

## **USSA Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting Minutes Friday, May 21, 2004**

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Meeting Chair: Andy Wise- present

R&T Rep: Andy Hayes- present

Judges Rep: Bill McNice- present

Coaches Rep: Glenn Eddy- present

Development Rep: Konrad Rotermund- present

Membership Rep (East): Deb Newson- present

Membership (CEN, RMD): Lewis Sundquist- absent, Thom Schaffer- proxy, Don Banghart- present

Membership (NOR, FW, INT, PNSA): Mike Papke- absent, Pat Souza- present, Steve Perkins- present, Pat Deneen- present

Sr. FIS Rep: Jay Simson- present

USSA BOD Athlete Rep: Craig Rodman- present

Athlete Rep: Michael Macomber- present

Athlete Rep: Jenny Haywood- present

Athlete Rep: Jen Hudak- present

Ex-Officio: Jeff Lange- present

Head Coach: Jeffrey Wintersteen- present

Program Director: Polly-Jo Clark- present

Others in attendance: Dick Stone, Brian Lake, Brian Baker, Todd Loveless, Mike Hanley, Blake Nyman, Clay Beck, Chris Haslock, Juliann Fritz, Lisa Antonucci, Jamie Kimball, Dave McCann, Tom Kelly, Chris Ellis, John Dowling, Kristen Brown, Elana S. Chase, Jeremy Moore, Jim Bragg, Nick Preston, Sheryl Fine, Kerry Miller, Bruce Erickson, Emily Fisher

FSC Friday morning May 21, 2004

### **USSA Membership report- Sheryl Fine**

Sheryl Fine reported on three main areas. First the USSA 2004/2005 membership dues were increased and passed at the December Board of Directors meeting. The desire is to notify everyone as soon as possible regarding fee increases to help with planning. Second, this past season we had on-line verification of USSA membership. It had mixed results but we are working to improve for next year. Third, the USSA renewal forms will be on-line today or early next week.

### **1) Welcome and Call to Order- Wise**

Andy Wise welcomed everyone to the spring FSC meetings. He was excited to see so many new faces and have a large amount of participation at these meetings. He introduced the three new athlete reps, Jenny Haywood, Michael Macomber, Jen Hudak. There was an election held this winter, 10 athletes ran and these are our three winners. Andy also noted that freestyle lost Steve Kenney in a terrible accident this past winter, freestyle surely will miss him as a person and what he brought to the committee. He began these meetings with a moment of silence for Steve. Polly-Jo noted that the FSC portion of the meetings would be recorded to help her and Emily participate.

**Approval of the agenda the agenda-** Lange/Rotermund- unanimous

### **Elections**

- FSC Chair & Board of Directors position- Andy Wise nominated- Banghart/Rotermund- elected unanimous.

Andy Wise commented that when he was elected two years ago his term was scheduled to end before these meetings. In the future Andy would like the Chairs' term to end after these meetings

- At-Large position to replace Steve Kenney- Rotermund nominated- Hayes/Banghart- elected unanimous. Andy Wise noted that this nomination was acceptable since Konrad will step down from his Development Committee Chair at the end of these meetings.
- Freestyle Executive Committee- to also replace Steve Kenney. Rotermund nominated- Clark/Wintersteen- elected unanimously.

**2) Executive Committee Report- Wise**

Andy Wise noted that the FEC met 4 or 5 times over the winter. The FEC was asked to change some rules for halfpipe but because the FSC's position is to not change rules in the middle of the season, the FEC did not approve changing the rules. The FEC primarily met about petitions to start for events. Andy noted that if anyone would like to have specifics of the petitions to start please see him off-line.

**3) Approval of fall minutes- Simson/Wintersteen- unanimous**

**4) USSA Freestyle Operating Procedures- skipped, moved to Saturday.**

**5) USSA BOD Report- Wise**

Andy Wise reported the only critical thing to come out of the December Board of Directors meeting was the membership fee increases beginning with the 2004/2005 season. He noted there was a copy in all FSC members' folders. The youth, rookie and coaches memberships will stay the same; competitor will increase to \$100; all increases are scheduled to go into effect July 1.

**6) Staff Report- Clark/Fisher/Wintersteen- please see addendum for full staff report.**

Polly-Jo Clark began by saying it is exciting to see so many new faces here. It is especially great to have the new athlete representatives. Freestyle is very lucky to have such great athlete participation; the committee really appreciates the athletes taking time to be there. She apologized that there weren't additional extra copies of the meeting material but there were more people than expected. All of the material will be posted on the ussa.org website. Clark noted that freestyle had a great year, we lost a great friend in Stevek but we did have a lot of great things happen, all of which can be traced back to participation from this room. Our interest level is really good and I would like to continue to build on that. Comments to the staff report.

- 1) Calendar-Clark: Please note one is this upcoming season; the other is a preliminary report on next year. This is a preliminary calendar and it will be added to. Hopefully we will post to the web soon. The calendar needs to be generally accepted so we can start working on bid info this summer. We almost have a Nor-Am schedule finalized for next year, it will be distributed in the next 2 to 3 weeks.
- 2) FIS-Simson and Wintersteen: There are a lot of proposals and hot topics for the meetings next week in Miami. There are 3 different mogul air proposals, probably the biggest issue and not a lot of time to debate. If adopted in spring FIS meeting then they will be adopted by USSA so that would be a change. Another motion is to reduce what judges need to progress, speed up that process up so people can advance faster. Simson voiced his concern that the progress from divisional competitions to world cups would be too quick and it could undermine the program. Also a proposal for changing the name of freestyle to freeski. FIS will also start a summer aerial grand prix similar to the Nordic summer grand prix. The USFST is examining if they will participate, schedules are challenging, and the amount of training time. Quotas at the Olympic Games will also be discussed, making the mogul finals field bigger. At the conclusion of FIS meetings the minutes and motions will be forwarded to Andy Hayes and the information will be distributed.

- 3) Judges-Clark: There will be an election this summer to elect a new chairperson for the judges sub-committee. PJ also reviewed how the US judges and TDs were selected to nominate to the FIS for 2005 World Champs and 2006 Olympics. Deb Newson asked how judges were selected in the past. Simson summarized that in the past it has been up to FIS, now the NGB must nominate candidates.
- 4) Nor-Am Committee- Clark: PJ recapped the Nor-Am meeting. The biggest concern is still making Nor-Ams cheaper for athletes and organizers. It will continue to be a work in progress but a top priority to the committee. A few procedural motions were passed and a few were passed to give more direction to Organizers on training time and expectations. The committee will meet a few more times before the season starts. There is a lot of info on the FIS web site and hopefully even more in the future with file sharing software, meeting minutes, agendas, deadlines for events and cancellations, etc. Deb Newson asked if the Nor-Am committee had a marketing plan for foreign countries to increase the number of entries for the Organizer and the entry fees. Newson felt that the foreign countries were unaware that they could fill their quota. Rotermund commented that as the tour becomes more established and schedules are publicized well in advance other countries will get it on their calendars early and will attend. The goal is to create a better tour and then participation will increase. PJ stated that the schedule is 90% set for next year and will be complete and distributed soon.
- 5) Ski Cross and Halfpipe- Clark: USSA is proposing to increase max team size. Increase of 8 men and 8 women at FIS meetings to account for additional athletes in these disciplines. Once team size is determined selection criteria will be worked out this summer. Banghart expressed concern the ski cross and halfpipe were draining resources and time from USSA staff and budgets. Clark stated that there would be no funding for any halfpipe or ski cross athletes and right now the only resource it takes up is her time. Skiers named to the World Championship team will be part of the World Champs team but can wear whatever uniform they choose and will not be part of the US team.
- 6) Membership data- Clark: Memberships are increasing, hopefully this trend will continue.
- 7) 2004-05 Coaches Ed- Moguls- Clark: This is a hot topic but something that has been made a priority by USSA. There will be more reported and more detail given in the Coaches meeting. The plan for 04/05 season is to create mogul fundamentals from a coaches' retreat with national team staff and divisional coaches, create a pilot program to get out into the field and conduct 3-5 clinics this winter. The program will be evaluated at US Champs. The EPM is always changing and evolving. The coaches we are involved with need to be positive, be able to cooperate and work as a team. It needs to be a small number to ensure it can get done. The project is large, and hopefully there will be a grant from the Landon Morley Sawyer Foundation to fund. But if that grant doesn't work, USSA will still get the program done. Glenn Eddy was concerned that the dates would not work. PJ said that they would work on specifics. Also aerial clinics will still be run by Brian Lake this summer.
- 8) Proposed Freestyle Points List Dates for 2004-2005- Fisher: Please check out the points list deadlines and email any conflicts or proposed changes to Emily.
- 9) 2004-2005 Development Group- Fisher: The USOC asked for a better defined OTC funded list. The criteria was changed to USFST, Development group which is the next five on the FSP after the US Team in moguls, next two in aerials and the top15 from the Aerials points list. This development group is guaranteed starts in 04-05 Nor-Ams if they

compete in US Selection Events. Also this group can stay at the OTC for free while they are at camps or part of programs.

- 10) Women's Working Group- Fisher: The Women's Working Group has created a mission and goals and will be working towards those goals this year.
- 11) Web-Site- Fisher: The web site continues to evolve and hopefully it was useful this year. Emily asked for any feedback or comments regarding the web site. Deb Newson stated that the idea of responding on-line to events would be a great addition.
- 12) FIS Sanction Fees- Fisher: The FIS sanction fees will increase next year. The exact amount still needs to be confirmed from the FIS but will be published soon.
- 13) Emily's Deadlines- Fisher: Please review the deadlines and make sure you make all the deadlines!
- 14) Aerial Development- Lake: Please see the report attached. The goal is to work more with Richie Morgan in Lake Placid to get the Lake Placid facilities up to the UOP standard.
- 15) US Team Staff Report- Wintersteen: Moguls had an amazing season, my best since I've been with the team. The success is a reflection of the divisional programs and coaches. It's nice to see that our mogul team is skiing up to their potential. However everything is evolving and aerals are struggling after a lot of retirements and injury after the 02 Games. Last year we had to cut a lot out of the budget and we were hoping it was a one time thing. This year we also had to cut the budget. It came down to athlete funding and staffing, we could not cut more funding so as a result we had to cut the C-team aerial coach, Mark Schuett. He did an excellent job and his performance had nothing to do with us letting him go. It was a very tough choice but as a result athlete funding will go up. The aerial staff is going to be re-structured and we are working on those changes. The mogul program for this year remains unchanged. We have had great success in Chile and we will go back there. Aerials we are building back up. We had a great conditioning camp in San Diego and a tramp camp planned for Toronto. The easy part of running a team is the staffing, funding, schedules etc. The hard part is team synergy. The mogul team has it, the aerial team is working on it, and San Diego was a big first step. We are working to improve the 'Come Fly with Us' program, we are also now recruiting from diving. Bruce Erickson voiced concern that Lake Placid was not being utilized enough. Flash agreed but stated it is too expensive to fly the whole team across the country all summer, it's simple economics but Lake Placid will be a focus for development. Nick Preston voiced concerns about the length of the world cup schedule and lack of drops. Flash stated that this is certainly something they are looking to improve on and would like to shorten the schedule. Preston also voiced concern about the lack of coverage of freestyle in Ski Racing. PJ suggested that everyone in the community needed to give Ski Racing their feedback. Paul Robbins commented that there are also fewer issues and more competition for space in the magazine. Flash concluded that if anyone ever has questions or would like to talk to him please call and email him, he is happy to address any questions you have.

**7) Landon Morley Sawyer Foundation Report/Update- Nick Preston**

Nick Preston gave a brief report on the state of the Landon Morley Sawyer Foundation. Linda Sawyer planned to come to the meeting but couldn't make it. The Foundation's main goal is to help coaches, athletes and programs. They have scholarships, grants for athletes and grants for coaches as well as this year they are building a new training center in Keystone. The Foundation flew both Nick and his wife to the new center for input and advice on the training facilities and trampolines. Another thing they started this year was a grant for coaches. Kristen Brown won

the \$5000 grant this year. In the future the grant will be used to give back to the programs and the sport. This will be done on an annual basis and will be awarded based on the grant not on an individual coach. Anyone from the coaching community can apply for a grant. The foundation is also always taking memberships. The memberships help fund programs and anyone who wants to use the training center must be a member. The facility in Keystone is really coming along. It comprises 8 acres and has indoor and outdoor tramps, a weight room, a bungee area and is open right now on a limited basis. The long-term plan is to develop water ramps next summer. They also have other big ideas and plans for the future including events and getting involved in coaches education. Polly-Jo and Alan Ashley have been involved in the process and have really helped them with their planning. Of course anyone that knew Landon still misses him and now this project is the Sawyers' child.

**Motion to adjourn-** Lange/Rotermund-  
**Passes unanimously.**

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### 1) Sub-committee reports

a) Membership Sub-committee- Minutes attached

**Motion-** To award the divisions cup at US Championships, which will include all national level events and will include US team members. Note- US team members division is determined by which division is on their membership card. There was also discussion about using only the top three finishers or other ways to make the smaller divisions be able to compete.

**Motion passes- 14 for, 1 opposed.**

b) Coaches- Sub-Committee- Minutes attached

**Motion-** To add the discipline of skicross to USSA Freestyle.

There was discussion if skicross fits in freestyle and if it will take away from the already existing disciplines. Other opinions were that this could be a way to grow USSA Freestyle.

**Motion passes 14 for, 1 opposed.**

**Motion-** for halfpipe FSP event ratings to be consistent with other disciplines. All disciplines are rated the same.

**Motion passes- unanimous.**

c) R&T Sub-committee- minutes attached

**Motion 1. Change rule 3060.1** the second portion of this rule needs to be reworded to reflect all five events and take out the work acroski. Also change the wording of combined to reflect the desires of the Freestyle committee.

3060.1 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events moguls, dual moguls, aerials, halfpipe and big air events.

Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete.

A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four or five event competition, ~~a two event competition, a three event competition, plus combined.~~ Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all ~~four~~ five events.

~~A combined result can only be calculated from a competition comprising the acroski, mogul and aerial events.~~

~~One event competitions are competitions displaying only one of the Freestyle disciplines.~~

**Motion passes 14 for, 1 opposed.**

**Motion #2- Change rule 3056.1** DSQ for intentional straight back or straight front flips in moguls or dual moguls that are not qualified.

Don Banghart brought up that this rule would be a problem in his division. Some ski areas would no longer hold mogul competitions if this rule passes. The idea was proposed that for those areas that do not allow flips, flips would not be allowed in that competition or possibly limited DD for that competition. The question was brought up of how an Event Organizer could limit what is allowed in the rulebook. The athlete reps were against limiting the DD. Andy Wise pointed out that the committee is taking the proper steps to ensure safety and resorts should host events according to our rulebook.

**Motion passes 14 for, 1 abstention.**

**Motion #3- Change rule 3065.1** The proper FIS ICR rule is 216

3065.1 Team Captains' Meeting

The team captains' meeting will be held according to FIS ICR rule ~~248~~ 216 of the joint regulations for all ski competitions. The purpose of the team captains' meeting is to provide detailed information concerning competition procedures and activities, determine bib draws, gather competitor qualifications, and handle all necessary organizational matters. It is then the responsibility of the representative team captains to communicate this information to their respective participants. The head judge, USSA TD, chiefs of courses and all other important competition officials shall attend the team captains' meeting. The chief of competition shall conduct this meeting.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

**Motion #4- Change rule 4006.2** Delete the first sentence and change the maximum number from six to eight.

~~4006.2 The maximum number of rotations for any jump is three.~~ The maximum number of aerial maneuvers, inclusive of rotation, on any jump is ~~six~~ eight.

**Motion passes- unanimous**

**Motion #5- Change rule 4007.2- Juniors II-IV to Juniors III-IV.**

4007.2- Age limitations for aerial maneuvers in national competition

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Junior V                              | uprights only  |
| Junior <del>II-IV</del> <u>III-IV</u> | single inverts |
| Junior II                             | double inverts |
| Junior I/Seniors                      | Triple inverts |

**Motion pass- unanimous.**

**Motion #6- Add rule 4010 Inverted Aerial Qualifications.** These qualifications pertain to Aerials, Moguls, Duals and Big Air.

#### **AERIAL QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

The approach to inverted aerial qualification is both quantitative and qualitative. It is the philosophy of the aerial coaching staff that both repetition and quality are the integral components of a safe and successful inverted aerial program. Qualifications must first be earned on the water jump before maneuvers are permitted on snow. Each jump must then be additionally qualified on snow.

~~Each athlete is required to hold an aerial qualification license. Before any maneuver can be qualified, this license must be issued complete with athlete's photo. Each athlete is required to provide a passport size photo for their license.~~

The following format represents the actual water jump qualification process.

1. Recommended minimum numbers required for jump qualification:
  - Single somersault - 200
  - Double somersault - 125
  - Triple somersault - 75
2. Five consecutive jumps must be performed. Each jump will be scored in the following categories:

**TAKEOFF:** THE PLACE WHERE THE SKIS LEAVE THE JUMP. The body is perpendicular, to the jump, with the legs and waist straight and extended. The arms are lifted above the head. The takeoff generates height commensurate with the speed of the in run as well as sufficient rotation for the maneuver being performed. It should be additionally understood that the takeoff is ultimately responsible for satisfactory or less than satisfactory rotation.

**EXECUTION:** THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE MANEUVER DEMONSTRATING ACCEPTABLE TECHNIQUE AS TAUGHT BY THE COACHING STAFF. Layouts, tucks, and twists should be done in their proper space. Twists should be initiated with a lifting action, not a downward driving action. Somersaults should stay in a vertical plane relative to the landing area. The actual maneuver should be completed early enough to acceptably prepare for landing.

**LANDING:** THE POINT AT WHICH THE SKIS, AFTER COMPLETING THE JUMP, TOUCH THE GROUND. The body's center of gravity should be over the center of the skis and slightly forward with the arms and hands in front of the body.

**CONTROL:** THE FINESSE AND STABILITY WITH WHICH THE ATHLETE ACTUALLY PERFORMS THE JUMP. The ability to consciously quicken or slow down rotation and/or twist in order to successfully land the maneuver.

Although form is not specifically scored, many factors that apply to good or bad form are represented in these four categories.

3. A maximum of 25 points will be awarded in each category with 100 being the total possible score per jump. The point breakdown is as follows:
  - Very Poor      0 - 5 points
  - Poor            5 - 10 points
  - Fair             10 - 15 points
  - Good            15 - 20 points
  - Excellent      20 - 25 points

A minimum of 60 points for any given jump must be earned to be considered for official qualification, however, 400 points is the minimum total (for all five consecutive jumps) necessary to qualify any maneuver.

## **SNOW QUALIFICATION:**

The next step for the aspiring aerialist is on snow qualification. As water qualification is limited to the USSA sanctioned aerial training facilities, on snow qualification is limited to official FIS and/or USSA homologated aerial hills. It is recognized that a numerical requirement of jumps for snow qualification could well be detrimental as opposed to both safe and constructive. It is also recognized that due to the stringent water requirements, for qualification, that an athlete who successfully satisfies his/her obligations for water is ready to perform the maneuver(s) on snow. However, it is recognized that a basic quantitative analysis of maneuvers be required as follows:

- 100 singles must be acceptably completed on snow prior to an athlete performing doubles.
- 250 doubles must be acceptably completed on snow prior to an athlete performing triples.

The measure for acceptable is certainly based upon the coaching staffs' qualified opinion with regard to safety and quality performance. Similarly, the actual number of jumps an athlete must perform on snow, before the maneuver receives the official endorsement of the qualified coach(es), is completely dependent upon the views of that coach. In addition, the same coach or another qualified aerial coach, or the USFST, can for any reason, relative to the athlete's personal safety and the well being of the USSA Freestyle program, denounce a qualification for a maneuver in question.

## **AERIAL SHOWS:**

~~It is the view of USSA Freestyle that athletes named to the USFST spend their time preparing for each competition season by attending training camps and specifically participating in the aerial training programs that are offered. It is recognized, however, that during the off season income opportunities present themselves that may well serve the needs of some athletes. USSA Freestyle is, by no means interested in standing in the way of these individual income opportunities, however, accepts the responsibility to advise athletes with regard to USSA, FIS, and IOC Amateur Eligibility requirements.~~

~~It is USSA FREESTYLE POLICY to permit athletes to participate in shows where the facilities and administration of the show conform to both USSA and FIS requirements. Failing this, USSA FREESTYLE POLICY forbids its members to participate in any show. It should be understood that in many cases USSA rules and regulations relative to inverted aerials are more strict than that of the FIS.~~

## **COACHES CERTIFICATION:**

Coaches of inverted aerials must be licensed officials of the USSA and certified as Level 2, 3, or 4 inverted aerial coaches. These levels of certification are **NOT** synonymous with the same numerical levels administered by the USSA Coaches' Education program for Alpine and Nordic coaches.

The actual coaching of inverted aerials shall be specifically limited to those individuals who have earned the status of Level 2, 3, or 4 inverted aerial coach. Similarly, coaching should take place only at USSA and/or FIS approved venues. It is important to remember that, in some cases, USSA Freestyle policy is more strict than that of the FIS subsequently making USSA requirements those to be adhered to. Qualification of athletes' inverted aerial maneuvers shall only be performed by those level 4 aerial coaches that are currently designated "qualifiers".

Inverted aerial coaches education seminars will be administered by the USSA Freestyle office and most often conducted by the existing USSA inverted aerial coaching staff. Course

material may differ from level to level, however the practical application of sound coaching and safety fundamentals shall be first and foremost in the minds of all course instructors.

#### LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION:

- One: Uprights and Rotational Maneuvers
- Two: All Single Somersaults
- Three: All Double Somersaults
- Four: All Triple and Quadruple Somersaults

Aerial 4000 section

4006.1 Inverted aerial maneuvers shall be limited to ~~three~~ four flips.

4009.1.6 The aerial qualifier will use the USSA aerial qualification score sheet. After the qualification session, the qualifier shall provide a copy of the score sheet to the host division and will send the original to the USSA Freestyle office. ~~The athlete will carry his/her aerial qualification card at all times.~~

4009.1.7 The following individuals may qualify upright aerial maneuvers (this does not include off axis):

USSA Freestyle Coaches' Education Level one certified coach;  
USSA "C provisional" or better licensed judge;  
USSA "C" licensed or better TD

The following individuals may qualify inverted aerial maneuvers:  
Approved USSA Qualifier or Level 4 inverted aerial coach.

**ADD a section for athlete aerial qualifications in 4009.** This applies in moguls, big air, for upright, off axis and inverted maneuvers (coach's certifications and athlete's qualification).

\*Upright maneuvers are qualified on snow and jumps are approved by the athlete's coach. The coach must be certified level one coach or better.

\*Off axis maneuvers are qualified on snow and are jumps approved by the athlete's coach. The coach must be certified level 2 mogul/slope style coach or better.

Level 1 mogul/aerial coach may coach upright maneuvers (this does not include off axis jumps)

Level 2 mogul/slopestyle coach may coach upright and off axis aerial maneuvers.

Level 2 inverted aerial coach may coach single flips and double up to Lay Tuck

Level 3 inverted aerial coach may coach doubles and up to Lay Tuck Full.

Level 4 is unlimited

\*For spins greater than 1080 degrees in rotation on or off axis the athlete must perform the qualifying jump 5 times in front of a level 2 inverted aerial coach. (Water first, same as inverted aerial)

\*For singles flips the athlete must perform 100 of each maneuver before he/she can qualify that jump, then they must perform 5 qualifying jumps in front of an approved USSA qualifier.

\*For double flips the athlete must perform 125 of each maneuver before he/she can qualify that jump, then they must perform 5 qualifying jumps in front of an approved USSA qualifier.

\*For triple flips the athlete must perform 75 of each maneuver before he/she can qualify that jump, then they must perform 5 qualifying jumps in front of an approved USSA qualifier.

Coaches Certification levels:

Level 1 mogul/aerial coach may coach upright maneuvers (this does not include off axis jumps).

Level 2 mogul/slopestyle coach may coach upright and off axis aerial maneuvers.  
Level 2 inverted aerial coach may coach single flips and double up to Lay Tuck.  
Level 3 inverted aerial coach may coach doubles and up to Lay Tuck Full.  
Level 4 is unlimited.

How to obtain Coaches Certificates:

Level 1; must attend a level one clinic given by a certified level 1 examiner.  
Level 2 mogul/slope style; must attend either a level 2 mogul clinic or a level 2 aerial clinic.  
Level 2 invert; must attend level 2 aerial clinic and do 40 hours of apprenticeship on water and 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow with a level 3 or higher certified coach.  
Level 3 invert; must obtain a level 2 invert certificate and perform an additional 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow and 40 hours of apprenticeship on water with a level 4 coach.

Who can qualify jumps:

Level one coach can qualify an athlete to compete upright maneuvers off the particular jumps that he/she deems safe for that athlete.

Level 2 slopestyle/mogul coach can qualify an athlete to perform off axis maneuvers off the particular jumps that he/she deems safe for that athlete.

Level 2 inverted aerial coach can qualify an athlete on single inverted aerial maneuvers in water and then snow. (Reminder all athletes must perform 100 single flips into water before performing the five qualifying jumps). This rule change will allow the coach that will be on snow with the athlete to qualify the jumps. As it is now we have qualifiers qualifying jumps from athletes that they do NOT work with on a regular basis.

Level 3 inverted aerial coach may qualify double somersaults on water and then snow.

Level 4 inverted aerial is NOT limited on qualifications.

There was discussion from the committee if this motion should apply to all disciplines or just to moguls, aials and big air. Chris Haslock felt that this procedure should apply to all athletes and all disciplines, a flip on snow, is a flip on snow. Don Banghart expressed that he did not think this motion should apply to halfpipe; too many halfpipe skiers would be lost. Jen Hudak agreed with Don and did not think halfpipe should have to go through the same process as other disciplines. Jen was worried that the qualification process would slow down the progress of an athlete during the season. The motion was amended to just include aials, moguls, duals and big air.

Motion was broken into two votes.

**Motion 6a- to include current qualification in 4009 for inverts aials**  
**Motion passes unanimously.**

**Motion 6b- to adopt the qualification procedure for moguls, dual moguls and big air.**  
**Motion passes- 10 in favor, 5 abstentions.**

**Motion #7- withdrawn**

**Motion #8- change rule 4600- 4600** Competitions shall consist of one to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Guidelines (which may include rail/grind features). The event will make use of a specially designed course using a series of features. The skier performs their skills by using these terrain features. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon criteria stressing air, show, quality and difficulty of performance. Each

performance is also assessed on the landing and up to 50% of points can be deducted for a fall on landing. The score is proportioned equally between hits if more than one. All skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final rounds.

There was discussion from the committee if this addition was necessary. There was confusion at this year's Junior Olympics if rails could be a feature or not. There was concern that if we added rails we would have to add every possible feature.

**Motion passes- 12 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.**

**Motion #9- Correct rule 6006.2.2-** change to approve new aerial dd jump codes- Information was unavailable for minutes. The DD numbers will not change just the letters used to represent them.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

### **Motion #10- Add FIS rule 6150- New Style Judging**

6150 New Style

6151 Judges Scoring

A judging scoring system will be used at all competitions. These include, but are not limited to Big Air, Halfpipe, Quarter Pipe, Synchro-Air, Terrain Park and other free riding events that are judged. The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. The competitor's performance will be judged on the following basic components. Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge gives 100 points from all categories.)

Specific scoring systems based upon these general guidelines may be utilized for specific events. See for example. Rule 6151-6154 for halfpipe scoring.

6151.1 Execution refers to the execution and precision of the skill performance. 20% = 1 judge with 20 points maximum – (50% of points for fall) = score.

6151.2 Air refers to the amount and quality of air and amplitude in the jump. 20% = 1 judge with 20 points maximum – (50% of points for fall) = score.

6151.3 Show refers to the excitement, energy and showmanship of the athlete performing the skill.  
40% = 1 judge with 40 points maximum (or 2 with 20 points each) – (50% of points for fall) = score.

6151.4 Difficulty refers to the level of difficulty of the jump performed. 20% = 1 judge with 20 points maximum.

6151.5 Deductions of up to 50% of available points can be taken for landing errors.

6151.6 For competitions with multiple features (terrain park, quarter pipe, etc.), the criteria is applied to the overall run.

6152 Halfpipe

Definition

A halfpipe competition shall consist of one run using the pipe to perform several hits. Only hits in the halfpipe will be scored. No hits initiated or landed outside of the halfpipe will be scored.

### 6152.1 Scoring

The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge gives 100 points from all categories.)

#### General rules

When judges are assigned separate scoring categories, scoring will be out of 10 points each for Amplitude, Difficulty and Execution and 20 points for over using one-tenth increments. There can be one Overall judge for 20 points or 20 judges at 10 points each. Official score sheets will be available.

The judges' scores will be added for a total of 50 points maximum. This score is multiplied by 2 for a total score.

#### Training

All judges have to watch training to establish the scales for each event in Amplitude and Difficulty. These scales will carry from event to event and will be based on the pipe, jump or other feature geometry, the snow conditions and the level of the competition.

For multiple hit events, a minimum number of hits for the competition run will be agreed upon prior to the competition. The Jury, in consultation with coaches and athletes, will determine the minimum number of tricks required to reach maximum difficulty. The head judge at the last team leader meeting before the competition day will announce the minimum number of tricks for the competition.

For each event the judges' panel will observe training and determine the difficulty scale for the event. There will be categories of tricks with guidelines for comparing them but the values will be adjusted at each competition based on the level of competition. There is no "acro-type" point scale with fixed values for each trick.

6152.1.1 Amplitude - Consisting of 20% of the score.

6152.1.2 Difficulty - Consisting of 20% of the score.

6152.1.3 Execution - Consisting of 20% of the score.

6152.1.4 Overall - Consisting of 40% of the score.

### 6153 Scoring procedures

The judges will evaluate the competitor's performance using a split scoring system as follows:

#### 6153.1 Seven Judge Format

Amplitude - 1 judge  
Difficulty- 2 judges  
Execution- 1 judge  
Overall- 3 judges

In the seven judge format, the 2 difficulty judges scores are averaged, and the high and low overall judges scores are averaged.

#### 6153.1.1 Total Score

In the 5 and 7 judge format, judges scores x 2 = total score.  
(max judges score is 50 points, max. total score is 100 points).

#### 6153.2 Five judge format

Amplitude - 1 judge  
Difficulty - 1 judge  
Execution - 1 judge  
Overall - 2 judges

### 6153.3 Three judge format

Overall - 1 judge  
Difficulty - 1 judge  
Execution/difficulty - 1 judge

### 6153.4 Judging criteria

#### 6154.1 Amplitude (20% of the score)

Refers to the amount and quality of the air in the jump, combination of jumps, or hits. The height of the competition in relation to the lip for the pipe will be evaluated. Amplitude will consider take off and landing, but not the execution or difficulty of a trick. The amplitude score will be the average of the amplitude scores for each trick. While a scale of up to 10 will be used, an individual trick can receive a score of greater than 10 as this will likely be averaged to a score which ends up lower than 10.0.

#### 6154.2 Difficulty (20% of the score)

Refers to the level of difficulty of the jump(s) or trick(s) performed. For multiple hit events (e.g. halfpipe, terrain park), a minimum number of hits for the competition run will be agreed upon prior to competition. The Competition Jury, in consultation with coaches and athletes, will determine the minimum number of tricks required to reach maximum difficulty. For an established 5 hit pipe, an athlete will receive a lower difficulty score if the number of tricks performed is less than 5. If a trick is missed or if the rider chooses to leave the pipe after fewer than 5 hits then the score for difficulty will be scored accordingly. Tricks attempted which result in a fall are counted in difficulty if the skis hit the snow first (see rule 6154.5). A trick is not counted if landed outside the pipe or if the body hits first. Each trick will be given a score by the difficulty judge and the difficulty score will be the average value. However, if an athlete performs more than the required number of tricks (for instance 7 hits in a 5 hit halfpipe), the lower difficulty trick(s) can be dropped from this calculation. In all runs, additional weight should be given to more difficult tricks due to the limited number of hits available in a run.

##### 6154.2.1 Difficulty Point Guideline

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Very easy      | 0.1 – 2.0  |
| Easy           | 2.1 – 4.0  |
| Average        | 4.1 – 6.0  |
| Difficult      | 6.1 – 8.0  |
| Very Difficult | 8.1 – 10.0 |

#### 6154.3 Execution (20% of the score)

Refers to the technical execution and precision of the performance. The performance of tricks and skiing will determine the score. This is based on traditional freestyle skiing scoring scales from poor to excellent. Arm movements and degrees of rotation completed are part of this scoring category.

The execution score will be the average score for all tricks performed. Consideration will be given to take-off, where on the feature the competitor lands, and the transition from trick to trick.

Judges will also score deduction with a maximum of 5 points (10% of the total score) deducted for a full fall and some lesser deduction for any other body contact.

All hits at the wall or feature (including approach) are considered to be attempts at tricks and a resulting fall, whether at the take off or in the landing will result in a fall deduction. The attempted trick will be evaluated for the execution resulting in a lower execution score.

#### 6154.3.1 Execution Point Guideline

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Very poor | 0.1 – 1.0  |
| Poor      | 1.1 – 3.0  |
| Average   | 3.1 – 5.0  |
| Good      | 5.1 – 7.0  |
| Very Good | 7.1 – 9.0  |
| Excellent | 9.1 – 10.0 |

#### 6154.3.2 Deductions (part of execution)

Up to 10% of the total score (for example, 5 points in a split scoring panel) per fall may be deducted from the total judges score by the Execution judge. A maximum of 50% of the maximum possible judges' score may be taken in deductions (for example, 25 points maximum deductions when maximum judges score is 50 points).

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 0.1 – 1.0 | arm/hand touchdowns                                  |
| 1.1 – 2.0 | leg knee touchdowns                                  |
| 2.1 – 4.0 | hard body touchdowns                                 |
| 4.1 – 5.0 | complete body fall (full contact, no weight on skis) |

#### 6154.4 Overall (40% of the score)

Refers to the excitement, energy, showmanship of the athlete presentation and variety thought the entire program. Overall judges will include as considerations the execution, amplitude and difficulty of the run, and also score based of different tricks, direction of rotation, unique style and tweaking of maneuvers.

There may be one Overall judge if fewer than 5 judges, 2 overall judges in a 5 judge format, and 3 overall judges in a 7 judge format.

#### 6154.4.1 Overall Point Guideline

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Very poor | 0.1 – 1.0  |
| Poor      | 1.1 – 3.0  |
| Average   | 3.1 – 5.0  |
| Good      | 5.1 – 7.0  |
| Very Good | 7.1 – 9.0  |
| Excellent | 9.1 – 10.0 |

6155 Synchro Air

6156 6155.1 Synchro Aerials - The 'Show' category becomes 'Synchronization'. The fall deductions remain at up to 50%.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

**Motion #11-** Change rules 4500, 4600 change the rules for judging halfpipe. Please see addendum B for how the rules will be changed in the 2005 Competition Guide.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

**Motion #12-** Change rule 6204.2.1.2- to reflect the FIS rule pertaining to mogul air DD's. Motion passes - unanimous. At this time the FIS mogul air rules are still being finalized. Every effort will be made to have the finalized rules in the 2005 Competition Guide.

**Motion #13-** Change rule 6204.2.3 - Add all the new FIS parts of this rule. **Motion passes - unanimous.**

Mogul Jump Category Repeats

Loop Allow only one trick in this category per run

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Inverted flips    | Allow only one trick in this category per run, unless there is a different direction of initiation (front vs. back) or rotation is added (straight over jump vs. full twisting) |
| Off-axis          | Allow the same jump same category if there is rotation different by 180 degrees.  |
| Straight rotation | If two tricks done from this category they must differ by 180 degrees   |
| Uprights          | Must have a different number of moves (i.e. double spread, triple twister)  |

**Motion #14-** withdrawn.

**Motion #15-** USSA Competition Guide corrections

Page 13, number 4: Junior Olympics, Jr. Worlds and Europa Cups will float to 912. Nor-Ams will be fixed at 912. For the halfpipe and big air points lists all divisional level events will be rated as a flat up to 850.

Page 14, number 4, under Competition Rules: CHANGE 'FIS format' to elimination format

Page 14, number 5: CHANGE TO: In FIS mogul events FSP's are calculated using the final scores or as follows:

Page 14, Bold; Semi/Finals FSP Result Adjustment: CHANGE TO: FIS FSP Result Adjustment

Page 50, JO Format: ADD; Seeding for Dual Moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympic selection.

Page 51, Format: DELETE; number 3 Seeding for dual moguls will be taken from the most recent FSP list.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

It was also noted that Europa Cup events will have a floor of 850, passed in an earlier meeting but not reflected in the competition guide.

**Motion #16-** To change USSA 6204.1.1 to reflect the new FIS rule 6204.1.1. 6204.1.1- There are Four Points to consider.

#### Fall Line

Skiing in the fall line is considered the shortest way from the start to the finish. To achieve the maximum points for fall line the competitor should stay in the selected fall line out of the start gate.

#### Carving

All turns should be initiated by carving. Carving means efficient use of edging to control speed in and out of the turn throughout the whole run.

In carving action the hip is following the skier's centerline (hip is not doing side to side movement). Legs should be held together. Carving, through a combination of hip-knee and ankle angulations control turns. Carving is the result of correctly timed weight shifting. The turn is carving when the ski tail is following the tip.

#### Absorption and Extension

The skier should follow the shape of the mogul through absorption from the start until the top of the mogul. Extension starts right after the top of the mogul. Extension also follows the shape of the mogul. Pressure between skis and snow should remain the same during the absorption and extension, absorbing as the ski moves up and extending as the skier moves down. Additionally,

the skier should aggressively utilize the moguls to assist initiation of turns rather than waiting for the moguls.

Upper Body

The head should remain still, facing downhill. The chest should also stay straight and natural. Hands stay in front of the body in a natural position. Pole plants should be light and wrist movement goes forward.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

Motion #17- **Change rule 4007.1.1-** ~~Each division shall be responsible for maintaining an aerial safety qualification program.~~ Each division will be responsible for tracking the qualification of athletes in its division.

**Motion passes- unanimous.**

Andy Hayes also noted that the aerial qualifications working group would continue to evaluate and work on the qualification process. Additionally a mogul course development group was created. The group will examine mogul course specs and report back next spring. The group consists of Glenn Eddy, Andy Hayes, Todd Schirman, Liz McIntyre, Timmy Meagher, John Dowling, Jeremy Moore and Michael Macomber. Andy Hayes also noted that the TD reports received this year were not sufficient. TD reports are vital to keep track of accidents, trends in sport and a lot of other vital info. A discussion took place about how to improve reporting and if it could be added to the scoring program. A suggestion was to simplify how the reports are submitted.

d) Development Sub-Committee- Konrad Rotermund

Jen Hudak replaced Jessica Davis as the athlete rep on the sub-committee. Also 2 coaches positions are open and an email election will be held. Chris Haslock was elected the new Chair of the sub-committee. Andy Wise stepped down as the Nor-Am rep and Konrad has taken over that position to have some consistency. There was a lengthy discussion in the sub-committee meeting regarding the retention of college athletes, older athletes but the young new athletes also need to be recruited. Please submit any retention or development solutions to Konrad by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The sub-committee is also examining the USSA Coaches' Education process and how to get involved. Kristen Brown, Jen Hudak, Jenny Haywood and Michael Macomber will explore those possibilities. The past year's events were also reviewed, hopefully the Canadian Nor-Ams will improve. Also at Junior Olympics hopefully the halfpipe will be better and combined awards will be issued. The Qualifier to US Champs is officially gone forever.

**Motion-** To provide direction to the Nor-Am committee that the dual mogul format is traditional dual format, not the FIS dual format.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

**Motion-** Add Big Air and Halfpipe to the guaranteed spots each division is allotted for Junior Olympics.

2. Each division is guaranteed the following. Any spot that remains unused will be lost.

| <b>Event</b>    | <b>Men</b> | <b>Women</b> |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Moguls          | 3          | 3            |
| Dual Moguls     | 3          | 3            |
| Aerials         | 3          | 3            |
| <u>Big Air</u>  | <u>3</u>   | <u>3</u>     |
| <u>Halfpipe</u> | <u>3</u>   | <u>3</u>     |

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

**Motion-**Change the criteria for US Championships. Change criteria #6 and #7 as written below, eliminate #8, keep #9 and #10

6. The top-37 athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the March 11, 2005 FSP list per sex per discipline in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per discipline, per sex in moguls and dual moguls to be used at the divisions' discretion.

7. The top 21 athletes in aerials per sex in addition to the athletes' list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per sex in aerials to be used at the divisions' discretion.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

**Motion-** To create a halfpipe selection procedure. A 2 event system is set up to selection athletes for the 2005 World Championship Team. It is suggested that a place point system be used. Also that this system is used to fill all available spots.

The idea was generally accepted by the committee with the proviso that the schedules would be evaluated in the fall. The key of a two-event system, both counting and the use of place points was agreed upon. Konrad Rotermund also noted that Pat Deneen was working on an operation manual that will be presented at the fall meeting, all comments can be sent to Pat. Konrad also noted that any X Games type events that are sanctioned by USSA must be run according to USSA rules and regulations.

2) Freestyle Operating Procedures- There was lengthy discussion regarding edits to the Operating procedures. Please see Addendum A for all changes made to the Operating Procedures. Deletions are marked with ~~striethrough~~. Additions are underlined. The Edited Operating Procedures were approved, 13 in favor, 1 against. Andy Wise noted that the Operating Procedures would be put in place with the idea that we need to further define elections, terms and jobs on some of the sub-committees.

3) Old Business- none

4) New Business

**Motion from the Development committee-** that each division conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion be added to junior Olympics above the current quota. Combined is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe. The athlete would compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Olympics and be added above the current quota.

**Motion passes - unanimous.**

Jenny Haywood brought up a proposal for US Selection events to have a floor of 850. There was concern that US Selections for women's moguls was only rated at 827 this year. Konrad Rotermund agreed to look into this issue along with the other FSP issues and explore a new formula.

Deb Newson brought up the idea of having the sub-committee meetings closed to non-members or perhaps running the subcommittee meetings at the same time to expedite the process. Polly-Jo Clark stated that the increase in participation was good but agreed that maybe having meetings at the same time would be a better use of time and more could be done during the meetings. Don Banghart strongly disagreed and thought having closed meetings would be immoral. Konrad Rotermund likes the discussion as a whole group and it is good to have an open system. Deb commented that in the future hopefully the agendas will be sent out earlier and the sub-committee will have more time to come up with proposals and will run meetings smoothly.

Chris Haslock brought up a proposal to look at the layout of mogul courses and the chopping and preparing of mogul airs. Craig Rodman pointed out that the working group would be examining that issue. The motion was tabled.

Polly-Jo Clark announced that the US Selection Events and the December Nor-Am will be held at Park City Mountain Resort and the UOP. Konrad Rotermund will be the organizer. US Championships will be held in Bogus Basin, ID. Jeff Wintersteen wanted to note that he thought the athlete reps did an excellent job, very impressive.

**Motion to adjourn- Clark/Rotermund  
Passes unanimously.**

## **ADDENDUM A**

### ***FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE***

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#### **Article I -- Organization & Purpose**

The name of this committee will be the USSA Freestyle Sport Committee (FSC). The Freestyle Sport Committee pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article VI (c), will work with the staff of USSA to develop plans, strategies, and policies for submission to the CEO for the development and operations of freestyle skiing and to assist USSA in the operation of the freestyle skiing programs consistent with FIS regulations, USSA bylaws and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

Additionally the committee will work:

- ◆ To contribute sport expertise leading toward the realization of the vision and mission of USSA in the Freestyle discipline.
- ◆ To provide support in the identification and training of young Freestyle athletes with the potential to become elite international competitors.
- ◆ To nominate a representative to the USSA Board of Directors.
- ◆ Enhance public awareness and favorable perception of USSA and competitive freestyle programs in all forms and at all levels.
- ◆ To support and assist the USSA staff in development and coordination of programs for competitor development keeping in mind the participation elements and athletic excellence components of the sport and aspects of a national athlete development plan.

#### **Article II -- Government**

**Section 1:** The Freestyle Sport Committee (FSC) is comprised of and will strive to represent the interests of the freestyle community within the United States. Only current USSA freestyle members are eligible for election or appointment to the FSC and its subcommittees and/or technical working groups.

**Section II:** The Freestyle Sport Committee is comprised of the following members each with one vote, selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The vote for representation to the FSC will occur at the annual USSA meetings.

- ◆ Chair of the Freestyle Sport Committee who casts his/her vote only in case of a tie.
- ◆ Membership representatives - three representatives from the membership committee
- ◆ Rules & technical subcommittee chair
- ◆ Judges subcommittee chair
- ◆ Coaches subcommittee chair
- ◆ Development subcommittee chair
- ◆ FIS Representative - the voting member of the FIS Freestyle Committee
- ◆ USSA board representative
- ◆ Freestyle program director
- ◆ Freestyle ski team head coach
- ◆ At-large members - up to two at-large members
- ◆ Athlete representatives - three athlete representatives
- ◆ Ex-Officio as a non-voting member

Each of the above positions is to be held for a period of two years.

**Section III:** The FSC will biennially select at the USSA Congress an executive committee that will consist of the following representation, each with vote:

- ◆ The chairman of the Freestyle Sport Committee
- ◆ One member selected by vote of the FSC who is a member in good standing
- ◆ The freestyle program director
- ◆ The freestyle head coach
- ◆ And the freestyle athlete representative to the USSA BOD.
- ◆ Ex-Officio

**Section IV:** Each of the elected subcommittee chairs will on a biennial basis update their committee representation. Selection to the subcommittee will be based on an individual's area of

expertise in leading a specific working group. The acting subcommittee chair will provide to the USSA FSC the finalized listing of his/her sub-committee representatives.

If the FSC chair appoints working groups, the appointed working group leaders have the assigned responsibility to form their own working group and name their representatives. The objective for each subcommittee is to work within a specific area of expertise throughout the year and to prepare formalized resolutions, which are presented for recommendation to the FSC for vote and approval.

**Section V:** Elections and appointments to the Freestyle Sport Committee and the subcommittees are conducted biennially. Any USSA freestyle member desiring to participate on a subcommittee should contact a current representative on the FSC or the USSA freestyle program director.

**Section VI:** There will be no limit on the number of terms that any FSC board representative, subcommittee representative and/or working group member may serve.

**Section VII:** In the event of a midterm resignation by a FSC representative, sub-committee representative, or working group member, the FSC Executive board may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

**Section VIII:** A Freestyle Sport Committee representative, sub-committee representative, or working group member (with the exception of those positions held by the staff) may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Freestyle Sport Committee. The Freestyle Executive Committee may appoint an interim replacement until the next USSA Congress.

**Section IX:** The Freestyle Sport Committee will be responsible for the formation of a Freestyle Judicial Committee consistent with the provision of Article IX of the ~~September 15, 2001 version of the~~ USSA Bylaws. The Freestyle Judicial Committee will be responsible for the dispensation of judicial matters arising from protected competitions pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article IX if referred by the USSA Judicial Committee. The Freestyle Judicial Committee will be made up of three members, one of whom must be an athlete. The FSC Chairman, in consultation with the

Executive Committee, will nominate a slate of candidates to the FSC then the USSA Board of Directors for approval. These candidates when approved will be responsible in exercising “due process” for freestyle members in matters of complaints/grievances/appeals arising from cases referred to the group from the USSA Judicial Committee or surfacing as an appeal to a regional action.

**Article III -- Meetings**

**Section I:** The FSC will meet at least once a year, with no less than 30 days notice by the chair and held at the same time and place as the USSA Congress.

**Section II:** Additional meetings of the Freestyle Sport Committee may be called at any time and for any purpose by the freestyle program director, the chair or by written request of three members of the FSC to the chair. A minimum of 30 days written notice of a special meeting will be given and specify the purpose for which the meeting is called. Action at any special meeting will be limited to considering the agenda item(s) specified in the written notice of meeting.

**Section III:** All notices of meetings will include the place, date, time, and agenda of the meeting. Any notice may be given by first class mail or by transmission by electronic means (fax or e-mail).

**Section IV:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the FSC will consist of a simple majority of voting members.

**Section V:** All voting members of the Freestyle Sport Committee are entitled to one vote only. At any meeting duly called and held, a majority of the votes cast on a question by members who are present, will decide such question unless specifically provided to the contrary.

**Section VI:** ~~Proxy votes will not be allowed.~~ Proxy votes will be allowed for R&T rep, development rep, judges’ reps, coaches’ rep, membership reps, and athlete reps, pursuant to the following:

- a. Proxies must be in writing and are valid only for the specific meeting named.
- b. Proxies must be e-mailed or faxed to the FSC Chairman and/or Freestyle Program Director at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
- c. Proxies can only be held by an individual that does not have a vote on the FSC.

d. Proxy holder must be reasonably informed by the FSC Chairman.

**Section VII:** Members of the Freestyle Sport Committee may participate in a meeting of the FSC by means of a conference telephone call or similar communication method that allows all members participating to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means constitutes presence in person at the meeting. Any action of the FSC may be taken without a formal meeting when/if all members of the FSC consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing an action.

**Section VIII:** The chairperson in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order will decide questions of order, except in the event of a conflict between these operating procedures and Robert's Rules of Order. In all cases, the operating procedures governing the actions of the FSC and the bylaws of USSA will prevail.

**Section IX:** No FSC member (with the exception of members who hold their position by virtue of their position on the USSA staff) will receive from USSA any form of compensation or reimbursement of travel expenses to FSC meetings. However, the chair may request reasonable transportation and housing expenses for an athlete representative of the FSC from USSA.

**Section X:** It is the responsibility of every FSC member and or subcommittee representative to recognize and publicly acknowledge any issues of which they may have a conflict of interest, real or perceived, and abstain from voting on any such issues.

**Section XI:** All FSC meetings are open to USSA members in good standing.

**Section XII:** An executive closed session of the FSC may be held if approved by a majority vote of the FSC members present to discuss matters of a sensitive nature.

**Section XIII:** USSA staff will be responsible for the accuracy of the minutes taken and their timely distribution to all Freestyle Sport Committee members.

#### **Article IV -- Amendments**

**Section I:** Amendments to these operating procedures may be proposed by any member of the Freestyle Sport Committee or written petition by fifty members of USSA in good standing. All

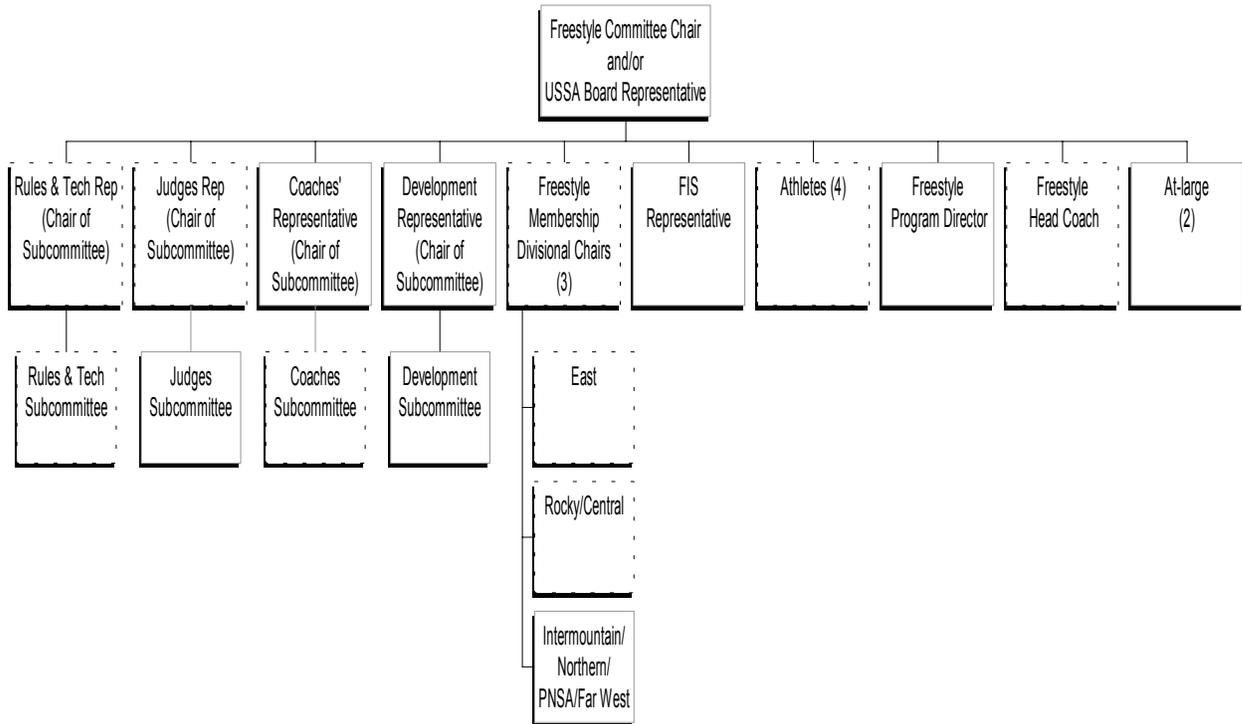
such amendments to the procedures are subject to the approval of the FSC by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting and approval by the USSA board.

**Section II:** Proposed amendments will be presented to the freestyle program director in writing at least sixty days before a meeting of the FSC and be mailed by staff to all members of the FSC at least thirty days before the next scheduled meeting of the FSC.

**Section III:** Proposed amendments shall be presented as follows:

1. State who is proposing the amendment(s).
2. State in writing that portion of the existing text in its entirety, inclusive of all portions, which are to be considered for change.
3. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be added underlined.
4. Within the text of the above statement, show any new phrases or addenda with all words to be deleted ~~stricken through~~.
5. A brief explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendment and the effect of the change, if adopted, must accompany the proposed amendment.
6. Unless withdrawn, proposed amendments prepared and circulated to all members of the Freestyle Sport Committee less than thirty days in advance of a FSC meeting will automatically be placed on the agenda for action at the next meeting of the FSC, provided that there are at least thirty days before the next scheduled meeting.

## FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE



### Freestyle Sport Committee

The Freestyle Sport Committee will work in an advisory capacity with the staff of USSA to develop plans, strategies and policies for submission to the CEO for the development and operations of freestyle skiing and to assist USSA in the operation of the freestyle skiing programs, including all aspects of the freestyle pipeline consistent with FIS regulations, USSA bylaws and the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act. The FSC coordinates programs for competitor development, emphasizing participation elements and athletic excellence components of the sport (i.e., quotas, schedules, etc.).

### Freestyle Sport Committee Composition

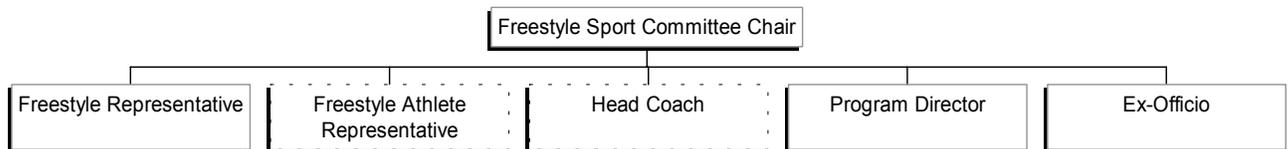
The USSA FSC is comprised of the following members, each with one vote:

- a) Chair of the Freestyle Sport Committee - The Freestyle Sport Committee chairperson will be elected by the FSC for a term of two years. Once elected, the FSC chairperson may, at his/her option, retain or resign any other positions held on the FSC.

- b) Membership representatives - three representatives from the membership sub committee.
- c) Rules & technical subcommittee – the chair of the rules & tech subcommittee
- d) Judges subcommittee - the chair of the judges subcommittee
- e) Coaches subcommittee - the chair of the coaches subcommittee
- f) Development subcommittee - the chair of the development subcommittee
- g) FIS Representative - the voting member of the FIS Freestyle Committee. The position will be ex-officio with vote. Reports to the Freestyle Sport Committee. Term: two years.
- h) USSA Board representative (in the instance where the board representative is not the chair of the Freestyle Sport Committee)
- i) Freestyle program director. The position is to be appointed by the USSA CEO. The position will be ex-officio with vote.
- j) Freestyle ski team head coach. The position is to be appointed by the USSA CEO. The position will be ex-officio with vote.
- k) At-large members - Up to two at-large positions with vote may be appointed by the sport committee chair.
- l) Athlete representatives - ~~three~~ four athlete representatives. The freestyle athlete constituency will elect ~~three~~ four ~~athlete~~ representatives. One will be the athlete representative to the USSA BOD, the remaining ~~two~~ three are nominated and elected from the freestyle competitor and youth members. Terms: 3 years

## Freestyle Executive Committee

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## Freestyle Executive Committee

The FEC shall have the power to act between FSC meetings in the administration and management of FSC affairs especially where the interests of the sport require prompt action. All such actions shall be reported as soon as practical and must be presented for approval by the FSC at its next meeting. The FEC will be comprised of six members.

~~The purpose of the Freestyle Executive Committee (FEC) will be to work on the development and operations of freestyle skiing on an ongoing basis between meetings of the Freestyle Sport Committee. The executive committee will be available to work with staff to resolve urgent issues in a timely manner. The FEC will be comprised of five members, with two year terms:~~

- a) The Freestyle Sport Committee chairperson
- b) One at-large freestyle representative
- c) The freestyle program director
- d) The freestyle head coach
- e) The freestyle athlete representative to the USSA BOD.
- f) One Ex-Officio member

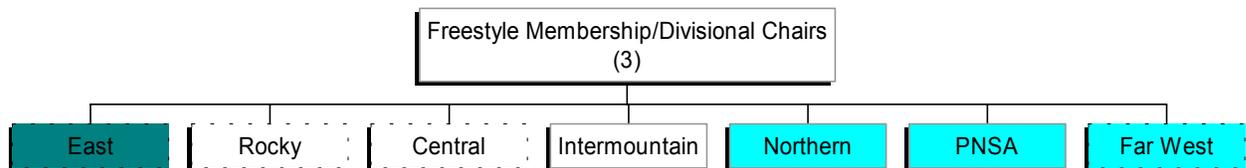
## Freestyle Sport Subcommittees

The subcommittees of the FSC are:

- a) Membership subcommittee
- b) Rules & technical subcommittee
- c) Judges subcommittee
- d) Coaches subcommittee

- e) Development subcommittee
- f) Judicial subcommittee
- g) Athletes subcommittee.

**Membership Subcommittee**



**Membership Representatives**

Each active division will elect by popular vote a divisional representative to the membership committee. The membership committee will select three representatives, one each from East, Rocky/Central and West (Far West, Intermountain, Northern and PNSA) who will represent the membership committee on the Freestyle Sport Committee. The term of the membership representatives will be two years. Additionally, the membership committee will elect a chairperson from one of the three regional representatives. The term of the chair will be two years.

Job Description: This group works on the growth of the sport, making rules for the U.S. Junior Championships and the Qualifier to U.S. Championships and recommending new Freestyle programs. Term: Two years

**Rules & Technical Committee**

This committee will have the following composition:

- a) One representative from each active division, to be selected by that division
- b) The FIS representative

The chairperson of this committee will serve on the Judges committee.

The committee members will elect the chair of the committee for a two-year term. The chairperson will serve as the committee representative to the FSC.

Job Description: Assign officials to USSA events, conduct educational clinics, review and recommend rules revisions to USSA, apply FIS rule changes, attend FIS education clinics, establish guidelines for all USSA officials, and review and upgrade officials' licenses and assist with the freestyle points list. Terms: Two years.

### **Judges Committee**

This committee will have the following composition:

- a) one representative from each active division, to be selected by that division
- b) the FIS representative serving on the FIS Judges Committee

The chairperson of this committee will serve on the Rules & Technical Committee.

The members of the committee will elect the chair of the committee for a term of two years. This chairperson will serve as the committee representative to the FSC.

Job Description: Assign judges to USSA events, ~~conduct~~ coordinate educational clinics, keep informed of FIS judges' activities, review and recommend judges' license upgrades. ~~attend FIS educational clinics, keep informed of FIS judges' subcommittee actions, review and upgrade judges' licenses.~~ Terms: two years.

### **Coaches Committee**

The coaches committee will consist of, at minimum, a representative from each of the divisions and a member from the Judges Committee. The chairperson of the coaches committee will serve as the representative to the FSC.

Job Description: Assist with the scheduling and conducting of coaches' clinics, assist with communicating information and writing articles on freestyle coaching. Terms: Two years.

### **Development Committee**

The Development Committee will have the following composition:

- a) One ~~Two~~ members elected from ~~each of~~ the divisions
- b) Two ~~A~~ representatives from the coaches committee
- c) The FIS Continental Cup committee representative
- d) A U.S. freestyle ski team coach

- e) An athlete representative
- f) The freestyle program director (non-voting).

The development committee will elect from and by its members a chair who will represent the development committee on the FSC. The term of the chair is two years.

Job Description: Recommend rules/policy for the U. S. Selection Events and Nor Ams and help to define the programs in the middle of the pipeline. Terms: Two years.

### **Freestyle Judicial Committee**

The FSC will form a freestyle judicial committee consistent with the provisions of Article IX of the ~~September 15, 2001 version of the~~ USSA Bylaws. The freestyle judicial committee will be comprised of three members including one athlete representative.

Job Description: The freestyle judicial committee will be responsible for the dispensation of judicial matters arising from protected competitions pursuant to USSA Bylaw Article IX if referred by the USSA judicial committee. The FSC Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee, will nominate a slate of candidates to the FSC then the USSA Board of Directors for approval. These candidates when approved will be responsible in exercising “due process” for freestyle members in matters of complaints/grievances/appeals arising from cases referred to the group from the USSA Judicial Committee or surfacing as an appeal to a regional action.

## **FREESTYLE SPORT COMMITTEE & SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATION**

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### **Freestyle Sport Committee**

Chair: Andy Wise, Denver, CO, (elected 5/04); Next election: 5/06  
Don Banghart, Lakewood, CO (Rocky)\*\*  
Polly-Jo Clark, Heber City, UT (Freestyle Program Director)  
Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA (PNSA)\*\*\*  
Glenn Eddy, Carrabassett Valley, ME (Coaches)  
Jenny Haywood, Breckenridge, CO (Athlete)  
Jen Hudak, Camden, CT (Athlete)  
Michael Macomber, MA (Athlete)  
Pat Souza, Tahoe City, CA (Far West)\*\*\*  
Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT (Rules & Tech)  
Konrad Rotermund, Salt Lake City, UT (At-large)  
Jeff Lange, Seattle, Wa (Ex-Officio)  
Bill McNice, Boulder, CO (Judges)  
Deb Newson, Killington, VT (East)\*  
Mike Papke, Bozeman, MT (Northern)\*\*\*  
Steve Perkins, Park City, UT (Intermountain)\*\*\*  
Craig Rodman, Park City, UT (Athlete)  
Chris Haslock, Park City, UT (Development)  
Jay Simson, Schenectady, NY (FIS)  
Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Central)\*\*  
Jeffrey Wintersteen, Parker, CO (Head coach)  
\* Eastern divisional membership, one vote  
\*\* Rocky/Central divisional membership, one vote together  
\*\*\* Far West/Intermountain/Northern/PNSA, one vote together

### **FSC Athlete Representatives**

USSA Board athlete representative: Craig Rodman (next election May 2005)  
Freestyle Sport Committee athlete representative: Jenny Haywood (next election May 2007)  
Freestyle Sport Committee athlete representative: Jen Hudak (next election May 2007)  
Freestyle Sport Committee athlete representative: Michael Macomber (next election May 2007)

### **Freestyle Executive Committee**

Polly-Jo Clark, Park City, UT (Freestyle program director)  
Konrad Rotermund, Salt Lake City, UT (At-Large)  
Craig Rodman, Park City, UT (USSA BOD Athlete Rep)  
Jeffrey Wintersteen, Parker, CO (Head Coach)  
Andy Wise, Denver, CO (FSC Chair)  
Jeff Lange, Seattle, WA (Ex-Officio)

### **Membership Committee**

Chair: Deb Newson, Killington, VT (East)  
Don Banghart, Lakewood, CO (Rocky Mountain)  
Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA (PNSA)  
Greg Gibeson, Tahoe City, CA (Far West)  
Mike Papke, Bozeman, MT (Northern)  
Steve Perkins, Park City, UT (Intermountain)  
Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Central)

### **Rules & Technical Committee**

Chair: Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT  
Chris Ellis, Durango, CO (Rocky Mountain)  
Peter Lanpher, Mound, MN (Central)  
Jay Lauder, Buffalo, NY (East)  
Bill McNice, Boulder, CO (Judges)  
Rob Rodman, Park City, UT (Intermountain)  
Jay Simson, Schenectady, NY (FIS Rules & Tech)  
Kevin Wightman, Tahoe City, CA (Far West)  
Ed Zontek, Wenatchee, WA (Pacific Northwest)

### **Judges Committee**

Chair: Bill McNice, Boulder, CO  
Chris Ellis, Durango, CO (Rocky)  
Mark Archibald, Salt Lake City, UT (Intermountain)  
David Farrar, Gorham, ME (FIS Judges)  
Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT (Rules & Tech)  
Jackie LeClair, Bozeman, MT (Northern)  
Maurice (Sonny) McKay, Stillwater, MN (Central)  
John Spottiswoode, Kennebunkport, ME (East)  
Ed Wright, South Lake Tahoe, CA (Far West)

### **Coaches Committee**

Chair: Glenn Eddy, Kingfield, ME (Eastern)  
Clay Beck, Alpine Meadows, CA (Far West)  
Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA (PNSA)  
Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT (Rules & Tech)  
Brian Lake, Salt Lake City, UT (US Freestyle Ski Team-Aerials)  
Bill McNice, Boulder, CO (Judges)  
Jon O'Brien, Snowbird, UT (Intermountain)  
Mike Papke, Bozeman, MT (Northern)  
Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Central)  
TBD (Rocky Mountain)

### **Development Committee**

Chair: Chris Haslock, Park City, UT  
Polly-Jo Clark, Park City, UT (Freestyle Program Director, non-voting)  
Jen Hudak, Camden, CT (Athlete)  
Glenn Eddy, Carrabassett Valley, ME (Membership)  
Brian Lake, Park City, UT (US Freestyle Ski Team)  
Jon O'Brien, Snowbird, UT (Coaches) - Votes in Spring 2003  
Nick Preston, Campton, NH (Coaches) - Votes in Spring 2003  
Andy Wise, Denver, CO (Nor Am)

### **Freestyle Judicial Committee**

Lou Basile, Tahoe City, CA  
Irv Kagan, Orono, ME  
Trace Worthington, Park City, UT

### **Freestyle Division Chairs**

Central: Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN

East: Deb Newton, Killington, VT  
Far West: Pat Souza, Lake Tahoe, CA  
Intermountain: Steve Perkins, Park City, UT  
Northern: Mike Papke, Bozeman, MT  
PNSA: Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA  
Rocky Mountain: Don Banghart, Lakewood, CO

### **FR Divisional Sport Committees**

#### **USSA Central Freestyle**

Chair: Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN  
Scheduling: Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN  
Treasurer: Martin Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN  
Matt Koskinen, Edina, MN (Athlete)  
Peter Lanpher, Mound, MN (Rules & Tech)  
Sonny McKay, Stillwater, MN (Judges)  
Martin Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Scoring)  
Mindy Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Registration)  
Lewis Sundquist, Minneapolis, MN (Coaches)  
Zach Zigich, Duluth, MN (Athlete)

#### **USSA Eastern Freestyle**

Chair: TBD (election summer 2002)  
Vice Chair: Deb Newson, Mendon, VT  
Joan Dolan, Stratton, ME (Programs subcommittee: calendar)  
Glenn Eddy, Carrabassett Valley, ME (Programs Sub-Committee-Coaches)  
Dick Holmes, Marblehead, MA (Licensing)  
Frank Howell, Oxford, MA (Judges)  
Matt Gnoza, Killington, VT (Programs Sub-Committee Chair)  
Steve Kenney, New York, NY (Past Chair)  
Jay Lauder, West Seneca, NY (Rules & Technical)  
Michael Macomber, Andover, MA (Athlete)  
Suzi Preston, Campton, NH (Programs Sub-Committee-Development)  
John Spottiswoode, Kennebunkport, ME (Athlete)  
Robert Smith, Ponte Verde Beach, FL (Finance)  
Dick Stone, Westborough, MA (Operations)  
Jeff Yingling, Newry, ME (Programs sub-committee: at-large)

#### **USSA Far West Freestyle**

Chair: :Greg Gibeson, Tahoe City, CA (Competition)  
Vice-Chair: Ed Wright, South Lake Tahoe, CA  
Treasurer: Cher Jenisen, Tahoe City, CA  
Chief of Scoring: Trilla Bahrke, Tahoe City, CA  
Clay Beck, Lake Tahoe, CA (Alpine Meadows)  
Craig Beck, Lake Tahoe, CA (TD)  
Pat Burba, South Lake Tahoe, CA (Head Judge)  
Jere Crawford, S. Lake Tahoe, CA (Heavenly)  
TBA (Squaw Valley)  
Jessica Davis, Lake Tahoe, CA (Female Athlete)  
Joane Mathis, Lake Tahoe, CA (Secretary)  
Jeff Stoll, So Lake Tahoe, CA (Sierra-at-Tahoe)  
Hunt Volk, Lake Tahoe, CA (Male Athlete)

### **USSA Intermountain Freestyle**

Chair: Steve Perkins, Park City, UT  
Mark Archibald, Salt Lake City, UT (Judges)  
Mick Beny, Park City, UT (Athlete)  
Christine Cordeau, Ketchum, ID (Athlete)  
Kerry Miller, Salt Lake City, UT (At-large)  
Jon O'Brien, Snowbird, UT (Coaches)  
Nate Roberts, Park City, UT (Athlete)  
Rob Rodman, Park City, UT (Rules and Tech)  
Todd Schirman, Park City, UT (Coaches)  
John Zuck, Ketchum, ID (Coaches)

### **USSA Northern Freestyle**

Chair: Mike Papke, Bozeman, MT  
Joe Chalmers, Missoula, MT (Coaches)  
Andy Hayes, Missoula, MT (Rules & Tech Treasurer)  
Jackie LeClair, Bozeman, MT (Head Judge)  
Mark Poertner, Whitefish, MT (Executive Committee)  
Brent Ramharter, Missoula, MT (Athlete Rep.)  
Marilyn Ryan, Missoula, MT (Secretary)  
Michael Stevenson, Missoula, MT (Athlete)  
Curt Tempel, Missoula, MT (Executive Committee)

### **USSA Pacific Northwest Freestyle**

Chair: Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA  
Mitch Almy, Portland, OR (Scoring)  
Jim Bates Kirkland, WA (Head judge)  
Laura Degenhardt, Hayden Lake, ID (Secretary-Treasurer)  
Steve Hanson, Albany, OR (Rules & Tech)  
Aaron Peets, Portland, OR (Coaches)  
Esteban Salazar, Seattle, WA (Athlete)

### **USSA Rocky Mountain Freestyle**

Chair: Don Banghart, Lakewood, CO  
Vice-Chair: Rob Dick, Steamboat Springs, CO  
Treasurer: Alex Foroglou, Breckenridge, CO  
Secretary: Wendy Lana, Arvada, CO  
Dave Babic, Barre, VT (Athlete)  
Andrea Barry Steamboat Springs, CO (Athlete)  
Kristin Brown, Boulder, CO (Coaches)  
John Dowling, Breckenridge, CO (Coaches)  
Chris Ellis, Durango, CO (Judges)  
Kate Gmeiner, Steamboat Springs, CO (At-Large)  
James Gmeiner, Steamboat Springs, CO (At-Large)  
Fred Mooney, Winter Park, CO (Athlete)  
Laurie Mooney, Tabernash (Coaches)  
Eric Skinner, Steamboat Springs, CO (Coaches)  
RMD Office, Lakewood, CO (Promotions, registration, scheduling)  
TBD (Rules and Tech)

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## ADDENDUM B

### 4500 4152 Halfpipe

#### ~~4501~~ 4153 Definition

Competitions shall consist of multiple hits in a halfpipe meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle competition course Guidelines. Athletes may perform maneuvers that are upright, rotational, off axis, single inverted or any combination of those. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon criteria stressing air, show, quality and difficulty of performance. Each performance is also assessed on the landing and up to 50% of points can be deducted for a fall on landing. All skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final rounds.

#### ~~4502~~ 4154 The Competition Site

##### ~~4502.1.1~~ 4154.1.1 Guidelines for Competition Sites

Competition sites must generally conform to the measurements as outlined in the USSA Freestyle competition course specification guidelines.

##### ~~4502.1.2~~ 4154.1.2 General Characteristics of the Competition Site

The competition site must be constructed specifically according to the specifications contained in the USSA Freestyle course specifications guidelines. The course should be properly prepared and lay out free of all visible and known hazards. All measurements taken are in degrees as opposed to percentages.

##### ~~4502.1.3~~ 4154.1.3 Layout of the Competition Site

###### ~~4502.1.3.1~~ 4154.1.3.1 Competition sites may be constructed out of earth in the off-season. If not practical, then a natural location should be chosen. In order to assure the correct facility is available, this construction should precede the competition by a minimum of one week.

###### ~~4502.1.3.2~~ 4154.1.3.2 The competition site must be located where spectators can have easy access, where facilities and services are located nearby, and if possible, where snowmaking can service the site.

###### ~~4502.1.3.3~~ 4154.1.3.3 The competition site should not have any obstacles or obstructions that will cause any inconvenience or difficulty for the competitor. There should be ample space available in the Start and Finish area for the competitor to maneuver.

###### ~~4502.1.3.4~~ 4154.1.3.4 The competition site must be serviced by uphill transportation with a minimum capacity of 150 persons per hour. This transportation must cover a minimum distance from the finish area to the start.

###### ~~4502.1.3.5~~ 4154.1.3.5 The finish area for the competition must be satisfactorily large enough to allow the skier to stop. All fences and barriers must be in place.

###### ~~4402.1.3.6~~ 4154.1.3.6 The site must be equipped with a public address system according to rule 3041.4.1.

###### ~~4402.1.3.7~~ 4154.1.3.7 A judge's stand will be used and located in a central location, which gives the best view of all the terrain features.

##### ~~4502.1.4~~ 4154.1.4 Preparation and Inspection of the Competition Site

###### ~~4502.1.4.1~~ 4154.1.4.1 The competition site will be completely prepared for training at least one day before the competition and must then be available for training on the day of the event.

###### ~~4502.1.4.2~~ 4154.1.4.2 Before training begins on the first training day, the competitors and Jury must inspect the course. The jury shall determine the time of inspection.

###### ~~4502.1.4.3~~ 4154.1.4.3 Immediately after this inspection, the TD and other members of the jury shall be available to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and trainers regarding the site.

##### ~~4502.1.5~~ 4154.1.5 Official Training

###### ~~4502.1.5.1~~ 4154.1.5.1 The official training for the competition is an inseparable part of the competition. The competitors are required to participate.

###### ~~4502.1.5.2~~ 4154.1.5.2 The official training shall ideally encompass at least one day before the competition.

- ~~4502.1.5.3~~ 4154.1.5.3 The official training shall be a minimum of one-day (two hours of actual jumping time).
- ~~4502.1.5.4~~ 4154.1.5.4 The entire facility must be properly prepared and have proper medical services available during official training.
- ~~4502.1.5.5~~ 4154.1.5.5 There will be a starter at training to regulate the flow of the competitors.
- ~~4502.1.5.6~~ 4154.1.5.6 Competitors not wearing their bibs will not be allowed to participate during official training. Bibs must be easily visible.
- ~~4502.1.5.7~~ 4154.1.5.7 Helmets are required. All competitors and forerunners must wear helmets manufactured for snowboarding/or ski racing.
- ~~4502.1.5.8~~ 4154.1.5.8 On the competition day, the competitors are allowed two hours of training before the competitions begin. The jury may reduce this to one hour

### ~~4503~~ 4155 **Judges Scoring**

~~A judging scoring system will be used at all competitions. The total score for the performance on each run shall be a maximum of 100 points to one decimal point.~~

The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge gives 100 points from all categories.) Refer to USSA Freestyle Judging Manual, 6152 Scoring Procedures. (Spring 2004)

The competitors' performance will be judged on the following basic components:

- ~~4503.1 **Quality**, refers to the execution and precision of the skill performance.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 25% = 2.5 points maximum (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4503.2 **Air**, refers the amount and quality of air and amplitude in the jump.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 25% = 2.5 points maximum (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4503.4 **Overall**, refers to the excitement, energy and showmanship of the athlete performing the skill.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 25% = 2.5 points maximum (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4503.5 **Difficulty**, refers to the level of difficulty of the jump performed.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 25% = 2.5 points maximum (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~

4155.1 Amplitude- Consisting of 20% of the score.

4155.2 Difficulty- Consisting of 20% of the score.

4155.3 Execution- Consisting of 2-% of the score.

4155.4 Overall- consisting of 40% of the score.

Definition see USSA Freestyle Judges Manual 6154.1-.4.

~~4503.6 **Deductions**, each judge can deduce up to 50% of all points they have based upon the landing errors.~~

### ~~4504~~ 4156 **Scoring Procedures**

~~4504.1~~ 4156.1 The judges will each evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the criteria set forth in the USSA judging manual [see rule 6153](#).

~~4504.2~~ Judges shall use scorecards to mark score by bib number. Each judge will mark a score based upon the specific criteria noted in 4503. Deductions for landing errors will be marked and then a final score shall be provided. A competitor's final score shall be the average of the judges scores to one decimal point.

~~4504.3~~ No discussions between judges are allowed concerning competitors scores.

~~4504.4~~ Each judge shall assign a score based on 100 points, with no decimal places.

~~4504.5~~ Run Score: The scores from all the judges are averaged to get the 100 point run score, with scores calculated to one decimal place. Event Score: The final score for the event will be the better of the scores for each run.-(Spring 2004)

~~4504.6~~ 4156.2 Tie Breaker: If the event scores are tied, the winner will be the skier favored by the most judges, based on each skiers highest scoring run.

### ~~4507~~ 4157 **Qualifications Limits, License**

~~4507.1~~ 4157.1 The divisional ski association shall not allow skiers to attempt any maneuvers for which such skiers are not qualified.

~~4507.2~~ 4157.2 Limitation for maneuvers

~~4507.3~~ 4157.3 To be eligible to attempt a maneuver in national competition, a skier must have a valid qualification license for the specified maneuvers, issued by the skier's divisional association. A competitor's qualification license may be updated during the competition season, with the exception of the actual day of competition. Each divisional ski association shall have the responsibility of supplying to the USSA technical delegate, an updated list, of all its competitor's qualifications prior to each competition.

~~4507.4~~ 4157.4 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 for which they have been qualified from their divisional association. Such a ruling may result in severe reprimands or sanctions imposed against the respective nation.

#### ~~4508~~ 4158 **Special Procedures:**

##### ~~4508.1~~ 4158.1 Competition Format

~~4508.1.1~~ 4158.1.1 The competition format shall be, the best scored run. The number of skiers entered into an event and the number in the finals is determined based upon the guidelines of each division.

~~4508.1.2~~ 4158.1.2 Each division shall determine the number of skiers entered in the competition.

~~4508.1.3~~ 4158.1.3 The USSA Freestyle committee annually establishes the number of rounds in the qualifications and the finals.

##### ~~4508.2~~ 4158.2 Equipment

~~4508.2.1~~ 4158.2.1 There shall be no minimum or maximum restrictions on ski lengths.

~~4508.2.2~~ 4158.2.2 Competitors must wear a helmet when in the practice or competition.

~~4508.2.3~~ 4158.2.3 Run away straps are prohibited, in the training or the competition.

~~4508.2.4~~ 4158.2.4 Bindings must be a recognized release system meeting DIN specifications.

##### ~~4508.3~~ 4158.3 Loss of Ski(s)

The judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.

### **4600 Big Air, Quarterpipe and Slopestyle**

#### **4601 Definition**

Competitions shall consist of one to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Guidelines (which may include rails or grind features). (Spring 2004) The event will make use of a specially designed course using a series of features. The skier performs their skills by using these terrain features. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance based upon criteria stressing air, show, quality and difficulty of performance. Each performance is also assessed on the landing and up to 50% of points can be deduced for a fall on landing. The score is proportioned equally between hits if more than one. All skiers perform in a qualification round then the top skiers perform in the final rounds.

#### **4602 The Competition Site**

##### 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.

##### 4602.1.2 General Characteristics of the Competition Site

The competition site must be constructed specifically according to the specifications contained in the USSA Freestyle Course Specifications Guidelines. The course should be properly prepared and lay out free of all visible and known hazards. All measurements taken are in degrees as opposed to percentages.

##### 4602.1.3 Layout of the Competition Site

4602.1.3.1 Competition sites may be constructed out of earth in the off-season. If not practical, then a natural location should be chosen. In order to assure the correct facility is available, this construction should precede the competition by a minimum of one week.

4602.1.3.2 The competition site must be located where spectators can have easy access, where facilities and services are located nearby, and if possible, where snowmaking can service the site.

- 4602.1.3.3 The competition site should not have any obstacles or obstructions that will cause any inconvenience or difficulty for the competitor. There should be ample space available in the Start and Finish area for the competitor to maneuver.
- 4602.1.3.4 The competition site must be serviced by uphill transportation with a minimum capacity of 150 persons per hour. This transportation must cover a minimum distance from the finish area to the start.
- 4602.1.3.5 The start area shall set following the guidelines as outline in 3043.2. The inrun allows the skier to have the correct speed for the performance and the landing at an angle according to the required specifications to allow safe landings.  
The Finish Area for the competition must be satisfactorily large enough to allow the skier to stop. All fences and barriers must be in place.  
The site must be equipped with a public address system according to rule 3041.4.1.  
A judge's stand will be used and located in a central location, which gives the best view of all the terrain features.
- 4602.1.4 Preparation and Inspection of the Competition Site
- 4602.1.4.1 The competition site will be completely prepared for training at least one day before the competition and must then be available for training on the day of the event.
- 4602.1.4.2 Before training begins on the first training day, the competitors and Jury must inspect the course. The Jury shall determine the time of inspection.
- 4602.1.4.3 Immediately after this inspection, the TD and other members of the Jury shall be available to receive requests and suggestions from the competitors and trainers regarding the site.
- 4602.1.5 Official Training
- 4602.1.5.1 The official training for the competition is an inseparable part of the competition. The competitors are required to participate.
- 4602.1.5.2 The official training shall ideally encompass at least one day before the competition.
- 4602.1.5.3 The official training shall be a minimum of one-day (two hours of actual jumping time).
- 4602.1.5.4 The entire facility must be properly prepared and have proper medical services available during official training.
- 4602.1.5.5 There will be a starter at training to regulate the flow of the competitors.
- 4602.1.5.6 Competitors not wearing their bibs will not be allowed to participate during official training. Bibs must be easily visible.
- 4602.1.5.7 Helmets are required. All competitors and forerunners must wear helmets manufactured for snowboarding/or ski racing.
- 4602.1.5.8 On the competition day, the competitors are allowed two hours of training before the competitions begin. The Jury may reduce this to one hour

### **4603 Judges Scoring**

- ~~———— A judging scoring system will be used at all competitions. The total score for the performance on each run shall be a maximum of 100 points to one decimal point.~~
- ~~———— The competitors' performance will be judged on the following basic components:~~
- ~~4603.1 Quality refers to the execution and precision of the skill performance.~~  
~~———— 25% = 25 points maximum — (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4603.2 Air refers the amount and quality of air and amplitude in the jump.~~  
~~———— 25% = 25 points maximum — (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4603.4 Overall refers to the excitement, energy and showmanship of the athlete performing the skill.~~  
~~———— 25% = 25 points maximum — (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4603.5 Difficulty refers to the level of difficulty of the jump performed.~~  
~~———— 25% = 25 points maximum — (50% of points for a fall) = Score~~
- ~~4603.6 Deductions, each judge can deduce up to 50% of all points they have based upon the landing errors.~~

The total score for the performance shall be a maximum of 100 points. The competitor's performance will be judged on the following basic components. Judges may score categories singly (1 judge per category) or combined (1 judge give 100 pints from all categories.) Refer to USSA Freestyle Judging Manual, 6150 Scoring Procedures.

The competitors' performance will be judged on the following basic components:

- 4603.1 Execution
  - 4603.2 Air
  - 4603.3 Show
  - 4603.4 Difficulty
  - 4603.5 Deductions
- (Spring 2004)

#### **4604 Scoring Procedures**

- 4604.1 The judges will each evaluate the competitor's performance based upon the criteria set forth in the USSA Judging Manual [see rule 4156](#).
- ~~4604.2 Judges shall use scorecards to mark score by bib number. Each Judge will mark a score based upon the specific criteria noted in 4603. Deductions for landing errors will be marked and then a final score shall be provided. A competitor's final score shall be the average of the judges scores to one decimal point.~~
- ~~4604.3 No discussions between judges are allowed concerning competitors scores.~~
- ~~4604.4 Each judge shall assign a score based on 100 points, with no decimal places. (Spring 2003)~~
- ~~4604.5 Run Score: The scores from all the judges are averaged to get the 100 point run score, with scores calculated to one decimal place. Event Score: The final score for the event will be the better of the scores for each run. (Spring 2003)~~
- 4604.2 If a tie occurs in an event it shall be broken with a judge by judge comparison of each skiers highest scoring run. (Spring 2004)

#### **4607 Qualifications, Limits, License**

- 4607.1 The Divisional Ski Association shall not allow skiers to attempt any maneuvers for which such skiers are not qualified.
- 4607.2 Limitation for maneuvers
- 4607.3 To be eligible to attempt a maneuver in national competition, a skier must have a valid qualification license for the specified maneuvers, issued by the skier's Divisional Association. A competitor's qualification license may be updated during the competition season, with the exception of the actual day of competition. Each Divisional Ski Association shall have the responsibility of supplying to the USSA Technical Delegate, an updated list, of all its competitor's qualifications prior to each competition.
- 4607.4 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 for which they have been qualified from their Divisional Association. Such a ruling may result in severe reprimands or sanctions imposed against the respective nation.

#### **4608 Special Procedures**

- 4608.1 Competition Format
  - 4608.1.1 The competition format shall be the best scored run. A run shall consist of one to five features made up of a Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features as the case may be with the score proportioned equally between the features if more than one. Each run is scored until the skier stops for more than 10 seconds. The number of skiers entered into an event and the number in the finals is determined based upon the guidelines of each Division.
  - 4608.1.2 Each Division shall determine the number of skiers entered in the competition.
  - 4608.1.3 The USSA Freestyle Committee annually establishes the number of rounds in the qualifications and the finals.
- 4608.2 Equipment
  - 4608.2.1 There shall be no minimum or maximum restrictions on ski lengths.
  - 4608.2.2 Competitors must wear a helmet when in the practice or competition.
  - 4608.2.3 Run away straps are prohibited, in the training or the competition.
  - 4608.2.4 Bindings must be a recognized release system meeting DIN specifications.
- 4608.3 Loss of Ski(s)

The judges in accordance with the judging criteria will evaluate loss of ski(s) during or after landing.

Big Air course specifications:

- Maximum of 5 jumps on site
- Jump height min. 1m - max 3m
- Distance to knoll min 4m - max 12m
- Landing Hill length - min 10m
- Landing Hill pitch 30 degree min - 38 degree max.
- Takeoff angle minimum must equal landing hill pitch

Quarterpipe course specifications:

- Pipe height- min. 4m
- Take-off angle-min. 1.2m wide @ 88 degrees last 1m
- Transition - min. 6m
- Base width- min. 6m
- Recommended sloping back deck.
- Optional additional hip take-off

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**Motion-** To award the divisions cup at US Championships, which will include all national level events and will include US team members.

PASSED - 14 for, 1 opposed.

**Motion-** To add the discipline of skicross to USSA Freestyle.

PASSED - 14 for, 1 opposed.

**Motion-** For halfpipe FSP event ratings to be consistent with other disciplines. All disciplines are rated the same.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change rule 3060.1

3060.1 Freestyle competitions may be comprised of the following events moguls, dual moguls, aeriels, halfpipe and big air events.

Freestyle competitions must provide the opportunity for both men and women to compete.

A competition may be announced as a one, two, three, four or five event competition, ~~a two event competition, a three event competition, plus combined.~~ Freestyle competitions should consist, if possible, of all four five events.

~~A combined result can only be calculated from a competition comprising the acroski, mogul and aerial events.~~

~~One event competitions are competitions displaying only one of the Freestyle disciplines.~~

PASSED - 14 for, 1 opposed.

**Motion-** Change rule 3056.1 DSQ for intentional straight back or straight front flips in moguls or dual moguls that are not qualified.

PASSED - 14 for, 1 abstention.

**Motion-** Change rule 3065.1-The proper FIS ICR rule is 216

3065.1 Team Captains' Meeting

The team captains' meeting will be held according to FIS ICR rule ~~218~~ 216 of the joint regulations for all ski competitions.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change rule 4006.2 Delete the first sentence and change the maximum number from six to eight.

4006.2 ~~The maximum number of rotations for any jump is three.~~ The maximum number of aerial maneuvers, inclusive of rotation, on any jump is ~~six~~ eight.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change rule 4007.2- Juniors II-IV to Juniors III-IV.

4007.2- Age limitations for aerial maneuvers in national competition

Junior V uprights only

Junior ~~II-IV~~ III-IV single inverts

Junior II double inverts

Junior I/Seniors Triple inverts

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** To include current qualification in 4009 for inverted aerals. Please see page 8-12 of minutes for specific qualification procedure for coach and athlete.  
PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** To adopt the qualification procedure for moguls, dual moguls and big air. Please see page 8-12 for specifics.  
PASSED - 10 in favor, 5 abstentions.

**Motion-** Change rule 4600

4600 Competitions shall consist of one to five features (Big Air, a Big Air to a Quarter Pipe, just a Quarter Pipe or multiple Terrain Park features) meeting the specifications of the USSA Freestyle Competition Course Guidelines (which may include rail/grind features).

PASSED - 12 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

**Motion-** Correct rule 6006.2.2- change to approve new aerial dd codes- Information was unavailable for minutes. The DD numbers will not change just the letters used to represent them.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Add FIS rule 6150- New Style Judging- please see pages 13-16 for complete rule.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change rules 4500, 4600 change the rules for judging halfpipe. Please see addendum B for all changes to the rulebook.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change rule 6204.2.1.2- to reflect the FIS rule pertaining to mogul air DD's. Please see pages 17-21 for new mogul air dd chart.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change rule 6204.2.3- Add all the new FIS parts of this rule. Please see page 21 for complete rule.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** USSA Competition Guide corrections

Page 13, number 4: Junior Olympics, Jr. Worlds and Europa Cups will float to 912. Nor-Ams will be fixed at 912. For the halfpipe and big air points lists all divisional level events will be rated as a float up to 850.

Page 14, number 4, under Competition Rules: CHANGE 'FIS format' to elimination format

Page 14, number 5: CHANGE TO: In FIS mogul events FSP's are calculated using the final scores or as follows:

Page 14, Bold; Semi/Finals FSP Result Adjustment: CHANGE TO: FIS FSP Result Adjustment

Page 50, JO Format: ADD; Seeding for Dual Moguls will be taken from the FSP list used for Junior Olympic selection.

Page 51, Format: DELETE; number 3 Seeding for dual moguls will be taken from the most recent FSP list.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** To change USSA 6204.1.1 to reflect the new FIS rule 6204.1.1. 6204.1.1- There are Four Points to consider- please see page 22 for complete rule.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion- Change rule 4007.1.1-** ~~Each division shall be responsible for maintaining an aerial safety qualification program.~~ Each division will be responsible for tracking the qualification of athletes in its division.

PASSED- unanimous.

**Motion-** To provide direction to the Nor-Am committee that the dual mogul format is traditional dual format, not the FIS dual format.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Add Big Air and Halfpipe to the guaranteed spots each division is allotted for Junior Olympics.

2. Each division is guaranteed the following. Any spot that remains unused will be lost.

| <b>Event</b>    | <b>Men</b> | <b>Women</b> |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Moguls          | 3          | 3            |
| Dual Moguls     | 3          | 3            |
| Aerials         | 3          | 3            |
| <u>Big Air</u>  | <u>3</u>   | <u>3</u>     |
| <u>Halfpipe</u> | <u>3</u>   | <u>3</u>     |

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Change the criteria for US Championships. Change criteria #6 and #7 as written below, eliminate #8, keep #9 and #10

6. The top-37 athletes in moguls and dual moguls from the March 11, 2005 FSP list per sex per discipline in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per discipline, per sex in moguls and dual moguls to be used at the divisions' discretion.

7. The top 21 athletes in aerials per sex in addition to the athletes list in points 1-5 above. Divisions will also be allotted one spot per sex in aerials to be used at the divisions' discretion.

PASSED - unanimous.

**Motion-** Each division will conduct combined at its divisional championships. The combined junior champion will be added to junior Olympics above the current quota. Combined is defined as moguls, aerials and halfpipe. The athlete will compete in each of the three disciplines at Junior Olympics and be added above the current quota.

PASSED - unanimous.