business

**3. New business- Wise**

New Motion:

Proposal Number:	New Business - 1
Description:	3070.1 Responsibilities
Current Rule:	Both the athlete and athlete's coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a USSA competition.
Proposed Change:	Both the athlete and athlete's coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a USSA competition. <u>Qualified jumps must be recorded on the USSA Jump Qualification List. The procedure for recording the jumps will be published on the USSA website on a yearly basis. If an athlete performs a jump in a USSA or FIS event that is not listed on the USSA Jump Qualification List, then the athlete will be disqualified from the event if the jump has not been properly qualified with proper documentation.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	It is irrelevant since we eliminated the "open" option last year this should have been removed also.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Newson brought forward a motion to better clarify the responsibility of qualified aerial jump maneuvers. Passed: Unanimous

There was much conversation debating the time period of when the coaches need to actually submit their athlete qualifications to the website qualification list.

Restructure of FSC and Subcommittee Meetings:

Wise asked the FSC if the meetings should be extended into another day to allow everyone to attend all subcommittees.

Simson's recommendation is that the subcommittees meet first to allow for participation prior to the FSC meeting.

Wise informed the committee that he will come up with the schedule for next year. It will be very critical that we limit the discussion to get all of our information in.

**Adjournment- Wise**

## Addendum A

USSA Freestyle Staff Report Spring Congress 2009

May 15, 2009

### **Development Group**

Criteria: 2009-2010 Development Group

After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2009, based on the final FSP list for the 2008-09 season, the top five women and men and in moguls and dual moguls, the top two women and men in aerials and the top three women and men in halfpipe, will be named to the USSA development group.

This will guarantee them starts on the NorAm tour. All development group athletes must participate in the U.S. Selection Events. If a development group athlete is injured and unable to compete in U.S. Selection Events, the athlete must provide medical documentation stating they are unable to compete. Once medically cleared to compete, they would retain their NorAm start. An athlete who is named to the development group has until June 1, 2009 to accept their spot in the USSA development group. Once the USSA office has been notified that an athlete is retiring or the deadline has passed with no acceptance, the next athlete on the FSP will be added to the development group.

### **Athletes on Development Group:**

#### **Aerials:**

Ashley Caldwell  
Sami Palmer  
Zac Amidan  
Hans Gardner

#### **Halfpipe:**

Jen Hudak  
Jessica Cumming  
Siena Palmacci  
David Wise  
Taylor Seaton  
Walter Wood

#### **Moguls/Dual Moguls:**

Whitney Henceroth- Moguls/Duals  
Jillian Vogtli- Moguls/Duals  
Heidi Kloser- Moguls  
Nessa Dziemian- Moguls  
Alison DiGravio- Moguls/Dual Moguls  
Annie Serra- Dual Moguls  
KC Oakley- Dual Moguls  
Jay Panther- Moguls  
Reed Snyderman- Moguls/Duals  
Bradley Wilson- Moguls  
Kyle Jordan- Moguls  
Wade Parkinson- Moguls/Duals  
Robert Burden- Duals  
Troy Tully- Dual Moguls  
Cody Temple- Dual Moguls

National Team Coaching Contacts:

Aerials: Brian Currutt; [bcurrutt@ussa.org](mailto:bcurrutt@ussa.org)

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Moguls: Lasse Fahlen; [lfahlen@ussa.org](mailto:lfahlen@ussa.org)

Moguls Strength Coach: Alex Moore; [amoore@ussa.org](mailto:amoore@ussa.org)

Halfpipe: Cheryl Bilisoly; [cbilisoly@ussa.org](mailto:cbilisoly@ussa.org)

Guidelines for Development Group:

- Use of the Center of Excellence will be determined in a few months after the center has opened. A fee for use likely will be on an annual basis and is still TBD. Rules of use for the center will follow once it is open to Development athletes.
- Moguls athletes will have use of Alex Moore, USSA Moguls Strength/Conditioning Coach, on Wednesday's from 2pm – 4pm only once the Center of Excellence is open. Work out programs can be found now on: [www.visualcoaching.com](http://www.visualcoaching.com), Username: moguls, Password: moguls. Meanwhile email Alex with questions.



- Aerial athletes can email Tschana Breslin, USSA Aerials Strength/Conditioning Coach for a work out program.
- Halfpipe athletes interested in a workout program contact Cheryl Bilisoly.
- Development athletes will **not** have use of USSA medical staff or physical therapy.
- Development athletes will **not** be granted waived UOP season passes this year for summer training.
- Team camps are invitation only, team coaches will be distributing all notifications, please do not contact Cheryl Bilisoly for camp schedules.

### **U.S. Selections & NorAm Update**

USSA has reached an agreement with Mainstream Marketing granting them the right to schedule, market, and/or produce all U.S. based FIS Level Events below the FIS World Cup with the exception of the U.S. Freestyle Championships. U.S. Championships will continue to be managed by USSA's Events Department. Mainstream Marketing has been an innovated supporter of Freestyle, and we are very hopeful that this relationship will be able to create a marketable brand for our NorAms, Selections and other key FIS events. It is very important to note, this does not mean other organizers wanting to host these type of events will no longer be allowed to do so; quite the opposite, if Mainstream is successful in this venture this will be a great benefit to all organizers in bringing a more cost effective model for hosting these events. Each organizer will be in charge of collecting fees, not Mainstream Marketing. Cheryl's focus will be athlete management including event selection criteria, invitations, enforcing rules, filling U.S. quota spots and any other event needs. In addition, Mainstream also agrees to specific minimum number of US competitions.

Schedule:

Selection Events- December 14-22, 2009

NorAms - TBD, Any interest in hosting a NorAm or FIS event please contact Konrad.

Reminder - U.S. Championships will continue to be organized by USSA's Events Department.

Junior Olympics: The Junior Olympics will be located at Waterville Valley, NH. The date still TBD.

US Championships: U.S National Championships will be held Mar 25-28, 2009 at Squaw Valley, USA.

2009-2010 List Schedule: Proposed Freestyle Points List Dates for 2009-2010:

Period	Close	Valid
Fall List	Nov. 10	Nov. 13
1 Mar 31- Dec. 22	Dec. 22	Dec. 28
2 Dec. 23- Jan. 19	Jan. 19	Jan. 22
3 Jan. 20- Feb 16	Feb. 16	Feb. 19
4 Feb. 17- Mar. 9	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
5 Mar. 10- Mar. 31	Mar. 10	Apr. 2

Please take a good look at 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 [ussa.org](http://ussa.org), Freestyle, Competitions (Scroll down, on the right side of the page).

Deadlines Selections:

Submit to USSA by July 6, 2009; Exec meet July 10, 2009; Notify by July 13

Submit to USSA by November 4, 2009; Exec meet November 11, 2009; Notify by November 18

JOs: Submit to USSA by February 23, 2010; Exec meet February 26, 2010; Notify by February 27

Nationals: Submit to USSA by March 15, 2010; Exec meet March 16, 2010; Notify by March 17

## **2008- 2009 Competition Guide**

Each summer the Comp Guide is edited from how it was printed 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:

May 15, 2009- Divisional Chairs will receive the Comp Guide for editing.

July 14, 2009- All divisional sections due to Cheryl at USSA, noting changes.

July 28, 2009- Final draft of divisional sections sent back to divisional chairs for final edits.

August 11, 2009- All final edits to Cheryl, no more changes! All divisional sections must be complete at this time or the Comp Guide will remain the same as the 2008-2009 version of the guide.

## **US Team Staff Report – Jeff "Flash" Wintersteen**

This was both an exciting and extremely challenging year as any I have had with the national team. The excitement came in the tremendous results of our athletes, most notable Hannah Kearney's World Cup Grand Prix title and World Champions Patrick Deneen and Ryan St. Onge.

That said, it was not without some extremely trying circumstances, including the departure of long-time Program Director Polly-Jo Clark in November and a 13% budget cut at the first of the year. With the prep period and one month of competition already finished, this left few areas other than staff salaries and direct athlete funding to make up the budget shortfall. While not easy, I applaud the dedication of the staff and athletes to continue to produce results regardless of the trying circumstances.

The outlook this season has still not appreciably brightened financially and more cuts have been made. This has been accomplished by not replacing a program director for this upcoming season, the bulk of those responsibilities will now fall to me and will be managed only through the considerable assistance from Cheryl. In addition, our invaluable volunteers will be called upon to shoulder some of this burden as well.

Despite this financial environment, we have been able to expand some of our prep projects, though regrettably at the expense of funding for C-Team. This has not been an easy decision, but one borne out of necessity to ensure success in 2010.

All of that said, from an athletic standpoint there is a lot of excitement about the potential of the current team for 2010 and especially the OWG. This will be a tremendously important year for US Freestyle to again demonstrate its relevance in US Skiing.

## Addendum B

### **Freestyle Judges Subcommittee Report**

Report by: Bill McNice

Date submitted: 05/11/2009

#### Committee Membership Status

Chair: Bill McNice

Voting Members:

East	Sharon O'Connor	PNSA	Jim Bates
Far West	Chuck Search	Central	Sonny McKay
Northern	Curt Tempel	IM	Michael Thomas
Rocky	Steve Buchanan		
R&T	Andy Hayes		
FSC	Andy Wise		

#### Activity Summary since spring 08' FSC meeting

- FIS "A" level Judges' Seminar, Park City, UT, October 2008
- FIS "B" level Judges' Seminar, Lake Placid, NY, 2008
- 9 license upgrade requests have been received. (6 "C" level, 3"A" level)

#### Judges' Proctor Meeting

- FIS Freestyle Judges Proctor meeting will be scheduled for this summer. USA proctors anticipated to attend are Jim Bates and Jay Simson. Minutes should be available following the meeting.

#### Fall Training/Development programs

- FIS "A" Level Judges' Seminar, Montreal, CAN - October 2009
- FIS "B" Level Judges' Seminar, TBD, Oct/Nov. 2009
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#### Future Activities

- Judges' Subcommittee chair election will take place this June 2009.
- Judges' Subcommittee meeting will take place during the fall FIS Seminar.
- FIS "A" level judges assist program, TBD.
- Update the USSA Judges' constitution and provide input to revise the FIS Judges' Handbook.
- Work with Judges' Proctors to improve our New School Judges' training.

## Addendum C

### **Freeride Working Group**

How it got started: The Freeride Working Group was established a few months ago. Jeremy Forster and I spent a lot of time discussing what that group should look like and what the focus should be...

The Mission: To be the communication conduit from the Freeride Community to USSA in an effort to drive Halfpipe and Slopestyle disciplines in a direction that better serves the athletes.

Reaching out:

- Small core group of people who are in the trenches across the sport and country, ski industry, etc.
- Relay information as it develops.
- Look to these people to go out and gather information and bring it all back together to help guide the future of the freeride disciplines. Whether sponsor involvement, coaching, event formats, judging, etc., we want the most up-to-date information we can find.

Working group consists of Alana Chase, Nate McKenzie and Chris Hazlock, from the coaching world, Jen Hudak as an Athlete rep, Bill McNice, Josh Loubek on Judging, Michael Spenser and Tom Yaps from the Events and Ski Industry, and Chris Seeman as all-around expert.

- There are still to add to the group, another athlete rep and Jeremy is heading down to SIA this year to gauge and solicit some more industry involvement.

Jeremy's role – Elite level focus and path to Olympics 2014

- Maximize Synergies with Snowboarding – venue scheduling, HP, Slope, SX.
- Development group support – training camps, event support, ideas...

Jamie's focus is development level.

- Don't want to create two parallel systems that make kids choose.
- Looking at ways of working with the established events.
- Create midlevel events relevant to HP and slopestyle athletes and creating some incentive opportunities or stepping stones.
- Exploring any benefits to working with the AFP to get select USSA events listed and athletes ranked on their global list of events.
- Explore promotional opportunities that might exist in the freeride community.

Judges' Education: Bill McNice is working with Josh Loubek, head judge for X-Games and Dew Tour to compare and analyze Judging formats.

Conclusion: We have met mostly individually to date and I would like get the group together this weekend to lay some things out going forward. And I encourage everyone to seek these people out so we can get as much information flowing as possible

## Addendum D

### **Membership Update**

Online Registration Update: A big thanks to everyone for a successful launch! Online registration was well received by our members of whom 45% registered online. That's over 10,000 registrations taken online. As with any new program, there is room for improvement. As a result, some changes have been made to allow substantially more people to register successfully. The most notable improvement is in the payment module of the program. However, enhancements continue over time.

Registrations are being accepted for the 2009-10 competition season. Members may go to [www.webapps.ussa.org](http://www.webapps.ussa.org) to register for membership. This link may also be found under the Membership Tools menu on [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) New users will need to create an account in the name of the member to be registered.

Our goal for this season is to take 60% of all registrations through the online portal.

#### Some Reminders:

Who can register online?

- New and renewing members including athletes, coaches and officials may register online. Parents must complete the process for those under 18.
- 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.

NOTE: USSA memberships completed online 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.

NOTE: Opt-in to division or state email communication lists. For those divisions and states participating in the Dues Management Program we recommend that you remind members to opt in to your email list during the online registration process.

Manage My Account: The following transactions may be done through the Manage My Account link under Membership Tools.

- Update personal contact information including address, phone and email
- Update medical information
- Print a digital membership card
- Register for background screening

Renewal Notices: Renewal notification will now come primarily by email along with web postings. Member Service will continue with one printed renewal, likely in the fall, for those members unable to register through the online system.

Competition Guides & Directories: Competition guides will be available online to athletes. In addition, coaches and officials will receive them by mail.

**Addendum E**

**Freestyle Membership Subcommittee**

Chair: Deb Newson

Rocky: Craig Matthews – Laila Matthews (proxy)

PNSA: Pat Deneen – not present

Far West: Eric Hickman – Nat Schirman (proxy)

Northern: Mike Papke - present

Intermountain: Caron Keim - present

Central: Lewis Sundquist – not present

Alaska: Alex Wilson - present

1. Open Meeting

- Division Chairs to report:
- Growth in sport in division in each discipline over last three years.
- Marketing for sport in division.

2. Elections

3. Old Business

Proposal Number:	Membership - 1
Description:	Separate Men's and Women's warm-up/competition for Aerials at Junior Olympics into two groups
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	In the 'Format' paragraph add: "In Aerials the Women's Official Training and Competition will be run in its entirety prior to the start of the Men's Official Training and Competition."
Discussion/Reason:	This is too large of a group to effectively warm-up at one time. The time between warm-up and competition (first and second jumps) is too long with the possibility of conditions changing too much.  Newson Additional Note: Do we run the risk of not getting in a Men's competition? Should we run women's training, first run of women, men's training, first run of men, women's training, second run of women, men's training, second run of men?
Pass/Fail:	Tabled

Proposal Number:	Membership - 2															
Description:	Change all field sizes to 48 men and 48 women from the points list															
Current Rule:	<p>1. Page 54,</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>d. Event</td> <td>Men</td> <td>Women</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aerials*</td> <td>50</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Slopestyle</td> <td>50</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual Moguls</td> <td>48</td> <td>48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Halfpipe</td> <td>50</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </table>	d. Event	Men	Women	Aerials*	50	50	Slopestyle	50	50	Dual Moguls	48	48	Halfpipe	50	50
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Proposed Change:	1. d. Event Men Women Aerials* 48 48 Slopestyle 48 48 Dual Moguls 48 48 Halfpipe 48 48 Moguls 48 48
Discussion/Reason:	This was brought forward by the coaches at JO's to ensure quality of event and to be sure it can be fit into the competition day if anything causes even minor delays. 3 out of the 5 events finished after the close of the ski resort last winter.  Newson Additional Note: Lowering quota from the "truly qualified athletes" quota when there are so many athletes that compete in the events that qualify in other ways that pure competition results is unfair and unacceptable.
Pass/Fail:	Fails: 3 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	Membership – 3
Description:	Limit of which we fall to choose from the points list to double the max number taken. For example we take 48 Dual Mogul skiers so we would draw the line at 96. Skiers would have to be ranked in the top 96 to be invited.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	1. Page 54, add: <b>e. In order to be invited via the points list the athlete must be ranked on the points list at double the quota or lower.</b>
Discussion/Reason:	Coaches brought this forward at JOs as well to keep the level of the skiers closer for a safer and higher quality event. Also potentially limiting the field slightly to help ensure finishing the event on time.  Newson Additional Note: One of the advantages of holding JOs in a region is that regional athletes are sometimes afforded an additional competition opportunity. Eliminating quota from the "truly qualified athletes" list is unfair and unacceptable.
Pass/Fail:	Tabled

Proposal Number:	Membership - 4
Description:	Age Class Final for JO Moguls
Current Rule:	Page 53, Format Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules, a qualifications/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 20 (women and men) will move on to finals.
Proposed Change:	Page 53,

	<p>Format</p> <p>Junior Olympics is a USSA event and will be run according to USSA rules, a qualifications/finals format will be used for moguls. In moguls the top 6-J1, 6-J2, 4-J3 and 4-J4 (women and men) will move on to finals.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	<p>This allows USSA to have the medal winners in J1-J4 to earn their medals in a finals format going head to head against their peers.</p> <p>Newson Additional Note: The top 10 athletes at Juniors qualify for starts to Selection Events, if this were to pass this benefit would need to be examined. Additionally, since the East and Rocky have another competition series for their J3-J6 athletes, this type of finals would not reflect the actual Junior Olympic champion. Additionally, qualifying for the top 20 in the moguls at Juniors is a huge accomplishment and one that is used on athlete goal sheets more often than not.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Fails: 4 Against

Proposal Number:	Membership - 5
Description:	Clarifying the 3 person per sex and discipline rule
Current Rule:	<p>Junior Olympics, Quotas and Invitees, #2</p> <p>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, slopestyle, and halfpipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Junior Olympics, Quotas and Invitees, #2</p> <p>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, slopestyle, and halfpipe). Any spot that remains unused will be lost.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	When qualified athletes choose not to compete, then a division should still be allowed to have a minimum of three athletes in each event. Qualified athletes may choose to compete only at the US Championships if they qualify for both.
Pass/Fail:	Passes: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Membership - 6
Description:	Add a Slopestyle National Championships to Juniors
Current Rule:	<p>Junior Olympics page 53.</p> <p>The 2008 USSA Freestyle Junior Olympics will be held at Waterville Valley, NH in March of 2009. The Junior Olympics bring together the top junior competitors from each division. Junior Olympic results determine who is the best overall junior competitor in each discipline: moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle, halfpipe, combined and the best competitor in each age class. A Divisions cup at Junior Olympics will be awarded using</p>



	FIS World Cup points system.
Proposed Change:	The 2008 <del>10</del> USSA Freestyle Junior Olympics well be held at Waterville Valley, NH in March of 2009 <del>10</del> . The Junior Olympics bring together the top junior competitors from each division. Junior Olympic results determine who is the best overall junior competitor in each discipline: moguls, dual moguls, aerials, slopestyle, halfpipe, combined and the best competitor in each age class. A Divisions cup at Junior Olympics will be awarded using FIS World Cup points system. <u>The 2010 Junior Olympics will also host the US Championships for Slopestyle.</u> □
Discussion/Reason:	
Pass/Fail:	Fails: 0 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	Membership - 7
Description:	Change Junior Olympic Selection Criteria (Reduce Number of Invitations)
Current Rule:	Summarized from pages 53-54 of the 2009 Competition Guide: 6. Moguls Quota: 60 Athletes per gender. 7. Alternates: Line continues to drop as invited athletes decline. 8. All Event skiers: Can ski all events after qualifying in three disciplines, regardless of ranking in their non-qualifying events. 9. Divisional Combined: Moguls, Aerials, & Halfpipe. 10. Each division is guaranteed a minimum of three athletes per gender in each event.
Proposed Change:	<del>Reduce the Moguls Quota to 50 Athletes per gender; other Quotas remain unchanged.</del> 6. Alternates: Similar to nationals, an initial alternates list is created and the line does not drop any lower as athletes decline their spots. Ten (10) alternates will be named per gender per event (as opposed to five (5) for nationals). 7. All Event skiers: Can ski in events in which they did not qualify for Junior Olympics only if they are ranked in the top half of juniors from the Junior Olympic invitation points list (i.e. Points List #3). 8. Divisional Combined: Remains unchanged. 9. Each division is still guaranteed a minimum of three athletes per gender in each event.
Discussion/Reason:	The quality of competition has suffered at Junior Olympics with too many athletes being invited to the events. Many of the athletes are not qualified to ski in some of the events. More stringent selection criteria will reduce the numbers of competitors and hopefully raise the quality of the competition, as well as improve the ability of officials and host resorts to complete event-day competitions at a reasonable time.  Newson Additional Note: Juniors is all about participation and is for the athletes to celebrate our sport. Reducing quota to improve the “quality of the event” goes against what Junior Olympics is all about. Quotas should be set according to what the event schedule can handle and “truly qualified” athletes should be given precedence.  Having a fixed line for alternates at Juniors would imply that we believe that the FSP list is a valid representation of where our athletes should be

	<p>ranked. I would maintain that when you get to the area of where the current line is drawn that it is anything but a true representation of where our athletes are ranked.</p> <p>All event skiers create the additional quota that seems to be troubling some. This rule was created to encourage participation in all disciplines of freestyle during the regular season. We should examine the numbers of athletes that are all event skiers now versus when we created this rule (3 years ago) and see if our objective has been served.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

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:	All athletes remain on List 4, only athlete names not meeting divisional requirements supplied by the Divisional chairs to USSA will be removed.
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 were missed so List 4 needs to be re-ran. It is easier to delete names versus rerunning lists. Then divisions would just supply USSA with a list of athlete names that should be taken off of list 4, ie: reverse of what the rule is now.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

4. New Business / For Discussion:

Proposal Number:	Membership - 8
Description:	Re-align Membership vote on FSC and to include Alaska.
Current Rule:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership (East)</li> <li>2. Membership (Rocky, Central)</li> <li>3. Membership (PNSA, INT, FW, NORTHERN)</li> </ol>
Proposed Change:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership (East)</li> <li>2. Membership (Rocky)</li> <li>3. Membership (INT)</li> <li>4. Membership (PNSA, CENTRAL, ALASKA, FW, NORTHERN)</li> </ol>
Discussion/Reason:	To incorporate Alaska into the membership vote.
Pass/Fail:	Fails: 4 Against

5. Adjournment / Motion to adjourn at 3 p.m.; passed: Unanimously

## Addendum F

### Freestyle Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Chair: Andy Hayes

PNSA: Pat Deneen – Not Present  
Intermountain: Chris Haslock - Present  
Rocky: Matti Wade - Present  
Northern: Andy Hayes - Present  
FIS Rep: Jay Simson - Present  
East: Ed Albert - Present  
Central: Thom Schaefer - Present  
Far West: Eric Hickman - Present  
Head Judge: Bill McNice - Present

1- Declaration of voting members: Invite a representative from Alaska and from Ski Cross.

2- Election of Chairman: Andy Hayes was the only Nomination and re-elected for a two year term. Ed Albert was nominated and elected as the Assistant R&T Chairman.

A re-working of the rule book for 2010 to reduce repetition and consolidate others and work on the official's education program are two projects to be worked on by spring of 2010.

3- Discussion topics:

Officials' payment structure for USSA events. USSA will post latest document on Officials web site. Need to review mileage rate, per diem rate and Honorarium.

US Ski Cross team points list? Make software to support Ski Cross available for next season.

A working group was assigned to edit the Ski Cross section of the Comp Guide: Mattie Wade, Chairman, Bruce Erickson, Jeff Lange, Tyler Shepherd, Konrad Rotermund. Will have changes to me by July 1 for executive approval.

### USSA Rule Change Proposals

Proposal Number:	R & T – 1
Description:	Change rule saying host organizing committee is responsible for meals and lodging for Assistant TD.
Current Rule:	3030.9.3 For National level events, the cost for food and lodging shall be borne 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 <u>not</u> be borne by the host organizing committee. Transportation is the responsibility of the TD candidate himself.
Discussion/Reason:	Adopt the FIS rule No organizer to my knowledge has paid these expenses in the past nor should be expected to.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 2
Description:	Update rule about start gates.
Current Rule:	3041.2.2 The photo electric cells will be placed at a height of 1.0 meters on the start light beam or at approximately 0.5m on the starting gate. The starting gate must be placed in such a way that starting is impossible without the gate opening. The finish beam on the moguls and dual moguls course should be at one meter high and the auxiliary beam at .75m.
Proposed Change:	3041.2.2 The photo electric cells will be placed at a height of 1.0 meters on the start light beam <del>or at approximately 0.5m on the starting gate. The starting gate must be placed in such a way that starting is impossible without the gate opening.</del> The finish beam on the moguls and dual moguls course should be at one meter high and the auxiliary beam at .75m.
Discussion/Reason:	We have not had starting gates for 15 years and this just adds to the confusion about the starting and finish beam height.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 4
Description:	Add the competition protocol for Slopestyle.
Current Rule:	No current rule
Proposed Change:	<u>3060.2.5 Slopestyle</u> <u>In the slopestyle event all competitors will make two runs down the course with the best scored used for the results.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	If we have a sport of Slopestyle we need the competition protocol here.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 6
Description:	Clarify that the jury will inspect the courses before the Head Judge arrives with whoever is available from the jury.
Current Rule:	4002.1.4.3 Immediately after this 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 aerial site. 4102.1.3 4202.1.4.3 4302.1.4.3 4602.1.4.2

Proposed Change:	4002.1.4.3 Immediately after this inspection the TD and other <u>available</u> members of the jury shall be <del>available</del> at the outrun to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and coaches regarding the aerial site Add the word <u>available</u> in the appropriate location for all the above rules.
Discussion/Reason:	The head judge is not on site until the evening before competition day. This makes it impossible to inspect the course with the full jury until the day of competition.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 7
Description:	Move the new rule on qualification for mogul and dual mogul inverts to 3070.3.3.1
Current Rule:	It currently is added on to 3070.5 New Maneuvers.
Proposed Change:	<u>Move to 3070.3.3.1</u>
Discussion/Reason:	It does not fit under New Maneuvers and is part of our Invert jump qualification 3070.3.3
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 8
Description:	Clarify the suspension/annulment procedure.
Current Rule:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by the TD (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manor for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.
Proposed Change:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension <del>or annulment for that competition</del> of their qualifications by <u>with agreement of the jury, (see rule 3030.4.4)</u> if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuver in a safe manner for which they have been qualified. <del>This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.</del>
Discussion/Reason: Reference from rule 3030.4.4	For the TD to properly assess a competitor's ability to do a qualified maneuver is difficult and necessary. It would be much easier and safer for a TD to be able to just suspend a competitor's qualification for a maneuver they are having trouble with for that event only. A suspension would not require re-qualification only an annulment would.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 9
Description:	Add the definition of halfpipe to the 4100 section.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	4101 <b>Definition</b> <u>Halfpipe competition shall consist of two runs down a halfpipe conforming to specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Guidelines (see appendices D). A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon criteria stressing Execution, Difficulty, Amplitude and Overall.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This makes the definition for halfpipe consistent with our other disciplines.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 10
Description:	Add a statement about falls not being factored in for Amplitude
Current Rule:	6152.1.3 see rule book page 117
Proposed Change:	6152.1.3 add just before “Criteria consideration”: <u>Falls will not factor in the overall evaluation of this category only in completion of the individual trick.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This statement is shown in each of the other criteria where falls are not factored in except for Amplitude. Falls are only factored in for Overall.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 11
Description:	Change the wording so that paddles are not required in the Dual Mogul judging system.
Current Rule:	6304.2
Proposed Change:	Add: <u>or cards</u> after each time the word paddles occurs Delete: <u>on a handle of approximately 50cm in length.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This is an archaic old system that has not been used in years and causes organizers heart ache and head judges scrambling.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	R & T – 12
Description:	Add flow into the description of the Show category.
Current Rule:	6604.4 Show: Consisting of 40% of the score. The judges will score the run by evaluating the athletes' showmanship and precision including the execution of the run and the routine attempted. The judges evaluate the precise nature of the run in relation to maneuvers attempted, both individually and as a sequence. The overall composition of the run is most important as the judges evaluate the sequence of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine and how the skier uses the features. The judges do take falls into consideration and can deduct up to 50% of the points of the run/judge for falls.
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Discussion/Reason:	The flow of the routine has become a very important consideration for the Show category. This is not currently a FIS event so we are not limited in changes.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

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Discussion/Reason:	We have coaches in many divisions that are building single and double invert jumps. Inverted aerials is part of aerials and needs to have the specifications available someplace besides the FIS site.																								
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous																								

Proposal Number:	R & T – 14
Description:	Change Air Bump specifications to required
Current Rule:	Appendix A, Air Bumps Air Bumps Criteria and Specifications recommendations
Proposed Change:	Appendix A, Air Bumps Air Bumps Criteria and Specifications <b>recommendations</b>
Discussion/Reason:	It is a safety issue to have air bumps and landing pads that do not meet these specifications
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 6 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstain

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Discussion/Reason:	I currently found 3 different specification charts for halfpipes. This reflects the widest range of specs published.																								
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 7 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain																								



Proposal Number:	R & T – 17
Description:	Require the layout of the Moguls Site to meet FIS specs for air bumps and landing pads.
Current Rule:	<p>4202.1.3 Layout of the Moguls Site</p> <p>The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4202.1.3 Layout of the Moguls Site</p> <p>The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. <u>All Seniors, A's, Open and Champ events must follow the most current FIS rules in regard to Jump specifications and Landing Zone specifications.</u> With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping <del>or preparing</del> of the landing area <del>should</del> <b>must</b> take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change is critical to provide our upper level athletes with a consistent jump and landing to perform safely on. The athletes are training for these FIS specifications and need to be confident those specifications will be available at all upper level events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 7 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	R & T – 18
Description:	Require the layout of the Duals Moguls Site to meet FIS specs for air bumps and landing pads.
Current Rule:	<p>4302.1.3 Layout of the Duals Moguls Site</p> <p>The dual moguls site should be a constant pitch with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in pitch. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a dual moguls competition. Nine control gates (markers or slalom poles) designating the outside of the course and center line must be located on the course at equally spaced intervals.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4302.1.3 Layout of the Duals Moguls Site</p> <p>The dual moguls site should be a constant pitch with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in pitch. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. <u>All Seniors, A's, Open and Champ events must follow the most current FIS rules in regard to Jump specifications and Landing Zone specifications.</u> With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping <del>or preparing</del> of the landing area <del>should</del> <u>must</u> take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a dual moguls competition. Nine control gates (markers or slalom poles) designating the outside of the course and center line must be located on the course at equally spaced intervals.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change is critical to provide our upper level athletes with a consistent jump and landing to perform safely on. The athletes are training for these FIS specifications and need to be confident those specifications will be available at all upper level events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 7 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	New Business-2
Description:	Helmets
Current Rule:	<p>3056.2 DSQ for violating rules on equipment according to sections 3036, 4008.2 and 4206.1.</p> <p>3054.8 All competitors must wear a helmet during competition and official training.</p> <p>3056.9 DSQ if a competitor does not wear a helmet.</p> <p>4206.1.1, 4306.1.1, 4511.3</p> <p>4306.1.2 Competitors must wear a helmet in the moguls event when skiing in practice or competition.</p> <p>Helmets manufactured for ski racing are required for all competitors in dual moguls competition and official training, for all age categories. USSA neither specifies nor recommends any particular helmet design or brand name and undertakes no responsibility or liability in connection with the requirement that helmets be utilized. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select an appropriate helmet. Caution: The protective quality of all safety helmets are affected by age and use. Some older helmets and any helmets that have been damaged either in a racing fall or from impact may no longer provide sufficient protection – even if there are no visible indications of damage. USSA neither specifies nor makes any warranties as to the fitness for use of any particular ski helmet nor assumes and responsibilities or duties to any competitor by requiring the use of a helmet.</p>
Proposed Change: Insert into 3036.4.1 using detailed description in 4306.1.2	<p>3056.2 DSQ for violating rules on equipment according to sections 3036, 4008.2 and 4206.1.</p> <p><del>3054.8 All competitors must wear a helmet during competition and official training.</del></p> <p><del>3056.9 DSQ if a competitor does not wear a helmet.</del></p> <p>4206.1.1, 4306.1.1, 4511.3</p> <p><del>4306.1.2 Competitors must wear a helmet in the moguls event when skiing in practice or competition.</del></p> <p><del>Helmets manufactured for ski racing are required for all competitors in dual moguls competition and official training, for all age categories. USSA neither specifies nor recommends any particular helmet design or brand name and undertakes no responsibility or liability in connection with the requirement that helmets be utilized. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select an appropriate helmet. Caution: The protective quality of all safety helmets are affected by age and use. Some older helmets and any helmets that have been damaged either in a racing fall or from impact may no longer provide sufficient protection – even if there are no visible indications of damage. USSA neither specifies nor makes any warranties as to the fitness for use of any particular ski helmet nor assumes and responsibilities or duties to any competitor by requiring the use of a helmet.</del></p> <p><u>3036.4.1</u> Competitors must wear a helmet in <u>all Freestyle</u> the moguls events when skiing in practice or competition.</p> <p>Helmets manufactured for ski racing are required for all competitors in <u>all</u></p>

	<p><u>Freestyle dual-moguls</u> competition and official training, for all age categories. USSA neither specifies nor recommends any particular helmet design or brand name and undertakes no responsibility or liability in connection with the requirement that helmets be utilized. It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select an appropriate helmet. Caution: The protective quality of all safety helmets are affected by age and use. Some older helmets and any helmets that have been damaged either in a racing fall or from impact may no longer provide sufficient protection – even if there are no visible indications of damage. USSA neither specifies nor makes any warranties as to the fitness for use of any particular ski helmet nor assumes and responsibilities or duties to any competitor by requiring the use of a helmet. <u>The helmet must be worn in the manner intended by the manufacture</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	Stop helmets from being altered so that thick ski caps can be worn underneath. Totally unsafe and the practice must be stopped for the safety of our competitors.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	New Business - 5
Description:	Allowing Back Lay, Back Pike, and Back Tuck to have separate DD's and be competed as separate categories.
Current Rule:	None
Proposed Change:	<u>6008.5 Special Provisions for Single Somersaults</u> <u>A Layout is different from a flip with position.</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Back Pikes, Back lays and Back Tucks are all crucial skill elements in other gymnastic sports. In aerials we only provide incentive for an athlete to learn a layout. Incentive to learn the other tricks will enrich learning aerials at the development stage. Most athletes only learn one flip in their first year. They must compete a spread or an upright maneuver as their second jump, instead of executing a different flip position. Other countries are beginning to emphasize these skills to their athletes. Allowing them in competition will create greater incentive for an athlete to learn these skills. It will also provide incentive for athletes to stay in traditional aerials.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 15 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	New business - 7
Description:	Sets a minimum number of skiers in Duals for an event to be scored.
Current Rule:	4305 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right side will be the red course. The ranking to the eight place will be determined by skiing. Points will be awarded as follows:

Proposed Change:	4305 In all cases the left side (looking up the hill) will be the blue course and the right side will be the red course. The ranking to the eight place will be determined by skiing. <u>A minimum of 2 athletes is required in Duals for an event to be scored.</u> Points will be awarded as follows:
Discussion/Reason:	Duals is defined as pairs of skiers.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

**Housekeeping rule changes**  
**All passed in R&T unanimously, all passed in FSC unanimously**

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 1
Description:	Update references to appendices
Current Rule:	4002.1 Aerial sites for all events in the USSA Freestyle calendar must conform to the current USSA standards for aerial courses (see appendices C and D).
Proposed Change:	4002.1 Aerial sites for all events in the USSA Freestyle calendar must conform to the current USSA standards for aerial courses (see appendices <u>A, B and C and D</u> ).
Discussion/Reason:	We have added more and better appendices in the past few years.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 2
Description:	Correct the codification sequence
Current Rule:	4002.1.3.4 Three wind indicators must be on the aerial site, one on the start and two on the knoll.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.3. <u>1</u> Three wind indicators must be on the aerial site, one on the start and two on the knoll.
Discussion/Reason:	Typo, wrong numbering
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 3
Description:	Correct the reference number
Current Rule:	4002.1.5.6 There will be a minimum of one hour of official training on the competition day. Prior to performing any specific maneuver in competition, the competitor must show evidence of having qualified the maneuver in accordance with the aerial qualification procedure as explained in 4007.3.
Proposed Change:	4002.1.5.6 There will be a minimum of one hour of official training on the competition day. Prior to performing any specific maneuver in competition, the competitor must show evidence of having qualified the maneuver in accordance with the aerial qualification procedure as explained in <del>4007.3</del> <u>3070</u> .
Discussion/Reason:	4007.3 refers to the FIS rule book and we have changed these qualification procedures and put them in the 3070 section so they can pertain to all events.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 7
Description:	Move Slopestyle course specifications to appendix A
Current Rule:	<p>4608.3 Loss of ski(s)  The judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski (s) during or after landing.</p> <p>Slopestyle course specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Maximum of 5 jumps on site</li> <li>-Jump height min 1m – max 3m</li> <li>-Distance to knoll min 4m – max 15m</li> <li>-Landing Hill length – min 10m</li> <li>-Landing Hill pitch 30° min - 38° max</li> <li>-Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch</li> </ul> <p>Quarterpipe course specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pipe height – min 4m</li> <li>-Take-off angle – min 1.2m wide at 88° last 1m</li> <li>-Transition – min 6m</li> <li>-Base width – min 6m</li> <li>-Recommended sloping back deck</li> <li>-Optional hip take-off</li> </ul>

Proposed Change:	<p>4608.3 Loss of ski(s)</p> <p>The judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski (s) during or after landing.</p> <p><del>Slopestyle course specifications:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>-Maximum of 5 jumps on site</del></li> <li><del>-Jump height min 1m — max 3m</del></li> <li><del>-Distance to knoll min 4m — max 15m</del></li> <li><del>-Landing Hill length — min 10m</del></li> <li><del>-Landing Hill pitch 30° min — 38° max</del></li> <li><del>-Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch</del></li> </ul> <p><del>Quarterpipe course specifications:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>-Pipe height — min 4m</del></li> <li><del>-Take off angle — min 1.2m wide at 88° last 1m</del></li> <li><del>-Transition — min 6m</del></li> <li><del>-Base width — min 6m</del></li> <li><del>-Recommended sloping back deck</del></li> <li><del>-Optional hip take off</del></li> </ul>
Discussion/Reason:	It makes no sense to have put the course specs here when we have them all in the appendices. Move all the above deleted stuff the appendix A.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 8
Description:	Adding the point values for the Overall judge
Current Rule:	6152.1.4 Overall: Consisting of 40% of the score – 2 judges.
Proposed Change:	6152.1.4 Overall: Consisting of 40% of the score – 2 judges. <u>0.1 – 10.0 points per judge</u>
Discussion/Reason:	This makes it easier to understand where the 50 point total comes from.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 9
Description:	Clarify the timing differential for Duals.
Current Rule:	6304.2.3 Timing Electronic timing has to be used at all events. Timing systems should be mounted for both courses so that the time difference between the competitors can be calculated.
Proposed Change:	6304.2.3 Timing Electronic timing has to be used at all events. Timing systems should be mounted <u>at the finish of</u> <del>for</del> both courses so that the time difference between the competitors can be calculated.
Discussion/Reason:	Organizers have a hard time understanding that the time difference is calculated only at the finish and not the whole course.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 10
Description:	Reword Appendix A Slopestyle maximum number of features.
Current Rule:	Appendix A Slopestyle Maximum of 5 jumps on site
Proposed Change:	Appendix A Slopestyle Maximum of 5 <u>jumps features</u> on site
Discussion/Reason:	Since Slopestyle uses a combination of jumps, rails, boxes, grinds, tanks and lots of other features, the maximum of 5 refers to all the features and not just the jumps.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	<b>Newbusiness-1-housekeeping</b>
Description:	Formats for nationals on page 55
Current Rule:	
Proposed Change:	2. Field sizes for finals: mogul 16/16, aerials two jumps, dual moguls seeding will be to <u>16</u> .
Discussion/Reason:	This was voted on last year at fsc and added to comp guide but its execution is very un clear. you could seed to 24 but only run 16 which does not make any sense.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous



Proposal Number:	<b>New business-3-housekeeping</b>
Description:	Change index on page 66
Current Rule:	n/a
Proposed Change:	<u>Add 3070 jump qualification to index</u>
Discussion/Reason:	Not currently listed in index
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	<b>New business-4- housekeeping</b>
Description:	rule 4604.2
Current Rule:	4604.2 says see 6603.3
Proposed Change:	Remove
Discussion/Reason:	There is no longer a rule 6603.3
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

Proposal Number:	<b>New business – 5-housekeeping</b>
Description:	Correct groomed finish area specs.
Current Rule:	3044.1.3 The finish area for the mogul event must be a smoothed area equal to the width of the course, for at least 20 meters from the finish line.
Proposed Change:	3044.1.3 The finish area for the mogul event must be a smoothed area equal to the width of the course, for at least <del>20</del> <u>30</u> meters from the finish line.
Discussion/Reason:	Current stated specs are incorrect.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: Unanimous

**Housekeeping rule changes passed spring 2008, not in comp guide**

Proposal Number:	R & T – 8
Description:	Change definition of Slopestyle to be multiple hits 2 or more.
Current Rule:	<p>4601 Definition</p> <p>Competitions shall consist of multiple 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 consist of two runs with the best scored run counting. A run consists of 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 being the judges overall assessment of the run.</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 multiple features (<del>Big Air</del>, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, <del>just a Quarter Pipe</del> 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 consist of two runs with the best scored run counting. A run consists of multiple features made up of <del>Big Air</del>, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score being the judges overall assessment of the run.</p> <p>6601 Definition</p> <p>A Slopestyle competition shall consist of two runs using the terrain features to perform <u>multiple from one 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:	Passed: Spring 2008 and missed in the comp guide.

Proposal Number:	R & T – 9
Description:	Add; conform to Course Specifications for Moguls to 4202.1.3 and 4302.1.3
Current Rule:	<p>4202.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.</p> <p>4302.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to air bumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”, chopping, or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4202.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps” <u>and should conform to Course Specifications for Moguls.</u> Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.</p> <p>4302.1.3 Second Paragraph; With respect to air bumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps” <u>and should conform to Course Specifications for Moguls.</u> Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns, see 3034.2.3.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Passed: Spring 2008 and missed in the comp guide.

Proposal Number:	USSA – CS 3
Description:	Junior Olympics Mogul Scoring
Current Rule:	<p>Under Junior Olympics, Page 53, Format, half way down; The results from the finals will be used for overall and age group awards.</p> <p>POINTS &amp; RANKING, Page 14, Competition Rules number 5. In FIS moguls events, FSP’s are calculated using the final score or as follows:</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>Under Junior Olympics, Page 53, Format, half way down, ADD: <u>The results from finals will also be used for the FSPs, as applied on page 14-16, FIS FSP adjustment for Moguls and Duals</u></p> <p>POINTS &amp; RANKING, Page 14, Competition Rules number 5. In FIS moguls events, <u>and the Junior Olympics,</u> FSP’s are calculated using the final score or as follows:</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Passed: Spring 2008 meeting and never made it into the comp guide. Remember Junior Olympics are not an FIS event.

Proposal Number:	House Keeping – 28
Current Rule:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)  The judges in accordance with the judges criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.  Slopestyle course specifications:  -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.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)  The judges in accordance with the judges’ criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.</p> <p>4602.1.1 Guidelines for Competition Sites  Competition sites must generally conform to the measurements as outlined in the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Specification guidelines.  _Slopestyle course specifications:  -<del>Multiple Maximum of 5</del> jumps on site  -Jump height min. 1m – max 3m  -Distance to knoll min 4m – max <del>12m</del> 15m  -Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min – 38 degree max.  -Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch  Quarterpipe course specifications:</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Passed: Spring 2008 meeting. Move the course specifications to 4602.1.1

Proposal Number:	New Business – 1
Description:	Competition/Scorer Procedure
Current Rule:	<p>4305 Second Paragraph  All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>4305 Second Paragraph  <u>At all USSA events, at the discretion of the meet organizers, All skiers will then be seeded according to FIS normal bracketing or straight performance seeding.</u></p>
Discussion/Reason:	This was discussed under New Business and passed by the FSC.
Passed/Fail:	Passed: Spring 2008 meeting.

**Motions withdrawn, failed or tabled**

Proposal Number:	R & T – 5
Description:	Change jury meeting rule to what can/is being done.
Current Rule:	3065.4 Jury meetings The jury for a competition will meet at least once before the first team captains' meeting. The jury must also meet once before official training, in order to do an official course inspection. The TD will act as chair in all meetings of the jury.
Proposed Change:	3065.4 Jury meetings The jury for a competition will meet at least once before the first team captains' meeting. The jury must also meet once before <u>competition day</u> official training, in order to do an official course inspection. The TD will act as chair in all meetings of the jury.
Discussion/Reason:	The Head judge is not on site during the first day of official training so it is impossible to meet until the competition day official training.
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	R & T – 16
Description:	Any member of the jury can suspend qualifications.
Current Rule:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by the TD (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuvers in a safe manor for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.
Proposed Change:	3070.7 Suspension of Qualification Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by <u>the TD any member of the Jury</u> (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuvers in a safe manor for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.
Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change would allow for more officials to enforce safe maneuvers being performed. We need to empower the entire Jury to make the difficult decision to pull an athletes qualification if they show an inability to perform the maneuver safely.
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 4																																																
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Current Rule:	<p>4101 The Halfpipe</p> <p>The halfpipe is a channel, constructed in the snow.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Halfpipe Technical Data:</b></td> <td>Min</td> <td>Recommended</td> <td>Max</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclination</td> <td>14°</td> <td>16°</td> <td>18°</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Length (meters)</td> <td>100m</td> <td>120m</td> <td>140m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Width (meters)</td> <td>14m</td> <td>16m</td> <td>18m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wall Height (meters)</td> <td>3.0m</td> <td>4.0m</td> <td>5.0m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transition</td> <td>3.0m</td> <td>4.0m</td> <td>5.0m</td> </tr> </table> <p>Vertical max 0.2 at 83°  Bottom Flat 5m max  Drop in Area Flat to 2m  Banner fence from wall 2.0m  Outside fence from banners 0.5m</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Oversize Pipe</b></td> <td><b>Min</b></td> <td><b>Recommended</b></td> <td><b>Max</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclination</td> <td>14°</td> <td>16°</td> <td>18°</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Length (meters)</td> <td>120m</td> <td>140m</td> <td>160m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Width (lip to lip)</td> <td>16m</td> <td>18m</td> <td>20m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wall Height</td> <td>4.7m</td> <td>5.2m</td> <td>5.7m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transition</td> <td>5.2m</td> <td>6.2m</td> <td>7.2m</td> </tr> </table> <p>Vertical max 0.2 at 83°  These measurements are only given as recommended due to the fact that these numbers should be consistent at every halfpipe contest.</p>	<b>Halfpipe Technical Data:</b>	Min	Recommended	Max	Inclination	14°	16°	18°	Length (meters)	100m	120m	140m	Width (meters)	14m	16m	18m	Wall Height (meters)	3.0m	4.0m	5.0m	Transition	3.0m	4.0m	5.0m	<b>Oversize Pipe</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Max</b>	Inclination	14°	16°	18°	Length (meters)	120m	140m	160m	Width (lip to lip)	16m	18m	20m	Wall Height	4.7m	5.2m	5.7m	Transition	5.2m	6.2m	7.2m
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<b>Oversize Pipe</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Max</b>																																														
Inclination	14°	16°	18°																																														
Length (meters)	120m	140m	160m																																														
Width (lip to lip)	16m	18m	20m																																														
Wall Height	4.7m	5.2m	5.7m																																														
Transition	5.2m	6.2m	7.2m																																														
Proposed Change:	Move all of these specs to Appendices D and delete the last sentence.																																																
Discussion/Reason:	We do not have detailed course specs in any other of the 4000 sections and need to maintain consistency throughout the rule book. We need to tighten up our wording for course specification requirements.																																																
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn																																																

Proposal Number:	Housekeeping – 5
Description:	Reference our appendices for course specifications.
Current Rule:	<p>4102 The Halfpipe site</p> <p>The halfpipe site must conform to specifications. The drop in gives the athletes the opportunity to enter the halfpipe with proper speed. The access ramp to the drop in cannot be used as a springboard. All FIS World Cup Halfpipes must be within the approved specifications and must have a grooming machine specifically designed for halfpipe preparation. Training periods must be observed. Two (2) days of training before the competition day are to be provided. The jury may reduce this period under special conditions.</p>

Proposed Change:	4102 The Halfpipe site The halfpipe site must conform to specifications for halfpipe courses (see appendices D). The drop in gives the athletes the opportunity to enter the halfpipe with proper speed. The access ramp to the drop in cannot be used as a springboard. All FIS World Cup USSA Halfpipes must be within the approved specifications and must have a grooming machine specifically designed for halfpipe preparation. Training periods must be observed. At national level events two (2) days of training before the competition day are to be provided. The jury may reduce this period under special conditions.
Discussion/Reason:	Standardize our wording for event sites
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	R & T – 3
Description:	Change the start tent rule for USSA events
Current Rule:	3043.2.1 A tent must be provided at the start area. If the temperature could be below -10 Celsius a heater must also be provided.
Proposed Change:	3043.2.1 <u>At national level events</u> a tent must be provided at the start area. If the temperature could be below <del>-10 Celsius</del> <u>-20 Fahrenheit</u> a heater must also be provided
Discussion/Reason:	This will make it much clearer what is expected for tent protection at USSA events.
Pass/Fail:	Failed: 0 For, 5 Against, 3 Abstain

Proposal Number:	New Business - 6
Description:	Aerial Degree of Difficulty. Aerial trick categories
Current Rule:	6006.1.2 bottom of chart; Off Axis ( bonus may follow and of the above rotations) 0.20 o
Proposed Change:	6006.1.2 bottom of chart; <del>Off Axis ( bonus may follow and of the above rotations) 0.20 o</del>
Discussion/Reason:	Aerialist are scrutinized at a higher level than freeriders. Aerialists work harder to perfect their tricks which, comes with higher scrutiny. It's really easy to deduct from a straight trick as opposed to an off axis trick. An open form trick does not face the same scrutiny. We need to encourage aerialists. They have a hard time contending with cork 7's and freeride moves. Back Full vs. 720 off axis. They have little incentive to perform a back lay vs. a back flip grab, or a back full vs. a cork seven.  Allow back pikes, back tucks, back lays as separate categories. This is valuable for the development of our aerial athletes and encourages learning proper form and positions. Other countries are teaching this. Canada is working hard to get it into FIS. It's a great way to stress execution for aerialists. It will develop better athletes. Freeriders would still have a grab multiplier to their advantage. Removing the off-axis multiplier will upright spins
Pass/Fail:	Passed in R&T, 2 in favor, 6 abstaining – Tabled at FSC

**Addendum G**

**Freestyle Development Subcommittee**

Chair: Chris Haslock

Freestyle Program Manager (non-voting): Cheryl Bilisoly  
Athlete Representative: Jen Hudak  
Membership Representative: Deb Newson  
US Freestyle Ski Team Representative: Todd Schirman  
NorAm Committee Representative: Konrad Rotermund  
Coaches Representative: Elana Chase  
Coaches Representative: Mick Berry, Absent – Proxy - Chris Marchetti

1. Open Meeting

3:35 p.m. Todd Schirman second

2. Elections

- A. Chairmanship elected for a two-year term: Chris Haslock
- B. Coaches' representatives voted in for two years last spring: Elana Chase and Mick Berry
- C. Membership representative will be: Deb Newson
- D. NorAm representative will be: Konrad Rotermund
- E. Athlete representative will be: Jen Hudak

3. Old Business

Promotional Tours and High level events

4. New Business / For Discussion:

- US Selections
  - Aerials - is this system working? Will we be back in the USA? Yes back in the USA at UOP December 21-22, 2009
  - Halfpipe – How can we get this event to happen again in a timely scenario? Possibly with Mainstream Marketing at the helm working with Snowboarding, there is a chance to piggyback onto Revolution Tour and/or Grand Prix events
  - Moguls – Any issues? Nope
  - Ski Cross – Do we need to add this for the future? In or around the Sugarloaf World Cup or perhaps January with Halfpipe? Perhaps in the future as we develop more events and athletes.
- NorAms
  - Once again a need to have more rewards for athletes committing to the tour
    - Increase the points spread between Divisional caps and NorAms

Proposal Number:	Development - 1		
Description:	Increase the points spread between Divisional Caps and NorAms		
Current Rule:	Maximum Event Rankings		
	Event	Max Pts.	Type
	Divisional	850	Float
Proposed Change:	Maximum Event Rankings		
	Event	Max Pts.	Type



	Divisional <b>Moguls and Duals 835</b> Divisional <b>Championships 850</b>	Float Float
Discussion/Reason:	Several people expressed that there needs to be more incentive to do NorAms. One suggestions brought forward by Eric Skinner was to keep a 100 point difference between the Divisional and the NorAm events. If this passes then we should also adjust the floor for JO's to 812 or match whatever the Max Division quota. Does this need to happen for other events or just moguls?	
Pass/Fail:	Fail: 0 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstain	

Increase the number chosen off the NorAm GP for Nationals

Proposal Number:	Development - 2	
Description:	US Championships Criteria	
Current Rule:	See page 54-55	
Proposed Change:	Add: 13. If an athlete does not qualify via the previous criteria and competed at every Nor Am event in that discipline, then they would qualify for a spot in that discipline at US Championships.	
Discussion/Reason:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This will allow this caliber of developing athlete to focus on their training and the Nor Am Tour without having to "chase" USSA points during the regular season.</li> <li>2. There are Nor Am seasons when the World Cup athletes from the US and other countries use the Nor Am tour for training. In this scenario athletes that consistently finish in the top 10 are not rewarded with FSP points due to the point spread between a Nor Am athlete and a World Cup athlete. As a result due to the attainment of low FSP points, these athletes sometimes do not qualify for US Championships.</li> <li>3. In practice, most athletes DO make it in the end, but it is a huge concern for some during the season. This is what we used to do for the US Qualifier that no longer exists, and would be appropriate to have as a back-up for these athletes that are making the commitment to the Nor Am Tour.</li> </ol>	
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 5 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain	

Choose Part of the Development Group from the NorAm GP

Proposal Number:	Development - 3 A	
Description:	Reconfigure the Development Group to pick some of the skiers from the NorAm Grand Prix rather than just from the Points list	
Current Rule:	Development Group 2008-2009 After the US Freestyle Team is named in May 2009, based on the final FSP list for the 2008-2009 season, the top five women and men in moguls and dual moguls, the top two women and men in aerials and the top three women and men in Halfpipe will be named to the US Development Group.	
Proposed Change:	Development Group <del>2008-2009</del> 2009-2010 After the US Freestyle Team is named in May <del>2009</del> 2010, based on the final FSP list for the <del>2008-2009</del> 2009-2010 season, the top <del>five</del> <del>two</del> women and men in moguls and dual moguls, the top two women and	

	men in aerials and the top three women and men in Halfpipe will be named to the US Development Group. <b>In addition from the final NorAm ranking list the top three US women and men in moguls and dual moguls will be named to the Development Group.</b>
Discussion/Reason:	This will give more support and incentive to those skiers making that bridge from Divisional events to international competition.
Pass/Fail:	Failed: 1 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	Development - 3 B
Description:	USSA Development Group criteria (2010-2011 Criteria)
Current Rule:	2010-2011 USSA Development Group  After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2010, based on the final FSP list for the 2009-10 season the top five men and women in moguls and dual moguls, and the top two men and women in aerials, and the top three women and men in halfpipe will be named to the USSA Development Group.
Proposed Change:	2010-2011 USSA Development Group  After the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team is named in May 2010, based on the final <b>Nor Am Grand Prix List for the 2009-10 season the top seven, non-team, men and women</b> and based on the final FSP list for the 2009-10 season the top 2 men and women in aerials, and the top 3 women and men in halfpipe will be named to the USSA Development Group.
Discussion/Reason:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. USSA should be rewarding the athletes that have proven themselves on the Nor Am Tour the previous year.</li> <li>2. Maintaining their USSA Development Group status will result from success on the Nor Am Tour – not at the regional level.</li> <li>3. This caliber of developing athlete will be able to focus on their training and the Nor Am Tour during the season without having to “chase” USSA points during the regular season.</li> <li>4. The US Team is named based on a series of results from the World Cup and/or the Nor Am Tour – not their placement on the FSP list.</li> </ol>
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	Development - 4																																			
Description:	How to generate invitation list for Nor Am Tour																																			
Current Rule:	<p>NorAm events are conducted for the top U.S. and Canadian skiers with additional positions left for foreign skiers. Events are conducted at various ski areas, throughout the season, in both Canada and the U.S. Athletes are selected by using results of U.S. Selection Events.</p> <p><b>Quotas</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Moguls</th> <th colspan="2">Aerials</th> <th colspan="2">Duals</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>M</th> <th>W</th> <th>M</th> <th>W</th> <th>M</th> <th>W</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Canada</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> <td>14</td> <td>14</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U.S.A.</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> <td>14</td> <td>14</td> <td>20</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Host Nation</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Moguls		Aerials		Duals			M	W	M	W	M	W	Canada	20	20	14	14	20	20	U.S.A.	20	20	14	14	20	20	Host Nation	5	5	3	3	5	5
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<p>Discussion/Reason:</p>	<p>In most all sports and within our sport, athletes are given several opportunities to qualify for the team, an event, a series and even, the Olympics. US Selection events is a great event for many reasons: it provides an avenue for an athlete to qualify for the US Team; it provides an event for the US Team to select their North American World Cup</p>																																																	

team; it provides a warm up event and an early season FIS event for athletes from all over the world and especially the US and Canada; it provides an event where some of our top regional athletes can attain and mix up their point profile prior to heading back to regional events for the current competition season; and it has provided a way for USSA to determine our regional Nor Am athletes.

On the other hand, US Selection Events does have one downfall: it is in early December. There are certainly advantages to this, as I discussed above, and if we recognize the downfall of where it is on the schedule and act appropriately then it becomes a non-issue. Coaches and athletes will handle their own decisions for game plan, and we need to insure that we are not asking them to gamble with risk management. Due to the sizes of the US Freestyle C Team and USSA Development group, the task of gaining one of the remaining spots has come increasingly more intense. One could argue that in some years we have not named our best up and comers in the sport. This proposal would take a look at a series of events – not just one. This proposal would allow the athletes that are competing for these spots to “go for it!” and not just ski “good enough” to make it.

I will have a sample list to pass out at meeting.

See table below for example of NASCAR place points system:

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	180	23	94
2	170	24	91
3	165	25	88
4	160	26	85
5	155	27	82
6	150	28	79
7	146	29	76
8	142	30	73
9	138	31	70
10	134	32	67
11	130	33	64
12	127	34	61
13	124	35	58
14	121	36	55
15	118	37	52
16	115	38	49
17	112	39	46
18	109	40	43
19	106	41	40
20	103	42	37
21	100	43	34
22	97	-and so on...	--

Pass/Fail: Withdrawn

- US Nationals
  - Sway Nationals selection criteria towards NorAm skiers; this is addressed in NorAms as a support/enticement for NorAm skiers
  - Add a Junior Olympic wild card spot for each discipline

Proposal Number:	Development - 5
Description:	US Championships Criteria
Current Rule:	See page 54-55
Proposed Change:	<b>Add:</b> 14. Wild card spots will be awarded to the U.S. Freestyle Championships events to the top J3's in the Junior Olympic's corresponding events to those J3 athletes that are not otherwise invited to the U.S. Freestyle Championships according to the qualification procedure set by the national governing body. After the US Championships invitation list is generated, these top J3 athletes will be named. There will be no alternates named if an athlete declines or qualifies from US Champ alternate list.
Discussion/Reason:	This would provide an appropriate opportunity to US Championships for our up and coming J3 athletes that have to compete against older athletes all season long.
Pass/Fail:	Failed – 1 in favor 5 against

House Keeping changes

Proposal Number:	Development #6
Description:	Clean up after additions and subtractions were made last year
Current Rule:	Page 54 7. The top 37 athletes per gender in moguls and dual moguls from the March 6, 2009 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. 8. The top 21 athletes per gender in aerials from the March 6, 2009 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. 9. The top 30 athletes per gender in Halfpipe from the March 6, 2009 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above would be entered into the semi-final.
Proposed Change:	Page 54 7. The top 37 athletes per gender in moguls and dual moguls from the March 6, <del>2009</del> 2010 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1- <del>5</del> 6 above. 8. The top 21 athletes per gender in aerials from the March 6, <del>2009</del> 2010 FSP list in addition to the athletes list in points 1- <del>5</del> 6 above. 9. The top 30 athletes per gender in Halfpipe from the March 6, <del>2009</del> 2010 FSP list in addition to the athletes listed in points 1- <del>5</del> 6 above. <del>would be entered into the semi-final.</del>
Discussion/Reason:	We added point 2 last year with top 10 World Cup Halfpipe skiers but forgot to change the wording to add an additional point bringing it to 6. We also eliminated the semi-final when we eliminated the “open” component to getting in the event.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

Proposal Number:	Development - 7
Description:	Page 54 Formats. Remove paragraph 4. about the semi-final.
Current Rule:	Page 54 4. In Halfpipe a semi-final will be added between qualifications and....
Proposed Change:	Delete the entire point
Discussion/Reason:	It is irrelevant since we eliminated the "open" option last year this should have been removed also.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain

#### Free ski events and Selection Criteria for Halfpipe World Cup events

Proposal Number:	Development - 8
Description:	A selection process for World Cup Halfpipe events since there is now a quota of a max team size of 10 athletes with an additional 4 for hosting countries. Maximum of 6 per gender. The base quota of 1 athlete per gender must have a minimum of 25-50 points in Halfpipe on the valid FIS points list. Any additional athletes entered into the World Cup must have a minimum of 100 points in Halfpipe on the valid FIS points list.
Current Rule:	Halfpipe World Cup Competitions Halfpipe quotas for US and foreign will be determined prior to the start of the season. Please see webpage for announcement.
Proposed Change:	<p>World Cup start allocation will use the following system to fill any available quotas with athletes that meet the FIS criteria. A Halfpipe ranking system (RPS) will be used in order to use a pool of events to track the top US athletes. We would use the list and assign place points using World Cup points system</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Fall FSP list</li> <li>2. The US Selections event</li> <li>3. The most current X-Games results</li> <li>4. The most recent A-Level open events (A-Level events would be Dew Tour, Aspen Open, WSI, and US Freeskiing Open)</li> <li>5. Any list that ranks the A-Level open events from a series.</li> </ol> <p>The skiers would be ranked according to their highest finish in any of this pool of events. Ties would be broken by their next highest finish, then to their next highest finish.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	USSA is currently a great pipeline system and ranks our 18 and under athletes well but over 18 most of the high level skiers are currently competing primarily in A-Level Open events and/or X-Games. This would allow us to compare all the best skiers in the US regardless of which path they have chosen at this point in time.
Pass/Fail:	Passed on to working group

- We need to help create a Judges training curriculum for Freeski events such as Halfpipe and Slopestyle that can be taught at both FIS clinics and USSA clinics.
- Start to bring Slopestyle to the FIS. Snowboard started this year at World Cup and has plan for the Olympics in 2018. We should work with them to help this push and carry freeski with it.
- We can be leaders here with the recent drop in high-level events and sponsorships.

#### Ski Cross

- Offer toned down version of spec's to make it easier to get grass roots events.
- USASA already been doing this for a long time.
- We need to create a program that allows us to run heats of 2, 3 or 4 skiers per group. With 1 or 2 advancing each round.

#### USSA Competition Pipeline

- Aerials
  - Does the US Team staff believe in the current pipeline?
  - Should points be frozen for injured athletes?
- Moguls
  - Is this system working?
  - Should moguls and dual moguls be on 1 list?

Proposal Number:	Development - 9
Description:	Make one mogul list inclusive of moguls and dual moguls
Current Rule:	Although I could not find it written anywhere we run a list for each of our judged disciplines Aerials, Halfpipe, Moguls, Dual Moguls and Slopestyle.
Proposed Change:	Have both moguls and dual moguls contribute results to the same list known as moguls for the 2011 season.
Discussion/Reason:	This is what is done at all the FIS levels. There are problems with the dual moguls list every year and it is a point of contention between the larger regions and the smaller regions.
Pass/Fail:	Failed: 1 For, 5 Against, 0 Abstain

#### Junior Olympics

- Add a way to the Development group through Junior Olympics

Proposal Number:	Development - 10
Description:	Add Junior Olympic Champion to the Development Group
Current Rule:	Development Group 2008-2009 After the US Freestyle Team is named in May 2009, based on the final FSP list for the 2008-2009 season, the top five women and men in moguls and dual moguls, the top two women and men in aerials and the top three women and men in Halfpipe will be named to the US Development Group.

Proposed Change:	Development Group <del>2008-2009</del> 2009-2010 After the US Freestyle Team is named in May <del>2009</del> 2010, based on the final FSP list for the <del>2008-2009</del> 2009-2010 season, the top five women and men in moguls and dual moguls, the top two women and men in aerials and the top three women and men in Halfpipe will be named to the US Development Group. <b>In addition the Junior Olympic Champion in each discipline will be added to the Development Group.</b>
Discussion/Reason:	These skiers are our up and coming champions and should be given additional training opportunities and/or cost breaks at our Olympic training centers.
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Recommendations for the US Ski Team

Proposal Number:	Development Recommendation
Description:	To provide alternative avenue to qualify for US Team during a competition season when Junior Worlds are not held. (2010-2011 Team Selection Criteria)
Current Rule:	<p><b>C Team</b></p> <p>The following criteria will be used to nominate to the 2009-10 U.S. Freestyle Ski Team C Team. These criteria are listed in order of selection and importance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Top one and two on the 2009-10 NorAm standings for moguls, aerials, or</li> <li>2. Top 7 athletes per gender in moguls and top 6 in aerials on the final 2009 FSP list in aerials or moguls, or</li> </ol> <p>Note: For consideration on aerial team, women must have performed BL and BF or inverted equivalent in competition and men must have performed two twisting doubles in competition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. First place finish at the 2009 U.S. Freestyle Championships in duals, or</li> <li>4. 2009 Junior World Championships or International Youth Championship gold medalist in aerials or moguls, or</li> <li>5. Athletes selected by coaches' discretion.</li> </ol>
Proposed Change:	<p><b>C Team</b></p> <p>The following criteria will be used to nominate to the 2010-11 U.S. Freestyle Ski Team C Team. These criteria are listed in order of selection and importance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Top one and two on the 2009-10 NorAm standings for moguls, aerials, or</li> <li>2. Top 7 athletes per gender in moguls and top 6 in aerials on the final 2009 FSP list in aerials or moguls, or</li> </ol> <p>Note: For consideration on aerial team, women must have performed BL and BF or inverted equivalent in competition and men must have performed two twisting doubles in competition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. First place finish at the 2009 U.S. Freestyle Championships in duals, or</li> <li>4. 2009 Junior World Championships or International Youth Championship gold medalist in aerials or moguls, or</li> </ol>



	<p><u>5. In a year where Junior World Championships is not held, an athlete would need to:</u></p> <p><u>a) Qualify for Junior Worlds; and</u></p> <p><u>b) Finish in the top 5 on the Nor Am Grand Prix; and</u></p> <p><u>c) Finish in the top 3 at one of the Nor Ams.</u></p> <p>6. Athletes selected by coaches' discretion.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Junior Worlds has not been held for two years. This avenue has provided the US Team with several successful athletes in the past.
Pass/Fail:	Recommended to Staff

5. New Business

6. Adjournment – 6:00 p.m.

**Addendum H**

**Freestyle Coaches Subcommittee**

Chair: Glenn Eddy

Far West: Nat Schrman

PNSA: Pat Deneen, Silver Mountain - absent

R&T: Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT

US Freestyle Ski Team: Todd Schirman – proxy Scott Rawles

Judges: Bill McNice

Intermountain: Jon O'Brien, Wasatch Freestyle – proxy Rick Shanor

Northern: Mike Papke, Bridger Bowl

Central: Lewis Sunquist, Minneapolis, MN –proxy Thom Schaefer

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1. Open Meeting
2. Review of Coaches' Education 08/09 and Plans for 09/10
3. Review Jump Qualification Procedure

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 1
Description:	3070.5 New Maneuvers
Current Rule:	To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athletes may submit a video to both the chair of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judges for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2. 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 further be 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 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.
Proposed Change: #1  #2	<del>To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athletes may submit a video to both the chair of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judges for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2.</del> For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.2 and 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump or off-axis jump is allowed to be performed in competition it must further be 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

#3	<p>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 help defray the cost of the independent certified coach. <b>The process shall be organized by each division. The division will be required to advertise the snow qualification day no less than two weeks prior. All qualification days must be open to all athletes regardless of home division. The division will be responsible for collecting any and all fees from athletes. The division will also be responsible for paying any and all expenses for the qualifier to perform this task. Back layout must be qualified on snow before any other back inverted maneuver may be qualified. Once back layout is qualified on snow, pursuant to 3070.3.4, it would not be necessary to qualify other body positions or grabs. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation, they must qualify that rotational upgrade.</b></p>
#4	<p>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>The first deleted section is an outdated process that is no longer used any more.</p> <p>The addition of off-axis maneuvers needing to be qualified on snow for moguls will also help to assure athlete safety when performing these advanced maneuvers.</p> <p>The final deletion and addition would allow more flexibility for the divisions to set qualifying days as their athletes and coaches find necessary, while still maintaining an over sight of USSA designated certified coaches and qualifying criteria. I think it will also streamline the process as it pertains to the collection of fees and athlete sign ups.</p>
Pass/Fail:	<p>#1 – Passed: Unanimous  #2 - Failed: 1 For, 5 Against, 2 Abstain  #3 – Passed: Unanimous  #4 – Failed: 1 For, 7 Against, 0 Abstain</p>

Subcommittee decided to break proposal up into 4 different sections and vote on each section.

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 2
Description:	3070.5 New Maneuvers
Current Rule:	To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athletes may submit a video to both the chair of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judges for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2. 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 further be 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

	<p>jumps on snow. The process shall be organized to directly precede selected scheduled competitions (for example, the day prior) and athletes needing to qualify 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>
<p>Proposed Change:</p>	<p><del>To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athlete may submit a video to both the chair of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judges for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2. For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the qualification procedure required by 3070.3.2 and 3070.3.3, before an inverted jump or off-axis jump is allowed to be performed in competition it must further be qualified on snow by an independent certified coach/qualifier designated by USSA specifically for this purpose, USSA shall designate one or more certified coaches/independent qualifiers 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 help defray the cost of the independent certified coach. The process shall be organized by each division. The division will be required to advertise the snow qualification day no less than two weeks prior. All qualification days must be open to all athletes regardless of home division. The division will be responsible for collecting any and all fees from athletes. The division will also be responsible for paying any and all expenses for the qualifier to perform this task. Back layout must be qualified on snow before any other back inverted maneuver may be qualified. Once back layout is qualified on snow, pursuant to 3070.3.4, it would not be necessary to qualify other body positions or grabs. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation, they must qualify that rotational upgrade. 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.</del></p>
<p>Discussion/Reason:</p>	<p>The first deleted section is an outdated process that is no longer used any more.</p> <p>The addition of off-axis maneuvers needing to be qualified on snow for moguls will also help to assure athlete safety when performing these advanced maneuvers.</p> <p>This language change will allow USSA to designate qualifiers other than coaches to act as their independent qualifiers.</p>

	The final deletion and addition would allow more flexibility for the divisions to set qualifying days as their athletes and coaches find necessary, while still maintaining an over sight of USSA designated certified coaches and qualifying criteria. I think it will also streamline the process as it pertains to the collection of fees and athlete sign ups.
Pass/Fail:	Tabled

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 3
Description:	<b>3070.7 Suspension of Qualification</b>
Current Rule:	Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by the TD (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuvers in a safe manor for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.
Proposed Change:	Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by <del>the TD</del> any member of the Jury (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuvers in a safe manor for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.
Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change would allow for more officials to enforce safe maneuvers being performed. We need to empower the entire Jury to make the difficult decision to pull an athletes qualification if they show an inability to perform the maneuver safely.
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 4
Description:	Allow aerial score for mogul air qualification
Current Rule:	3070
Proposed Change:	<p>A USSA mogul competitor may fulfill the qualification requirements for an inverted maneuver for use in mogul competition by scoring a minimum of a 48 on a back layout in a sanctioned USSA Aerial event. This method of qualification shall require that the athlete secure the signature of the event's TD on an appropriate section of the Mogul Jump Qualification Form validating this requirement. A copy of the result sheet shall accompany this form and submitted to USSA.</p> <p>-The qualification form would have a section attached that accommodates the name, place, date, event, aerial score, and TD signature line.</p> <p>-No other authorization is necessary, as this requirement is performed, evaluated, and recorded through USSA's systems.</p>
Pass/Fail:	Failed: 4 For, 5 Against, 0 Abstain

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 5
Description:	4302.1.3 Layout of the Duals Moguls Site
Current Rule:	The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.
Proposed Change:	The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. All Seniors, A's, Open and Champ events must follow the most current FIS rules in regard to Jump specifications and Landing Zone specifications. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping <del>or preparing</del> of the landing area <del>should</del> must take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.
Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change is critical to provide our upper level athletes with a consistent jump and landing to perform safely on. The athletes are training for these FIS specifications and need to be confident those specifications will be available at all upper level events.
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 6
Description:	4202.1.3 Layout of the Moguls Site
Current Rule:	The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.
Proposed Change:	The moguls site should have a constant gradient with one continuous fall line. The slope should not be overly concave or convex, nor should it have distinct changes in gradient. The course should be as evenly covered in moguls as possible. Hard sharp bumps should be smoothed out, deep ruts, ice balls, and snow machine tracks should be removed. Bumps that throw the competitor too far into the air should be modified. All Seniors, A’s, Open and Champ events must follow the most current FIS rules in regard to Jump specifications and Landing Zone specifications. With respect to jumps, they should not be continuous across the course, such as “pro jumps”. Chopping or preparing of the landing area should must take place due to safety concerns. (see 3034.2.3) When snow cover is minimal, the organizing committee must transport additional snow to safely cover the course. The Jury may postpone or cancel an event if the moguls do not satisfactorily meet a reasonable minimum to constitute a moguls competition. Obstacles, which a competitor may hit, must be marked if they cannot be covered, whereas snow, straw, safety nets, or other devices must protect obstacles on the sides of the course. At least nine control gates plus the start and finish must be located on the course to mark 10 evenly spaced intervals with gates measuring 8m – 12m apart.
Discussion/Reason:	I believe this rule change is critical to provide our upper level athletes with a consistent jump and landing to perform safely on. The athletes are training for these FIS specifications and need to be confident those specifications will be available at all upper level events.
Pass/Fail:	Withdrawn

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 7
Description:	Propose that straight rotational jumps greater than 720° be qualified according to rule 3070.3.2
Current Rule:	<p>3070.3.1 Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 1080° rotation or less. Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 1080° rotation or less shall be successfully demonstrated on snow and approved by the athlete's coach prior to being used in competition. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). The approving coach shall be at least a level 1 moguls/aerial coach. A USSA "C" provisional judge or a USSA "C" licensed TD may also approve these two classes of jumps.</p> <p>Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is not required for these jumps.</p>
Proposed Change:	<p>3070.3.2 Upright straight rotational jumps greater than 1080° and all off-axis jumps. Upright, straight rotational jumps greater than 1080° of rotation etc. Proposed Change: 3070.3.1 Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of <del>1080°</del>720° rotation or less. Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of <del>1080°</del>720° rotation or less shall be successfully demonstrated on snow and approved by the athlete's coach prior to being used in competition. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360° to 540° would require a qualification upgrade). The approving coach shall be at least a level 1 moguls/aerial coach. A USSA "C" provisional judge or a USSA "C" licensed TD may also approve these two classes of jumps.</p> <p>Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is not required for these jumps.</p> <p>3070.3.2 Upright straight rotational jumps greater than <del>1080°</del> 720° and all off-axis jumps. Upright, straight rotational jumps greater than <del>1080°</del>720° of rotation. Etc.</p>
Discussion/Reason:	Rotations of more than 720 degrees is a dangerous jump and we need to have some kind of documentation that it has been qualified correctly.
Pass/Fail:	Passed: 3 For, 1 Against, 4 Abstain

Proposal Number:	Coaches - 7
Description:	Readjust the DD of our off axis jumps in Aerials.
Current Rule:	6006.1.2 – 6006.2.2
Proposed Change:	Lower the DD of off axis jumps
Discussion/Reason:	While most athletes can learn an off axis rotational jump in a few days it takes years to training to do a Back full. A good hard look from the coaches working with athletes on these DD's and a proposal to FIS would be appropriate. Since the FIS judges manual does not address off axis jumps we are free to assign whatever DD we think are appropriate.



Pass/Fail:	Tabled and assigned Coaches Working Group: Chairman: Tim Preston Chris Seeman Nick Preston
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Proposal Number:	Coaches – 8
Description:	New Qualification of inverts procedure to apply to Aerials and Slopestyle.
Current Rule:	3070.5 For moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the
Proposed Change:	3070.5 For <b>aerials, slopestyle</b> , moguls and dual moguls, in addition to the
Discussion/Reason:	Why are we requiring this qualification procedure for moguls and dual moguls but not aerials and slopestyle?
Pass/Fail:	Failed: 0 For, 6 Against, 2 Abstain

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- Elections – Glenn Eddy nominate, won by acclamation

6. Adjournment