

## USSA Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

Radisson Hotel, Park City, UT  
Saturday, September 17, 2005  
8:30 am- noon

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Meeting Chair: Andy Wise- present

R&T Rep: Andy Hayes- absent, no proxy

Judges Rep: Bill McNice-present

Coaches Rep: Glenn Eddy-present via conference call

Development Rep: Chris Haslock- present

Membership Rep (East): Deb Newson- absent, no proxy

Membership (CEN, RMD): Lewis Sundquist- absent, Don Banghart- absent, proxy- Bob Haywood- (1 vote)

Membership (NOR, FW, INT, PNSA): Mike Papke- present, Kate Duhamel- absent, proxy- Ken Curtwiler, Caron Keim- present, Pat Deneen- absent, no proxy (1 vote)

FIS Rep: Jay Simson- absent

USSA BOD Athlete Rep: Mariano Ferrario- absent

Athlete Rep: Michael Macomber- absent

Athlete Rep: Jen Hudak- present

Athlete Rep: Jenny Haywood- present

Ex-Officio: Jeff Lange- present via conference call

At-Large: Konrad Rotermund- present

Head Coach: Jeffrey Wintersteen- present

Program Director: Polly-Jo Clark- present

Additional participants- Clay Beck, Andrew Usher

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- 1. Welcome and call to Order-** Andy Wise welcomed everyone to the fall meeting. He confirmed that there was a quorum present.
- 2. Agenda Approval-** Clark/McNice- unanimous
- 3. Approval of Spring Minutes-** Clark/Rotermund- unanimous
- 4. Executive Committee Report-** Andy Wise reported that the FSC Executive Committee met twice this summer, the first time to review US Selection Events petitions to start. The committee heard six petitions and approved all the petitions. Also the Executive Committee met regarding the judges sub-committee proposal for judges, pay and compensation at big USSA domestic events, US Selections, Juniors etc. The sub-committee gave the proposal to the Executive Committee and the committee approved the proposal.
- 5. Staff Report-** please see the staff report included with the minutes- Appendix A

**Clark-** It will be a very busy winter this year with the Olympic Games and both Emily and I being out of the office. During the month of February most of our duties will be re-assigned so you may be working with different people but all of the areas will be covered. The NorAm tour has a lot of stops and events this year including a tour for half-pipe. For a full NorAm schedule of events and event deadlines please see the attached staff report.

**Fisher-** Please see the attached report for important details and deadlines during the season. It is very important that the FSC commits to making the Coach of the Year and spring FSC meeting deadlines. I know it is a big push during the season but it makes a big difference in making the spring meeting worthwhile. Also important to note is that halfpipe has been added to US Championships. So halfpipe at Junior Olympics will only be open to Juniors. Also if athletes would like to qualify for

halfpipe at US Championships then they need to compete in USSA and/or NorAm events to make sure they are high enough on the USSA halfpipe points list. Konrad has also noted it is important to tell your athletes that there will not be prize money for halfpipe.

**Wintersteen-** Moguls- The Mogul team added an official ramp camp in the spring. It had been done as an unofficial camp in the past but this year it was a full camp and a big success. The mogul team had a rough go of it in Chile this year, due entirely to unrelenting snow. The course needed to be dug out numerous times, and it is a credit to the staff and athletes who kept plugging away in those difficult conditions. Regardless, the staff and athletes will be ready for the season ahead. To quote Travis Mayer, "If the Olympics start tomorrow, I am ready."

Aerials- I am now looking forward to when we talk about US aerials not in that how much better the team is doing, but that they are the best in the world right along with the mogul program. The men's team had an absolutely fantastic competition in Australia, exciting to get the season off that way (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>). What probably went unnoticed is the 5<sup>th</sup> place by Jana Lindsey landing her full-double full in one of the best women's comps in years.

Deneen Grievance – As many of you are aware, Patrick Deneen filed a grievance with regards to not being nominated to the team for 2005-06 season. There have been a number of rumors on the subject and I was looking forward to fully presenting Patrick's grievance and the Team's response at this meeting. However, the judicial committee has not yet ruled, though it is expected the beginning of next week as the investigation is already complete. I want to emphasize that it was Patrick's right to file the grievance just as it is our right to defend our decision. I believe it has far reaching consequences for USSA and the organization's ability to write selection criteria and nominate athletes. To be clear, it is ONLY about selection criteria and the Team believes very strongly we applied the criteria correctly. We have been asked not to talk about this prior to the judicial committee ruling, however after the decision, I will be happy to talk with anyone about the details. My only request is that you make sure you read the US Freestyle Ski Team selection criteria in your Competition Guide before you talk to me!

Ski cross and halfpipe - What many of you may not be aware of is that there was a proposal during the FIS Freestyle meeting in Amsterdam this spring to have the FIS Council recommend to the IOC the inclusion of ski cross in the OWG in 2010 (Vancouver). The initial response to this was from the French on why halfpipe was not included in the discussion. The US also raised concern about the ability to be able to maintain our quotas for moguls and aerials. As has been the case with snowboard (most recent case), they did not get an increase in their quota to accommodate the new disciplines so existing disciplines' quotas were reduced. This raised numerous discussions with the end result of an altered proposal suggesting ski cross and halfpipe for inclusion in the 2010 and 2014 OWG, respectively. The quota issues were still not resolved to the US's liking despite changes to the wording for the proposal. The vote passed with the US abstaining on the grounds of the quotas.

When the FIS Council received the proposal, they mandated that there would not be inclusion of halfpipe or ski cross before 2014, furthermore, they decided that rules and tech of ski cross would now be under the authority of the FIS Alpine Committee. This, in the opinion of the staff is disastrous for ski cross and its relation to freestyle. While it is not desirable for halfpipe, it does give USSA a clearer timeline for the sport, as there are numerous challenges that need to be addressed.

**6. FIS Report-** Flash reported that the FIS has been moving to using a new points list. The points list assigns points according to place instead of score creating a huge spread in the points list. FIS is trying to use this list for more and more events but currently it is not accurate. Another issue brought up at the FIS meeting was mogul airs. As a committee it was agreed that no changes would be made prior to an Olympic year, however the French were still trying to propose changes. The changes were not allowed, however now the French are trying to implement change via judges' education and influencing how judges will judge certain airs. It is something that the US is keeping a close eye on. Chris Haslock brought up the issue of age limits in FIS events. PJ said that this issue is an issue that we are evaluating. However for this year it is a problem because FIS will not allow anyone younger than 16 to have a FIS license and will not score an event if the event has one skier

under age. This creates a problem for scoring US Selections, US Champs etc. but USSA is working with our Comp Services department to come up with an answer.

**7. Subcommittee Reports**

- a) Judges Sub-committee- McNice reported that there are a few new members that have replaced vacant openings. This summer the sub-committee wrote a new procedure for judges' travel, stipend, meals etc. for big domestic events. The FSC Executive Committee passed this proposal. This fall there will be a proctor meeting and fall training. Hopefully there will be an increase in funding from the FIS for judges' education. The judges are asked to do more and more in terms of training but the funding is non-existent. Jim Bates has also been doing a great job getting video from the coaches and putting training videos together.
- b) Coaches Sub-committee- Glenn Eddy reported that the coaches' education program is moving forward and he would be running a pilot clinic on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Sugarloaf, ME. Aerial clinics have been going on this summer by Brian Lake. This summer the Coaches' Sub-Committee also reviewed the aerial qualification procedure from the R&T Committee. Glenn worked with Andy Hayes and Dan Miller on getting the R&T proposal to its current version 7.
- c) R&T- Andy Wise acted as chair for Andy Hayes. Three motions came forward from the R&T sub-committee meeting.

#1- Remove rule 4007.2 from the Competition Guide.

Proposal Number:	R&T Motion #1
Description:	Remove rule 4007.2 from the Comp Guide
Current Rule:	4007.2 Age limitations for aerial maneuvers in national competitions; Junior 5                   uprights only Junior 3-4               single inverts Junior 2                   double inverts Junior 1/Seniors       Triple inverts
Proposed Change:	Delete rule
Discussion/Reason:	With our current qualification process this is no longer needed and may inhibit young athletes' progress.

Rotermund calls the question. **Motion passed- unanimous.**

#2- Eliminate the 7-judge format for scoring halfpipe.

Proposal Number:	R&T Motion 2
Description:	Eliminate 7-judge scoring from Half-pipe
Change	Delete 6153.1 and 6.53.1.1 and 6153.3
Discussion:	(1) 7-judge scoring is not used, (2) there is no software to support it, (3) the deductions are incorrect, (4) other rules such as the tie-breaker are wrong.

Wintersteen calls the questions. **Motion passed- unanimous.**

#3- Aerial Jump Qualification- please see Appendix B for the complete changes.

Proposal Number:	R&T Motion 3
Description:	One aerial jump qualification section
Change	See Appendix B
Discussion:	To have one comprehensive jump qualification system for the whole country and to have all the rules in one place.

Chris Haslock made an amendment to the motion. Eliminate 3070.2 in light of the first R&T motion that passed.

Bob Haywood also proposed an amendment to have rule 3070.6 refer to 3056.5. Instead of having two conflicting rules 3070.6 would simply reference 3056.5 which states- DSQ for attempting an aerial maneuver in competition which has not been qualified. Papke seconded the amendment. Wintersteen calls the question on the amendment. **9 in favor, 2 opposed, the amendment passed.**

The motion was discussed extensively in R&T sub-committee. Several coaches voiced their opinion that this would hopefully be used not to catch or disqualify athletes who are not following the rules but used to encourage safety on the hill. Andy Wise suggested that the TD's start enforcing the protest fee and hopefully that would discourage people from protesting without just reason. Jeff Lange mentioned that, unfortunately, there might be a problem with athletes using the disqualification rule as a tactic. He urged the committee to make sense of that process and have a process at the divisional level. Glenn Eddy had a similar concern and was not comfortable with the motion. The question was called. **10 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention, the motion passed.**

Clark noted that Jeff Lange had brought up the problem of how and when the disqualification process is going to work and perhaps he would like to head up a working group. Clark noted that the problem is similar around the country and that if the problem is not addressed we will be having the same discussion in the spring. Lange agreed that he would be willing to head up a working group. Glenn Eddy and Bob Haywood agreed to work with Jeff.

Working Group- Lange, Eddy and Haywood. Mission- the working group will observe how the motion is enforced this winter. The intent of the motion is to be positive and encourage safety, not to disqualify athletes due to clerical errors. The working group will examine how to better put into practice the intent of the motion and to clarify the process for TD's and officials on the hill.

Fisher noted that this will be issued as an addendum to the Comp Guide; it will not be included in the Comp Guide as they have already gone to print.

**8. Old Business-** no old business

**9. New Business-** Bill McNice sent a motion from the judges sub-committee after the deadline for submitting motions. The motion addressed the mileage reimbursement for judges going to national level events. The motion was to raise the current rate of .29/mile to the IRS rate. However due to the fact that the FSC Executive Committee had just passed the judges' proposal regarding travel, stipend etc. the motion was withdrawn by Bill.

Andy Wise noted that there was very light attendance at the fall meeting and very few agenda items. He proposed that the FSC look at all the major issues in the spring and decide if we need to have a fall meeting or not, perhaps just a conference call would cover the major issues if there were any. Glenn Eddy was in favor. Wise also noted that his term as FSC Chairman would be up in the spring and there will be upcoming deadlines for anyone interesting in running for FSC chair.

**10. Adjournment- Rotermond/McNice-** unanimous

## APPENDIX A

### Freestyle Staff Report

September 17, 2005

#### Introduction

Another big season is just around the corner. We have spent a great deal of time in meetings! We've been working on long-term and short-term plans as well as the competition guide, NorAm calendar, judges' clinic, coaches' clinics, etc., etc. and before you know it, September is here!

The Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy should be a great event and the U.S. Team hopes to bring home a lot of hardware! USSA's goal of Best In The World means company-wide about 18 medals (the most won by one nation in past OWG) and we're ready to get after it. Meeting that goal will be great for all of us. For those of you not aware, the Freestyle events will be in the mountains – in Sauze d'Oulx.

While all of that is going on the domestic program continues to roll on with each division hosting their events and the NorAm Tour in full swing. Everyone will be very busy and it will be a challenging year for all of us. I have included my anticipated whereabouts through May 2006, please note that both Emily and I will be at the OWG for the month of February. In our absence we will have some duties re-assigned at the office, getting support from other departments, to keep programs moving. Once we have that all sorted out we will let you know who your point of contact should be.

While the information for this meeting is very light, we continue to look forward to anticipate what needs to get done at the spring meeting. We're looking forward to seeing everyone somewhere on the road this winter.

Best of luck to all for a super season ahead!

#### Membership Data (as of 9/1/05)

	Current Year	Previous Year
Competitor (Jl-V, Sr, Vet 1, Vet 2)	614	631
Coach	114	107
Official	184	169
Rookie	45	25
Youth	238	178
Total	1195	1110

#### Coaches Education (PJC)

As I've reported previously, we are still in pilot clinic mode for the moguls coaches' education program and to date we have one clinic tentatively scheduled for Sugarloaf, Carrabassett Valley, ME being run by Glenn Eddy. I hope to get one more scheduled for the Rocky division – and am still working on getting that sorted out.

Brian Lake ran two aerial clinics this summer, one in Park City, UT and one in Lake Placid, NY. Brian had high interest in the clinics and both were well attended.

#### Judges and Technical Delegates – FIS World Championships and Olympic Winter Games Selection

The FIS deadline for submitting candidates for judges and TD's for consideration on the 2007 World Championships panel is September 1, 2005. Because USSA has a strong judges' program we have more candidates qualified than positions available and we will have a process for selection.

Soon we should receive the timeline from the FIS for submission of candidates for 2009 World Championships and 2010 OWG. USSA will set its own internal deadlines for selection of candidates.

### **Event Bids 2006-07 (PJC)**

Following the FIS meetings (see below) we should have a preliminary FIS World Cup calendar and USSA will distribute and post potential available dates for US Selection Events, NorAms, Junior Olympics and US Championships.

### **FIS (PJC)**

The FIS Freestyle Committee will meet in a couple of weeks in Zurich, Switzerland. As of today, we have not received the comments to the agenda and don't expect anything major to appear. Generally speaking any proposals received in the fall will be implemented next season.

Our representation on the committees is as follows:

Jay Simson	Chairman, Freestyle Sport Development Subcommittee
	Chairman, Freestyle Appeals Commission
Polly-Jo Clark	FIS Freestyle Committee Member
	FIS Youth and Children
	Chairman, Nor Am Committee
Jeff Wintersteen	FIS Freestyle Committee Conference Member
	World Cup Scheduling Working Group

### **Nor Am Committee (PJC)**

Nor Am Committee Representation

Polly-Jo Clark	Chair		
John Pomeroy	CFSA Rep, Secretary	Michel Hamelin	CFSA Rep
Wayne Hinkel	CFSA Rep	Jay Vaughan	CFSA Rep
Konrad Rotermund	USSA Rep	Andy Wise	USSA Rep
Brian Lake	USSA Rep	Matt Gnoza	USSA Rep

The NorAm Committee had its fall conference call on September 8. The main items discussed were calendar/details, costs of the tour and some housekeeping items. The committee is in the process of reviewing minutes to approve. Once that is done, they will be posted on the FIS ftp site: [ftp.fis.ch](ftp:fis.ch). We will provide a link or post directly on the USSA website. Watch [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) - the Freestyle page for any updates on it.

The NorAm Committee agreed to raise entries fees for 06/07 by about 25%. We are also exploring ideas that the tour has a one-time fee per year that is charged to any NorAm athlete whether one event or six. Funds in this collection would go to investing in the NorAm Tour as a whole to help support and raise the bar of events.

It was six seasons ago that we had any alterations in the entry fees, and it has been eight since a raise...six years ago we created the double event system.

There was also discussion regarding a request to use foreign judges on the NorAm Tour. It was generally agreed that this is a good idea on a limited basis with USSA/CFSA judges getting priority consideration and as is the case for USSA and CFSA, the costs for getting the judge to the event is the responsibility of the NSA. It was also suggested to potentially tie it to athlete participation (a nation sends athletes, they can also send a judge). If we were to implement this, we'd have to discuss the specifics of implementation.

The calendar is complete and appears at the end of this report as well as on the FIS website (yes, it is accurate!) – [www.fis-ski.ch](http://www.fis-ski.ch). The US had great interest in hosting events this season – we have the busiest calendar we've had in years. Many thanks to the organizers who have stepped up to the task! I don't remember the last time we had more aerial events than mogul events!

I will be working closely with organizers to get the details of each event and invitation worked out. My goal is to have them all complete by October 15, 2005.

NorAm rule changes that affect athletes/coaches/organizers:

Finals field sizes are a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 24 for dual moguls events on the NorAm Tour.

Reminder: The points breakdown for calculation of the NorAm Standings is 100, 96, 92, 88, etc. with a system of drops based on the number of events held.

1-3 events	= 0 drops
4-5 events	= 1 drop
6-8 events	= 2 drops
9-12 events	= 3 drops
13+ events	= 4 drops

For NorAm Finals both the CFSA and USSA get additional quota spots as listed for the host nation.

### **Freestyle Points List Dates for 2005-2006 (ESF)**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Valid</b>
Fall List	Nov. 14	Nov. 18
1 Mar. 31- Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Dec. 16
2 Dec. 14- Jan. 17	Jan. 14	Jan. 20
3 Jan. 18- Feb 21	Feb. 21	Feb. 24
4 Feb. 22- Mar. 7	Mar. 7	Mar. 9
5 Mar. 8- Mar. 28	Mar. 28	Mar. 31

### **2005-2006 Development GROUP (ESF)**

The following group of athletes are the 2005-2006 USSA Development Group. They are guaranteed starts in their qualified discipline for NorAm's in the 05-06 season. They must participate in US Selection events to retain their start rights.

#### Men's Moguls

- 1- Jay Bowman-Kirigin
- 2- Holt Haga
- 3- Jordan Chiovarelli
- 4- Jimmy Discoe
- 5- Patrick Deneen

#### Women's Moguls

- 1- Caterina Mader
- 2- Katy Bodzioch
- 3- Alison Levy
- 4- Jordan Poyfair
- 5- Kylie Douglas

#### Men's Dual Moguls

- 1- Jay Bowman-Kirigin
- 2- David Digravio
- 3- Jimmy Discoe
- 4- Sho Kashima
- 5- Holt Haga

#### Women's Dual Moguls

- 1- Caterina Mader
- 2- Alison Levy
- 3- Olivia Akerley
- 4- Molly Sullan
- 5- Whitney Henceroth

#### Men's Aerials

- 1- Dylan Ferguson
- 2- Austin Cummings

#### Women's Aerials

- 1- Christina Craddock
- 2- Rachel Pack

### **Spring FSC Meeting (ESF)**

The spring FSC Meeting will be held May 12-13, 2006 in Park City, UT. In order to have a productive meeting, it is very important to distribute all agendas and prospective motions ahead of time. Giving

all FSC reps the proper time to think about potential motions and ramifications of those motions is the most productive way to allow the sport to progress. A little organization now goes a long way. USSA will distribute and post on the web site all agendas and motions that are submitted on time. Additionally it is important to make sure all agendas and motions are in the approved format.

<u>April 5, 2006</u>	Spring FSC Agendas DUE to USSA Office
<u>April 14, 2006</u>	Spring FSC Agenda posted to the web site
<u>May 12-13, 2006</u>	Spring FSC Meeting, 9:00am- 5:00pm
<u>June 2, 2006</u>	Spring FSC Meeting minutes posted to the web site

### **Petition to Start (ESF)**

The Petition to Start form is now available on the USSA member web site. Please go to [ussa.org](http://ussa.org), Freestyle, Competitions (scroll down! on the right). The next deadline for Petitions to start for US Selection Events is October 1, 2005. All petitions submitted by October 1, will have a response from the Executive Committee by October 20, 2005.

### **Coach of the Year (ESF)**

All nominations for International and Domestic Coach of the Year are due in March in order for the coaches to be recognized at US Champs. Nomination forms will be distributed at Junior Olympics and available via email. If you would like to nominate a coach please email Emily and ask for a nomination form.

<u>March 6, 2006</u>	Coach of the Year nomination forms distributed
<u>March 17, 2006</u>	All nomination forms for Coach of the Year due to USSA
<u>March 19, 2006</u>	Ballots for Coach of the Year distributed via email and at US Champs
<u>March 24, 2006</u>	All ballots for Coach of the Year due to USSA

### **PJC's Whereabouts (as of 8/31/05)**

Sept 17	Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting	Park City
Sept 28 – Oct 6	FIS meetings/Torino visit	Zurich/Torino
Oct 18 – 23	FIS Proctor Clinic (judges)	Regensburg, GER
Nov 2-6	FIS Judges Clinic	Park City
Nov 10 - 30	USFST moguls and aerials camps	TBA
Nov 11-13	FIS Judges Clinic	Toronto
Dec 6-21	US Selections and NorAm	Park City
Dec 26 – Jan 2	USFST Olympic Trials	Steamboat Springs
Jan 9-16	World Cup	Deer Valley
Jan 16-23	World Cup	Lake Placid
Feb 3 – 27	Olympic Winter Games	Torino
Mar 13-20	World Cup Finals	Apex
Mar 21-27	Nationals	Killington
Apr 8-16	USSA Athletic Summit	Park City
May 10-14	USSA Congress	Park City
May 21-28	FIS Congress	Vilamoura/Algarve, POR

### **ESF's Whereabouts (as of 9/16/05)**

Sept 17	Freestyle Sport Committee Meeting	Park City
Oct 1-2	Team Leader Meeting	Colorado Springs, CO
Nov 10 - 30	USFST moguls and aerials camps	TBA
Dec 26 – Jan 2	USFST Olympic Trials	Steamboat Springs
Jan 9-16	World Cup	Deer Valley
Jan 16-23	World Cup	Lake Placid
Feb 3 – 27	OWG	Torino
March 13-19	Junior Olympics	Park City, UT
March 21-27	Nationals	Killington, VT

Organizer	Date/ Events	Arrival Date	Date Invite Must be Distributed (at least 60 days prior to arrival)	Date NA Exec Review Event Status	Date of Notification: Cancelled/ Postponed/ Relocated (15 days prior to arrival day)	Notes
FIS Race: US Selection Events Mainstream Marketing, Jamie Kimball, Director of Event Operations, 1734 Browning Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, +801.541.3317, fax +866.743.8512, jamie@mainstreammarketing.net, www.freestylefrenzy.com	(FIS Race) 12/9 - MO 12/10 - AE 12/11 - MO 12/12 - AE 12/13 DM	6-Dec-05	6-Oct-05	20-Nov-05	21-Nov-05	FIS Race - open to foreign competitors
NorAm - Park City Organizer Contact: same as above	12/17 - AE 12/18 - MO 12/19 - HP 12/20 - DM	14-Dec-05	15-Oct-05	29-Nov-05	30-Nov-05	
NorAm – Bogus Basin, ID Organizer Contact:same as above	1/27 - MO 1/28 - AE - 1/29 - MO	23-Jan-06	23-Nov-05	7-Jan-06	8-Jan-06	
ORDA, Dan Warner, 2634 Main St, Lake Placid, NY 12946 email: dwarner@orda.org phone 518.523.8821 fax 518.523.2468	2/4 - AE 2/5 - AE	30-Jan-06	30-Nov-05	14-Jan-06	15-Jan-06	AE 2/4 - night, training camp time available, contact OC.
Mt St Anne, Quebec	2/4 - MO 2/5 - DM	30-Jan-06	30-Nov-05	14-Jan-06	15-Jan-06	
Tahoe Athletic Adventures, Clay Beck, POB 5443, Tahoe City, CA 96145 email: claybeck@sbcglobal.net phone 530.582.1922 cell 775.771.9527, event location: Boreal Mt Resort, Donner Summit, CA	2/2 - HP 2/3 - HP	30-Jan-06	30-Nov-05	14-Jan-06	15-Jan-06	HP 2/3 - night
Chris "Hatch" Haslock, FLY Freestyle, Executive Director/Head Coach, POB 682436, 3000 Bear Hollow Dr, Park City, UT 84068 phone: 435.658.2FLY (2359) email: hatch@flyfreestyle.com, web: www.flyfreestyle.com	2/11 - AE 2/12 - AE	6-Feb-06	8-Dec-05	21-Jan-06	22-Jan-06	
Killington, Deb Newson, 42 Meadowlake Dr, Mendon, VT 05701 email: mglbndt@teamkillington.com, web: teamkillington.com phone: 802.236.1122, fax: 802.422.6229	2/9 - MO 2/10 - HP 2/12 - DM	6-Feb-06	6-Dec-05	21-Jan-06	22-Jan-06	
Missoula Freestyle, Andy Hayes 6125 Mercer Lane, Missoula, MT 59808	2/17-DM 2/18- AE 2/19- MO	13-Feb 05	13- Dec 05	28-Jan 06	29-Jan 06	

## APPENDIX B

### New Jump Qualification Section- version 8

<b>3070</b>	<p><b>Jump Qualifications</b></p> <p>This section identifies jump qualification requirements for aerial maneuvers (jumps) used in all mogul, dual mogul, aerial, slopestyle and big air events. This section does not apply to halfpipe venues. If there are conflicts regarding jump qualifications with any other section of this Competition Guide, this section shall have precedence.</p>										
3070.1	<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <p>Both the athlete and athlete’s coach share responsibility for ensuring that the athlete is fully qualified to perform any jump in a USSA competition.</p>										
3070.2	<p><b>Jump Qualification Process</b></p>										
3070.2.1	<p><b>Non-rotational Upright Jumps and Upright Straight Rotational Jumps of 1080 Degrees Rotation or Less.</b> Non-rotational upright jumps and upright straight rotational jumps of 1080 degrees rotation or less shall be successfully demonstrated on snow and approved by the athlete’s coach prior to being used in competition. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360 to 540 would require a qualification upgrade). The approving coach shall be at least a Level 1 mogul/aerial coach. A USSA “C” judge or USSA “C” Licensed TD may also approve these two classes of jumps. Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is not required for these jumps.</p>										
3070.2.2	<p><b>Upright Straight Rotational Jumps Greater than 1080 Degrees and All Off-axis Jumps.</b> Upright, straight rotational jumps greater than 1080 degrees of rotation and all off-axis jumps require qualification by a Level 2 mogul or aerial coach or better. Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. 360 to 540 would require a qualification upgrade). For qualification, the athlete shall successfully perform the maneuver five consecutive times on water or snow for the qualifying coach. Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is required for these jumps.</p>										
3070.2.3	<p><b>Inverted jumps.</b> Inverted jumps, including all straight over front flips, straight over back flips, and all loops will be qualified in accordance with the following table:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Inverted Jump</th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Recommended</u> minimum number of jumps</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Minimum Certified Coach Level to qualify jump</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Single somersault (Including twists) and all loops</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100</td> <td>Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach with an inverted certification</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double somersault (including twists)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">125</td> <td>Level 3 Inverted Aerial coach</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Inverted Jump	<u>Recommended</u> minimum number of jumps	Minimum Certified Coach Level to qualify jump	Single somersault (Including twists) and all loops	100	Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach with an inverted certification	Double somersault (including twists)	125	Level 3 Inverted Aerial coach
Inverted Jump	<u>Recommended</u> minimum number of jumps	Minimum Certified Coach Level to qualify jump									
Single somersault (Including twists) and all loops	100	Level 2 Mogul or Aerial coach with an inverted certification									
Double somersault (including twists)	125	Level 3 Inverted Aerial coach									

	Triple somersault (including twists)	75	Level 4 Inverted Aerial coach
	Quad somersault (including twists)	50	Level 4 Inverted Aerial coach
	<p>Each time the athlete adds an additional rotation they must be qualified for that rotational upgrade (i.e. back flip to back flip with a twist or bF to bdF or front flip to double front flip would require a qualification upgrade). To receive qualification for an inverted jump, the recommended minimum number of jumps should first be performed on water and the 5 jump qualification procedure successfully completed before attempting the jump on snow. For Aerials, aerialists are required to qualify which jump they may go off. To perform tricks off of jump three, they must be qualified for jump 3. Similarly for Jumps 1 and 2. Submittal of a qualification form as defined in 3070.4 is required for all inverted jumps.</p>		
3070.2.4	<p><b>Positions.</b> It is not necessary to include body positions or grabs (i.e., cross, mute grab, tuck, lay-out, misty, or bio, etc.) when qualifying a rotational, off-axis or single inverted maneuver.</p>		
3070.3	<p><b>Submitting Qualifications</b></p> <p>When required by these rules, the qualifying coach shall submit the athlete's qualification to the USSA Freestyle office using the USSA Freestyle Aerial Qualification Score Sheet. This form, and instructions for completing it, can be found on the USSA website at: <a href="http://www.ussa.org">www.ussa.org</a>.</p>		
3070.4	<p><b>New Maneuvers.</b> To qualify new aerial maneuvers for a national level event an athlete may submit a video to both the chairman of the rules and technical and the judges subcommittees to be judged for safety, degree of difficulty and the criteria set forth on 6004.2.</p>		
3070.5	<p><b>Disqualification</b></p> <p>See rule 3056.5.</p>		
3070.6	<p><b>Suspension of Qualification</b></p> <p>Competitors are subject to suspension or annulment of their qualifications by the TD (see rule 3030.4.4) if they have shown an inability to perform the maneuvers in a safe manner for which they have been qualified. This would discontinue the athlete's ability to compete with the maneuver until it has been re-qualified at a later date.</p>		
3070.7	<p>The national ski associations have the right to further restrict their athletes from participation in inverted aerials.</p>		
3070.8	<p><b>Coach Certification Process</b></p> <p>Coaches shall prescribe to the following requirements for certification:</p> <p>Level 1: mogul or aerial certification: Shall attend a Level 1 clinic given by a certified Level 1 examiner.</p>		

	<p>Level 2 mogul or aerial certification: Shall attend either a Level 2 mogul clinic or a Level 2 aerial clinic.</p> <p>Level 2 Inverted certification: Shall attend a Level 2 aerial or mogul clinic and perform 40 hours of apprenticeship on water and 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow with a Level 3 or higher certified coach.</p> <p>Level 3 Inverted certification: Shall obtain a Level 2 Inverted certification and perform an additional 40 hours of apprenticeship on snow and 40 hours of apprenticeship on water with a Level 4 coach.</p>
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### Removal of all previous text regarding Jump Qualifications

The following paragraphs should be edited or deleted as follows:

Section / Paragraph	Action	Comments
<b>3000 Organization</b>		
3056.1	Delete	This is covered by 3056.5
<b>4000 Aerials</b>		
4006 (and all sub sections)	Delete	Addressed in new section
4007 (and all sub sections)	Delete	Addressed in new section
4008.4	<p>Remove "(respecting rules 4007.3, 4008.7 and 6010)"</p> <p>Change "The planned jump will be checked against the authorized qualification list (see rules 4007.3, 4008.7, 6010) and announced to the judges, chief score keeper and the public."</p> <p>To...</p> <p>"The planned jump will be announced to the judges, chief score keeper and the public."</p>	Non-existent references
4009 (and all sub sections)	Delete	Addressed in new section
<b>4152Halfpipe</b>		
4157 (and all sub sections)	Delete	Per May 04 Motion 6b, this language should have been removed last year.
<b>4600 Big Air, ¼ Pipe and Slopestyle</b>		
4607 (and all sub sections)	Delete	Addressed in new section

**Rules and Technical Subcommittee Meeting Agenda**

Chairman: Andy Hayes

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Voting Members:

PNSA; Pat Deneen  
 Intermountain; Chris Haslock  
 Rocky; Steve Buchannan  
 Northern; Andy Hayes  
 FIS Rep; Jay Simson

East; Leon Bodzioch  
 Central; Thom Schaefer  
 Far West; Pat Sausa  
 Head Judge; Bill McNice

***USSA Rule Change Proposals***

The following motions are made to the R&T subcommittee:

**DS2005.02**, All of the committee supported the need for three judges. **Tabled till fall.**

Proposal Number:	R&T motion 1
Description:	Age limitations for Aerials
Current Rule:	4007.2 Age limitations for aerial maneuvers in national competitions; Junior 5                   uprights only Junior 3-4               single inverts Junior 2                   double inverts Junior 1/Seniors       Triple inverts
Proposed Change:	Delete rule
Discussion/Reason:	With our current qualification process this is no longer needed and may inhibit young athletes' progress.

Proposal Number:	R&T Motion 2
Description:	Eliminate 7-judge and 3-judge scoring from Halfpipe and New Style
Change	Delete 6153.1 and 6.53.1.1 and 6153.3
Discussion:	(1) 7-judge and 3-judge scoring is not used, (2) there is no software to support it, (3) the deductions are incorrect, (4) other rules such as the tie-breaker are wrong.